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By Colleen M. Reid

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th
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Qualified in Allegany County
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Bluff Point United Methodist Church

The Pioneer Club meetings tonight (Jan. 3). Please check sign-up sheet for PALS.

There will be a meeting of parents who have signed up for interest in the "Claim the Name" confirmation study on Sunday, Jan. 7, following the worship service.

Returnable beverage cans and bottles are being collected (inside rear entrance) to benefit the camper fund.

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Participants at our Sunday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m. worship service are: Greeter - Meredith Nielsen; Ushers - Stacy & Chris Wyant; Scripture Reader - Jarrod Strong; Communion Steward - Sheri Hunt;

Nursery - Jarrod & Lyn Strong; Fellowship - TBA; Counters - Lyn Strong & TBA; Sunday School - Gary & Terry Parsons; Sidewalk Clearing - Gary & Ken Parsons.

Happy Birthday to Joan Watson (4), Kathy Roddenberry (4), Hayley Andersen (7).

PY Presbyterian Church

We celebrated Christmas Eve twice on Dec. 24. First was our morning worship, then we celebrated a beautiful and solemn Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. as members of the Dundee High School Chorus joined us along with a wonderful saxophone quartet.

In his morning Children's Talk, Pastor Paul explained the Christian symbolism of the candy cane. The white color represents the virgin birth, the "J" shape is for Jesus, and the red color of the stripes represents his blood and love, with three thin stripes signifying the nails. Finally, the peppermint flavor symbolizes the surprise of Christ in the world.

After the teens presented a humorous skit about priorities, Pastor Paul's sermon dealt with the tumultuous world Christ was born into. King Herod was a violent

man, ruthlessly maintaining stability for Rome in a restless area. Herod had his own wife killed and his son stated that he would be better off if he had been born a pig. Herod arranged that a hundred people should be killed on the day of his death so that the population would not celebrate his passing. It was precisely into this violent world that Christ was born. Everyone in that time believed that God was an almighty power either in Rome or in a tabernacle. Few imagined that he was disguised in the events of a tiny baby's birth in a stable. But that's the way God appears in our lives. He is in the laughter at dinner, the wind in the trees, the holding of hands, and ordinary words of ordinary people. What part do we hold in this? God is in every caring relationship we have, no matter how big or small.

Business help set in Schuyler

Corning Community College's Small Business Development Center, the Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce and SCOPE are partnering to offer free and confidential counseling for start-up, home-based and existing businesses in Schuyler County. Help is available on business plans, loan requirements, cash flow projections, record keeping, start-up steps,

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As 2006 draws to a close, it is time to review your 2006 financial and tax situation and PLAN ahead for 2007.

Many tax benefits are tied to or are limited by adjusted gross income (AGI). A key aspect of tax planning is to estimate your 2007 AGI. Your 2006 tax information is a good starting point. While some 2006 tax information estimates each area for 2007. The following list contains some of the "numbers" changed (or are helpful for 2007) with 2006 comparative "numbers".

FEDERAL INCOME TAX ITEMS	2006	2007
Top marginal tax rate-ordinary income (taxable income over \$208,450 in 2006 and \$249,700 in 2007)	35%	35%
Tax rate for long-term capital gains and qualifying dividend income	15%	15%
The personal exemption	\$3,300	\$3,400
The amount of the standard deduction:		
• Married filing jointly and surviving spouse	\$10,300	\$10,700
• Married filing separately and single filers	\$5,150	\$5,350
• Head of household filers	\$7,550	\$7,850
Maximum traditional and Roth IRA contributions (50 years and older additional "catch up" contribution \$1,000)	\$4,000	\$4,000
Maximum elective deferrals for 401(k), 403(b), 457 and SARSEPs	\$15,000	\$15,500
Additional "catch up" contributions for the above plans	\$5,000	\$5,000
Auto mileage rates:		
• Business	\$445	\$485
• Charitable	\$140	\$140
• Medical and Moving	\$190	\$200
Annual gift tax exclusion per donee	\$12,000	\$12,000

These are only a few of the "numbers" you need to know. Tax brackets and many of the "numbers" are indexed for inflation. Be Aware!

Norman Rice, CPA has been providing financial and tax advice for over 30 years in the Western New York area. He is affiliated with J. Coughlin & Co., of Penn Yan. Information provided here is of a general nature, is not all inclusive, should not be deemed as tax advice for individual circumstances, and cannot be used to avoid penalties imposed by the IRS. This number is intended to be used as a general reference only. For more information contact J. Coughlin & Co., 183 Main St., Penn Yan, NY 14527; phone (315) 536-9977.

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In 1952, ownership was then transferred to Mr. Don Stork who still remains active

in the day to day activities along with his wife, Corry. When Mr. Stork obtained the business, the office space was 8' x 60' in size. Mr. Stork recalls how business was very different when he started in the insurance industry 55 years ago. In his career, he saw one of the companies they represented sell their business to a competitor because their paper files had become so large. The papers were piled so high on the table and were so heavy that the table crashed scattering files everywhere. They could not sort out the information so they sold to their competitor.

The location they are currently located in at 136 Main Street in Penn Yan was acquired in 1970. If you walk into the agency today, you will see three generations working side by side to perpetuate a legacy. The Stork Insurance Agency today provides personal insurance to area residents of Yates County and the central New York region, providing reliable and individual service to all their clients. If you see Don, Corry, Jim, Steve or Matt Stork, please join us in congratulating them on their commitment to the community and the insurance industry.





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New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.

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History has been good to Gerald Ford

As the nation mourns the late President Gerald Ford, the muses of history must be smiling. They have proven again that their wisdom eclipses that of contemporary opinion-makers who lack the clarifying benefit of time.

With time, everything we thought we once knew about Gerry Ford has come untrue. He wasn't a corrupt tool of Richard Nixon pardoning away his predecessor's crimes in exchange for the presidency. He wasn't a failure. And he wasn't clumsy or stupid. All of these judgments were once part of the conventional wisdom about Ford, a conventional wisdom that dissolved as his presidency became more distant, and thus easier to see clearly.

Ford's pardon of Nixon demonstrates the long-term advantage of doing the right thing, and what is often its short-term cost. The pardon put Ford's public approval rating in a downward spiral from the 70s to the 30s. That is the very definition of a political disaster, and Ford had to take the unprecedented step of testifying before Congress as a sitting president to try to beat back accusations of a corrupt deal.

The pardon certainly cost Ford the 1976 election, but it was certainly the right thing, saving the country from the Third World-like spectacle of a former president fighting criminal charges. In retrospect, the political mistake became one of the jewels of his legacy. Even Sen. Ted Kennedy, a scourge of the pardon at the time, admitted that it had been the correct decision when the Kennedy library bestowed on Ford a Profile in Courage Award, a sure sign that he had slipped into the good graces of the liberal establishment that once scorned him.

What the popular imagination latches on to at any given time might be an irrelevance. President Ford's economic policy has long been synonymous with the risible "Whip Inflation Now" lapel buttons that Ford promoted as a grass-roots blow against spiraling wages and prices. But, more importantly, Ford eventually pursued successful stimulative economic policies. Unemployment had hit 9 percent and inflation 12 percent during his term. By 1976, according to The Washington

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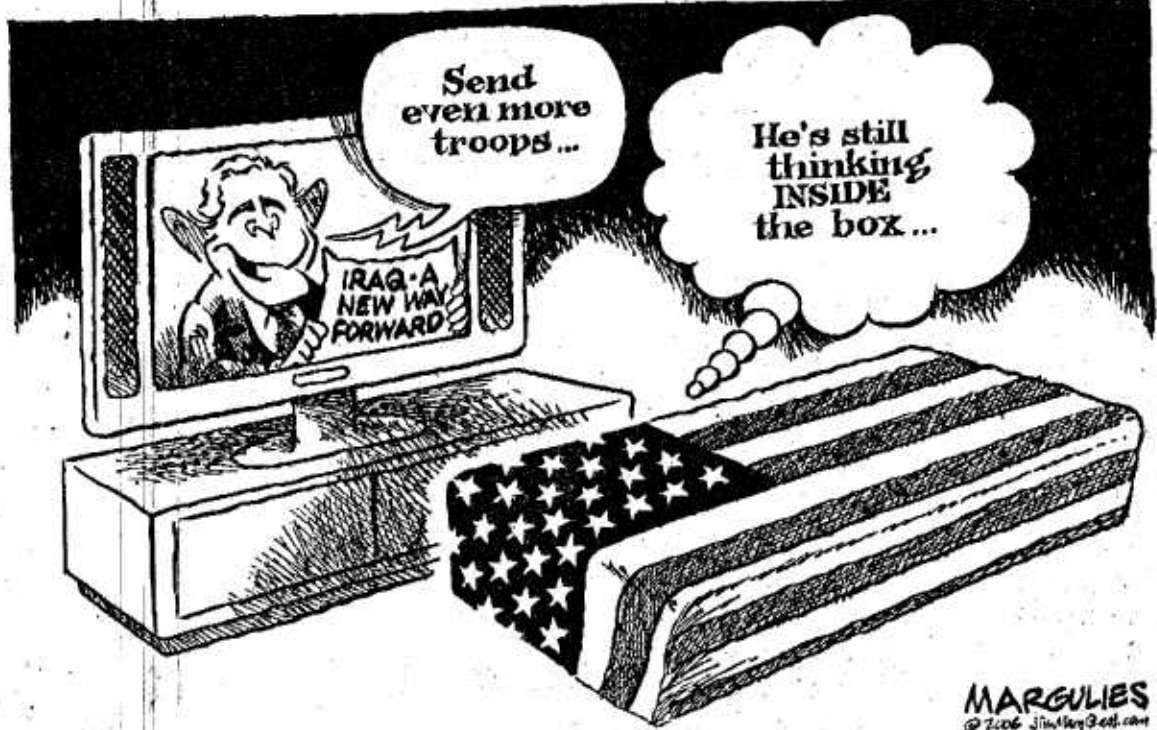
Post, "unemployment had dipped to about 7 percent, inflation had abated to 4.8 percent and the gross national product was humming along at a robust rate of growth."

Ford's foreign policy looks better in hindsight too. The Helsinki Accords with the Soviet Union, enshrining fundamental human rights, seemed a meaningless piece of parchment at best and a sellout at worst. Instead, they turned out to be a solvent that undercut the ideological moorings of Soviet communism. His pleadings for the U.S. not to cut adrift its allies in Southeast Asia were unpopular, but wiser than the insistence of the post-Watergate Democratic Congress — in a fever to retreat from the world — that we do exactly that.

During his presidency, Ford suffered from the nearly irresistible power of media image-makers, but time loosens their grip. All it took was a few pratfalls from comedian Chevy Chase portraying Ford on "Saturday Night Live," and one of our most athletic presidents was rendered a clod. Forget the sterling football career at the University of Michigan and the offers to play in the NFL. But the facts of those athletic accomplishments and his creditable academic record at Michigan and Yale Law School — despite depictions of him as a dolt — can't be erased forever.

This is why a president has to have longer vistas than the latest polls or what fills newspaper columns every day. Seeming mistakes can be vindicated, widely held perceptions can reverse themselves and losing causes can come to seem noble. When President George W. Bush eulogized Ford, his voice seemed to have added force when he talked of how Ford's maligned-at-the-time presidency has taken on a different aspect today. That has to be a comfort for an embattled president struggling at the low ebb of his popularity.

Will Bush eventually enjoy a Ford-like revival? Only the muses of history know.



Eliot hits the ground running

A (first) day in the life of New York's new governor

By **MICHAEL HILL**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALBANY — Gov. Eliot Spitzer made sure to start his first day in office with a running start.

Before dawn in a chilly rain, the freshly sworn-in governor ran a 2-mile circuit around Albany's Washington Park as more than 100 supporters trailed him through the serpentine course.

The early morning shake-down made sense for a politician who promised to hit the ground running on "Day One." New governors traditionally try to signal the tone of their administration on the first day — though they usually wait for dawn, and they usually don't start in the rain.

Spitzer hit the trail before 6 a.m. with a New York Giants knit cap and an old attorney general's sweat shirt to protect him from the cold spay. Windows of parkside apartments were almost all dark, hinting at people still warm in their beds on New Year's Day.

"Whose idea was this?" he asked supporters when he showed up at the park's lake-house.

Actually, it was his. The run made good on a campaign promise. Spitzer, officially sworn in Sunday night at the governor's mansion, said he got about three hours sleep overnight and was getting by on adrenaline.

He finished in under 14 minutes. After the run, he joked with Albany Mayor Gerry Jennings and held his first impromptu gubernatorial news conference in the rain, steam rising from his head.

"Rain is cleansing," he said. "It will wash away the dirt and the grime. We're going start fresh."

Then he was whisked off back to the governor's mansion several blocks away.

A suit and bright, blue tie

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"The governor doesn't need my advice," Pataki told reporters as the two couples walked into the Capitol.

"Yes I do," said Spitzer.

Spitzer broke tradition with the outdoor ceremony. Past governors often used the Assembly chamber. Mario Cuomo held his 1983 inauguration in the bigger, blander convention center across the street, and Pataki supersized his inauguration in 1995 by packing 13,000 supporters into Albany's indoor arena.

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"Thank you for visiting."
"Good to see you."
"Thank you so much for coming up."

"I will do my best."
Spitzer went back to the mansion after the speech to stand in the main hallway and shake hands with a line of New Yorkers snaking through the home. He had been up already for close to 12 hours but showed little sign of wear. He signed autographs, snuck in swigs of water from a bottle and made a point addressing children who came by with their parents.

"Fourth grade!" he told one boy. "I wish I were in fourth grade again."

After the welcome line, Spitzer capped off his first day in office at a concert in downtown Albany featuring James Taylor and Natalie Merchant.

In all, Day One included a two-mile run, a 2,200-word speech and hundreds of handshakes.

