So dangerous that it doesn’t deserve parole

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Counselors can help members plan for retirement options

CSEA-sponsored pre-retirement counseling is available at no cost to prepare members with a better understanding of New York State retirement options and Basic Settlement Options. This understanding allows a member flexibility and control in planning his or her retirement pension.

Retirement counselors from CSEA Insurance Plan Administrator Jardine Emnett and Chadeler Inc. will provide individual consultation by appointment, and counseling seminars for groups of at least 10 people can also be arranged.

Counselors can discuss retirement options and can provide retirement income estimates. They can also explain the Tier system.

For additional information, contact the retirement counselor in your region:
- Regions I and II, Jay Soucie, (518) 542-9766
- Regions III and IV, Jim Hoffman, (518) 381-1508
- Regions V and VI, John Kaiser, (716) 896-0591

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KIAMESHA LAKE — The "hurrahs" of 42,000 state workers sharing $30 million in pay equity raises have been drowned out by other workers disappointed and confused by the belief that they were left out. They voiced their disappointment at CSEA's state workshop and union Research Director William Blom took the issue head on, pledging "we will continue to represent you and the problems you relate to us."

Blom's candor with the apparent dissatisfaction was buttressed by the fact that CSEA had nothing to do with the final decisions that were announced. "It is a management right to allocate or reallocate positions," he explained and even though CSEA was instrumental in negotiating pay equity, "all we could do was meet and confer... voice objections... and point out inequities."

Since the April 6 comparable worth announcement appeared in Public Sector the union has been deluged by questions. Blom says the ones most commonly asked include:

- How did it happen?
- Why didn't my title get upgraded?
- How come my title isn't on the list?
- How come some titles are going down?
- How come this title is now in the same grade as mine?

In supplying answers, Blom reminded state delegates that CSEA has worked diligently over the years to get titles upgraded, "particularly titles in lower grades which generally tend to be predominantly female." Thus in 1982 the union negotiated a pay equity study which involved sending out 37,000 questionnaires to randomly selected state employees to survey job content and its relationship to wages.

Eight factors were used to measure job content. They are: knowledge and skills; managerial activities; supervision; written communications; work complexity; responsibility; oral communications; and job demands.

Blom personally believes the sampling used for mental hygiene therapy aides (MHTA) was "inadequate" and he urges MHTAs to "make their feelings known." The other avenue is to use the appeals procedure available under state Civil Service Law. Get "Form CC2E" from your personnel or human resources office. Fill it out in your own words describing how the duties and responsibilities of your job haven't been given adequate consideration in reallocating your position and then mail it to the Civil Service Department.

Blom also wants copies of all correspondence sent to: CSEA Research Dept. 143 Washington Ave. Albany, N.Y. 12224

He stresses it will help make the union's case as he continues to meet with state officials over future pay equity raises for as many as 20,000 more CSEA-represented employees. The April 6 announcement was only the first round of the ongoing pay equity project.

Meanwhile, the Research Director thinks CSEA pressure is already paying off. He believes the state will "sometime this fall" look into a possible "title structure change" for senior stenographers and principal stenographers. He speculates there could be a new titles series such as office manager, assistant office manager, office assistant, etc.

Blom is also pleased that the union now has a special arrangement with the Governor's Office of Employee Relations regarding downgradings. Although the plan is subject to approval by the state Legislature, it would allow current employees in titles downgraded to be paid at the higher grade and continue to receive increments and longevity payments until they either retire or vacate the position.
KIAMESHA LAKE — From a rousing opening night speech by AFSCME President Gerald McEntee to a Sunday morning session on preparing for state contract negotiations, a record 800 members packed a full schedule of programs at CSEA’s annual Thomas McDonough Memorial State Workshop. The sessions ranged from employee legal rights in investigations of patient abuse, to establishing day-care programs for members’ children, to employment security, to stopping contracting out.

There were also individual bargaining unit meetings where members and CSEA officials exchanged information.

PAULINE McDONOUGH . . . wife of CSEA’s late Executive Vice President for whom the union’s annual state workshop is named, and member of Audit and Control Local 651. She says her husband would have been proud to have his name symbolize a workshop aimed at improving union solidarity.

A UNION IS ONLY AS HEALTHY AS ITS MEMBERS . . . MHTA Jean Van Dunk of Middletown Psychiatric Center checks a workshop participant’s blood pressure as part of CSEA’s ongoing campaign promoting well-being.

MANAGEMENT CAN’T COERCE YOU . . . according to CSEA General Counsel Marjorie Karowe, shown above responding to a question along with attorney Kevin O’Hare. Karowe’s session outlined members’ legal rights during investigations of patient abuse in state facilities. She said mental health workers have some of the toughest jobs in the state because they have to make decisions on the spur of the moment that can put them in jeopardy.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR BARBARA STACK welcomes participants to CSEA’s annual workshop.
and discussed current activities.

All members received briefings on CSEA's legislative efforts, the anticipated impact of the state's tough new anti-smoking regulations, programs to keep up with changing office technology, and the implementation of the comparable worth adjustments for the workforce. (see story, page 3).

WE'RE AT A TURNING POINT IN HISTORY

... AFSCME President Gerald McEntee told members that the American people are sick of greed and want an activist government to do something about improving education, raising the minimum wage, rebuilding the nation's infrastructure, ending drug abuse and stopping the spread of AIDS.

CSEA PEOPLE ARE WINNERS... CSEA President William McGowan cheers on runners above during the workshop's PEOPLE Run. Runners raised more than $750. At right, Women's division winner Pam Caron of Local 640.

WE'RE STRENGTHENING OUR POSITION FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS — CSEA Director of Field Operations Frank Martello tells members that now is the time to set our priorities for the upcoming contract talks with the state that begin later this year. Members were encouraged to begin submitting issues and areas of concern to CSEA so that negotiating strategies can be developed.
Reduce deadly chemical risk

CSEA computer project seeks right-to-know improvements

When a misunderstanding led to the spraying of dangerous amounts of a pesticide at the Silver Creek Schools near Fredonia last winter, CSEA’s use of a new computer service helped prevent a bad situation from getting worse.

