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GOOD MORNING

STAYING SUNNY

Dry weather with temperatures far above normal for April will continue to dominate the forecast in Central New York for the start of the week. But there is a rumble of a change coming within a few days.

Complete forecast, C-10

HIGH: 72 LOW: 42

Hamilton bar brawl ends with eight injured

A brawl among about 200 people at the Palace Theater in Hamilton early Sunday morning left eight people injured, sheriff's deputies said. Law enforcement officers from neighboring counties were called to help disperse the crowd.

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Public school enrollment drops in Onondaga County

Two-thirds of Onondaga County's public school districts have seen enrollment drop in the last eight years. See which have experienced the biggest decline — and which are bucking the trend/**STORY, B-1**

Also: Check out the numbers in all districts/**B-5**

No monitoring of people who ate diseased venison

The state says it won't monitor the 350 people who ate venison from sick deer, but it knows who they are should they need to be contacted.

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Sex offender charged in 13-year-old's death

A registered sex offender confessed to killing Sarah Lundes, 13, of Florida, saying he choked her to death after arguing with her, the sheriff said.

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Talks continue on erasing debt of poor nations

Wiping out the debt of poor nations was discussed Sunday at meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The world's seven wealthiest countries agree on the idea, but are still working out the details.

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American activist killed in car bombing

A woman who successfully lobbied Congress for millions of dollars in aid that she helped deliver to families ravaged by violence in Iraq was killed by a car bomb, officials said Sunday.

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Search for hostages in central Iraq turns up 3

Iraqi soldiers and police searching Sunday for scores of hostages reportedly held around Madain, Iraq, found only three people being held.

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HOW TO JUGGLE A HECTIC COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Pamela Chen / Contributing photographer

JOHN HAFFNER, of Merrick, a senior environmental forest biology student at State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry, passes juggling clubs to Megan Moore, of Colorado Springs, a Syracuse University freshman Spanish major, on a sunny Syracuse Sunday. The high was 73. For more on the weather, see **Pages B-3 and C-10**. Moore and Haffner are members of the Juggling Club at SU. For more on the club, go to **students.syr.edu/juggling/**.

Courtroom Drama

D.A.'s clash with judges has statewide implications

By Jim O'Hara and Greg Munno
Staff writers

District Attorney William Fitzpatrick recently said Onondaga County was the only county in the state where documents — normally witness statements or confessions — are filed to support felony complaints.

The Post-Standard tested Fitzpatrick's statement and, on its first call, found a district attorney who disagreed with him.

''Ordinarily, here in Albany, the police sign the felony complaint, and they have to attach documents supporting . . . that the felony has been committed,'' Albany County District Attorney Richard Arthur said.

Two other district attorneys, though, say they follow practices similar to Fitzpatrick.

The issue is one of many in a battle between Fitzpatrick and two City Court judges over how much information a judge needs to arraign a defendant.

The judges aren't insisting on the statements but say if the district attorney doesn't use them, he must take care to properly word the complaint so it supports the crime. City Court Judges Kate Rosenthal and Langston McKinney have been unable to agree with the district attorney on what information is necessary, prompting Fitzpatrick to take legal action against both of them.

A judge Friday threw out the case against McKinney but allowed Rosenthal's to move forward.

John Berry / Staff photographer

JUDGE LANGSTON MCKINNEY'S request for information at arraignments has created conflicts with District Attorney William Fitzpatrick.

2003 file photo, Dennis Nett

DISTRICT ATTORNEY William Fitzpatrick says information provided early in a case could lead to intimidation of witnesses.

The debate has hit a public nerve, drawing 300 people to a court hearing in support of McKinney and Rosenthal. The issue focuses attention on the balance of power between judges and prosecutors. It has also thrown the spotlight on some well-known personalities — Fitzpatrick, the county's hard-charging, high-profile, district attorney, and McKinney, a popular judge and the first black to sit on the city bench.

