

May 22, 2006

Via hand delivery on May 22, 2006

Honorable Michelle L. Phillips Administrative Law Judge State of New York Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Cases 05-E-0934 and 05-G-0935
Public Statement Hearings Regarding the Terms of a Joint Proposal

Judge Phillips:

As requested, please find attached affidavits of publication regarding the notice of public statement hearings on the terms of a Joint Proposal concerning Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation's electric and gas rates for the next three years. The affidavits attached include clippings from the Poughkeepsie Journal on May 13<sup>th</sup>, Kingston Daily Freeman on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and Catskill Daily Mail on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, I am enclosing a clipping from the Times Herald Record on May 17<sup>th</sup>, but have not received an affidavit for that publication at this time.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Mosher

Asst. VP – Regulatory Affairs

### State of New York, ss.: City of Kingston, County of Ulster,

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## Qwest ignored NSA phone records request

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Telecommunications giant Qwest refused to provide the government with access to telephone records of its 15 million customers after deciding the request violated privacy law, a lawyer for a former company executive said Friday. For a sec-

In a written statement, the ernment approached the com- that the NSA collected infor- operations.

Telephone carrier's ex-CEO cited privacy concerns

pany in the fall of 2001 seeking mation on milaccess to the phone records of lions of Ameri-Qwest customers, with neither cans' everyday a warrant nor approval from a special court established to handle surveillance matters.

"Mr. Nacchio concluded that these requests violated the privacy requirements of the ond day, the former National vacy requirements of the Security Agency director defended the spy agency's activation of the Act," attorney Herbert J. Stern said from his Newark, N.J., office.

attorney for former Qwest CEO, facing new questions about civil Joseph Nacchio said the gov- liberties after the disclosure phone-calls database or specific

telephone calls. On Friday, CIA director

nominee

Michael Hay-

den defended

as lawful the

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lance programs he oversaw as NSA head The Bush administration is from 1999 to 2005, but he declined to comment on the

appropriate members of Conthe request to turn over phone gress," Hayden fold reporters records shortly after Sept. 11, outside a Senate office. "The only purpose of the agency's activities is to preserve the ecurity and the liberty of the American people. And I think ve've done that."

Nacchio told Qwest officials o refuse the NSA requests, which kept coming until Nacchio left the company in June 2002, his lawyer said.

In contrast, AT&T Corp., Verzon Communications Inc. and or consent of the subscriber.

"It's been briefed to the BellSouth Corp. complied with 2001, USA Today first reported on Thursday.

Verizon faces its first lawsuit that claims the phone carrier violated privacy laws for giving phone records to the National Security Agency for a secret surveillance program.

The lawsuit filed Friday asks the court to stop Verizon from turning over any more records to the NSA without a warrant

vast intrusion of civil liberties we've ever seen in the United States," said New Jersey attorney Bruce Afran, who sued with attorney Carl Mayer in federal district court in Manhattan, where Verizon is headquartered.

Qwest, the No. 4 U.S. local phone company, serves customers in 14 Western states. Based in Denver, Qwest Communications International Inc. has come under fire over criminal and ethical allegations. Nacchio himself is under federal indictment on insider-trading

### 9 states cited for subpar teacher quality

WASHINGTON (AP) -Not a single state will have a highly qualified teacher in every core class this school year as promised by President, Bush's education law. Nine states along with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico face penalties.

The Education Department on Friday ordered every state to explain how it will have 100 percent of its core teachers qualified - belatedly - in the 2006-07 school year.

In the meantime, some states face the loss of federal aid because they didn't make enough effort to comply on time, officials said.

They are Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina and Washington, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico

"At some point there was, I suspect, a little bit of notion that 'This too shall pass,'" said Henry Johnson, the assistant secretary over elementary and secondary education. "Well, the day of reckoning is here, and it's not

going to pass, your make the Department officials would not say how much aid could be withheld from states to force compliance. But Johnson said, In some cases, we're talking about large amounts of money."

States often fell short because they did not report accurate or complete data about the quality of the teacher corps, said Rene Islas, who oversees the department's review.

The 4-year-old No Child Left Behind law says teachers must have a bachelor's degree, a state license and proven competency in every subject they teach by this year. The first federal order of its kind, it applies to teachers other core class.



### Iraqi military units clash amid sectarian violence

tion L cen two Iraqi army units left one soldier kill and one civilian dead Friday, raising questions milita about the U.S. trained force's ability to maintain dead and 12 wounded. control at a time when sectarian and ethnic ten-

control problems facing the new Iraqi army, which clear the way, and one Iraqi Shiite civilian was the Americans hope can take over security in killed. most of the country by the end of the year. It also shows that divisions within the military mirror Balad rushed to the scene, and the Kurds decided those of Iraqi society at large.

The trouble started when a roadside bomb struck an Iraqi armiy convoy, which police said was fired, killing one Shiite soldier, Iraqi police said.

DAD, Iraq (AP) An armed confrontament up of Kurdish sold s. Four soldiers were en five Iraq army units left one soldier kill and three were w. led, police said U.S. e civilian dead. Friday raising questions military officials put the casualty figure at one

According to both the U.S. and Iraqi accounts, the wounded were rushed to the U.S. military hossions are running high. the wounded were rushed to the U.S. military hos-The incident near Duluyalt, about 45 miles pital in Balad. Police said that as the Kurdish solnorth of Baghdad, illustrates the command and diers drove to the hospital, they fired weapons to

Shiite soldiers from another Iraqi unit based in to take their woun led elsewhere, Iraqi police said. Iraqi troops tried to stop them and shots were

### Pipeline blast kills up to 200

ILADO, Nigeria (AP) -Gasoline gushing from a ruptured pipeline exploded Friday as villagers scavenged for fuel, setting off an inferno that killed up to 200 and left charred bodies scattered around the site in this oil-rich country of mostly poor peo-

Grim-faced rescue workers swung corpses into a mass grave as dozens of other scorched bodies awaited collection. It appeared some victims tried to flee the unfolding disaster only to be overtaken by flames spreading across the fuel slick.

The stark outlines of white skeletons lay against a beach charred black by f Other bodies floated aungside dozens of plastic jerrycans in the nearby waters of the coastal mangrove sw p. The jerrycans, which had contained pilfered gas, were twisted by the heat of the explo-

More than 1,000 people in Nigeria, Africa's oil giant, have died in recent years when fuel they were pilfering from pipelines caught fire and officials said it would likely happen again.

"Because this thing has happened many times before, we thought it would be a deterrent, but apparently it wasn't enough deterrent for these people who died," said Lagos State Health Commissioner Tola Kasali, surveying the scene near Ilado, about 30 miles east of the main city of

Lagos. "Anywhere you have a pipeline in this country, you have this problem because people are greedy and they want quick money," Kasali

It was not known what set off the fire. An FBI official in them a mass burial because Washington said the bureau no one can recognize them was working on the case but even their family members did not explain whether foul can't identify them," he said.



People pray near the gas pipeline that exploded at the waterside village of llado, about 28 miles from Lagos, Nigeria, Friday.

play was suspected. The FBI often gets involved in criminal investigations abroad when Americans are involved or when asked by the host country. The Most

Police and rescue workers said villagers were collecting the gushing gas when the fuel ignited, and Lagos Police Commissioner Emmanuel Adebayo said 150 to 200 people died. The Red Cross had said it was treating survivors, but no live victims were seen.

By day's end, about 100 of the dead had been interred, and Kasali said cleanup efforts would resume Satur-

He said the uncollected bodies pose a health risk to the millions of inhabitants of Lagos, whose skyline could be seen on the horizon.

"We just decided to give

### Bush may send Guard troops to Mexican border

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bush, trying to build administration momentum for an overhaul of the nation's immigration laws, is considering plans to shore up the Mexican border with National Guard troops paid for by the federal government, according to senior administration officials.

One defense official said military leaders believe the number of troops required could of math, history and any range from 3,500 to 10,000, depending on the final plan.

official cautioned that the 10,000 figure was too high. The officials

insisted on anonymity since no decision has been announced.

The president was expected to reveal his plans in an address Monday at 8 p.m. EDT.

It will be the first time he has used the Oval Office for a domestic policy speech - a gesture intended to underscore the importance he places on the divisive immigration issue. The key questions Friday

were exactly how many National Guard troops might be deployed, for how long and at what cost to taxpayers - as well as the problem of possible disruption of upcoming deployments to Iraq and elsewhere overseas.

