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State of New York Department
of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

RE: Case 05-E-0876 – Newspaper Publication

Dear Commissioners:

In accordance with the requirement of Section 66 (12)(b) of the Public Service Law and 16NYCRR Section 720-8.1, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") hereby advises that notices of NYSEG's August 30, 2005, Revised Billing Estimation Procedures Filing, Case 05-E-0876, have been published once in each week for four successive weeks in newspapers having general circulation in each customer rate area affected by the proposed changes.

Below is a listing of all newspapers that published the advertisement:

Newspaper	Location	First Publication Date
Auburn Citizen	Auburn	9/21/05
Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin	Binghamton	9/21/05
Chatham Courier/Daily Mail/Register Star/Windham Journal	Chatham/Catskill/ Hudson/Windham	9/22/05
Chronicle Advisor Express	Penn Yan	9/25/05
Cobleskill Times Journal	Cobleskill	9/21/05
Corning Leader	Corning	9/21/05
Cortland Standard	Cortland	9/21/05
Daily Gazette	Schenectady	9/21/05
Daily Messenger	Canandaigua	9/21/05
Elmira Star Gazette	Elmira	9/21/05
Finger Lakes Times	Geneva	9/21/05
Granville Sentinel	Granville	9/21/05
Hamilton County News/The Recorder	Hamilton	9/20/05
Hancock Herald	Hancock	9/21/05
Hornell Evening Tribune/	Hornell	9/21/05
Ithaca Journal	Ithaca	9/21/05

An equal opportunity employer

James A. Carrigg Center | 18 Link Drive | P.O. Box 5224 | Binghamton, NY 13902-5224

www.nyseg.com

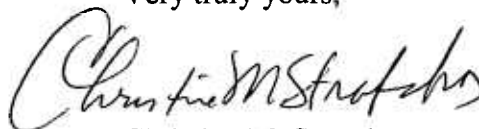


Jamestown Post-Journal	Jamestown	9/21/05
Journal News – Northern Edition	Westchester County	9/21/05
Livingston County News	Batavia	9/22/05
Lockport Union-Sun and Journal	Lockport, Medina	9/21/05
Lowville Journal	Lowville	9/21/05
Metro Community News	Erie/Niagara Counties	9/18/05
Norwich Evening Sun	Norwich	9/21/05
Olean Times Herald/Twin Tiers Trader	Olean	9/21/05, 9/23/05
Oneonta Daily Star	Oneonta	9/21/05
Plattsburgh Press Republican	Plattsburgh	9/21/05
Putnam County Courier, Harlem Valley Times, Pawling Chronicle	Carmel	9/22/05
Sullivan County Democrat	Callicoon	9/20/05
Times Herald Record	Middletown	9/21/05
Utica Observer Dispatch	Utica	9/21/05
Walton Reporter	Walton	9/21/05
Waterville Times	Waterville	9/21/05
Watkins Review/ Express	Watkins Glen	9/21/05
West Winfield Star	West Winfield	9/21/05

Enclosed are Affidavits of Publication from these newspapers, plus copies of the notice as published.

Should you have any questions regarding these newspaper publications, please contact Susan Glann at (607) 762-7265.

Very truly yours,



Christine M. Stratakis
Manager, Pricing & Analysis

Enclosures

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05-0706

State of New York

Cayuga County City of Auburn

Ashley Raymond of the City
of Auburn, in said County, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she is the receptionist
of Auburn Publishers, Inc. publishers of The Citizen, a public newspaper print-
ed and published daily (except legal holidays) in the City of Auburn, in said
County, and duly authorized to make this affidavit, and that the

NYSEG Public Notice

of which annexed is a printed copy, was published in said paper

four time s namely on the
Sept. 21, 28 Oct. 5, 12 day of
20 05

Ashley Raymond

Sworn to before me, this 14th day
of October 20 05.

Vicki A. Maco

Notary Public

Vicki A. Maco
Notary Public, State of New York
01MA6105343
Qualified in Cayuga County
Commission Expires Feb. 09, 2008

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05-0706

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of New York
Town of Vestal
County of Broome

Margaret E. Maxian being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Principal Clerk of the Binghamton Press Company Inc., publisher of the following newspaper printed and published in the Town of Vestal New York and of general circulation in the Counties of Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Tioga State of New York and Susquehanna County State of Pennsylvania PRESS & SUN BULLETIN.

A notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, was published on the following dates:
September 21,28, October 5,12, 2005

Sworn to before me this 12th
day of October , 2005

Margaret E. Maxian



Notary Public

RONALD B. TRYON
Notary Public, State of New York
Chenung County, No. 01TR6075927
Commission Expires June 10, 2006

General Merchandise \$80

RECTOVISH. Triple NB, w/HID. Sony Receiv-
er, 1 year old, \$100. Call
607-657-8048, message



RECT VENT Free -
Standing Stove, heat-
ing capacity up to 1500
Btu. ft., asking \$500;
607-642-8625.

DISHWASHER - 18" port-
able, \$225, like new, 607-
618-5756.

DISHWASHER. Whirlpool,

071797-3095


PLAY CABINET, Lg
glass doors
mirrors, like
w. \$320 607-729-4848

WOW!

CLS: Lifetime collec-
tion, 100+, Antique & col-
lectible, Lennox, Gibson,
American Girl, Barbie,
Bankin Mint \$30,000
orth; Asking \$3000
77-722-4105

ESSER \$45, DESKS,
mattress bed, Mica &
and full mattress & crib
mattress (607) 725-8447

VER • ELECTRIC
work good.
der. \$70 607-624-7701



RYERS & Washers
100 & Up. Warranty. de
ery 607-648-3372

CTRIC THERMAL
ORAGE unit 6KW.
ftop TV antenna 12 ft.,
afsmen 12 hp Lawn
ctor for parts, \$30-
25. 607-625-2411

BROIDERY/SEWING
reads, colors/yardages
\$7 607-648-4487

★★★★★★
TERTAINMENT
INTER Hooker Sol.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
Wall Unit, 6 pcs, cherry
originally \$5K; Asking
\$1000; Trestle table & 6
chairs, dk pine \$100; lg
cabinet, oak, 9 draw-
ers \$150; All good condi-
tion. 503-754-9312

LEGAL

TODAY'S LEGAL NOTICES

gals **050**
 Premises will be sold
 to filed judgment and
 of sale.
 Index# 05-418
 bert A. Higgins, Esq.,
 ree
 en, Frenkel, & Weisman,
 Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
 Main Street,
 Shore, New York 11706
 17843-34443
 10/5, 10/12, 10/19/05

Town of Triangle Town
d will be having a special
on on October 13, 20 &
005 at the Town Offices
12 Liberty Street at 8
ber 12, 2005

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE PRELIMINARY
BUDGET OF THE
TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
FOR THE YEAR 2006**

the Town Board of the
of Kirkwood shall hold a
hearing on said prelimi-
budget on **Tuesday,**
April 25, 2005 at
7:00 P.M., showing such
changes, alterations and rev-

of the Town of
ood. At such hearing,
erson may be heard in
of or against the prelimi-
budget as compiled or
against any item or
therein contained.
following are the pro-
2006 salaries of
n Town officers of the
of Kirkwood

Commissioner of
Works \$66,547.00

Town Board estimates
with respect to the salary
Commissioner of Pub-
lic Works that 75% thereof
(\$50,000) is allocable to
general duties, 5% there-
of (\$3,327.35) is allocable to
highway duties, 10% thereof
(\$6,654.70) is allocable to his

sons have the right to be written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget and relationships of entitlement funds to the disabled. Persons with disabilities, senior citizens who request assistance in attending public hearing, or in making comments and suggestions, should contact the assigned Town Clerk to request such assistance.

October 4, 2005
E. M. DIFFENDORF
To win Clerk of the
Town of Kirkwood.

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227,791*

Careerbuilder Job Searches

from the pressconnects.com, theithacajournal.com,
stargazette.com, and uticaod.com sites ...

that's a huge number!

Couple it with the Press & Sun-Bulletin's 144,900 Sunday readers** and you're bound to find that perfect candidate!

*comScore Media Metrix (July Figures)
**SRBI, 2004. Figure rounded to the nearest hundred.

Press & Sun-Bulletin

pressconnects.com

Call 231-SOLD to place your employment ad in the Press & Sun-Bulletin or visit pressconnects.com to log on to Careerbuilder.com

General Merchandise **680**

DIRECT V D I S H, Triple LNB, w/HD, Sony Receiver, 1 year old, \$100. Call 607-657-8048, message

 **VENT Free -**
standing Stove, heating capacity up to 1500 sq. ft., asking \$500.
607-642-8625.

DISHWASHER -, 18" portable, \$225; like new, 607-

front, like new, \$225.
607-7197-3095

DISPLAY CABINET, Lg
Oak glass doors
shelves, mirrors. Like
new \$320 607-729-4848

WOW!

COLLS: Lifetime collection, 100+ Antique & collectible. Lennox, Gibson, American Girl, Barbie, Franklin Mint \$30,000 Worth: Asking \$3000
607-722-4105

RESSER \$45. DESKS.
Suntan bed, Micro & stand, full mattress & crib mattress (607) 725-8447

RYER = **ELECTRIC**
Kitchen, works good.
older, \$70 607-624-7701



DRIVERS & Washers
\$100 & Up. Warranty. de
livery 607-648-3372

ELECTRIC THERMAL
STORAGE unit 6KW,
roof-top TV antenna 12 ft.,
Craftsman 12 hp Lawn
Mower for parts. \$30-
\$125 607-625-2411

BRODERY/SEWING
Threads, colors, daubers
\$2-57 607-648-4487

ENTERTAINMENT
CENTER Hoyer Sol-
id Cherry, 2 Yr Old,
\$2000;
Asking \$1000
607-759-5476

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
Wall Unit, 6 pos, cherry
Originally: \$5K; Asking
\$2000.00. Trestle table &
6 chairs, 6 pos, 12 ft. lg
china cabinet, col, 9 draw-
ers \$150. All good condi-

TODAYS LEGAL NOTICES

Legals **050**

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Index# C5-418

Robert A. Higgins, Esq.,
feree

hen, Frenkel, & Welsman,
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

W. Main Street,
Shore, New York 11706

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The following are the pro
2006 salaries of
in Town officers of the
of Kirkwood:

Clerk: \$ 7,230.00
 Commissioner of Public Works: \$29,559.00
 \$66,547.00

Town Board estimates with respect to the salary of Commissioner of Public Works that 75% thereof (\$10.25) is allocable to highway duties, 5% thereof (\$327.35) is allocable to parks duties, 10% thereof

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October 4, 2005
E. M. DIFFENDORF

<p>Received by the Town Clerk in her office: Town Hall, 605</p>	<p>WAS IN VIOLATION OF THE TOWN'S FLOOD</p>	<p>the Broome County Clerk's Office on January 29, 1999.</p>	<p>ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the build-</p>	<p>Approximate amount of lien \$53,895.52 plus interest and</p>	<p>Town of Kirkwood October 12, 2005</p>
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HUDSON CATSKILL NEWSPAPER
Legal Advertisement Affidavit
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

CHATHAM COURIER

PAULA TARALLO
SMITH MARKETING SERVICES LLC
95 BROWN RD STE 237
BOX 1032
ITHACA NY 14850

REFERENCE: 11238 #11309
855866 PUBLIC NOTICE (NYSEG

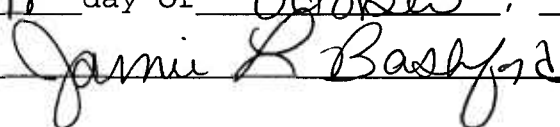
TIANNA SCRUM being duly sworn says that she is Business Manager for Hudson Catskill Newspapers, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and having its principal place of business in the City of Hudson, New York, and that said corporation is the publisher of the CHATHAM COURIER, a newspaper published in the Village of Chatham, County of Columbia, and State of New York, and a LEGAL NOTICE, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in said newspaper on the dates listed below:


TIANNA SCRUM, BUSINESS MANAGER

PUBLISHED ON: 09/22 09/29 10/06 10/13

AD SPACE: 84 LINE
FILED ON: 10/15/05

Sworn to before me this

18 day of October, 2005


JAMIE L. BASHFORD
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01BA6032722
Qualified in Columbia County
Commission Expires Nov. 8, 20 06

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HUDSON CATSKILL NEWSPAPER
Legal Advertisement Affidavit
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF GREENE

CATSKILL DAILY MAIL

PAULA TARALLO
SMITH MARKETING SERVICES LLC
95 BROWN RD STE 237
BOX 1032
ITHACA NY 14850

REFERENCE: 11238 #11309
855866 PUBLIC NOTICE (NYSEG)

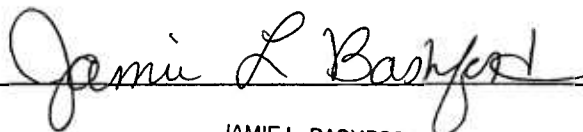
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HUDSON CATSKILL NEWSPAPERS
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT AFFIDAVIT
STATE OF NEW YORK
COLUMBIA COUNTY

HUDSON REGISTER STAR

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BOX 1032
ITHACA NY 14850

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PUBLISHED ON: 09/22 09/29 10/06 10/13

AD SPACE: 84 LINE
FILED ON: 10/15/05

Sworn to before me this
18 day of October, 2005

Jamie L. Bashford
Notary Public

JAMIE L. BASHFORD
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 0150092722
Qualified in Columbia County
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STATE OF NEW YORK
GREENE COUNTY

WINDHAM JOURNAL

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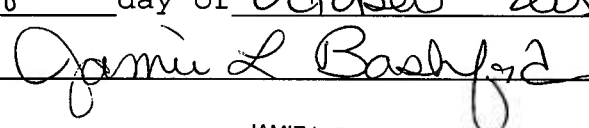


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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW YORK
STEUBEN COUNTY

} SS.

Beth Hults being duly sworn, disposes, and says that she resides in the City of Hornell, County of Steuben, and State of New York, that she is the Legals Clerk of The Evening Tribune a public newspaper, published and printed daily in the City of Hornell by Liberty Group Publishing, and that a notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, was published in said newspaper The Chronicle Advisor said publication therein being on the following dates:

9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16/05Beth A. Hults

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd
day of November, 2005

Joy L. Stuart
Notary Public

Joy L. Stuart #01ST6116432
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Allegany County
My Comm Expires 10/4/08

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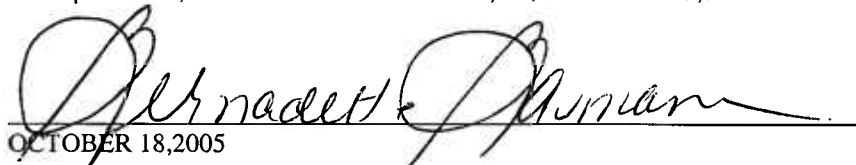
05-07-06

TIMES JOURNAL
PO BOX 339
COBLESKILL, NEW YORK 12043
518-234-2515

SMITH MARKETING
BOX 1032 SUITE 237
95 BROWN ROAD
ITHICA, NEW YORK 14850

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE

I, BERNADETTE BAUMANN, BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSE AND SAY;
THAT I AM THE BOOKKEEPER OF TIMES JOURNAL, A WEEKLY
NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION PUBLISHED IN
SCHOHARIE COUNTY, A N INSERT, WHICH IS ANNEXED, HAS RUN
FOR 4 WEEKS, DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 28TH OCTOBER 5, & 12TH.


OCTOBER 18, 2005



LISA FILMER
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01FI5026419
Qualified in Schoharie County
Commission Expires April 18, 2006

NOTARY PUBLIC 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2005.

STATE OF NEW YORK
SS
COUNTY OF STEUBEN

Tammy Simons

of Corning, in said County, being duly sworn doth depose and says that he/she is the billing clerk of The Leader, a public newspaper, published in said County, and that the

NYSEG- INSERTION ORDER

notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, cut from said newspaper, was printed

and published in said newspaper 1 time(s) each week for 1 week(s).

The first publication being on the 21ST day of SEPTEMBER 2005,

and the last upon the 21ST day of SEPTEMBER 2005.

Tammy Simons

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25TH day of

OCTOBER 2005.

Theresa E. Jones
Notary Public

IN BRIEF

Rabies clinic for dogs, cats, ferrets

CATON | A free rabies clinic will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Caton Fire Hall, 1118 Caton Road, State Route 225, for dogs, cats and domesticated ferrets. All animals must be confined. Also bring proof of prior rabies vaccine record. For more information, call 524-6303.

Sight walk to be held at Craig Park

PAINTED POST | A three mile sight walk will be held Saturday at Craig Park by the Painted Post Lions Club. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. Pledge forms can be picked up at First Heritage Credit Union in Painted Post or can be e-mailed to dsutton@stny.rr.com. For more information, call 359-3214.

Singles conference set for Saturday

PAINTED POST | The annual singles conference, "Knowing Him," will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Victory Highway Wesleyan Church, 150 Victory Highway by Victory Singles. The cost is \$15 by Saturday and \$20 after Saturday and includes worship, a main speaker, workshops, lunch and testimonies. For more information, call 796-6383.

TODAY'S MEETINGS

School Board

6 p.m.
Elmira City
EFA Community Room, 933 Hoffman St.
Elmira

Bath

7 p.m.
District Office
Jasper-Troupsburg School
Hammondsport
Main Street School Cafeteria

7:30 p.m.
Corning-Painted Post
Board Building

Town Committee

7 p.m.

Bradford
Town Hall

Town Board

7 p.m.

Thurston
Town Hall

Avoca
Town Hall

Town Board Informational meeting

7 p.m.

Caton
Town Hall

Planning Board

Tuscarora
Town Hall

6 p.m.

Campbell
Town Hall

7 p.m.

Cohocton Village
Municipal Building

Cohocton Town
Municipal Building

Council of Governments

7 p.m.

Schuyler County
Rural Urban Center, 208 Broadway,
Montour Falls. Open to public

Chemung County Library District community forum

3 p.m.

Joint Task Force
Horseheads Free Library, 405 S. Main St.
Horseheads

Chemung County Library District community forum

7 p.m.

Joint Task Force
Steele Memorial Library, 101 E. Church St.
Elmira

Antique Revival

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GOOD NEWS



ERIC WENSEL | THE LEADER

Kids compete at the hoops for hospice at Crystal Lanes.

Hoops for Hospice deemed success

THE LEADER STAFF

The 8th annual Southern Tier Hospice and Palliative Care's Hoops for Hospice 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament held Aug. 6 was a success raising nearly \$6,000 to immediately benefit the patients and families served in Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties.

Over 160 young athletes representing nearly 40 teams battled for victory on the hot make-shift courts behind Crystal Lanes Bowling in Corning. A free-throw competition kept kids entertained between games, with basketballs given away as prizes, provided by the Eat Well Play Hard program

through BOCES.

Southern Tier Hospice and Palliative Care along with the Hoops Committee would like to thank the volunteers who donated their time and efforts, to making this event a huge success. Well over 270 hours of volunteer time was put into making this event possible.

Grand jury to get shooting case

SOUTHPORT | A Southport man who is charged with shooting a teenage intruder on his property has waived a preliminary hearing that would have taken place today.

CURRIER Paul J. Currier, 69, instead will have his case

proceed to a grand jury. In exchange for foregoing the hearing, Currier's defense attorney will have access to the full case file of the prosecution, Chemung County District Attorney John Trice said.

Currier posted bail this week after it was reduced to \$10,000 cash or \$20,000 property. Trice said he agreed to the reduction from \$40,000 cash or \$80,000

property after considering the speedy recovery of gunshot victim Brett J. Mosher, 18, of Avoca.

Mosher was hit in the chest, abdomen and arm about 2 a.m. Thursday when Currier fired a .22-caliber rifle at him. Currier told deputies that he shot Mosher after catching him rummaging through his car. Mosher has not been charged.

First Arena names new manager

BY MICHAEL MULLANEY
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ONLINE |

www.jackalshockey.com

ELMIRA | A Broome County man has been named general manager of Elmira's largest sporting and entertainment venue.

Michael Marinaccio, 59, of Binghamton, will begin new position at the First Arena on Oct. 17. He will be responsible for running day-to-day operations of the

downtown arena, which is home to the United Hockey League's Elmira Jackals.

"I really look forward to working with all the staff," Marinaccio said Monday. "My goals are to keep hockey as strong as it is, and make it stronger, and to bring in as many various

events as we can."

In addition to knowing the Finger Lakes region, he has five years experience running a hockey rink.

He's worked as general manager of The Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton, home to the American Hockey League's Binghamton Senators.

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Beating lands man in prison

THE LEADER STAFF

BATH | One of three men who took part in the March 2004 beating of a man at Denny's Restaurant in Painted Post will spend six years in prison.

Beau Reed, 27, of Corning, was sentenced last week by acting Steuben County Court Judge Alex Renzi. Reed was further ordered to pay a \$250 surcharge.

Reed pleaded guilty in March to second-degree attempted gang assault as part of a deal with prosecutors. Codefendants Chad Reed and Cameron Daudelin, both of Corning, admitted to similar charges in connection to the altercation, which left their victim seriously injured.

Daudelin was sentenced to 1.5 years in prison and five years of probation. Chad Reed continues to await sentencing.

In other court action:

■ Catherine M. Coe, 39, of Penn Yan, was sentenced to three years in state prison and fined \$500 after pleading guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol level greater than 0.08 percent and acting in a manner injurious to a child. Her

license will be suspended for six months, and she was ordered to pay \$120 in surcharges.

■ Shane R. Miller, 21, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., was sentenced to five years of probation after pleading guilty to a charge of third-degree attempted burglary. He was ordered to pay \$210 restitution.

■ Zackery Quanz, 23, of Bath, was sentenced to six months in jail for violating probation. He was ordered to pay a \$200 surcharge.

■ Derek J. Simons, 22, of Bath, was sentenced to five years of probation after pleading guilty to a charge of third-degree burglary. He was ordered to pay \$194.25 restitution.

■ Wendy S. Snyder, 20, of Bath, was sentenced to five years of probation after pleading guilty to a charge of fourth-degree grand larceny. She was ordered to pay \$1,254.87 restitution.

■ Robert L. Tyler, 34, of Pulteney, was sentenced to five months in jail and five years of probation after pleading guilty to a charge of first-degree reckless endangerment. He was ordered to pay \$270 in surcharges.

Board delays Dana Lyon demolition

BY ROB PRICE
The Courier-Advocate

BATH | The Bath Village Board wants more information before it approves the demolition of the former Dana Lyon Elementary School.

The board took no action Monday night on a demolition request submitted by Liberty-East Washington LLC, which owns the former school located in the heart of the village. The board said it would not approve razing the building until a more complete study of the environmental impact of the plan was submitted.

Prior information submitted to the village by the developer is "not sufficient" to make a final ruling, Mayor David Wallace said.

Representatives of the development company did not attend the meeting. Their plan is to demolish the larger of two sections of the former school for commercial use. The board also said Monday it would not consider a request to rezone the proper-

ty from residential to commercial until environmental issues were addressed.

Meanwhile, litigation proceeds regarding the ownership of the smaller, original building, according to Village Attorney John Leyden.

The original part of the school was built in 1899 on land donated by Ira Davenport. His heirs claim the property reverted back to the estate when it no longer was used as a school.

The idea of demolishing the landmark is an unpopular one in the village.

At Monday's meeting, a spokesperson for The Save the Lyon Commission announced the group would attempt to stop any demolition through court action.

Rosalie Niemczyk told board members Monday the group does not believe any part of the old school can be demolished without compromising the original building. The preservation group hopes to reconition both structures for community and residential use, Niemczyk said.

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To the moon, NASA!

THE ISSUE | NASA's announcement of plans to spend \$104 billion to return astronauts to the moon.

OUR OPINION | With billions being spent on the Iraq war and billions more to help the South recover from Hurricane Katrina, coupled with a sagging economy and skyrocketing gas prices, NASA couldn't have picked a worse time to reveal this plan.

With apologies to Ralph Kramden, but one of these days, NASA: Bang-zoom! On Monday, the head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration revealed plans to spend \$104 billion to send astronauts back to the moon by 2018. We find ourselves scratching our heads and wonder what planet NASA Administrator Michael Griffin is on.

He couldn't have picked a worse time to make such an announcement.

First of all, the space program is probably the last thing on anyone's mind right now, especially with so much focus on the billions of dollars it will take to rebuild the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged region of the nation. Thousands of fund-raising efforts are taking place across the U.S. to help, but eventually, the federal government is going to place a pricetag on the cleanup and ask the American people to foot the bill.

Second, this nation has spent billions already fighting the war on terrorism, particularly in Iraq, a place we won't be leaving anytime soon. Billions more will likely have to be spent there.

Plus, gas prices continue to hover around the \$3 per gallon range, and many people

are extremely worried heading into the winter season, where the cost of home heating fuel is guaranteed to burn holes in everyone's pockets.

That's just one facet of what continues to be a sagging economy in the United States. There hasn't been very many massive job-creation efforts on the homefront — a lot of those are happening overseas — and the number of people struggling just to put dinner on the table continues to increase.

Now is not the time to go to the American public and talk about spending more federal funds on a program people are already skeptical about.

NASA is certainly in no position to start talking about ambitious programs such as this. Two shuttles have already blown up in the past 20 years, and this year's trouble — albeit successful — Discovery mission forced the space agency to scrap its shuttle program altogether.

NASA needs to put the brakes on and fix its own house before launching any more ambitious programs. It also needs to wait until this current flurry of federal spending slows down a bit.