The service, tied in to a national data base, provides the most up-to-date health, safety and technical information on tens of thousands of chemical compounds and products. It is now in operation out of CSEA headquarters through a grant from the state Labor Department’s Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Program.

The purpose is to get complete information to those who need it quickly.

“The service really worked well in the Silver Creek situation,” explains Region VI Safety and Health Specialist John Bieger. “I just called in the chemical name and by the next day I had all of the available information in my hands.”

Bieger explains that it was only after providing the information to state Environmental Conservation officials that a decision was made to close down the school.

“The most important thing was being able to talk intelligently about the hazards and having the information to back it up,” he adds.

Even the manufacturer had told school officials that they could just shampoo the rug to get rid of the pesticide without any risk. But the CSEA-obtained information showed otherwise and as a result, the school’s rugs were replaced.

The computer service pilot project is an attempt to improve on the effectiveness of the state’s right-to-know law.

Under the law, your employer must provide you with information and training about the chemical substances you may be in contact with, within 72 hours of when you make a request in writing.

Among the information your employer must release:

- The name or names of the substance including the chemical, generic and trade names
- The location of the substances in your workplace
- The properties of the substances
- The acute and chronic effects of the exposure at hazardous levels
- The potential for flammability, explosion and reactivity of the substances

- Proper conditions for safe use and exposure
- Procedures for clean-up of leaks and spills

But in the meantime, you must continue working with the substance until you receive the information. Experience has also shown that the information employers provide is often dated, incomplete or sometimes even inaccurate.

The CSEA computer service takes a giant step toward addressing these inadequacies. It works much faster and thoroughly than your employer.

It helps reduce your risk by indicating everything you need to know about safe handling procedures and precautions to be taken before management responds to your right-to-know request.

The computer information service should not take the place of filing a right-to-know request. You still have to tell your employer you want the information, particularly on where the chemicals are located and emergency procedures.

But the service offers the security of independent confirmation of what management passes on. If there is a discrepancy you can protect yourself until all questions are resolved.

Since management also receives a copy of the CSEA-obtained information, your position is strengthened because it will be difficult for them to challenge its validity.

Getting the info you need

If you have questions about chemical substances in your workplace, alert your local safety representative or regional occupational safety and health specialist. They can take the next step of requesting the information through the chemical information data base.

Cuomo veto jeopardizes Labor’s future

ALBANY — Following Governor Mario Cuomo’s veto of a $3 million plan to stabilize the state Labor Department, the department’s future is once again in doubt.

The action sent shock waves through the workforce which has been operating under threat of imminent layoffs and stopgap reprieves since last fall.

Although targeted workers may remain in temporary assignments within the department through the end of June, the legislative plan would have allowed displaced employees to return to their permanent items.

“This sends a terrible message to Washington about New York’s commitment to a strong Department of Labor,” says CSEA President William McGowan. The governor’s action comes at a time when restoration funding for the department is under consideration by Congress.

If Congress doesn’t act, layoffs will take place on June 30. Most affected CSEA members have already been placed, but union leaders have serious concerns about the effectiveness of the department with a drastically reduced workforce.

CSEA intends to continue its efforts emphasizing the department’s importance.
Member's son needs gift of life

Leukemia victim seeks blood donors

By Sheryl Carlin
CSEA Communications Associate

CENTRAL ISLIP — Salvator Serra has helped save the lives of others, and now he needs your help for his own survival.

Serra, 23, suffers from acute lymphnode leukemia. Since his diagnosis in October 1984, he regularly receives chemotherapy, and just as regularly needs blood transfusions to replace the platelets destroyed during treatment.

This month he will undergo a bone marrow transplant from his 25-year-old sister, Judi.

"We are very lucky that they are a match for a transplant," said their mother, Carmela Arato-Serra, a clerk-typist in the Mulligan School in Central Islip and a member of a unit of CSEA Suffolk County Educational Local 870. She is hopeful that many union members will answer her plea for blood and platelet donations.

"After the transplant, Sal will need a lot of blood and platelets," Arato-Serra said. "We have to depend on donations."

Sal Serra has blood type O, which means he can accept blood donations of any type.

Serra is no stranger to life-threatening situations. One night last May, he took out the garbage and heard the squeal of brakes.

He ran next door and saw two people in a car that had crashed through a neighbor's fence and broken a gas main. He quickly extinguished the cigarette the driver had been smoking and pulled the man and his wife from the car.

"Sal said he could hear the gas hissing," his mother said.

Then he went to the nearby house and woke the father and his two children who lived there while another neighbor called for help.

Quick to save the lives of others even while undergoing chemotherapy, Salvatore Serra needs your help now. Donate blood or platelets to help assure his recovery.

He is in North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset. Call 562-4204 to make an appointment to donate the blood or platelets he so desperately needs.

To donate blood or platelets for Salvatore Serra, call 562-4204

CARMELA ARATO-SERRA, a member of the Mulligan School Unit of CSEA Suffolk County Educational Local 870, looks at a photograph of her son, Salvatore.

Plowers show off snow skills

MAYVILLE — Proving you don’t need snow to hold a snowplow competition, plow drivers and their wing men and women from several municipalities in Chautauqua County held their third annual contest under sunny skies, with nary a snowflake in sight.

After all, this is serious snow country, and most of them would be out plowing snow-drifted roads if they didn’t wait until after winter was over to test their skills in competition.

“We do it to show the public how skillful our drivers are and to have a little fun after the winter is over,” said Dave Davis of CSEA Department of Transportation Local 509.