Still, one very important figure loomed for Spitzer: 1,460 days left in his term to keep up the pace.



New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer arrives for his first public appearance as governor during a morning run in Washington Park in Albany, Monday.

tol. He said he hoped the state Legislature follows suit with its own ethics legislation, though that's far from certain.

The rest of the morning was crammed with private meetings and public ceremonies. He met with congressional representatives from around New York. He escorted his wife Silda and three daughters to a church service featuring an ecumenical lineup of rabbis, reverends and an imam conferring blessings (a Unitarian-Universalist reverend read him advice from the Buddha). And he walked hand-in-hand with his wife up the state Capitol's grand staircase, where George Pataki and his wife waited for him at the top.

Pataki noted that the sun was poking through the clouds for the first time that day — a good sign since the inaugura-

Risky business

Scheduling an inaugural ceremony outside in January in upstate New York is a risk. But not only did the rain clear by Spitzer's 1 p.m. speech, it was warm enough for him to go without a coat.

Standing outside New York's cathedral of a state Capitol, Spitzer again and again hit on themes of reform and vitality. He used the word "change" and its derivations seven times in his speech and he placed himself in the continuum of New York's most successful governors. Not only did he evoke Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt, he had the great grandson of Alfred E. Smith host the ceremony.

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Canisteo board accepts bid for trailer

By **ROB MONTANA**
STAFF WRITER

CANISTEO — The Canisteo town board reviewed four bids for a trail-along trailer at its meeting Wednesday night. Payne's Trailer Sales & Service LLC, based in Canisteo, was selected as the winning bidder. The town will pay \$14,495 for the trailer that will be used by the highway department to haul equipment, according to Clerk Nancy McMIndes.

The town board received notification from the Village of Canisteo that the signed fire contract had been received. Under the terms of the three-year deal — which took effect Jan. 1, 2007 — the town will pay \$28,600 in 2007, \$37,000 in 2008 and \$48,000 in 2009.

The town also took care of its reorganizational needs at the meeting, keeping everything in place from 2006. The board also heard a proposal from Arkport-based Crowell Insurance, and accepted coverage for 2007.

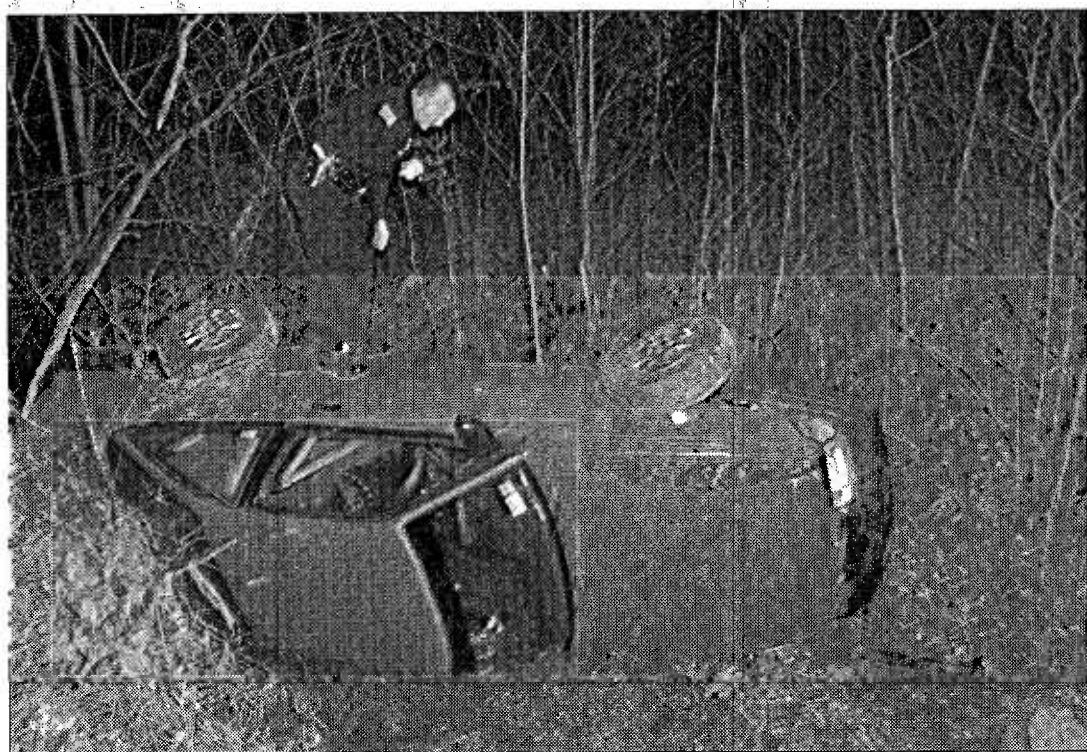
Wind farms were briefly discussed, McMIndes said, but the town still has a moratorium in place.

"We're still researching all the pros and cons," she said.

Highway Superintendent James Drake also was recognized for his cooperation with the Soil and Water Conservation District, for which he was given an award.

"It was for his cooperation with the projects they do in the town," McMIndes said.

HAMMER CREEK ROAD ACCIDENT



LYNN BRENNAN

Two people were transported to St. James Mercy Hospital by Canisteo and Hornell ambulances Wednesday evening with minor injuries. The car, operated by Ronnie VanHorne of Canisteo, allegedly failed to negotiate a turn on Hammer Creek Road in Canisteo around 9:30 p.m., overturned, landed on its passenger side in the creek. VanHorne and another passenger were not seriously injured according to Steuben County Sheriff's deputies. VanHorne was ticketed for unsafe speed and suspended registration and will appear in Canisteo town court at a later date. Responding to the scene were Steuben County Sheriff's deputies, Canisteo police, Canisteo fire and ambulance and Hornell ambulance.

Tompkins sworn in, ready to make cuts

By **PAUL A. JANNACE**
WELLSVILLE DAILY REPORTER

BELMONT — The era of Sheriff William Tompkins has officially begun.

ALLEGANY county

After a private swearing in ceremony Monday at the sheriff's department, Tompkins and Undersheriff William Goetschius took their oaths again in front of the Allegany County Legislature, their families and several guests Tuesday at the organization meeting in the legislative chamber.

"We've waited a long time for this day," Tompkins said after the ceremony. "It's been an interesting two days now on the job."

Tompkins said he is looking forward to working hard for Allegany County and

expects good things to happen during his time as sheriff.

Tompkins takes the office with a heavy heart as his father is currently very ill and being treated at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. The ceremonies were filmed so Tompkins' father could have a chance to see his son be sworn in as Allegany County's top cop.

"They were just filming it for him because he couldn't come here," Tompkins said.

Tompkins said one of his first duties as sheriff will be to complete a staffing analysis, which is already under way. He said he does not have any concrete information on staffing yet, but once the analysis is done, he plans to have a better idea about what needs to be done.

"I want to have the appropriate amount of people there to do the duties that need to

be done," Tompkins said. "I don't want, obviously, any more people than the taxpayers need to be paying for in the agency."

Tompkins said it is not anything personal, but rather it is a matter of being "fiscally responsible" for the county.

"I wouldn't like to see people lose their jobs, but on the other hand, if they're not needed, then that will have to happen," Tompkins said.

The sheriff said he plans to work with the duties currently assigned to people in the department and get the most out of those on staff so the county does not have to increase the department.

"That has been talked about recently as possibly having to hire more staff in the future and I certainly don't want that to happen, so that's kind of where I'm at with that issue."

J-T school board says good-bye

High school principal moving to Genesee Valley

By **STEVEN HERNACKI**
STAFF WRITER

TROUPSBURG — Mary VanEtten, principal of Jasper High School for the past two years, will step down this Friday as she prepares for her new job closer to home.

"I want to thank her for helping at the last technology meeting, we're going to miss her," Elementary Principal John Cain said.

He added that it was likely her last committee meeting in the district.

"It's sad to see her leave," J-T Superintendent Chad Groff said. "We've worked very well together — been a good administrative team."

VanEtten announced in December she would be accepting the position as middle-high school principal at Genesee Valley Central School. She previously held the position of high school

principal in Genesee Valley when the middle and high schools were separate.

According to Groff, the J-T school district hopes to have a new high school principal in place by April.

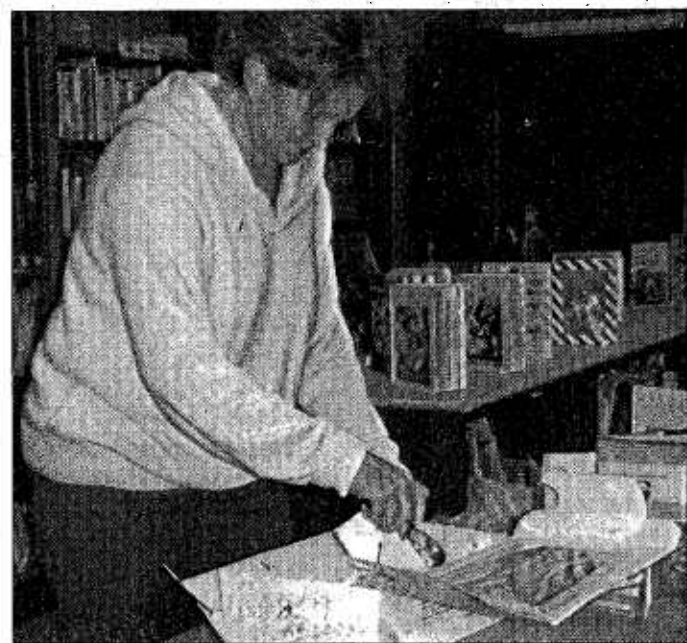
The board was given a demonstration of the district's new Web site by Ellen Zver. The Web site, still under construction, offers several new features to the district, including a school calendar and an electronic gradebook.

"I feel our Web site is a community bulletin board," Zver said. "If there is something going on, people have a right to know about it."

The Web site also will feature links to the WETM-TV Web site, which will be notified second only to teachers in the event of a school closing.

News announcements, including public events and student activities also will be available soon, Zver said.

In other business, the board approved the retirement of Jean McIntosh, kindergarten teacher, effective at the end of the school year.



STEVEN HERNACKI

Jasper high school principal Mary VanEtten cuts her going-away cake at her last school board meeting Wednesday night. She will soon begin her new job as principal of the Genesee Valley middle-high school.

THE blotter

DWI, other charges

Brian J. Hojnoski, 38, of Bath, was charged Wednesday night by Steuben County Sheriff's deputies with driving while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle, a blood-alcohol content above .08 percent and an uninspected motor vehicle. According to police, charges stem from an anonymous tip from a citizen who was concerned Hojnoski was too intoxicated to drive when he left Canisteo. Deputies stopped Hojnoski on State Route 53 in Kanona and found him to be intoxicated.

He is scheduled to appear in Bath Town court at a later date. Members of the state police and Canisteo Village police assisted on the scene.

Criminal contempt

Rayvon D. Butler, 19, of 125 W. Morris St., Bath, was charged around 4:15 a.m. Wednesday by Bath police with second-degree criminal contempt. According to police, Butler was allegedly involved in an altercation at 109 Howell St. but no serious injuries were reported. As a result of the on-going investigation, police allege Butler violated an order of protection which stemmed from a previous domestic violence incident.

He was arraigned in Bath village court and was remanded to Steuben County jail in lieu of

\$2,000 cash bail or \$4,000 property bond. Butler is scheduled to reappear at a later date.

Sexual abuse

Dana Crosby, 46, of Wayland, was charged Wednesday night by Wayland-based state police with third-degree sexual abuse. He was arraigned in Wayland town court and released on his own recognizance.

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Controlled substance charges

Patricia R. Leisenring, 67, of 169 River St., Hornell, was charged around 10:45 a.m. Wednesday by Hornell police with two counts of fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and one count of fourth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance.

Failure to appear

Michael J. Cantiaeri, 40, of 7860 W. Lamora Road, Savona, was charged around 3:45 p.m. Wednesday by Hornell police with two counts of failure to appear in Hornell city court.

Attempted assault, unlawful imprisonment

Christopher D. Rose, 42, of 91 Bennett St., Hornell, was charged around 10:10 p.m. Wednesday by Hornell police with third-degree attempted assault and second-degree unlawful imprisonment.

Burning smell

Hornell firefighters responded to an alarm around 1 a.m. today at 247 Merril Ave. According to firefighters, a tenant smelled something burning. Firefighters smelled a strong odor of cigarette smoke, but not the smell of anything burning. The area was checked with a thermal imaging camera.

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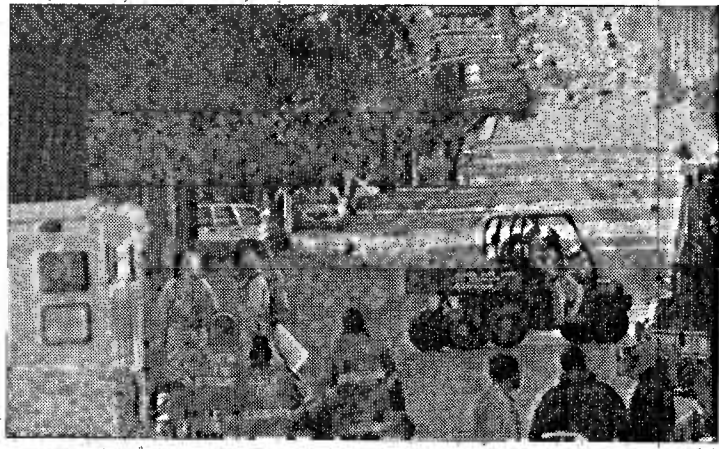
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Workers in protective suits prepare to collect dead birds along Congress Avenue, Monday, in Austin, Texas.