Space is indeed the final frontier, and it will still be there when we're better prepared to boldly go where no one has gone before.

NATIONAL VIEW | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

North Korea blinks

After years of broken promises, threats and failed negotiations, the news that North Korea agreed Monday to halt its nuclear weapons program and to allow international inspections is greatly encouraging. Much of the credit goes to the Chinese, who brokered a deal between the North Koreans and the other countries in six-party talks. But the outcome also vindicates President Bush's approach of enlisting allies in the region to wield carrots and sticks.

Given the notorious history of North Korean cheating on nuclear deals, and assorted episodes of foot-dragging on all sides, there's reason to be skeptical. This is an agreement in principle, with difficult details unresolved. Most important, there's no step-by-step timetable by which the negotiators will begin to achieve the goals in their agreement.

All of that presumably awaits a next round of dickering and, perhaps, bickering. But skepticism shouldn't overshadow this hard-fought victory in the struggle to keep nuclear bombs out of the hands of rogue regimes and terrorists.

In the document, the North Koreans commit to abandoning "all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs." That's critical because, reading between the lines, the deal seems to refer to two ways of building a bomb — plutonium reprocessing, which the North has boasted about, and uranium enrichment, which Pyongyang has alternately admitted to and denied over the past couple of years.

Significantly, the North also pledges to rejoin the global nuclear non-proliferation treaty, from which it withdrew in 2003, and also to tolerate inspectors. Both actions are imperative to ensure that the North comes clean once and for all — and that its knowledge won't be co-opted by terror groups or other governments.

In return, the North gets energy aid, economic cooperation and security assurances from the United

States. In essence, the U.S. promises not to try to overthrow Pyongyang.

The North likely will demand a higher price every step of the way, as it freezes and dismantles weapons programs. At the end of the rainbow, the agreement holds out the possibility that the North Koreans could get a light-water nuclear reactor to generate electricity. That's still in the realm of theory, however.

The next step for the other governments now should be to insist on an immediate halt to all nuclear programs in North Korea. The main reactor at Yongbyon, which has produced plutonium for weapons, needs to be shut down. And all the plutonium that the North has fabricated for bombs should come under inspection as soon as possible. Those steps would help defuse tensions that have provoked too much rattling of sabers.

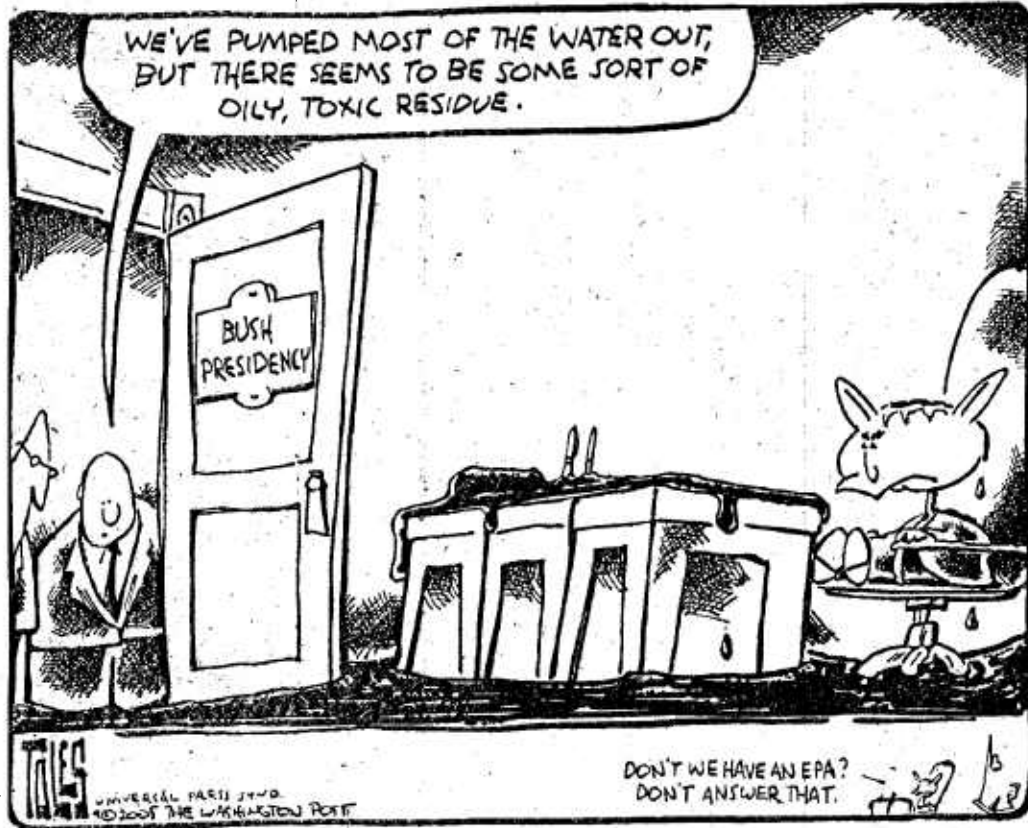
How quick all sides are in negotiating those steps will shape the odds that Monday's agreement matures into a full-fledged triumph of perseverance for the Bush administration and its bargaining partners.

But even as North Korea edges closer to the world community, another potential nuclear power, Iran, is edging away. Speaking over the weekend to diplomats at the United Nations, that country's new president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, implied that his country may apply its nuclear energy research to nuclear weapons.

Ahmadinejad's loopy rant — he said the U.S. brought Hurricane Katrina on itself, and that the American military is purposely poisoning its own troops in Iraq — may have had an effect opposite the one he intended. Ahmadinejad's threat to expand Iran's nuclear program probably raises, rather than lowers, the likelihood of international sanctions against his country.

Nor is the news that North Korea has blinked good for Tehran. The Iranians have to be wondering just what their threats and petulance will yield.

ARTIST'S VIEW



COMMENTARY | TRUDY RUBIN

China 'crying for fairness'

One of the most exciting developments in China is the rising awareness at the grass-roots level that ordinary people have legal rights.

Chinese law has long been used as a tool to help the Communist Party control the people; call it rule by law, not rule of law. But the country's staggering pace of growth has spawned all kinds of injustices, including a huge gap between rich and poor fueled by government corruption. The population is looking for redress.

A few years ago, ordinary Chinese would have suffered in silence, afraid to raise their voices. Today, many are taking their grievances to court.

A new breed of Chinese public-interest lawyer is leading the push to establish real rule of law. The bravest handful have argued cases on illegal land grabs and seizures of private property by local officials, on freedom of the press, and on unauthorized taxation. They've won a few cases that have become legendary among the growing body of Chinese lawyers.

Their efforts, and the rising legal consciousness of the Chinese people, hold hope of change from within. Where did this "rights consciousness" originate? I asked New York University professor Jerome Cohen, one of America's foremost experts on Chinese law.

"China is alive with a sense of injustice fueled by the huge gap between rich and poor," says Cohen, who is currently in Beijing. The government's pro forma endorsement of the rule of law has encouraged ordinary folks to try the courts. A wealth of legal information is now available on the Internet and elsewhere. "Chinese bookstores have shelves stocked with legal how-to books," Cohen says.

Chinese officials know

they have a problem; they've rebuilt a legal system destroyed by the Cultural Revolution. But the Communist Party controls the appointment of judges, who are very vulnerable to pressures by local officials. Fearful officials try to deny their local residents the facts they need to build a case.

Enter the new generation of lawyers, professors and students interested in public-interest law. Their goal is to get the word out to the public about legal rights and to help people find the facts to build cases. Public-interest lawyers are the pioneers of peaceful political change.

"Professors and students are getting more and more interested in discussing these issues," I was told by Wang Xixin, associate dean of Peking University Law School. He has created the China Center for Public Participation and Support to help people exercise their legal rights.

One center project: to help farmers in the Beijing region assert their legal right to comment on a draft municipal law on land expropriation. Local officials posted the draft only on the Internet, to which many rural farmers had no access. The center made the draft accessible on TV and in written form, then analyzed farmers' comments and made them widely available.

The center's work helped the farmers find a way to focus their legal challenge: They had been unable to organize because of restrictions on meetings.

"People are crying for fairness," Wang says. He says many universities now teach public-interest law.

Yet some brave lawyers who tackle the most controversial public-interest cases wind up in jail. Among them is Chen Guangcheng, a blind peasant lawyer who tried to

bring a class-action suit challenging forced abortion and sterilization in the city of Linyi. He documented hideous cases, which are now illegal (fines are the punishment for too many births).

Officials seized Chen from his home district while he was visiting Beijing, and he is now being held incommunicado, according to his lawyer Teng Biao. On Friday, Teng told me his client was conducting a hunger strike. The Chinese news media aren't permitted to mention the case, although details are circulating on Chinese Internet sites.

Teng, who has argued some seminal public-interest cases, is a passionate advocate of the rule of law. He says some high officials fear that making all Chinese subject to the same laws would limit party control.

The party would be wiser to consider what will happen if it doesn't promote legal reform. There were 74,000 protests and riots nationwide involving 3.7 million people in 2004, according to China's Public Security Bureau, up from 10,000 incidents in 1994. Many of the protests were no doubt expressing grievances of ordinary people against corrupt officials.

If the government doesn't want a social explosion, it must offer people a means of redress.

Lawyers such as Chen and Teng are China's best hope for continued peaceful economic expansion.

Block the rule of law, and an aggrieved public has nowhere to go but the streets.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Windfarms OK for Prattsburgh

TO THE EDITOR | When I first heard the rumors of a possible windfarm coming to Prattsburgh, I had no clue of the positive or negative effects it would have on our town. So I decided to investigate and research them.

I have to wonder what opponents of wind power are talking about. They have made claims about ice throws, endangering birds, noise, flashing lights and land values. The so-called "Advocates of Prattsburgh" need to get educated.

Today's modern 3-bladed wind turbines make virtually no noise. Wind turbines have strategically positioned safety mechanisms

that shut down the machinery at the first sign of icing and our sky will not look like a disco with the "strobe lights" flashing, they have the same FAA required blinking red lights seen on top of buildings, power lines and cell towers. Wind turbines are far less harmful to birds than radio towers, buildings, planes and vehicles.

Wind farms do not adversely effect surrounding land values. In fact, property values in the viewshed of a windfarm, increase faster than in comparable areas.

The town would benefit from windfarms. The town, landowners and local businesses will have increased revenue. Windfarm Prattsburgh will hire up to 100 people for an 8-10

month construction period and up to five full-time positions for the life of the turbine. Windfarm Prattsburgh has already become part of our community by becoming involved and sponsoring community activities.

We all know that we need to expand renewable energy options, and wind power is the fastest growing renewable energy source in the world. Wind power is clean, safe, efficient and pollution-free. I realize that our town would just be taking baby steps toward a cleaner, safer world, but I would be proud to say Prattsburgh took these necessary steps.

Mara Parker
Prattsburgh

COMMENTARY | RALPH COX

Understand insurance agreements

According to legend, when asked why he robbed banks, Willie Sutton replied, "because that's where the money is." That quote could just as easily be attributed to the scam artists who target the health care industry.

As a nation, we will spend about \$1.9 trillion on health care goods and services in 2005. Three percent, about \$58 billion, is what the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association estimates will be lost to fraud. Imagine the impact an additional \$58 billion could have on our nation's health care system if used for patient care, medical equipment, prescription drugs, coverage for the uninsured or to temper the rising cost of coverage.

Insurance fraud represents intentional, deliberate acts — billing for services that aren't performed, charging for more complex procedures than are actually performed, submission of claims by providers or customers for non-covered services but identifying them as ones that would be covered.

States tightly regulate health insurers and many have toughened laws against fraud. Health insurers work closely with law enforcement and regulatory agencies such as the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, the U.S. attorney's office, the FBI and local district attorneys to identify abuses, recover funds and aid in prosecution. Our company saves millions of dollars every year with our aggressive pursuit of cheaters. Minimally, we save about \$7 for every \$1 we invest in fighting fraud.

Still, the perpetrators of health care fraud continue to find new ways to siphon dollars from the system, which ultimately impacts the premiums we all pay for coverage.

Here are some easy ways you can protect yourself from health care fraud, which will help keep health care costs down for everyone:

■ Read and understand your subscriber agreement so that you know what and who is covered by your benefits.

■ Ask questions about any services you receive, such as: Why are they needed? What do they cost?

■ Question advertisements or promotions that offer free tests, treatment or services — especially when you're asked to provide your insurance information or a copy of your health plan ID card.

■ Be careful about disclosing your insurance information. Protect your health plan ID card. It represents your benefits.

■ Check and save your explanation of benefits forms and medical bills. Make sure the dates of service are correct and the services were actually performed.

■ If you have co-payments, always ask for a receipt and check it before you leave the provider's office for accuracy of the dollar amount and the date. Save it as your proof of payment should a question arise at a later time.

■ Question any charges that exceed your co-payment.

■ And finally, always notify your health plan if you suspect an incidence of health care fraud or suspicious activity. The customer service phone number on your ID card is the best place to start.

Ralph Cox, a former Medicaid prosecutor, serves as general counsel for Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, overseeing its Special Investigations Unit.

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Church to go forward with plans

BY JEFFERY SMITH
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SOUTH CORNING | The Christian Life Baptist Church took a step Tuesday night toward construction of a new building on River Road.

The Corning Town Planning Board unanimously approved a flood plain permit that will allow preliminary site work.

"We expect to begin work on the site within the next couple of weeks," said the Rev. John Armstrong, of the Christian Life Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jim Keegan, also of Christian Life Baptist Church, said the church would like to have the building completed by the end of 2006.

The church, which has a congregation of about 60 people, currently rents a building owned by the Masonic Lodge on Reynolds Avenue.

"We are a growing church and we would like to build our own building," Keegan said.

In other business, the board approved a subdivision of a 24-acre parcel owned by

Wayne Swartz. The land subdivided will be used for mining purposes.

Swartz said he plans to submit an environmental study to the town in the next 60 days for a nearby parcel where he would like to develop a strip club.

Once the environmental study is submitted, Swartz will seek a zone change for the parcel. The change is the first step needed to open the club, which would feature all-nude dancers but would not serve alcohol.

Swartz has pursued the zoning change for several months, but the request has not been considered by the board because the proper paperwork had not been filed, according to town officials.

"They're just stalling," Swartz said Tuesday. "They're treating me different than they would anyone else."

If the zoning change is approved, Swartz could then apply for an adult-use permit. Adult-use businesses are permitted on industrial zoned parcels.

GOOD NEWS



PHOTO PROVIDED TO THE LEADER
Imogene McKendrick was honored for outstanding service.

Retired Teachers Association hosts annual business meeting

THE LEADER STAFF

The Corning unit of the Southern Zone of the New York State Retired Teachers Association hosted the annual business meeting Sept. 20 at the Corning Country Club.

Welcoming remarks were made by **Bonnie Stratton**, president of the Corning Area Retired Teachers, and local members **Joe Rolls**, **Marie Begell** and **Grace Risley** and **James Nelson**, deputy mayor of the city of Corning. Units represented at the meeting included Ithaca, Elmira, Western Broome-Eastern Tioga, Eastern Broome, Schuyler and Cortland.

Imogene McKendrick of Corning was honored with **Helen Meyer** of Cortland for outstanding

service. McKendrick was commended for her many volunteer hours at the Corning Hospital and the Food Pantry in Painted Post.

Risley, past president of the Southern Zone, installed **James Parsons** of Vestal as president, **Donald Cutton** of Odessa as vice president for public relations, **Dorothy Winans** of Endicott as vice president for membership, **Mary Suffern** of Horseheads as secretary and **Elaine Nelson** of Ithaca as treasurer.

Entertainment was provided by the Southeastern Steuben County Library's Mad Hatters Storytellers. Presenters included **Anne Drake**, **Pauline Emery**, **Susan Gols**, **Bobble Vence** and **Mary Lou Walker**.

Fortuna Energy hosts drilling open house

BY MICHAEL MULLANEY
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BIG FLATS | Curious landowners turned out in droves to get a sneak peak 10,000 feet below the surface.

To educate local residents about the gas exploration process, Fortuna Energy Tuesday hosted an open house at the Big Flats Community Center. The Horseheads-based company is the largest natural gas producer in New York state, and its highest concentration of wells are located in the Southern Tier.

Fortuna staff gave presentations, offered food and fielded questions about drilling, geology and mineral rights. Hard hats, hand-held gas detectors, heavy-duty drills and other tools of the trade were also on display. But the hit of the show was a collection of core samples dug up

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from between 9,000-13,000 feet below the Southern Tier.

David Masin, who owns land near a Fortuna site in Veteran, visited the open house to learn more about leasing his mineral rights. With his 9-year-old lease set to expire next year, he was happy to hear that Fortuna would renew the contract — even though the original lease did not prove to be very profitable.

"I think it will be once they start drilling," he said Tuesday.

It's been about three

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TODAY'S MEETINGS

Planning Board

7 p.m.
Caton Town
Town Hall

School Board

8 p.m.
Arkport
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7 p.m.

Big Flats
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Good news from Steuben legislators

THE ISSUE | Steuben residents get good news from county legislators.

OUR OPINION | Measures to both ease taxes and improve roads come at a time when needed most.

Good news for Steuben County residents came out during and after Monday's county Legislature meeting.

County legislators decided to allocate \$6 million the county will receive in federal tobacco settlement money in ways that will save taxpayers money and possibly make the county some extra cash in the future.

Some \$5 million will go toward lowering the \$16 million cost of adding new cells to the Steuben County Jail, which will lower the annual debt payment by \$450,000 and the total interest charges by \$1.8 million.

Once built, the crowded county jail will have enough room to house all of its inmates. That will save the county money since Steuben has paid nearly \$800,000 in the last two years for neighboring counties to house an overflow of its inmates.

With extra cells built into the plans, the county jail could begin to make money as it once did by boarding prisoners from other areas.

The remaining \$1 million of the tobacco money will be used to pave 10 miles of county roads. The county's highway budget has been greatly depleted in recent years by rising Medicaid costs and pension fund contributions. That has stunted annual maintenance necessary to keep county roads up to par.

In addition, the infusion of cash should not tempt legislators to proportionally decrease the highway budget next year, said Legislature Chairman Philip Roche, R-Erwin. If possible, more should be reinvested where possible to gradually get the roads in better shape.

As has been said before, maintaining roads is a service that affects all residents. Over the years, government spending has been bent toward special groups and interests at the expense of the needs of the general public.

Perhaps the best news for county taxpayers came out after Monday's meeting when Roche guaranteed the county would not levy a double-digit tax increase next year. That's a relief considering county taxes have risen an average of 10 percent annually the last four years.

The reason, Roche said, is the new state-imposed cap on Medicaid costs. Increases to program costs could amount to less than \$1 million next year for Steuben County as opposed to prior annual increases of \$3 million to \$4 million.

That should ease the burden on taxpayers who have been walloped by tax increases from all government bodies in recent years. With high energy prices, expected to climb higher in coming months, any tax relief is welcome.

NATIONAL VIEW | DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Is Myers qualified to lead?

No one can predict with certainty whether Julie Myers, the president's nominee to direct the nation's immigration enforcement effort, is headed for a Mike Brown moment — a crisis so overwhelming that inexperience is deadly.

There are reasons, however, to wonder why he picked the 36-year-old Myers, a graduate of Baylor University and Cornell University's law school, for this particular post when she has relatively little managerial experience and is a neophyte on immigration issues.

She is well connected politically. She's the niece of Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. She's married to an adviser to Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff and has worked for Chertoff at the Justice Department and with independent counsel Kenneth Starr in his investigation of Bill Clinton. She also served as assistant secretary for export enforcement at the Commerce Department and worked money-laundering cases during a stint at the Treasury Department.

But without more immigration and managerial experience, some senators say, she is the wrong person to guide Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an agency responsible for drug, weapon and immigrant smuggling investigations. However, at least one of those critics, Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, later met privately with Myers and Chertoff and now says he thinks she has the broad skills for the job.

We certainly hope Voinovich's change of opinion is sincere. And, more important, we hope he's right. Former FEMA director Mike Brown's spotty resume and inadequate response to Hurricane Katrina relief raised questions about the Bush administration's decision to appoint an emergency management newcomer to such a critical post. Now comes the vote on Myers, another appointee to a Homeland Security unit.

We urge the Senate to do what it apparently did not with Brown's nomination: Carefully vet Myers with specific questions that get at her experience and how it links to this job's requirements.

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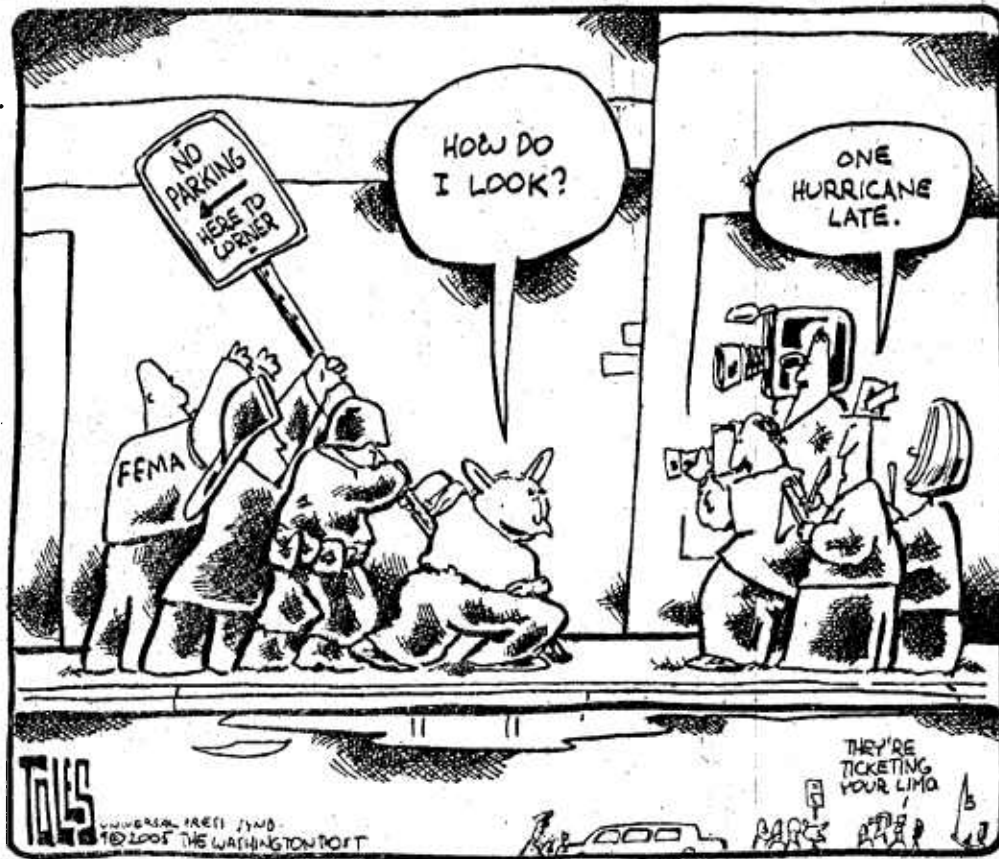
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ARTIST'S VIEW



COMMENTARY | RHONDA CHRISS LOKEMAN

Corporate gender inequality

People who think Martha Stewart got burned because of who she was, not what she did, should watch closely what's happening with Bill Frist.

Appropriate questions have been raised about whether the Senate majority leader improperly sold stock benefiting a medical company with family ties.

As with Stewart, these questions have to do with timing. Why did Frist sell stock when he did? The answer to a similar question posed to Stewart landed the millionaire businesswoman in prison. Will millionaire Dr. Frist be taken down the same road for his ill-timed dump of Hospital Corporation of America stock? Not likely.

In March 2004, when Stewart was found guilty of four of the five counts against her, one of the jurors celebrated the verdict as "a victory for the little guys."

Stewart, ratted out by friends, was found guilty of lying to the government about her sale of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in December 2001, the day before the stock plummeted.

The day after she sold her stock came news that regulators had rejected an application for a cancer drug by ImClone.

It was the timing of the stock sale that signaled to authorities something might be fishy in Miss Martha's kitchen. It's that same pungent smell that has some people wanting regulators to look into Dr. Frist's black bag.

The Washington Post reported last week that questions are being raised about the timing of Frist's decision to dump all HCA stock in June. HCA, the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain, was founded by the senator's father and owns hospitals nationwide. Frist's brother sits on the HCA board.

A month after Frist sold, HCA's stock took a 9 percent hit. It's not the day

before, as with Martha, but it still seems odd.

Consumer watchdog groups such as Public Citizen wonder why Frist, who put his stock into a blind trust, chose to sell when he did. They wonder if he knew something other stockholders didn't. The same questions were asked about Martha.

The timing is also suspicious, critics say, because Frist always claimed there was no conflict of interest. Since the sale, however, he's claimed it was done to avoid the appearance of having any conflict.

Last week federal prosecutors in New York subpoenaed HCA documents related to Frist's sale. The SEC also is looking into the matter.

A Frist spokeswoman told reporters the senator "did not have any conversations with HCA executives about HCA stock when he was making the decision to divest." Wordsmiths ought to study that quote. It will likely come up again. Incidentally, Stewart was never convicted of insider trading, just lying.

Actually, "She got in trouble because her reputation as a vicious, humorless ice-queen overshadowed her talents," wrote Henry Blodget, a former securities analyst, in *Slate*. By contrast, Frist, charged with nothing, is seen as a squeaky-clean Marcus Welby, M.D. That may soon change.

