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Next Stop the Twilight Zone? Let Us Show You the Way!

Submitted for your approval: A small city in New York's upstate region that over the years has gained a reputation for being somewhat dull. Add to this a burgeoning population of out-of-town college students who, when not studying for the next exam, are feverishly looking for something stimulating to while away the hours.

Rod Serling, creator of *The Twilight Zone*, grew up in Binghamton and found in the place inspiration for his seminal science fiction & fantasy television show. To some, Binghamton may still seem like "The City from Another Universe." But using our map should help mitigate some of the fear of the unknown.

Binghamton has had its ups and downs over the years; but today it can't be said there's no place to go, nothing to do, and few amenities. We include in our annual Map an area we call "Central Binghamton." Larger than just downtown, our map includes everything within a radius of three quarters of a mile or so from the Broome County Arena. We don't list every single business—the map would become way too unwieldy—but focus on those that may be of the most interest to students: restaurants, bars, grocery/delis, gas & convenience, pharmacies, liquor stores, and entertainment venues. Even so, this year's Map contains 135 businesses. So no excuses! There's something for everyone.

Since last year's Map came out two businesses closed: the New Argo Restaurant and the Cabana Restaurant. But in a good sign that Binghamton's going in the right direction, four businesses opened: Chroma Cafe & Bakery, sweetFrog, Five Star Deli, and Galaxy Brewing Co. Others moved to new locations: Champs Chili Dogs and Merlin's. And everyone else seems to be hanging in there just fine.

One note of caution: This is not a ratings guide. It is not our place to recommend where you should and shouldn't go. The Rock-B Tavern, for example, gets equal billing with Remlik's here. So don't blame us if you venture into the Rock-B and come out with two fewer teeth. Likewise, don't expect to find a dollar menu at Remlik's. Your 2013 *Police Gazette* Binghamton Business Map is simply your handy dandy reference.

Finally, as the *Police Gazette* historically has been famous for its contests, we'd like to run one in this supplement. The first person who can identify the source of the map shown above—not just the location depicted—wins a *Police Gazette* T-shirt of their choice. One hint: it's not Binghamton, but its source is the sci-fi & fantasy genre. Send guesses to info@PoliceGazette.US.

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