Heart of downtown Austin closed for testing

Dozens of birds found
dead overnight

By JIM VERTUNO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN, Texas — Police shut down 10 blocks in downtown Austin for several hours Monday after 63 birds were found dead in the street, but officials said preliminary tests found no threat to people.

Workers in yellow hazardous-materials suits tested for contaminants in a cordoned-off section near the state Capitol and the governor's mansion before authorities finally gave the all-clear in the afternoon.

Although officials could not immediately determine whether poison or something

else killed the birds, "there's no threat to humans at this point," said Assistant City Manager Michael McDonald. The dead grackles, sparrows and pigeons will be tested.

Some experts said the most likely cause of the die-off was a deliberate poisoning. "It happens quite frequently," said Greg Butcher, director of bird conservation at the National Audubon Society in Washington.

Grackles are a crowlike bird regarded as a major pest in Texas, with Austin sidewalks sometimes covered in their droppings.

The dead birds were found overnight along Congress Avenue, a major downtown thoroughfare.

Iwao Takamoto, cartoonist who created Scooby-Doo, dies at 81

Also directed
'Charlotte's Web'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Iwao Takamoto, the animator who created the beloved Scooby-Doo and directed the cartoon classic "Charlotte's Web," has died. He was 81.

Takamoto died Monday of heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Warner Bros. spokesman Gary Miereanu said.

In a career that spanned more than six decades, Takamoto assisted in the designs of some of the biggest animated features and television shows for Disney and the Hanna-Barbera animation team. They included "Cinderella," "Peter Pan," "Lady and the Tramp," "101 Dalmatians," "The Jetsons" and "The Flintstones."

But it was his creation of Scooby-Doo, the cowardly dog with an adventurous heart, that

captivated audiences and endured for generations.

Takamoto said he created Scooby-Doo after talking with a Great Dane breeder and named him after Frank Sinatra's final phrase in "Strangers in the Night."

The breeder "showed me some pictures and talked about the important points of a Great Dane, like a straight back, straight legs, small chin and such," Takamoto said in a recent talk at Cartoon Network Studios.

"I decided to go the opposite and gave him a hump back, bowed legs, big chin and such. Even his color is wrong."

Takamoto also created other famous cartoon dogs such as Astro from "The Jetsons" and Muttley, the mixed-breed that appeared in several Hanna-Barbera animations. He also directed the 1973 feature "Charlotte's Web."

U.S. airstrike in Somalia targets embassy bombers

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A U.S. airstrike hit targets in southern Somalia where Islamic militants were believed to be sheltering suspects in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies, Somali officials and witnesses said today. Many people were reported killed.

Monday's attack was the first overt military action by the U.S. in Somalia since it led a U.N. force in the 1990s that intervened in Somalia in an effort to fight famine. The mission led to clashes between U.N. forces and Somali warlords, including the "Black Hawk Down" battle that left 18 U.S. servicemen dead.

Helicopter gunships launched new attacks today near the scene of a U.S. airstrike in the village of Hayi, although it was not clear if they were American or Ethiopian aircraft, and it was not known if there were any casualties.

Two helicopters "fired several rockets toward the road that leads to the Kenyan border," said Ali Seed Yusuf, a resident of the town of Afmadow in southern Somalia.

The aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived

U.S. targets terrorists in Somalia

The U.S. military reportedly launched a strike Monday against suspected members of al-Qaida in Somalia.



SOURCES: AP reporting; ESRI AP

off Somalia's coast and launched intelligence-gathering missions over Somalia, the military said. Three other U.S. warships are conducting anti-terror operations off the Somali coast.

U.S. warships have been seeking to capture al-Qaida members thought to be fleeing Somalia after Ethiopia invaded Dec. 24 in support of the government and drove the Islamic militia out of the capital and toward the Kenyan border.

The White House would not confirm the attack, nor would the Pentagon.

But a U.S. government official said at least one AC-130 gunship was used. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the operation's sensitivity.

AC-130 gunships have elaborate sensors that can go after targets day or night. They are operated by the Special Operations Command and have been used heavily against the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The airstrike occurred Monday evening after the suspects were seen hiding on a remote island on the southern tip of Somalia, close to the Kenyan border, Somali officials said. The island and a site near the village of Hayi, 155 miles to the north, were hit.

The main target was Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, who allegedly planned the 1998 attacks on the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that killed 225 people.

He is also suspected of planning the car bombing of a beach resort in Kenya and the near simultaneous attempt to shoot down an Israeli airliner in 2002. Ten Kenyans and three Israelis were killed in the blast at the hotel, 12 miles north of Mombasa. The missiles missed the airliner.

RIOTS IN BANGLADESH



Riot policemen charge a group of activists as they try to overrun a police barricade in front of the presidential palace in Dhaka, Bangladesh, today. Stone-throwing protesters demanding postponement of this month's general elections battled riot police Tuesday, in Bangladesh's capital, despite the deployment of soldiers to quell the violence. The new violence came on the third day of a crippling transport blockade, imposed by a 19-party alliance who oppose the Jan. 22 elections and has vowed to disrupt the vote.

House this week resumes debate over expanded federal support of embryonic stem cell research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Round two of Congress' battle with President Bush over the morality of stem cell research opens this week, with opponents bolstered by a study that suggests stem cells can be extracted from pregnant women's amniotic fluid as well as from human embryos.

But opponents won't have much luck peeling off support from a bill to be debated in the House this week that would clear the way for expanding taxpayer-funded embryonic stem cell research, a co-sponsor of the bill predicted.

"We won't lose anyone who was going to support the bill," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., one of her party's vote-counters in the House.

But, she said, "People who would have already opposed the (embryonic) stem cell bill will use this breakthrough as an excuse to vote no."

Bush and other opponents of government-paid embryonic stem cell research say the new research buttresses their case that science need not advance at the expense of budding human life. Embryonic stem cell research, they say, is immoral because the process of culling the stem cell kills the embryo.

In contrast, the research

reported this week suggests that stem cells extracted harmlessly from the amniotic fluid that cushions a fetus in-utero hold much the same promise for disease-fighting as embryonic stem cells. Scientists hope that someday stem cells may be used against diseases such as Lou Gehrig's, diabetes, Alzheimer's and cancer.

"We're talking about saving lives here," said Rep. Phil Gingrey, R-Ga., an obstetrician and staunch opponent of embryonic stem cell research. "We don't have to split the nation on this if we've got an alternative."

Polls show Americans overwhelmingly support federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. And scientists aren't sure that stem cells shed by a fetus and extracted from the surrounding fluid carry the same possibility for treatments and cures of diseases as those culled from embryos.

The scientific community says embryonic stem cells so far are backed by the most promising evidence that one day they might be used to grow replacements for damaged tissue, such as new insulin-producing cells for diabetes or new nerve connections to restore movement after spinal injury.

INbrief

Joey Buttafuoco starts 1-year jail term

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (AP) — Joey Buttafuoco, whose 17-year-old lover shot his wife in the face more than a decade ago, surrendered Monday to begin a one-year jail term for illegally possessing ammunition.

Buttafuoco turned himself in at a county courthouse. He was supposed to surrender in Superior Court in November, but a judge allowed him to remain free for the holidays.

Buttafuoco, 50, pleaded no contest in July to illegally possessing ammunition. The case stemmed from a search of his Chatsworth home in 2005 by the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

At the time, Buttafuoco was on probation for a felony insurance fraud conviction.

Prosecutors said Buttafuoco, who co-owned a San Fernando Valley auto body shop, told undercover investigators how to file false claims and cheat insurance companies.

Buttafuoco was running an auto body shop on New York's Long Island in 1992 when his 17-year-old lover, Amy Fisher, shot his wife in the face as she answered the door at the couple's home.

Fisher, nicknamed the "Long Island Lolita," served seven years in prison. Buttafuoco pleaded guilty to one count of statutory rape and served four months in jail.

His wife, Mary Jo, recovered. The couple remained together after the Fisher affair but divorced after moving to California.

Pakistani immigrant sentenced for plotting to blow up subway station

NEW YORK (AP) — A Pakistani immigrant was sentenced to 30 years in prison Monday for hatching an unsuccessful plot to blow up a busy Manhattan subway station as revenge for wartime abuses of Iraqis.

Shahawar Matin Siraj, 24, was arrested on the eve of the 2004 Republican National Convention. Though there was no proof he ever obtained explosives or was linked to any terror organizations, prosecutors said his intentions were ominous: He wanted to blow up the Herald Square subway station, a bustling transportation hub located beneath Macy's flagship department store.

Siraj showed no reaction as the sentence was read. He faces deportation when his prison term is completed.


Defense attorneys had sought to convince U.S. District Judge Nina Gershon that Siraj's sentence should not exceed 10 years, arguing in recent court filings that their client was "not a dangerous psychopath but more of a confused and misguided youngster."

ETA claims car bombing but says cease-fire stands

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The Basque separatist group ETA said today a cease-fire it declared in March still stands, even as it claimed responsibility for a Dec. 30 car bombing that killed two people in Madrid.

ETA made its assertion in a statement sent to the pro-independence newspaper Gara, which often serves as a mouthpiece for ETA communiques.





It said it did not mean to cause casualties in the attack, and accused the government of failing to evacuate the parking garage that was targeted at Madrid airport despite three warning calls pointing out where the car bomb was parked. The airport was largely evacuated, but the two people killed happened to be asleep in parked cars.



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PEOPLEnews

Hilary Swank gets her star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hilary Swank and her mom came to Hollywood 16 years ago with only \$75 in their pockets. On Monday, the two-time Oscar winner received the ultimate sign that the move paid off: a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



Swank

"I remember my mom using a roll of quarters to call agents from a pay phone and telling agents they should sign me," said the emotional 32-year-old during the dedication ceremony.

Man accused of extorting Oprah waives preliminary hearing

CHICAGO (AP) — The case against an Atlanta man reportedly accused of trying to extort \$1.5 million from Oprah Winfrey is likely headed to a grand jury.

Keifer Bonvillian, 36, was scheduled to appear before a federal magistrate on Monday but waived the preliminary hearing, said Randall Samborn, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

A grand jury may be asked instead to determine whether there is enough evidence to warrant a trial.

Samborn refused to confirm Winfrey was the target, and the criminal complaint only identified Bonvillian's aim as "Individual A," who was "a public figure and the owner of a Chicago-based company." The Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times, citing unnamed sources, have reported his target was Winfrey.

'Diddy' hosts birthday bash

WASHINGTON (AP) — A weekend birthday party hosted by Sean "Diddy" Combs and featuring performances by Busta Rhymes, Lil Wayne, T.I. and The Game for Gilbert Arenas was better suited for Hollywood than the nation's capital.

The festivities at Love nightclub started at 9 p.m. Friday and got rolling after midnight when Arenas, who turned 25 Saturday, strolled past an ice carving of himself playing basketball.

Earlier in the evening, Arenas had 35 points, a season-high 12 assists and seven rebounds to lead the Washington Wizards to a 116-105 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers. He elicited chants of "MVP!" from the sellout crowd of 20,173 at Verizon Center.

Tear it down?

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"This is what's happening at these meetings tonight."

The parish is considering options for St. Ignatius, simply because it does not get enough use, VanDurme said. The church, since its closure for regular Mass, has been used for weddings and funerals.

"Last year we had nine weddings and four funerals," VanDurme said. "We're not using it enough when you compare it to the expenses we have as far as maintenance and upkeep."

The St. Ignatius offices also are on the table, he said, because the parish may have other options for office space. VanDurme said the Loyola Hall offices are used every day, but there are unused rooms at the rectory and there is a possibility of using space at St. Ann's School as well.

"They are great offices," he said. "We just need to be more efficient with our buildings."

Efficiency is the chief reason the parish is considering tearing down the rectory, and replacing it with a new building or another location.

"The rectory is beautiful, and I'm living in the most beautiful apartment I've ever lived in," VanDurme said. "It's the cosmetics that are nice, though. Right now, I have two buckets in my bedroom catching water dripping down."

"The other night when we had a lot of rain, there were about 6 inches of water in them in the morning," he added.

VanDurme said extensive work is needed on the roof, the windows need replacing, and parts of the electrical and heating systems also need replacing. An estimate of the work that needs to be done, he said, was quoted at between \$100,000 to \$200,000.

"When we looked at it we said 'We could spend

\$100,000 to \$200,000 on this building' — and we're not even talking about cosmetic things — or we could find something else," VanDurme said. "\$200,000 in the Hornell-Canistota area, that's a big, brand-new place."

He said some people have proposed raising the money to do the repairs, but he'd rather spend funds raised on the church or the school. Another aspect of the rectory is its size — there are five full-sized apartments in it, with just three priests living there.

VanDurme, in addition to Father Kanka and Father Schnacky, currently reside there, but the latter two are retired, and there isn't a need for all that room, VanDurme said. The retired priests will have a say in the decision, he said, and they have already discussed it with him.

"They're actually quite comfortable with it, they see

the wisdom in that decision," VanDurme said. "They like their apartments, but in the long run they know it's probably good for the parish."

"The building has been perfect for the last 100 years, but we need to find something that will be good for the next 100 years," he added.

The way St. Ann's School receives aid from the church also will be discussed, with the parish — on a recommendation with the Diocese of Rochester — suggesting a reduction of sorts. VanDurme said the church contributed 40 percent of its regular income — approximately \$215,000 — last year. The diocese suggested that number should be closer to 30 percent, he said, but Our Lady of the Valley will contribute 35 percent of its anticipated income — \$190,000 — this year.

"This year we're holding it at \$190,000," VanDurme said.

"If they (the school) need more, they're going to go into their own savings and investments to fill any budget shortfalls."

"Next year, we'll take our '06-'07 income and figure out 35 percent of that," he added. "That's what we'll give them in the '07-'08 school year."

The parish will reduce the contribution for the '08-'09 school year to 30 percent, VanDurme said.