The rules that applied to a woman named Stewart in New York don't necessarily apply to a man named Frist from Tennessee. Reportedly, at least seven HCA executives sold 574,882 shares worth nearly \$20 million between May 17 through June 10.

Don't expect what happened to Stewart to happen to Frist. Frist is not only a mover and shaker in Washington, he's also one of the most powerful Republican allies in Congress for the Bush administration. The Bushvolsk need him as

much as they need House Majority Leader Tom DeLay who, by the way, is up to his neck in naughty. Senate Ethics Committee investigations into his alleged wrongdoing have gone nowhere. Boys will be boys.

Meanwhile, Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who strutted like a peacock over his congressional connections, is now singing like a canary about his business relationships, one of which was with DeLay. Abramoff was indicted last month on wire fraud and conspiracy charges.

Another of his clients was Tyco. Now that Tyco execs are in trouble with the government, their lawyers are tattling about what Abramoff said about his links to the White House, in particular Bush's Brain, Karl Rove. The response from Rove's office: Jack who?

Stewart got sent up the river before those WorldCom, Tyco and Enron boys ever got out of their limos. She was wearing her crochet poncho while the boys were still in their tuxes.

Stewart had a good defense team, one of the best money could buy, but it didn't help. She nearly lost her empire, Martha Stewart Omnimedia, and spent five months at Camp Cupeake, the West Virginia prison. She spent almost six months under house arrest. She's done her time for her crime (lying) and is trying to make a comeback.

It still pays to be rich and powerful in white-collar criminal circles, but mostly it pays to be male. Maybe what Stewart needed was not a bigger defense team after all. Maybe all she needed was a bigger inseam.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No registration needed to vote

TO THE EDITOR | This letter is to all residents in the Addison School District. Much to my surprise, I recently discovered you do not have to be a registered voter, or even a landowner, to vote Thursday regarding the referendum to raise taxes to pay for the capital project proposed for the school. According to the district

office for the school, anyone who is 18 years old and has been a resident of this school district for 30 days can cast a vote in any school election.

I am writing this letter because I had always thought that a person had to be a registered voter to vote in school elections. When I discovered that I was wrong, I was further surprised to learn I wasn't alone in my faulty assumptions. Many other people I talked to thought the way.

So get out and vote, Addison. If you live in this district and have an interest in what is happening with our schools and our taxes, you can make your wishes known with regard to the proposed project by casting your vote Thursday. Polls will be open in the main lobby of the high school from 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Paula Spencer
Addison

COMMENTARY | ROCHELLE RILEY

One the lonliest number

Here's where we're headed economically and socially in America.

There will be two stores, a department store and a discounter — probably Macy's and Wal-Mart — that will compete with a million specialty stores selling each item from those stores or high-end stuff most Americans can't afford.

There will be one airline, LMS: Last Man Standing.

There will be one TV network, owned by the nation's largest corporation, with 500 partners that show reruns.

There will be one national school system of neighborhood schools, so Americans will stop using our children as tools for desegregation.

There will be one restaurant, a chain that offers 31 cuisines like Baskin Robbins and its 31 flavors. But that restaurant will compete with thousands of small single cuisine restaurants.

There will be one national network of art museums and no history museums because we will have decided that our pasts don't matter.

Corporations will get naming rights to national monuments, because we, after all, will have stopped caring about history. So there will be the Enron George W. Bush Memorial and the Halliburton Dick Cheney Iraq War Memorial. Millions will visit the Burger King Thomas Jefferson Memorial. But not one person will sadly shake their head at the frivolity of it.

We can't fight the monolithic, monopolistic one-original-thought trend that we've embraced. The takeovers and consolidations will make us an imploding single entity, one nation under Macy's. But beneath that entity will be a splintering that will take us farther from each other.

This rant isn't totally spawned by the news that Federated Department Stores, which owns Macy's and Marshall Field's, will turn all the stores into Macy's. I like Macy's. But I lament the death of originality, of personality, of department stores.

America once had hundreds of independent department stores, said Howard Davidowitz, chairman of the Davidowitz & Associates, a national retail consulting and investment banking firm in New York. Now it has a handful.

"For the last 35 years, I traveled the country, and I went to many department stores all over where the owner's name was on the store," he said. "For example, Mr. Gimbel owned Gimbel's. Orbach's! I knew Nathan Orbach ... Now they're basically all gone ... It's astounding to see the dimensions of this. We've arrived. We're not getting there. We're here."

Stores that didn't heed "the whisper of the consumers," he said, are either out or going out of business.

I still want the store where I could buy my special Easter outfit on one floor, sheets on another and a radio on my way out. Sears is getting there, but soon I'll have to stop at one store for the suit, a shoe store for the pumps, the gadget store for electronics, the jewelry store for the right earrings. You get the picture.

If variety's the very spice of life, as 18th-century author William Cowper said, you'll need a lot of gas to get it.

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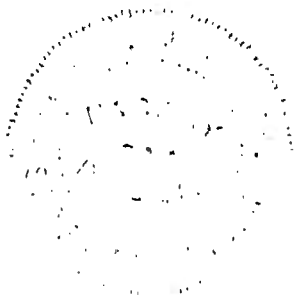
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Addison board considers next move

Officials react to failed project vote

BY BOB RECOTTA
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ADDISON | Instead of taking time licking its wounds over a failed capital project vote, the Addison school board wasted little time in weighing its alternatives.

The board met Tuesday to discuss the next step after voters rejected the district's \$32.5 million capital project Thursday.

Time is not on the school board's side. The district must have a successful vote and have signed bids by June 30 or the district could stand to lose out on a favorable state aid package.

The capital plan rejected by voters would have received 98 percent state aid on 79 percent of the project. The local share would have been \$6.9 million, which would have increased taxes \$3.93 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

A group of about 20 people, which included the school board, community members and school district employees, suggested two options—to put the same proposal up for another vote or offer voters a pared-down version of the project.

Joe DiGuardi, principal of the junior/senior high school, said reducing the scope of the original project sends the wrong message to voters.

"What message would be we be sending when we pretty

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Bush defends Miers against conservatives

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON | President Bush pushed back against suggestions by some skeptical Republicans that Harriet Miers was not conservative enough, insisting on Tuesday that his nominee to the Supreme Court shares his strict-constructionist views.

"I know her heart," Bush told a Rose Garden news conference. "Her philosophy won't change."

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President Bush listens as White House counsel and nominee for the Supreme Court Harriet Miers speaks from the Oval Office Monday in Washington.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE



JASON COX | THE LEADER

Toni Lynn Trotter, the newly appointed president and executive director of Corning's Gaffer District, finishes her remarks Tuesday in Centerway Square during a news conference introducing her to the public.

New Gaffer District chief meets the public

BY MICHAEL MULLANEY
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CORNING | Next month, Toni Lynn Trotter plans to spend as little time as possible in her new Pine Street office.

As president and executive director of Corning's Gaffer District, her first few weeks on the job will entail walking up and down Market and Bridge streets, meeting and greeting downtown business owners.

But after introducing herself and getting acquainted with the Crystal City's historic downtown, Trotter, a 30-year veteran of the marketing industry, will get down to business.

"Business recruitment is on the top of my list," she said Tuesday morning at a news conference in Centerway Square. "I'll knock on doors, research and network."

Trotter, 58, will assume her position at the helm of Corning's Gaffer District on Nov. 1. She wasted no time Tuesday—her first public appearance as downtown director—addressing some of the district's most contentious topics.

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Toni Lynn Trotter meets and greets the public Tuesday morning in Centerway Square.

She stressed that downtown businesses must cater to local shoppers first and tourists second—a sensitive issue among some business owners.

"The resident is here 365 days a year," Trotter said. "I call that the district's bread and butter. Tourism is a viable and important element of any retail or service industry—but you cannot forget about the local residents."

Another issue she addressed was more exposure and promotion for areas other than Market Street. Bridge Street merchants often comment that Northside events and businesses are vastly overshadowed by Market Street.

"Each street has its own personality and characteristics, they deserve their own identity," said Trotter, who stopped short of explaining how the Gaffer District will accomplish the goal.

Formed in late 2003 from remnants of Corning's Intown District, the Gaffer District unites downtown and Northside businesses, museums and attractions into a single identity for the purposes of marketing and advertising.

Trotter, who will soon relocate to Corning with her husband, René, from their home in Quebec, has a wide range of promotion experience. In 1975 she

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Chase-Pitkin will close local store

122 workers may lose jobs

BY MICHAEL MULLANEY
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BIG FLATS | Up to 122 local workers could lose their jobs this winter when do-it-yourself retailer Chase-Pitkin Home & Garden closes the doors of its Big Flats location.

Parent company Wegmans announced Tuesday it will exit the home center business and shut down all 12 Chase-Pitkin stores.

The Big Flats Chase-Pitkin and another location in Syracuse will close during the first three months of 2006. No timetable was released for the closing of the chain's remaining 10 stores in the Rochester area.

"The industry is dominated by a small number of very large national players with thousands of stores, and Chase-Pitkin is simply not big enough to compete successfully and grow the business," company Chairman Robert Wegman said in a written release. "The investment necessary to become competitive ... would be enormous and the risks high, with no guarantee of success."

Wegman went on to say that closing Chase-Pitkin's will "ensure long-term success" of Wegmans' grocery store.

The Chase-Pitkin in Big

Flats employs 88 part-time workers and 34 full-time staff members. Company President Bill Stradburg said some of these employees will be able to apply for a job at Wegmans.

"Those employees who want to work at Wegmans, and are determined by the company to meet the necessary qualifications, will be able to do so," he said in the written release. "Those who choose to explore other career opportunities, or who may not have the required skills, will be offered a severance package."

The local store, about one block away from Arnot Mall, opened in 1996.

Tuesday's announcement took Big Flats Town Supervisor Mary Ann Balland by surprise.

"This is the first I've heard of it," she said. "Not a good thing for this area."

Unrelated to the announcement, Balland said the town board is mulling over an ordinance that would prohibit the construction of new retail space if too many buildings already sat vacant.

"We are seriously considering it," she said. "We do not want to end up like other towns with a number of

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U.S. troops attack al-Qaida insurgents

BY ANTONIO CASTANEDA
Associated Press Writer

HADITHA, IRAQ | U.S. troops pushed through streets sown with bombs Tuesday in their biggest operation this year in western Iraq, seeking to retake three Euphrates River towns from al-Qaida insurgents. At least five U.S. service members have been killed in the fighting.

Operation River Gate—launched at the start of the holy month of Ramadan—was the second U.S. offensive in a week in Anbar province, near the Syrian border. Al-Qaida in Iraq called for

intensified attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces during the Muslim period of fasting, which started Tuesday for the nation's Sunnis.

Blasts from U.S. warplanes and helicopters lit up the sky during the fighting, aimed at putting down Sunni-led insurgents intensifying their campaign of violence ahead of an Oct. 15 vote on Iraq's new constitution.

As with the earlier U.S. offensive—code named Iraq Fist—it appeared many fighters may have slipped away beforehand.

On the political front, U.S.

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An Iraqi man carries a wounded child into an emergency room Tuesday in Baghdad, Iraq, following a suicide bombing attack on the edge of the Green Zone.



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Vendor sought for harvest craft fair

BATH | Arts and craft vendors are needed for the "Harvest Heartbeat Arts and Crafts Fair" Oct. 22 in Bath by the Davenport and Taylor Auxiliary. There is a limited number of spaces for vendors. For more information or an application, call 776-2217 or 776-6274.

■ Staff report

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- Monica Duvall, Painted Post.
- Sheeree Horton, Beaver Dams.
- Iona Krause, Beaver Dams.

Discharged | 10.03.05

- Susan Rayeski, Corning.

ST. JAMES | HORNELL

Admitted | 10.03.05

- Dortha Sager, Avoca.
- Doris VanDerMark, Hornell.
- Frank Myers, Hornell.
- Lois Kame, Arkport.

Discharged | 10.03.05

- Amy Schenck and daughter, Greenwood.

AREA DEATHS

TODAY | 10.05.05

- Esther D. Barney | 78 | Elmira.
- Jean H. Houston | 97 | Mitchellville, Md.
- Paul J. Killigrew | 51 | Encinitas, Calif.

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- Richard F. Fultz | 81 | Penn Yan.

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AREA BIRTHS

CORNING HOSPITAL

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- Boy to Amanda and Dave Mahnke.

Monday | 10.03.05

- Boy to Heather VanDusen.

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Tuesday | 10.04.05

- Girl to Susan Seilberg, Hornell.

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Boat had too much weight

Federal investigators concerned about tour boat's modifications

DETROIT FREE PRESS

LAKE GEORGE | Federal investigators raised new concerns Tuesday about modifications that added weight to a tour boat that capsized and sank Sunday, killing 20 people.

In 1997, the boat's canvas top and vinyl windows were replaced with a wood and fiberglass top and Plexiglas windows; a larger engine was installed about five years ago and investigators found seven lead bricks in the boat's bow to help keep its balance, said Mark Rosenker, acting chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"Definitely if you increase the overhead weight you are going to affect" the boat's ability to right itself, said David Smith, an expert in maritime safety from Ann Arbor, Mich. The retired U.S. Coast Guard commander is regularly called to investigate boating accidents and to testify at trial.

The boat also did not have an automatic bilge pump,

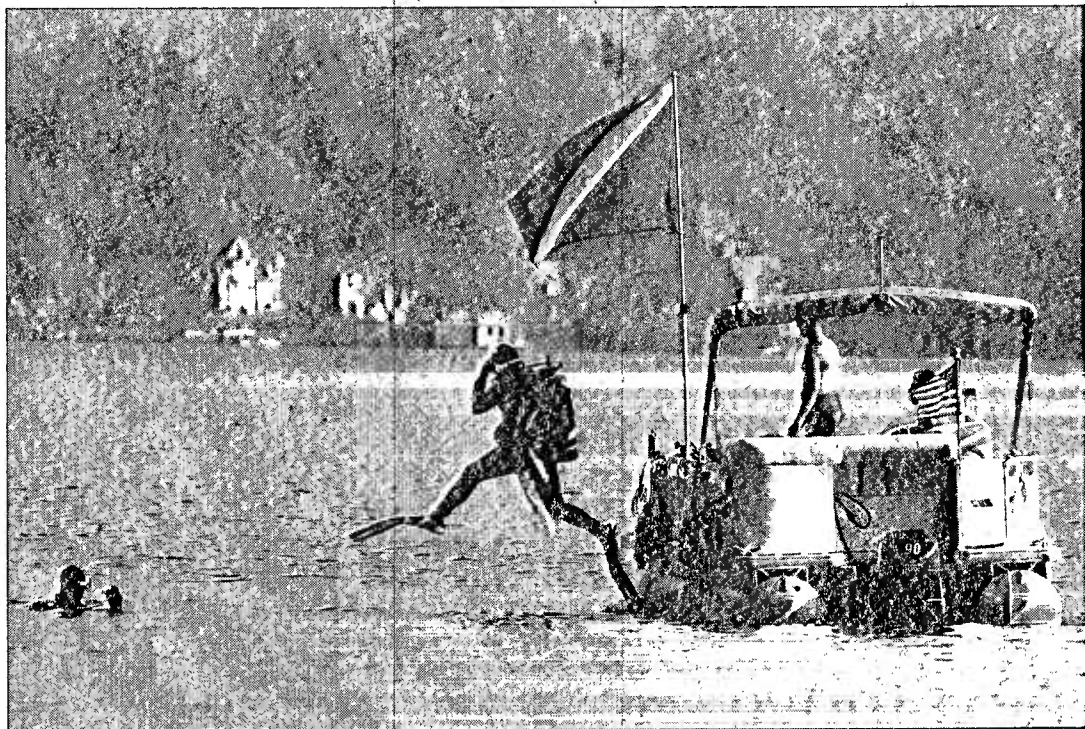
which pumps water that accumulates below the deck when it reaches a certain level, Rosenker said.

Today, using the twin of the boat that capsized and sank on Sunday, federal investigators will simulate the accident that led to the deaths.

Investigators will conduct a "very scientific road test" that examines speed, weight distribution and stability of the Ethan Allen boat using its twin sister, the de Champlain, said Rosenker.

Both boats, owned by Shoreline Cruises of Lake George, are 38 feet long and rated to carry 50 people. For the simulation, investigators will put the equivalent weight of 50 passengers weighing 160 pounds apiece aboard the de Champlain.

"We're going to learn a lot by using this vessel," Rosenker said. "The top of the vessel is virtually identical and the hull is identical. That will be enough to give us what we need to know."



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A second diver with the Scuba Unit of the Warren County Sheriff's department jumps into Lake George on Tuesday at the site where the tour boat Ethan Allen sank on Sunday killing 20 people. The sheriff said that the divers were looking for articles that went down with the boat.

THE POLICE BEAT

CATCHING UP WITH THE AREA CRIME REPORT

ADDISON VILLAGE

DWI

■ **ADDISON** | Kenneth Millazzo, 54, of Woodhull, was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated, unreasonable speed and failure to wear a seat belt. He will appear Oct. 19 in Addison Town Court.

■ **ADDISON** | Christopher Woodard, 39, of Addison, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated, unlicensed operation, and operating on a suspended registration. He will appear Oct. 12 in Addison Town Court.

STEUBEN SHERIFF

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

■ **BATH** | Luis A. Santiago, 41, of Hornell, was charged Friday with fourth-degree criminal mischief. He allegedly broke a window in the Steuben County Jail. Santiago will appear in court at a later date.

DWI

■ **GREENWOOD** | Brett S. McGregor, 17, of County Route 117, Troupsburg, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated, loud exhaust and unlicensed operation. He will appear in Greenwood Town Court.

■ **HORNELLVILLE** | David A. Wood, 25, of Mt. Morris, was charged Sept. 25 with driving while intoxicated and speeding. He will

appear in Hornellsville Town Court.

■ HORNELLVILLE |

Sondra A. Sciotti, 23, of North Church Street in Hornell, was charged Sept. 24 with driving while intoxicated. She will appear in Hornellsville Town Court.

HARASSMENT

■ **COHOCTON** | James L. Labadee, 44, of 8 N. Main St., Cohocton, was charged Sept. 25 with second-degree harassment. He will appear in Cohocton Village Court.

MULTIPLE CHARGES

■ **CAMPBELL** | Keith F. Wilson, 24, of Campbell, was arrested Monday on warrants charging violation of probation, third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, reckless driving and numerous vehicle and traffic violations. He was further charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. Wilson will appear in court at a later date.

SCHUYLER SHERIFF

RAPE

■ **BURDETT** | Michael R. Sherman, 26, of 4369 Drew Road, Burdett, was charged Monday with third-degree rape. He is accused of having a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl. Sherman will appear in Hector Town Court.

CORNING CITY

STALKING

■ **CORNING** | Michael F. Bulkley, 34, of 9483 Crystal Beach Road, Hammondsport, was charged Monday with fourth-degree stalking. He will appear in City Court.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

■ **CORNING** | Eric R. Barney, 23, of 269 E. Third St., Corning, was charged Tuesday with fourth-degree criminal mischief. He will appear in City Court.

WARRANT

■ **CORNING** | Scott E. Link, 34, of 269 E. Third St., Corning, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant. He will appear in court.

COMPLAINTS | MONDAY

■ **2:54 a.m.** | An anonymous caller said there was loud music coming from a residence on Dodge Avenue. Police discovered no violation.

■ **8:19 a.m.** | A Sunset Drive woman said her 14-year-old son was out of control.

■ **2:36 p.m.** | A Black's Citgo employee said someone damaged a customer's vehicle that was parked there.

■ **11:27 p.m.** | A Chemung Street man said a male was harassing him at his residence.

Delta reducing flights to save fuel

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA | Delta Air Lines Inc., buffeted by high fuel costs in the wake of Katrina and Rita, said it is reducing its domestic flight schedule.

The Atlanta-based carrier isn't experiencing a shortage of jet fuel, but is conserving energy, it said.

Delta spokeswoman Chris Kelly said it's impossible to say exactly how many flights will be reduced because it will depend on travel each day.

The reductions will be minimal, though, affecting early morning and late-night flights that have low bookings, Kelly said. For example, flights are more likely to be cut on Tuesday or Wednesday rather than on busier travel days such as Friday, Sunday and Monday.

Delta will notify affected passengers a few days in

advance and will try to offer them choices about rescheduling flights, Kelly said. International flights will not be affected since it would be harder to accommodate passengers with other flights on those routes, she said.

An airline industry expert said Delta's move came as no surprise when other airlines also have been temporarily curbing flights. American Airlines on Friday announced that it was temporarily cutting flights from two hubs.

Also Tuesday, Delta said it plans to fly eight new routes to Mexico as part of its bankruptcy reorganization plan, which includes boosting international capacity. The nonstop service would include flights to Acapulco, Zihuatanejo-Ixtapa, Cancun, Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta.

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Report: Lewis out-raises Coccho

Mayoral candidates file financial disclosures as November vote nears

BY JEFFERY SMITH
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BATH | If campaign financing determined the winner of the Corning mayoral race in the Nov. 8 election, incumbent Republican Al Lewis would win in a landslide.

Lewis has raised twice as much money for his re-election campaign as his oppo-

nent, Alderman Frank P. Coccho, D-6, according to financial disclosure forms filed at the Steuben County Board of Elections. Documents show Lewis has raised \$18,019, compared to \$9,309



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donated to Coccho's campaign. But the numbers are much closer on the expense side with Lewis spending \$6,947 compared to \$6,035 spent by Coccho. Most telling, however, is from where the candidates are drawing their financial support. Several high ranking Corning Inc. executives contributed to Lewis' campaign, whereas unions and the

Democratic faithful have bankrolled Coccho. Strong company support has been a staple of past Lewis campaigns. "I feel very fortunate to have their support and the support of so



COCCHO

many other fine people throughout the city," Lewis said Tuesday. "I believe (Corning Inc. officials) back me because they see that despite a poor economy the city has moved forward during my tenure." Coccho is a former Corning Inc. employee and union leader who left the company

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Alan D. Lewis
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Addison school officials reach out

BY BOB RECOTTA
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CAMERON MILLS | On the heels of its failed \$32.5 million capital project, the Addison school board is seeking input from the community on exactly what went wrong.

The Addison school board announced Tuesday it would host three community forums to hear residents' reasons for voting against the district's capital project. A record number of voters turned out on Sept. 29, defeating the project, 838-684.

"We need people coming out and giving their ideas," board president D'Ann Grell said. "We have a lot of needs in the district, but we need to focus on economics as well."

The first public hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. today at the junior/senior high school cafeteria. The two remaining public forums will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Woodhull Community Center and 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Valley School.

This is the second public meeting the board has held since the failed capital project. On Oct. 4, only five days after the failed referendum, the district held a brain-storming session to discuss what the board did right and wrong leading up to the facilities vote.

The board also will finance and facilities committee meetings last week, which were also open to the public.

The district is on a tight deadline. Almost 80 percent of the original \$32.5 million project was eligible for

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LOCAL MONEY FOR LOCAL STUDENTS



JASON COX | THE LEADER

Students walk the campus at CCC Tuesday afternoon. CCC officials announced Tuesday the second phase of the college's major gifts campaign.

CCC turns to public for help in gifts campaign

BY BOB RECOTTA
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CORNING | The Corning Community College campus needs some work, and college officials are turning to the public to help.

CCC officials announced Tuesday the second phase of the college's major gifts

campaign.

"It's an exciting day for Corning Community College and maybe even a historic day," said CCC President Floyd "Bud" Amann. "We are about to embark on the public phase of a major gifts campaign, which we've never experienced before at CCC."

The college began the first

phase of the campaign internally, asking faculty and board of trustees members to make donations to help the college address its capital needs.

"We have raised \$3 million in the silent phase," said Ron Allison, president of the CCC

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Tax payment plan opposed by clerks

BY MARY PERHAM
leaderbath@yahoo.com

BATH | Nine Steuben County town clerks have voiced their opposition to a proposal that would allow eligible property owners to pay their county taxes in installments.

County Treasurer Lawrence Crossett said Tuesday the clerks are against the plan because of costs associated with installing a new collection system, the loss of interest money received by the towns and the work to set up a new database. Crossett discussed the matter with the county Legislature's Administration Committee.

Legislators are reviewing a plan proposed by Fran Gehl, D-Corning City, that would

split the total tax bill in half, with eligible taxpayers making the first installment in January. The remaining taxes would be scheduled for payment later in the year with a 1 percent monthly penalty added.

The committee is expected to make a final decision on the matter next month.

Now, the county tax bills are collected by town officials and are due at the end of January. Property owners have until the end of March to pay at town offices, with a 1 percent late payment fee charged each month. In April, tax collection is turned over to the county Treasurer's Office which charges an initial 5 percent

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Jail to receive another \$4M from tobacco deal

BY MARY PERHAM
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BATH | Some \$4 million more in new tobacco settlement money is on the way for Steuben County and will be used to further reduce the cost of expanding the county jail.

The money is in addition to \$6 million the county learned it was entitled to last month and \$20 million it received in 1999 that was used to eliminate the county debt and pay for building the 911 center.

The two recent payments totaling \$10 million are being earmarked to lower payments on a \$16 million plan to add cells to the county jail, which does not have enough room to house all county inmates.

The newest tobacco settlement payment was announced Tuesday at the county

Legislature's Finance Committee, which voted 4-1 to spend the money on the jail.

Legislator Harley Mayo, R-Jasper, dissented after learning \$700,000 of the money could not be given to the county highway program. County Attorney Fred Ahrens told the committee that money received in the newest payment must be for projects that lasted at least 40 years, according to terms of the settlement.