O.J. Simpson prank called morally reprehensible In a scene from his new candid-camera program "Juiced," O.J. Simpson pulls a prank involving the infamous white Bronco, draw-

ing criticism from the family of a man he was accused of killing. As part of the pay-per-view show, Simpson pretends to sell the Bronco at a used car lot and boasts to a

prospective buyer that he made the

vehicle famous, according to a seg-

ment aired Thursday on "Inside Edi-

"It was good for me - it helped me get away, Simpson said, referring to the slow-speed, televised police chase that preceded his 1994 arrest on charges of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, 🦠 🍻

Goldman's father, Fred, told O.J. Simpson "Inside Edition" he found Simpson's

comment "morally reprehensible." Simpson was acquitted of murder. A civil jury later held him liable for the deaths and ordered him to pay \$33.5 million to the Brown and Goldman families

Much of that judgment remains unpaid.

### Ex-teen idol gets 90 days in jail

Leif Garrett was sentenced to 10 days in jail and three years' probation after opting out of a drug treatment program.

The 44-year-old former teen id was given credit Thursday for the jail time he had already greed since being taken into custody March 30 after a Superior Court commissioner determined he failed several drug test while staying in a live in drug diversion program.

Garrett's attorney, Andrew Flier, said his client decided to leave the program, which required frequent tests and daily counseling, because it was too stict.

Garrett pleaded guilty last year to attempted possession of

cocaine-based narcotics based on a 2004 arrest and was placed in a less stringent, outpatient rehab program. Earlier this year, he checked into the live in program after he failed a drug test and acknowledged he needed more help.

He has appeared in three dozen films, mostly in the 1970s and '80s, and has released 10 music albums.

### Dee Snider rasing money for preemies

Twisted Sister singer Dee Snider and some of his biker buddies are planning a ride to raise money for premature babies.

Two of the Long Island native's four children were born 7 1/2 weeks premature, prompting his involvement in the March of Dimes "Bikers for Babies" event May 21. "When you're in there in that preemie ward,

you see a lot of seriously ill babies," the 51-yearold singer says. "Your baby is in there at 4 pounds and you're so worried, and they're bringing in 1-pounders, 11/2-pounders. You look at these kids with respiratory problems and cir-culatory system issues and all kinds of problems, and the med-

ical expenses are astronomical.

He's asking fans to sponsor him by pledging any amount through a link on his Web site.

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### **Briefs**

### Inspector general probes **HUD** secretary's comments

WASHINGTON (AP) -An inspector general is investigating Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson's comments to a business group that he rejected an advertising contract because the contractor had criticized President Bush.

"We have received a number of complaints from the public as well as from members of Congress," Michael Zerega, spokesman for HUD's inspector general, said Friday. "We are review-ing this matter and will look to the facts and any applicable law or requirements."

Jackson issued an apology Wednesday, saying he made up the story. He won Bush's support Friday.

#### Camp counselors jailed for assaulting boys

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) - Two teenagers were sentenced Friday to at least a month in jail for poking young boys in the buttocks with broomsticks while working as counselors at a summer camp.

Clifton Bennett, 18, and Kyle Wheeler, 19, were accused of poking the boys over their clothing with broomsticks, a flashlight and a cane as a punishment or just because they were in a bad mood.

Bennett, the son of a powerful state senator, was sentenced Friday to 30 days in jail. Wheeler received 45 days.

apologized, Bennett telling the judge he had compromised the campers "ability to live their lives."

The teens pleaded guilty to assault last month. Prosecutors dropped more seri-ous charges of kidnapping and aggravated assault, sparing them from the pos-

sibility of decades in prison.
Although the 18 victims wore underwear or swim trunks during the so-called "broomings," photos taken by fellow campers showed them grimacing in pain.

#### Ruling blocks California's high school exit exam

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - A judge Friday suspended California's high school exit exam, finding it discriminatory in a ruling that could allow thousands of students who failed the test to get their diplomas

Superior Court Judge Robert Freedman also denied the state's request to immediately stay the decision pending an appeal.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell said the state would immediately appeal the ruling, which he said creates "chaos" for more than 1,100 high schools that are completing graduation prepara-

"There are students who are within days of graduation. They are left with uncertainty over whether they will be granted a diploma," O'Connell said in a teleconference. "How are these students and these schools to plan for their futures?"

#### Small plane crashes beside Ga. house, 2 dead

CUMMING, Ga. (AP) -A small plane crashed beside a house Friday morning, killing the two passengers onboard, authorities said.

Killed in the crash were the pilot, Lee Zimmerman, of Roswell, and a passenger. David McAdoo, of Talking Rock, officials said. Their ages were not immediately available.

The crash was so severe that the victims likely were killed instantly, Forsyth County Sheriff's Department spokesman Capt.

Frank Huggins said. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said the plane was a two-seat, singleengine, 1971 Cessna 150L.

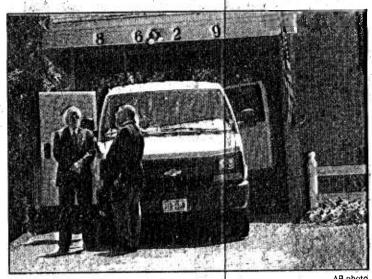
### Feds search home of CIA's No. 3 man

WASHINGTON (AP) -Federal agents searched the home and office of the CIA's departing No. 3 official on Friday as part of a corruption investigation that has sent a former congressman to prison and now involves CIA con-

Investigators from five federal agencies acted under search warrants at the home of Kyle "Dusty" Foggo in Vienna, Va., and his office at the CIA's Langley, Va., campus, FBI spokeswoman Debra Weierman said. Both locations are in the Washington suburbs.

The warrants themselves were sealed and officials would not discuss what agents were seeking.

Foggo agreed to step down as the CIA's executive officer under pressure because federing whether he improperly anonymity because investigaawarded contracts to San tions were ongoing.



Federal authorities confer next to a van at the home of recently retired CIA higher-up Kyle Foggo Friday in Vienna, Va.

Diego businessman and friend

Prosecutors have implicated Brent Wilkes, according to Wilkes in a scheme to bribe federal law enforcement and former Rep. Randy "Duke" intelligence officials. They Cunningham, R-Calif., but he al authorities are investigat spoke on condition of has not been charged and his lawyer has said Wilkes did nothing wrong.

### Palestinians give jewels, paychecks to cash-strapped gov't

debate inside the militant group over whether ing their entire paychecks. to accept a state alongside Israel.

in monthly tax transfers to the Palestinians, and the United States and European Union freezing hundreds of millions of dollars in aid.

Without the money, the Palestinian Authority has been unable to pay its 165,000 workers for the past two months and is having trouble buying medicines and other vital supplies.

In a show of solidarity with Hamas, about needs. 5,000 Palestinians gathered in the northern West Bank city of Nablus to make personal contributions to the government.

plate. A group of gunmen from the Al Aqsa

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) - Thousands of Martyrs' Brigades, affiliated with the Fatah Hamas followers gathered Friday to donate. Party, fired rifles in the air before donating money and jewelry to their cash-strapped gov- \$22. The contributions were touted over megaernment, while a Western boycott stirred phones, and some people said they were donat-

These donations are our way of telling the The Hamas-led government has been under world that we can live without them, and our increasing economic pressure since taking children are paying what the Europeans office in March, with Israel halting \$55 million should be paying," said Bassam al-Shaqaa, a former mayor of Nablus.

A telethon, broadcast on television with Hamas officials fielding calls, received pledges from as far as Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Officials did not say how much money they raised, but it was at most a tiny fraction of the tens of millions of dollars the government

Israel and the West have said they would only deal with Hamas and restore the flow of money if the group recognizes Israel, Several women put jewelry in a collection renounces violence and abides by prior peace

### NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 5, 200

INTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS REGARDING THE TERMS OF A JOINT PROPOSAL CONCERNING CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ÉLECTRIC PORATION'S ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

On April 20, 2006, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson), Department of Public Service Staff, Multiple Intervenors and the US Department of Defense/Federal Executive Agencies filed a Joint Proposal for the resolution of all issues pending in this proceeding. The Joint Proposal recommends rates and service provisions that would apply for the next three rate years. The terms of the Joint Proposal may be approved, modified, or rejected by the Commission, in whole or in part.

The Joint Proposal and summaries of the Joint Proposal are available at the Commission's website at: http://www.dps.state.ny.us/05E0934.html

These documents also may be viewed at the Department of Public Service's offices in New York City, at 90 Church Street, or in Albany, on the 14th floor, at Three Empire State Plaza.

Interested members of the public may provide their comments regarding the Joint Proposal at public statement hearings to be held as follows:

### Poughkeepsie

Monday, May 22, 2006, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dutchess County Office Building Legislative Chambers, 6th floor 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York

### Kingston

Monday, May 22, 2006, 7 p.m. Kingston City Hall Council Chambers 420 Broadway Kingston, New York

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material to speak at the public statement hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. All comments at the hearings will be transcribed and become part of the Commission's formal record. Each hearing session will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service Human Resource Office at the previously mentioned number.

### Other Ways to Comment

Writing: Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may also comment by writing to Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Such comments should refer to "Cases 05-E-0934 and 05-G-0935 - Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation - Rates - Joint Proposal."