He cautioned members of the parish these are only recommendations and this is just the first step in the process. After tonight's meetings, the parish committees all will weigh in on the recommendations. Then everything must be OK'd by the Diocese of Rochester.

Single site sought for school votes

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the calls are from residents unsure of which district they fall under or where they need to go in order to vote.

"It will be an easier process by the voters at the high school," she said. "Just go up and say your last name."

Cox proposed scheduling a half day for students and teachers — dismissing them at noon — so the building and parking lots would be clear for

voters.

"With school dismissed, congestion in the lobby would be minimal," she said.

In answer to a question by school Board President David Weyand about accessibility for certain voters, Cox suggested pursuing an agreement with the Hornell Area Transit bus system.

The proposal could be made an actionable item for the board as early as February,

Cox said.

In other business:

• The board accepted the resignation of Jen Bovee as special education teacher, effective Jan. 15.

• The board approved the appointments of Barbara Kowtun and Margaret Sleggs to the Board of Registration from April 2007, to March 2008.

• The board approved the following probationary personnel appointments: Roy Chaca, bus driver; Bonnie Makitra, bus mon-

itor; and Pamela Sharp, bus monitor.

• The board approved the following additions and changes to the substitute roster: Regina Gambino, teacher aide; Charles Locke, uncertified teacher; Darlelle Raish, teacher aide, uncertified teacher; Rhonda Richardson, substitute bus driver; Richard Smith, substitute bus driver; Brittany Curran, certified teacher; and Teresa Sierra-Gutzman, food service helper.

• The board approved a

\$250,000 increase in the 2006-07 General Fund budget, reflective of additional BOCES aid. The board also approved the use of that increase to fund special education expenditures of \$171,082 and health insurance benefits of \$78,918.

• The board approved a contract with Erie 1 BOCES for the furnishing of a network copier-printer not to exceed \$5,330.88, payments to be made monthly not exceeding \$111.06.

State: 'Embarrassing' the sheriff no reason to close doors to meeting

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executive session," Freeman said. "Even the employment history of a particular person isn't always (a basis). Embarrassment? No."

County Attorney Frederick Ahrens later justified the closed-door meeting because it related to the sheriff's job performance.

But the Public Safety and Corrections Committee has no authority over the sheriff, an elected official. The committee does control the sheriff depart-

ment's finances, however.

The discussion on clergy visits came after Baker and a number of county, state, federal and diocesan officials received letters from Deacon Ray Defendorf complaining about the difficulty local clergy have in visiting inmates at the jail. Defendorf is the pastoral administrator for St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Bath.

Defendorf said he recently arrived for a scheduled jail visit on a late Friday afternoon, and was told he couldn't visit

the inmate because the visiting hours had been changed.

Catholic services and sacraments also are not allowed at the jail, Defendorf said.

Tweddell said Monday that inmates are free to call clergy whenever they want. But jail officials cannot schedule weekly visits for 148 inmates with the 37 clergy members registered with the jail, he said.

"That would take up all week, that's all we'd be doing," Tweddell said Monday.

The jail meets minimum

state standards for clergy visits and holds a weekly non-denominational worship service, he said. But Roman Catholics have religious observances that nondenominational services will not provide, Defendorf said.

"One size just does not fit all, in this case," Defendorf said Monday. "You have Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation is really important. (The inmates) have a right to those."

Tweddell said normal jail routine, and the current reno-

uations and construction of new wings at the jail limit safe access to inmates, he said.

"Visitors can't just show up, they have to get there in advance so they can be screened," Tweddell said.

Tweddell said he plans to meet with Defendorf this week to discuss the problem.

"I think there's just a misunderstanding," Tweddell said. "I don't think he completely realizes what goes on here."

City grows weary of rude skateboarders

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be allowing skating within that area," Hogan said. "That includes Steuben Trust, Maple City Savings, City Hall and the clock."

"This would just follow the leads of many other communities that prohibit skateboarding," he added.

The L&O Committee also will be taking a look at the city's yard sales policy, with an

eye toward limiting them to not more than three in any given 90-day period.

"Usually it's not a problem, but some people run them as a regular cottage industry," Hogan said. "They run them daily and never take down

their tables. It's the recommendation of the codes office to regulate them."

"Also, the only place people will be allowed to have a sign advertising them is on their own property," he added. "Too many people put up signs all

over the place, and there they stay for the rest of the summer and fall."

Hogan stressed the skateboarding and yard sale regulations have not been approved yet, and are still in the discussion stages.

The Law & Ordinance Committee did approve the state's updated uniform fire prevention and building codes, and passed that on to the Common Council. The Council, like many other communities, approved that Monday night.

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Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

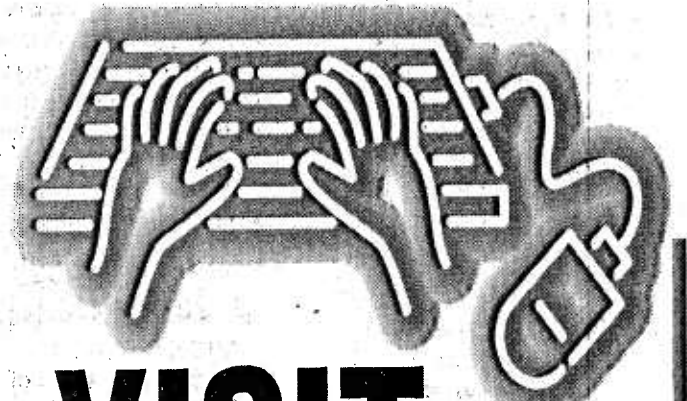
Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
- Kilowatt-hours supplied by the New York Power Authority are exempt from paying the System Benefits and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges.



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Elks plan annual hoop shoot Jan. 13

PENN YAN — Once again we get ready for the annual Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest which will be held at the Penn Yan Elementary School this Saturday, Jan. 13, starting at 9 a.m.

All the contestants will be registered in the hallway at the Elementary starting at 8:30 a.m.

The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 8 through 13 with the age of the youngster being deter-

mined as of April 1, 07. If your child will be 8 years old by that date, and will not turn 14 between now and then, he or she is eligible to participate.

The age groups for the contest are 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and there is both a girl's and boy's division.

Winners of the local contest will advance to the district contest which will be again held in Penn Yan at the Middle School this year on Saturday, Jan. 27.

They will shoot against winners from the Southern Tier lodges — Elmira, Corning, Horseheads, Bath, Watkins Glen, and Ithaca for the right to advance to the Western Regional contest which is held in Amherst this year on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Announcements will be made in the schools the next couple of weeks and posters will be up for the kids to see.

Any questions should be

directed to Steve Breuer at 315-536-4184.

There is no cost for this program and nothing to bring to the first registration.

However, birth certificate copies for all the winners and second-place finishers will be needed in time for the Penn Yan contest on Jan. 27.

Trophies for the winners and the second place finishers in the local contest will be presented the 13.

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Gallery hosts classes for all painters

PENNYAN—The Gallery at Yates County Arts Center at 119 East Elm Street, will offer a six-session Painting Class for all levels of painters. Participants may paint in their medium of choice. The Painting Classes will be held at the Gallery at 119 E. Elm Street in Penn Yan on Tuesdays, Feb. 6 through March 13.

Cost for the 6-session workshop is \$105 for YCAC members and \$115 for non-members.

Dick Kane is a well-known painter of Rochester and the Finger Lakes landscapes. A graduate of RIT's fine arts program and current faculty member of the Memorial Art Gallery, Kane painted the "Community Landscape" mural at the Pittsford Barnes and Noble, among other local murals.

Sharpen your skills while painting in your favorite medium. Lessons will cover painting techniques and focus on personal expression. Each class will begin with a painting demonstration by Kane. He will then assist each participant as they paint in their medium of choice. Participants should bring their own original reference from which to paint. These can be photographs, sketches, or a

previous painting. Subjects can come from trips, vacations, a local subject, or your own backyard. The painting can be of a landscape, still-life, figure, etc.

Equipment suggestions for the various mediums are as follows:

Watercolor artists should bring a palette with plenty of room for color mixing. If you paint large, Dick suggests using heavier 300# paper to give you better control. An easel if you have one, a backing board for your paper, and clips or tape to affix your paper. Water containers, paints and brushes.

Acrylic artists should bring a palette with plenty of room for mixing. Disposable palettes are great! Dick usually uses stretched canvas but you can use canvas, paper or board. Nylon brushes and a pallet knife, paints and an easel, if you have one.

Oil artists should bring a palette, a painting knife for part (or all) of your painting, brushes (just in case). Dick likes stretched canvas but use whatever you like. An easel if you have one.

These classes are supported in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts-Decentralization



Painter Dick Kane

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POTTER Community News

MRS. CLYDE HEY
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The yearly meeting of the Potter Baptist Church will be held Sunday, Jan. 28, immediately after the 9:45 a.m. worship service. This is the second and last posting.

Amanda Burgess and Dave Spampinato are the new owners of the Hitchin' Rail in the village, and they would like to thank everyone for their support. They have enjoyed their time here and are looking forward to meeting more of you in the

future.

Cassie and Leanne Hey hosted a holiday buffet Dec. 24. Attending were Ron and Joyce Hey of Naples, Brie Crook, Austin and Sean Conaway, all of Middlesex, Mrs. Al Ryder and sons, Chris and Shawn of Stanley and Etheleen Hey.

Joan Rider of Bristol visited Etheleen Hey last Saturday.

Diane Stahlman of Tucson, Ariz. has been visiting area family and friends and was able to attend a Christmas gathering with her family.

Community sympathy is extended to the Sherman Savage family of West Swamp Road. Mr. Savage, a dairy farmer, passed away recently after an extended illness.

Gloria Hatcher of Rochester was with her mother, Shirley Hatcher, of Phelps Road for the long holiday weekends.

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Chris Donahue and Kerri Goodman

Goodman, Donahue set fall wedding

ROCHESTER—Kerri Lynn Goodman and Christopher Wayne Donahue are pleased to announce their plans to wed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairport on Sept. 29, 2007.

The future bride, daughter of Doug Goodman of Penn Yan, and Laurie Reinhardt of San Leandro, Calif., is a graduate of SUNY Oswego in 2004 with a BFA in Graphic Design. She is employed at ADT in Henrietta and is a piano teacher in Rochester.

Her fiancé, son of Frederick and Janet Donahue, is a graduate of Monroe Community College in 2001 with an Associates in Optical Technologies. He is employed at Optimax Systems Inc. in Ontario, N.Y.

Moravec and Ribble plan July wedding ceremony

PENN YAN - John and Wanda Moravec of Penn Yan are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey R. Moravec to Brian P. Ribble, son of Roger and Colleen Ribble of Penn Yan.

Stacey is a 2001 graduate of Dundee Central School who graduated from Keuka College in December 2005 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary and Special Education. She is employed at Dundee Central School as a third grade reading teacher in a long term substitute position.

Brian graduated from Penn Yan Academy in 1999 and works in his family business, Ribble Lumber, Inc. in Penn Yan.



Brian Ribble and Stacey Moravec

The couple have set a wedding date of July 14, 2007 at Norton Chapel.

BRANCHPORT Community News



BARBARA GIFFORD
607-868-4280

Happy New Year to all!

Worship at Italy Valley and Branchport Christmas Eve services were filled with joy and celebrations as people gathered in both churches to usher in another time for praise and glory for the gift of salvation that was born in the Christ Child. The carols and readings, along with special music offered by Carol Wolfe, organist in Italy Valley, Trudy Moon, organist and accompanist to the newly formed choir at Branchport, Virginia Tully, soloist, and Gary and Cheri Fitzpatrick, along with sons, Ben and Timothy Freeland, singing, "Go Tell It on the Mountain". The children in each church sang the lullaby, "Away In a Manger" and Cookie Brown's version of "Four Candles" added to the worship service.

The Memorial Tree list was shared in a booklet. It keeps growing each year and adds to the Spirit of Christmas by enjoining the spirits of loved ones remembered as their lights glow and brighten our way even today.

Why don't you start the new year with the resolution

to attend worship with The Italy Valley congregation, which gathers at 9 a.m., or sister church in Branchport which begins worship at 11 a.m. each Sunday morning. Rev. Barb Gifford is pastor to both congregations. All are welcome. Don't forget, as we start a new year: the third Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday in Branchport and Italy Valley United Methodist Churches. Folks can add to the box at any time for the Yates County Food Pantry stocked at First Baptist Church in Penn Yan, but the third Sunday stresses the collection effort.

Any food donations are welcome but cereals, peanut butter and canned fruits and vegetables are always needed. We also save Campbell labels and flip tops from soda cans for missions projects. Thank you to all who have supported these programs throughout the year.

We know there are folks who were traveling for the holidays and we would be glad to share the news if anyone wishes to let your correspondent know.

We do have folks who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries at the beginning to the year: Thelma Conley (5), Alan Dinehart (5); and Ed Presher (17) have birthdays, and Stub and Betty Dinehart will celebrate another wedding anniversary Jan. 11. I believe this one is a big 60 years! Congratulations to you! Best wishes to all for a great year.

There is a new choir forming in the United Methodist

Hall and Ryan wed

Rachel L. Hall and Alexander T. Ryan, both of East Syracuse, were married Aug. 26, 2006 at Sarrasin's on Keuka Lake in Penn Yan. The 2 p.m. outdoor ceremony was officiated by the groom's aunt, Margaret Warden, JP.

The bride is the daughter of Willis and Martha Hall of North Chemung, and the granddaughter of Phyllis Peck of Pulteney.

The groom is the son of Tom Kump and Elaine Perkins of Elmira, and Tom and Suzy Ryan of Cape Elizabeth, Maine. He is also the Grandson of Merle and Elizabeth Perkins of Port Crane, N.Y., and George and Anita Kump of Mansfield, Pa.

