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Subject Hudson River PCBs Reassessment Project Public Announcements for Public Meetings

Enclosed you will find one tear sheet copy for each of the public notice advertisements for the EPA's public meetings to discuss the referenced project.

Please include these with the Hudson River PCB's Reassessment Project documents.

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"These programs save money, improve air quality and ensure system reliability, all of which are needed in New York."

The staff of the Public Service Commission recommended that the new charge be put in place by January, and the issue could come up during the commission's Dec. 13 meeting in New York City, said commission spokesman David Flanagan.

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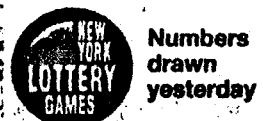
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Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore puts his arms around wife Tipper, left, and daughter Sarah as they prepare to attend Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Arlington, Va., Sunday.

Gore allies claim intimidated the board chairman has said it was not a factor. "There was some, if you will, churning," Spargo said. "There was no fighting, there was no toughhousing."

chads—disturbed ballots picked by tiny holes or dimples. Another GOP witness, police officer William Rohoff of Fort Lauderdale, said he did not intend to vote for president but may have dimpled the top of his ballot by accident.

one day after meeting with GOP congressional leaders in a presidential-style summit. Gore won the national popular vote by more than 300,000 votes, but without Florida he falls short of the 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency. The state's 25 electoral votes would put Bush

from over." The former secretary of state, also appearing on CNN, charged that Cheney "is trying to bury history along." And yet the question kept coming: When would Gore concede? "I can assure you that the vice president, when the time comes, will concede in a very gracious

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LOT, but the state said that was not possible if the partnership was planning to offer housing to seniors with moderate to low income.

Mosher said he thought the board would agree to the current proposal. "I think there will be unanimity on the board's decision to move forward with this project," he said.

Scotia man faces another DWI charge

GLENVILLE — A 21-year-old Scotia man, who was arrested in early October for driving while intoxicated, was arrested a second time on the same misdemeanor charge Friday afternoon.

Charles D. Groves was arrested after being stopped on Droms Road for speeding by Glenville police officer Edward A. Casey. He was also charged with felony aggravated unlicensed operator, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child and multiple traffic violations.

The endangering charge, stemmed from the fact that at the time of the arrest, Groves had two passengers, girls ages 15 and 16 respectively, in the car.

While the girls were waiting for Groves in the police station, the 16-year-old, Melinda Leonard of Rock City Falls, "substantially" damaged the ladies bathroom, police said. The cost of the damage she caused was estimated at about \$350. She was charged with third-degree criminal mischief, a felony.

Groves and Leonard were each sent to Schenectady County Jail without bail. They are due back in Glenville Town Court, Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Groves' previous DWI charge is still pending.

Briefs

away from a halt it called two days earlier in a pricing dispute with the United Nations.

Iraq, the third largest producer in OPEC, stopped production Friday, blaming the United Nations' refusal to authorize a new payment arrangement for exports under the oil-for-food program.

The halt, however, did not disrupt oil markets as many had feared. The United States has said it would tap its reserves to counter any Iraqi cut-off and Saudi Arabia — by far OPEC's largest producer — hinted it could do the same, citing the need to keep the market stable.

Mad cow disease spurs crisis meeting

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — A crisis session of European Union farm ministers this week will consider drastic new measures to combat the spreading mad cow disease and try to stem the damage to consumer confidence in beef.

The ministers will assess proposals today to ban animal products in fodder for cows, pigs and poultry for six months starting Jan. 1 and keep out of the food chain untested animals that are older than 2½ years — measures that would further sap already stretched farm budgets and raise huge practical

Spacewalking astronauts give space station wings

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in its name, effectively erasing a major resource investment.



AP photo

Subcomandante Marcos, leader of Mexico's Zapatista rebels, hands out literature to journalists in La Realidad.

Zapatista leader says he's ready to seek peace

LA REALIDAD, Mexico (AP) — The first time he burst from the jungle it was to start a war that shook Mexico to its core and vaulted Indian rights to the top of the national agenda.

Now Subcomandante Marcos says he's ready to leave the Chiapas wilderness again in search of an agreement that could lock those rights into Mexico's constitution.

Responding to offers from new President Vicente Fox, the ski-masked leader of the Zapatista guerrillas announced he will travel to Mexico City in February to lobby for an Indian rights bill Fox promises to introduce on Tuesday.

"We will go and we will see

what happens," Marcos told a news conference Saturday in this jungle hamlet that serves as a sort of rebel capital.

Fox said Sunday that he would do everything in his power to clear the way for peace talks.

"Today, fortunately, we have the response" of the Zapatistas," he told farmers during a rally. "We'll try to meet the conditions put on us so this dialogue can begin as soon as possible."

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► STATE

Migrant workers get a second chance, and often a third, to finish high school

The Associated Press

Oneonta – Ask Shannon Shaul why she's spending eight weeks at college, and she lays it right on the line.

"I'm doing this mostly for myself so I can prove to my family I'm not the loser they think I am," the 18-year-old said.

What has brought Shaul to the State University College at Oneonta is the High School Equivalency Program, which gives seasonal farm workers and their children a chance to earn a high-school general equivalency diploma.

Officials hope the program also gives students a greater sense of self-worth, the experience of being on a college campus, and the motivation to break out of social services dependency or a cycle of low-wage, dead-end jobs.

Another challenge is meeting its enrollment target of 20 students per session. A previous program at the State University College at New Paltz ended several years ago because it did not meet its enrollment goal.