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 44 hours a day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments about the Joint Proposal.

Internet: Comments may also be made via the "PSC Comment form," in the "Consumer Assistance" file accessed through the Commission's website at http://www.drs.state.ny.us. Many libraries offer

All comments submitted via one of these alternative means should be submitted or mailed and post marked no later than June 2, 2006. All statements and comments received by the Commission will become part of the record, made available for inspection in the Commission's fle room, and be reported to the Commission for its consideration.

These matters are being heard in Case 05-E-0934, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electrc Corporation for Electric Service, and Case 05-G-0935, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Gas Serice.

> JACIYN A. BRILLING Secretary

The Joint Proposal, originally served on the parties on April 17, 2006 and file with the Commission on April 18, 2006, was subsequently restated on April 19, 2006 and refiled on April 20, 2006.

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### Faso facing long odds

FASO REDUX - Republican-Conservative candidate for governor John Faso of Kinderhook likes to remind people he lost a race for state comptroller to Democrat Alan Hevesi by only 3 percentage points in 2002.

But running governor is an entirely different prospect.

In the race for comptroller, Faso, an eight-term assemblyman and former minority leader, could run well below the radar. People generally don't talk about taxes, reapportionment, a woman's right to choose, economic development, jobs and schools when they seek the office of chief fiscal officer. Governor is different, as Faso, a veteran political operative at only 53, undoubtedly appreciates.

Faso expects to get the Conservative Party nomination when delegates convene next week. That's something of a blessing and a curse in New York, one of the nation's blue states.

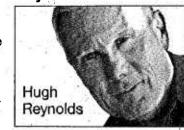
On one hand, as Faso repeatedly points out, no Republican candidate has been elected to state office in the last three decades without the Conservative Party endorsement. On the other and, Conservatives exact a right-wing litmus test that can drive Republicans to the fringe, where only a handful of votes can be had.

Faso got a hint of what that might be like this week via a stinging press release from New York City-based "Republican Majority for Choice," which called him "the anti-choice" for his "farright extremist views" on reproductive issues. Moreover, the group, which I couldn't reach for comment, warned that Faso might drag down the rest of the Republican ticket, jeopardizing GOP control of the state Senate.

First, of course, he has to be nominated. Former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld traveled across the border to runfor the top spot here. Surprisingly, much of the state GOP establishment seems to have lined up behind Weld. And they called Hillary a carpetbagger in 2000?

That Faso, who could have run for comptroller in 1994, but stepped aside for Conservative candidate Herb London in order to give George Pataki the all-important Conservative nomination, is now something of a pariah among both ran with Democratic

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how far Faso, the Republican Party, or both, have fallen.

Then there's Eliot Spitzer. Practically a folk hero for taking on Wall Street crooks, many are already conceding the election to the Democratic attorney general.

I'll say one thing about Faso: He talks a good game. He's sharp, articulate, fires facts off on any issue, knows every nook and cranny of the state. He has some hands-on, grassroots government experience as a member of the state control board that has supervised bankrupt Buffalo and its school system for several years.

Faso is a good looking candidate with quick wit, no small thing in this media age. How much of that handsome visage finds its way into TV commercials remains problematical. Faso says he's raised \$1 million as of January, "more since." He believes the money will come pouring in once he secures the Republican nomination, but with a primary looming, that might not happen until mid-September. Spitzer already has 10 times that in reserve.

So, maybe the question at this juncture is what makes John run?

I the it's because he is a political animal. He craves the action and chases the spotlight. Making six figures s a Wall Street or mo lawyer nice; it pays some

big bills. But it's not the pit. Can he make it this year? Even without Spitzer, it would be a long shot.

PARTY TIME - It turns out that the 21-12 Democrat majority elected to the Ulster County Legislature in November isn't quite what it seems. Two of the legislators the Democrats count among their majority, Tracey Bartels of Gardiner and Mary Sheeley of Ellenville, aren't Democrats. In fact, the real Democrat majority is 19-12, suffi-

cient but no mortal lock. While Bartels and Sheeley

second time for Bartels -Sheeley was an enrolled Conservative and Bartels remained non-enrolled.

Sheeley, 62, seems to have seen the light. Recently, she enrolled as a Democrat, though it won't officially take effect until Nov, 12.

"Since I was supported by the party and I caucus with them, I thought it was the right thing to do," said firsttermer Sheeley, adding party Chairman John Parete "never asked me what my enrollment was when he asked me to run and nobody every pressured me to join the party. I appreciated that."

Bartels comes at it from another direction: "Obviously, this was a considered decision. This was my second run," she said of her independent stance, noting she's grateful for Democratic support and understands that without it, getting elected might have been more difficult, if not impossible.

But, Bartels, 35, something of a free thinker, believes the problems of society at the state and national levels can be dropped at the doorstep of the two-party system.

"It should be more inclusive, not just two parties," she said. In fact, she belongs to no parties, as do a third of Ulster County's registered voters.

"If I'm forced to enroll (as a Democrat), I would, but I don't think I will be," she said.

Ulster Democrats can afford to be magnanimous, but what might happen if, say, the party regresses and a elects only 16 party members next year?

I predict they will be a little less underständing about? Bartels' independence.

\* \* \* NOTE - There used to be a Kingston alderman named Bill (Pucker) Davis, who was elected from the Wilbur area as a Liberal with Democratic support.

Every now and then, Pucker would declare himself "the real minority leader," since he was but one (Liberal) among 13 aldermen. He was ignored.

Hugh Reynolds is the Freeman's political editor. His column appears Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Readers may e-mail him at fellow Republicans speaks to endorsements last year - the hreynolds@freemanonline.com.

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#### **NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** May 5, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS REGARDING THE TERMS OF A JOINT PROPOSAL CONCERNING CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

On April 20, 2006, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson), Department of Public Service Staff, Multiple Intervenors and the US Department of Defense/Federal Executive Agencies filed a Joint Proposal for the resolution of all issues pending in this proceeding.\(^1\) The Joint Proposal recommends rates and service provisions that would apply for the next three rate years. The terms of the Joint Proposal may be approved, modified, or rejected by the Commission, in whole or in part.

The Joint Proposal and summaries of the Joint Proposal are available at the Commission's website at: http://www.dps.state.ny.us/05E0934.html

These documents also may be viewed at the Department of Public Service's offices in New York City, at 90

Church Street, or in Albany, on the 14th floor, at Three Empire State Plaza. Interested members of the public may provide their comments regarding the Joint Proposal at public

statement hearings to be held as follows:

### Poughkeepsie

Monday, May 22, 2006, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Dutchess County Office Building** Legislative Chambers, 6th floor 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York

**Kingston** 

Monday, May 22, 2006, 7 p.m. Kingston City Hall Council Chambers 420 Broadway, Kingston, New York

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material to speak at the public statement hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. All comments at the hearings will be transcribed and become part of the Commission's formal record. Each hearing session will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service Human Resource Office at the previously mentioned number.

### Other Ways to Comment

Writing: Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may also comment by writing to Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Such comments should refer to "Cases 05-E-0934 and 05-G-0935 - Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation — Rates - Joint Proposal."

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments about the Joint Proposal.

Internet: Comments may also be made via the "PSC Comment Form," in the "Consumer Assistance" file accessed through the Commission's website at http://www.dps.state.ny.us. Many libraries offer

All comments submitted via one of these alternative means should be submitted or mailed and post marked no later than June 2, 2006. All statements and comments received by the Commission will become part of the record, made available for inspection in the Commission's file room, and be reported to the

These matters are being heard in Case 05-E-0934, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Electric Service, and Case 05-G-0935, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for Gas Service.

> JACLYN A. BRILLING Secretary

The Joint Proposal, originally served on the parties on April 17, 2006 and filed with the Commission on April 18, 2006, was subsequently restated on April 19, 2006 and refiled on April 20, 2006.

### Letters to the editor

### Onteora losing dedicated people

Dear Editor:

plan to have just one contractor to do all the all who drive school buses. We go through

to the editor. I have no objection to one conjust not true.

I have been an employee of Russell Bus Co. for 25 years and have had a wonderful relabut things got put off and they were committed to finishing their contract for Onteora. included in the meeting regarding it. They also were never told about the bidding. Whether or and this was unfair.

Second, comments are circulating that make it sound as though with the new plan students will be safer. This is also untrue. Whether or not you are employed by the school or a pri-

### Do they fill the bill?

It's time to hold our politicians to the same standards as our school bus drivers. Would any parents entrust their children to a drunken drug addict who doesn't know where he is at 3 a.m. to drive their children to school? I don't think so.

Then why do we allow lowlifes like that to make life-and-death decisions for us all? A background check should be performed on any candidate for public office, same as for an applicant for a school bus driver job. If this standard was applied to the present bunch of lawbreakers in Washington, more than half second-class citizens. We all do our jobs quite

would be packing their bags now. yourself, would I want this person to drive my wonderful people. Sad that no one seems to kids to school? You may not want to vote for care. any of the above.