The bride is employed by Stickley, Audi, and Company, and the groom is employed with BBL Engineering, both of Syracuse.

Beth Hall, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Rachel's attendants were Katie Ryan, sister of the groom, Rhianna Gursky, Kim Kozdema, Natalie Noster, Catherine Peacock, Christine Porpiglio, and Shira Wasserman. Flower girl was Margaret Ryan, sister of the groom. Tony Lodico was the best man, Joe Ryan, brother of the groom, was the junior best man.

Other groomsmen were Chad DeVoe, Tim

Church and meeting each Friday evening at Trudy Moon's for practice. They invite any interested persons to come and join them at 7 p.m. The sad news of the passing of Ron Sutherland, Jan. 2, 2007, has been shared in our community recently. Ron was raised and lived most of his life in the area, being born to the late Ernest and Katherine Sutherland, lifelong residents of Branchport.

Ron had a great love for our area and communities and was very active as a volunteer in many capacities throughout his life, but had a great passion for teaching and being a role model for young men in the Boy Scouts of America program. He acted as leader for Branchport Troop #48 for several years. Our sympathies to his family and friends.



Rachel and Alexander Ryan

Lobczowski, Todd Mathes, Ross Wheadon, and Erich Wehrle (honorary); cellist was Matt Kemp.

After a reception at Sarrasin's Restaurant, the couple spent the week of their honeymoon on the Keuka Lake. They reside in East Syracuse.

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HIMROD Community News



Howard Covert
607-243-7560

Feel free to come to the Sunday morning worship at the Himrod Baptist Church with Pastor Robert Rusbuldt giving the message, Bring your neighbors or who ever will come with you. Service starts at 11 a.m. with Sunday school for the younger ones.

The Himrod Conservation Club will be holding their yearly appreciation dinner Saturday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to all members and guests.

The Himrod Fire Department members has tickets for the Super Bowl barbecue which will be held on Sunday Feb. 4 starting at noon and running until 2 p.m. at the Himrod fire station. The price for the diners is \$8 and \$4 for a half. Pre-orders and take outs only.

Contact any Himrod fireperson, or call 607-243-7560, which has an answering machine or 607-243-8588, which has voice mail. In either case leave a message and we will contact you to let you know that we received your call. Thank you in advance.

The Himrod Fire Department answered two fire calls in December. Both were structures, totally lost. One for mutual aid stand-by for Dresden and two EMS calls.

The Himrod Fire Department hosted the Tiger Cubs Pack 25 Den 2 from Dundee. Some of the firefighters dressed up in their turn out gear so the youngsters could see what a firefighter would look like in case they were awoken in the middle of the night with some kind of emergency that required the fire department. They also saw some of the equipment housed on the fire trucks.

Our Chief Jared Webster was the narrator for the evening. Good job done by fire personnel and to the Tiger Cubs for being such a good listening group of youngsters. There were about nine or so youngsters for the demonstration.

When we came back from the Teamsters retirement meeting last Wednesday we came into Dundee via Dundee Glenora Road. We saw an individual mowing his yard. Yes! Mowing the yard. Mr. Washburn must be anxious to get started, or something. Maybe he knows something that we don't.

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Bath enacts moratorium on outdoor wood furnaces

By **ROB PRICE**
THE COURIER-ADVOCATE

BATH — Village board members Tuesday unanimously approved a six-month moratorium on the installation of wood-burning outdoor furnaces in the village. The village Planning Board will study a range of possible regulations affecting the cost-saving heating units.

BATHvillage

The moratorium does not apply to outdoor chimneys used for recreational purposes: only furnace units that supplement gas or electrical heating systems within individual residences.

The board's vote followed a short public hearing during which no one voiced an objection to the moratorium. Board members approved the local law without comment.

Wallace following the meeting said outdoor furnaces pose two potential problems for village municipalities: Because of the compact nature of neighborhoods, furnace smoke may blow into

neighboring residences, disturbing the peace of the affected neighbors. In addition, said the mayor, certain materials, such as household waste, should be prohibited from being used as furnace fuel.

The mayor indicated the Planning Board will develop recommendations within the next two months.

THE blotter

Failure to pay fine

Brian D. Stucky, 19, of 85 Platt St., Hornell was charged at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday with two counts of failure to pay a fine.

Harassment

Jason M. Carpenter, 27, of 447 Division St., Hornell was charged at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday with second-degree harassment.

One car rollover

Amity-based state police deputies responded to a one car rollover at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday on State Route 244. Edward L. Billings, 32, of 341 State Rte. 21, Hornell was driving east-bound when he struck a road sign in order to avoid hitting a deer.

Criminal trespass

Shawn M. Northrup, 25, of Painted Post was charged Friday by the Steuben County Sheriff's office with second-degree criminal trespass. Northrup entered a Village of Riverside residence.

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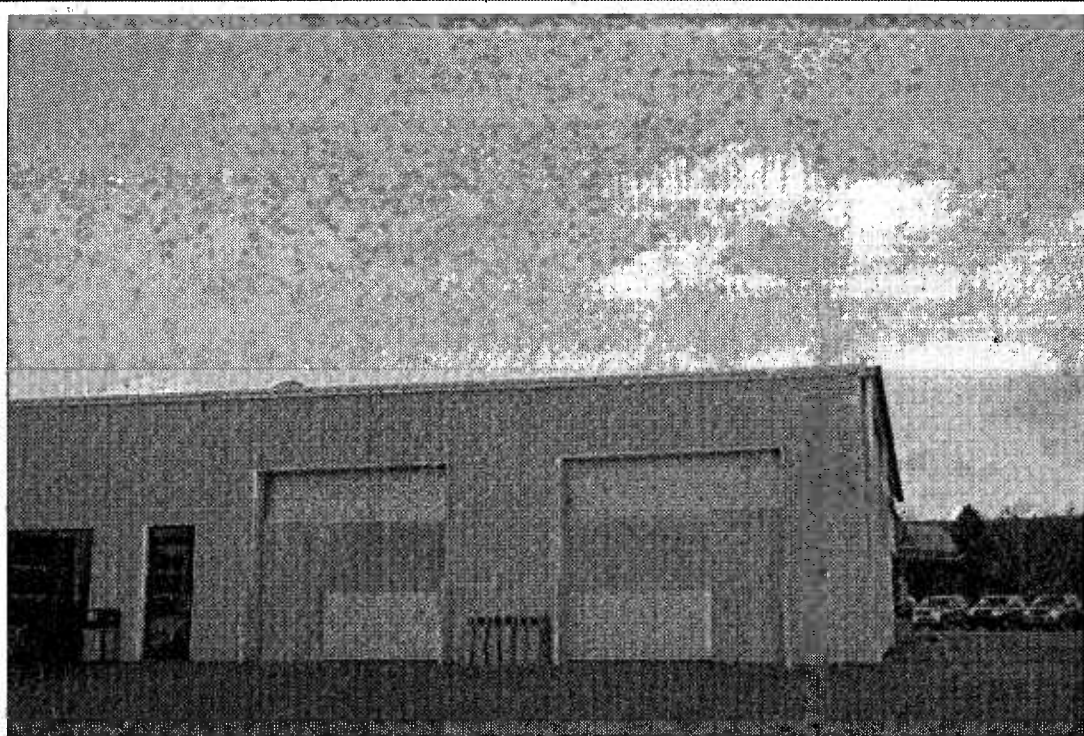
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LYNN BRENNAN

The reconditioning bay doors at the Simmons-Rockwell building in Hornell were boarded off Tuesday following a fire that happened in the bay Friday evening. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Simmons fire still under investigation

No cause found yet, dealership back to work without issue

By **ROB MONTANA**
STAFF WRITER

WEBBS CROSSING — Simmons-Rockwell's Hornell operation was feeling few ill effects of a Friday night fire as employees resumed work this week.

The investigation is still under way, according to North Hornell Fire Chief Phil D'Amato, who said Steuben County fire investigators were handling the case.

"We haven't heard anything back from them yet," he said.

D'Amato noted the fire had been confined to two reconditioning bays, though there was smoke damage to the remainder of the car dealership build-

ing. Mike Sprague, Steuben County Emergency Services director, could not be reached for comment by press time.

Tara Rockwell, Simmons-Rockwell marketing director, did not return phone calls seeking comment by press time.

An employee at the Hornell location, said Tuesday the reconditioning work is taking place at another spot and things in Hornell are "business as usual."

It is believed the blaze was caused by a traded-in Buick LeSabre in a reconditioning bay at the rear of the building. North Hornell firefighters were on the scene around 8:30 p.m.,

and were assisted at the scene by Hornell, South Hornell, Greenwood, Arkport and Almond firefighters, state troopers and Steuben County Sheriff's deputies.

After extinguishing the fire, firefighters opened doors, windows and loading bays, and fire department fans were used to ventilate the building.

Rockwell was at the scene Friday night, and said the dealership closed at 6 p.m., before the fire began. She said a passer-by saw the smoke and notified North Hornell firefighters. Rockwell said the dealership did have fire insurance and that insurance agents were on hand as firefighters contained the scene.

Corning to determine outdoor furnace ban

By **JEFFERY SMITH**
THE LEADER

CORNING — The city may join a growing number of communities that have banned outdoor furnaces.

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Aldermen will vote at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at City Hall to restrict the use of outdoor boilers to heat an indoor space.

A public hearing will be held moments before the vote to solicit public opinion.

"We want to hear what the residents have to say on the issue," said Mayor Frank P. Coccho.

Outdoor furnaces generally consist of water pipes that surround a burning firebox. Hard wood and coal are the two most common elements used to heat the firebox.

City Manager Mark Ryckman said the units are cost effective, but can also cause hazy banks of smoke that fill neighborhoods.

"The exhaust can cause problems in densely populated areas like the city," Ryckman said. "They can also be a safety issue if left unattended."

No outdoor furnaces are currently being operated in

the city. City leaders shut down an outdoor furnace operated at a William Street car wash last year. Officials said the boiler generated high levels of smoke.

Dave Bossard, of B&D Partners in Avoča, said the furnaces give off no more emissions than an indoor wood stove when properly used.

"A lot of the new boilers actually burn cleaner than most indoor wood stoves," Bossard said. "They just get a bad reputation because

some people burn garbage or anything else in them. They use them like an incinerator."

The furnaces use the blaze in the fire box to heat water, which is then pumped through insulated pipes into a home. Outdoor furnaces also typically provide hot water for the home.

"Unlike indoor stoves, no smoke gets into the house," Bossard said. "As far as safety, how can you be more safe than have the fire outside the house? So I don't really see a safety threat."

Preservation League of NYS: Dana Lyon building 'a landmark'

By **ROB PRICE**
THE COURIER-ADVOCATE

BATH — A representative of the Preservation League of New York State Tuesday told the Bath village board the League would assist in efforts to save the former Dana Lyon Elementary School Building from the wrecker's ball.

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"We're pledging our support," said Tonia Werbizky, adding the Dana Lyon school building is the kind of building the League has seen "renovated again and again."

Last month, the League announced it would place the Lyon building on its annual "Seven to Save" list, a compilation of buildings located in New York and facing demolition.

In Bath, the Dana Lyon building has been the subject of an intense local controversy, as historical preservationists have clashed with the development company Liberty-East Washington LLC, which owns the main portion of the building and hopes to build an Eckerd's Pharmacy in its place.

But Werbizky insisted the Lyon building is an integral part of the village's 75-building historic district and anchors a pivotal intersection of the municipality.

"It is a landmark building," she said.

A local preservationist group called The Save the Lyon Commission has opposed efforts to demolish the Lyon building, proposing it be converted into space for community activities and

residential use. That is not a far-fetched notion, Werbizky insisted, citing three examples of renovation projects in rural New York that converted aged buildings into useful community properties:

A former high school in Niagara Falls has been renovated and named the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center. Seventy-five Niagara Falls-area artists use the facility.

A junior high school in Tonawanda has been converted into housing for senior citizens, with support from the Western New York Veterans Housing Coalition.

A crumbling Main Street building in Owego has been renovated for residential use. Of 20 units, 12 already are occupied.

Board members listened to Werbizky's remarks without comment. The board currently is collecting written responses to a draft environmental impact study on the demolition of the Lyon and the rezoning of the school property for commercial use.

According to Mayor David Wallace, the opportunity for written responses will end on Jan. 19. At that point, Liberty-East Washington may use the comments to prepare a final environmental impact study, under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Once that final draft is prepared — and Wallace noted there is no deadline — a 10-day period for written comment will begin. The board will begin its own consideration of the environmental impact study at the conclusion of that period.

INbrief

Volunteers needed

HORNELL — Several area organizations are looking for volunteers ages 55 and older.

Proaction Home Delivered Meals program in Hornell is looking for substitute drivers and new route drivers to deliver meals one hour a day. Proaction also needs a volunteer to help serve lunch and clean the meal site on Church Street in Hornell.

Faith In Action needs several people to assist the elderly as drivers, visitors, shopping assistants, home cleaners and yard workers.

Steuben County RSVP needs reading buddies for children in kindergarten through third grade.

The office for the aging needs a volunteer to help explain long term care insurance policies.

If you are interested, call Hornell RSVP at (607) 324-4892.

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Words worth remembering...

'Spitzer's transition team is giving Hornell Mayor Shawn Hogan a serious look as upstate economic development czar, according to some insiders. Hogan has the credentials, including knowledge of the difficulties of growing jobs in troubled upstate urban areas.'

In Monday's Capitol Confidential column in the Albany Times Union

Bush can change subject, not his mind

WASHINGTON — Listening to George W. Bush announce his fantasy-based escalation of the war in Iraq, which could only make sense in some parallel universe where pigs fly and fish commute on bicycles, I flashed on something Bush's hero Winston Churchill once said: "A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject." By that standard, President Bush is no fanatic.