"We're essentially looking at asphalt and macadam wear," Ahrens said. "Will the road last until 2045? (Bond counsel) said that's really pushing the envelope."

Mayo argued the natural deterioration of roads was not a reason to deny a portion of the settlement for highway

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Quake death toll predicted to hit 35,000

BY SADAQAT JAN
Associated Press Writer

MUZAFFARABAD, PAKISTAN | Heavy rain and hail grounded helicopters and stopped trucks loaded with relief supplies Tuesday, imposing more misery on hungry, shivering earthquake survivors as the United Nations warned of potentially lethal outbreaks of measles, cholera and diarrhea.

Dazed, desperate villagers fought over food packages

and looted trucks as the first aid reached this devastated city in the mountains of Kashmir. The Himalayan region was hardest-hit by Saturday's magnitude-7.6 quake.

The Pakistani government said the death toll from Pakistan's worst quake was about 23,000, but a senior army official involved in the rescue operations and local officials said estimates surpassed 35,000, with many bodies still buried beneath

piles of concrete, steel and wood. Millions were left homeless after whole communities were flattened in the region touching Pakistan, India and Afghanistan.

Three days after the quake, survivors still were being pulled from the rubble of pancaked schools and houses by British, German, French and Chinese rescue teams. A Red Cross official said people could survive under the rubble

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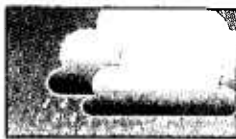


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Rescue workers look for survivors among the debris of the Margala Tower Tuesday in Islamabad, Pakistan.



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- Rachel Sloan, Elmira.

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- Alice Willsey, Hornell.
- Alison Schenck, Greenwood.

Discharged | 10.10.05

- Melynda Drouin and son, Canisteo.
- Michael Grasby, Wayland.
- Hannah Graves, Hornell.
- Christie Chaffee and son, Canisteo.

AREA DEATHS

TODAY | 10.12.05

- Mary M. Bebout | 84 | Hornell.
Wayne E. Butler | 68 | Woodhull.
Patricia C. Hale | 71 | Alfred Station.
Harley H. Holden | 94 | Savona.
Virginia M. Kellogg | 81 | Bath.
Irvin Ketchum | Phoenix, Ariz.
Marion L. Manning | 58 | Westfield, Pa.
Catherine E. Wilson | 43 | Thurston.
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AREA BIRTHS

CORNING HOSPITAL

Monday | 10.10.05

- Boy to Elaine and Leon Wilson.

CORRECTIONS

■ Anthony Demember's name was incorrectly spelled in a photo caption that ran in Monday's edition.

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Snow and ice melt from sunflower heads Friday in a field south of Minot, N.D.

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Gas bills heat up

Winter heating to cost 50 percent more

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON | Heating bills are headed through the roof, expected to average 50 percent higher this winter for homes that use natural gas. People in parts of the Midwest are likely to pay even more — as much as \$1,600 for the winter months if the weather is especially bad.

Utility officials said Tuesday they expect to have plenty of natural gas despite disruptions from two hurricanes. But the utilities have been paying substantially more for the fuel they have been putting in storage, and are likely to face even higher costs this winter.

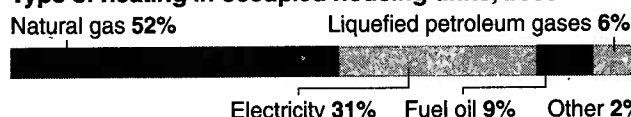
Those fuel costs account for about 70 percent of what a residential customer pays, although that varies among gas utilities.

How high retail heating costs will be is likely to depend as much on the

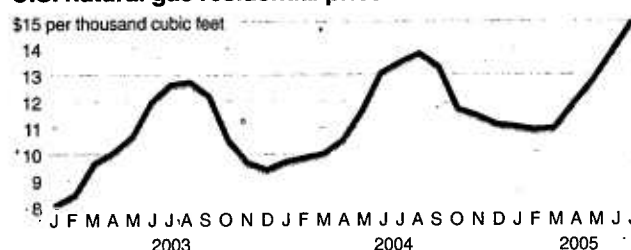
A costly winter for home heating expected

Industry analysts expect higher than normal heating bills this winter. A majority of homes are heated using natural gas.

Type of heating in occupied housing units, 2003



U.S. natural gas residential price



cold as anything else, with utilities forced to buy more of the expensive gas if demand increases.

"The biggest driver for natural gas bills will be weather," said Roger Cooper, executive vice president of the Ameri-

can Gas Association.

The AGA, which represents gas utilities, warned if there is a colder than normal winter in the Midwest, natural gas could cost homeowners as much as 70 percent more than last season.

THE POLICE BEAT

CORNING CITY

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CORNING | James Hollenbeck, 39, of 1121 Oakdale Ave. Elmira, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated and with having a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08 percent. He will appear in City Court at a later date.

CORNING | Jeffrey Orcutt, 40, of Campbell, was charged Saturday with felony driving while intoxicated. He will appear in City Court at a later date.

CORNING | Jesse Simpson, 23, of Lowman, was charged Saturday with

driving while intoxicated and with having a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08 percent. Simpson will appear in City Court at a later date.

CORNING | Matthew Watson, 44, of Corning, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated and with having a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08 percent. He will appear in City Court at a later date.

MULTIPLE CHARGES

CORNING | Jessica Vancise, 28, of 325 Walter Smith Terrace, was charged Sunday with leaving the scene of a personal injury

accident, driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08 percent and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. She will appear in City Court at a later date.

COMPLAINTS | MONDAY, 10.10.05

■ **7:03 a.m.** | A Bridge Street woman said someone broke a window in a nearby building.

■ **1:20 p.m.** | A Walter Smith Terrace woman said a neighborhood boy was throwing rocks at her.

■ **5:12 p.m.** | An Ontario Carpet employee said someone is illegally dumping garbage in the company trash receptacle.

IN BRIEF

Band to collect cans for charity

HORSEHEADS | The Horseheads High School Marching Band, together with Interact Club, will be holding a bottle drive from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. District residents may place their returnable bottles and cans at the end of their driveway in bags or cartons. Members of the band will pick them up. Residents can also drop bottles and cans off at the high school band room during the same hours. Half the proceeds will benefit victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Teen depression workshop today

CORNING | A workshop for parents and teens, "Understanding Teenage Depression," will be held from noon-1 p.m. today at Corning Inc. 19th Century Room, Riverfront Plaza and from 6-7 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Southeast Steuben County Library, Civic Center Plaza. Topics will include causes of teen depression, signs and symptoms of teen depression, how parents and adults can best help a depressed teen, how a teen can best help a fellow teenager and themselves, important community resources and professional treatment options and research validated treatments. There is no cost to attend but space is limited. To register, call 936-3837 or 339-6106.

Child development program today

BIG FLATS | "Adolescent Development and the Middle School Years" will be offered at 7 p.m. today at the Chemung Valley Montessori Middle School, 99 Main St. Guest speakers will be Jenn Jordan and Bob Gwinn, middle school educators. There will also be a multimedia presentation and discussion on recent research on adolescent emotional and educational needs. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For more information, call 562-8754.

Corning Inc. retirees to meet

CORNING | The Corning Inc. Retirees Group will have their monthly coffee hour at

10 a.m. today in the Riverfront Cafe at Corning Inc. Headquarters Building. Guest speaker will be James R. Houghton, chairman of the board of Corning Inc. All Corning retirees, spouses and friends are invited to attend.

Humane Society sets cat meeting

WATKINS GLEN | A meeting by the Humane Society of Schuyler County will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Watkins Glen Library. The meeting will focus on the society's trap-neuter-return program for feral cats and what the society is doing to address cat overpopulation. For more information, call 546-7710.

Halloween craft classes to be held

CORNING | Halloween craft classes will be held from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Thursday and Oct. 20 at the Southeast Steuben County Library for children in grades 2-5. The cost is \$15 per child, which covers materials for all three classes. Sponsored by the City of Corning Parks and Recreation Department, pre-registration is required by calling 962-0340, Ext. 7.

CCC to showcase student videos

CORNING | A video showcase highlighting the talented efforts of Corning Community College students will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. Thursday in the Triangle Lounge, Commons Building at the college. The event will focus on videos written, produced and directed by CCC students. The event is open to the public. For more information, call Nancy at 962-9507 or Dave at 962-9332.

Girl Scout cookie sale begins today

CORNING | The annual Girl Scouts Seven Lakes Council cookie sale campaign will be held today-Oct. 28. Cookies include Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Creams, Reduced Fat Cartwheels and Thanks-a-Lot. Cookies are \$3.50 per box. To purchase a box, see a Girl Scout or call 936-3452.

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McGraw code enforcement questioned

No action has been taken a year after the village cited a deteriorating house owned by county Legislator Danny Ross.

By JEREMY BOYLAN
Staff Reporter

MCGRAW — More than a year after a deteriorating house at 12 Church St. was cited for being in violation of village code, the owner — county Legislator Danny Ross — has yet to be prosecuted by the village, while other alleged violators may soon appear in court.

"He has been written up more times than you can count," said former village Planning Board member Larry McConnell. "The village doesn't do anything about it, but they go after everybody else."

Vincent Bruno, owner of a house at 19 Clinton St. that burned down Jan. 19, is scheduled to appear before the Village Board Oct. 4 to show why the village should not demolish the house and attach the cost to Bruno's taxes, said village attorney John Ryan.

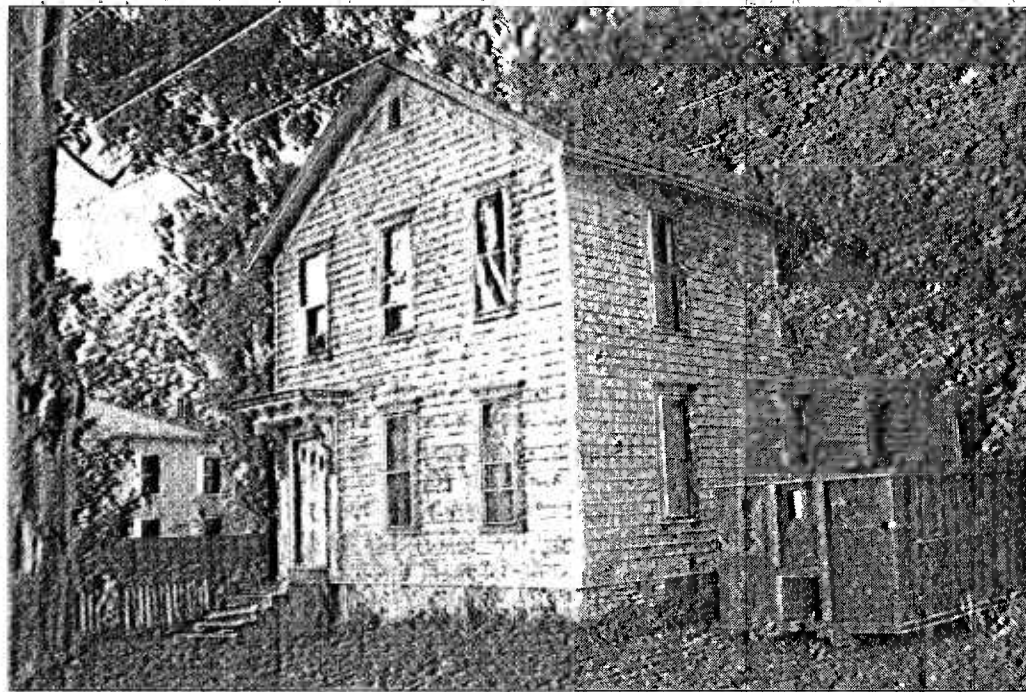
"I'm feeling a lot of pressure from the board on this," said Bruno, who lives in Dryden. "The village has never been cooperative with me because I'm an out-of-town landlord."

Ryan said the Village Board has also instructed him to prosecute Donna Ackley for the amount of garbage at a home she owns at 7 W. Main St.

Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Weber has cited all three properties.

Weber sent a letter dated Sept. 15, 2004, to Ross and the Village Board, stating the property was in violation of the village's property maintenance code.

"Once the violation has been noted and



Emily McElligott/staff photographer

A house at 12 Church St. in McGraw on Tuesday sits with part of its roof caved in.

turned over to the trustees, it's out of my hands," Weber said.

Village Trustee Ted Doty says he does not know why there has been no action regarding the Ross property.

"We've been in contact with Mr. Ross, and he says he will have the building demolished by the end of October," Doty said. "But the former mayor (John Fitch) was his father-in-law, so it was put to the side at times."

Ross, whom Fitch appointed to the McGraw Planning Board in November 2004, said he did not know why the board did not take action, but the family connection "had nothing to do with

it." The Planning Board has no role in prosecution of violations.

"I stayed right out of the issue and let the board take care of it," Fitch said. "And they didn't take care of it."

Fitch, also a former village code enforcement officer, said he could not remember whether the issue of prosecution came before the board during his tenure. Mayor Jay Cobb replaced Fitch in April.

"I wish we could work together on this," Ross said. "But if the village wants to prosecute, let them prosecute."

Ryan said he would take legal action as soon

as the board allowed.

"I haven't been instructed by the board to do anything with the Ross property," Ryan said.

Ross placed a large garbage bin outside the property earlier this week, and said demolition was already under way.

"I'm working on it now," Ross said. "I'm removing it from the tax rolls. In the end, they'll be the ones losing out because they're losing tax money."

Ross said the building was in need of a new roof, and he applied for a state Community Block Grant, but was denied because Fitch is his father-in-law. A gaping hole in the roof visible from the street has left the building open to the elements.

"If I would have gotten that money, I would have completely rehabilitated the building," Ross said.

"McGraw looks like somebody threw a bomb in the middle of it," McConnell said. "Something has to be done about it. He is a legislator and chairman of the Planning Board. What kind of example is he setting for other residents?"

According to Weber, there is no demolition permit required in the village.

Bruno said an estimate by Contento's of Cortland for demolition of his Clinton Street property came to \$20,000.

Ross said he is cleaning up the property now, and has gotten an estimate from Bergeron Co. in Homer for demolition.

"This is going to cost me at least \$8,000, maybe more if there is asbestos removal involved," Ross said. "That's not something I can just take out of my back pocket."

Ross said the property will be demolished by the end of October.

"I am working on this," Ross said. "I'm doing the best I can."

US military may lead fight against Mother Nature

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military, built for man-made battles, could end up leading fights against Mother Nature.

In the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita — and the federal government's sluggish response to the first — President Bush is raising the possibility of putting the Pentagon in charge of search-and-rescue efforts for catastrophic natural disasters.

Auditors pledge to probe Katrina contracts.

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Such a precedent-setting shift would require not only some change in law but a greater degree of consensus. Congress is divided over the prospect of troops massed in U.S. cities and increasing the power of the federal government at the expense of the states.

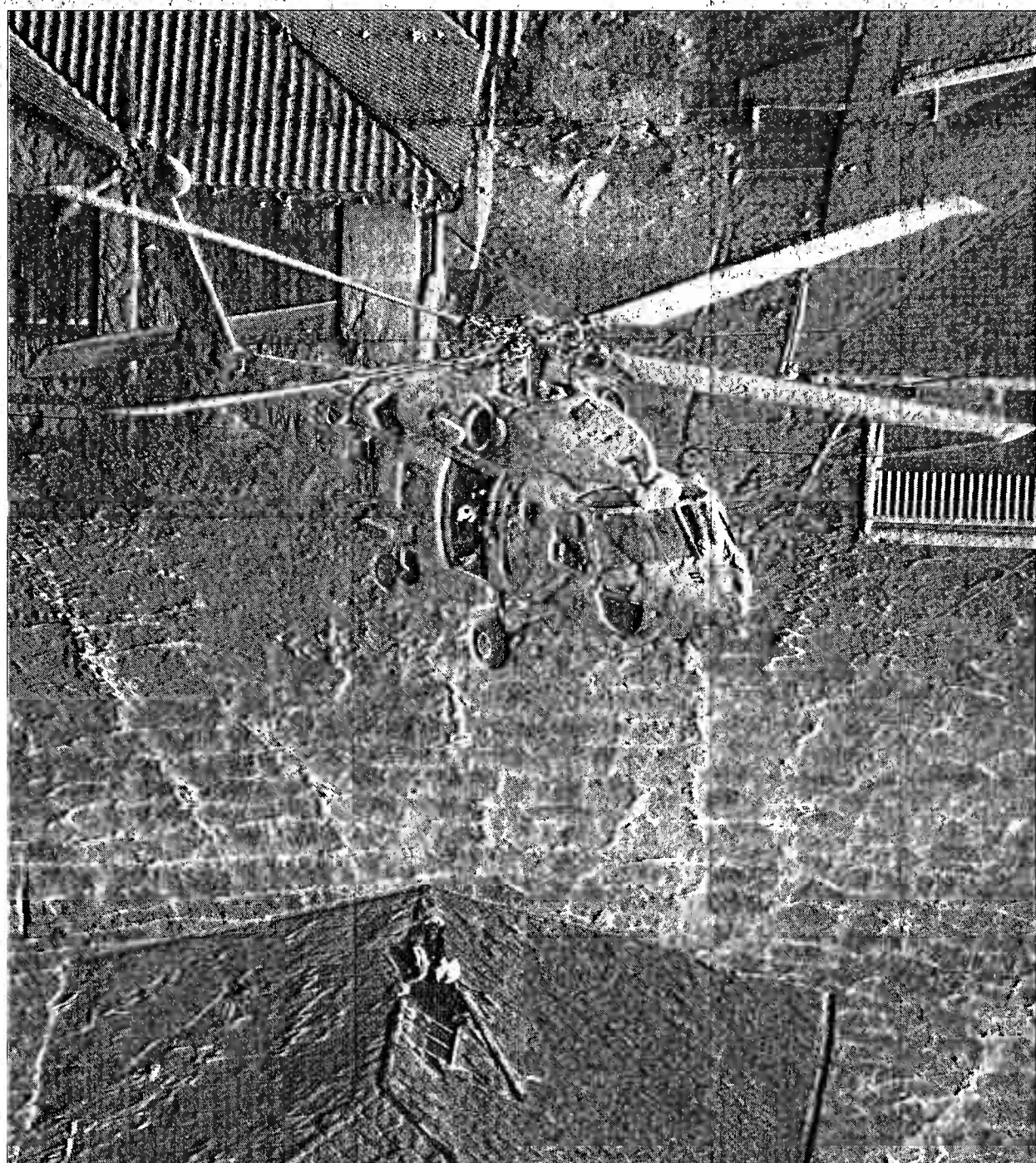
And there's the question of what would be left for the recently created Homeland Security Department to do.

Bush has described the armed forces as "the institution of our government most capable of massive logistical operations on a moment's notice," and defense analysts echo that assessment.

With its wealth of all-terrain vehicles, helicopters, boats, satellites and coordination and control operations, the military can quickly dispatch what a lot of people need in a hurry after a disaster, whether that means 1,000 choppers to pluck residents from rooftops or shallow-water vessels to navigate flooded streets.

Still, the Pentagon seems lukewarm about taking control and providing the core of disaster relief. "It's something we've thought about," Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said

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A New Orleans resident is rescued by a Navy helicopter from the roof of a house surrounded by floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina on Sept. 1. Political leaders, led by President Bush, are considering how and when the military should take greater control of relief efforts during national disasters.

Clinton: Opposition will spend millions to unseat me

By MARC HUMBERT
AP Political Writer

ALBANY — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has told potential financial backers that opponents of her 2006 re-election effort "will raise and spend hundreds of millions of dollars against me."

In the 2000 race, Rudolph Giuliani, who left the campaign in the face of prostate cancer, and eventual GOP nominee Rick Lazio spent more than \$61 million against her. Clinton spent \$41 million, making it the most expensive Senate race ever.

The claim of far higher spending this time around comes in a letter signed by the former first lady pressing for donations before this

Friday's cutoff for reporting campaign contributions to the Federal Election Commission for public reports due Oct. 15.

"Your gift is essential to show my opponents that I have the support I need to win," she wrote.

Democratic strategist Hank Sheinkopf said Tuesday that while Clinton is probably overstating her opponents' fundraising capabilities for a Senate race, "If they could raise it, they would use it."

"It's an attempt to get her core fundraising base energized and prepared for what will be a very serious attack to stop her from being president," Sheinkopf added, a reference to polling that shows her as the front-

runner for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination.

A top New York Republican official scoffed at Clinton's claim.

"Hundreds of millions of dollars? Maybe her staff sent out the wrong letter and this is an early draft of a presidential fundraising letter for 2008," said Ryan Moses, executive director of the state GOP.

The FEC reports serve as early indicators of how well campaigns are doing. For incumbents, big numbers can be used to scare off potential opponents while challengers can use robust reports to strike fear into the hearts of possible primary opponents.

On the Republican side, four Republicans are eyeing the Senate nom-

ination, including Westchester County District Attorney Jeanine Pirro; Manhattan lawyer Edward Cox, a son-in-law of former President Richard Nixon; former Yonkers Mayor John Spencer; and tax attorney William Brenner from Sullivan County.

Asked about Clinton's claim, Cox, campaign spokesman Thomas Basile laughed.

"That sounds like an exaggeration meant to try and play the victim, which Mrs. Clinton has done pretty effectively at times," he said.

Nonetheless, Basile said: "We have no doubt that the race will be well-funded."

"Hillary's right about one thing," Moses said. "As long as she's the can-

didate, we'll raise all the money we need to let New Yorkers know she hasn't helped create any of the 200,000 jobs she promised in upstate, and her only priority is getting ready for her run for the White House."

Neither Basile or Moses offered an estimate of how much might be spent in the race.

Clinton campaign spokeswoman Ann Lewis said that given the general increase in campaign spending and the forces lined up against New York's junior senator, including the White House and independent anti-Clinton groups, the estimate makes sense.

"It would be unrealistic to prepare for less," she said.

NO police chief quits

By JULIA SILVERMAN
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Police Superintendent Eddie Compass stepped down from his post four weeks after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the city where he grew up and spent 26 years policing, saying he knew in his heart it was time to walk away.

His resignation follows the storm's turbulent aftermath, during which looters ransacked stores, evacuees pleaded for help, rescue workers came under fire and nearly 250 police officers left their posts.

"Every man in a leadership position must know when it's time to hand over the reins," he said at a news conference Tuesday. "I'll be going on in another direction that God has for me."

Compass, 47, gave no reason for leaving, saying only that he would be transitioning out of the job over the next six weeks. Neither he nor Mayor Ray Nagin would say whether Compass had been pressured to leave his job.

Nagin, who appointed Compass chief in 2002, said it was a sad day for the city of New Orleans but that the departing chief "leaves the department in pretty good shape and with a significant amount of leadership."

On the streets of the Algiers neighborhood, the first in Orleans Parish to be open to residents, some said Compass' resignation was a loss for the city.

"He was stretched beyond the limits of human endurance," said Ruth Marcante, pausing outside a Winn-Dixie supermarket. "Under the circumstances I think he did a

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Obituaries

Rose Y. Rivard

Rose Yvette Rivard, of 11 N. West St., Homer, N.Y., passed away on Sept. 26, 2005, in the Cortland Memorial Hospital at the age of 89. Born Aug. 21, 1916 in Quebec, Canada, she was the daughter of the late Philippe and Marie Ange Bouchard Brassard and had been a resident of the Cortland area most of her life.

Rose retired in 1987, after 25 years with the Crescent Corset Company in Cortland.

She was a longtime and faithful communicant of St. Margaret's Church in Homer.

Surviving are a son, Marc "Frenchy" Rivard and his companion, Rose Illes of Homer; daughter, Lynda (David) Craft of Homer; her four loving grandchildren, Jason (Wendy) Rivard, Danielle, Brian and Ian Craft; her siblings, Gerald (Marcel) Paquette of Montreal, Quebec, Emilienne (Bob) Lacasse of Jonquiere, Quebec, Eglantine (Noel) Tremblay of Alma, Quebec, Murielle Brassard of Montreal, Quebec, Delphis (Jeannine) Jodry of St. Nazaire, Quebec and Julien Brassard of Montreal, Quebec; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband, Philippe W. "Frenchy" Rivard in 1977, as well as three brothers, Onias, Antonio and Marcel Brassard and two sisters, Jeannette Gilbert and Solange Boivin.

Services will be held privately and at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Rivard's name may be directed to St. Margaret's Church, 14 Copeland Ave., Homer, N.Y. 13077 or to the Homer Fire Department Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 58, Homer, N.Y. 13077.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home, Homer.

Stuart E. Wadsworth

Stuart Earl Wadsworth of 41 S. Main St., Homer, N.Y., quietly passed away Sept. 25, 2005 at Cortland Memorial Hospital with his family by his side.

Stuart had resided for nearly 45 years at 2103 East River Road, Cortland until moving to the Elizabeth Brewster House last fall. In recent months Stuart had been staying at Cortland Care Center.

Stuart was the son of Earl and Blanche Rowe Wadsworth. He was born in Detroit, Mich., on May 5, 1920.

A graduate of Cortland High School, class of 1938, he attended St. Lawrence University before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served his country in the Pacific aboard the USS San Francisco and was awarded the New York State Medal for Merit.

After the war he returned to the Cortland area and worked at Haskell Electronics and Tool Corporation in Homer (later known as Haskell Machine and Tool). He eventually purchased the business operating it until retirement in 1985.