The winners included Steve Arnold and Jack Clark of the Town of Ellery; Brian Tarnowski, Randy Barrett, Otto Graham and Marty Whetstone of Local 509; Ernie and Tracy Tewinkle of the Town of Clymer; and Barbara and Richard Wise of the Town of Villanova.

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Social Services: system in crisis

By Stephen Madarasz
CSEA Communications Associate

The strain can be sickening

Part two of three

"I would wake up in the middle of the night, thinking — I didn't do this, I didn't fill out that paperwork . . . . I always felt I was responsible for the safety of a child," confesses Margaret Shuhala, who works in the Child Protective Services (CPS) area for Dutchess County Social Services.

Shuhala, transferred into the office after four years in the field that were "physically exhausting and emotionally draining."

Her experience is not unique. It is also not just field workers who burn out from unmanageable caseloads, mountains of paperwork, a constant stream of human misery and a very real fear of physical danger.

Walk into a social services office anywhere in New York; dozens of haggard people wait their turn to tell of suffering and provide evidence of their poverty. At their feet, children play, seemingly oblivious to their surroundings.

At most offices an imposing security guard stands watch — a reminder of the violence that erupts when clients get fed up with the system.

Behind a sterile partition, examiners work frantically to keep up with their work, although there is little expectation it will help clients through the system even a little faster.

Telephones ring constantly, interrupting the flow of work. On every desk, files upon files representing hundreds of individual claimants are piled high.

"We're drowning in the paperwork," exclaims Nassau County Social Services Unit President Beth Luttinger. "The caseload is too large to do a thorough job . . . . but if it's not done thoroughly, Audit/Quality Control comes down on you."

Luttinger explains that in Nassau, like many other counties, examiners interview three new applicants each day — but workers "can't refuse to see people" if they need help.

That's just the start.

During the interview, the examiner will complete a four-page state application. That must then be reviewed using a 15-page workbook. Then all of the information must be documented, which may require additional visits to the office by the client, dozens of phone calls or letters by the examiner, or all three.

Examiners must check and document whether the applicant owns property and verify his or her address. They must check for unemployment insurance benefits, verify children's school records, review bank accounts and life insurance policies and find out if the applicant has also applied for other social service programs such as food stamps and Medicaid.

The application is then registered using another form. Examiners must wait to get a clearance before continuing.

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All of this happens before an applicant receives any help and for each examiner the work increases by three every day.

"The state requires that a case must be opened within 30 days of filing the application," offers Luttinger. "That's very nice but without sufficient staff you don't have the time and ability to meet that deadline.

"Of course all the time you know that these people who have great needs . . . they're waiting . . . ."

The trail of paperwork doesn't end even for caseworkers, whose primary responsibility is to see that clients get the help they need. For example, a CPS caseworker must fill out 60 pages of forms per child for each family they work with.

"There are constant changes in the regulations and you have to keep up with it all," contends Albany County DSS President Steve Redler.

"It's always more . . . the system never gets better," he adds.

But the work takes another toll, according to Dutchess County's Shuhala: horrible stress from making quick decisions without clear-cut answers.

"In the beginning, I felt like I was making progress — actually stopping some child abuse . . . but then you see the consequence . . . the family is torn apart, the father goes to jail . . . the mother blames the child . . . you just don't know . . . ."

In nearly every county there are are nightmare stories of attacks by clients. Workers never know how anyone will react when they knock on a door in an investigation.

Police sometimes accompany caseworkers on home visits for that reason. But there are many times when caseworkers must enter unknown territory alone.

"Over the years I've seen so many workers get sick from their work . . . develop stomach problems, ulcers," says 20-year veteran Nassau County caseworker Fred Jordan. "Everything's become so damn complex since I began. Today it's almost an impossible job."

Not surprisingly, many social service workers leave after only a short time on the job — compounding the problems for those who stay on.

"I don't know what the answer is," says Jordan. "And I don't think the bigshots do, either."

Next edition- Finding answers to complex problems
‘Sensible’ playground

Batavia’s sensory park designed to stimulate and delight the senses

By Ron Wofford
CSEA Communications Associate

BATAVIA — A unique sensory playground park, designed by nationally known architect Robert Leathers, is planned for construction during the last week in May at the State School for the Blind here.

But it’s going to take an army of volunteers — up to 500 or more — to make it possible. And CSEA says it hopes to enlist that army of volunteers from CSEA locals and units throughout the area. CSEA Western Region VI President Robert L. Lattimer has called for CSEA members to donate about four hours of their time to assist in the project.

“Of course we can also use donations of money, materials, tools and equipment,” says State School for the Blind CSEA Local 200 Secretary Shirley Hasenauer, who is serving as volunteer coordinator.

STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AT BATAVIA will be home to a unique sensory park that was designed by a nationally known architect, will be built by an army of volunteers and has been designated as the project of the year for New York State Lions Clubs.

CSEA members: Volunteer your time for a tremendous cause. If you can contribute time during the week of May 26 through May 31 to help build the sensory park at the State School for the Blind in Batavia, CALL (716) 343-5384. Also, please send all donations to A.S.A. Inc., Box 553, Batavia, New York 14020.

“But our greatest concern is enlisting the 400 to 500 volunteers who, under supervision, are needed to hammer, saw, sand and carry for about four hours during construction week, May 26 through May 31.”

The unusual playground was designed by architect Leathers to meet the special needs of blind and multiply-handicapped children who are served by the facility. Leathers and his staff met with the school’s children, parents, teachers, administrators and community leaders before completing the project.

The park will include activities designed to promote muscle development and coordination as well as develop and stimulate the senses of sound, touch and smell.

The school’s students will be able to play miniature golf using sound cues; splash in a sloped fountain where the bottom doesn’t gather water (to avoid a danger of drowning); drive an imaginary car with realistic sound effects; or walk through a garden and nature space and smell a pungent, fragrant mixture of various spices, plants and flowers, and feel the indentifiable bark of various species of trees.