There are more than 40,000 migrant workers living in the state, and 12,000 to 13,000 eligible children, the college's director of minority youth programs said. The dropout rate of migrant children is more than 50 percent, the highest of any sub-population in the schools.

Students attend classes in English, math, science and social studies, taught by two GED teachers and two teaching assistants. They also spend 45 minutes a day learning computer skills. Twice a week, they attend classes in career development, resume writing, and study skills.

Shaul attended eight schools before dropping out of Charlotte Valley High School in Delaware County before her senior year. She hated school, contending her teachers either ignored her or treated her like she was stupid.

"The teachers here are awesome," she said. "They don't get frustrated when you ask a question five times in a row."

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POTTER: The books

books that, like the Potter books, draw young readers into a fantasy world and send them on a quest. Series such as C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia" or the "Red Wall" books by Brian Jacques have brought many girls and boys into the library while they await the appearance of the fifth Harry Potter book next year. Others have discovered J.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings," a trilogy that enthralled their parents before young Harry was even a thought.

The books in such series are often lengthy with intricate plots. Children may be more ready to tackle them because they have worked their way through the Harry Potter volumes with their



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Migrant workers get a second chance, and often a third, to finish high school

The Associated Press

Oneonta — Ask Shannon Shaul why she's attending eight weeks of college, and she'll be right on the line.

"I'm doing this mostly for myself so I can prove to my family I'm not the loser they think I am," the 18-year-old said.

What has brought Shaul to the State University College at Oneonta is the High School Equivalency Program, which gives seasonal farm workers and their children a chance to earn a high school general equivalency diploma.

Officials hope the program also gives students a greater sense of self-worth, the experience of being on a college campus, and the motivation to break out of social services dependency or a cycle of low-wage, dead-end jobs.

Another challenge is meeting its enrollment target of 20 students per session. A previous program at the State University College at New Paltz ended several years ago because it did not meet its enrollment goal.

There are more than 40,000 migrant workers living in the state, and 12,000 to 13,000 eligible children, the college's director of minority youth programs said. The dropout rate of migrant children is more than 50 percent, the highest of any sub-population in the schools.

Students attend classes in English, math, science and social studies, taught by two GED teachers and two teaching assistants. They also spend 45 minutes a day learning computer skills. Twice a week, they attend classes in career development, resume writing, and study skills.

Shaul attended eight schools before dropping out of Charlotte Valley High School in Delaware County before her senior year. She hated school, contending her teachers either ignored her or treated her like she was stupid.

"The teachers here are awesome," she said. "They don't get frustrated when you ask a question five times in a row."

Shaul passed a GED practice exam given two weeks ago and plans to do better on the exam when it's given for real.



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expect and deserve that waste haulers will do their part in complying fully with the state's recycling law."

The settlement compels Casella, Vets and Waste stream to repay \$90,000 to 2,000 customers who paid for, but didn't always get, recycling service. Some customers in Delaware, Oneida and Herkimer counties are entitled to rebates and will be contacted if they are on affected routes.

"Casella has committed to reaching out to those customers," said Judith Enck, policy adviser for Spitzer.

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe will be reimbursed \$1,350 for collection services at tribal buildings in Franklin County.

County Waste and Recycling will have to pay \$5,000 to the town of Clifton Park and \$2,500 each to the towns of Malta and Stillwater.

The company also will provide educational information, operate a free, bulk trash and recyclables drop-off center, and provide customers with a composting program seven months of the year.

Enck said Spitzer's office will rely on customers to keep them informed of haulers' recycling practices.

"That's all we're really after here is maximizing recycling opportunities," Enck said. "This is ongoing. We are very open to hearing from

nies are still in compliance, the terms of the settlement will be

be looking over their shoulder, she said.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU MALLARD FILLMORE

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electric bills to pay for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.

Eighteen environmental and consumer groups are urging the state Public Service Commission to approve the collection of \$200 million a year through the System Benefit Charge. That is \$62 million more than the \$138 million the commission's staff recommended be raised through an increased charge over the next five years.

Currently, electric ratepayers are assessed about \$78 million a year in New York through the

at pay about three times as much as New Yorkers do through those states' equivalents of the System Benefit Charge.

"New York needs to play catch-up in its funding of energy programs," said Jason Babbie, an environmental policy analyst for the New York Public Interest Research Group.

"These programs save money, improve air quality and ensure system reliability, all of which are needed in New York."

The staff of the Public Service Commission recommended that the new charge be put in place by January, and the issue could come up during the commission's Dec. 13 meeting in New York City, said commission spokesman David Flanagan.

Far from advocating an expansion of the System Benefit Charge, the head of the state's most powerful business lobbying group said the Public Service

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Walsh said the recommendation before the Public Service Commission would prevent large, energy-efficient commercial and industrial consumers of electricity from avoiding the System Benefit Charge on some power purchases, as they can do now.

Increasing the charge "would further raise the energy costs

faced by industrial and commercial users at a time when high energy costs are already acknowledged to be a significant drag on New York state's economy," Walsh said.

The System Benefit Charge varies according to the utility supplying the electricity.

A large industrial company in Consolidated Edison's service territory using 4.7 million kilowatt hours of electricity a month pays \$4,680 and the same-sized company using Niagara Mohawk power pays \$2,901.

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Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore puts his arms around wife Tipper, left, and daughter Sarah as they prepare to attend Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Arlington, Va., Sunday.

