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reform, true government transparency, among other issues – has endorsed Winner.

“Clearly, there are ideas we (Tonello and I) agree on and ideas we don’t,” Winner said. “When it comes to reform, (Responsible New York) endorsed me, not him (Tonello) ... I’ve got a clear record of advocating for those issues.”

Tonello has outlined six key points of reform. They are:

- Appoint an independent commission to redraw New York’s legislative districts.

- Limit corporate and political action committee contributions to \$1,000 per election cycle to reduce their overwhelming influence on legislators.

- Bar legislators from accepting money or working for firms, agencies and organizations for which they seek to enact legislation.

- Legislative Ethics Commission filings must be far more transparent and accessible.

- Balance Senate resources and staff among all legislators, regardless of party affiliation.

- Reform member-item spending to eliminate partisan disparities and election-year posturing.

For more details on Tonello’s reform agenda, visit tonellofor.senate.com. Winner’s Senate Web site is senator.winner.com.

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But despite the threats of legal action, the board voted 3-2 in July to award the contract to Cronk. In August, the board gave written notice to all residents, including Cronk and Campbell, the property must be cleared of any equipment.

A petition for a permissive referendum on the sale was recently denied, according to town Clerk Pamela Kula.

Board members noted there is still some equipment on the lot and directed McConnell to give Campbell a week to remove the items.

“I’d rather try a friendly way first,” McConnell said. “We’ve had enough problems without getting the law involved.”

Councilman Steven Kula said a friendly approach would be best.

“And if it’s not off in seven days, we call T&R Towing and have them remove it at her expense,” Kula said.

In other action:

- McConnell told the board there has been no resolution to the lawsuits filed by the Naples and Prattsburgh school districts against the town and other governmental agencies. The districts are seeking more revenues from the 36-turbine First Wind project located primarily in the town.
- The board agreed to consider setting up a local law setting guidelines for any type of tower-like construction in town. The guidelines would include fees for permits.

The permits were suggested by resident John Servo, president of the Advocates for Prattsburgh.

“This is your one chance to get some really significant revenues,” Servo said. “Granted, it’s a one-shot payment, but I’d hate to see you miss it.”

OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY K. CLARK

BATH, NY | Shirley K. Clark 74 of 25 Dogwood St., formerly of Waverly and Hammondsport, passed away Tuesday September 16, 2008 at the Ira Davenport Mem. Hospital.

She was born November 30, 1933 in Sayre, PA, the daughter of Lewis and Freda King Sager. Shirley had been employed at Grant’s in Bath, Gold Seal Winery and Attorney Peter Baker in Hammondsport, and was a member of the Hammondsport Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband Lloyd R. Clark, daughter Stacey L. Clark of Prattsburgh, granddaughters Lyndsey Clark and Emmalyn Lafler, special friend Chris Graves and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Memorials may be made to the Bath Vol. Ambulance Corp, 110 E Steuben St, Bath, NY 14810.

Arrangements are by the LaMarche Funeral Home of Hammondsport.



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In this June 2004 file photo, Motown’s Norman Whitfield arrives at the induction ceremony for 35th annual National Academy of Popular Music/Songwriters Hall of Fame in New York.

Motown legend Whitfield dies at 67

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LOS ANGELES | Norman Whitfield, songwriter and producer who co-wrote a string of Motown classics including “War,” “Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me)” and “I Heard It Through the Grapevine,” has died. He was 67.

A spokeswoman at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center said Whitfield died there Tuesday. He suffered from complications of diabetes and had recently emerged from a coma, *The Detroit Free Press* reported.

The New York-born Whitfield was a longtime Motown producer who during the 1960s and ’70s injected rock and psychedelic touches into the label’s soul music.

Many of his biggest hits were co-written with Barrett Strong, with whom he was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2004. He and Strong won the Grammy in 1972 for

best R&B song for the Temptations’ “Papa Was a Rolling Stone.”

Many of Whitfield’s songs from late ’60s and early ’70s have a strong political tone, including the Temptations’ 1970 “Ball of Confusion (That’s What the World Is Today),” and Edwin Starr’s 1970 “War.”