The project will be built entirely by voluntary effort and will be valued at $175,000 when completed. The state has spent about $10,000 on the effort, and the New York State Lions Clubs have made it their project of the year.

Local 200 Acting President Sharon Armstrong is working on one of the main committees, and Local 200 member Joe McGuire is heading the Materials Committee.
Parole Division employees battle fire hazards, roaches, rodents, dangerous fumes and poor plumbing in mid-Manhattan office building

By Lilly Gioia
CSEA Communications Associate

NEW YORK — They work among boxes of rat poison, rodents, roaches, mountains of boxes, stacks of papers and, frequently, noxious fumes.

Their workplace is not a landfill, but a state Division of Parole office in midtown Manhattan.

"I think we're bordering on criminal negligence when you look at how Parole management here has allowed this place to so dangerously deteriorate," said Region II President George Boncoraglio. "CSEA means business about getting this mess cleaned up fast. Nobody should have to work in filth like this."

Boncoraglio recently sat for a state legislators on an unannounced inspection through the 40th Street building, denouncing it as "squalor defying description." He emphasized, however, that "seeing is believing."

The union has filed a barrage of Occupational Safety and Health complaints in recent months, citing Parole officials' failure to eliminate obvious fire hazards and rodent and roach infestation. Because management has refused to meet with union officials about these problems, CSEA has filed Improper Procedure (IP) charges with the state Public Employment Relations Board.

The dingy Parole office, leased from Majestic Realty Company, has a long-standing history of grossly inadequate ventilation, along with a list of health and safety violations management has chosen to ignore. Causing greatest concern to CSEA members are repeated episodes of noxious fumes escaping into the air, sending scores of employees home sick or to local hospitals for treatment.

As recently as March, unidentified fumes infiltrated several floors of the building and employees suffered from dizziness, blurred vision and nausea. Several workers fainted by the time Department of Health investigators arrived. Suffering from dizziness and nausea herself, senior typist Farconeris Perez accompanied co-worker Miriam Caraballo to St. Clare's Hospital for treatment after Caraballo fainted.

"It's amazing to think I had to pass a civil service test to work in a place like this," Perez said.

According to CSEA Local 259 President Jean Jenkins, clerical employees' work areas are surrounded by containers of rat poison, rodent droppings and trails of roach powder throughout the building. "A lot of people comment of headaches," she added.

Fifth floor Parole Violations Unit employees complain of mouse droppings found on desks and dead rodents being left on the floors for up to two hours before custodial employees arrive to remove them. "It's a horrible feeling when you are typing and something run by your foot or you open the desk and find papers inside chewed up," said Caraballo, a dictaphone machine operator and typist. She once had a mouse jump across her typewriter while she was typing.

"I screamed, stood on my chair and thought I'd have a heart attack," Caraballo recalled in a muffled and disgusted tone. After four years of working in Parole, she said conditions are going from bad to worse with waterbugs, huge roaches and fearless rats and mice. "You can see them running down the hall in the afternoon because the smell of food at lunch hour brings more of them out."

Mountains of back parole files and huge piles of stacked cartons are a firefighter's nightmare in a building where the interior is arranged like a jigsaw puzzle with countless lines of narrow internal passageways. Fire doors are always open because air circulation is almost non-existent in most of the building. Electrical wiring is routinely exposed and frayed outlets are a fact of life.

Though CSEA has bitterly complained about unfit, filthy and broken bathroom facilities on every floor, little or no effort to improve sanitation can be seen. It is not uncommon for all toilets on the fifth floor to be out of order, frequently forcing workers to use floors down to facilities that are working.

CSEA's safety and health department conducted several inspections prior to the legislators' visit to be able to provide state Assembly Corrections Committee Chairperson Daniel Feldman and state Sen. Andrew Jenkins, Boncoraglio and the legislators recently made an unannounced inspection of the 40th Street Division of Parole building that is plagued with rodent infestation and deteriorating conditions.

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IT'S EVERYWHERE — Miriam Caraballo points to rodent poison in the corner behind her desk at the Parole building.

RETURN PAROLE FILES in boxes stacked chest high litter the basement of the Parole building.
SUMMERSCAPE AT SUNY

SUMMERSCAPE, a unique vacation program, offers CSEA members inexpensive accommodations and food and access to dozens of attractions. SUMMERSCAPE operates between July 18 and Aug. 9 at five SUNY campuses for CSEA members and retirees. It is sponsored by the joint CSEA/State Committee on Work Environment and Productivity, in cooperation with the State University of New York.

Following are the complete details for each campus, including a coupon to be used in registering for your vacation with SUMMERSCAPE at the participating SUNY campuses: Cortland, Fredonia, Oswego, Plattsburgh and Potsdam. The coupons will also go into a drawing for five free SUMMERSCAPE vacations.

**SUNY College at Oswego**
- Located on the shores of Lake Ontario 34 miles from Syracuse, Oswego offers athletic facilities and access to fishing, boating, state parks, golf, historical sites and the Oswego Speedway.
- Single room rates range from $24 per night to $92 per person for seven nights; double rooms range from $17 per person per night to $57 per person for seven nights. All linens are provided.
- A $50 deposit is required two weeks prior to arrival, and the maximum stay is seven days.
- Meal prices at campus dining facilities range from $2.75 for breakfast to $3.25 for dinner.
- For more information, contact: Conference Office, SUNY College at Oswego, Oswego, N.Y. 13126 (315) 341-4138

**SUNY College at Fredonia**
- Located on Lake Erie less than 70 miles from Niagara Falls, Fredonia offers athletic facilities including a pool and tennis courts and easy access to state parks, Niagara Falls, Toronto, wineries and historical attractions. The college has developed an itinerary to nearby points of interest.
- Single room rates range from $18 per night to $89 for seven nights; double rooms range from $14 per person per night to $88 per person for seven nights. All linens are provided.
- Meal prices at campus dining facilities range from $3.30 for breakfast to $6.70 for dinner. Reduced prices are available for children.
- For more information, contact: Ms. Patricia Feraldi, Housing Office, Gregory Hall, SUNY College at Fredonia, Fredonia, N.Y. 14063 (716) 673-3341