True, he scores off the charts on the part about inflexibility of mind. But the Decider changes the subject all the time. First, the way to fight the "war on terror" was to invade Afghanistan, where the Taliban regime was sheltering Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda. Before finishing that job, Bush decided to invade Iraq, which had nothing to do with al-Qaeda or the 9/11 attacks. And now, with Iraq mired in bloody chaos, he seems to be changing the subject yet again — to Iran.

I won't spend much time on the president's new "strategy" for Iraq, because at best it's a modest change in tactics — tragically, one that further plunges U.S. forces into the kind of urban warfare in which insurgents and guerrillas always have the advantage. The battle of Baghdad promises to look like the battle of Fallujah writ large, and it promises to solve nothing. In the end, Bush still has to depend on the Iraqi "unity" government to end the sectarian civil war, but it's clear that the Shiite-dominated regime will do no such thing as long as the Shiites are winning.

On the shift to Iran, I hope I'm wrong but fear I'm right. In his speech last week, Bush went out of his way to lay out the goal of "stabilizing the region in the face of extremist challenges," specifying that this new task "begins with addressing Iran and Syria."

Of course, he doesn't mean addressing them with tough-minded diplomacy, which is what the Iraq Study Group suggested. Bush decided long ago that talking to regimes he doesn't like amounts to rewarding bad people for bad behavior. However dangerous a world this reckless president leaves behind for his successor, at least we can be thankful that he wasn't anywhere near the White House during the Cold War. He probably would have disconnected the hot line to the Kremlin, or at least kept Leonid Brezhnev on permanent hold.

"Iran is providing material support for attacks on American troops," Bush

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said in his speech. "We will disrupt the attacks on our forces."

Those words had hardly escaped his lips when U.S. forces stormed the Iranian consulate in Irbil, a city in the Kurdish region of Iraq, and hauled away five Iranian staff members regardless of their diplomatic status. Local Kurdish officials apparently were not told in advance of the raid, which looked as if it were meant to underscore the president's point — or even provoke an intemperate reaction from Tehran.

Bush also mentioned he has sent a second U.S. aircraft carrier group to the Persian Gulf region. The USS John C. Stennis, with its attendant mini-fleet, is on its way to join the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

That's generally known as gunboat diplomacy. All this comes shortly after someone leaked to the Sunday Times of London that Israeli pilots are busy training for a mission to destroy Iran's key nuclear facilities with "bunker-busting" low-yield nuclear weapons. The Israeli government promptly denied the story, but not without adding that somebody had better bring an end to Iran's nuclear program, and soon. That somebody could only be the United States.

Meanwhile, much about Iran's nuclear program — and about the country's intentions — remains unknown. Experts disagree on how much success the Iranians are having in their uranium enrichment program and on how close they are to actually being able to build a nuclear bomb — estimates range from two years to 10 years. We're not even sure where all the key nuclear facilities are, or how hardened they are against attack.

As cynical as I am about this administration, it's hard for me to imagine that at this point, with all the push-back he's getting from Congress and the public about escalating American involvement in Iraq, George W. Bush would even think about launching a new military adventure in Iran. But you have to worry about a president who talks so much about the judgment of history and who has such a Manichean view of the world. I have the sinking feeling that he's never heard of another famous Churchill quote: "To jaw-jaw is better than to war-war."

'I don't know who leaked it, but I have had no talks with Spitzer's office about it.'

Hogan, in response



Trade deficit doesn't explain healthy U.S. economy

Two recent articles ought to give pause to current political and journalistic ignorance, perhaps demagoguery, about our international trade deficit. In a December Wall Street Journal article titled "Embrace the Deficit," Bear Stearns' chief economist David Malpass lays additional waste to predictions of gloom and doom associated with our trade deficit.

Since 2001, our economy has created 9.3 million new jobs, compared with 360,000 in Japan and 1.1 million in the euro zone (European Union countries that have adopted the euro), excluding Spain. Japan and euro zone countries had trade surpluses, while we had large and increasing trade deficits. Mr. Malpass says that both Spain and the U.K., like the U.S., ran trade deficits, but they created 3.6 and 1.3 million new jobs, respectively. Moreover, wages rose in the U.S., Spain and the U.K.

Professor Don Boudreaux, chairman of George Mason University's Economics Department, wrote "If Trade Surpluses Are So Great, the 1930s Should Have Been a

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Booming Decade" (www.cafehayek.com <<http://www.cafehayek.com/>>). According to data he found at the National Bureau of Economic Research's "Macrohistory Database" (<http://www.nber.org/databases/macrohistory/contents/index.html>), it turns out that the U.S. ran a trade surplus in nine of the 10 years of the Great Depression, with 1936 being the lone exception.

During those 10 years, we had a significant trade surplus, with exports totaling \$26.05 billion and imports totaling only \$21.13 billion. So what do trade surpluses during a depression and trade deficits during an economic boom prove, considering we've had trade deficits for most of our history? Professor Boudreaux says they prove absolutely nothing. Economies are far too complex to draw simplistic causal connections between

trade deficits and surpluses and economic welfare and growth.

Despite all the criticism from abroad and the doom-mongers at home, the world finds our economy attractive. Just as we've been chomping at the bit to buy foreign goods and services, foreigners have been chomping at the bit to invest trillions of dollars in the U.S. Mr. Malpass says our 10-year government bonds yield 4.6 percent per year compared with Japan's 1.6 percent; our government debt is 38 percent of GDP versus 86 percent in Japan; and while Europe's debt to GDP ratio is not as extreme as Japan's, it's not nearly as favorable as ours.

Here's a smell test. Pretend you're a man from Mars knowing absolutely nothing about Earth and you're looking for a nice place to land. You find out that there's one country, say, country A, where earthlings from other countries voluntarily invest and entrust trillions of dollars of their hard earnings. There are other countries where they're not nearly as willing to make the same investment. Which one of those countries would you

deem the most prosperous and with the greatest growth prospects? You'd pick country A, which turns out to be the United States. As such, you'd be just like most of the world's population who, if free to do so, would invest and live in the U.S.

The late Professor Milton Friedman said, "Underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself." Some people justify their calls for protectionism by claiming that they're for free trade but fair trade. That's nonsense. Think about it: When I purchased my Lexus from a Japanese producer, through an intermediary, I received what I wanted. The Japanese producer received what he wanted. In my book, that's a fair trade.

Of course, an American auto producer, from whom I didn't purchase my car, might whine that it was unfair. He would like Congress to impose import tariffs and quotas to make Japanese-produced cars less attractive and available in the hopes that I'd buy an American-produced car. In my book, that would be unfair.

All that intelligence that isn't intelligent

The world certainly is getting interesting; I read an online AP report the other night that was about new spy technology. Apparently some American operatives were traveling through Canada sometime in the near past and were found to be accompanied by bugged coins. It seems that someone with way too much time on their hands developed and inserted tiny transmitters into Canadian coins and planted them on our people.

OK. There's a lot of things that could go wrong when using coins for bugs: What if the coin in question was used for a drinking game, like Quarters? I don't see the transmitter holding up well drowned in beer. What if the Quarters player accidentally swallowed the coin? Who is the lucky person who gets to retrieve it? What if they donated the coin to a panhandler?

Whoever it was that planted the coin isn't talking, and the CIA isn't sure just who would have the technology to bug a coin, but the list of potential suspects is a lot bigger than one would think. France was named, as were China, the Al Qaeda and several other countries. It's definitely getting to be a nosy world, that's for sure. I'm just not wired to understand games of intrigue. I've been accused of being as subtle as a train wreck before; then again, I've been accused of having the disposition of a

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rabid Wolverine on occasion, too. I won't argue either accusation. They may be right.

I read another article in which U.S. Intelligence Chief John Negroponte said on Thursday that Al Qaeda's leaders are holed up in a cave in Pakistan. Please forgive me for being a bit dense; but is not Pakistan the very same country who swore that they were our ally? Did they not assure the American government that they had scoured those mountains and could find no trace of Osama Bin Laden and his goon squad? That the Pakistani government and people just loved we Americans? That there was no way that Al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations could possibly be operating out of Pakistan?

It seems rather odd to me that not only is Osama holed up in those mountains, but he supposedly always has been and Pakistan is the center of the Al Qaeda web that spreads from Pakistan throughout the Mid East, Africa, and Europe. How is it that Pakistani nationals come to end up in Al Qaeda training camps? They're our friends. Uh huh.

I'm trying really hard to keep an open mind and give

Pakistan the benefit of a doubt; maybe the Pakistani leaders are sincere, but don't have a good grip on what all the citizens are up to? Maybe our people have been dealing with the wrong Pakistanis? Maybe all people interested in becoming politicians and leaders should have to undergo psychological testing? I'd rather see a group of certified sociopaths in charge than a bunch of idealists; the idealists have nice ideas, but they aren't very effective when it comes to getting a job done.

I don't understand why with all the satellites orbiting the earth, they can't locate a few hundred people hiding out in caves — they do have to come out sometimes, even if it's only to empty slop buckets. If I can go to Google Earth and zero in on my house, why can't the military satellites zero in on the mountains that form the border between Pakistan and Iran? The Iraqi insurgents are using Google Earth to set the coordinates for their bombs. We taxpayers have spent billions on the satellites that orbit this planet, please don't tell me that they are only for entertainment purposes.

U.S. forces raided Iranian offices located in Iraq this past week, it seems that certain Iranian officials have been bankrolling the Iraqi insurgents.

Really? I never would have

believed that of Iran. They've always been such upstanding people, like Pakistan. I am truly disappointed. No big surprise there, it seems to be every man for himself these days, and our supposed intelligence network seems to be listening to the wrong people. I suppose it doesn't help our side any that we can no longer torture people; why most of those poor inmates at GITMO have gained weight since their incarceration.

Isn't that just too awful? Why, next the civil liberties bunch will be complaining that those poor souls know the MTV program line up, or worse, they're addicted to Survivor. I mean, the poor things have to make do with things like running water, clean clothes, cots with blankets, their food doesn't have bugs and rat droppings in it. It just isn't right.

Yes, I suppose that some detainees have had it a bit rougher than others, there is a rumor that the U.S. now sends 'people of interest' to other countries where human rights activists aren't constantly underfoot, but for the most part most of 'em have fared much better than our people who had the misfortune to run afoul of their friends. Our political prisoners gain weight, theirs lose their heads.

Which is worse? Think about it.



PENN YAN CENTRAL SCHOOL teaching staff held special recognition events last week for teachers who have mentored new teachers and teaching assistants. Some of the elementary and middle school teachers and their mentors are (above, front from left) Chris Hansen, Peg Patterson, Melissa Catlin, Melissa Shaw, Kris Wilber, and Jonathan MacKerchar. (middle from left): Carol Cummings, Heather Neuberger, Dave Fauth, Marianne Kerrick and Elizabeth DeMaria and (back from left): Allison Fowler, Barb Mulberger, Marguerite Miller, Jeannette Simpson and Rick Smith. Below are (front from left) Christine Tuohy, Christine Paige, Megan Ecker and Shari Hassos, and (back from left): Karen Groet, Cheryl Hirst, and Elva McBride.



Teaching teachers is rewarding

PENN YAN — Starting a new job or career can be daunting enough. In the Penn Yan Central School District, new teachers learn an important lesson very early on — whom to turn to for support, advice and guidance. Last week new teachers held a couple of events to recognize the veteran teachers who supported them through their early months.

"What a gift it has been. I come into work everyday and I am completely supported," said Christine Paige, who said a special thank you to Karen Groet and Erin Marshall during an early morning gather-

ing at the Penn Yan Elementary School last week. Johnathan MacKerchar said having to choose just one veteran teacher to recognize for their support is "like choosing who do you like better — your mom or your dad?" He thanked two teachers — Cheryl Stewart and Rick Smith — for their support.

In all, 14 elementary teachers and teacher assistants, nine middle school teachers and five academy teachers recognized 38 mentors who helped them through their first months on the job last week.

This event is part of the more formal mentoring pro-

gram in the district according to Kelly Johnson, one of the district's two full time mentors and staff development teachers. She and Brenda Travis dedicate their time to helping new teaching staff step off on the right foot in their career.

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YATES COUNTY — Deed transfers recorded in the Yates County Clerk's office between Dec. 18, 2006 and Jan. 4, 2007 are listed below. The listing includes the amount of consideration, if any.

Mary Celentano, Rolf Gerchberg and Kelly Gilman, A. AIF, to Susan and Robert Grattan, Milo, \$0.

Howard E. Walker to Diane E. LeTourneau and Howard E. Walker, Starkey, \$0.

Herbert L. and Sandra T. Hall to James Hepler, Starkey, \$50,000.

Kendall E. Jensen to Kevin K. and Scott C. Jensen, Benton, \$18,000.

Alexandra and Edward Marris to David and Marybeth Barnet, Middlesex, \$30,000.

Ruth M. Johncox to Paul A. Carlineo, Torrey, \$0.

Paul Carlineo to Suzette A. Phillips, Torrey, \$11,000.

Paul Jayne to James and Rose Vanaman, Starkey, \$39,000.

Joseph M. Trusz to Coon Hollow Property, LLC, Torrey, \$350,000.

John Cronin to Elaine M. and Sylvan H. Horning,

Barrington, \$9,800.

Katherine Tuttle Meisch, Ex. and Howard Olden Tuttle to Richard J. Milham, Jr. and Gary Polisseni, Middlesex, \$60,000.

John C. and Teresa A. Gleason to Jerald F. and Judy A. Wohlschlegel, Jerusalem, \$87,500.

Daniel A. and Julie A. Wamplper to John C. Gleason, Milo, \$97,000.

James M. Keogh, AIF, and Mary E. Keough to Marcie A. Conlon, Milo, \$94,000.

Doris and James R. Carey to Malcom A. Lane, Milo, \$150,000.