Gore allies claim intimidated the board chairman has said it was not a factor.

by tiny holes or dimples. Another GOP witness, police office William Rohloff of Fort Lauderdale, said he did not intend to vote for president but may have dumped the top of his ballot by accident.

meeting with GOP congressional leaders in a presidential-style summit. Gore won the national popular vote by more than 300,000 votes, but without Florida he falls short of the 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency. The state's 25 electoral votes would put Bush over the top by a margin of one Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Bush ally, certified his

ing: state, also appearing on CNN, charged that Cheney "is trying to hurry history along."

they get into an accident with the driver who can't pay for damages.

Difficulties expected

The Professional Insurance Agents Association supports the program, "but we know we'll have some rocky points," the association's Ellen Kiehl said. The group represents 18,000 agents statewide.

"It will be a huge asset to New York, and a lot of other states are looking at us with great interest," she said.

One of the system's "rocky points" is the computer program's apparent requirement that perfect matches for names are needed to show a New York driver has state-mandated insurance coverage.

When a name is too long, the computer strikes out vowels beginning at the start of the name, according to Kiehl whose association was closely involved with implementation of the new system. Local agents need to anticipate — or react to — this, so insurance company's files exactly match the DMV's computer records. This way the necessary verification of a person's status as an insured driver is confirmed.

"My early understanding is there may be some minor problems with the system," said DMV spokesman Ken Brown. "Apparently there are some rare instances, but considering the overall numbers, it's not a major problem. We're ironing those out with insurance agents."

He noted if a problem arises, the driver will be informed. But part of the problem is drivers often don't inform DMV of address changes or name changes by marriage or other purposes as required. Agents also fear many people will disregard the notices as DMV error because they know they have insurance. Brown said the DMV won't suspend a registration for 30 days. A driver's license wouldn't be suspended for 90 days.

Friedlander, however, said he never received a letter from DMV.

His insurance agent received a notice from DMV that her client's name did not compute. So the agent called Friedlander who had to go

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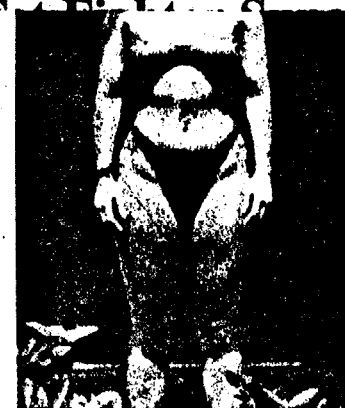
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WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project, NOW THEREFORE, sons with Limited Income who are principal of and interest on such designated official of the County), Poughkeepsie, New York on the Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or 18th day of December, 2000 at Over.

TO: SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The petition of Richard Anthony McCullough, a/k/a Richard Anthony Angelo, respectfully shows to this court.

1. The petitioners' legal name as it appears on the annexed birth certificate is Richard Anthony McCullough (see Exhibit "A").

2. The petitioner resides at 38 Worrall Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York, County of Dutchess, State of New York.

3. The petitioner is a natural born citizen of the United States.

4. The petitioner was born on August 3, 1971, in Trenton, New Jersey and is now 29 years of age. Annexed to this petition and made part hereof is a certified transcript of the petitioner's birth certificate (see Exhibit "A").

5. The petitioner is not married and has not been married previously.

6. Upon information and belief, there are no judgments or liens of record against the petitioner or against any property in his name and there is no action or proceeding pending to which he is a party in any court of this state or of the United States, or any governmental subdivision thereof, or elsewhere, whether the court be of record or not.

7. The petitioner has been convicted of an unclassified misdemeanor, namely, Reckless Driving, in contravention of VTL §1212 in the City of Poughkeepsie Court, Docket #96-5284. Defendant has no other criminal convictions in this or any other state.

8. The petitioner, under the name by which he is known or under any other name he has ever used, has never been adjudicated a bankrupt.

9. The grounds of this application are as follows: The petitioners' parents divorced in New Jersey when the petitioner was five years old. The petitioner has not seen his father since and his father has not taken any efforts to contact or maintain a relationship with the petitioner. The petitioner was raised by his mother under mother's maiden name of Angelo since the petitioner was five years old and he has never known any other name. The petitioner is also engaged to be married next year and would like his application for a marriage license to reflect the name of Richard Anthony Angelo.

10. The petitioner's change of name request is not intended to deceive or mislead. It is merely made to legalize the only name that the petitioner has ever known in his life.

11. No previous application has been made for this relief.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that an order be granted permitting him to assume the name Richard Anthony Angelo and for such other and further relief that the Court may seem just and proper.

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SKIING: Writer hits the world's cross-country ski trails for a year

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fields the personal with the scientific.

But carrying the mantle as a prophet of global-warming doom had begun to weigh heavily on him. "I really had to step back

pear-shaped head. His gaunt 6-foot-3-inch, 170-pound physique didn't look athletic and he walked with an odd, high-stepping cadence like a great blue heron stalking minnows in the shallows.

He's built for distance, not

McKibben more than training and technique.

"The irony is that the asceticism and solitary aspect of an endurance sport yields a lot of pleasure," McKibben said.

"What's most sad about our

tors, working out on high-tech equipment in Lake Placid's Olympic training center and being poked and prodded by medical experts, was a way of working toward a transcendent state of bliss.

rondacks, particularly the Garnet Hill Ski Center, which is very close to my house," McKibben said. He deemed Garnet's extensive trail network more varied and intense than any others he encountered.

Before he became a full-time

miles north with his wife, Sue Halpern, also a writer, to the Adirondack hamlet of Johnsburg, near Gore Mountain.