**SUNY College at Cortland**
- Located in the Finger Lakes region 35 miles from Syracuse, Cortland offers athletic facilities, including tennis and squash courts and fitness centers and easy access to lakes, state parks, wine country and the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Single room rates range from $15.50 per night to $92.50 for seven nights; double rooms range from $12.50 per person per night to $61.50 per person for seven nights. Special rates are available for children under 12, and all linens are provided.
- Meal prices at campus dining facilities range from $2.50 for breakfast to $5 for dinner.
- For more information, contact: Office of Residence Life, SUNY College at Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, N.Y. 13045 (607) 753-4724

**SUNY College at Plattsburgh**
- Located 170 miles north of Albany on Lake Champlain, Plattsburgh offers a gymnasium and easy access to beaches, boating, fishing, Montreal and Lake Placid.
- Single room rates range from $29 per night for one night to $85 for seven nights; double rooms range from $13 per person per night to $45 per person for seven nights. Linens are provided.
- Meal prices at campus dining facilities range from $2 for breakfast to $4.25 for dinner.
- Children must be at least six years old to participate.
- For more information, contact: Ms. Lillian Cassidy, Office of Lifelong Learning, SUNY College at Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901 (518) 564-2560

**SUNY College at Potsdam**
- Located 20 miles from the St. Lawrence River, Potsdam offers easy access to Lake Placid, the Thousand Islands, Montreal, Ottawa and swimming, golf and theater.
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May 4, 1987
Mail ballots on the way soon for region officers, board elections

Ballots will be in the mail May 15 to CSEA members eligible to vote in elections for officers in CSEA’s six regions and to fill three vacant seats on the union’s statewide Board of Directors.

Beginning May 22, replacement ballots may be obtained by contacting Brenda Smith at the Independent Election Corporation of America (IECA) Call IECA collect at (516) 437-4900.

Candidates will, as usual, be afforded the opportunity to observe all aspects of the election process, including the mailing of ballots, the picking up and opening of ballots and the tabulation of ballots.

Candidates, or proxies with written authorization from candidates, who wish to observe the election process may do so at IECA Headquarters, Lake Success, N.Y. by contacting IECA in advance of their visits.

The deadline for IECA to receive ballots to be considered valid is noon, Friday, June 10. Ballots will be counted beginning that date.

All candidates were given an opportunity to submit statements and/or photographs for publication in this edition of The Public Sector. In some instances material was deleted from statements in order to comply with a length limit. Here are the responses. The names are printed in the order they were selected by random drawing to appear on the ballots.

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**Statements of regional officer candidates**

**LONG ISLAND REGION I**

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<td>DANNY DONOHUE</td>
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<td>• As your President and with your help over the past 3 years I have: 1) had more informational meetings 2) had over 3,000 members receive training 3) helped negotiate the best contracts in this Region’s history 4) led the fight for Comparable Worth in Nassau County in a Federal lawsuit 5) been endorsed by the majority of the Locals and Units Vote for the Original DonOhue</td>
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<td>H.A. TONY BENTIVEGNA</td>
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<td>I think the Regional President should support the Local Presidents, and not some special interest groups. We have lost members in Suffolk County and psychiatric centers are being closed without a formidable challenge. The Region is in need of being united! I have the support and the experience to do what is necessary.</td>
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<td>1st VICE PRESIDENT</td>
<td>JERRY DONAHUE</td>
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<td>Public employees today are facing strong infringements on their constitutional rights. Drug testing, lie detectors and diminution of benefits. CSEA needs strong and educated leadership to combat these intrusions. We must strive to abolish Tiers 3 and 4 to make it equitable. New employees shouldn’t be the brunt of tiered benefit packages.</td>
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<td>CAROL CRAIG</td>
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<td>*(no photograph submitted) Having served Region 1 as an officer for eight years has given me the experience needed to be 1st Vice President. My goal, if elected, would be to see all regional committees working together to provide more educational and informational programs for the membership, to increase knowledge and overcome apathy.</td>
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<td>2nd VICE PRESIDENT</td>
<td>GLORIA E. MORAN</td>
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<td>Secretary Local 890 — 1985; President Nassau County School Crossing Guards — 1980; Local 830 Political Action Committee 1986; AFSCME Leadership Training Course Instructor — 1982. Education: Nassau Community College; Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Goal: To fulfill the duties, obligations and responsibilities of this office, I will be supportive of the policies of the union.</td>
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<td>JACK GERAGHTY</td>
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<td>*(no statement or photograph submitted) I am seeking your support for re-election to office of 2nd Vice President of Region 1. I have always supported the membership in the past. I submitted a proposal to the Statewide Political Action Committee to protect non-competitives. It was signed into law by the Governor in 1986.</td>
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<td>NANCY HERNANDEZ</td>
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<td>All who know me realize that I am a Union Activist; and committed to our Union members, whether County or State. As a Clerical, I have felt the effects of sex based wage discrimination, and as a Tier III member I abhor the inequities that permit persons to receive different benefits while completing the same job.</td>
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WILLIAM MACCARO SR.
I am currently President of CSEA Suffolk Local 852, and have been a union activist for ten years.
I have served as EAP of Local 852, President of Smithtown Unit, shop steward and a member of many committees and Third Vice President of Region I. I want to represent you.

4th VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT WILLIAMS
*(no statement or photograph submitted)

JOHN ALOISIO JR.
*(no statement or photograph submitted)

CAROL GUARDIANO
Member in good standing 15 years. DEDICATION, LOYALTY AND HONESTY are my first concerns to the members.
EXPERIENCE: 1st VP Local and Delegate; Statewide Board of Directors; Statewide Budget Committee; Statewide Membership Committee; Statewide PEOPLE Committee; Site Committee; Chair Regional Membership and PEOPLE Committee; Member—regional Women's and Education Committee.