In his only No. 1 hit, Starr sings in an anguished voice that war is “a heartbreaker, friend only to the undertaker. ... What is it good for? Absolutely nothing!” Whitfield produced as well as co-wrote the song.

Among Whitfield’s other songs were “Cloud Nine,” “Beauty Is Only Skin Deep” and “Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me),” all hits for the Temptations; and “Too Busy Thinking About My Baby,” a 1969 hit for Marvin Gaye.

The group Undisputed Truth had a top five hit in 1971 with Whitfield and Strong’s “Smiling Faces Sometimes.”

Whitfield “was able to go beyond R&B clichés with punchy melodies and arrangements and topical lyrics,” Joe McEwen and Jim Miller wrote in “The Rolling Stone Illustrated History of Rock & Roll.”

Whitfield won another Grammy in 1976 for best original TV or motion picture score for “Car Wash.” The movie’s theme song was a No. 1 hit for Rose Royce and a Golden Globe nominee for best original song.

In a statement, Motown great Smokey Robinson hailed Whitfield as “one of the most prolific songwriters and record producers of our time. He will live forever through his great music.”

Just last week, Gaye’s version of “I Heard It Through the Grapevine,” from 1968, was ranked at No. 65 in Billboard magazine’s compilation of the top singles of the past 50 years. It was also a hit for Gladys Knight and the Pips, in 1967.

Human Services Committee and Inter-County Association of Western New York are only several of the many boards and associations on which she served. She was particularly interested in service to the elderly and less fortunate, donating extensive service and time to the Steuben County Office for the Aging and Pro-Action.

Linda Tetor, director of the Office for the Aging, recalled how Tears worked tirelessly in organizing Project Care, which utilizes area volunteers to provide services to senior citizens. “She took her role very seriously and she would always speak up for the good of senior citizens. You could not find a more passionate advocate,” Tetor said.

Tears worked for the Westinghouse Electric Corp. when it maintained operations in the Bath area, and also served as executive secretary at the former Corning Glass Works. She was a member of the Women’s Republican Club, Bath Business and Professional Women’s Club, Bath Rotary and Quota Club.

She was married to the late Raymond Tears, with whom she enjoyed domestic and international travel, and she was dedicated to her close and extended family.

“Lola was a dedicated public servant who was always generous to her community with her time, talents and support,” the county legislature’s memorial resolution concludes.

TODAY’S EVENTS

Health

- **Book signing, “Alive,”** by Corning author Eileen DeClemente | 9-10 a.m., St. Joseph’s Hospital, Elmira.
- **Southern Tier Addiction Rehabilitation Services, workshop with Thomas Paul, “Growing Up in Recovery”** | 10 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph’s Hospital, Elmira. Register, 737-7801.
- **HIV testing/ STD clinic** | 9-11 a.m., 1-4 p.m., Chemung County Health Department, 103 Washington St., Elmira. 737-2028.
- **Dental clinic** | 8 a.m.-

6 p.m., Chemung County Health Department, 103 Washington St., Elmira. For Chemung County residents who are Medicaid recipients. 737-2870.

- **Health and dental services to the uninsured** | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Health Ministry of the Southern Tier, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Suite 230, Corning. Services also offered in Bath, Watkins Glen and Elmira. Call for appointment, 962-2032.

Support groups

- **Alcoholics Anonymous, United Sobriety** | Noon,

Christ Episcopal Church, 39 East First St., Corning. www.ny-aa.org or (877) 501-1249.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous, Big Book** | 7 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Pulteney Square, Bath. www.ny-aa.org or (877) 700-4199.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous, Happiness** | 8:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Pulteney Square, Bath. www.ny-aa.org or (877) 700-4199.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous, Fresh Start** | 7:30 p.m., Building 104, Room A-205, Bath VA Medical Center. www.ny-aa.org or (877) 700-4199.

