

as wanted on charge bur-
ary, grand larceny, pos-
sion of cocaine.

Troopers stopped the alleged
gitive heading south on the
erkshire Spur around 2:30
m. after receiving a tip from
e Albany Police Department.

Police said Kadashow was
rained in Chatham Town
ourt and sent to Columbia
ounty Jail pending extradi-
on.

—Staff report

NYC pay phones broken, survey says

NEW YORK — A survey of
blic telephones the city is
nting on to assist when fire
arm boxes are taken away
ows that many of them are
t working, *The New York
mes* reported Sunday.

The survey of more than 450
blic telephones in 15 city
ghborhoods found that near-
one-third were broken, the
mes said.

The newspaper also said it
nd that public phones on
ny residential streets out-
e Manhattan are scarce.

I think what this shows is
t if you deactivate the boxes,
s really unlikely that the
l of fire protection will be as
d," said Councilman Shel-
S. Lefler, a Queens Demo-

Phosphorus cleanup in lake splits two states

■ Lake Champlain is in trouble, but Vermont, New York can't agree on the solution

Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Phospho-
rus is, quite literally, a growing issue
in Lake Champlain.

And while the two states that
share the lake agree it's time to weed
out the pollutant, agreeing on how is
another matter.

Phosphorus is a nutrient that
feeds algae and weeds that turn the
lake green. Parts of the lake have
phosphorus levels as high as the
worst parts of Lake Erie when that
lake was considered dead in the
1970's.

Cleaning up algae and weeds is
more than just an aesthetic question:
A November study estimated that as
many as 16,400 jobs in New York

and Vermont depend on lake-related
tourism, which itself brings about
\$880 million in revenue to the two
states each year.

The states are arguing over how to
split up the work that is the corner-
stone of a multimillion-dollar clean-
up plan to be released in March.

Almost three-quarters of the 650
tons of phosphorus draining into the
120-mile-long lake — which forms
the state line between western Ver-

mont and northeastern New York —
each year comes from farms and
urban areas; the remainder comes
from the 49 sewage treatment plants
in the lake's drainage basin.

A study conducted by Vermont as
part of the cleanup plan indicated the
cheapest way to limit phosphorus is
to control it from sewage treatment
plants, even though they represent
less than one-quarter of the problem.

New York officials balked at that

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"I do not consider abandoning a plan to control
phosphorous as an option or an acceptable outcome"

—Ron Manfredonia

EPA official who heads Lake Champlain Management Conference

suggestion last year, saying there
was no money to upgrade sewage
treatment plants in the state's eco-
nominically depressed towns along the
lake. The two states have been talk-
ing with limited success since then.

Without an agreement between
the two states on the details of how to
limit phosphorus, the overall effort
could fail, said Ron Manfredonia, the
Environmental Protection Agency of-
ficial who heads the Lake Champlain
Management Conference, the 31-
member group that developed the
cleanup plan.

"After five years of studying Lake
Champlain, I do not consider aban-
doning a plan to control phosphorous
as an option or an acceptable out-
come," he said. "I will join all the
residents of the Lake Champlain
Basin ... in believing that a stale-
mate after those efforts is completely
unacceptable."

Columbia University faulted for overbilling

■ Audit says it charged New York City \$2 million for medical services never provided

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Columbia University's College
of Physicians and Surgeons billed the city more
than \$2 million last year for services it never

programs and provides other services at the
hospital.

Among its findings, the audit said some doctors
and other employees were "double dipping" —
charging Columbia and the hospital for the same
work. That practice cost the city nearly \$215,000
in fiscal 1995, the study said.

support services at city hospitals. In the last fiscal
year, the city paid Columbia \$56.2 million for its
contract with Harlem Hospital.

The city is pressing for extensive changes in
those contracts.

The audit said in some cases physicians do not
complete time sheets, and Columbia misused city

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