HENRY J. BRAUER

vate contractor, it is all under the Article 19 I am writing about Onteora School District's laws of New York. Safety is the No. 1 issue for training every year, plus physicals, drug test-I take exception to some comments in letters ing, driver testing, fitness testing, regardless of who we work for. I take objection to the tractor handling the entire district, but to say innuendo that contractors' safety records are all were notified of a meeting regarding this is not as good as the district's own transportation system. We have an excellent record of safety and maintenance of our buses. We have dedicated employees, most whom have been tionship with Clyde Russell, his wife, Elinor, driving with Clyde Russell for anywhere from and their entire family. This was a small com- 10 to 30-plus years. Our turnover is very low. pany, but a very hard-working one. The Rus- I have been working with the same people for sells were planning on retirement this year, years, and they all care very much for the safe-

ty of your children. If Onteora feels that one contractor should They were never told about this new plan, or handle all the work, I have no objection to that and will gladly (with some sadness) move on and work for Hoyt Transportation. I have a not they would have chosen to bid is not the high regard for them also. The thing I don't issue. The fact is, they were not even informed understand though is why Onteora is going to keep a handful of buses and drivers rather than have Hoyt do everything. It would make more sense to just have a transportation supervisor and one company to handle it all. We are still splitting it up by keeping the Onteora transportation going. It means keeping mechanics, bus drivers secretaries, etc., all of whom receive a very nice benefits package that adds to the transportation expenses. It seems we could save a little by eliminating

> Finally, the tragedy that occurred four years ago when Kevin O'Connor lost his life had nothing to do with any contractor or their lack of controls. It was an internal problem that came right from the school system, so don't make it sound like the contractors had anything to do with that outcome.

Clyde Russell, Hoyt, Tonche Transit and Evco have given years of service to this district. Please don't make it sound like we are well. Check your records and then rethink So folks, before you vote for a candidate, ask what you have to say. Onteora is losing some

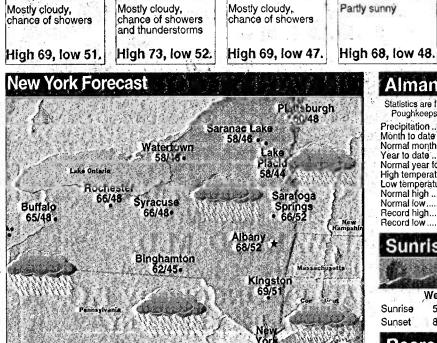
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### Bank embezzler gets year in federal prison

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Karen Croizer, who now lives in Kingston, offered a tearful apology in court on Tuesday, saying she was sorry she caused her family and bank employees such "pain, humiliation and embarrassment."

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"I am deeply remorseful," said Croizer, who has children ages 8 and 11.

The prosecutor in the case, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tina Sciocchetti, said she hopes the sentence "brings some sense of justice and closure to in November 2005 and that the hard-working employees of Rondout Savings Bank who worked side by side with the defendant and were so betrayed by her actions and breach of trust."

Sharpe allowed Croizer to wait until June 27 to begin her sentence. Gaffney said his client probably will be sent to a federal prison camp in either Danbury, Conn., or West Virginia.

The only federal prison camp in West Virginia is Alderson, where celebrity out Savings Bank from 1995homemaker Martha Stewart served five months in late 2004 and early 2005 for lying to investigators about a stock

Neither Croizer nor her husband commented after Tuesday's court proceeding.

Gaffney said Thierry Croizwhich he said he didn't know from the Kingston-based

Gaffney said Karen Croizer was paid about \$110,000 a year as a bank vice president. Thierry Croizer, as a Kingston police sergeant, makes budget.

In court papers, Gaffney installing a pool and fees for offered a possible explanation a Walt Disney Vacation Club, for his client's behavior.

Noting the Croizer's mother died of cancer at age 53. Gaffney wrote: "Although (Croizer) had no need whatsoever to misappropriate funds from the Rondout Savings Bank while serving in her capacity of vice president and director of bank operations, it is respectfully submitted that she did it in order to provide for her husband and two children in the event that she, too, would be stricken with cancer at an early

father died of a heart attack in April.

It was not the sentence we wanted ... but it was about as favorable as we could get.

Daniel Gaffney, Karen Croizer's attorney

Croizer is in counseling for "her guilt (over) having possibly caused her father's heart attack as a result of the publicity surrounding" embezzlement case.

Sharpe characterized Croizer's theft and purchases as a "selfish self-promotion, and not just on the future security of family."

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Croizer served as assistant vice president and controller of Rond-98 and vice president and director of operations from 1998 until April 2002.

A comprehensive audit concluded that Croizer employed several methods of theft, including overstating the amount of reported salary expenses, creating fictitious er passed a lie-detector test in invoices to support fraudulent entries and cashing his wife was stealing money checks made payable to the Rondout Savings Bank and Rondout Financial Services.

Croizer typically deposited the stolen money into her personal bank account and used the funds to produce teller checks to pay personal \$73,366 per year, including expenses, such as credit benefits, according to the city cards bills, tuition for her children, the cost of according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Additionally, officials said, Croizer used some of the stolen money to expensive vehicles buy (including a 2002 Mercedes-Benz), jewelry and other vacations.

Brian Smith, president and chief executive officer of Rondout Savings Bank, would not comment on Tuesday's sentencing but said but said the case was "unfortunate for everybody."

Daniel Devine, who was the bank's president during Gaffney also said Croizer's Croizer's employment, retired

Partly sunny

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Weather Central's 5-Day Forecast for Kingston

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Partly sunny

High 68, low 48.

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and thunderstorms. Highs 64-67.

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Albany	8:44 a.m.	2:58 a.m.
	9:01 p.m.	3:51 p.m.
Castleton	8:27 a.m.	2:29 a.m.
	8:44 p.m.	3:22 p.m.
Tomorrow	High Tide	Low Tide
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Albany	9:35 a.m.	3:50 a.m.
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Castleton	9:18 a.m.	3:21 a.m.
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### Kingston budget fails; 2 incumbents win

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included rehabilitating the

long-vacant Carnegie Library

building next to KHS and

early

education by implementing a

second-language program and

enhancing the district's gifted-

"I got the support from the

Thompson-Hopgood said she

was glad she could share with

voters her desire to implement

individual education plans for

each student in the district and

her concerns about gangs and

uation," she said. "I got a venue

to voice opinions and to let peo-

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Gerard Gretzinger,

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said. School districts are allowed to hold a second public vote on a budget - either the same plan or a revised one - but must resort to an austerity budget, in which the spending increase over the previous year is capped, if the second proposal fails at the polls.

School district Superintendent Gerard Gretzinger said the Board of Education will meet at 6:30 this evening at J. Watson Bailey Middle School to consider possible changes to the budget.

"The public sent a clear message that the budget was too high - that either the tax levy or the budget was too high — so we're going to do everything we can to bring it lower," Gretzinger said.

Gretzinger declined to comment on how the budget might be revised before a planned revote in June?

School district officials said previously that factors driving the budget increase were steep increases in fuel costs and \$2 million in additional retirement costs.

Fletcher, a dentist who has served on the board for three years, ran a campaign of developing a five-year building improvement plan for the district and initiating a replacement schedule for district vehi-

"I'm very pleased that the voters came out to vote," he said. "There was a good showing, and I'm very pleased that I'll be able to serve on the board for another three years." Shaughnessy platform to really hear the truth."

School voters OK 9 budgets, reject 9 others

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**Northern Dutchess** 

In Rhinebeck, a proposed \$23.6 million budget proposal failed, 693-546.

In Red Hook, a \$38.4 million proposal was rejected, 992-905. Voters in Hyde Park

defeated a \$70.2 million budget proposal, 2,006-1,438. In Pine Plains, the proposed \$23.2 million budget

Columbia County

won narrow approval, 299-

Germantown approved a \$12.5 million budget proposal, 340-187.

**Greene County** 

Catskill's \$30.13 million proposal budget approved, 527-424.

In the Cairo-Durham school district, the proposed \$22.3 budget was defeated.

648-580. In the Coxsackie-Athens district, voters approved a

\$22.6 plan, 699-568. In the Hunter-Tannersville, voters gave 437-270 approval to an \$11.3 million budget.

IN NEW Paltz, where the budget was approved by a 300-vote margin, Board of Education President Laura Walls called the passage "very rewarding."

"We worked hard with the superintendent to craft a budget that was as lean as it could be," she said, In Rondout Valley, where

the budget failed by only 30 votes, District Clerk Debra Barbiani said she was "disappointed."

"It's hard because we want to have everything we need for the kids," she said.