TONY RUGGIERO
I feel that the function of a region officer should be one of a liaison, someone who will carry the members concerns to the Region President, the Statewide President, and the International Union. If you give me the chance I will maintain those lines of communication for you the member.

PATRICK HAHN
I ask for your support to elect me 4th Vice President of Region I.
Experience: Local President, State Board of Directors, AFSCME Delegate, Regional Executive Board, Local, Regional and State Committees.
Education: Suffolk County Community College, St. Joseph's College. Studied labor and business administration.
Let my experience and dedication work for you.

JOSEPH CIAVARELLI
Serving Second Term as Second Vice-President, Local 614 Stony Brook, through two different administrations. LUTI Trained Steward Instructor. Served on Local Committees and Boards. Has 41 years Combined Union Experience, CSEA and Building Trades. Recently appointed to Regional Minorities Committee.
A Man of the People, who'll represent You.

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DOROTHY GOETZ
*(unopposed)
FOCUS ON — DOROTHY GOETZ.
Dorothy, a CSEA active participant, is currently a full-time Unit President, a position held for 17 years. She was the first elected secretary for Region I, serving the membership for 15 years. Dorothy is unopposed in this election and wishes to thank the members for their support.

TANYA A. LOWE
*(no statement or photograph submitted)

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JAMES LAROCK
I have 24 years service with the State and CSEA. I have a BBA Degree from Dowling College and I'm presently the Treasurer and Delegate from Pilgrim Local 418. I am also the Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4128. I feel I am highly qualified for this position.

STEPHEN GOLDBERG
*(no photograph submitted)
Married, 35 year old Probation Officer from Nassau Local 809. Second VP of Local 830, President Probation Unit, CSEA/AFSCME delegate. Past President DSS Unit, where I instigated the pay equity lawsuit. BA Sociology, MS Criminal Justice. Opposed to progressive dues or dues increase of any kind.

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BARBARA ALLEN
I am the Treasurer of Local 404-Central Islip Psychiatric Center, a position I have held for the past 4 years. Working as a Senior Account Clerk, I have the knowledge of General Accounting and Bookkeeping principles, which will be helpful in executing the duties of this office, if elected.
**METROPOLITAN REGION II**

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<td>JIMMY GRIPPER</td>
<td>Dear CSEA Members Region 2: I am honored to be on your ballot for Region 2 President. I seek this office so that I can serve you. I am the Democratic Candidate, and by far the most experienced and knowledgeable. I thank you for your vote, and support. ELECT — GRIPPER.</td>
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<td>President</td>
<td>SEAN EGAN</td>
<td>I consider the job of Regional President a position in which I am your tool. There to serve you. You will determine our agenda. When elected Region III President I will seek justice for the membership not only from management but from the union when necessary. Exercise your privilege. Vote.</td>
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<td>Secretary</td>
<td>MARIANNE SHIPLEY</td>
<td>The Public Sector has refused to print in this statement my comments concerning union funds. Fed up with the union snow job called comparable worth, nonexistent county representation, female pay discrimination, management Gestapo tactics at OMH/OMRDD? Vote for a tough woman President who will fight management, not internal wars.</td>
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<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>PAT MASCIOLI</td>
<td>As the incumbent for Region 3 President, I will continue to work on your behalf towards labor management and union successes. Working together the past three years has been very rewarding for all of us. Let us together, continue to achieve the goals set for ourselves and this great union. Thank you.</td>
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<td>President</td>
<td>RAYMOND J. O'CONNOR</td>
<td>Extensive CSEA experience: Regional President, EBF Trustee, Unit President. Led fight against outside interests to return union to membership. Region III needs a fighter for a decent state contract, improved medical plans, binding arbitration and equal benefits for equal dues. Elect RAY O'CONNOR, a proven leader, who will fight for you.</td>
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May 4, 1987
1st VICE PRESIDENT

SARAH L. JACKSON
I thank you for signing my petitions and my name will be on the ballot for 1st Vice President. I am qualified for the position, and can do the job. Thank you in advance for your support and vote. I will dedicate my time and energy in your behalf.
VOTE SARAH L. JACKSON.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

ROSE MARCINKOWSKI
*(unopposed)*
Having been an active CSEA member for 25 and one-half years and having held office in the Local and Region capacity, I wish to continue to work for the membership. Representing people is my priority. I need your help to reach my goals. Let's be united and help one another.

SECRETARY

MADE LIENEE GALLAGHER
* Accurate, detailed accounting of regional meetings.
* Scheduled training for Local CSEA secretaries.
* Development of regional network system.
* Develop and maintain regional resource library. I am committed to accomplishing this. Your vote can make this happen.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT

FRANK DELAURI
I am running for Third Vice-President of Region III because we need a stronger link between the State Locals and the subdivisions, such as schools, towns, counties, city, etc. I will work hard to bring these units together, because I feel in Unity there is strength.

TREASURER

FREDERICK NERO
As Treasurer of Local 814, I, Frederick Nero, have been authorized to train Unit Treasurers. As a member of Region III Activist Team and co-chair of the Regional Education Committee, I understand the problems confronting our Region. We need an experienced Treasurer who will work hard for our members.

CL AIRE RUBENSTEIN
Treasurer, Rockland County Unit and Rockland County Local 844, 1983 to present. Other positions held: in Rockland County Unit—Secretary, 1979 to 1981, contract negotiations (2 times) Labor-Management Committee, Women's Committee, Health Insurance Committee; in Region III — Women's Committee, Chair of Budget Committee; author CSEA 1980 Pay Equity Resolution.