Stuart served as a trustee of the First United Methodist Church and was currently a member of the Homer Avenue Methodist Church. Stuart enjoyed many years of flower gardening, riding horses with his family, boating and listening to music. He particularly enjoyed time spent with his pets "Krispy" and "Kit-Kat". In recent years Stuart also shared stories of World War II and collected many books, literature as he respectfully reminisced the war years.

Upon his 1985 retirement, he purchased a cottage directly on the channel of the St. Lawrence River outside of Alexandria Bay on Kring Point. He and his wife, Marian, spent nearly 20 summers there. Stuart thoroughly enjoyed the 1000 Island region and shared his enthusiasm with others.

Stuart is survived by his wife, of 56 years, Marian Bostwick Wadsworth; daughters, Susan (Clifford) Norde of McLean and Linda (Walter) Priest of Cortland; grandchildren, Matthew of Charlotte, N.C. and Sarah of Cortland.

He was predeceased by his parents and a younger brother, Wendell.

Stuart will be remembered as being devoted to his family. He was also an honorable and caring businessman oftentimes going above and beyond for his customers and employees. He will also be remembered as a loyal friend and good neighbor.

The family would like to express its sincere thanks to Stuart's extended family at Elizabeth Brewster House, Cortland Care Center, Violet and John Gordon and to Home Care for Cortland County. Staff members on 3rd Floor South at CMH also hold a special place in everyone's hearts for the care and compassion shown in recent days.

Calling hours will be held at Homer Avenue Methodist Church, 30 Homer Ave., Cortland, Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. with funeral/ memorial service immediately thereafter with the Rev. Stephen Sigourney. Stuart's final resting place will be Cortland Rural Cemetery.

Immediately following the burial service, friends are invited to join the Wadsworth family back at the church for a light meal and time of sharing.

Contributions may be directed to the Homer Avenue Methodist Church or the Elizabeth Brewster House.

The Wright-Beard Funeral Home Inc., of Cortland, N.Y., is serving the family.

Deaths

RIVARD — Rose Y. Rivard, 89, of 11 N. West St., Homer, N.Y., died Sept. 26, 2005. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

Lottery Winners

ALBANY (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the New York State Lottery games:

Daily Number: Midday: 8-1-5; Evening: 5-4-3; **WinFour:** Midday: 2-0-8-0; Evening: 8-4-1-6; **Pick 10:** 7, 11, 17, 20, 23, 26, 27, 28, 31, 37, 38, 43, 49, 50, 51, 53, 57, 63, 67, 79; **Take 5:** 1, 17, 27, 33, 39; **Mega Millions:** 14, 17, 26, 27, 28. **Mega Ball:** 5.

Female suicide bomber kills six in Iraq

By THOMAS WAGNER
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A woman suicide bomber attacked an Iraqi army recruitment center today, killing at least six people and wounding 30 in a northern city where coalition forces had routed insurgents in a major offensive this month.

The attacker, who was wearing men's clothing, detonated hidden explosives containing metal balls while standing in line with job applicants at the first of three checkpoints outside the center, said Maj. Jamil Mohammed Sadr, the Iraqi army commander based there.

Insurgents have rarely used women to carry out their attacks in Iraq.

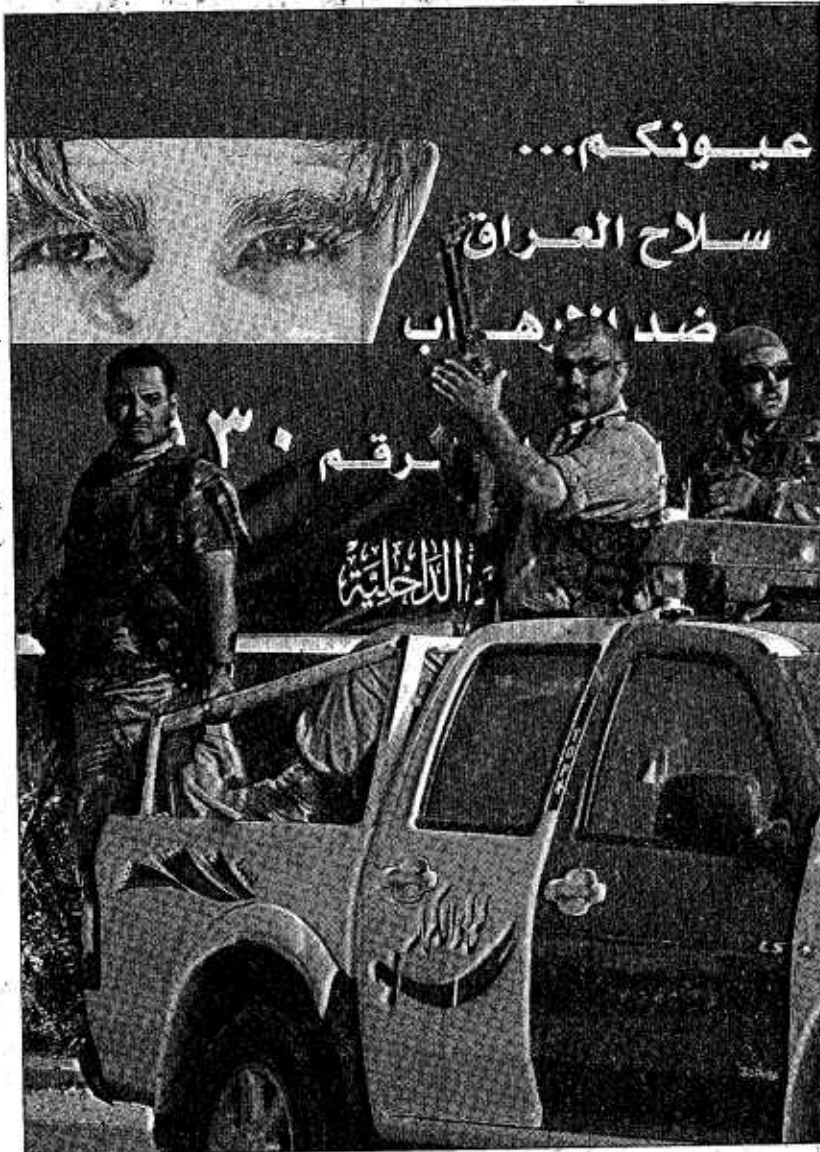
The blast occurred in Tal Afar, 95 miles east of the Syrian border, and it highlighted the difficulty of maintaining security in the towns in the large northwestern region stretching to the border, where insurgents are most active.

Iraqi authorities claimed nearly 200 suspected militants were killed and 315 captured in the Sept. 8-12 offensive in Tal Afar. But U.S. and Iraqi troops discovered afterward that many of the insurgents had slipped out, some of them through a network of underground tunnels.

Most of the forces that participated in the offensive have since withdrawn, though U.S. troops maintain a base and outposts in Tal Afar, 260 miles northwest of Baghdad.

"Due to the security vacuum after the withdrawal of (Iraqi) police commandos from Tal Afar, the terrorists came back again," said Abbas al-Bayati, a parliament member and an ethnic Turkman — a community that has a large presence in Tal Afar.

The blast was similar to an attack a day earlier, in the town of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, where a man strapped with explosives blew himself up in a police re-



The Associated Press

Iraqi interior ministry police special forces ride in a pickup truck in Baghdad, Iraq, today, backdropped by a poster urging Iraqis to call a hotline if they notice suspected terrorist activities. The banner reads: Your eyes are Iraq's weapon against terrorists.

cruitment center, killing nine Iraqis.

Soon after the Tal Afar offensive, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian-born, Sunni Arab leader of the al-Qaida in Iraq insurgent group, declared all-out war on Iraq's majority Shiites.

On Tuesday, Iraqi and U.S. forces

announced they had shot and killed Abdullah Abu Azzam, the No. 2 leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, in a raid on a high-rise apartment building in Baghdad over the weekend. The coalition called Abu Azzam the mastermind of an escalation in suicide bombings that have claimed nearly

700 lives in Baghdad since April, and said he was the financial controller for foreign fighters who entered Iraq to join the insurgency.

Al-Qaida in Iraq issued an Internet statement denying Abu Azzam was the group's deputy leader, calling him "one of al-Qaida's many soldiers" and "the leader of one its battalions operating in Baghdad." The statement confirmed the Baghdad raid but said it was not certain yet whether he was killed.

Iraqi government spokesman Laith Kubba warned that insurgents would likely carry out revenge attacks for Abu Azzam's death. He said the militant "was supervising on a daily basis almost all the attacks that happened (in Baghdad)." He was fully responsible for preparing and sending the car bombs that killed hundreds of innocent Iraqis.

With the Tal Afar blast, at least 72 people have been killed in attacks since Sunday.

In southern Iraq, police found the badly decomposed bodies of 22 Iraqi men who had been shot to death and dumped in a field, many of them bound and blindfolded, said Police Lt. Othman al-Lami of the Wasit provincial police.

He said the victims appeared to have been killed more than a month ago, and their identities were not immediately known, but the district — northeast of Kut, about 100 miles southeast of Baghdad — is mostly Shiite.

The U.S. military announced today that a Marine from the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force died from a non-hostile gunshot wound two days earlier near Fallujah. The incident is under investigation.

The death brought to 1,919 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

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superhuman job. I wish the next guy who takes that job a lot of luck."

But another Algiers resident, Donald De Bois Blanc, said he had complained to police about looting in the hurricane's aftermath, and gotten only shrugs in return.

"I don't think Compass did a terribly good job," he said. "The department was inept."

Lt. David Benelli, president of the union for rank-and-file New Orleans officers, said he was shocked by Compass' resignation.

"We've been through a horrendous time," Benelli said. "We've watched the city we love be destroyed. That is pressure you can't believe."

Benelli would not criticize Compass.

"You can talk about lack of organization but we have been through two hurricanes. There was no communications, problems everywhere," he said. "I think the fact that we did not lose control of the city is a testament to his leadership."

As the city slipped into anarchy during the first few days after Katrina, the 1,700-member police department suffered a crisis. Many officers deserted their posts, and some were accused of joining in the looting that broke out. Two officers Compass described as friends committed suicide.

Gunfire and other lawlessness broke out around the city. Rescue workers reported being shot at. Com-

pass publicly repeated allegations that people were being beaten and babies raped at the convention center, where thousands of evacuees had taken shelter. The allegations have since proved largely unsubstantiated.

Earlier in the day Tuesday, the department confirmed that about 250 police officers — roughly 15 percent of the force — could face discipline for leaving their posts without permission during Katrina and its aftermath.

Even before Katrina hit, Compass had his hands full with an understaffed police department and a skyrocketing murder rate. Before Katrina, New Orleans had 3.14 officers per 1,000 residents — less than half the ratio in Washington, D.C.

The mayor has named Assistant

Superintendent Warren Riley as acting superintendent.

On Tuesday, the state Health Department reported that Katrina's death toll in Louisiana stood at 885, up from 841 on Friday.

It also was the second day of the official reopening of New Orleans, which had been pushed back last week when Hurricane Rita threatened. Nagin welcomed residents back to the Algiers neighborhood on Monday but imposed a curfew and warned of limited services.

Nagin also invited business owners in the central business district, the French Quarter and the Uptown section to inspect their property and clean up. But he gave no timetable for reopening those parts of the city to residents.

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Tuesday. But he said there is a long way to go before "you ... decide you want to give active forces law enforcement authority."

Retired Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, who accompanied the Army general in charge of the military's hurricane response, said civilian agencies, not the Pentagon, should continue to lead the response.

Turning the military into first responders risks making it "a jack-of-all-trades, master of none."

In response to Rita, Navy and Air Force teams, flying from the deck of the USS Iwo Jima and Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, conducted rescue missions into Texas and Louisiana. During the weekend, they transported several thousand people to safety, including 1,300 patients.

Four Navy ships were off the Gulf Coast on Tuesday, providing hurricane relief, including the salvage ship USS Grapple, which was

beginning survey operations. About 600 members of the 82nd Airborne Division were sent from New Orleans to southwestern Louisiana late Monday to assist in rescue and recovery.

"The military has more plans on the shelves that you can kick a stick at, and that's a good thing," said retired Adm. James M. Loy, a senior counselor at the Cohen Group who was commandant of the Coast Guard and deputy in the Homeland Security Department for two years.

The U.S. Northern Command, which began operations in October 2002 as the first command with the United States in its area of responsibility, assists the Federal Emergency Management Agency in disaster relief and has the organizational skills.

"In some disaster unforeseen, you need somebody right away, and the active duty military is of course, organized and together on one installation where you can move them quickly," said Robert

Gard, a senior military fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation.

This unique ability comes at a price — more than \$400 billion a year.

"Do we want to have that mobilization capability in non-defense agencies?" asked Clark Murdoch, a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. With Katrina, "We had the 82nd Airborne on alert for 24 hours and no one pulled the trigger on them for three or four days."

The all-volunteer force also is stretched thin by fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and an added role would require an influx of troops. The armed forces' unique chain of command would prove difficult to impose on elected civilian officials.

"It's a terrible idea to put the military in charge because they still have a day job," said James Jay Carafano, a senior fellow at the Her-

itage Foundation who taught at West Point and co-authored a book on homeland security. "What happens if the Iraq invasion had coincided with Hurricane Katrina? Does (Secretary of Defense Donald) Rumsfeld stop the war to do Hurricane Katrina?"

The military's purpose, its training and exercises are not geared to domestic operations or law enforcement.

"The military as an institution is not too fond of this thing," said retired Air Force Gen. Charles G. Boyd, president and CEO of Business Executives for National Security. "They're the lethal arm of American foreign policy. They fight the nation's enemies."

The military is prohibited from performing law enforcement duties by the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, enacted after the Civil War. But the Insurrection Act does allow the president to call troops into federal action inside the United States when there is a threat to authority.

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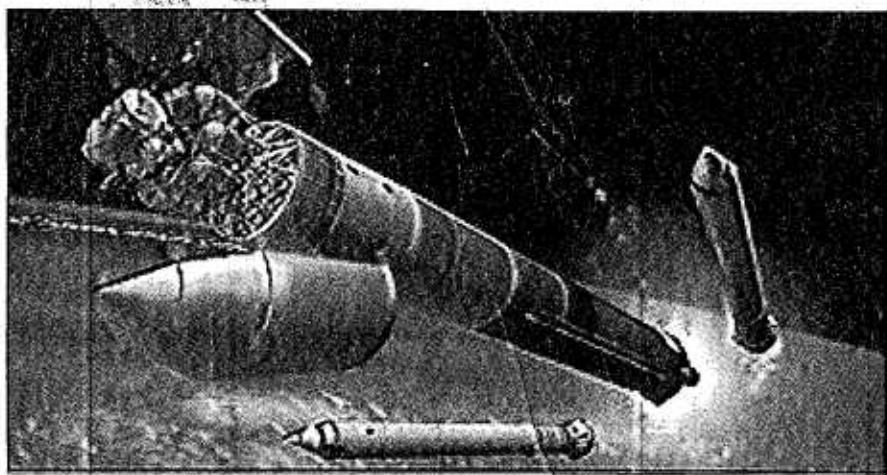
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Wire reports

Retail job cuts

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The operator of Bloomingdale's also said it will shed the Philadelphia-based bridal group division it acquired from May and is studying what to do with its Lord & Taylor division.

About 4,500 positions will be eliminated beginning in March as Federated phases out May's divisional operations in Boston, Houston, Arlington, Va., and Los Angeles. The remaining 1,700 cuts will be in St. Louis at May's corporate offices.

The job cuts are the first

announced since Federated completed in August its \$11.9 billion acquisition of rival May.

Karzai calls for end to airstrikes

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Hamid Karzai on Tuesday challenged the need for major foreign military operations in Afghanistan, saying airstrikes are no longer effective and that U.S.-led coalition forces should focus on rooting out terror bases and support networks.

His call for a new approach to tackling militants came despite the fiercest fighting in Afghanistan since U.S.-led forces invaded in late 2001, with more than 1,200 people killed in the six months leading up to Sunday's historic legislative elections.

Karzai demanded an immediate end to foreign troops searching people's homes without his government's authorization.

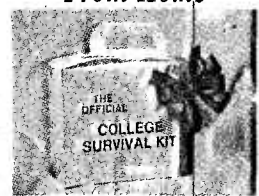
Footage shows London bombers

LONDON — The suicide bombers who struck London's transit network did reconnaissance ahead of time and used peroxide-based explosives that took skill to assemble, suggesting the deadly attacks were carefully planned, police said Tuesday.

Closed-circuit television footage taken June 28 shows three of the four bombers following the same route they took on the day of the bombings, which killed 56 people, including themselves.

"What this told us about these people is that this was carefully planned," said Peter Clarke, head of the police anti-terrorist branch.

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EDITORIAL

Right lesson for kids caught drinking

A sheriff's deputy caught 12 Red Jacket students at a drinking party in the woods near school grounds at 1 a.m. earlier this month.

Since all were involved in sports, all 12 got a two-game suspension. Left without enough players last Saturday, the football team was forced to forfeit a game.

That's just the Cliffs Notes version, however. The full story is more complicated, making it easy for adults, like those football players, to take their eyes off the ball.

Sneaking around and drinking is wrong, not because there's a rule against it, but because drinking can be dangerous. Students who binge risk dying of alcohol poisoning or, as in a highly publicized incident at a New York college last year, can wander off in a drunken stupor and get hurt or killed.

Questioned by Superintendent Robert Leiby, four confessed, much to their credit. Leiby gave them the two-game suspension. They can at least have the satisfaction of taking responsibility for their mistakes.

The remaining eight did not admit to possessing alcohol and were not immediately benched. Since things aren't always what they seem, it's hard to blame Leiby for wanting to seek more information before meting out punishment.

Ultimately, he made the right decision — extending the punishment to everyone who was there. It's not as though the

remaining eight stumbled on the party on their way to the library. They knew it was wrong and chose to stay. What's worse, they were willing to let their four friends hang out to dry.

The school board, too, made the right decision in backing up the superintendent. Some have quibbled with it, though, pointing out that the two-game suspension was in a new rule book the board had not formally voted to adopt.

But if the board is vested with approving punishment, that's exactly what it did on Sept. 14 when it unanimously upheld the two-game suspension.

Schools are not courthouses; teachers and administrators need leeway in handling errant children. The new punishment calls for suspension for 25 percent of the season's games, a fairer approach given the difference in sports schedules. Football has about seven games a season; basketball has more than 20.

The board, as is proper, took final authority. People who don't like it can vote against incumbents in the next election.

And what about the football players who weren't at the party but had to forfeit a game? That's life. Children need to learn that their bad decisions can hurt other people.

The sheriff's office will take it from here and may end up charging someone. On the school's end, it should be over: fair in the end, but not as clean as you'd hope — another lesson in life.

COMMENTARY

For butterflies, summertime lingers

Summer, having peaked and begun to wane, offers us a rich consolation this year as an abundance of butterflies, which have never been more numerous on our farm than now.

It is the first August in more than a decade that Charlie hasn't mown the purple top (often called ironwood) off the pastures to make more grazing space for our cows. We're allowing the farm, once kept golf-course trim by 30 large ruminants, to wild up as our eight retired dairy animals eat their fill and then some. They bed down in vegetation so lush the impressions they leave in the morning bring to mind landlocked swans' nests.

I walk each evening amid the shoulder-high weeds along bush-hogged paths, occasionally flushing a family of wild turkeys and startling fawns whose spots are fading. They leap away with the gangly grace of yearlings, triggering a flurrying answer of swallowtails, fritillaries, mourning cloaks, monarchs, and viceroys.

A month ago, Charlie remarked that it didn't look like the purple

By Sue Wunder

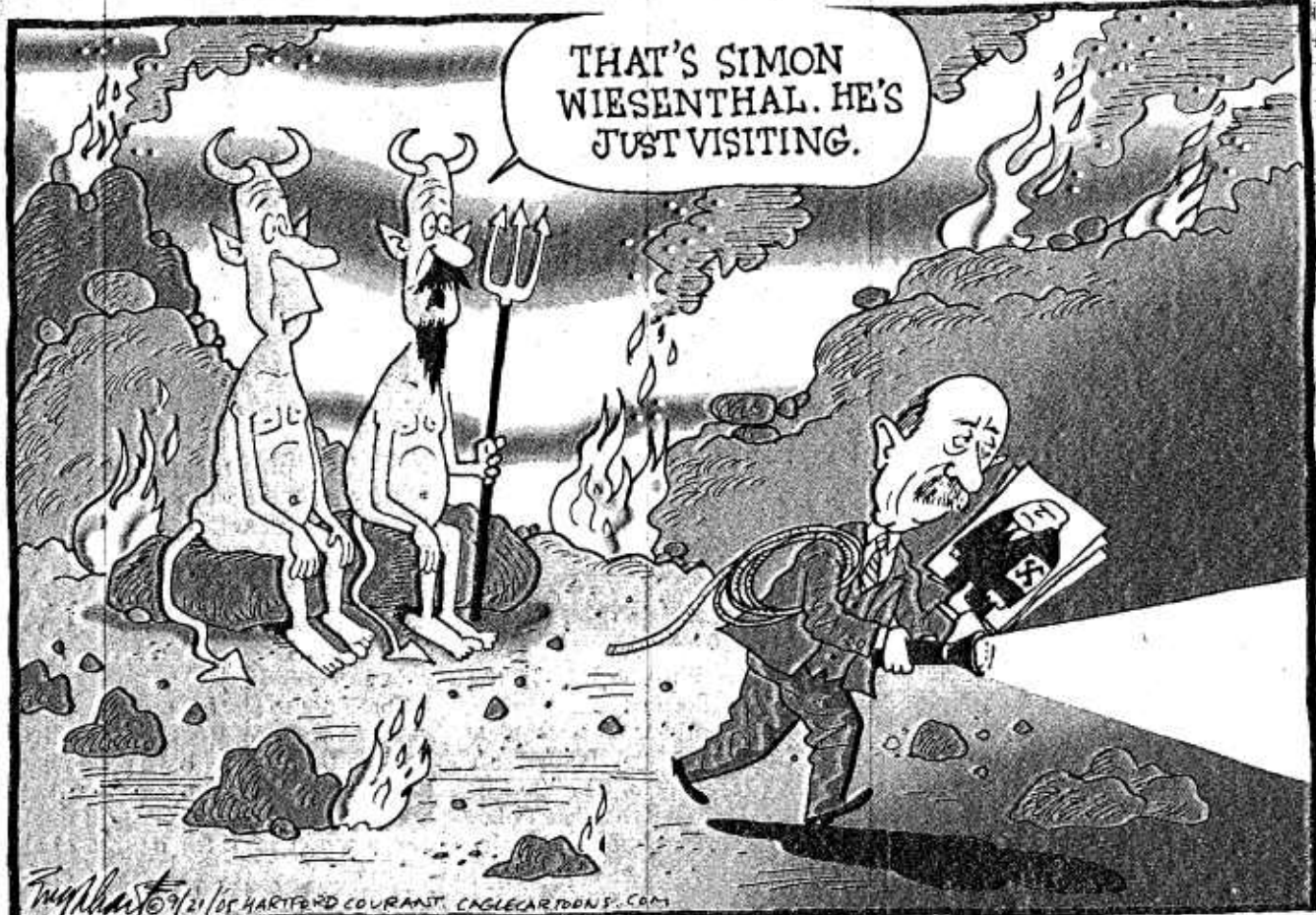
Sue Wunder, a freelance writer, wrote this column for The Christian Science Monitor.

top would make much of a showing this year. In response to which, the weed flowered prodigiously, spreading a nectar buffet no self-respecting insect could resist.

If he hadn't already decided not to mow the weeds back this year, Charlie couldn't have borne to in any case, once he walked amid all that mute, graceful energy on the wing. It would have been like cutting through a dream.

And so the purple top goes on blooming and spreading, wild birds and young deer spring to life at our footfall, and the butterflies scatter and settle again to go about their end-of-season business.

In the low light at the end of the gradually shortening days, we find ourselves captivated by their extravagance. It is as if something had arrested time, just for a moment, and tethered it with a delicate insistence to summer.



LETTERS

Even now, it makes no sense to drill in refuge

We arrive at the end of an era. The near \$50 total on the gasoline pump after I filled the tank on my small pickup truck was reality check enough. The price will perhaps go down temporarily, but the global economy must face the end of cheap oil. Increasing demand for oil and the global failure to find new sources will force unprecedented change upon each and every one of us.

On Tuesday, a coalition of conservation organizations was to demonstrate in Washington, D.C., to help prevent drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Among them is a large contingent of the Gwich'in tribe — the last native people still living off a fully intact ecosystem left in the United States.

Powerful influence brought to bear upon our legislators by those who would extract oil from ANWR comes now in the form of language in the federal budget legislation that includes royalties for drilling rights in the refuge. In spite of the wishes of a clear majority of the American people to preserve ANWR, our legislators allow this subterfuge to stand and will, in the next few weeks, vote on the budget bill in its entirety.

Drilling for oil in NWR will destroy wilderness and wildlife values and the way of life of the Gwich'in people. Abest, flow of ANWR crude will decrease the price of gasoline at the pump by one-third of one penny. The most optimistic estimate of recoverable crude indicates a six months' supply for the United States.

To construction contractors and other sectors of the petroleum industry, the ANWR project is a bonanza. Kenneth L. of Enron considers victory in the quest to drill ANWR a victory to all in other protected lands.

The moment is upon us to demand greater efficiency in energy usage. Increasing gasoline mileage requirements, installing energy-efficient appliances, would save almost instantly many ANW's worth of petroleum.

The moment is upon us to embrace full-scale research, development and production of renewable energy systems.