Of the Kingston thumbs down, Superintendent Gerard Gretzinger said: "The public sent a clear message that the budget was too high - that either the tax levy or the budget was too high, so we're going to do everything we can to bring it lower."

DURHAM - For the sec- 620 to 423, while fellow ond consecutive year, Cairo- incumbent Durham school district voters on Tuesday defeated an initial lenger, Greg Koerner-Fox, 578 budget proposal, this time by a 68-vote margin.

The proposed \$22.29 million budget for the 2006-07 was rejected, 648 to 580. The plan would have increased spending by 8.21 percent over the current year's budget of \$20.6 million, and projected year terms. This will be Freean 8.8 percent increase in the district, tax levy, from \$9.54 million to \$10.38 million.

Last year voters turn down the district's initial budget proposal, forcing officials have authorized the school to make cuts and offer a board to continue a bus reduced spending plan. The replacement program by purrevised 2005-06 budget was approved at the polls.

In the contest for three Webb, Patrick and Li were seats on the Board of Educanot available for comment tion, incumbent board President August Freemann defeated challenger Nicholas Russo, Library, 702 to 511.

O'Connell defeated his chalto 373. Newcomer Mary Anne Sawyer, who ran unopposed, received 806 votes to secure the seat being vacated by Trustee David Infantino, who chose not to seek re-election. Freemann, O'Connell and

Christopher

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Sawyer will each serve threemann's fourth term on the board and O'Connell's first full term.

Voters also defeated, 635 to 594, a proposition that would chasing nine 66-passenger school buses at a cost not to exceed \$800,000.

In a separate proposition, voters approved the \$16,500 budget for the Cairo Public

### Records offer glimpse of Ulster County in 1700s

Continued from page A1 Arthur Davis and his wife,

Jean Larkin Davis. Their children, while in the process of settling their parents' estate, discovered the documents and offered to donate the collection to the Senate House State Historic Site in King-

Rich Goring, regional historic preservation supervisor for the state Office of Parks and Historic Sites, recognized the importance of the documents and negotiated with the family to donate the material to the county archives instead.

"We are very appreciative of the Senate House and the Davis family to do what they can to preserve the history of Ulster County," said Postupack, who added that the documents may benefit historians, researchers, genealogists and educators. "Any time you can trace history back and see how the area develops, it enrichés our lives. It's a true learning experience. The documents will truly give you an insight into the way of life of the people of colonial Ulster County

Included in the bundle of documents are early 18th century minutes of the Kingston Town Court, the Ulster County Court of Common Pleas

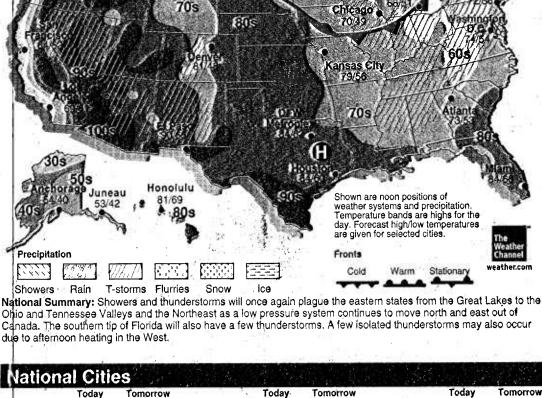
Discussion surrounding the regulation of ring fences, the exchange of gifts to retain peace with Indians, and the collection the Queen's taxes are all included in the bundle of documents. All are handwritten on rag paper, and, according to Postupack, are in remarkably good condi-

"I'm amazed at the condition of the records," said Postupack. "We will definitely preserve them so that people can see them without having to handle them."

In addition to the records donation, Postupack also announced the creation of the Records Donation Program, to "reunite records from the Ulster County government, to recognize the donors for giving back to the county and to encourage the rightful return of county records."

"The Records Donation Program is another step forward in the preservation of these and other original documents," said city of Kingston Historian Edwin M. Ford, who attended Kingston High School with the Davises. "It is most fitting to have (the judge and his wife) honored by the donation of these priceless documents in their memory."

Anyone wishing to view the documents may contact the and General Sessions, Justice Ulster County Records Cenmeetings and the meetings of ter to schedule a appoint the Board of Supervisors. ment.



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### **Cairo-Durham spending** plan rejected by 68 votes

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## Business



### 2 NYSE trading specialists plead guilty to securities fraud

By Larry Neumeister

The Associated Press

Two specialists who supervised trades on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange pleaded guilty Friday to securities fraud in what a prosecutor called a "groundbreaking" development in a new area of prosecution.

Joseph Bongiorno, 51, of Brooklyn, and Patrick McGagh Jr., 40, of Little Silver, N.J., entered the pleas in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, admitting that they illegally put their companies' orders ahead of orders from the public.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lauren Goldberg said the pleas "are groundbreaking on their own because they are expected to change the tenor" of cases against a dozen other specialists facing criminal charges in a case brought last year.

She said the men admitted "securities fraud charges in an area where criminal charges had never before been brought.'

Goldberg said leniency was built

into a plea agreement the government reached with both of the men, an acknowledgment of the significant role the pleas could play in the first charges of its kind to be brought against a group of floor spe-

She said some of the evidence against them included tracking of their computer keyboard strokes to show the order in which they placed trades and testimony from those who worked for them.

Specialists operate "open-outcry" auctions involving often loud verbal bids and offers on the floor of the NYSE. They match buy and sell orders for customers of the stocks they oversee. They also use their firms' money to buy shares when nobody else wants to buy and to sell shares when nobody else wants to

U.S. District Judge Sidney H. Stein set sentencing for both men for Aug. 10.

Bongiorno admitted during his plea that he improperly traded shares of Hewlett-Packard Co. "I of 20 years in prison and fines of up knew it was wrong," he told the judge.

Prosecutors said Bongiorno earned his company \$1.3 million through improper trades and cost public customers \$1.2 million in lost profits while McGagh made an extra \$3.2 million for his company and caused \$1.2 million in damages to

McGagh admitted that he improperly traded shares of Pfizer Inc. "I knew at the time that I was doing this that I was wrong and I am sorry," he said.

Outside court, both men declined to comment. They remain free on bail until sentencing.

According to their plea agreements, Bongiorno faces a recommended prison term of between 3 years and 10 months and 4 years and 9 months. McGagh would face between 4 years and 9.months and 5 years and 11 months.

Without the agreements, both men would face a maximum penalty

to \$5 million or twice their gain or victims' loss, whichever is greater.

The defendants were among 15 people charged after a probe of specialists working on the floor of the stock exchange revealed they had allegedly used their inside positions to earn an estimated \$20 million in illicit gains for themselves and their firms. One specialist is a fugitive; cases are pending against the others before five different judges in Man-

Federal authorities said the crimes occurred between 1999 and mid-2003 as specialists at five firms put their companies' orders ahead of customers' orders, causing those customers to get inferior prices — a scheme the NYSE's internal regulators failed to catch.

Bongiorno and McGagh, who are no longer registered NYSE specialists, were members of the management committee at Van der Moolen Specialists USA LLC when they served as NYSE floor officials. supervising and regulating floor activities, prosecutors said.

Bongiorno also served as one of 20 senior officials known as floor governors, the government said.

Since the criminal probe and Securities and Exchange Commission charges brought against individuals and firms, the NYSE has made major changes in its floor surveillance and enforcement plans, said Scott Peterson, a spokesman for NYSE Regulation Inc., a not-forprofit NYSE subsidiary.

"We do believe it's important to hold individuals accountable," he said, citing changes to prevent incorrect trades to specialists and improve surveillance to review every trade.

NYSE specialist firms have paid a total of \$247 million to settle SEC

The NYSE has said specialist firms gained \$155 million in illegal profits over five years, a time when the exchange handled \$50 trillion in

### Kozlowski will pay \$21M to settle NYS tax case

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By Samuel Mauli The Associated Press

Former Tyco CEO L. Dennis Kozlowski agreed Friday to pay \$21.2 million to settle a New York state tax case.

The amount covers sales taxes that Kozlowski owed on the purchase of artworks, as well as money he owed for state income taxes, according to defense lawyer James DeVita and Assistant District Attorney Ann Donnelly. The sales tax case began as a criminal prosecution.

The deal was announced in a proceeding before state Supreme Court Justice Justice Michael Obus.

Kozlowski still dwes about cchi-

\$70 million in fines and \$97 million in restitution stemming from his grand larceny conviction for looting Tyco International Ltd.

DeVita said that \$90 million has been raised by selling real estate and other assets.

Tyco is ed in Bermuda but has an operating headquarters in West Windsor, N.J. It is readying for a split by early 2007 into three separate operations: fire and security, electronics and Alth care.