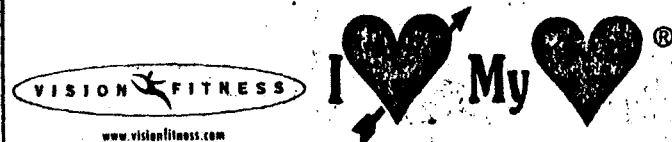
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Researchers produce first genetically altered monkey

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Pushing science to the brink of altering humans, researchers have created the world's first genetically modified primate — a baby rhesus monkey with jellyfish DNA that glows green in the dark.

The Oregon Health Science University researchers who created ANDi — for “inserted DNA,” spelled backward — said their goal is not to tinker with the human blueprint but to use monkeys in the laboratory to advance medical research and wipe out diseases.

The researchers hope to introduce other genes in rhesus monkeys that could trigger diseases like Alzheimer's, diabetes, breast cancer or HIV. Then, those monkeys could be used in experiments to block diseases at the genetic level.

Mice have been genetically



ANDi

tists can now successfully tinker with the chromosomes of a close genetic cousin to man.

ANDi's creation drew cautious and critical responses from scientists around the world.

“Although medical benefits may result from producing genetically modified monkeys, this sort of work must be subject to stringent monitoring,” said Patrick Bateson, chairman of a Royal Society committee on genetically modified animals in Britain, where Dolly the sheep made headlines after she was cloned in 1996.

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Why Should We Ask Where We're Going?

SOMETIMES I wonder what the world is coming to," said my wife. We sat in the TV room watching "Temptation Island."

"I've heard that expression before," I said. "Who used to say, 'Sometimes I wonder what the world is coming to?'"

"My mother used to say it 40 years ago."

"My mother said it 40 years ago, too."

"I always thought my mother was an old fuddy-duddy when she said she wondered what the world was coming to."

"Could our mothers have been wrong then and we're right now?"

"Temptation Island" does seem more decadent than what caused mothers and other moral guardians of the 1950s to fret about wayward ways. "Peyton Place" was pretty square by comparison.

The show is about four "committed couples" who go on vacation to an island where beautiful girls and guys tempt them to cheat on their partners. The couples supposedly are testing their "relationships" to see if they're strong enough to survive a real challenge such as, say, marriage.

The purpose of this reality-TV program is to exhibit lithe bodies in shorts and bikinis for viewers to ogle, but the premise makes no sense to old fogies like me and the Mrs.

"Suppose it's 1964 and we're dating like we did then," I suggested to her, "and I told you I was thinking of asking you to marry me but I wasn't sure we were right for each other. I wouldn't know until after a bunch of gorgeous girls enticed me to fool around with them. If I turned them down, I'd figure you must be the girl for me. But if they succeeded in having their way with me, then maybe you wouldn't be the girl for me. What would you have said if I'd put that proposition to you back in '64 instead of a marriage proposal?"

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"I'd have said you're definitely not the guy for me," my better half replied.

Of course. Any sensible female, then and now, would say just that.

Could a difference between couples decades ago and couples today be that the former were more realistic about life and love? Back then we knew better than to put our feelings for each other to a hard test. Marriage-minded couples understood it was wise to avoid

temptation, not to go looking for it.

By the way, isn't there something awfully pretentious about these so-called relationships nowadays? Couples years ago weren't so hifalutin. We just went together, dated, kept company. A relationship sounds grandiose and complicated, and it is.

A female character on "Temptation Island" emoted that she and her boyfriend were concerned about "where their relationship is going." She seemed to assume that a relationship has a destination.

Yes, I thought, listening to her — a destination comparable to, say, Willie Mays' glove, where triples went to die.

A crying scene in which a girl lamented her boyfriend's wandering eye and tendency to stray undoubtedly presaged many such weepy episodes in future installments.

Where is this relationship going? I'm glad my wife never posed that question before or after we were married in '64, because I sure couldn't give her an answer that would make a theme for a TV show.

Where does a marriage go? Ours just meanders along contentedly. Oh, there's a rough patch now and then, such as earlier this week when I had a cold and stayed home. Mrs. Polonia (that's what I call the bride, who is of Polish extraction) thought I was a slacker. She believes a real man goes to work unless he's down with double pneumonia. Her father used to break rocks with a sledgehammer to sweat out a fever. She scowled at me for two days while I lay sniffling on the couch. No film crew captured this, fortunately.

Let's Fix Democracy First

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them, they were thwarted, undermined, ridiculed and stopped. The hyper-technical manipulation of election law on the part of those who sought to halt an accurate vote count was the most egregious abuse of democracy since the poll tax. The underhanded tactics of those forces who sought to depress turnout represent the worst of our nation. A state governed by one sibling hired a company from the state of another sibling, who happened to be running for president, to purge the voting rolls of those who had lost their right to vote through felony convictions. As a result, thousands of voters were inaccurately removed from the voting rolls. Is that how we encourage democracy in America?

Unfortunately, the vote of 100 million Americans did not prove as important as the votes of five U.S. Supreme Court justices in this last election. They put in

office a man who claims to be a uniter instead of a divider. I must confess to being extremely disappointed that this "uniter" is pushing a trillion-dollar-plus tax cut that the majority of Americans voted against, and he has been absolutely silent on the need for voting reform. If we even talk about a \$1.6 trillion tax cut, we sure better precede that conversation by committing the billions of dollars that will be needed to standardize all voting equipment at the most rigorous level and by providing precision with the funds to upgrade their technology. Touch-screen voting makes design irrelevant, voting quicker and accuracy better. I hope that the president-elect will make his first priority correcting the democratic night that occurred in the last election.