Joseph L. Lawler to James P. Spelman, Middlesex, \$0.

Claudia F. Sullivan and Claudia F. Sullivan to Claudia F. and Patrick B. Sullivan, Starkey, \$0.

Dormitory Authority of New York and People of the State of New York to Catholic Charities Community Services, Milo, \$0.

Joy D., Mark L., Scott L. Fellows and Paige C. Wright to Audrey Fellows, Jerusalem, \$0.

Linda M. Hanson, Ind. AIF.

and Paul L. Hanson to Jill A. Rapp, Jerusalem \$169,500.

Howard G. and Penelope G. Frum, Ind. POA. to Christina L. and Steven M. Culver, Benton, \$181,915.

Nanette Williams to Jeremy D. Williams, Jerusalem, \$0.

Frank M. and Kathleen A. Polak, Polak Living Trust, Kathleen A. Hayes, Tr. and Frank M. Polak, Tr. to Michael A. Polak, Italy, \$0.

Nancy M. Brellos to James K. Brellos, Jerusalem, \$0.

Debra C. and Ronnie R. Miller to Debra C. Miller, Milo, \$0.

Stephen F. Royka to David R., Mark R. and Matthew Royka, Potter, \$0.

James R. and Marie Ritter to Robert A. Forman, Starkey, \$10,000.

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Yates Criminal Court

The following information was provided by the Yates County District Attorney's office.

Date: Jan. 9, 2007

Judge: Hon. W. Patrick Falvey

Brian A. Gillespie, dob 9/11/86, residing at 4718 Morrison Road, Branchport, was sentenced on a conviction for attempted burglary in the second degree, a class D violent felony, to three years state prison incarceration and three years post-release supervision. The defendant was ordered to pay restitution to the victims, as well as the DNA collection fees and the felony surcharge. Orders of Protection were issued for the victims.

Mark A. McClain, dob 12/25/66, residing at 565 Plum Point Road, Himrod, New York, waived indictment and pleaded guilty to attempted criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, a class E felony. The matter was adjourned for sentencing until March 13, 2007. The defendant was remanded on a Parole Detainer to await sentencing.

Jean M. Casterline, dob 06/23/70, residing at 55 South Main St., Rushville, waived indictment and pleaded guilty to criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, a class E felony. The matter was adjourned for sentencing until March 13, 2007. The defendant continued her release on bail to await sentencing.

Robert A. Belmore, dob 10/23/64, residing at 52 Bigelow Ave., Dundee, was sentenced to five years probation and 180 hours of community service for the charge of felony driving while intoxicated, a class E felony. He was ordered to pay a \$1,500.00 fine, mandatory surcharges and his license was revoked.

James Clyde, dob 06/04/55, recently of 6013 McFarland Road, Cincinnati, NY, appeared with counsel on charges of being a fugitive from justice from the state of New Jersey. He was remanded to Yates County Jail without bail for reappearance on a habeas corpus petition.

Richard B. Naylor, dob 04/25/84, residing at 35 Hollister St., Dundee, appeared for a sex offender registration risk assessment hearing prior to his release from Yates County Jail, Penn Yan. A written risk level determination decision will be issued by the court at a later date.

Roger H. Youngs, dob 09/14/76, residing at 215 Elm St., Penn Yan, was arraigned for a violation of probation. The matter was adjourned for the defendant to obtain counsel. He was released on his own recognizance to appear at a later date.

Brett Hurlburt, dob 8/16/66, residing at 115 Walnut St., Penn Yan, appeared for motion arguments on charges of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, Sexual Abuse in Second Degree, Endangering the Wel-

fare of a Child, and Attempted Forcible Touching. The matter was adjourned for trial.

Karen P. Rogers (Smith), dob 12/24/78, residing at 11 Myrtle Ave., Penn Yan, appeared before Judge W. Patrick Falvey on an application for modification or restitution payments.

Donald P. McNeil, dob 02/18/63, residing at 185 Long Point Road, Penn Yan appeared on an application for a certificate of relief. The matter was adjourned to a later date.

Patrick E. Santillo, dob 08/04/80, residing at 289 Prattsburg Road, Naples, was arraigned with counsel for a violation of probation. The defendant admitted the violations. Probation was revoked and the defendant was resentence to one to three years state incarceration.

Kevin Hanggi, dob 12/21/72, 295 Clute Road, Naples, appeared on an application for a certificate of relief. The application was granted by the Court

Date: January 11, 2007
Judge: Hon. Dennis F. Bender

Aaron M. Wagner, dob 01/16/82, residing at 22 Yarmouth St., Boston, Mass. waived indictment and pleaded guilty to aggravated unlicensed operation in the first degree and driving while intoxicated, both class E Felonies. The matter was adjourned for sentencing until March 13, 2007. The defendant continued his release on bail to await sentencing.

Taunja L. Covell, dob 11/09/70, residing at 134 Brown St., Penn Yan, appeared on an allegation of non-compliance with a court order. Defendant's conditions of probation were modified to assure compliance with the court's order.

Yates County Investigator charged, relieved of duty

By Loujane Johns
PENNYAN - Kenneth A. Kamholtz, 44, a member of the Yates County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, was charged on Jan. 12, with offering a false instrument for filing second degree (2 counts), a class A misdemeanor.

Kamholtz was charged following investigation into incidents occurring in late September 2006. He was issued an appearance ticket to appear on Jan. 22 in Village of Penn Yan Court. Kamholtz was relieved from duty pending disposition.

The Steuben County District Attorney's Office has been named Special Prosecutor. Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike said, "It is an administrative issue looked into by Steuben County. It would be a conflict with this county to

look at the case. That is why it has been referred to the Steuben County DA's office." Spike would not comment further on details or department impact.

Kamholtz has been with the Yates County Sheriff's Office since 1992.



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Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers; metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
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Yates County Arts Council elects officers

PENNY YAN—The annual meeting and election of officers for the Yates County Arts Center was held on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Yates County Art Center Gallery at 119 East Elm St.

Nancy Langford was elected president, Ginny Deneka is President elect, Bill Bailey is Treasurer and Barbara Pinckney is Secretary.

Other board members are Willie Bilancio, Fran Blied, Sam Castner, Joyce Hunt, Bob Kinney, Howard LeVant, Peter Loughane, Bev Oben and Jean Welch. Carol Conti was newly elected to the board. The board recently held a yearly retreat many new ideas were developed.

Langford said, "I'm really enthusiastic about the Yates County Arts Center. The Gallery is looking great, thanks to

Sam Castner and we have many exciting things planned for the year."

Castner repainted the Gallery, installed new lighting and moved some walls, resulting in a fresh new look.

A program to train docents is set up at the end of the month. Volunteers at the Gallery are always welcome. It's a great way to meet people! For more information and to volunteer call Bev Oben at 536-8629. Kicking off the 2007 season will be an exhibit called "Close to the Heart."

The exhibit will feature art related to things close to the heart such as family, friends, pets, favorite places, etc. The exhibit will also include art that is literally close to the heart such as jewelry.

The exhibit opening will be at the Gallery on Sunday, Feb-



New officers of the Yates County Arts Council are (from left) Nancy Langford, President; Barbara Pinckney, Secretary; Ginny Deneka, President elect.

ruary 4th from two to four pm. This is a change from the usual Friday openings. The YCAC board decided to try a Sunday afternoon opening to accommodate people who don't like driving at night and

people who work and have difficulty attending openings at 5 pm on a Friday. All are welcome to come and see the newly renovated Gallery and enjoy artwork that is "Close to the Heart."

Keuka College, Arts Center receive \$50,000 music grant for Finger Lake Chamber series

KEUKA PARK—Keuka College, in partnership with the Finger Lakes Chamber Music Festival (FLCMF) under the auspices of the Yates County Arts Center (YCAC), has received a \$50,000 grant from the New York State Music Fund for project titled "Beyond the Three B's: 21st Century American Chamber Music."

The funds will help the College and YCAC expand the FLCMF's offerings to include a June workshop for students interested in learning how to compose music. Students will apply and audition for the workshop in the spring semester.

The YCAC is an all-volunteer nonprofit arts organization whose mission is "to enhance and enrich life in Yates County through education and the advancement of arts." Five years ago, the YCAC be-

gan a summer chamber music concert series that became the annual FLCMF.

Keuka College, through its partnership with FLCMF, will donate the use of Norton Chapel as a concert venue in order to create a music education program that meets the needs of both the college and community.

FLCMF Artistic Director Richard Auldon Clark has secured the services of performers from the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra (MCO), as well as composers Seymour Barab and Howard Cass, to work with students who are interested in composing music and hearing it played by world-class musicians.

In addition, award-winning composer Michael Schelle was commissioned to write a special piece in honor of the Festival's fifth anniver-

sary. Schelle's work, along with student-composed pieces, will premiere at a series of six FLCMF concerts in the region, as well as at a MCO concert in New York City.

The FLCMF will also produce a CD that includes the Schelle work, student-created works, and a selection of music performed at the public concerts.

Clark, conductor of the MCO, has recorded more than 40 CDs of mostly American music. As a conductor, violinist and violist, he has made dozens of commercial recordings for Broadway, movies and television.

A Pulitzer Prize-nominated composer, Schelle is a professor of music theory and composition and composer-in-residence at Butler University. His work has been commissioned and performed by nu-

merous U.S. and international orchestras. Barab and Cass are noted musicians and experienced teachers whose compositions are performed widely.

The New York State Music fund was created when the New York State Attorney General's Office resolved investigations against major record companies that had violated state and federal laws prohibiting "pay for play." The settlement agreement stipulated that funds paid by music businesses would support music education and appreciation for the benefit of New York State residents.

Celebrate Service, Yates is set for April 22

KEUKA PARK—Celebrate Service... Celebrate Yates marks its 10th anniversary Sunday, April 22.

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Celebrate Service... Celebrate Yates is a community service day organized by Keuka College students, staff, and faculty and the Yates County Chamber of Commerce with support from other local organizations, merchants, businesses, and citizens.

Citizens from around Yates County come together to help local non-profit organizations, agencies, and citizens. Tasks have included clearing trails, painting, cleaning, and servicing senior citizens and

children. Last year's work sites included Camp Good Days, Grovemont Cemetery, Oliver House and Museum, Dundee Area Youth Center, and Friends of the Outlet, to name a few.

Volunteers will gather in the Dahlstrom Student Center at 11:30 a.m. and after lunch and opening ceremonies, will head out to work sites.

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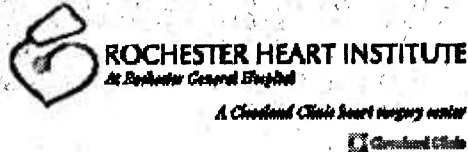
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For hygiene, also remember good old soap and water

By the faculty of Harvard Medical School

Question: Do alcohol-based hand sanitizers work as well as regular hand washing?

Answer: Alcohol-based rubs, sold as "hand sanitizers," are the hot new products in hand hygiene. Purell is the most popular brand-name product, but you'll pay considerably less if you buy a store-brand version. The big advantage of the alcohol-based cleansers is that you don't need water (you just rub the stuff on your hands) or a towel (the alcohol evaporates, leaving your skin dry). So rubs can be used anywhere.

In theory, alcohol-based hand sanitizers are more effective than antibacterial soaps. That's because alcohol changes the shape of proteins that are crucial to the survival of bacteria and viruses. In most studies, alcohol-based cleaners lowered bacterial counts on hands better than plain soap, several kinds of antibacterial soap, and even iodine. In the United States, most of the alcohol-based hand cleansers sold to consumers are 62 percent alcohol. By itself, alcohol would severely dry out your skin, so various skin conditioners are added to maintain moisture.

But don't give up on plain old soap and water just yet. For one thing, soap and water is far better at removing dirt. Rubs are better for bacteria and viruses, but to be effective, they must come in contact with all the surfaces of your hands — back, front, in between the fingers and so forth (see illustration). For that reason, studies have shown that using small amounts (about the amount in a single squirt of sanitizer, or roughly 0.5 milliliters) is really no better than washing with plain soap and water. So keep in mind that the way we actually use alcohol-based products may not be leaving our hands quite as germ-free as we suppose.

On the other hand (pun intended), the convenience of rubs may encourage people to clean their hands more often, especially when they're on the go, so hand hygiene might improve overall. Experts says there's usually no need to use alcohol rubs at home because regular soap and water are readily available and do the job just fine — provided you take the time to do it right. In studies, washing hands with soap and water for 15 seconds (about the time it takes to sing one chorus of "Happy Birthday to You") reduces bacterial counts by about 90 percent. Spend an extra 15 seconds, and bacterial counts drop to nearly zero. Few of us wash our hands that long — 5 seconds is more like it. One reason you're supposed to use cool or lukewarm water is to increase the chances you'll wash them a little longer. Hot water is also more damaging to skin.

Soap and water don't kill germs. Instead, they work by mechanically removing them from your hands. Running water by itself does a pretty good job of germ removal, but soap increases the overall effectiveness by pulling unwanted material off the skin and into the water. In fact, if your hands are visibly dirty or have food on them, soap and water are more effective than hand sanitizers because the proteins and fats in food tend to reduce alcohol's germ-killing power. This is one of the main reasons soap and water is still favored in the food industry.

Even people who are conscientious about washing their hands make the mistake of not drying them properly. Wet hands are more likely to spread germs than dry ones. It takes about 20 seconds to dry your hands thoroughly with paper or cloth towels, and 30 to 45 seconds using an air dryer.