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#### **NEW YORK**

### Stocks decline as dollar, bonds fall

By Christopher Wang

Stocks faced a second day of steep losses Friday as the dollar weakened and bonds prices fell after data showing higher import prices stoked the market's inflation worries. The major indexes declined sharply this week.

A rebound in prices for imported goods further rattled investors already worried about interest rates. Although import prices were flat excluding oil, that did little to soothe concerns about energy costs lifting prices elsewhere.

Plunging consumer confidence also reinforced beliefs that high gas prices at the pumps could choke consumer spending. Meanwhile, Wall Street

weighed the importance of an unexpected decline in the trade deficit and cooling oil prices.

Friday's decline in equity markets built on steep losses the previous day, when surging commodities prices compounded anxiety that the Federal Reserve could continue its twoyear streak of interest rate hikes. And next week's reports on wholesale and consumer prices could prove troublesome for the inflation picture.

With commodities prices reaching new highs, people are saying maybe global growth is stronger than anticipated," said Brian Gendreau, investment strategist for ING Investment Management. "I think that ... has put more Fed tightening in the

back of people's minds. The market hates the idea of openended increases."

The Dow lost 119.74, or 1.04 percent, to 11,380.99. The Dow sank 142 points in Thursday's session, its biggest single-day drop since falling 213 points on

Broader stockhild licators also retreated. The tandard & Poor's 500 index fell 14.68, or 1.12 percent, to 1,291.24, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 28.92, or 1.27 percent, to 2,243.78.

ed sliding, Bonds cont with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 5.2 percent from 5.16 percent late Thursday. The interest rate debate also weighed on the dollar, which fell further against the yen. Gold prices pulled back from fresh 25-year highs.

Lowered forecasts for global oil demand from the International Energy Agency eased pressure on the energy market. A barrel of light crude lost \$1.22 to settle at \$72.10 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The major indexes closed substantially lower for the week following two days of frenzied selling, with troubling outlooks from Dell Inc. and Cisco Systems Inc. propelling the Nas-daq's decline. For the week, the Dow skidded 1.7 percent and the S&P 500 slumped 2.61 percent; the Nasdaq plunged 4.22 percent, erasing much of its gains, so far this year.

### THE MARKET IN REVIEW

STOOKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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ı	DowChm	1.50	3.6	8	41.12	54	-6.2	ProctGam	1.24	2.3	21	55.01	64	-5.0
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Fidelity Invest: Divinti	IL.	41,838	37.80	+5.5	+39.3/B	+96,4/A	NL	2,50
Vanguard Instl Fds: Instldx	SP	41,555	118.24	+0.3	+13.5/A	+12.9/A	NL	5,000,00
Vanguard Admiral: 500Adml	SP	41,259	119.17	+0.3	+13.4/A	+12.7/A	NL	100,00
American Funds A: N PerA p	GL	40,652	31.74	+4.1	+30.0/B	+49.1/B	5.75	25
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Fidelity Invest: GroInc	LC	31,219	35.47	0.2	+9.9/E	+9.8/B	NL	2,50
Vanguard Fds: Wndsll	LV	30,692	33.03	+2.3	+13.7/D	+36.0/A	NL	10.00
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	XG	30,043	65.50	-2.5	+23.3/C	+13.4/C	NL	2,50
American Funds A: FdInvA p	LV	28,329	39.33	+2.9	+29.3/A	+42.0/A	5.75	25
Vanguard Fds: Welltn	BL.	27,572	31.53	+1.6	+13.2/B	+41.4/A	NL	10,00
Fidelity Invest: Eq Inc	EΙ	26,986	55.51	+2.4	+18.7/A	+29.4/C	NŁ	2,50
Dodge&Cox: Balanced	BL	24,980	84.87	+1.5	+13.5/B	+58.8/A	NL	2,50
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# Seniors

### **Boost nutrient absorption** by eating Avocados

Avocados are naturally rich in monounsaturated fat and omega-3 fatty acids — "good fats" that can help protect against heart disease. New research also suggests that avocados may help your body absorb and use important carotenoids.

Carotenoids are powerful antioxidants that help protect the body from damaging compounds They have also been shown to promote healthy vision. Carotenoids like alpha-carotene, beta-carotene, lutein and lycopene are found in red, yellow and orange fruits and dark green leafy vegetables.

Dietary fats play an important role in the body's absorption of carotenoids. However, many fruits and vegetables rich in carotenoids are also fat-free. This may limit the body's ability to absorb some of these nutrients.

Research suggests that the natural "heart healthy" fat found in avocados increases the body's ability to absorb and use carotenoids.

A recent study reported that avocados, added to a salad and salsa act as a nutrient boost by increasing carotenoid absorption. In the study, people who consumed salad containing 75g of avocado (equivalent to half of a medium avocado) absorbed 8 times more alpha-carotene, 13 times more betacarotene and 4 more times lutein. In addition, people who consumed salsa with 150g (equivalent to 1 medium avocado) of avocado absorbed 4 times more lycopene, which has been linked to prostrate cancer protection.

Ounce for ounce, nutrient dense avocados provide more fiber, magnesium, potassium, glutathione (a phytochemical that acts as an antioxidant), B-vitamins, vitamin E, vitamin K, zinc and iron than any other commonly eaten fruit.

Enjoy Ripe Avocados

**Ripening:** Store avocados in a fruit bowl on the kitchen counter. To accelerate ripening, place avocados in a paper bag with an apple for 2 to 3 days at room temperature. When they darken and yield to gentle pressure, they're ready to eat. Tips for Handling:

1. Like all fruits and vegetables, wash the rip avocado before cutting

3. Twist the halves in opposite directions to sep-

2. Cut the avocado length-wise around the seed

4. Slip a spoon between the seed and the fruit and work the seed out

5. Slip a spoon between the skin and fruit and scoop away from the peel

**Storage Tips:** 

Ripe avocados can be stored in a refrigerator or freezer for later use as a spread for sandwiches

■ Simply mash the remaining fruit in a covered storage container

■ Add 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice per 1/2 mashed avocado to prevent discoloration and

■ Lay plastic wrap directly on the surface of the mixture before covering. Refrigerate a maximum of two days.

■ Label container and use within two months if you store it in a freezer

Avocados fit into delicious dishes including salads, salsas, and soups. Create healthy avocado salsa for a festive appetizer and benefit from a nutrient boost.

Authentic Avocado Salsa (makes 12 servings)

2 ripe avocados, seeded and peeled

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

1/3 cup diced tomato, seeded and well drained 1/4 cup chopped green onion

1 serrano chili, chopped and seeded

1/4 cup cilantro, chopped

1/2 teaspoon salt

Preparation: Cut avocados into 1/2 inch cubes. Stir in lime juice. Fold in remaining ingredients. Salsa is best made as close to serving as possible. For short-term storage, seal in an airtight container with a piece of plastic wrap against the surface of the salsa. Serve with crudites or baked tortilla chips.

Nutrients per serving (3 Tbsp) Calories 50; fat 4.5 g (saturated fat 1.0g; polyunsaturated fat 1.0g; monounsaturated fat 2.5g); protein 1g; total carbo-hydrates 4g; dietary fiber 3g; cholesterol 0 mg; sodium 100 mg; vitamin A 4%DV, vitamin C 40%D V; calcium 0%DV; iron 0%DV

#### **GREENPORT**

### Association to launch 30th anniversary season

A full day auction of tractors, engines, antiques, tools, collectibles and handcrafts will launch the 30th anniversary season Saturday of the Hudson Valley Old-Time Power Association in Greenport.

Founded April 22, 1976, by a dozen farmers, mechanics and craftsmen, the club now has a membership of 350 in the Hudson Valley, New England and other states.

The 2006 auction, at the club's spacious show grounds on Fingar Road near the intersection of Routes 9 and 23, will offer hundreds of antique engines, one-of-a-kind antique tools, tractors and other farm implements, lawn mowers, glassware, handcrafted items, curiosities and collectibles.

There is unlimited parking,

with appetizing food and beverages on sale throughout the day. The auction begins at 8 a.m. sharp. Up to 1,900 lots will be offered for sale. Transactions are promptly processed by comput-

**HVOTPA** mid-summer event is a unique, three-day flea market/tractor swap June 23-25. The club's most popular event, its annual "Old-Time Days" show, will follow on Oct. 7 and 8.

There are special rules for consignors and bidders at the auction, developed by planners to assure a successful event.

To assure that the auction ends before dark and to assure that all consignments have a fair market value, the number of lots is limited to 1,900, with the first 1,800 lots assigned on a firstcome, first-served basis. The

The club strongly recomgle lot.

cent commission on all sales. The minimum commission on all bids is \$2 and the minimum bid is \$2.50. Cash or valid U.S. check will be accepted. HVOT-PA reserves the right to refuse any item for sale.

club will require a \$10 deposit for each tire, with a charge of \$5 per ply on, large tractor tires. Deposits will be refunded for each tire sold and for tires which consignors remove after the auc-

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### Healthful tips for dining out

Eating in a restaurant can pose a dilemma for those watching their weight. Here are some ideas for enjoying a healthful dining out experience. Remember that moderation and portion control are important keys.

