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**Campaign Finance** - The campaign of Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli released a press release delineating self imposed campaign finance restrictions on his 2010 bid for reelection. As per the release, such restrictions will adhere to the following guidelines...“The committee will not accept contributions totaling more than \$10,000 per contributor per election. This limitation applies to contributions made directly by the contributor and to each contributor’s share of any contributions attributed from a partnership or limited liability company (“LLC”) account. The committee will not accept contributions totaling more than \$5,000 per calendar year from a corporation, in accordance with the New York Election Law. The committee will not accept contributions from employees of the Office of State Comptroller and the committee will not accept contributions from any contributor that has responded to an RFP for investment or legal business with the New York State Common Retirement Fund (from the date the RFP is issued through the ninetieth day after the initial contract is signed). The committee will also not accept contributions from any contributor acting as a placement agent in an investment transaction or acted as a placement agent in an investment transaction that closed with the Fund in the preceding twelve months.” For the full story, log onto the following link - <http://blogs.timesunion.com/capitol/archives/7675>

**State Races Taking Shape** - Senator Liz Krueger (D-New York) will be challenged by FDNY veteran and actor Tim Brown in the 26<sup>th</sup> district. Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Westchester) will be challenged by Republican Yonkers City Councilman John Murtagh in the 35<sup>th</sup> district. Senator James Alesi will be challenged by former Bausch & Lomb executive and Democrat David Nachbar in the 55<sup>th</sup> district and Senator Darrel Aubertine will be challenged by Republican Eugene Renzi in the 48<sup>th</sup> District.

**Campaign Chatter** - Senator Barack Obama, aka presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, is in search of a running mate and though there has been an enormous amount of chatter that such running mate may be Senator Hillary Clinton, a recent poll released by Yahoo News, cautions that the New York Senator still holds high unfavorable ratings amongst independents, a make or break voting block for Obama. Meanwhile, Obama and McCain spent much of the week sparring over the economy and gas prices while Senator Clinton attempted to identify avenues to erase campaign debts totaling in the millions.