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***Locations in bold are "anchor locations" in the zone

From the Editor

"I don't wanna wear a tie... Or a serious expression... In the middle of July."— Peter Pan; Lyrics by Carolyn Leigh

At the July meeting of the *Ellenville Revolving Loan Fund* — the worthy body that makes capital available to local businesses committed to growing in this area — one could see the sartorial divide that may never be resolved in our time, though the edges *are* softening. To wit: what is the appropriate and acceptable business attire for a small-town rural community in a mountain resort belt?

Only 10 AM, the day promised to push into the 80s, with that slightly sticky mugginess that has one constantly calculating the time and distance to the next air-conditioned venue. This observer, a dedicated fan of ventilated, moisture-wicking, hi-tech Supplex & Coolmax apparel (developed for tarpon fishing in the Caribbean), was cool and dry in short sleeves and shorts. And NO necktie!

(Journalist Linda Ellerbee observes, "If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck?") According to recent research, not very smart at all: A study published in *The British Journal of Ophthalmology* found that wearing a tightly tied necktie had a significant effect on blood pressure within the eye, the most important known risk factor for the development of glaucoma. By constricting the jugular vein, ties worn too tightly increase pressure inside the eye in only a few minutes. Ouch!

Two tie-less Board members — a printer and a manufacturer/designer — were also wearing casual short-sleeves and shorts. Two lawyers, an insurance man, and a pharmacist wore short-sleeve white dress shirts with a tie; three had jackets, though draped over the backs of their chairs. To that extent, comfort triumphed over style and propriety. (If memory serves, the ties were loosened, too.) The rest were dressed "neat casual," e.g. knit golf shirt and slacks.

Now, business was conducted, and sage advice came from both the dressed-up and the dressed-down; none acted as if they felt over or under-dressed. True, everyone knew everyone very well, and nobody had to make any kind of "first impression." (One lawyer later confided that the jacket and tie was because of a closing later that day.) Indeed, morticians aside, if you spot a suit-and-tie on Canal or Main, chances are high it's NOT a local resident!

This isn't just a summer concern; are hunting-style jackets and down vests not "suitable" when ordinary "business" suits seem too flimsy for brisk days? And, of course, many laborers, by the very nature of their work, are simply not suited to wearing, well, *suits*.

So, here's this month's challenge: can we agree on, or come up with, an all-purpose "business-friendly" locally-identifiable wardrobe that "works" in our hot&cold region, is very comfortable and healthy to wear, but wouldn't make anyone "socially" uncomfortable if worn in a more "formal" setting. For example, most serious business is conducted in Hawaii every day in the most unserious, loud, floral shirts; in many tropical countries, a guayabera (a sheer, four-pocket, short-sleeve shirt) is worn outside the pants, eliminating the need for coat or tie! Bermuda shorts are now, finally, acceptable attire even in Bermuda's Parliament (though the "official" image of yellow shorts *and* a dark coat & tie seems a bit schizoid!)

Anyone for starting a fashion trend in "WawarsingWear"?



Cover: 2003 Blueberry Festival, Canal Street, Ellenville, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, USA. (Photo by Sylvia Kalipolites) *Our first color cover doesn't have to work too hard: balloons, sky, street, cop uniform... all BLUE! Join us August 28th for the combined Harvest Music Festival Street Fair with the Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival; Schedule and details on page 16 and following.*

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