Some restaurants have "heart healthy" menu items. These lighter dishes contain less fat and fewer calories than other choices. Normally, they are distinguished from the others by having an apple, heart or other "healthy" symbol next to them on the menu. Look for restaurants that have these alternatives.

Do not be afraid to ask your how a certain entree is prepared. The preparation of the dish can usually be altered to decrease the fat content in the finished product. Having the skin removed from chicken prior to its preparation or asking for salad dressing on the side are ways you can save calories and fat. You are the customer, and restaurants strive for customer satisfaction. Therefore, they will try to meet all your needs to the best of their ability.

Fast food restaurants offer tempting high-fat foods. If you need French fries to make your meal complete, opt for a small bag to meet your craving. Select foods without cheese; and foods that are grilled or broiled, rather than

Practice these other tips when dining out:

1. for pasta selections, choose a marinara sauce instead of a white sauce.

2. Foods that are grilled, baked, steamed or broiled provide healthy, flavorful alternatives; ask about preparation, however, to ensure your selection isn't swimming in butter.

3. Select white chicken or turkey meat rather than dark meat, and have the skin

4. If you are easily tempted, avoid the all you can eat style restaurants.

5. Practice portion control: order a lunch portion, ask for a doggie bag or share a dish with a friend.

6. Avoid foods that have been prepared in heavy cream.

7. Eat slowly! It takes the body about 20 minutes to realize it is full.

8. Order your salad or baked potato with the dressing, butter, sour cream and other extras on the side. Then, sparingly use only what you need.

9. Trim all visible fat from meat.

10. Select fresh fruit, sorbet or frozen yogurt for dessert.

Dining out can be a treat, if vou do it occasionally. Be alert for healthy, low-fat choices. And savor your company as well as your food. Enjoy!

### May is National Sight-Saving Month

Protect Your Eyes from the Sun!

Sunglasses help you in two important ways. They filter light and they protect your eyes from damaging ultra-violet (UV) rays. Mounting evidence shows that exposure to UV rays can damage your eyes. Long-term exposure to UV rays can lead to cataracts, macular degeneration, or skin cancer around the eyelids. Sunglasses should be worn when you are outdoors so you can protect your

You should choose sunglasses that:

Reduce glare Filter out 99-100% of UV rays

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Protect your eyes Are comfortable to wear

■ Do not distort colors Everyone is at risk for eye problems caused by the sun. Even children are at risk

for damaging their eyes. The risk of sun related eye problems is higher for people

Spend long hours in the sun

Have had cataract surgery or have certain retina disorders

Are on certain medicines, such as tetracycline, sulfa drugs, birth control pills, diuretics, and tranquilizers that increase the eye's sensitivity to light.

When you buy sunglasses, look for a label tells you how much UV radiation the ses of the sunglasses reflect. Experts say that your sunglasses should block 99-100% of both UV-A and UV-B rays. You should also consider wearing a wide-brimmed hat along with your sunglasses. This will help to k the sunlight from over head.

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# Neighbors



WINDHAM



Residents from all over Greene County headed to the mountaintop recently to attend Greene County Soil and Water Conservation's stream management workshop titled "Banks and Buffers." The program held in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Exension and the New York City Dept. of Environmental Protection was hosted by Windham Mountain.

### **Landscaping for healthy** streams workshop

On April 22, the Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) in cooperation with Greene County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and NYCDEP Stream Management Program, hosted a "Banks and Buffers" Landscaping for Healthy Streams Workshop at Ski Windham. The well attended workshop had an audience comprised of local streamside landowners from the Batavia Kill, Schoharie Creek, Westkill, Stony Clove and Esopus Creek, but also from distant streams as far north Schaghticoke and as far south as New Yo

City.
"The workshop promoted the importance of streamside buffers, how to install them and what types of plants to use," said GCSW-CD's, Amy DeGaetano. "We hope that the workshop will compel landowners to devel streamside buffers that they can enjoy and that also benefit water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and other stream functions."

Dr. Stuart Findlay of the Institute of Ecosystem Studies discussed the various functions of streams and how vegetation or lack of vegetation affects these functions. Simple steps for streamside living and examples of successful planting projects were displayed by Dan Salas of Delaware Riverkeeper. CCE's Bob Beyfuss gave an entertaining, hands-on presentation about native plants that contribute to healthy buffers and have pleasing features (red twigs during winter, beautiful flowers, interesting leaves, curvy twigs). Jenn Grieser from NYC DEP's Stream Management Program briefly touched on non-native invasive species that negatively impact the ecosystem and the economy with a focus on Japanese knotweed, also referred to as bamboo.

"I not only found the conference to be extremely informative it was also very organized. Also, the free reference materials will be useful to Country Suite as the Batavia Kill Project continues to develop through this year," said Sondra Clark, owner of Country Suite Bed and Breakfast. "Who knew that a conference called Banks and Buffers could be so much fun? I certainly look forward to future workshops. It was truly a valuable experience.

Besides hearing four presentations about streamside buffers, participants also reviewed a draft guide to living streamside in the Catskill Region, a publication being developed by the Catskill Watershed Corporation, Watershed Agricultural Council, NYC DEP, Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, SWCDs and CCE. In return for their valuable feedback, each reviewer received a native tree or shrub. Three bluebird boxes and one bag of DEP goodies were given to door prize winners.



Beyfuss, Program Leader Natural Resources, of the Cornell Cooperative Extension, in Cairo was a guest speaker at this seminar on landscaping for healthy streams.

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#### HAINES FALLS

### 'Inner Peace' at Peace Village Retreat

On Sunday evening, May 21, the Peace Village Learning & Retreat Center will have a presentation by guest speaker Maureen Radl on Inner Peace at 6 p.m., followed by an introduction to World Meditation Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The program is open to the public and is free of charge.

Maureen Radl has studied pathways to peace through the teachings of Jesus Christ, Shakyamuni Buddha, Martin Luther King, Thich Nhat Hanh, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Master Sheng Yen, and others. As a peace and environmental activist, she is also exploring the connection between ecology and spirituality. She has worked with

performance artist Eco Stubblefield in "A Sit.in 4 organizes the Peace," "Annual Celebration of Peace" at the Stone Church in Cragsmoor, NY, and serves on the boards of several organizations working to protect open space. She is Assistant Professor of English at SUNY Orange and is a former reading specialist.

On the third Sunday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. local time, Brahma Kumaris centers (www.bkwsu.org) in 90 countries open their doors for World Meditation Hour. The aim is to bring peace into the world through positive thoughts and good wishes. You are welcome to

use the hour for prayer, contemplation and meditation.

In a time when demands are increasingly placed on our lives, Peace Village offers a variety of workshops and weekend retreats for people who want to take time to reflect, and nurture the self. Courses and retreats offer relevant and meaningful ways for people from all backgrounds to explore and understand their own spirituality. Inspired and operated by the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization, Peace Village is located on O'Hara Road, Haines Falls, phone 518-589-5000, or visit

#### www.peacevillage.com.

#### In brief **NEW BALTIMORE** Nickel Social

There will be a Nickel Social on Friday evening at the New Baltimore Firehouse on Gill Road in New Baltimore, sponsored by the Cornell Hook & Ladder Ladies Auxiliary. Browsing will begin at 7 p.m. and the drawings start at 7:45 p.m.

If you would like to donate any items for the social, please contact Frankie Wallace at 756contact 3015 or Denise Taber at 756-3769. You can bring the items to the firehouse on Thursday, evening during our set-up. Please no clothing or broken items. Set-up will be at 7 p.m. Thursday.

There will be a table with baked items again. Any member that wishes may

donate a baked item. Please bring it on Friday night after 7 p.m. or you can contact Denise or Frankie to set up another time and place that is convenient for you.

### **SAUGERTIES**

### **Penny Social**

The Katsbaan Ladies Aid Society is sponsoring a Penny Social on Saturday, May 20. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the drawing will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. There will also be a special raffle table, a dessert raffle table 50/50 raffle, and a terrinc door prize. Refreshments will be served.

The Katsbaan Reformed Church is located on Old Kings Road Route 23A to Old Kings ad, six miles

### GREENVILLE

### **Expo 2006**

Come to Expo 2006, Sunday, May 21 at the Greenville Christian Life Center. Expo 2006 will feature displays, exhibits and information tables by area civic organizations including the Greenville Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Boy Scouts of America, American Legion, the American Red Cross and many others, as well as exhibits by the various ministries of Greenville Christian Life Center. Enjoy a \$1 pancake and sausage break fast that will be served from 9: to 10:15 a.m. Browse through the exhibits until 11:15 a.m. and then enjoy an hour of contemporary Christian music. For more information, contact Greenvill Christian Life Center office 966-4519.