CAPITAL REGION IV

PRESIDENT

JUNE ROBAK
Make your vote count. Allow me an opportunity to represent you the membership in state/local governments. Elect an experienced 28-year union activist and a knowledgeable leader. My qualifications are: Board of Directors member, region Health and Safety, local president, vice-president, treasurer, delegate. I pledge to work for you.

C. ALLEN MEAD
The region is a key ingredient in the delivery of quality CSEA representation to the 40,000+ workers we represent. During our term, quality representation and service has been a constant. Your support made it possible. Your continued support will make us even better. A union needs a team working together.

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BARBARA L. SKELLY
As a union member you are facing an important decision. Electing your leaders. When you receive your ballot think! What do you want in an officer? Strong beliefs. Independent thinking. And action so that your voice — you the member — will be heard and fairly represented.

KENNETH KLEMP
Vote for a candidate who will not disappear after Election Day!
As a Local President, member Board of Directors and Statewide Labor Management Committees, my first concern has always been to serve the members. I hope you will give me this opportunity to serve more of you by electing me to this office.

JOAN TOBIN
I ask your support and vote for First Vice President of the Capital Region. As the incumbent, I have had the opportunity to work with many of you. I would like to continue to assist in the efforts to improve the lives of our members. Thank you for your past confidence.

CARMEN BAGNOLI
During my many years of leadership in CSEA my jobs have demanded dedication and initiative. Currently serving as Chairman of the Statewide Constitution and Bylaws Committee and my 4th term as President of Region IV largest Local provides me with the administrative skills necessary to serve as 2nd Vice-President of Region IV.

FRAN WILUSZ
It's time for you to be heard. If elected I will be there to voice your needs.
My experiences includes: multi-term President, Wilton Developmental Center, and Region Executive Committee both statewide and region PAC and Directors Budget Committee.
A vote for me will bring new ideas and a change.

SECRETARY

PEG BUKO-FARBER
As of 1983, I have been serving as Local President of the Department of Mental Hygiene as well as Secretary to both the OMH and OMROD Statewide L/M Committees. I am running for Regional Secretary as I feel the Region needs a change. I would appreciate your support.

PRESIDENT

JUDY REMINGTON
As the incumbent for Region 4 Secretary, I thank each of you for your continued support during my term. I will continue to keep you informed, work with everyone, and be available to discuss issues. You and I need to work together towards making our union a better union.

TREASURER

FRAN JEFFRESS
As current President and former two term Treasurer of the Education Department, I am familiar with the fiduciary responsibilities of this position.
Service on Region IV Budget and Audit Committees have given me an insight into regional financial accountability and I am ready to assume these obligations as Treasurer.

CENTRAL REGION V

MARK L. HOUCK
My goal is to work for all members and stand up for what you believe.

MARK YOUR BALLOT FOR:
JON PREMO
Get the "dead wood" out of CSEA. Today, management wants it all; it appears that CSEA lays back and lets them have it. New blood, new ideas and a shake up ... that's what's needed. You want the crap to continue — then vote for the same people. You want something better ... vote for JON PREMO.

JAMES J. MOORE
As President and activist of this Region, I have dedicated my time by helping members for 11 years. As Executive Vice President, I will bring new energy, enthusiasm, knowledge, experience and responsibility to the position.

KATHY COLLINS
As President and activist of my Local, I have dedicated my time by helping members for 11 years. As Executive Vice President, I shall continue through effective leadership and performance of Office to assist the leaders and members of this Region.

JOAN TOBIN
As Treasurer, I have consistently demonstrated genuine concern for welfare of the membership and my commitment to responsible, conscientious, management and expenditure of Union funds. With your support of my reelection, I shall continue through effective leadership and performance of Office to assist the leaders and members of this Region.

As the incumbent, I have had the opportunity to work with you the member — will be heard and fairly represented.

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As the incumbent, I have had the opportunity to work with many of you. I would like to continue to assist in the efforts to improve the lives of our members. Thank you for your past confidence.

As Chairman of the Statewide Constitution and Bylaws Committee and my 4th term as President of Region IV largest Local provides me with the administrative skills necessary to serve as 2nd Vice-President of Region IV.

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PAT CRANDALL
I am running for re-election to keep the good working relationship of Officers in the Region. With my involvement with both local government and state I understand the problems of all members. Communication to locals and members is the key to success and we have worked hard for this achievement.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Photo Not Submitted

DOLORES HERRIG
*(unopposed, no statement or photograph submitted)

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

MARK SMACHER
A union needs a innovative and progressive leadership. Not only does a union need to aggressively work for the present rights of its membership, a union needs to prepare for the future. I know that I can be a contributor to CSEA's cause and I thank you for considering me.

RECORDING SECRETARY

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DOROTHY PENNER-BREEN
*(unopposed)
I am seeking the office of Recording Secretary for Region V. I feel that I have the qualities and experience to execute the duties of this office and to maintain the high standard of performance that was established by the outgoing Recording Secretary, Helen Hanlon.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT

DALE KING
My qualifications for this position are clear. I am currently serving as appointed 3rd Vice President of Region V and President and Board Member from Onondaga Local 634, 4,790 members strong. I am committed to providing the service our members need. I have proven I can do it.

TREASURER

MAUREEN MALONE
*(unopposed)
As the Treasurer Elect, I would like to thank all the members throughout Region V. The Re-election of Jim Moore, President, Pat Crandall, Executive Vice-President and Dale King, Third Vice-President will enable an experienced "team" of officers to lead Region V members for the next three years and keep us #1.

PRESIDENT

DOMINIC SPAONE
I have served CSEA in many years and feel totally confident in my ability to deal with problems in the State and Local Government Divisions of OUR UNION. I urge you to VOTE for accessible Leadership that will function FIRST AND FOREMOST for all the membership.

SECRETARY

MARIE A. PRINCE
A STRONG UNITED UNION has officers whose commitment to all the MEMBERS is unquestionable. If elected, I will give more of what I have already given; diligent service directed toward all of our MEMBERS.