DEATH NOTICES

Roy A. Quiggle

PAINTED POST | Roy A. Quiggle, 70, of Pioneer Road, Painted Post, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008.

A U.S. Army veteran, he retired from Weyerhaeuser and later worked as a Prudential insurance agent.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Kay Quiggle; his mother, June Quiggle; a son, Scott Quiggle of Lemon Grove, Calif.; a daughter, Deborah Shultis of Stittville; two sisters, Edna Nelson of Huntsville, Ala., Marcia Gakle of Jersey Shore, Pa.; a brother, Steven Quiggle of White Haven, Pa.

Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. today and 10 a.m.-noon Friday at Phillips Funeral Home, 17 W. Pulteney St., Corning.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at noon Friday, the Rev. Gary McCaslin officiating.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Helen B. Decker

ELMIRA | Helen B. Decker, 77, of Elmira, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008 at home.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Henry of Elmira; three sons, James Decker of Burlington, Ky., David Decker of Elmira, Timothy Decker of Pine City; a brother, Joseph Sowa; two sisters, Mary Liberatore, Rose Guerrero.

Calling hours are 5-8 p.m. Friday at Kalec Funeral Home.

Services will be held at there at 10:45 a.m. Saturday.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Casimir’s Church, Father Rick Farrell officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn National Cemetery.

October launch for Hubble threatened

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CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | The October launch date of NASA’s shuttle flight to the Hubble Space Telescope is in jeopardy because of a problem with insulation on the replacement batteries for the telescope.

The telescope equipment was supposed to be loaded onto the shuttle Atlantis on Friday, with no time to spare for an Oct. 10 liftoff. That loading operation will be delayed at least 24 hours, NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said Wednesday.

Engineers discovered that crucial insulation on the batteries was accidentally knocked off and blown around by the humidity-purging system.

“Obviously, it has the potential to delay our target

launch date,” Beutel said.

Shuttle managers want to see how long the cleanup will take before discussing any new launch date, Beutel said. As of Wednesday night, it did not appear as though the batteries or anything else had been contaminated by the insulation, he said.

The insulation came loose and was blown around the plastic bag that encloses the batteries by a gas-purging system that keeps the telescope parts clean. The incident occurred in the building where payloads are serviced.

Atlantis is to carry seven astronauts on NASA’s last repair mission for the popular Hubble telescope.

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NASA:

<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov>

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Massa said. “On the first or second day of business for Congress, this being the number one issue, some of those members of Congress participating in that political show voted against this comprehensive energy bill. It’s one thing to stand up and put on a political act and it’s another thing to stand up and find compromises in a bipartisan manner

to move things forward.”

In a press conference Tuesday, Kuhl said he was opposed to limiting offshore drilling to 50 miles from shore. Other Republicans have said they favored drilling as close as three miles from shore.

Kuhl also said he favors litigation reform that would speed up legal challenges to drilling.

President George W. Bush indicated he would veto the House bill if it came to his desk.

IN BRIEF

Vegan potluck supper planned

WATKINS GLEN | A vegan potluck supper and the first meeting of a new group called Friends of Animals Supper Club will begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 25 at 108 N. Franklin St., Watkins

Glen. The group focuses on healthy, sustainable and humane eating. The event is sponsored by Coalition for Cancer Prevention. All are welcome. Bring a dish to pass or \$5 donation. For details, call 535-2075 or 546-5373.

■ **Staff reports**

CBS radio reporter Brunton dies at 76

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NEW YORK | A broadcaster who was part of the first group of reporters when CBS launched its all-news radio station in New York has died after a heart attack.

CBS says Anthony Brunton died in Long Island on Sunday at age 76.

Brunton began his career in broadcasting in 1956 at WICC Radio in Bridgeport, Conn., where he was news director. In 1964, he joined WCBS Newsradio 88 in New York and helped develop the all-news format.

Brunton covered some of the biggest stories of the ’60s: the subway strike, the black-out and the civil unrest after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination.

Brunton’s colleagues included CBS News correspondent Charles Osgood and late “60 Minutes” correspondent Ed Bradley.

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