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# HEALTH

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### **Prevent Swimming Pool-Related Fatalities in Children**

A swimming pool can be a welcoming retreat on a hot day. Families often install pools in their yards as a recreational feature - one that primarily children can enjoy. However, each year about 250 children ages 1 to 4 die in drowning accidents that are swimming pool related, predominantly occurring in home pools, according to the Centers for Disease Control. This can make the decision to erect a pool or use an existing one more difficult.

Swimming pools needn't be dangerous if the proper precautions are taken. Teaching a child to swim is not protection alone against drowning. Here are other measures to take:

- · Never leave a child alone in or near the pool even for a moment.
- Considering waiting until a child is over the age of 5 before purchasing a pool.
- Install a fence completely around the pool. The idea is to prevent entry to the pool, not just the yard, so a backyard fence that perimeters a property is not enough. The fence should be at least 4 feet high and any vertical slats should be no more than 4 inches wide so children cannot squeeze through them. There should be no foot- or handholds that can help a child to scale the fence. Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The latch should be out of a child's reach and locked whenever possible. Keep large objects like benches or tables away from the fence so children cannot climb over the fence.
- Other products can ensure added safety for pool use. Door alarms which sound when a door to the backyard from the house is opened can be installed to alert adults that a child may potentially be in danger. Power safety pool covers are another good idea. These covers should meet the requirements of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). These covers are motorized and should withstand the weight of two adults and a child to allow for a rescue should an individual fall on a pool cover. The standard also requires quick removal of water from the cover since young children can drown in just inches of water. (Canadians should check any regulations for pool covers and fencing within their respective province.)
- · For above-ground pools: remove any ladders leading from the ground to the pool when it is not in use
- · Keep rescue equipment, like a life preserver, shepherd's hook and a phone near the pool for emergency use.
- · Learn CPR and how to rescue a child if needed. Always stay within an arm's length of swimming children.

#### GENERAL SWIMMING SAFETY RULES

In addition to keeping the pool partitioned off from the rest of the backyard, follow these tips for added safety:



- 1. Never swim under the influence of alcohol or medications. Those in charge of watching swimming children should be sure they aren't under the influence and are alert.
- P. Never swim when thunder is hearth or lightning is present. Exit the pool immediately and get inside.
- 3. Don't allow children to swim wearing inflatable "swimming aids" on their arms. These do not take the place of an approved life vest and can be dangerous because they provide unbalanced buoyancy.
  - 4. Never dive into a shallow pool or unfamiliar body of water or allow children to do so. Head and neck injuries can occur.
  - 5. Don't encourage running or monkey business around the pool's edge.
  - 6. Don't allow too many people in the pool at one time. This can make observing the swimmers difficult.

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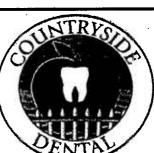
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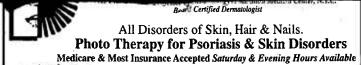
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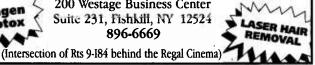
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"The Drowsy Chaperone," a daffy musical about one fan's favorite 1920s show, took 13 Tony nominations yesterday, including for best musical.

Close behind with 11 was "The Color Purple," the Oprah Winfrey-produced musical based on Alice Walker's novel about a determined woman's triumph over adversity.

The revival of "The Pajama Game" got nine bids, while tied at "eight were "Jersey Boys," the gritty show-biz tale of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, and the revival of "Awake" and Sing!"

"The History Boys," Alan Bennett's London success about a group of boisterous students trying to get into Oxford or Cambridge, received seven nominations, including for best play.

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crazed Irish terrorist; "Shining City," Conor McPherson's ghost story set in present-day Dublin; and "Rabbit Hole," David Lind-say-Abaire's look at a suburban couple attempting to deal with the death of their young son.

Besides "The Drowsy Chaperone," "Jersey Boys" and "The Color Purple, "The Wedding Singer" a celebration of the 1980s and based on the Adam Sandler-Drew Barrymore movie, will compete for best musical.

"Jersey Boys' truly is a phenomenon," said Des McAnuff, the Tony-nominated director of the musical. "People leap up and are on their feet during the show. They know the music, but now they are learning the story behind the band."

The actor play candidates included Ratph Fiennes, who plays the title character in Brian Friel's "Faith Healer," and Richard Griffiths, a wloved teacher in "The History Boys." Their competition is Oliver Platt, the haunted husband

in "Shining City"; David Wilmot, a crazed terrorist in "The Lieutenant of Inishmore"; and Zeljko Ivanek, an



tense naval officer in "The Caine Mutiny Court-N" The actress-play hopefuls were Cynthia Nixon, the dis-traught mother in "Rabbit Hole", Judy Kaye, a tone-deaf iva in "Souvenir". Lisa Kron, an embattled daugh Well", and two performers from the revival of W. rset Maugham's "The Constant Wife," Kate Burton and

It was Redgrave's niece, Natasha Richardson, who announced her aunt's nomination yesterday at Lincoln Center and who called her mother, Vanessa Redgrave, in London. Vanessa relayed the news to sister Lynn Said Lynn Redgrave, who was about to take a nap

"What a wonderful thing to dream on!"

Julia hoberts, who received goodly cost in a traces to her performance in Richard Greenberg's "Three Days of Rain," did not get a nomination. Neither did her two costars, Paul Rudd and Bradley Cooper.

Harry Connick Jr., however, did get a nod for his Broadway debut in "The Pajama Game," He'll



Kelli O'Hara and Harry Connick Jr. perform in a scene from the revival of "The Pajama Game."

Frankie Valli in "Jersey Boys"; Bob Martin, the co-author and narrator-star of "The Drowsy Chaperone"; and Stephen Lynch. the lovesick hero of "The Wedding Singer.\* Kelli U'Hara. Connick's co-

be up against Michael Cerveris the bloody bar-

ber in "Sweeney

Lloyd Young, who portrays crooner

Todd": John

Pajama Game," received a nomi-

nation for actress-musical, as did Broadway veteran Patti LuPone, the industrious pie-maker in "Sweeney Todd." Also nominated in the category: LaChanze, the beleaguered heroine of "The Color Purple"; Sutton Foster for "The Drowsy Chaperone"; and the legendary Chita Rivera for playing herself in "Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life." The special regional theater Tony will go to the Intiman

will receive a special lifetime achievement award. Who takes home the awards will be cettled Julie 11 at Radio City Music Hall, where the winners will be announced in a three-hour telecast, beginning 8 p.m. on

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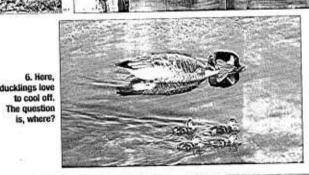
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A photo of the last time the family was together, in 1986.

### Reunited

It took 18 years but is Newburgh mother has finally found her son.

By Leigh Gomez Times Herald-Record

aurice Winston Wells III walked by the let-NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS REGARDING THE TERMS OF A JOINT PROPOSAL ter that had been sitting on top of his mantel for a week It was from his mother; she wanted him

> But Maurice hadn't seen his mother. Donna Freeman, in 18 years; she was a stranger. What was he supposed to say?

> He debated if he should write back. Then one day sat down at his computer and logged in to his MySpace.com account. He found an e-mail from his

> If you are Maurice Winston Wells III please contact me as soon as you get this. I'm your mom and we have been searching for you all over ..

Without thinking, Maurice wrote back.

Hi mommy, it's me, booboo ... I'm sorry I didn't respond as soon as I got your letter, but you know me, I'm a loner... I had forgotten that I even had a myspace site; funny how things work out. "

That was what his mother needed to hear. "All he had to do was let me know, 'Mom, I'm all right'," Donna, 45, of Newburgh, said.

IN MAURICE'S EYES, he had grown up without a mom, mainly because of a promise she made more than 20

"I made a vow to his father that if we ever separated, he could have his child," Donna said. "That's how we lost contact."

Because Donna felt she was being treated poorly by her husband, she left their Richmond, Va., home. "He never hurt my children," Donna said. "But I was

So when Maurice was about 7 years old, Donna moved to New York, leaving her son to be raised by his father and grandmother.

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May 5, 2006

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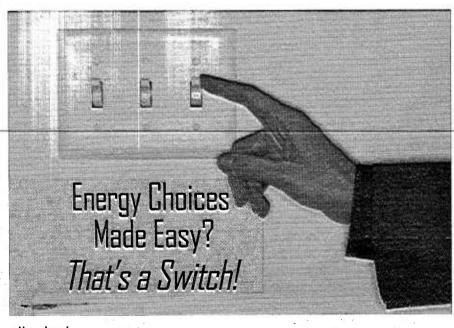
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