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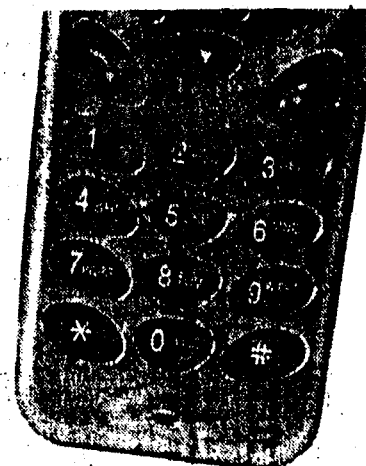
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By CHRIS WILLIAMS
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Gov. Jesse Ventura is going to be in the funny, and he's not laughing a bit.

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"In many ways, he's a natural comic strip character," said Ron Clark, editor of the newspaper's editorial pages, where "VenturaLand" will run. "We'll never run out of material."

Probably not. Consider:

● Since taking office, Ventura has written about visiting a prostitute in his youth, sold his life story to a musical producer and refereed a pro wrestling match.

● He suggested that lives could have been saved in the Columbine massacre if someone at the school had had a concealed weapon.

● In a Playboy interview, he called organized religion a "sham" and joked that if reincarnated, he would want to come back as a size-38DD bra.

Ventura responded to news of the strip by threatening to sue the Pioneer Press.

Ventura's private attorney, David Bradley Olsen, said the governor isn't bothered by criticism but wants to protect the trademark he acquired on the name and image he used while wrestling as Jesse "The Body" Ventura.

Free-lance artist Kevin Le-nagh, 47, who will draw the strip, said he voted for Ventura and isn't trying to bash him. Le-nagh approves of the way Ventura is running the state — as did 71 percent of those polled by the Star Tribune early this month.

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Denver	38	15	cr
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Honolulu	82	72	rain
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Norfolk, Va.	43	30	cr
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By The Weather Center
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"This reminds me of the Hatfields and McCoys," said Supervisor Alan Brown at a public hearing on the subdivision. "You're setting this up to have your children hate each other."

Although lots of emotion was expressed at the hearing on each side of the issue, little new information was presented and the Planning Board made no decision.

Timothy Kavanaugh has been trying to get approval for the past 14 months to divide his 40-acre lot on Sutherland Road into two parcels: one 35-acre lot, which he plans to keep and build a house on, and one 5-acre lot, which he plans to sell.

His neighbors, however, are worried that he'll develop the property, which fronts the Batten Kill, into something objectionable.

Neighbors Jennifer Small and Michael Yezzi and their lawyer have pressured the Planning Board to follow the letter of the law, which has put Kavanaugh's proposal through one of the most rigorous reviews of any subdivision since the local rules were enacted in the 1980s.

Although Jackson has rules regarding subdivisions, it has no zoning and no master plan for the town. The division of parcels needs town approval, but landowners have virtually no restrictions on what they can

do on their land, the river. That's why we're concerned."

Supervisor Brown encouraged Small and Yezzi to write a complete list of all the promises they'd like Kavanaugh to make in writing and the couple agreed to the idea.

Kavanaugh told them not to bother.

"We're way past that," said Kavanaugh, adding that he was in no mood for compromise.

"I'm asking to be afforded the same rights as any other taxpayer in this town."

"Any thinking human being is reticent to place in writing restrictions on land that doesn't have them now," he said.

Toward the end of the two-hour hearing, Kavanaugh said he would be happy to sell Small and Yezzi the development rights to the property, and they said they'd like to buy them.

Selling the development rights would mean that Kavanaugh could build one house, but the deed to the land would always carry a restriction that no other development could take place on the property.

Kavanaugh warned that the price of the development rights wouldn't be cheap, and said he wouldn't stop moving forward on his subdivision application.

The Planning Board is expected to make a decision on Kavanaugh's proposal at its next

meeting set down outside, next to the annex, and will cost about \$700 a year to rent.

Supervisors gave approval to rent a maximum of two. Most of the county paper records that will be stored inside the container are required to be kept for at least seven years, at which point they're destroyed.

Other actions:

- ◆ The new modular jail in Salem is so airtight that not enough fresh air was getting inside, and last week it began to smell like the septic system it's connected to, supervisors were told. Gary Austin, the county's superintendent of buildings and grounds, said the problem has been fixed by continuously running rooftop fans to bring fresh air into the building.

- ◆ The new Government Operations Committee combines

have Internet or regular e-mail accounts, said Karen Pratt, the county's director of data processing.

Pratt said she wants a policy in place before more workers are able to go online. A draft policy includes informing employees that they may not use the computers for personal reasons and that the county will monitor their computer use. Other issues the policy should address include whether employees should be allowed to use their own home computers to do county work, Pratt said.

Policies on dress codes, exit interviews and writing grants, among a host of others, will be reviewed or developed soon, the committee agreed.

Next meeting: 10 a.m. Feb. 22

— Suzanne Seay

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Peace the time to pay attention to war technology

Rumsfeld's desire to militarize space needs public scrutiny

By IRA CHERNUS

Throughout the 20th century, in times of peace, U.S. military researchers were busy inventing new weapons for the next war. The new secretary of defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld, seems determined to lead us into the 21st century under the banner of "While you have peace on earth, prepare for war in space."

As he takes office, we should demand a public debate on his favorite cause, the militarization of space. Otherwise, we may plunge blindly into the era of space warfare that Pentagon-paid scientists are already planning.