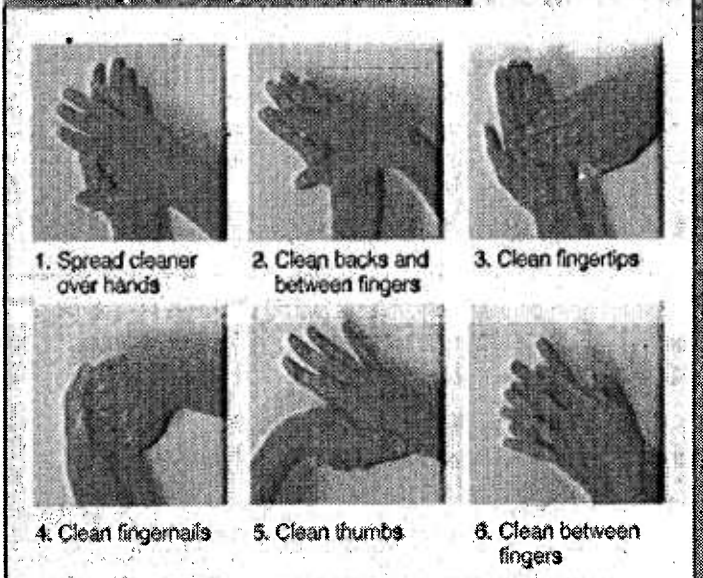
Americans claim they are conscientious hand washers. But when the American Society of Microbiology and a trade association group observed people in public restrooms (in stadiums, train stations, etc.), they found that only 75 percent of men washed their hands. Women weren't perfect, but at 90 percent, they did better than men. Remember, though, that you can overdo your hand washing. Our hands are not meant to be sterile objects. Having some bacteria on the skin is perfectly natural. And the "resident flora," as the experts call these normal bacteria, is probably healthful. Frequent hand washing, even with mild soap, can damage skin, worsening cuts and causing cracks that can harbor even more bacteria. Dry, damaged skin may also spread germs more easily because it flakes off, taking bacteria with it.

How often should you wash your hands? There's no set frequency; it really depends on your activities. Must-wash occasions include after using the bathroom, before eating or preparing food and after being with someone who's ill, particularly if he or she has a respiratory or gastrointestinal infection.

The bottom line: Both alcohol rubs and plain old soap and water can reduce your risk of infection. Use whichever you prefer — as long as you use it often and properly.

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Six steps to super-clean hands



When using alcohol-based hand sanitizers, don't skimp. Use at least two or three squirts and pay close attention to all the surfaces of your hands, as shown above. When washing with soap and water, follow these tips:

- Don't be in such a hurry. It takes about a minute to properly wash and dry your hands.
- Don't scrub. Scrubbing can damage skin, especially if you do it a lot. The resulting cracks and small cuts give pathogens a place to grow.
- Keep your fingernails short. Bacteria like the area under our fingernails. Long nails make it more difficult to keep those areas clean.
- Use hand lotions, especially during the winter. Keeping the skin of your hands intact is essential to good hand hygiene.

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Board to vote to technically split Hornell school

By STEVEN HERNACKI
STAFF WRITER

HORNELL — The Hornell school board will vote today to officially split the two high school houses.

The Hornell city school district board today is expected to authorize Superintendent Richard Kiley to submit a petition to the state Board of Regents to formally register the grades 7-9 house of Hornell High School as Hornell Junior High School.

"We now have two houses, and I want to get them officially recognized by the state," Kiley said. "It's not doing anything differently than we're doing right now," he said.

Assigning the 7-9 house a Basic Educational Data System (BEDS) number will technically designate the junior high school as a separate school. Effectively, the separate number will allow the school to have a separate focus — their students — than the 10-12 high school.

"Since we're running two schools, it's to our benefit to do this," Kiley said.

Once the school is registered, the state Board of Regents will receive a snapshot of the school which will include student and teacher population, curriculum, budget and other statistical information.

The board meets at 7 p.m.

Poll

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Two-thirds of Americans, 66 percent, think the country is on the wrong track. That's about the same as a year ago, when 65 percent thought so, the poll found.

That's a stark reversal from mid-January 2002, when 68 percent said the country was on the right track and 29 percent said it was not. Then, the nation was still coming to grips with the terrorist strikes four months earlier on New York and Washington that killed nearly 3,000 people. And, U.S. troops Bush sent to Afghanistan had toppled the Taliban government that harbored the terrorists believed responsible.

After the U.S. led an invasion of Iraq in March 2003, public support for the mission there began to slide as the war continued, the U.S. death toll climbed and the violence raged on.

John Raab, 77, of Allentown, Pa., a conservative Republican, said the United States can change course "if people rally around the president and he can get this fiasco in Iraq under control."

Kerry Moore-O'Leary, a 31-year-old Democrat from Boston, said it will take new leadership.

Canisteo bid process criticized

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said of Palmer's claim.

Palmer said he submitted his first bid — in the amount of \$14,787 — Nov. 20, 2006, for a four-zone system he said the board desired for the village hall. He also was told the existing boiler would be removed by someone else. "I was then contacted by Mayor McGee on Dec. 19, 2006, and asked to add the labor to the job for removing the existing system," Palmer said. "He also said the board was meeting that night and (asked) if I could get him the quote before the meeting.

"I asked if there would be a decision made that night and he said no," he added. "I offered to go to the meeting and explain the system to the board members and he said that wasn't necessary."

McGee said the village decided to go through a request for proposals procedure to have the heating system installed, and dismissed three that proposed utilizing the existing equipment. He said that left Palmer's — for Isaac — and OnCall Energy, which is based in Avoca.

McGee said he didn't meet with Palmer, that it was Public Works Superintendent Mike Ordway, and also didn't think Palmer was told the village wanted a four-zone system.

"Getting an architect or engineer to design the system would cost taxpayers money," McGee said of the decision to go through the RFP process. "We left it up to the expertise of the offerer."

Palmer also said McGee told him the village would contact him with any questions, and that he just wanted to get the information to the village board so members could look at the information during the holidays. He also said McGee told him a deci-

sion would be made after the first of the year.

The amended quote — adjusted to include the removal of the existing equipment — was \$15,787, Palmer said, noting he dropped it off at McGee's house around 6:20 p.m. Dec. 19. Approximately 20 minutes after Palmer left the bid, he said, he got a call from McGee asking whether the village would get the equipment that would have been removed.

"I told the mayor that was the village's and that they could return the copper for scrap money," Palmer said.

What would be done with the existing equipment was part of the reason for the board's decision, McGee said. He said the boiler in the building was about 8 years old and the village felt it could get some money by selling it. Copper piping, however, McGee said was something

the village didn't want to deal with.

"That was the reason for me calling him back and asking him about the existing equipment, just so that the offerers would be on equal footing," he said. "I think, Isaac, they added some dollars for removal and we would keep the equipment. OnCall was going to give us the boiler and keep the copper pipe, and not add anything to theirs.

"My concern was I didn't want one of these firms to lose money for the cost of removing the boiler with all the piping," McGee added. "That wasn't in either one of the quotes."

Several days later, Palmer received a letter from the village — dated Dec. 20, 2006 — informing him the work had been awarded to another bidder, which had bid \$15,668. After attending the Jan. 9 village board meeting, Palmer

learned the quote that was awarded the work was for a two-zone system, and that the decision had been made the same night he dropped off his quote to McGee.

McGee said both firms offered good equipment from reputable companies, but the OnCall system seemed to be more powerful.

"I'm not an expert in these matters, but the equipment offered by OnCall was ... beefier," he said. "The price difference after you shook all these things out, the two quotes were probably within \$1,000 difference of each other.

"The other consideration was we wouldn't have to fool with selling the copper," McGee added. "That was our decision, be it right or wrong."

Griffin: 5 developers made contact

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down," Griffin said.

He said he told the developers there were a slew of sites available, one of them being the corner which contains the Chamber building and the Adsit house.

The Adsit house has been the center of controversy lately after Eric Shults, of Shults and Shults Law Offices, presented a demolition application for the building at the Jan. 16 city Planning Board meeting. That application, forwarded by Code Enforcement Officer Tim Aiken, was initially approved

by the board and then rescinded once Hornell Mayor Shawn Hogan learned of the action that night. Aiken, according to Hogan, had been instructed to not submit the demolition permit to the board, and has since been suspended with pay for his role in the action.

Griffin previously said he had told any developers, "If you can assemble the corner and do something with it, let us know."

Recently, Griffin sought to diffuse speculation the Chamber building was ready to be sold, and said in a Tribune sto-

ry Jan. 11 that he hadn't heard from any developers since before April of 2006.

Also in the story, Griffin said he didn't know what to think about rumors speculating the corner was going to become the site of commercial development, and added his thought that someone might just be buying the house to fix it up and get tax credits.

Griffin Thursday did not reveal developers' interest in the corner, and defended the right of NYDH LLC, the buyer of the Adsit house from Randie Brewer, to move ahead

with whatever plans it might have for the house erected in 1828 by Martin Adsit.

"Last I knew, in the United States if you own property, you can do what you want with it," Griffin said Thursday.

"I hope this thing settles down, it's too bad when it gets to this point," he added.

Other elected officials weighed in with their thoughts on the possible demolition of the Adsit house and development on that corner.

"It's a historic building and I'd hate to see it go down," Jean Shepard, D-7th, said. She

said it seems senseless to tear down a building to put in grass.

"We've lost enough in this town," she said. "I'd like to see it stay and be refurbished, but who would be able to do that? The city sure wouldn't."

"I think Bill Norton said it all in (Friday's) paper," Glenn Hann, D-8th, said.

Norton said he was concerned development on that corner would increase the amount of traffic at the intersection, which children have to cross in order to get to Hornell Intermediate School.

Spitzer taps Pa. man

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year and will be "the single most important test or failure" of his administration, he said.

Gundersen's job is "pure dedication to the upstate economy," Spitzer said, and he will have the power and resources

to reverse the state's loss of young workers and the frustration of businesses facing high taxes and other competitive disadvantages.

"I have a deep appreciation for the problems. But I also have optimism that we can tackle these issues," said Gundersen, who has a master's degree in governmental administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

"He's a doer. There are lots of people who can talk and get the lingo. He actually gets the job done," said Spitzer.

Gundersen has been working as chief operating officer of Pennsylvania's \$665 million economic development agency and was responsible for the state's overseas business development efforts.

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Dansville supervisor defends Michielson's work

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has been hearsay," Hager added. "People with specific complaints are encouraged to contact the Planning Board, board members, or the town supervisor."

A question about Michielson's refusal to inspect a septic system, was addressed by the board at the meeting, Hager said. He said town law states the CEO is not to be involved in septic except to process paperwork.

"All installations/modifications are to be designed and inspected by a PE (engineer)," Hager said.

Michielson said the town law was in accordance with state Department of Health requirements, which was confirmed by Joe Rome, spokesperson for the state

agency. Rome said the state has waivers with about 20 towns and several villages for using engineered generic plans. He said the waiver allows those towns and villages to have the code enforcement officer inspect the installation and sign off on them.

"Without it, he doesn't have the jurisdiction to do it," Rome said.

Hager told Sanna Jackson,

the resident with questions about the septic inspections, the town had applied for a waiver, but hadn't been notified it had been accepted yet. Rome said the town's waiver went into effect Jan. 2, and Michielson had been correct in not inspecting the system, as it was prior to the waiver going into effect.

"Without the waiver, they are required to have an engi-

neer do the inspection," he said.

Now, though, Rome said Michielson could do the inspections — at least according to the state Department of Health specifications.

"The actual engineer does not need to go out there," he said. "Most engineers design things and they are built to those specifications.

"The person that worked on

them sign papers they executed it to the complete workings of the engineer," Rome added.

"The engineer doesn't actually go out there, the stamp of approval is given because the one who constructs it signs off on it. If that person shorts it, it would be his insurance, his reputation and the engineer probably wouldn't work with that person again."

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New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has filed tariff revisions with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) in compliance with the PSC's August 23, 2006 rate order regarding electricity rates to become effective January 1, 2007. The tariff revisions reflect a \$36.2 million reduction in delivery revenue (a 5.8% overall reduction in delivery rates), further unbundling of competitive services and changes to NYSEG's economic development programs.

Below is a summary of the changes to NYSEG's tariff schedules; affected by the revisions are PSC Nos. 119 and 120 (Electricity), and 121 (Street Lighting). Full details of the tariff changes are available at nyseg.com.

Tariff Revisions to Delivery Prices

Reduction in Residential Rates > An overall 5.7% reduction in electricity delivery rates for residential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kilowatt-hour (kwh) delivery charges, an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 1 (residential regular) and 8 (residential day/night), and a decrease of \$5 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification 12 (residential time-of-use).

Reduction in Small Non-demand, Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.4% reduction in electricity delivery rates for small non-demand billed, nonresidential customers is achieved through a decrease in per kwh delivery charges and an increase of \$2 in the Basic Service Charge for Service Classification Nos. 6 and 9.

Reduction in Other Non-Residential Rates > An overall 6.5% reduction in electricity delivery rates for demand-billed, nonresidential customers.

Standby Rates > An overall 5.8% reduction in electricity delivery rates for customers with interconnected on-site generation qualifying for standby service.

Reduction in Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting > An overall 3.4% reduction in delivery rates for all lighting customers.

Further Unbundling of Competitive Services > The cost of bill issuance has been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will be listed separately on customers' bills. Customers who receive electricity supply from a supplier other than NYSEG and who receive a consolidated bill for delivery and supply will not be charged NYSEG's Bill Issuance Charge. The Merchant Function Charge has also been unbundled from rates and will appear as a separate line item on the bills of customers who purchase electricity supply from NYSEG. For demand-billed nonresidential customers, metering charges have been unbundled from the Basic Service Charge and will appear as separate line items on the bills of customers who receive metering services from NYSEG.

Tariff Revisions to Economic Development Programs

- The company is introducing a new incentive, the Incremental Load Incentive.
- The company is phasing out the Economic Development Incentive, Economic Revitalization Incentive, Incubator Development Incentive and Self Generation Deferral Incentive.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Small Business Growth Incentive is no longer available.
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