While Sens. Clinton and Schumer stand opposed to drilling in the refuge, both have the political clout and thus the mandate to speak with more conviction. They need to hear from you again and again. Our future depends upon rapid transition to sustainable energy and a respect for the value of the natural systems upon which we depend.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge needs protection as wilderness; it does not need the gifts borne by the drillers for the oil.

Marty Dodge
Canandaigua

In December, think of these flowers

On behalf of the downtown Canandaigua Business Improvement District (BID) office, I want to thank all the contributors to the 2005 Flower Fund Drive.

The gorgeous hanging flower baskets that decorate Main Street all summer long are made possible because of these generous businesses and individuals. It is almost time to take them down, and I did not want that to happen without expressing our thanks.

I hope that those of you who live and work here enjoyed the baskets, because the visitors certainly do. A special thanks to the city of Canandaigua for hanging the baskets and to Mark Mortenson who maintained them during these hot summer months.

Think about these flowers when the snow starts flying!

Kathy Rayburn
BID Manager
South Main Street

Why bicyclists ride in the road

Hopefully, letter-writer William Reigesperger of Naples ("Bicyclists cause danger to themselves," Sept. 18) is not one of those "discourteous drivers" who, fearing that the cyclist slogging up any of the tough hills on the west side of the lake isn't aware of the vehicle bearing down behind, honks the horn. That's when it gets dangerous, as the startled cyclist reacts by trying to keep control of the bike.

I am a fairly regular cyclist on West Lake Road and Route 21; and as much as I try to stay to the right of the white line, at times the terrain gets gravelly or pot-hole-ish and it's very difficult. There are instances where cars and trucks whoosh by, passing me within a hair's breadth when there's plenty of room to keep a safe distance.

Mr. Reigesperger feels that cyclists are not entitled to be on the road with vehicles. The beach towns in the state of Delaware have signs every few miles on the main roads that picture a car and a bicycle, with the caption "Be Courteous. Share the Road." Maybe we could stand to learn a few things from them as we all enjoy the unique amenities of our region.

Dawn Yehl
Deerfield Drive
Canandaigua

Judges should answer questions

For too long the power of the president to make, bend or sometimes break the will of the electorate has rested in secrecy, cronyism and special interests.

It is high time that judges are not given blanket protection in refusing to answer critical questions that might show a personal, religious, or political bias rather than demonstrate a legal sense of fairness and equity when it comes to interpreting laws that affect race, gender, sexual orientation or myriad other social issues.

This is especially critical when it comes to seating justices of the Supreme Court. I can understand blatant and biased intrusions into anyone's private thinking, but when it comes to doing the will of the people, that luxury should be narrowly defined.

When is the will of the people to

live authentic lives going to be truly based on the principles of law — without fearing those in power are looking to be served and not the mandate of equal justice for all?

John McGuire
Johnson Road
Geneva

Don't cut Seniors Club

I am not sure if everyone is aware of the Canandaigua Senior Citizens Club. It is a group of seniors that meets twice a month at the Blue Room at Wilcox Lane Apartments. This group allows seniors in the community to get together and have a social gathering, along with some informational meetings geared toward senior citizens.

Unfortunately, the city of Canandaigua wants to cut funding to this club and have it merge with the Salvation Army.

I don't think we realize how hard it is for many of our seniors to get around, let alone out, especially in the winter months. Having these meetings at Wilcox Lane Apartments allows a good share of them no travel because they live there.

I am sure the city of Canandaigua, just like the rest of us, is trying to find places to cut back. I just wish it was not at the expense of our community seniors.

Lillian Roe
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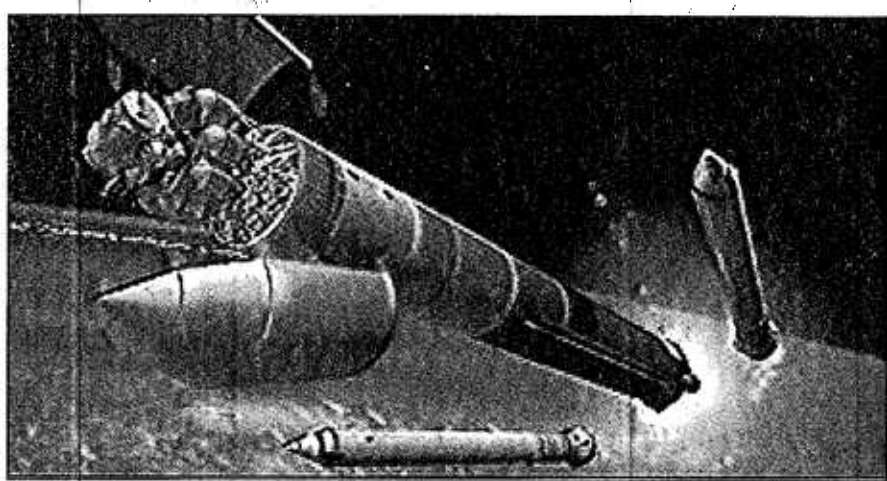
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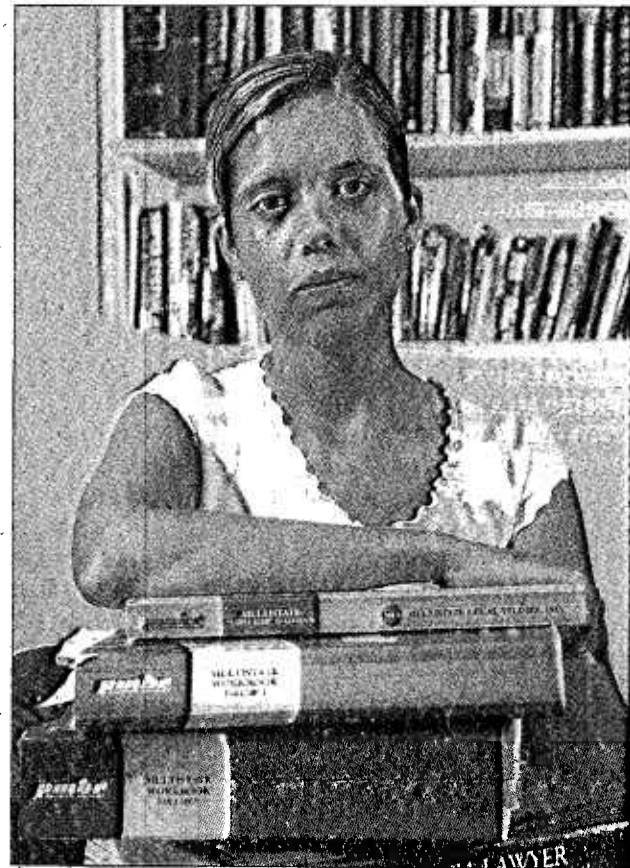
Macri-Ortiz — who has some college but no bachelor's degree, which isn't a requirement for California's bar — got her legal education through an apprenticeship at the United Farm Workers of America, where she worked for the union's founder, Cesar Chavez. Now she mostly represents the poor, and about a third of her work is pro bono.

A downside to skipping law school is that a degree can be a job requirement.

The elder Valois began working for the Veterans Affairs Department as a staff attorney in 1991. She worked her way through the ranks and in 1998 was set to become a senior Equal Employment Opportunity attorney when she learned that the job required a law degree. The VA ended up giving her a waiver and she got the job — two years later.

Although the ABA maintains rigorous standards for approved law schools, it doesn't advise against law reading. Related groups see it as a state's right to allow an alternative to law school.

But even law-reading advocates caution that there is more to learn these days and it can be tough for a supervising attorney to provide guidance in legal areas outside his or her specialty.



AP

Rebecca Valois holds law and bar review books in her Centreville, Va., home. Valois is working to become a lawyer, without setting foot in a law school. She's studied for three years at the private practice of her mother-in-law — who herself was admitted to the state bar after getting her legal education from her husband.

Briefs

Wire reports

Retail job cuts

CINCINNATI — Federated Department Stores Inc. said on Tuesday it is planning to cut up to 6,200 jobs beginning next year and change all 62 Marshall Field's stores to the Macy's name in the fall of 2006 in its biggest steps yet since completing its acquisition of May Department Stores Inc.

The operator of Bloomingdale's also said it will shed the Philadelphia-based bridal group division it acquired from May and is studying what to do with its Lord & Taylor division.

About 4,500 positions will be eliminated beginning in March as Federated phases out May's divisional operations in Boston, Houston, Arlington, Va., and Los Angeles. The remaining 1,700 cuts will be in St. Louis at May's corporate offices.

The job cuts are the first

announced since Federated completed in August its \$11.9 billion acquisition of rival May.

Karzai calls for end to airstrikes

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Hamid Karzai on Tuesday challenged the need for major foreign military operations in Afghanistan, saying airstrikes are no longer effective and that U.S.-led coalition forces should focus on rooting out terror bases and support networks.

His call for a new approach to tackling militants came despite the fiercest fighting in Afghanistan since U.S.-led forces invaded in late 2001, with more than 1,200 people killed in the six months leading up to Sunday's historic legislative elections.

Karzai demanded an immediate end to foreign troops searching people's homes without his government's authorization.

Footage shows London bombers

LONDON — The suicide bombers who struck London's transit network did reconnaissance ahead of time and used peroxide-based explosives that took skill to assemble, suggesting the deadly attacks were carefully planned, police said Tuesday.

Closed-circuit television footage taken June 28 shows three of the four bombers following the same route they took on the day of the bombings, which killed 56 people, including themselves.

"What this told us about these people is that this was carefully planned," said Peter Clarke, head of the police anti-terrorist branch.

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Viewpoints

EDITORIAL

Right lesson for kids caught drinking

A sheriff's deputy caught 12 Red Jacket students at a drinking party in the woods near school grounds at 1 a.m. earlier this month.

Since all were involved in sports, all 12 got a two-game suspension. Left without enough players last Saturday, the football team was forced to forfeit a game.

That's just the Cliffs Notes version, however. The full story is more complicated, making it easy for adults, like those football players, to take their eyes off the ball.

Sneaking around and drinking is wrong, not because there's a rule against it, but because drinking can be dangerous. Students who binge risk dying of alcohol poisoning or, as in a highly publicized incident at a New York college last year, can wander off in a drunken stupor and get hurt or killed.

Questioned by Superintendent Robert Leiby, four confessed, much to their credit. Leiby gave them the two-game suspension. They can at least have the satisfaction of taking responsibility for their mistakes.

The remaining eight did not admit to possessing alcohol and were not immediately benched. Since things aren't always what they seem, it's hard to blame Leiby for wanting to seek more information before meting out punishment.

Ultimately, he made the right decision — extending the punishment to everyone who was there. It's not as though the

remaining eight stumbled on the party on their way to the library. They knew it was wrong and chose to stay. What's worse, they were willing to let their four friends hang out to dry.

The school board, too, made the right decision in backing up the superintendent. Some have quibbled with it, though, pointing out that the two-game suspension was in a new rule book the board had not formally voted to adopt.

But if the board is vested with approving punishment, that's exactly what it did on Sept. 14 when it unanimously upheld the two-game suspension.

Schools are not courthouses; teachers and administrators need leeway in handling errant children. The new punishment calls for suspension for 25 percent of the season's games, a fairer approach given the difference in sports schedules. Football has about seven games a season; basketball has more than 20.

The board, as is proper, took final authority. People who don't like it can vote against incumbents in the next election.

And what about the football players who weren't at the party but had to forfeit a game? That's life. Children need to learn that their bad decisions can hurt other people.

The sheriff's office will take it from here and may end up charging someone. On the school's end, it should be over: fair in the end, but not as clean as you'd hope — another lesson in life.

COMMENTARY

For butterflies, summertime lingers

Summer, having peaked and begun to wane, offers us a rich consolation this year as an abundance of butterflies, which have never been more numerous on our farm than now.

It is the first August in more than a decade that Charlie hasn't mown the purple top (often called ironwood) off the pastures to make more grazing space for our cows. We're allowing the farm, once kept golf-course trim by 30 large ruminants, to wild up as our eight retired dairy animals eat their fill and then some. They bed down in vegetation so lush the impressions they leave in the morning bring to mind landlocked swans' nests.

I walk each evening amid the shoulder-high weeds along bush-hogged paths, occasionally flushing a family of wild turkeys and startling fawns whose spots are fading. They leap away with the gangly grace of yearlings, triggering a flurrying answer of swallows, fritillaries, mourning cloaks, monarchs, and viceroys.

A month ago, Charlie remarked that it didn't look like the purple

By Sue Wunder

Sue Wunder, a freelance writer, wrote this column for The Christian Science Monitor.

top would make much of a showing this year. In response to which, the weed flowered prodigiously, spreading a nectar buffet no self-respecting insect could resist.

If he hadn't already decided not to mow the weeds back this year, Charlie couldn't have borne to in any case, once he walked amid all that mute, graceful energy on the wing. It would have been like cutting through a dream.

And so the purple top goes on blooming and spreading, wild birds and young deer spring to life at our footfall, and the butterflies scatter and settle again to go about their end-of-season business.

In the low light at the end of the gradually shortening days, we find ourselves captivated by their extravagance. It is as if something had arrested time, just for a moment, and tethered it with a delicate insistence to summer.



LETTERS

Even now, it makes no sense to drill in refuge

We arrive at the end of an era. The near \$50 total on the gasoline pump after I filled the tank on my small pickup truck was reality check enough. The price will perhaps go down temporarily, but the global economy must face the end of cheap oil. Increasing demand for oil and the global failure to find new sources will force unprecedented change upon each and every one of us.

On Tuesday, a coalition of conservation organizations was to demonstrate in Washington, D.C., to help prevent drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Among them is a large contingent of the Gwich'in tribe — the last native people still living off a fully intact ecosystem left in the United States.

Powerful influence brought to bear upon our legislators by those who would extract oil from ANWR comes now in the form of language in the federal budget legislation that includes royalties for drilling rights in the refuge. In spite of the wishes of a clear majority of the American people to preserve ANWR, our legislators allow this subterfuge to stand and will, in the next few weeks, vote on the budget bill in its entirety.

Drilling for oil in ANWR will destroy wilderness and wildlife values and the way of life of the Gwich'in people. At best, flow of ANWR crude will decrease the price of gasoline at the pump by one-third of one penny. The most optimistic estimate of recoverable crude indicates a six months' supply for the United States.

To construction contractors and other sectors of the petroleum industry, the ANWR project is a bonanza. Kenneth Lay of Enron considers victory in the quest to drill ANWR a victory to drill in other protected lands.

The moment is upon us to demand greater efficiency in energy usage. Increasing gasoline mileage requirements, installing energy-efficient appliances, would save almost instantly many ANWR's worth of petroleum.

The moment is upon us to embrace full-scale research, development and production of renewable energy systems.

While Sens. Clinton and Schumer stand opposed to drilling in the refuge, both have the political clout and thus the mandate to speak with more conviction. They need to hear from you again and again. Our future depends upon a rapid transition to sustainable energy and a respect for the value of the natural systems upon which we depend.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge needs protection as wilderness; it does not need the gifts borne by the drillers for crude oil.

Marty Dodge
Canandaigua

In December, think of these flowers

On behalf of the downtown Canandaigua Business Improvement District (BID) office, I want to thank all the contributors to the 2005 Flower Fund Drive.

The gorgeous hanging flower baskets that decorate Main Street all summer long are made possible because of these generous businesses and individuals. It is almost time to take them down, and I did not want that to happen without expressing our thanks.

I hope that those of you who live and work here enjoyed the baskets, because the visitors certainly do. A special thanks to the city of Canandaigua for hanging the baskets and to Mark Mortenson who maintained them during these hot summer months.

Think about these flowers when the snow starts flying!

Kathy Rayburn
BID Manager
South Main Street

Why bicyclists ride in the road

Hopefully, letter-writer William Reigeslperger of Naples ("Bicyclists cause danger to themselves," Sept. 18) is not one of those "discourteous drivers" who, fearing that the cyclist slogging up any of the tough hills on the west side of the lake isn't aware of the vehicle bearing down behind, honks the horn. That's when it gets dangerous, as the startled cyclist reacts by trying to keep control of the bike.

I am a fairly regular cyclist on West Lake Road and Route 21; and as much as I try to stay to the right of the white line, at times the terrain gets gravelly or pot-hole-ish and it's very difficult. There are instances where cars and trucks whoosh by, passing me within a hair's breadth when there's plenty of room to keep a safe distance.

Mr. Reigeslperger feels that cyclists are not entitled to be on the road with vehicles. The beach towns in the state of Delaware have signs every few miles on the main roads that picture a car and a bicycle, with the caption "Be Courteous. Share the Road." Maybe we could stand to learn a few things from them as we all enjoy the unique amenities of our region.

Dawn Yehl
Deerfield Drive
Canandaigua

Judges should answer questions

For too long the power of the president to make, bend or sometimes break the will of the electorate has rested in secrecy, cronyism and special interests.

It is high time that judges are not given blanket protection in refusing to answer critical questions that might show a personal, religious, or political bias rather than demonstrate a legal sense of fairness and equity when it comes to interpreting laws that affect race, gender, sexual orientation or myriad other social issues.

This is especially critical when it comes to seating justices of the Supreme Court. I can understand blatant and biased intrusions into anyone's private thinking, but when it comes to doing the will of the people, that luxury should be narrowly defined.

When is the will of the people to

live authentic lives going to be truly, based on the principles of law — without fearing those in power are looking to be served and not the mandate of equal justice for all?

John McGuire
Johnson Road
Geneva

Don't cut Seniors Club

I am not sure if everyone is aware of the Canandaigua Senior Citizens Club. It is a group of seniors that meets twice a month at the Blue Room at Wilcox Lane Apartments. This group allows seniors in the community to get together and have a social gathering, along with some informational meetings geared toward senior citizens.

Unfortunately, the city of Canandaigua wants to cut funding to this club and have it merge with the Salvation Army.

I don't think we realize how hard it is for many of our seniors to get around, let alone out, especially in the winter months. Having these meetings at Wilcox Lane Apartments allows a good share of them no travel because they live there.

I am sure the city of Canandaigua, just like the rest of us, is trying to find places to cut back. I just wish it was not at the expense of our community seniors.

Lillian Roe
Flat Street
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Consumer confidence plummets in September

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence suffered its biggest drop in 15 years in September as Hurricane Katrina made Americans anxious about the rising costs of heating their homes and filling their gas tanks. The decline raised questions about consumer spending for the rest of this year, including the holiday shopping season.

The Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence

Index, compiled from a survey of U.S. households, dropped 18.9 points to 86.6 from a revised reading of 105.5 in August.

That marked the biggest slide since October 1990, when the index fell 23 points to 62.6 amid the onset of the recession, the buildup to the first Gulf war and a spike in gasoline prices. The September reading was also the lowest level since October 2003, when it registered 81.7.

Analysts had expected the

September reading to be 98.

Wall Street took the news of both reports fairly well. The Dow Jones industrial average, up about 30 points before the index was released, finished 12 points higher Tuesday.

The Commerce Department said new-home sales fell 9.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.24 million units. Even with the slowdown, the median sales price rose 2.5 percent from July's level to \$220,300. The bigger-than-projected

drop in new home sales could signal that the nation's red-hot housing market is starting to slow down, but reports so far are mixed.

In Washington, Republicans were assessing the political impact of the numbers, particularly the drop in consumer confidence, saying it gives them more reason to worry about next year's elections.

"These are serious numbers," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., a political operative-turned-congressman, referring

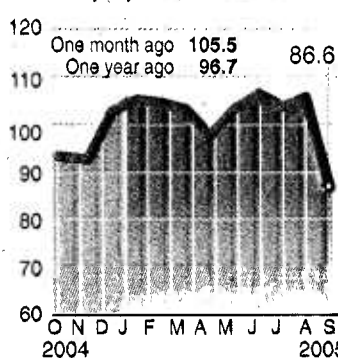
to the consumer confidence figures. "The question is whether this is a trend or a reaction to Katrina and Rita."

Cole said he suspects the public's mood will improve by this time next year when Republicans, who control Congress and the White House, will face the judgment of an uneasy electorate. But in the intervening months, he said, the political consequences of consumer anxiety are "real serious."

Consumer confidence

The Consumer Confidence Index from a survey of 5,000 U.S. households:

Seasonally adjusted, 1985 = 100



SOURCE: The Conference Board AF

Lynndie England gets three years

The Army reservist is sentenced for Abu Ghraib abuse.

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD, Texas — Army Pfc. Lynndie England, who posed for some of the most infamous pictures of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, was sentenced to three years behind bars.

The jury of five Army officers needed about 90 minutes Tuesday to determine their sentence for England, the most recognizable of the nine low-ranking reservists charged in the scandal that severely damaged America's image in the Muslim world and tarnished the U.S. military at home and abroad.

The charges against the 22-year-old reservist from rural

West Virginia carried up to nine years, but prosecutor Capt. Chris Graveline asked the jury to imprison her for four to six years. The defense asked for no time behind bars.

England, who was convicted Monday on six of seven counts involving prisoner mistreatment, spent some time with her 11-month-old son, Carter, before being escorted out of the Fort Hood courthouse. Her reddened eyes stared straight ahead as she made her way to a waiting van.

Neither prosecutors nor defense lawyers would speak with reporters after the sentence was announced.

England apologized earlier Tuesday for appearing in the photos taken in late 2003, saying she did so at the behest of Pvt. Charles Graner Jr., the boyfriend who she said took advantage of her love and trust while they were deployed in Iraq.



U.S. Army Pfc. Lynndie R. England is led out of the courthouse handcuffed by a security detail in Fort Hood, Texas. England, who said she was only trying to please her soldier boyfriend when she took part in detainee abuse at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison, was sentenced late Tuesday to three years behind bars.

Ex-FEMA chief testifies

Michael Brown blames "dysfunctional Louisiana" for the Katrina response.

By LARA JAKES JORDAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A combative Michael Brown blamed the Louisiana governor, the New Orleans mayor and even the Bush White House that appointed him for the dismal response to Hurricane Katrina in a fiery appearance Tuesday before Congress. In response, lawmakers alternately lambasted and mocked the former FEMA director.

House members' scorching treatment of Brown, in a hearing stretching nearly 6 1/2 hours, underscored how he has become an emblem of the deaths, lingering floods and stranded survivors after the Aug. 29 storm. Brown resigned Sept. 12 after being relieved of his onsite command of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response effort three days earlier.

"I'm happy you left," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn. "Because that kind of, you know, look in the lights like a deer tells me that you weren't capable to do the job."

"You get an F-minus in my book," said Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss.

At several points, Brown turned red in the face and slapped the table in front of him.

"So I guess you want me to be the superhero, to step in there and take everyone out of New Orleans," Brown said.

"What I wanted you to do is do your job and coordinate," Shays retorted.

Brown acknowledged making mistakes during the storm and subsequent flooding.

Briefs

Wire reports

New Orleans police chief resigns

NEW ORLEANS — Police Superintendent Eddie Compass resigned Tuesday after four turbulent weeks in which the police force was wracked by desertions and disorganization in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath.

"I served this department for 26 years and have taken it through some of the toughest times of its history. Every man in a leadership position must know when it's time to hand over the reins," Compass said at a news conference. "I'll be going on in another direction that God has for me."

As the city slipped into anarchy during the first few days after Katrina, the 1,700-member police department itself suffered a crisis. Many officers deserted their posts, and some were accused of joining in the looting that broke out. Two officers Compass described as friends committed suicide.

Neither Compass nor Mayor Ray Nagin would say whether Compass was pressured to leave.

Illegal immigration climbs

WASHINGTON — Illegal immigrants are increasing despite tighter border security and now outnumber foreigners moving to the United States legally.

The Pew Hispanic Center reported Tuesday that immigration in general has been picking up, tracking the reviving American economy and improving jobs picture.

"The U.S. economy was obviously a very important factor in determining these flows," said Roberto Suro, director of the center and a co-author of its study.

Immigration — both legal and illegal — topped 1.5 million people in 1999 and 2000, according to the report. The number of people entering the United States then plummeted to 1.1 million people by 2003, the same level as in 1992.

Immigration bounced back to 1.2 million in 2004, but the report cautioned that it is difficult to say whether the recent upswing is part of a new trend.

Hostage gave drugs to abductor

ATLANTA — Ashley Smith, the woman who says she persuaded suspected courthouse gunman Brian Nichols to release her by talking about her faith, discloses in a new book that she gave him methamphetamine during the hostage ordeal.

Smith did not share that detail with authorities at the time. But investigators said she came clean about the drugs when they interviewed her months later. They said they have no plans to charge her with drug possession.

In her book, "Unlikely Angel," released Tuesday, Smith says Nichols had her

bound on her bed with masking tape and an extension cord. She says he asked for marijuana, but she did not have any, and she dug into her illegal stash of crystal meth instead.

Smith, a 27-year-old widowed mother who gained widespread praise for her level-headedness, says the seven-hour hostage ordeal in March led to the realization that she was a drug addict, and she says she has not used drugs since the night before she was taken captive.

Female suicide bomber kills six

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A woman suicide bomber attacked an Iraqi army recruitment center today, killing at least six people and wounding 30 in a northern city where coalition forces had routed insurgents in a major offensive this month.

The attacker, who was wearing men's clothing, detonated hidden explosives containing metal balls while standing in

line with job applicants at the first of three checkpoints outside the center, said Maj. Jamil Mohammed Sadr, the Iraqi army commander based there.

