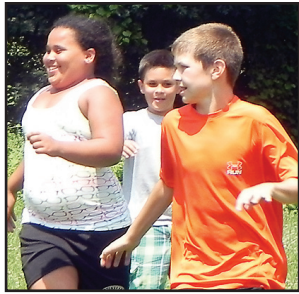


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## Road less traveled

### Buddhists, shrine dispute temple access

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AURIESVILLE — A property dispute between The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville and the World Peace and Health Organization is nowhere near resolution before their second appearance in Montgomery County Court on July 18, according to Father George Belgarde and WPHO spokeswoman Jennie Wong.

The dispute centers on a pair of access roads leading to a building the WPHO bought from the Shrine in 2006.

The former Jesuit retreat house was the first property the WPHO purchased in Montgomery County. According to Wong, the building was purchased for \$595,000 and they have spent close to \$2 million renovating it.

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A barricade of logs blocks the former access road to the Western Supreme Buddha Temple and World Peace and Health Organization headquarters, accessible until recently by the road owned by the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville.



Charlie Kraebel/Recorder editor

### THE BUOYS OF SUMMER

New York State Canal Corp. workers put down markers Monday near Erie Canal Lock 11 in Amsterdam. The agency announced Monday that the locks from Rotterdam to Amsterdam have been re-opened. They had been closed due to heavy rains over the past several weeks.

## Governor may call Legislature back

ALBANY (AP) — Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he'll call the state Legislature back to address recent upstate New York flooding if the federal government declines to issue a disaster declaration.

Cuomo issued an emergency declaration a week ago for 15 counties, followed by requesting a federal disaster declaration that would provide money for rebuilding.

He says owners of about 150 homes with significant damage need help, local governments need

money for rebuilding roads and culverts and he's pushing for Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster funds.

Failing that, Cuomo says they'll see "how creative" his administration can be providing help, but in "a worst case scenario" he's prepared to call lawmakers back to Albany to deal with it.

FEMA says Monday it's reviewing the request and working with the state on preliminary damage assessments.

## NY corruption panel met with skepticism

ALBANY (AP) — The new corruption commission pursuing misconduct in New York government has more teeth than its predecessor two decades ago, but skeptics say the test is whether it recycles rhetoric against persistent Albany corruption or actually bites anyone.

The 25-member commission appointed last week by Gov. Andrew Cuomo has 10 county district attorneys. Unlike a previous Moreland Commission, this panel is deputized as deputy assistant attorneys general with clear authority to investigate state legislators.

Top staff members come from Cuomo's and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's staffs, with a longtime federal prosecutor as

chief investigator of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption.

Like the 1987-90 Moreland Commission, the group is charged with uncovering misdeeds and conflicts and recommending ethics law and oversight. They have authority to subpoena documents and compel testimony. A preliminary report is due Dec. 1, the final report 13 months later. They are to "promptly" report to the attorney general or prosecutors any evidence of crimes, according to Cuomo's executive order.

"The first order of business is the enforcement function," Cuomo said making the

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