

## Wind turbines could be blowing into Oswego

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A discussion was held in the Common Council Chamber at City Hall Monday that could make the City of Oswego the first place in America with a design of electric-generating wind turbines currently only seen in Belgium.

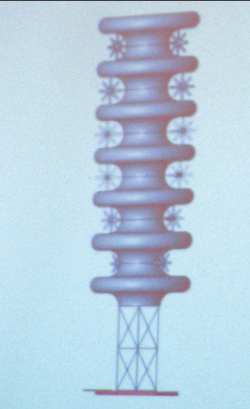
Bruce Cranston, representing the New England Windpower Corporation (NEWC), presented preliminary details on the scheme that would place five turbines close to the shore of Lake Ontario. Unlike the traditional wind turbines common in wind farms across the world, the new design is more efficient and affordable. Instead of a large fan-like device, which requires 86 square yards per unit, the new design resembles a tube that only needs 8 square feet of room per unit. Each unit contains what Cranston referred to as "donuts" that contain two motors. One unit can hold up to five donuts or 10 fans. The fans are comprised of "smart blades," which seek out the optimum wind direction and can also stave off snow and ice.

Based on the models in Belgium, if turbines were to be built in Oswego it would not only save the city money, but eventually earn money. In Belgium, a \$2.5 million investment returned \$996,450 in revenues per year. Within three years they broke even.

And since each motor within a turbine can be maintained individually, the maintenance time is also dramatically decreased compared to the traditional design. The models in Belgium have had 5,694 hours of operating time with only 27 hours of down time for maintenance.

"It's really exciting technology," said Cranston. "It's what America was built on. People taking chances and being pioneers, if you will. We can rid ourselves of the demand for natural gas."

"It eliminates just about every environmental



A sample of the turbine presented for possible placement in Oswego.

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### Bring your can

Novelis will host a booth at the Farmers' Market Thursday. For every 24 cans a person drops off they will receive a six-pack cooler; and for every 10 cans, children can get a water bottle. During Harborfest 2007, more than 30,000 cans were collected from those attending and 3,000 cans were collected for a drawing for a new bike, courtesy of Murdock's Bicycles and Sports in Oswego. The overall goal is to collect 1 million cans — thus promoting the importance of recycling — to raise \$50,000 for Habitat. Pictured from left are Carol Dillabough of Novelis; winner Allison Hare of Oswego; and Liam Shaughnessy, an employee of Murdock's. Hare collected 100 cans during the festival for 50 chances in the drawing.

### Food drive at the Mexico market

The Mexico Farmers Market will do a food drive for the Mexico Food Pantry at the Aug. 27 farmers' market. Market vendors will participate in the event by way of building a bountiful basket of food and product which will be given to a lucky winner at 6:30 p.m. Each can or box of food offers the donor a chance at the prize.

During the afternoon market local members of church youth groups will build a pyramid with the boxes and cans. Mr. and Mrs. Bob McClelland, directors of the food pantry, will be on hand all afternoon to answer questions and collect the donations.

### Library board to meet Tuesday

The Oswego Public Library board of trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the library meeting room, 140 E. Second St.

### Reservations needed for ...

• The next monthly luncheon for the retired nurses will be held at 12:30 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Blue Moon in Fulton. Call 342-2875 by Monday for reservations.

• Niagara Mohawk retirees will meet at noon, Aug. 8. For reservations, call 343-5194 or 592-5581.



## Toppled

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A truck carrying 90,000 pounds of cement crashed into a guard-rail, spilling some of its cargo onto a resident's lawn. The driver, Edward Edick, 47, of Lowellville, swerved to avoid a car that had pulled out in front of him while he was heading west on State Route 104 early Tuesday morning. The trailer on Edick's truck caught the shoulder of the road and the truck smashed into the guard-rail, traveling along it until finally toppling over the guard rail. Edick sustained minor injuries, was treated at the Oswego Hospital emergency room and released. State Route 104 was closed for five-and-a-half hours for clean-up, but the trailer will remain on the side of the road until a special truck can make it to the site and vacuum the cement out of the back of the destroyed trailer. According to police, the vehicle who pulled out in front of the truck did not stop; no tickets were issued.



## Dorm fire sparks concern over disabled alarms

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A fire broke out in Oneida Hall, a dormitory on the SUNY Oswego campus, on Monday night between 11 and 11:30. A number of smoke detectors in the building had been disabled, but luckily the 56 summer students staying in the dorms were safely evacuated, according to the SUNY Oswego Director of Public Affairs Julie Harrison Blissert.

The fire started when several students, who were cooking with a wok in the kitchen on the main floor of the building, left their cooking food unattended. When they returned, the food had caught fire and already spread to the cabinets above the stove. The students tried to put out the blaze with fire extinguishers, but eventually had to pull the alarms and call the fire department.

Some of the fire alarms on the first floor had been disabled by construction workers who were installing new elevators in the building, unbeknownst to SUNY Oswego officials. The workers were part of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), and were not overseen by SUNY Oswego officials.

"There was a communication problem," said Blissert, who said

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## Festival of the Arts planned for Aug. 11

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The Sunrise Rotary Club of Oswego is planning on having a fine arts auction on Aug. 11 at Leotta Park across from the Oswego Tea Company. The title of the event is the Port City Canal-Side Festival of the Arts and it will be held during the Canal Splash weekend.

While there will be an auction taking place around 6 p.m. or 7 p.m., the main reason for the event will be as a celebration of the arts, according to Lisa Shaw, a representative of the Sunrise Rotary Club in Oswego.

"We're looking for things that are fairly local," said Shaw.

Entertainment will be various performances from the local art community, including writers reading excerpts from their books, musicians, performance art and theater.

As of now the auction has around five artists, but has more room for any other artists to join.

"We're only limited by the space in the park," said Shaw, adding that there could be enough room for 10, 12 or possibly 15 tables at the large park.

Profits from the auction will go to either the national branch of the Sunrise Rotary Club, which gives aid to organizations like the Gift of Light and the Gift of Sight, or be divided between the national branch and local programs.

At the event, there will also be a raffle to help local quadriplegic artist, Dennis Pullen, buy a special easel which will be custom built to fit on his wheelchair. The easel will be controlled by his head and will allow him to control his own palette and mix his own paint.

"Before, others had to hold his palette and mix the paint for him and we would have trouble getting the exact color he was thinking of," said Kelly Woolson, Pullen's nurse of 10 years.

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File photo

Local quadriplegic artist Dennis Pullen, above, demonstrates his technique. He will have artwork on display as well as raffle tickets available to help him get a custom-fit easel which will allow him to mix his own paints.

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