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Mayoral candidate Tom Reed looks on as Mayor Frank Coccho speaks Thursday during a debate at the Radisson Hotel Corning.

## Debate makes differences clear

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**CORNING** | Distinct differences emerged among the two candidates running for city mayor when they spoke to Rotarians Thursday afternoon.

About 75 club members filled the Radisson Hotel Corning to hear the campaign platforms of Democrat Mayor Frank P. Coccho and his opponent, Republican Tom Reed.

### IF YOU GO

The mayoral candidates will debate at 7 p.m. Monday at the East High auditorium. The debate will be sponsored by WETM Newschannel 18 and *The Leader*.

Coccho focused on the accomplishments of his first two years in office and promised more of the same if re-elected.

"Experience is the best teacher," Coccho said. "Look at the record, if you like the record re-elect me to another two years in office."

Reed spoke about long-

**"We need to heal relationships with leaders in Bath, Albany and Washington. We need those relationships because when we fight for resources we need friends at those levels of government."**

Mayoral candidate Tom Reed

**"I put the people first. The record will show in the two years that I have been mayor not once has anyone referred to us as the comic council."**

Mayor Frank Coccho

range goals for the city, something he claims Coccho often ignores.

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## New SCHIP bill faces Bush veto

### House passes measure despite Kuhl's 'no' vote

BY CHARLES BABINGTON  
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**WASHINGTON** | The House passed a revised children's health proposal Thursday, but not by the two-thirds margin that supporters will need if President Bush vetoes the measure as promised.

The 265-142 vote was a victory for Bush and his allies, who urged House Republicans to reject Democrats' claims that changes to the legislation had met their chief concerns. If the same vote occurs on a veto override attempt, Bush will prevail, as he did earlier this month when he vetoed a similar bill.

The tally was seven votes short of a two-thirds majority. Several House members were



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absent. U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr. voted against the bill claiming little change to its original form

was made including loopholes that would allow illegal aliens to become insured.

"The 'new' bill doesn't put low-income children first and still insures adults and illegal immigrants," Kuhl said. "It continues to force nearly 2 million children from private health insurance to government-run care. It still contains a massive tax hike and district-specific earmarks and pork projects."

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## Addison teacher's fate still uncertain

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**ADDISON** | Anthony Fazzary's future with the Addison school district is still up in the air.

Addison Superintendent Betsy Stiker said she and the school board are working with the Addison Teachers Association to decide Fazzary's future. Fazzary, 43, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor public lewdness Monday in Erwin Town Court.

Fazzary was charged in July after being caught masturbating in his car in the Gang Mills Walmart parking lot. Shortly before the beginning of the school year, the district reassigned Fazzary, who had been a physical



FAZZARY

education teacher at Tuscarora Elementary School.

In August, many parents in the district said they would not let their children start school if Fazzary was allowed to teach.

Stiker said Fazzary has no contact with students in his new assignment.

"His status has not changed," Stiker said. "He's on administrative assignment. Because of the process, I can't make any other comments."

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## Union, developer reach deal

BY MARY PERHAM  
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**BATH** | The dispute between labor and the developer of wind farm projects in the Town of Cohocton was put to rest Thursday.

Representatives from project developer UPC and the local Ironworkers council agreed on the use of local construction labor for the projects in the Dutch Hill and Lent Hill regions. The agreement was disclosed Thursday at a meeting of the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency.

Union officials alleged last month UPC had reneged on its promise to hire local workers for the 51-turbine project. SCIDA delayed granting the company

property tax breaks on the projects until the matter was resolved.

Despite the agreement, the board did not act Thursday on the request for tax breaks.

"I think they'll wait for a little while, just to see for themselves," said James Sherron, SCIDA executive director.

UPC Senior Projects Manager Lawrence Mott told the board 33 percent of the 110 workers now on the sites are local residents.

By mid-November, the firm expects a total of 93 local employees on site, with a total work force of 170, he said. Beginning in February 2008, 101 workers out of a total of 150 laborers will be local residents, according to Mott.

The project contractor, Minnesota-based MA Mortenson, has hired outside managers and

supervisors already experienced in wind turbine construction, Mott said. Mortenson also hired three subcontractors from outside of the area, he said.

But UPC has oversight over several elements of the projects and intends to hire as many local workers as possible, Mott said.

Paul Sirianni, marketing representative for the state Iron Workers District Council in Rochester, told the board union objections arose from a misunderstanding that has since been ironed out.

"It costs a lot less to hire locals than pay for rooms and meals for transients," Sirianni said.

Board members said they would require monitoring of the work force to ensure local labor use remains in line with Mott's projections.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

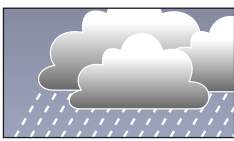


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A vampire in the Corning West High Marching Band marches in the Halloween Parade Thursday night in Painted Post. More photos on 10A.



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