The wizards of military technology have always flourished in times of relative tranquillity. From 1871 to 1914, Europeans enjoyed a peace that many thought would last forever. Hence their shock when they discovered in World War I the horrors of tanks, machine guns, submarines and poison gas.

After the war, the shock waves reached the United States. Amer-

► Ira Chernus is a professor of religious studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder and a writer for the History News Service.

ican leaders signed a treaty purporting to outlaw war in 1928; by 1935, thousands of young men had added their names to a formal pledge never to take up arms again. But in the meantime devotees of aerial warfare were designing new armaments: bombers carrying massive bombs, aircraft carriers launching deadly fighter and torpedo planes.

Even as newspapers reported investigations of "the munitions makers" of World War I, there was little public notice, let alone public discussion, of the new weapons systems. Only sci-fi devotees even imagined the discoveries that were paving the way for the most monstrous bombs of all. When public debate erupted after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it was too late.

In the post-Cold War era of peace, weapons development continues at the nation's nuclear laboratories, which plan to test the next generation of bombs on computers rather than under the ground. But who's paying attention?

The real challenge with both nuclear and conventional weapons

is figuring out where to use them and making sure they hit their intended targets. Advocates of military might think that they'll solve this problem by turning to the final frontiers — space and the virtual realm of computer technology. They have a passionate booster in the new secretary of defense.

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The Air Force's Space Command boasts that it can develop computerized satellites that will tell U.S. commanders everything that is happening, at every moment, everywhere in the world. It also promises that these satellites will guide U.S. weapons precisely to the target every time. It has already spent billions of dollars

preparing for the militarization of space. But it wants much more.

We already have more destructive power than any one nation, or even the world as a whole, could possibly use. We have that power because of another revolution in military technology that went largely unnoticed.

During the detente of the late 1960s and 1970s, the weapons designers went as far as they could with big, unwieldy, city-busting bombs. So they invented a new

generation of "smaller" strategic weapons, precision-guided by computers, mounted eight or 10 at a time on a single warhead. Apart from a brief flap over defensive missile systems, there was scarcely any public interest.

The Space Command plans to use its satellite-and-computer network not only for guiding these Earth-based weapons but to destroy enemy satellites. It is called "full-spectrum dominance." Its proponents say it will "protect U.S. interests and investments."

There's nothing secret about their plan. They shout it out in glossy brochures and slick Web

sites, hoping to get a bigger piece of the budgetary pie. George W. Bush's selection of Rumsfeld indicates that the new administration wants to cut the pie very much to the Space Command's liking.

The only part of the plan getting scrutiny, now as in the 1960s, is missile defense. Space war boosters count on National Missile Defense to ensure full-spectrum dominance, to spin off the technology that space wars will require and to get us to pay for it all. Rumsfeld's passions for missile defense and for space weapons are two sides of the same coin.

Once the Pentagon tosses that

coin, there will be no way to stop an arms race in space, the costs of which, in money and eventually in human lives, is incalculable. Now is the time for a full-scale public debate on the militarization of space.

That debate might well convince most of us that the Bush-Rumsfeld course is too dangerous to follow. But even if most of us choose to accept it, we should choose it consciously, with full consideration of all the alternatives.

Peacetime is the time to pay attention to the new technology of war. After the next war, it may be too late.

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FORECLOSE: Tax fairness a goal

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ate contaminated properties taken through foreclosure.

These protections have not been enacted, and so we must analyze each property on a case-by-case basis in order to protect county taxpayers from liability issues. It should be understood

generating more than \$820,000 in the process. We will be building on this great success with regular future auctions.

I will also work with local neighborhood associations, and do whatever is appropriate to help them maintain and preserve their communities. We have

and equitable for all county residents, protects them from costly liability and still sends a clear message to people who don't pay their taxes that we will take action.

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Caroline Harvorsen

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Anniversary In Heaven
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And while you sleep a peaceful sleep.
Your memory we shall always keep.

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We love and miss you very much.

Husband John,
Your Children,
Barbara & Willy,
Sue & Bill,
John & Ros,
Sister Betty & Glen,
Grandchildren &
Great-grandchildren

FRANCES M. TABOR

Who will celebrate her 73rd
birthday in heaven

January 29th

The depths of sorrow we cannot tell.
Of the loss of one we loved so well.
And while she sleeps a peaceful sleep.
Her memory we shall always keep.

We all love you & miss you.

Husband Ted

Children Cynthia, Linda, Deborah, Robert
Grandchildren Jason, Timothy, Rachel

Howard L. Brownell**RHINEBECK**

resident, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001 at
St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh.

Born in Nelsonville on March 22,
1926, she was the daughter of Ralph
and Eda VanTassel Zeliph.

She was married to Gordon F. Van-
Buren, who predeceased her.

Mrs. VanBuren retired from IBM,
East Fishkill. She was a parishioner of
Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fish-
kill.

Mrs. VanBuren is survived by a son,
Gordon F. VanBuren Jr. of Wapping-
ers Falls; a daughter, Darlene Car-
bonaro of Beacon; three grandchil-
dren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday, 2-4 and
7-9 p.m., at Halvey Funeral Home, 24
Willow St., Beacon.

Funeral services will be Wednesday,
11 a.m., at the funeral home, with Rev.
Roberto Munoz officiating.

Interment will follow in Fishkill Ru-
ral Cemetery, Route 9, Fishkill.

**George F.
Brenner Sr.**

PLEASANT VALLEY - George F.
Brenner Sr., 81, a lifelong resident of
Pleasant Valley, died Saturday, Jan.
27, 2001 at St. Francis Hospital,
Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Brenner worked at Sedgwick
Machine Works as Vice President of
Operations, retiring in June of 1983.

