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## U.S.A. runs on football!

**By Mark Frost** 

**Chronicle Editor** 

No disrespect to the donut chain, but America doesn't run on Dunkin'. It runs on football.

Pro, college, high school — it's by far our number-one industry, fueling a huge swath of our economy — and it's not even threatened by imports.

The marketers can talk up soccer all they want. Even if it catches on, it won't catch up. Football is what Americans crave and are consumed by.

Last weekend — locally, regionally, nationally — was a perfect example.

On Friday, not just Queensbury

but the whole region basked in the unprecedented state Class A championship that the Spartans won resoundingly — 36-7 over Williamsville North — at the Car-

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It's the linchpin of our whole economy – & not threatened by imports!





**New home for** the Montcalm bar at Rare Earth Wine Bar soon to open downtown ampions

## Say it ain't so, L.L. Bean!

**By Sandra Hutchinson** 

**Chronicle Features** 

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on Thanksgiving evening, including the L.L. Bean in Albany. I have so much respect for L.L. Bean that I actually sent them a protest, which led to a back and forth exchange.

As a regular online L.L. Bean shopper, I'm on their e-mail list. On Nov. 26, they sent an e-mail

alerting me that their Colonie Center store would open on Thanksgiving at 8 p.m. and stay open straight until 10 p.m. on

Friday! (their exclamation point). This was *not* one of those "do not reply to this address" e-mails.

So I pressed "reply" and told them I was disturbed about their opening on Thanksgiving.

About a half-hour later, I received an e-mail from Annette in customer service. She thanked me for my reply and wrote, "Yes, there are a lot of late night

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Sun., December 8th