Two of the district attorneys reached by The Post-Standard — James Vargason, of Cayuga County, and Donald Dodd, of Oswego County — say they, like Fitzpatrick, avoid attaching statements to complaints. Judges in those counties have not objected, the district attorneys said.

A fourth district attorney, Michael Green, of Monroe County, also said he often doesn't file statements. But, like the Syracuse judges, he says the issue is more complicated.

Three years ago, Fitzpatrick began withholding some of the supporting documents that he traditionally filed at arraignments, saying the information was not required and left witnesses open to intimidation. He cited the Karo Brown and other Boot Camp gang cases as an example of when potential witnesses shied away from coming forward because other witnesses were being outed during the arraignment process.

''We tell them we will protect them, and then, at the very first proceeding, when it is not even required by law, we release their names to the public,'' Fitzpatrick said. ''I decided that was wrong.''

Rosenthal and McKinney were willing to accept complaints without the statements but said the district attorney then had to provide enough informa-

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Two men in the news: Profiles of District Attorney William Fitzpatrick and Judge Langston McKinney/**A-4**

Protests against Japanese growing

News service reports

Beijing— Anti-Japanese protests swelled to their largest size yet in China on Sunday as relations between the two Asian powers continued their downward slide.

Japan's foreign minister called for an emergency meeting between the countries' two top leaders, both of whom will be in Indonesia later this week.

But the Chinese government did not respond to the request, and the likelihood of a face-to-face meeting seemed dim. Leaders of the two countries haven't met in any sort of formal summit since 1999 and do not talk to one another by phone.

Tens of thousands of protesters burned Japanese flags, tossed bottles and hurled paint at shops selling Japanese goods in Shenzhen, a boom industrial city near Hong Kong. A day earlier, mobs tossed bottles through windows of Japan's consulate in Shanghai, vandalized Japanese-made cars and smashed several Japanese restaurants.

Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura arrived in Beijing for talks with his Chinese counterpart, but his request for an apology for weeks of anti-Japanese protests was met with a fierce diplomatic chill.

''The Chinese government has never done anything for which it

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Cardinals huddle in Sistine Chapel to choose new pope

They cast one ballot today; white smoke, bells will signal decision.

By Jeff Diamant
Newhouse News Service

Vatican City — Amid secrecy, religious pomp and a degree of uncertainty, 115 Roman Catholic cardinals will sequester themselves with Michelangelo's historic biblical art in the Sistine Chapel today to begin the process of selecting a successor to Pope John Paul II.

The cardinals — one of whom will almost certainly be the next leader of the world's 1.1 billion Catholics — are expected to cast one ballot this afternoon. If, as expected, no one receives a two-thirds majority, the cardinals will retire to St. Martha's House, a secluded residence on Vatican grounds, and return Tuesday to begin a more rapid voting schedule: two ballots in the morning and two in the afternoon.

If a new pontiff is not selected after about 30 ballots, a simple majority is all that will be needed.

The cardinals finished moving into St. Martha's House — a $20 million hotel-style residence with a number of modern amenities — and dined together Sunday night. In past conclaves, cardinals were housed in less comfortable conditions that encouraged them to select a pope quickly.

The conclave begins after days of speculation in the Italian press that Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, of Germany, a high-ranking Vatican prelate under John Paul II, has garnered more early support than anyone else — perhaps 40 to 50 of the 77 votes needed for a two-thirds majority.

Yet papal elections have been famously unpredictable, with presumed front-runners often facing surprising fates, and unexpected winners. Indeed, John Paul II was a surprise choice to many when he was elected in 1978.

As has been repeated endlessly on television these past two weeks, Italians have a saying about conclaves and front-runners: ''He who goes in a pope comes out a cardinal.''

And though the possibility is exceedingly remote, a non-cardinal could also be selected: By church tradition, any baptized male Roman Catholic can hold the office.

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