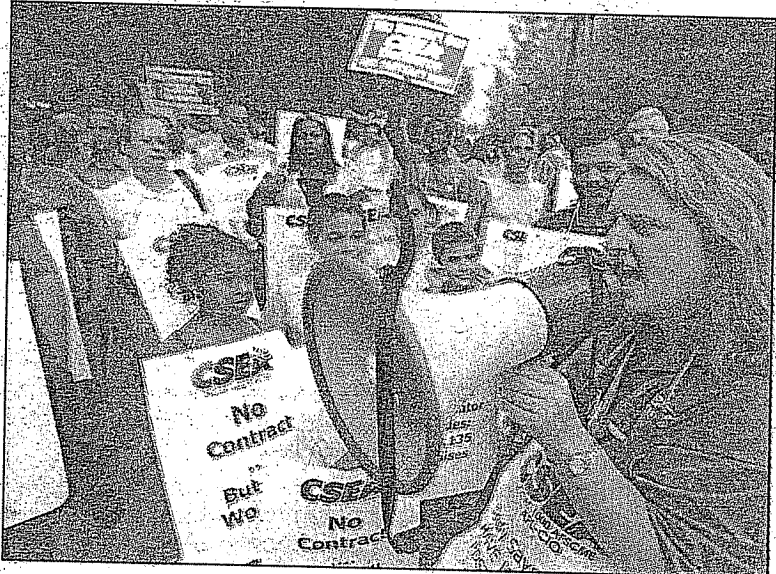


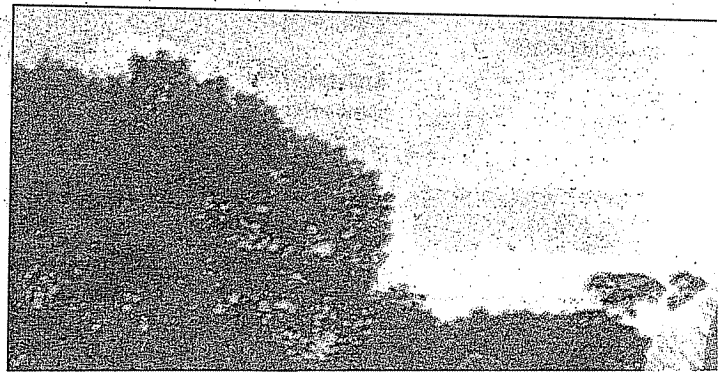
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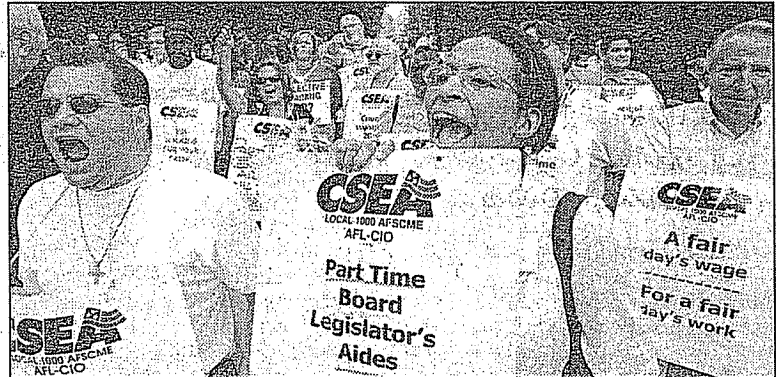
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Mary Fitzgerald rallies members of CSEA Local 9200 during a protest in front of Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano's residence in Yorktown Heights. Page 4 - AUG 30 RALLY -

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Margaret Pace, center, along with fellow union members of CSEA Local 9200 protest in front of Westchester County Executive Andy Spano's home in Yorktown Heights.

## Union takes its gripes to Spano's front door

YORKTOWN — Members of Westchester's largest public employees union took their gripes to County Executive Andrew Spano's doorstep last month.

Members of the Civil Service Employees Association Unit 9200, which represents about 4,000 county workers in clerical and middle-management jobs, began converging on Broad Street at Route 35 — steps from Spano's driveway — about 4:30 p.m. Aug. 30.

"Because he's not coming to us," union President Jack McPhillips said. "We're trying to get him to the table and talk a package."

The union has been without a contract since the end of 2005. The Spano administration contends negotiations have been ongoing.

McPhillips said that, of a number of sticking points, the union is seeking higher annual raises than the 3 percent being offered.

Spano was on vacation in Saratoga at the time, and so he was not at home for the protest.

"He's hiding," Labs and Research worker Pamela Henry of East Fishkill said. "With the cost of living, we definitely need a raise."



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While the CSEA has staged protests outside Spano's office and outside a political fundraiser he held earlier in the year, this was the union's first at his home.

In the fall of 2003, CSEA members staged a protest outside Deputy County Executive Larry Schwartz's home. A deal between the union and the county was reached in June 2004.

"I'm a 32-year county employee and, in all that time, we've never had a contract on time," said Department of Environmental Facilities worker Jim Kelly of Mohegan Lake. "It's Westchester County. I live here. My taxes are to the point where I may have to move out of here."

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## Town planner to speak at Yorktown chamber dinner

YORKTOWN — Town Planner John Tegeder will discuss the town's 2005 Comprehensive Plan at a dinner hosted by the New Yorktown Chamber of Commerce next week.

The Quarterly General Meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17

The cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for others. Paid reservations must be made by Sept. 14. The event will also include a 50/50 raffle, dinner and dessert, introductions and networking opportunities and addresses by Ken Bicknese of Nationwide Equi-