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# Change comes to *Voices*, Happy Valley

Times are changing. For better or worse, times are changing.

For the workers at Bolton Metal Products, things changed for the worse. When the company announced that nearly all employees would be laid off effective March 31, guys who had spent their lives working at the plant—guys whose fathers spent their lives there—were suddenly faced with decidedly different circumstances.

Gone were the union wages that paid for a house, a car, a college education for the kids. Gone was the health insurance plan. Gone were the union hall that the workers called home for three decades and the plant that's been a Bellefonte mainstay for nearly a century.

As we report in this issue of *Voices*, change came quickly, unexpectedly, for the workers at Bolton.

Change, especially change for the better, occurs much more slowly at Penn State.

*from the desk of the managing editor*  
**Ben Brewer**

Just ask the members of the student group United Students Against Sweatshops. They've spent the last two and a half years campaigning for Penn State adoption of the Designated Suppliers Program to improve the conditions in the factories where Penn State apparel is made. You can read about the DSP campaign in this issue of *Voices*.

Change is also on the horizon in health care. These days, anxiety can be treated with acupuncture, rather than pharmaceuticals. In the Community and Lifestyles section, we report on the emergence of alternative medicine in central Pennsylvania.

*Voices* is no more immune to change than the medical establishment. This month, we're rolling out a brand-new cover design. Many thanks to Mark Dello Stritto of Loaded Creative for help with that.

But we're not just putting lipstick on a

pig. We've got a whole new pig, or rather a whole new advisory panel—and even a few new board members.

They're the folks who are going to help *Voices* change for the better. They'll be helping us make the shift to subscriber-based financial support to keep *Voices* truly independent—from advertisers, as well as political parties. As an independent publication, we will not endorse political candidates or legislation.

The new board is also moving *Voices* ever closer to nonprofit status. Like the mail subscription program, nonprofit status will ensure the independence of *Voices* and of our coverage of the stories that matter most to you.

#### Correction:

We got a couple of things wrong in last month's story on Ahimsa Village. Barbara Anderson (not Andersen) founded O-An Zendo, which is a meditation center, not a mediation center.

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