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A [Binghamton](#) grocery store is set to close tomorrow.

And, mayoral candidates want to fill the empty space.

Giant Supermarket at 56 Main Street will close its doors for good tomorrow at 6PM.

The Binghamton-based, family-owned Giant chain was bought by Weis Markets.

Weis say it will not take over that location, but that most other Giant locations will stay open under the new company.

Democrat Matt Ryan and Republican Rich David are each looking to form a coalition.

They're hoping to convince Weis to keep the store open.

"If we can justify that this store can be profitable financially then, yes, I would believe they would keep the location open. But at the end of the day, it's their decision. And if they say, no, we need to have another course of action," says Republican Mayoral Candidate, Rich David.

"Obviously I don't like it. That's why I'm here to express discomfort with the fact that we now have another food desert and we're going to move quickly to make sure it's filled," says Binghamton Mayor, Matthew Ryan.

Ryan and David are also looking to attract another grocery chain to open in place of Weis.

Weis Markets will be taking over 11 Giant Supermarkets in the Greater Binghamton area.

The take over starts August 24th.

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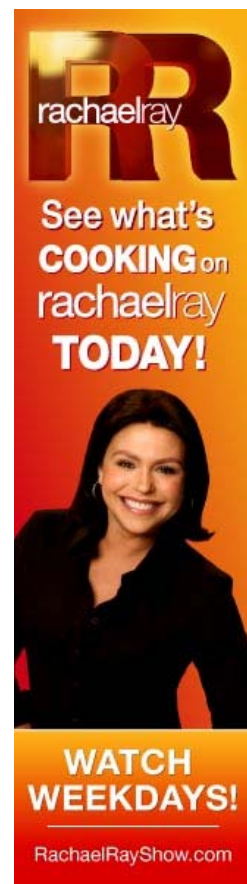
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