

Build bridges for our county's sake

Numerous polls have shown that the American people want their political leaders to work together, to negotiate and compromise in dealing with the major problems facing us currently. Obviously that message has not gotten through to our leaders in Washington and Albany, and apparently not in Monroe County either. I have no idea whether the "F.A.I.R. budget plan" is just that or not, but I do know that the process for arriving at that decision did not fit the criterion of "working together." Surely the opposition party and school districts should have been involved in preliminary conversations on such a major issue.

Now we learn that the Monroe County Bar Association feels it cannot cooperate in the process of choosing a new public defender because the process is already stacked in favor of someone the Republicans want.

Rochester and this county have great needs and we need people in leadership who are willing to work together to begin to come up with some solutions. Whatever happened to the Maggie Brooks who was going to be the negotiator and compromiser who brought everybody into the decision-making process?

— *Bob Kaiser, Churchville*