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**Father's Day
issue next week!**

Our intern dares the Supernova!

Great Escape's new thrill ride: Richie's reaction

By **Richie Feathers**
Chronicle Summer Intern

Editor's note: Richie Feathers, a SUNY Oneonta senior from Lake George, is a full-time *Chronicle* intern this summer.

If asked a few years ago to report on a new attraction at The Great Escape, complete with unlimited rides, I would have



Richie Feathers, on the job.
Photos by David Cederstrom



been first in line.

But, although I was eager to attend the May 22 press preview event, I went without expecting to test Extreme Supernova for myself. Heights are not my forte.

Yet, I thought to myself, "This is the first time you're at one of these things. Why not get the whole experience?"

Besides, many kids half my

age did it, why couldn't I? So I got in line. Ironically, two women in front of me were having a similar discussion, half-heartedly assuring themselves that if the kids could do it, they must be able to do it, too.

The line moving slowly didn't help ease the nerves, but as I finally took my place between

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"Speed is of no essence. We just like to cruise," said Lou Vanderspiegel of Howell, N.J., here with his wife Jan. "We've been coming here for 14 years."

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Americade is in town

By **David Cederstrom**
Chronicle Staff Writer

Americade's 32nd annual motorcycle touring rally in Lake George opened to near-perfect weather on Monday and Tuesday, drawing thousands of motorcycle touring enthusiasts. It continues through Saturday, June 7,

The rally raises its profile this year. Americade founder Bill Dutcher said Alonzo Fireworks tells him that Friday night will feature "the biggest-ever fireworks show done at Lake George."

Staging the fireworks at the
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Can California Chrome win Triple Crown?

SGF grad in the biz says, 'Yes!'

By **Kimmie Brooking**
Special to the Chronicle

Editor's note: Kimmie Brooking, a 2003 South High grad who grew up in Gansevoort, is an exercise rider of thoroughbred horses. She works in Maryland for trainer Michael Matz, and has become friends with the owners of California Chrome, which this Saturday at Belmont Park seeks

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Kimmie Brooking (holding her son Joseph Kaetzel) with California Chrome before the Preakness Stakes. "I thought he was friendlier," Kimmie wrote on Facebook. "He definitely bit me! LOL."

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