Iraq's insurgents have rarely, if ever, used women to carry out their attacks — although there was at least one instance of Saddam Hussein's regime using them during the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Days before the fall of Baghdad in April 2003, two Iraqi women blew up an explosives-laden car in a suicide attack that killed three American soldiers at a U.S. checkpoint near the city of Haditha.

Roberts sails toward confirmation

WASHINGTON — With John Roberts' confirmation as chief justice now assured, Republicans on Tuesday began pressuring the Senate's minority Democrats to promise what

they called a fair confirmation hearing and vote for President Bush's next Supreme Court nominee.

Bush could announce his choice to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as early as Thursday, the same day the senators plan to overwhelmingly confirm Roberts as the Supreme Court's 17th chief justice.

Almost three-fourths of the 100-member Senate will vote for Roberts, a 50-year-old conservative U.S. Appeals judge and former appellate lawyer, as the replacement for William H. Rehnquist, who died earlier this month.

"If being intelligent, brilliant, a superb lawyer, the greatest legal mind of your generation and well qualified is not enough, what is?" said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.



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At evacuees' school, hugs before homework

Giving displaced children a sense of routine and normalcy is a big goal of the schools for evacuees.

By AMANDA PAULSON

Christian Science Monitor

BATON ROUGE — Jacqueline MacDonald got the news on a Saturday: She was to be principal of a new Baton Rouge school composed entirely of teachers and students evacuated from New Orleans.

By the next Monday, Mayfair Elementary had opened its doors: a virtually empty former school building with a few desks and chairs. And on Tuesday, the first 43 students showed up for classes.

Two weeks later, things at Mayfair are still a bit disorderly — there are only two computers, and the makeshift offices are filled with constantly arriving boxes of materials — but the school has become a bustling center of learning for nearly 200 children who need stability.

Kindergartners trace outlines of their hands and cut them out to make a chain, while first-graders eagerly join in a daily recital of their 5s, 10s, 50s, and consonants.

"Our motto is to learn, laugh, and love again, and I think that's what's happening in my school," says MacDonald, a powerhouse of energy and warmth who is the school's emotional center.

Mayfair is one of two schools for Katrina evacuees in the East Baton Rouge Parish District, and part of a growing legion of efforts in Baton Rouge and around the country to help one subgroup of Katrina evacuees: children. Projects focus on everything from reopening schools and day care centers to creating "safe play areas" in shelters, organizing counseling, and fielding donations of books, lesson plans, and educational materials.

For children still living in shelters, or dealing with the loss of their home, dispersal of their friends, and the destruction of their school, finding routine is key.

Normal is the goal.
Or as normal as we can
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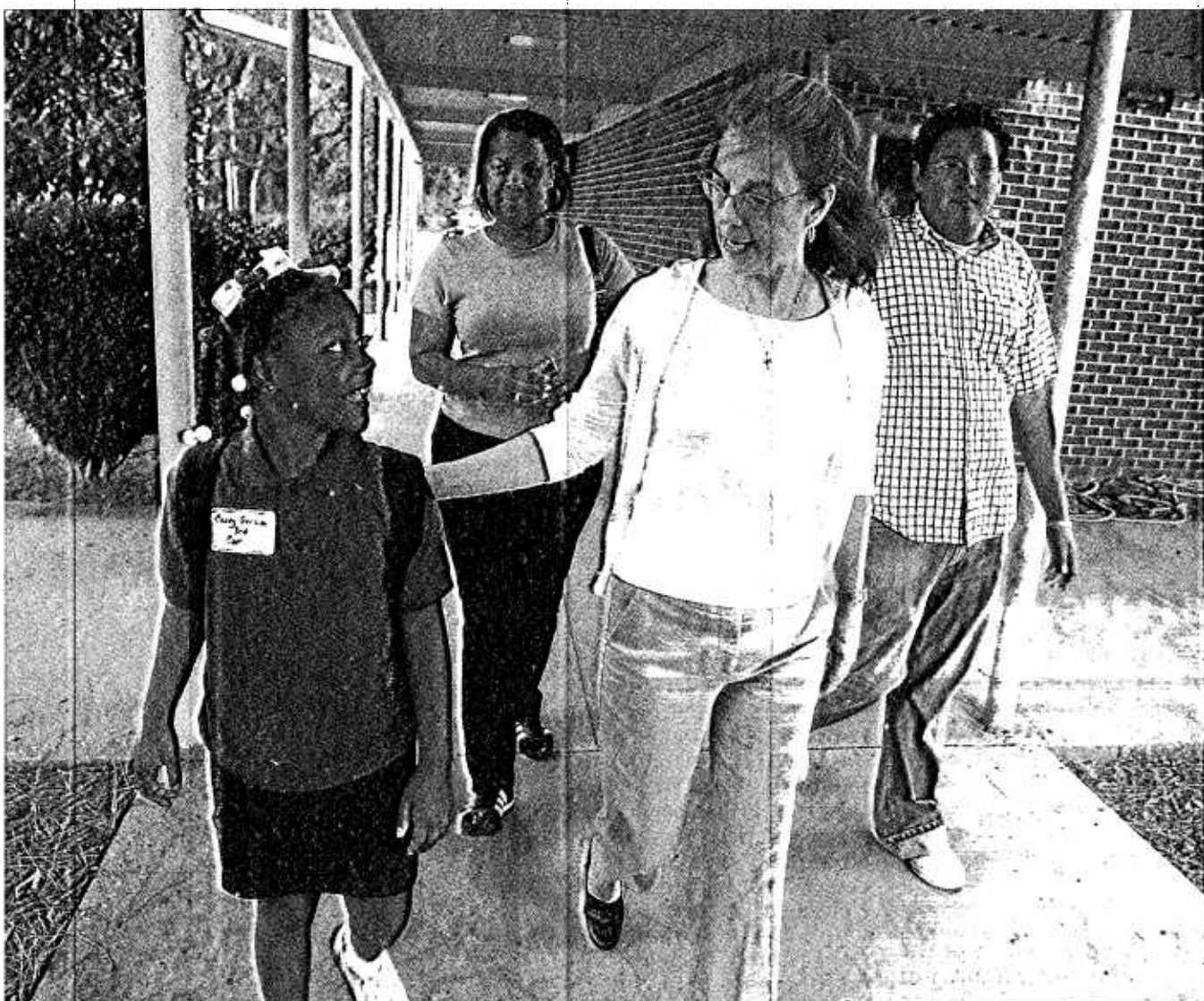
Thomas Tauras,
Save the Children

"Normal is the goal. Or as normal as we can get in these abnormal circumstances," says Thomas Tauras, an international programs officer with Save the Children, which is conducting its first emergency response within the U.S. Children affected by Katrina have similar needs to children in Aceh or Darfur, says Tauras: security, stability, places to learn and play, and counseling programs.

Save the Children is offering training, funding, and expertise to local children's groups in Louisiana and Mississippi. In Baton Rouge, the group helped get Mayfair and Scotlandville Elementary, another new school for evacuees, up and running.

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The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence suffered its biggest drop in 15 years in September as Hurricane Katrina made Americans anxious about the rising costs of heating their homes and filling their gas tanks. The decline raised questions about consumer spending for the rest of this year, including the holiday shopping season.

The Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence

Index, compiled from a survey of U.S. households, dropped 18.9 points to 86.6 from a revised reading of 105.5 in August.

That marked the biggest slide since October 1990, when the index fell 23 points to 62.6 amid the onset of the recession, the buildup to the first Gulf war and a spike in gasoline prices. The September reading was also the lowest level since October 2003, when it registered 81.7.

Analysts had expected the

September reading to be 98.

Wall Street took the news of both reports fairly well. The Dow Jones industrial average, up about 30 points before the index was released, finished 12 points higher Tuesday.

The Commerce Department said new-home sales fell 9.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.24 million units. Even with the slowdown, the median sales price rose 2.5 percent from July's level to \$220,300. The bigger-than-projected

drop in new home sales could signal that the nation's red-hot housing market is starting to slow down, but reports so far are mixed.

In Washington, Republicans were assessing the political impact of the numbers, particularly the drop in consumer confidence, saying it gives them more reason to worry about next year's elections.

"These are serious numbers," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., a political operative-turned-congressman, referring

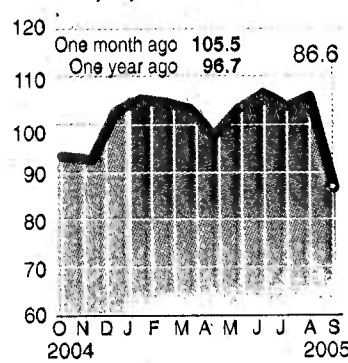
to the consumer confidence figures. "The question is whether this is a trend or a reaction to Katrina and Rita."

Cole said he suspects the public's mood will improve by this time next year when Republicans, who control Congress and the White House, will face the judgment of an uneasy electorate. But in the intervening months, he said, the political consequences of consumer anxiety are "real serious."

Consumer confidence

The Consumer Confidence Index from a survey of 5,000 U.S. households:

Seasonally adjusted, 1985 = 100



SOURCE: The Conference Board

Lynndie England gets three years

The Army reservist is sentenced for Abu Ghraib abuse.

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD, Texas — Army Pfc. Lynndie England, who posed for some of the most infamous pictures of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, was sentenced to three years behind bars.

The jury of five Army officers needed about 90 minutes Tuesday to determine their sentence for England, the most recognizable of the nine low-ranking reservists charged in the scandal that severely damaged America's image in the Muslim world and tarnished the U.S. military at home and abroad.

The charges against the 22-year-old reservist from rural

West Virginia carried up to nine years, but prosecutor Capt. Chris Graveline asked the jury to imprison her for four to six years. The defense asked for no time behind bars.

England, who was convicted Monday on six of seven counts involving prisoner mistreatment, spent some time with her 11-month-old son, Carter, before being escorted out of the Fort Hood courthouse. Her reddened eyes stared straight ahead as she made her way to a waiting van.

Neither prosecutors nor defense lawyers would speak with reporters after the sentence was announced.

England apologized earlier Tuesday for appearing in the photos taken in late 2003, saying she did so at the behest of Pvt. Charles Graner Jr., the boyfriend who she said took advantage of her love and trust while they were deployed in Iraq.



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Wire reports

New Orleans police chief resigns

NEW ORLEANS — Police Superintendent Eddie Compass resigned Tuesday after four turbulent weeks in which the police force was wracked by desertions and disorganization in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath.

"I served this department for 26 years and have taken it through some of the toughest times of its history. Every man in a leadership position must know when it's time to hand over the reins," Compass said at a news conference. "I'll be going on in another direction that God has for me."

As the city slipped into anarchy during the first few days after Katrina, the 1,700-member police department itself suffered a crisis. Many officers deserted their posts, and some were accused of joining in the looting that broke out. Two officers Compass described as friends committed suicide.

Neither Compass nor Mayor Ray Nagin would say whether Compass was pressured to leave.

Illegal immigration climbs

WASHINGTON — Illegal immigrants are increasing despite tighter border security and now outnumber foreigners moving to the United States legally.



COMPASS

The Pew Hispanic Center reported Tuesday that immigration in general has been picking up, tracking the reviving American economy and improving jobs picture.

"The U.S. economy was obviously a very important factor in determining these flows," said Roberto Suro, director of the center and a co-author of its study.

Immigration — both legal and illegal — topped 1.5 million people in 1999 and 2000, according to the report. The number of people entering the United States then plummeted to 1.1 million people by 2003, the same level as in 1992.

Immigration bounced back to 1.2 million in 2004, but the report cautioned that it is difficult to say whether the recent upswing is part of a new trend.

Hostage gave drugs to abductor

ATLANTA — Ashley Smith, the woman who says she persuaded suspected courthouse gunman Brian Nichols to release her by talking about her faith, discloses in a new book that she gave him methamphetamine during the hostage ordeal.

Smith did not share that detail with authorities at the time. But investigators said she came clean about the drugs when they interviewed her months later. They said they have no plans to charge her with drug possession.

In her book, "Unlikely Angel," released Tuesday, Smith says Nichols had her

bound on her bed with masking tape and an extension cord. She says he asked for marijuana, but she did not have any, and she dug into her illegal stash of crystal meth instead.

Smith, a 27-year-old widowed mother who gained widespread praise for her level-headedness, says the seven-hour hostage ordeal in March led to the realization that she was a drug addict, and she says she has not used drugs since the night before she was taken captive.

Female suicide bomber kills six

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A woman suicide bomber attacked an Iraqi army recruitment center today, killing at least six people and wounding 30 in a northern city where coalition forces had routed insurgents in a major offensive this month.

The attacker, who was wearing men's clothing, detonated hidden explosives containing metal balls while standing in

line with job applicants at the first of three checkpoints outside the center, said Maj. Jamil Mohammed Sadr, the Iraqi army commander based there.

Iraq's insurgents have rarely, if ever, used women to carry out their attacks — although there was at least one instance of Saddam Hussein's regime using them during the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Days before the fall of Baghdad in April 2003, two Iraqi women blew up an explosives-laden car in a suicide attack that killed three American soldiers at a U.S. checkpoint near the city of Haditha.

Roberts sails toward confirmation

WASHINGTON — With John Roberts' confirmation as chief justice now assured, Republicans on Tuesday began pressuring the Senate's minority Democrats to promise what

they called a fair confirmation hearing and vote for President Bush's next Supreme Court nominee.

Bush could announce his choice to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as early as Thursday, the same day the senators plan to overwhelmingly confirm Roberts as the Supreme Court's 17th chief justice.

Almost three-fourths of the 100-member Senate will vote for Roberts, a 50-year-old conservative U.S. Appeals judge and former appellate lawyer, as the replacement for William H. Rehnquist, who died earlier this month.

"If being intelligent, brilliant, a superb lawyer, the greatest legal mind of your generation and well qualified is not enough, what is?" said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.



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At evacuees' school, hugs before homework

Giving displaced children a sense of routine and normalcy is a big goal of the schools for evacuees.

By AMANDA PAULSON

Christian Science Monitor

BATON ROUGE — Jacqueline MacDonald got the news on a Saturday: She was to be principal of a new Baton Rouge school composed entirely of teachers and students evacuated from New Orleans.

By the next Monday, Mayfair Elementary had opened its doors: a virtually empty former school building with a few desks and chairs. And on Tuesday, the first 43 students showed up for classes.

Two weeks later, things at Mayfair are still a bit disorderly — there are only two computers, and the makeshift offices are filled with constantly arriving boxes of materials — but the school has become a bustling center of learning for nearly 200 children who need stability.

Kindergartners trace outlines of their hands and cut them out to make a chain, while first-graders eagerly join in a daily recital of their 5s, 10s, vowels, and consonants.

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Mayfair is one of two schools for Katrina evacuees in the East Baton Rouge Parish District, and part of a growing legion of efforts in Baton Rouge and around the country to help one subgroup of Katrina evacuees: children. Projects focus on everything from reopening schools and day care centers to creating "safe play areas" in shelters, organizing counseling, and fielding donations of books, lesson plans, and educational materials.

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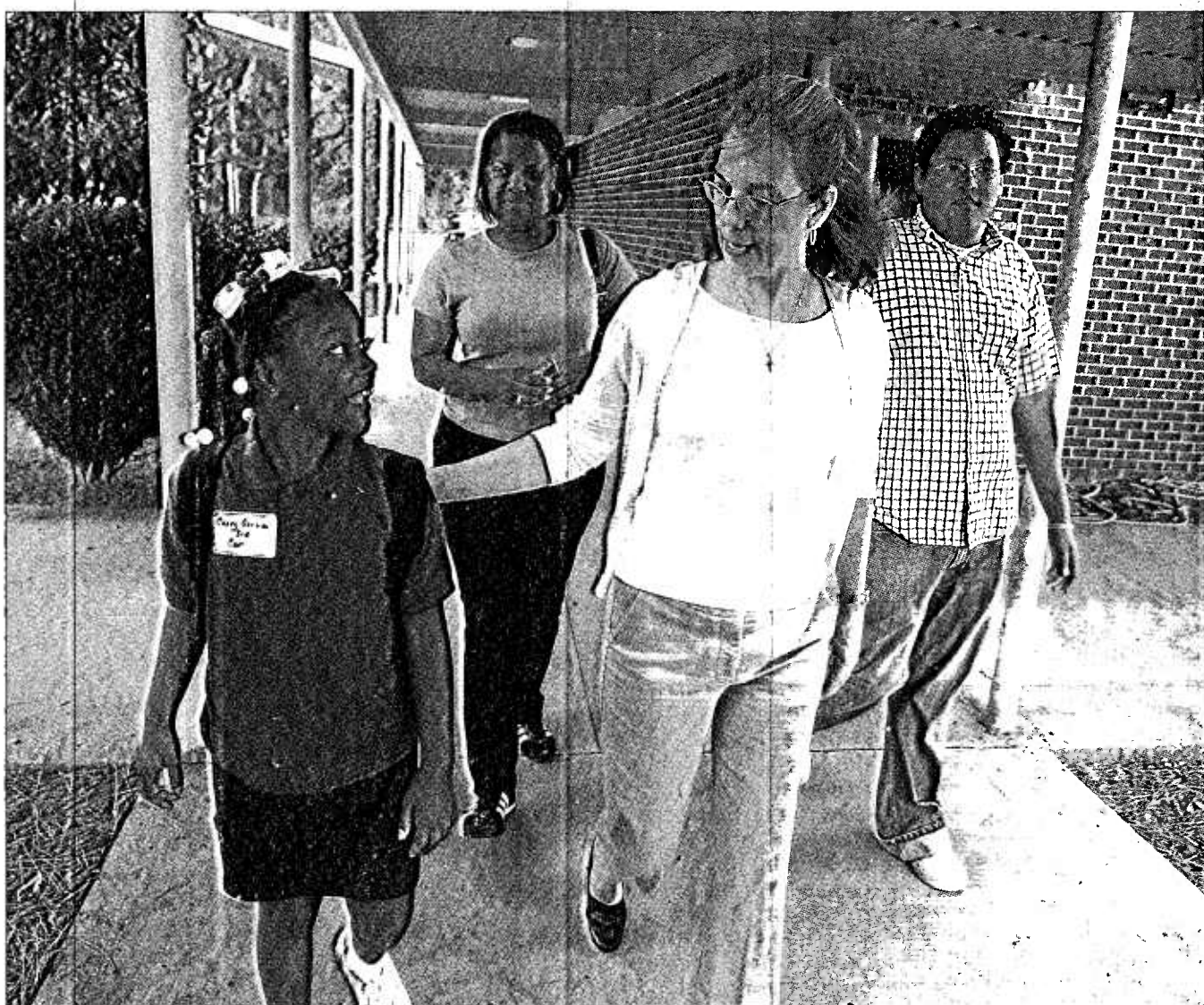
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You speak of social, economic, and spiritual trends converging to foster a moral transformation of capitalism. Given the scandals of recent years, why is such a rosy outlook justified?

Social transformation happens only when there is a combination of economic necessity and new values. We are exactly at that point now in society. The accounting scandals, the tech bubble, the market crash are compelling capitalism to take a look at itself. But there must also be a positive sense of new options, and those exist in the form of rising interest in spirituality in business, the dynamic growth of socially responsible investing, shareholder activism, and the power of values-driven consumers in the marketplace.

Many people say they've felt a clash between their personal values and those of the corporate world. How is that changing?

There are two manifestations. People no longer want that spiritual part of themselves to be abandoned when they work and are searching for meaning and morals in the workplace. And corporate leaders now recognize that we live in a technologically based society where, in order to be consistently innovative, a corporation has to draw on the creativity of its employees.

Even the old-fashioned business types have to grudgingly agree that we find creativity, inspiration, and innovation within, from that deep spiritual part of ourselves.

What's the most significant evidence that spiritu-

Coming next: Moral capitalism

It's a turbulent time in the business world. Prestigious firms are under scrutiny for their practices, and corporate high-fliers are going to jail. Yet it's also a time when people are seeking new ways to incorporate spiritual practices and moral values into their workaday lives. In the first "Megatrends" book more than 20 years ago, Patricia Aburdene described the birth of the "Information Economy," an idea scoffed at by many at the time. Now in her new book, "Megatrends 2010," Aburdene says transcendent values are beginning to reshape capitalism. She was interviewed by Christian Science Monitor reporter Jane Lampman.

ality is a force in business today?

First, the trend is developing in businesses all across the country, not just in certain geographic areas. Second, many employees have long been interested in the moral aspects of business, but when you see large numbers of CEOs getting interested in spirituality, you can be sure its influence is accelerating. And you have a diversity (in approach) — one CEO may start conference calls with prayer, for instance, while another may engage in meditation programs.

What do you say to those who question the practicality of spirituality in the business world?

My answer is it's very practical. Look at the parade of fallen corporate heroes who march across our TV screens. What was the reason for their downfall? A lack of self-mastery in their leadership. The quickest route to self-mastery is through personal, spiritual practice. This is what many leaders are learning.

Some people will say, well, it's good to help people feel better about their work, but business exists to make a profit and benefit shareholders.

That's the old-fashioned definition of capitalism; economist Milton Friedman wrote that the social responsibility of capitalism is to increase shareholder profit. But we've since faced the worst economic crisis since the Depression and begun to experience the consequences of a system that honored profits at all costs. The result of such a philosophy was trillions of dollars in shareholder value being lost.

You've subtitled your book "The Rise of Conscious Capitalism." Would you explain that?

We've now become conscious of the uncalculated social, economic, and environmental costs of that kind of "unconscious" capitalism. And many are beginning to practice a form of "conscious capitalism," which involves integrity and higher standards, and in which companies are respon-

sible not just to shareholders, but also to employees, consumers, suppliers, and communities. Some call it "stakeholder capitalism."

Can such businesses remain competitive and keep shareholders happy?

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It's tempting to call these tactics Stalinist, but Putin is both less bloody and in some ways more clever than Stalin. He doesn't have a lot of people killed. But he understands that he doesn't have to. He can reimpose authoritarian rule without a gulag, simply by spreading fear through example.

He can fire one editor for putting a negative story on the front page, and other editors get the message. He can have one or two judges dismissed without pension, and other judges toe the line. Threaten a few human rights organizations, allow the murders of a few journalists to go unsolved, open a criminal investigation of the one politician who mentions challenging you in the next election, throw a few businessmen into tuberculosis-infested prison cells — and word gets around.

Amsterdam, who has worked in many countries euphemistically known as "emerging markets," told me after leaving Russia that he has never

worked in a country where the fear was so palpable, and the political space so constricted, as in Putin's domain.

The Bush administration, after some zigs and zags on Russia, seems to have developed a fairly coherent strategy regarding Russia's slide from democracy: Ignore it. The National Security Council apparatus in the White House believes that what happens inside Russia is irrelevant to the United States; that the United States can't do much to influence domestic events in any case; and that dwelling on Putin's

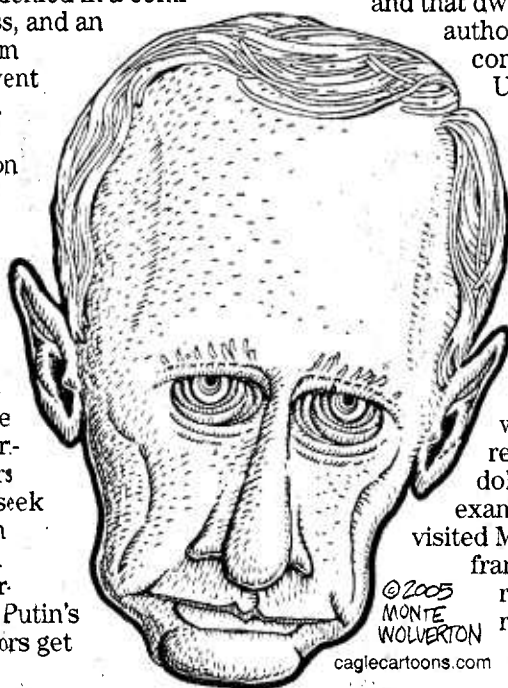
authoritarianism would compromise other U.S. interests in bilateral relations.

Because this strategy conflicts so baldly with Bush's democracy-promotion theme, administration rhetoric sometimes sounds fiercer than this strategy would suggest. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, for example, when she last visited Moscow, spoke frankly about democracy and human rights.

But if there is concern about the loss of freedom in Russia, it doesn't translate into policy. The administration reduces funding for democracy promotion inside Russia. It doesn't challenge Putin's standing to host the Group of Eight summit next year.

And judging by Bush's performance during Putin's most recent visit, he doesn't even feel obliged to pretend anymore. He checked off the democracy box in one sentence remarkably divorced from reality, saying that Russia "will be even a stronger partner as the reforms that President Vladimir Putin has talked about are implemented: the rule of law and the ability for people to express themselves in an open way in Russia."

Then Bush made clear that he doesn't really care whether Putin implements these reforms, which Putin has not, in fact, talked about. "And every time I visit and talk with President Putin, I — our relationship becomes stronger, and I want to thank you for that."



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A look inside a bomber's brain

A lethal mix of nationalism, zealotry and humiliation drives more and more suicide attacks.

By STEVEN GUTKIN

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Palestinian Rafat Moqadi pauses during a prison interview.

BEERSHEBA, Israel — A bomb strapped to his abdomen, Rafat Moqadi walked into a Tel Aviv restaurant and saw a woman dining with her two little girls. "Seeing that, I decided not to carry out the operation. I couldn't do it," he said.

Yet, Moqadi said he longed for what he believes awaits a suicide bomber in the hereafter — God's reward and a special place in heaven for martyrs. "He has a life in paradise," he told The Associated Press. "He doesn't die."

