

We urge readers who feel they can make that kind of difference for area children to attend the meeting and learn what's involved. One day, one of those 90 children who need foster care may be thanking you.

Coming tomorrow ...

The latest takes and opinions from columnist Tom Morgan in his regular Wednesday column.

Grateful for support of glove signing, conference

To the Editor:

On June 6, I had the great honor and privilege of being the keynote speaker at the 32nd annual Brain Injury Association of New York State Conference in Albany.

Seneca Meadows' generous monetary donation ensured that all children and teen brain injury survivors attending the conference received a complimentary, personally signed Everlast Boxing Glove. The remainder of the autographed gloves were sold, with all proceeds benefiting the Brain Injury Association of New York State.

Seneca Meadows has proven to be a strong community supporter and without its generosity, the glove signing segment of the conference may not have come to fruition.

The Frame Shop of Geneva, Wilson Press and Pilat Graphic Design of Seneca Falls, the New York Collegiate Baseball League and World Wide Everlast sponsored the autographed boxing photos and portraits that also were sold, resulting in additional revenue for the BIANYS.

I am very grateful that the conference was an early sellout and a huge success, and I cannot

thank all of the above sponsors enough for their generosity and support.

RAY CIANCAGLINI
The Second Impact

Cemetery policies need to be re-examined

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Dick Newcomb's May 22 letter, "Cemetery board should reconsider lighting decision."

I too had put a solar light on my son's grave in the Brookside Cemetery on Snell Road in the town of Geneva. I, like Richard, noticed that my light had come up missing as well as a shepherd hook upon which hung a live plant. I did not contact anyone at the time, but after reading Mr. Newcomb's letter I now see where the issue lies.

My question to the board is: "Who are you?" Do the families

who bought these plots not have any say on what can be put on our loved ones' graves? In my opinion, this "board" character removing my property off the lot that I have purchased, without asking, is the same thing as stealing. I have reviewed the official deed for my plot and all that is stated in regard to objects being brought from the outside is that nothing can be placed on the graves that would take away the ambiance of the cemetery.

With that being said — my solar light was a butterfly. I wear a butterfly necklace that was given to me when my son died that reads, "Just when the caterpillar thought it was the end of the world, it became a butterfly." If anyone has any suggestions of how this harmless act that brings me a small feeling of peace in my grieving over a lost child takes away the "ambiance" of Brookside Cemetery, I would love to hear it. Just as Mr. Newcomb feels

about the light symbolizing an eternal flame of his wife, I feel as if it is an eternal flame for my son.

I strongly urge the "board" to hold a public meeting for everyone who owns a lot to discuss the rights we have as owners of said lots.

KAREN RASMUSSEN
Penn Yan

Who is Rep. working for: us or insurance industry?

To the Editor:

Jim Miller, in his "Eye On Government" column on July 13, did a fine job explaining the recent Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision to let some employers stop providing birth control opportunities to their employees. Mr. Miller described how far-reaching their decision that employers' religious beliefs trump the employees' religious

freedoms might become.

It needs to be noted that in March 2011 our congressman, Rep. Tom Reed, co-sponsored the "Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (HR 1179)." That bill would give employers much more control over their employees' lives than the Hobby Lobby decision. Instead of just birth control issues, this act would allow health insurance plans to refuse to cover any (yes, any) "services that were contrary to the employers' religious beliefs or moral convictions." The proposed law was sent to the Republican-led House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which wisely did not approve it; the act died in committee.

This is just one example of Rep. Reed's extreme congressional record. Please realize that the insurance industry is his campaign's largest industrial contributor, providing him with over \$114,000 so far. One has to wonder who Tom Reed is really working for, his constituents or his corporate contributors?

In November we will have the opportunity to decide who will be working for us in Congress for the next two years. I know who I am not voting for.

RICH STEWART
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To The Editor