TREASURER

SARA SEVET
As incumbent Second Vice President of Region VI I ask your support in my re-election bid. I have been a CSEA activist since 1965 and held many positions on the Local, Region, and Statewide level. As an Officer of Region VI, I have always been available and willing to assist all members.

WESTERN REGION VI

THOMAS J. WARZEL
*(unopposed, no photograph submitted)
The last three years have been very challenging for me. I have met that challenge though, by being acquainted with all facets of an issue, and making a sound decision, based on the facts. Although running unopposed I hope that I could still count on your support with your vote.

MARIO A. PRINCE
*(unopposed, no statement or photograph submitted)

CANDY SAXON
*(unopposed, no statement or photograph submitted)

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Board seats

A special election to fill three vacancies on CSEA’s statewide Board of Directors involves vacant Board seats representing the state Executive Department, Mental Hygiene Region I and Dutchess County.

In addition to races for those three vacant Board of Directors seats, unopposed candidates for two other Board vacancies have been declared winners without necessity of an election. Uncontested newly named members of the Board are George Kohler of Chautauqua County and Patricia Labrozzi of Herkimer County.

Candidates for the challenged seats were invited to submit 50-word statements and/or photos for publishing in this edition of The Public Sector. Statements and/or photos submitted are printed below. In some cases material was deleted from statements to comply with the length restriction.

MENTAL HYGIENE REGION I

Robert Williams
(no statement submitted)

Pat Bahn
As your Mental Hygiene Representative, I know the issues and problems that are facing OMH and OMRDD and have initiated efforts to help resolve some of them. I have three years experience as your representative in Albany. I am President of Local 418 at Pilgrim Psychiatric Center. I ask for your support to continue the fight.

Al Hennebom
I am Local CSEA President at Central Islip Psychiatric Center. I serve on the Statewide Labor/Management and Safety & Health Maintenance Committees. I am aware OMH has many problems and if elected, will work to rectify them. My main objective is to see that ALL members of OMH -Region I are represented.

Joseph T. Lavalle
Let my experience speak for you! I offer 31 years of State Service experience to serve you. I have also served as a contract negotiator and as a member of the State Board of Directors. If elected I WILL be concerned as to how our dues are spent. I WILL regularly report to you as to what has transpired at the board meeting and I WILL actively seek your opinions and suggestions on issues.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Netha DeGroff
Parole Local President since 1983, member of Statewide L/M Committee.

Due to the complexity of the Executive Department, regular communication has been lax. When elected, I promise to work with the other Executive Representatives to establish a more effective line of communication between you and your Statewide Representatives.

Leroy Holmes
LEROY HOLMES: Twenty two years of experience as a Representative, Vice-President and President of Local 660. Attended courses in Labor Relations, Parliamentary Procedures and OSHA. Has served on several Statewide committees. A man of Record, Knowledge and Dedication. Always ready to serve.

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Barbara J. Hogan
As a Union member and officer for nearly 20 year, I am looking forward to giving the best representation possible on the Statewide Board of Directors to ALL the Units that make-up our Dutchess County Local.

Frederick Nero
1. Frederick Nero, am running for Local 814’s Board seat for the same reason I became a Unit President; Local 814’s 2nd VP: Treasurer; member of Local’s PAC and Regional Activist Team. The business of the union is serious and Local 814 needs a serious voice in Albany.
AUBURN — An arbitrator has struck down as illegal a hiring-layoff cycle used by the City of Auburn and awarded six employees more than $32,000 in back pay. His decision was later confirmed by a state Supreme Court judge.

The part-time, seasonal and temporary employees who won the decision had been subject to short-term hiring, layoffs without explanation and then re-hiring. Because they worked for less than six months consecutively, they were not able to become members of the Auburn City Unit of Cayuga County CSEA Local 806 and benefit from contract protection.

Auburn City Unit President Jack Leonard applauded the decision. "This is probably the largest, most significant decision ever rendered for CSEA members in Cayuga County," he said. "It was a fair and just decision, and certainly points out the value of union representation when contract terms are violated."

The union became involved in October 1985, when Patricia Lupien, then unit president, filed a grievance alleging the city was violating the contract. After the three-step grievance process failed to resolve the situation, the union asked that it go to arbitration, according to Leonard.

The union said the employees were not temporary, seasonal or part-time employees as defined by the contract and therefore they should become union members.

Each employee went through variations of the hire-layoff-rehire cycle. They also worked in different departments.

For example, one employee was hired as a part-time worker, but worked full time and was transferred to a new department after two and a half months. A year later he was ordered to take a week off without pay and was given no explanation. His civil service record shows he was "terminated," then "rehired" a week later. In another year, he took some personal time, but his record shows he was "laid off" and "reinstated" two weeks later. He was again told to take a vacation, but his record showed he "resigned" and was reinstated a week later. He was eventually made a permanent employee.

CSEA Region V Counsel Earl Boyle argued in arbitration that the city repeated its pattern of hire, layoff and rehire to avoid the terms of its contract with the unit.

Arbitrator Norman Brand said in his summary that the question was over the definition of temporary, part-time and seasonal employees; the union used the definition in the contract, while the city was using civil service definitions. "My sole authority is to interpret the contract," he said. "I can only determine whether they are 'employees' covered by the contract and therefore entitled to contract benefits."

Calling the city's practice in the case of one employee "essentially sham transactions," the arbitrator said the workers had been wronged.

"The city breached the contract by failing to accord workers full-time status," he said. "All are entitled to all back pay and contractual benefits for 60 working days before Oct. 24, 1985."

The city lost its appeal of the October 1986 decision in state Supreme Court.

"The six employees asked that we acknowledge the efforts of former Unit President Pat Lupien," Leonard said. "She went to bat for them, filed the initial grievance and 180 city employees should be thankful to her."