He served in the National Guard
from 1937 to 1941. He was involved
with little league and bowling.

Born June 10, 1919 in Poughkeepsie,
he was the son of August and Char-
lotte Tuttle Brenner. He attended
Poughkeepsie schools and area trade
schools.

Survivors include a son, George
Brenner Jr., of Long Island; a son,
Peter Brenner Sr., of Salisbury Mills,
N.Y.; a daughter, Kathleen Brenner-
Tromb of Sunrise, Fla.; seven grand-
children; and several nieces and neph-
ews. He was predeceased by five sis-
ters.

Calling hours will be 7-9 p.m., Tues-
day, Jan. 30, at the Allen Funeral
Home, Main St., Pleasant Valley.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m.,
Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Pough-
keepsie Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be
made to your favorite charity.

Concetta M. Wyant

N.J., for 35 years and retired as a re-
search associate in 1980.

In 1947, he married Vivian A. Seifts,
who survives at home, and is survived
by step-daughters, Donna Detmer
Beal of Grand Forks, ND, and daugh-
ter, Carol A. Czaplinski of Hammon-
ton, NJ, and two sons, Thomas Cza-
plinski of Raleigh-Durham, NC and
Alan P. Czaplinski of South River, NJ.

Also a brother, Stanley Czaplinski of
Hyde Park; and two sisters, Helen
Murphy of Pleasant Valley, and Mari-
on Manda of Englewood, Fla.

Also two grandchildren, Thomas
Beal of Littleton, CO; and James Beal
of Grand Forks, ND, and three great-
grandchildren, Zachary Beal, Gretch-
en Beal, and Cameron Beal.

He was predeceased by two broth-
ers, Charles Czaplinski of San Anto-
nio, TX, and Frank Czaplinski of Hyde
Park, and a sister, Florence Lockhart.

There will be no calling hours.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be
held on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 9:45 a.m.
at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 775
Main St., Poughkeepsie. Burial will fol-
low at Calvary Cemetery, Poughkeepsie.

Arrangements are being handled by
Allen Funeral Home, Main St., Pleas-
ant Valley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial dona-
tions may be made to the American
Heart Association, 22 IBM Road,
KANDR Bldg., Suite 108, Poughkeepsie,
NY 12601.

William Urey

SMYRNA, TENN. - William Urey, of
Smyrna, Tenn., died Friday, Jan. 26,
2001.

He was a native of Garrison, N.Y.,
and the son of Robert and Ida Brick
Urey.

Mr. Urey was a retired Sergeant
with the New York State Police and
was a member of Smyrna First Meth-
odist Church. He was an active volun-
teer with Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Urey was preceded in death by
his wife, Helen Gruhl Urey. Survivors
include several nieces and nephews.

Burial will be in the Roselawn Me-
morial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be
made to the American Heart Associa-
tion.

Fanny M. Ligotino

HIGHLAND - Fanny M. Ligotino, 74,
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Hannah Blumenfeld

Graveside service for Hannah Blu-
menfeld, formerly of Poughkeepsie,
will be 3 p.m., Tuesday, at Sharon
Gardens Cemetery in Valhalla.

Family will receive friends at the
family home after the service and
from 3-8 p.m., Wednesday, in Croton.

Memorial contributions may be
made to the Southern Poverty Law
Center, 400 Washington Ave., Mont-
gomery, AL 36104.

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POLICE BRIEFS**Hudson River PCBs
Reassessment Project**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has
announced that it will give the public an additional 60
days to submit comments on the Agency's proposed
plan to clean up polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs,
from the Hudson River. This will extend the public
comment period to April 17, 2001, allowing the public
a total of more than 120 days to give EPA its input and
feedback on the ten-year scientific study and plan to
address the environmental and public health risk posed
by the PCB contamination of river sediment. EPA now
expects to finalize its decision on an approach to the
Hudson River cleanup in August 2001.

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The Post-Star, Glens Falls, N.Y.

OPINION

...and, they were responsive to a constituent's concerns. But not Sen. Stafford. I am disappointed. It is apparent that our local senator is less responsive to his voters than those politicians who have far less connection to our area.

RUDOLPH MEOLA
Hague

DPW commended in water search

Editor:

As a resident of Saratoga Springs, and a boat owner who frequents Saratoga Lake, I have read with interest your recent stories on the city's search for a future source of drinking water. Over the past few years, Commissioner McTygue and his staff have pursued this very public, exploratory process. I am impressed with the Department of Public Work's long-range plans to secure clean water for Saratoga Springs' future as well as their strategies to conserve water and maintain the current system.

Despite the DPW's forthcoming and open involvement on this issue with local county legislators, interested agencies and the general public, I recently received a mass mailing from the Saratoga Lake Association filled with alarming misinformation and inflammatory rhetoric. The reader is warned, "Time is running out to have our voices heard," and is urged to read the enclosed sample letters and to write to local legislators. A sample letter includes the

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Queensbury High School Auditorium
409 Aviation Road
Queensbury, New York

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Court rules abortion threats protected

by Associated Press

San Francisco - A federal appeals court threw out a record \$109 million verdict against anti-abortion activists yesterday, ruling that a Web site and wanted posters branding abortion doctors "baby butchers" and criminals were protected by the First Amendment.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously said the activists could be held liable only if the material authorized or directly threatened violence.

The ruling came two years after a jury in Portland, Ore., ordered a dozen abortion foes to pay damages to Planned Parenthood and four doctors. They had sued under federal racketeering law and the 1994 federal law that makes it illegal to incite violence against abortion doctors.

The case was widely seen as a test of a

recent Supreme Court ruling that said a threat must be explicit and likely to cause "imminent lawless action."

"If defendants threatened to commit violent acts, by working alone or with others, then their (works) could properly support the verdict," Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski wrote. "But if their (works) merely encouraged unrelated terrorists, then their words are protected by the First Amendment."

Planned Parenthood and the doctors were portrayed in the Old West-style wanted posters as "baby butchers," and a Web site called the "Nuremberg Files" listed the names and addresses of abortion providers and declared them guilty of crimes against humanity.

The anti-abortion activists said their posters and Web site were protected under the First Amendment because they were merely a list of doctors and clinics - not a threat.

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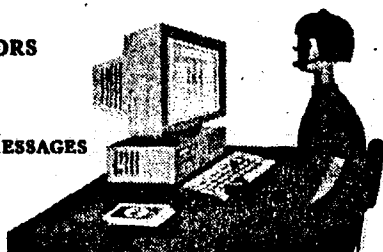
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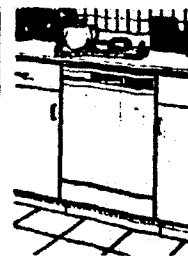


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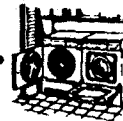


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Letter about education carries inaccuracies

In a recent letter to the editor, Dolores Chechek went way beyond her usual tirade about public education.

This letter included inaccuracies, distortions, exaggerations and sexual innuendos. The fact that she wrote "the new rules go into effect" New? Old? Is Chechek confusing state and federal powers? Perhaps the Poughkeepsie Journal could write an article about these supposed rules and regulations that have suddenly come out of hibernation so we can put this falsehood to rest.)

Chechek stated she knows how attendance records can be circumvented and she had knowledge

that this had been done for years. If she had knowledge of this during her tenure on the board of education, is she culpable?

EAL, Edison Project, charter school and vouchers equals failure, fraud and disaster. Read the reports and don't take Chechek's word for it.

It must be spring because the old guard is beginning to crawl out from under their rock to publish

not check in.

It is not just Beacon high either. Some other schools, which I will not name, have lax security also. I was able to drive past a security guard and pass two on my way into one school building to meet a friend. I did not even attend this school.

The security is an ongoing problem and needs to be looked into. When you have students wan-



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The Times Herald-Record Saturday, March 31, 2001

'The Oblongs' is flush with excess

You can't say that the new animated comedy "The Oblongs" (7:30 p.m. tomorrow, WB, TV-PG, D, S) doesn't get right to the point. The first thing you

gross (not to mention stupid) to be airing at 7:30 p.m. It repeats tonight at 8:30 and 9:30.

Does anyone at the WB network know who is in San Francisco. Let's hope these musicians channel their creativity into their music, because every word out of their mouths is predictable and inane.

Highlights today

- NCAA Basketball continues until 10:30 p.m. (CBS).
- Game 9 of the NFL Football season (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- Good-looking executives (Michael Douglas and Demi Moore) battle in the boardroom and the bedroom in the 1994 drama "Disclosure" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14, D, L, S). Presented in HDTV.

► Tony Randall plays six roles in the 1964 fantasy "Seven Faces of Dr. Lao" (11:30 p.m., Turner Classic Movies).

Highlights tomorrow

► Rob



Reiner hosts the 27-part movie series "The Essentials" (6 p.m., Turner Classic Movies) showcasing films that are simply "must-sees" for serious film buffs.

► Young U.S. Marines undergo basic training in the 2001 TV drama "Semper Paratus" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-PG). A pilot for a drama not developed by the network.

► Justine Waddell stars in the four-part

Syndicated columnist Kevin McDonough resides in Narrowsburg.

Photo provided

"Citizen Kane" starring Orson Welles is shown as part of "The Essentials" 6 p.m. tomorrow on TCM.

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The four-hour film drama "And Never Let Her Go" will be aired 9 p.m. tomorrow and Wednesday on CBS. Mark Harmon and Kathryn Morris star in the adaptation of the best-selling true-life crime tale by Ann Rule.

Tuesday, March 27 at 11AM at the New Paltz Rural Cemetery.
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Mark F. Consiglio

Mark F. Consiglio, 38, a lifelong resident of Poughkeepsie, died Sunday, March 25, 2001 at Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Consiglio was a self-employed drywall contractor.

Born May 13, 1962 in Poughkeepsie, he was the son of Lewis and Elizabeth B. Day Consiglio.

He married Nancy Markey on Oct. 28, 1987 in Fishkill. Mrs. Consiglio survives at home.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by two step-daughters, Diane Hansen of Burlington, Vt.; Doreen Busch of Miami, Fla.; three brothers, Kevin Consiglio of Poughkeepsie; Bruce Consiglio of Poughquag; Ronald Consiglio of Fishkill; two sisters, Barbara Consiglio of Poughquag; Debbie Sylvester of Poughkeepsie; and his step-mother, Marianne Consiglio of Gardiner.

Calling hours will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, at the Allen Funeral Home, 1605 Main St., Pleasant Valley.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Thursday, March 29, at the funeral home.

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"Last year's headlines included national acts such as Rat Dog, featuring the Grateful Dead's Bob Weir, Primus bassist Les Claypool with his band, Rat Brigade, the David Grisman Quintet and Moe.

Before the town board approved the festival in January, and the company is sign off on the event, said Eaton.

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Rhinebeck school secretary, at