A rare jailhouse interview with the would-be suicide bomber revealed a common thread running through the rising worldwide phenomenon: Most attackers are driven not by poverty or ignorance, but by a lethal mix of nationalism, zealotry and humiliation.

As the pace of attacks increases in the Middle East and beyond, a surprising profile is emerging of those willing to take their own lives: many are young, middle class and educated.

Nearly four-fifths of all suicide attacks over the past 35 years have occurred since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist strikes in the U.S., according to the RAND Center for Terrorism Risk Management. And 80 percent of those have been carried out by radical Islamic groups, said the center's director, Bruce Hoffman.

But religion is only part of the picture. Moqadi said that wasn't his motivation.

"The main reason was to resist the (Israeli) occupation,

to create a balance of power with the Israeli army," he said.

"At the moment they put the (explosives) belt on me there were a few seconds of doubt," he said. "But after that I felt strength. I felt stronger than the whole state of Israel. It was a good feeling."

Moqadi, serving a 14-year sentence in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba, said he graduated from high school and worked with his brothers laying tile before joining the Hamas militant group in 2002. The soft-spoken 26-year-old with neatly cropped hair said he did so in response to massive gunbattles between Israeli forces and Palestinians in Jenin.

Now, Moqadi spends most of his time in jail learning to speak, read and write Hebrew, the language of the Jewish state. Islam, he said, teaches that it's important to "know your enemy."

Moqadi is not alone in having doubts before pressing the button, said Ariel Merari, an Israeli psychologist who has interviewed numerous would-be bombers.

"A person who volunteers usually hesitates. He has sec-



Masked Islamic Jihad activists wear explosives belts during a rally in Gaza City, Gaza Strip, in this April 23, 2002, photo.

ond thoughts," Merari said.

Often what makes the person carry out the mission is commitment to a group, making it difficult to back out without losing face, experts say. Many of today's suicide bombers, especially in Iraq and the Palestinian territories, come from societies where many people condone the action, making it easier to execute.

"Usually there are rites and rituals just before launching that constitute the last nail in the coffin," Merari said.

For Palestinian attackers, the last ritual is usually the making of a videotape in which the bomber proclaims commitment to national liber-

ation. In Sri Lanka, when suicide bombings were prevalent, it was often a final dinner with rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran.

Iraq has become the global leader in suicide attacks, with an average of two a day during the past six months, attracting jihadists the world over, said Merari, who studies the issue at Tel Aviv University.

The conflicts in Israel and Iraq provide a fertile battlefield for suicide bombers, just as the conflict in Lebanon did during the 1980s and the one in Sri Lanka did from 1987 to 2002.

Hoffman attributes the sharp upturn in suicide bombings to their success in achiev-

ing the attackers' goal. His studies reveal that suicide strikes around the world kill four times as many people as other kinds of terrorism.

Recent studies have debunked some common misperceptions about suicide bombers: that most are poor, that they're in it for personal revenge, that they're crazy and uneducated.

"He wasn't short of money," said Bilal Ardo, whose 16-year-old son Hussam was arrested in March 2004 at a West Bank checkpoint with an explosives belt strapped to his body. "I have a supermarket and his pockets were never empty."

Briefs

Wire Reports

Toll from nursing-home outbreak rises

TORONTO — Four more residents of a nursing home for the elderly have died of an unknown respiratory illness, bringing the number fatally infected by the disease to 10, Toronto's chief medical officer said Tuesday.

Dr. David McKeown, Toronto's medical officer, said the outbreak at the Seven Oaks Home for the Aged has now affected 84 residents, employees and two visitors to the nursing home on the outskirts of Toronto. Forty residents have been admitted to the hospital.

McKeown insisted that despite the new deaths, the illness was winding down.

Public health officials have said it may never be possible to determine the exact type of bug responsible for the rash of illnesses, but they have ruled out influenza, avian flu, SARS

and Legionnaire's disease.

ERs not prepared for attempted suicides?

Emergency rooms — where some kids who attempt suicide end up — may not be suited to meet their treatment needs, according to a new study.

Dr. Mark Olsson and his colleagues at Columbia University Medical Center analyzed medical records of 283 young people who had harmed themselves and wound up in the emergency rooms of hospitals around the United States.

The study found that nearly half left the hospital without any formal psychiatric diagnosis.

"A substantial number of young people are being missed because there are no standards in place for emergency room doctors to follow," said Olsson, whose study appears in the current issue of Archives of General Psychiatry. "This is a significant problem."

He added that there are no

structured psychiatric assessments available in emergency rooms and as a result many young people are sent home without proper treatment.

Rhyming comic Russell dies

NEW YORK — Nipsey Russell, who played the Tin Man alongside Diana Ross and Michael Jackson in "The Wiz" as part of a decades-long career in stage, television and film, died Sunday. He was 80.

The actor, who had been suffering from cancer, died at Lenox Hill Hospital, said his longtime manager Joseph Rapp.

Born in Atlanta, Russell launched his television career as Officer Anderson in the 1961 television series "Car 54, Where are You?" He became a fixture on popular television game and talk shows, where he was welcomed for his poetic delivery that earned him the moniker the "poet laureate of television."

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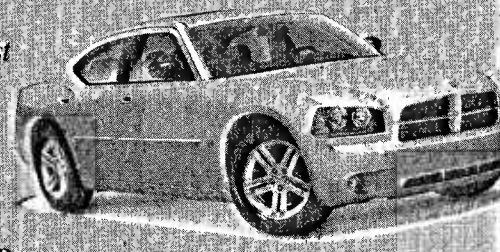
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Moral capitalism

You speak of social, economic, and spiritual trends converging to foster a moral transformation of capitalism. Given the scandals of recent years, why is such a rosy outlook justified?

Social transformation happens only when there is a combination of economic necessity and new values. We are exactly at that point now in society. The accounting scandals, the tech bubble, the market crash are compelling capitalism to take a look at itself. But there must also be a positive sense of new options, and those exist in the form of rising interest in spirituality in business, the dynamic growth of socially responsible investing, shareholder activism, and the power of values-driven consumers in the marketplace.

Many people say they've felt a clash between their personal values and those of the corporate world. How is that changing?

There are two manifestations. People no longer want that spiritual part of themselves to be abandoned when they work and are searching for meaning and morals in the workplace. And corporate leaders now recognize that we live in a technologically based society where, in order to be consistently innovative, a corporation has to draw on the creativity of its employees.

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First, the trend is developing in businesses all across the country, not just in certain geographic areas. Second, many employees have long been interested in the moral aspects of business, but when you see large numbers of CEOs getting interested in spirituality, you can be sure its influence is accelerating. And you have a diversity (in approach) — one CEO may start conference calls with prayer, for instance, while another may engage in meditation programs.

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My answer is it's very practical. Look at the parade of fallen corporate heroes who march across our TV screens. What was the reason for their downfall? A lack of self-mastery in their leadership. The quickest route to self-mastery is through personal, spiritual practice. This is what many leaders are learning.

Some people will say, well, it's good to help people feel better about their work, but business exists to make a profit and benefit shareholders.

That's the old-fashioned definition of capitalism; economist Milton Friedman wrote that the social responsibility of capitalism is to increase shareholder profit. But we've since faced the worst economic crisis since the Depression and begun to experience the consequences of a system that honored profits at all costs. The result of such a philosophy was trillions of dollars in shareholder value being lost.

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It's tempting to call these tactics Stalinist, but Putin is both less bloody and in some ways more clever than Stalin. He doesn't have a lot of people killed. But he understands that he doesn't have to. He can reimpose authoritarian rule without a gulag, simply by spreading fear through example.

He can fire one editor for putting a negative story on the front page, and other editors get the message. He can have one or two judges dismissed without pension, and other judges toe the line. Threaten a few human rights organizations, allow the murders of a few journalists to go unsolved, open a criminal investigation of the one politician who mentions challenging you in the next election, throw a few businessmen into tuberculosis-infested prison cells — and word gets around.

Amsterdam, who has worked in many countries euphemistically known as "emerging markets," told me after leaving Russia that he has never

worked in a country where the fear was so palpable, and the political space so constricted, as in Putin's domain.

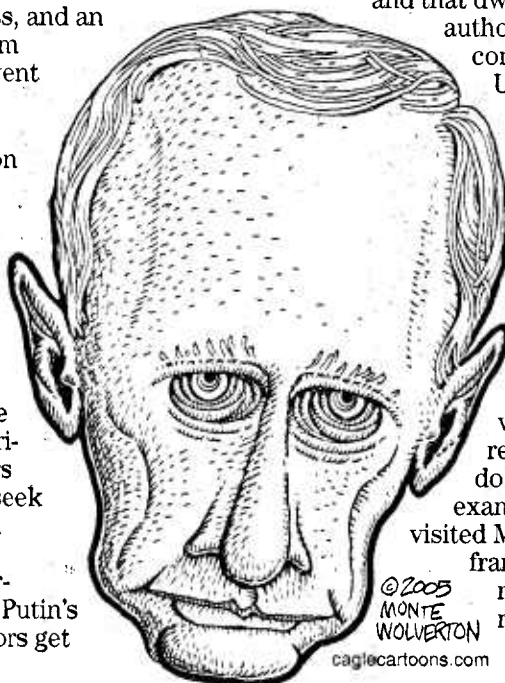
The Bush administration, after some zigs and zags on Russia, seems to have developed a fairly coherent strategy regarding Russia's slide from democracy: Ignore it. The National Security Council apparatus in the White House believes that what happens inside Russia is irrelevant to the United States; that the United States can't do much to influence domestic events in any case; and that dwelling on Putin's authoritarianism would compromise other U.S. interests in bilateral relations.

Because this strategy conflicts so baldly with Bush's democracy-promotion theme, administration rhetoric sometimes sounds fiercer than this strategy would suggest. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, for example, when she last visited Moscow, spoke frankly about democracy and human rights.

But if there is concern about the loss of freedom in Russia, it doesn't translate into policy. The administration reduces funding for democracy promotion inside Russia. It doesn't challenge Putin's standing to host the Group of Eight summit next year.

And judging by Bush's performance during Putin's most recent visit, he doesn't even feel obliged to pretend anymore. He checked off the democracy box in one sentence remarkably divorced from reality, saying that Russia "will be even a stronger partner as the reforms that President Vladimir Putin has talked about are implemented: the rule of law and the ability for people to express themselves in an open way in Russia."

Then Bush made clear that he doesn't really care whether Putin implements these reforms, which Putin has not, in fact, talked about: "And every time I visit and talk with President Putin, I — our relationship becomes stronger, and I want to thank you for that."



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A look inside a bomber's brain

A lethal mix of nationalism, zealotry and humiliation drives more and more suicide attacks.

By STEVEN GUTKIN

Associated Press Writer



Palestinian Rafat Moqadi pauses during a prison interview.

BEERSHEBA, Israel — A bomb strapped to his abdomen, Rafat Moqadi walked into a Tel Aviv restaurant and saw a woman dining with her two little girls. "Seeing that, I decided not to carry out the operation. I couldn't do it," he said.

Yet, Moqadi said he longed for what he believes awaits a suicide bomber in the hereafter — God's reward and a special place in heaven for martyrs. "He has a life in paradise," he told The Associated Press. "He doesn't die."

A rare jailhouse interview with the would-be suicide bomber revealed a common thread running through the rising worldwide phenomenon: Most attackers are driven not by poverty or ignorance, but by a lethal mix of nationalism, zealotry and humiliation.

As the pace of attacks increases in the Middle East and beyond, a surprising profile is emerging of those willing to take their own lives: many are young, middle class and educated.

Nearly four-fifths of all suicide attacks over the past 35 years have occurred since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist strikes in the U.S., according to the RAND Center for Terrorism Risk Management. And 80 percent of those have been carried out by radical Islamic groups, said the center's director, Bruce Hoffman.

But religion is only part of the picture, Moqadi said that wasn't his motivation.

"The main reason was to resist the (Israeli) occupation,

to create a balance of power with the Israeli army," he said.

"At the moment they put the (explosives) belt on me there were a few seconds of doubt," he said. "But after that I felt strength. I felt stronger than the whole state of Israel. It was a good feeling."

Moqadi, serving a 14-year sentence in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba, said he graduated from high school and worked with his brothers laying tile before joining the Hamas militant group in 2002. The soft-spoken 26-year-old with neatly cropped hair said he did so in response to massive gunbattles between Israeli forces and Palestinians in Jenin.

Now, Moqadi spends most of his time in jail learning to speak, read and write Hebrew, the language of the Jewish state, Islam, he said, teaches that it's important to "know your enemy."

Moqadi is not alone in having doubts before pressing the button, said Ariel Merari, an Israeli psychologist who has interviewed numerous would-be bombers.

"A person who volunteers usually hesitates. He has sec-



AP FILE PHOTO

Masked Islamic Jihad activists wear explosives belts during a rally in Gaza City, Gaza Strip, in this April 23, 2002, photo.

ond thoughts," Merari said.

Often what makes the person carry out the mission is commitment to a group, making it difficult to back out without losing face, experts say. Many of today's suicide bombers, especially in Iraq and the Palestinian territories, come from societies where many people condone the action, making it easier to execute.

"Usually there are rites and rituals just before launching that constitute the last nail in the coffin," Merari said.

For Palestinian attackers, the last ritual is usually the making of a videotape in which the bomber proclaims commitment to national liber-

ation. In Sri Lanka, when suicide bombings were prevalent, it was often a final dinner with rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran.

Iraq has become the global leader in suicide attacks, with an average of two a day during the past six months, attracting jihadists the world over, said Merari, who studies the issue at Tel Aviv University.

The conflicts in Israel and Iraq provide a fertile battlefield for suicide bombers, just as the conflict in Lebanon did during the 1980s and the one in Sri Lanka did from 1987 to 2002.

Hoffman attributes the sharp upturn in suicide bombings to their success in achiev-

ing the attackers' goal. His studies reveal that suicide strikes around the world kill four times as many people as other kinds of terrorism.

Recent studies have debunked some common misperceptions about suicide bombers: that most are poor, that they're in it for personal revenge, that they're crazy and uneducated.

"He wasn't short of money," said Bilal Ardo, whose 16-year-old son Hussam was arrested in March 2004 at a West Bank checkpoint with an explosives belt strapped to his body. "I have a supermarket and his pockets were never empty."

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Toll from nursing-home outbreak rises

TORONTO — Four more residents of a nursing home for the elderly have died of an unknown respiratory illness, bringing the number fatally infected by the disease to 10, Toronto's chief medical officer said Tuesday.

Dr. David McKeown, Toronto's medical officer, said the outbreak at the Seven Oaks Home for the Aged has now affected 84 residents, employees and two visitors to the nursing home on the outskirts of Toronto. Forty residents have been admitted to the hospital.

McKeown insisted that despite the new deaths, the illness was winding down.

Public health officials have said it may never be possible to determine the exact type of bug responsible for the rash of illnesses, but they have ruled out influenza, avian flu, SARS

and Legionnaire's disease.

ERs not prepared for attempted suicides?

Emergency rooms — where some kids who attempt suicide end up — may not be suited to meet their treatment needs, according to a new study.

Dr. Mark Olsson and his colleagues at Columbia University Medical Center analyzed medical records of 283 young people who had harmed themselves and wound up in the emergency rooms of hospitals around the United States.

The study found that nearly half left the hospital without any formal psychiatric diagnosis.

"A substantial number of young people are being missed because there are no standards in place for emergency room doctors to follow," said Olsson, whose study appears in the current issue of Archives of General Psychiatry. "This is a significant problem."

He added that there are no

structured psychiatric assessments available in emergency rooms and as a result many young people are sent home without proper treatment.

Rhyming comic Russell dies

NEW YORK — Nipsey Russell, who played the Tin Man alongside Diana Ross and Michael Jackson in "The Wiz" as part of a decades-long career in stage, television and film, died Sunday. He was 80.

The actor, who had been suffering from cancer, died at Lenox Hill Hospital, said his longtime manager Joseph Rapp.

Born in Atlanta, Russell launched his television career as Officer Anderson in the 1961 television series "Car 54, Where are You?" He became a fixture on popular television game and talk shows, where he was welcomed for his poetic delivery that earned him the moniker the "poet laureate of television."

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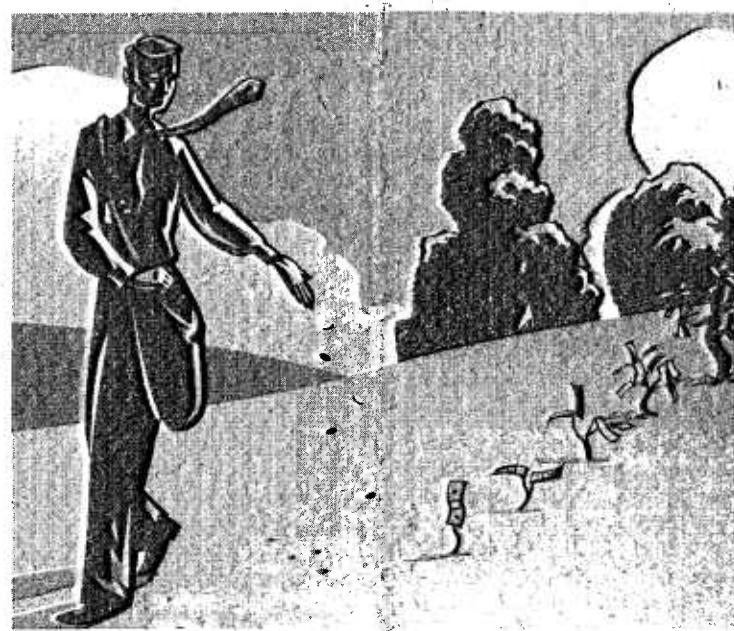
Other bonds can be utilized to create a ladder. Treasuries are certainly the safest and most available, but other issues may be

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In closing, a Treasury bond ladder is a good alternative to other income investment strategies for the risk adverse investor. If you are less faint of heart, consider alternative income generating investments. Many can offer a greater potential for income in addition to increased diversity which is all too often missing from investment portfolios. Some examples are Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS), Equipment Leasing Trusts, Unit Investment Trusts (UIT), Annuities and Floating Rate Funds. A qualified financial advisor can offer you assistance and guidance when considering any of the

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by Haime Munoz

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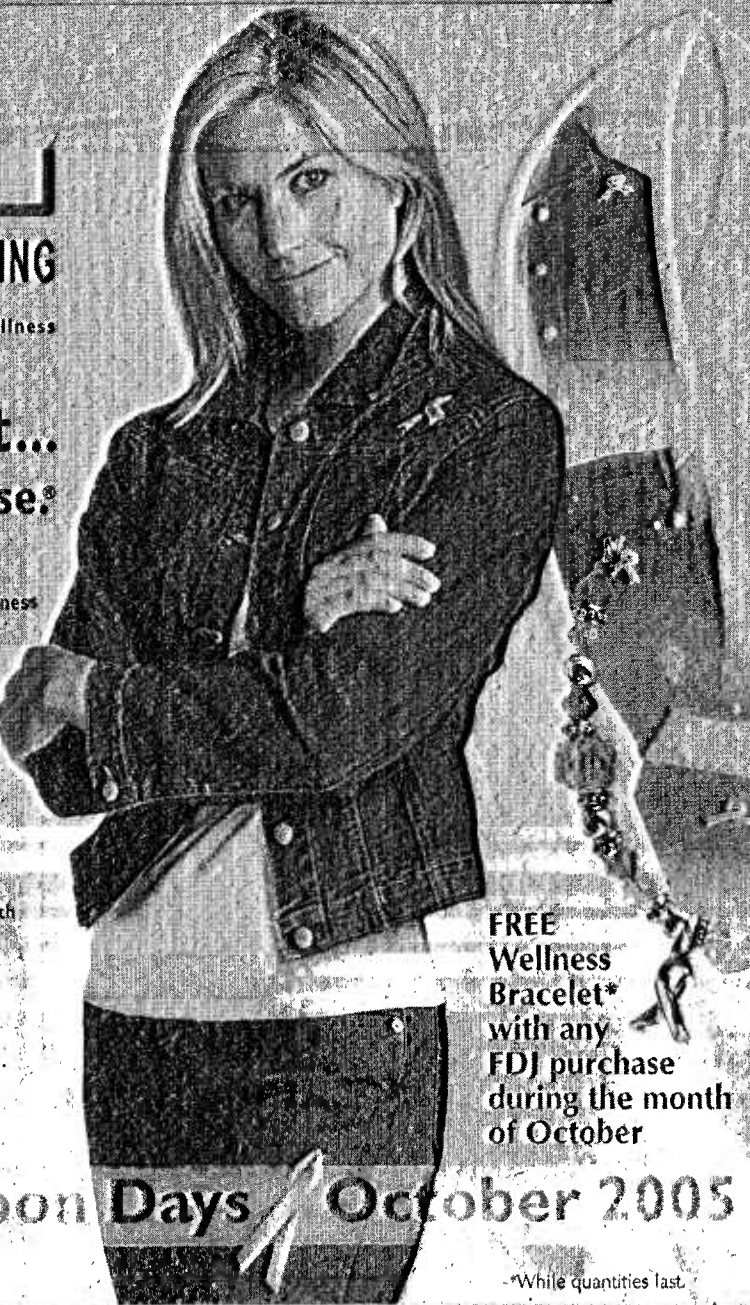
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This hypothetical portfolio would have produced \$569 of income in 1993. In 1994, the proceeds from the bond maturing in that year would be used to purchase a new 10-year Treasury maturing in 2004. As you can see, the laddering strategy can help smooth the volatility of interest rate fluctuations in a portfolio, and by using Treasuries, you have all but removed the credit or default risk from your portfolio. This is an attractive investment approach for any investor who is adverse to principal risk. But, be aware that the stability provided by the laddering Treasuries can be an advantage and a disadvantage. While your principal is protected during bear markets, you will not fully participate in the best performance of a rally.

Other bonds can be utilized to create a ladder. Treasuries are certainly the safest and most available, but other issues may be

better suited for some investors. If you are interested in controlling taxes, a ladder of municipal securities may provide a better alternative. If you possess a greater risk tolerance and are looking for fatter yields, the use of corporate bonds might be considered. However, they possess a greater risk of default and it will take a larger investment to create an effective portfolio.

In closing, a Treasury bond ladder is a good alternative to other income investment strategies for the risk adverse investor. If you are less faint of heart, consider alternative income generating investments. Many can offer a greater potential for income in addition to increased diversity which is all too often missing from investment portfolios. Some examples are Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS), Equipment Leasing Trusts, Unit Investment Trusts (UIT), Annuities and Floating Rate Funds. A qualified financial advisor can offer you assistance and guidance when considering any of the

strategies or investments discussed in this article. D. Robert Anderson is Vice-President of Anderson-VanHorne Insurance and Registered Principal of Wall Street Financial Group, Inc.



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(NUT) - Whether you're climbing your way up the corporate ladder or overwhelmed with the organizational tasks of home and kids, a luxurious vacation to an exotic paradise may seem like an impossible dream. You can only fantasize about an outdoor massage among fragrant island flowers or a nap after enjoying a brunch ripe with fruits fresh from the vine.

You might not have the time or the money for a sublime spa jaunt, but today, all it takes is a trip to your local supermarket, pharmacy or health food store to help you pretend. The newest grooming and personal care products are bursting with pampering exotic fruit and plant ingredients that won't just make you feel amazing, you'll look amazing as well.

Exotic fruits possess a host of beauty benefits. For example, pomegranate and lychee help rid your skin of toxins, smoothing texture and tone. Who knew that kumquat was so rich in ultra-moisturizing vitamin C? Fig can actually calm stressed-out skin. Plus, all these rich ingredients create luscious fragrances that soothe your soul and lift your spirits.

The newest "crop" of exotic personal care products includes Nature's Gate Organics Fruit Blends - shampoos, conditioners,

body lotions and hand soaps - all infused with certified organic plant essences. Exotic fruits and herbal ingredients, including patchouli, rose geranium, wild ginger and red tea, work together to create an amazingly delicious, pampering experience. In addition, these products smell divine and are free of harsh chemicals and animal ingredients.

So, lay back in your bathtub, close your eyes and let the fragrance of faraway lands take you on a journey. You might not end up with a T-shirt souvenir, but you won't have to hassle with your passport or airport chaos either. And you'll look marvelous!

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by Haime Munoz

(NAPSA)-Getting rid of the frizz should not leave you frazzled. Although a recent Gallup poll found that 60 percent of women define their hair as curly, wavy or unmanageable, the latest products mean you don't have to settle for less than desirable locks-especially when the look you want is a smooth, pin-straight style.

What's more, you don't have to spend a lot of time or money to achieve that look. Using a blow-dryer and flat-iron only achieves temporary results. You can break up with your blow-dryer and flat-iron, allow your hair some R&R and still look fabulous.

Here are some tips on finding the best straightener:

How to make hair straightening simpler

- Look for a straightening method that does not take a lot of time. Thermal straightening can require several hours spent at a salon, while some at-home systems achieve results in about an hour. No continuous combing is required with some at-home systems, which also cuts down on potential hair damage.

- Look for a low pH content to avoid hair damage. The high pH level in thermal straightening formulas and traditional relaxers may damage hair.

- Read the ingredients. Gentle at-home systems, such as Easy-Straight, contain vegetable oils and conditioning agents to improve elasticity and allow for more styling flexibility.

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- Consider the cost. Some at-home systems deliver results for a fraction of the price of thermal-straightening salon visits or even traditional relaxers-and results last up to three months.

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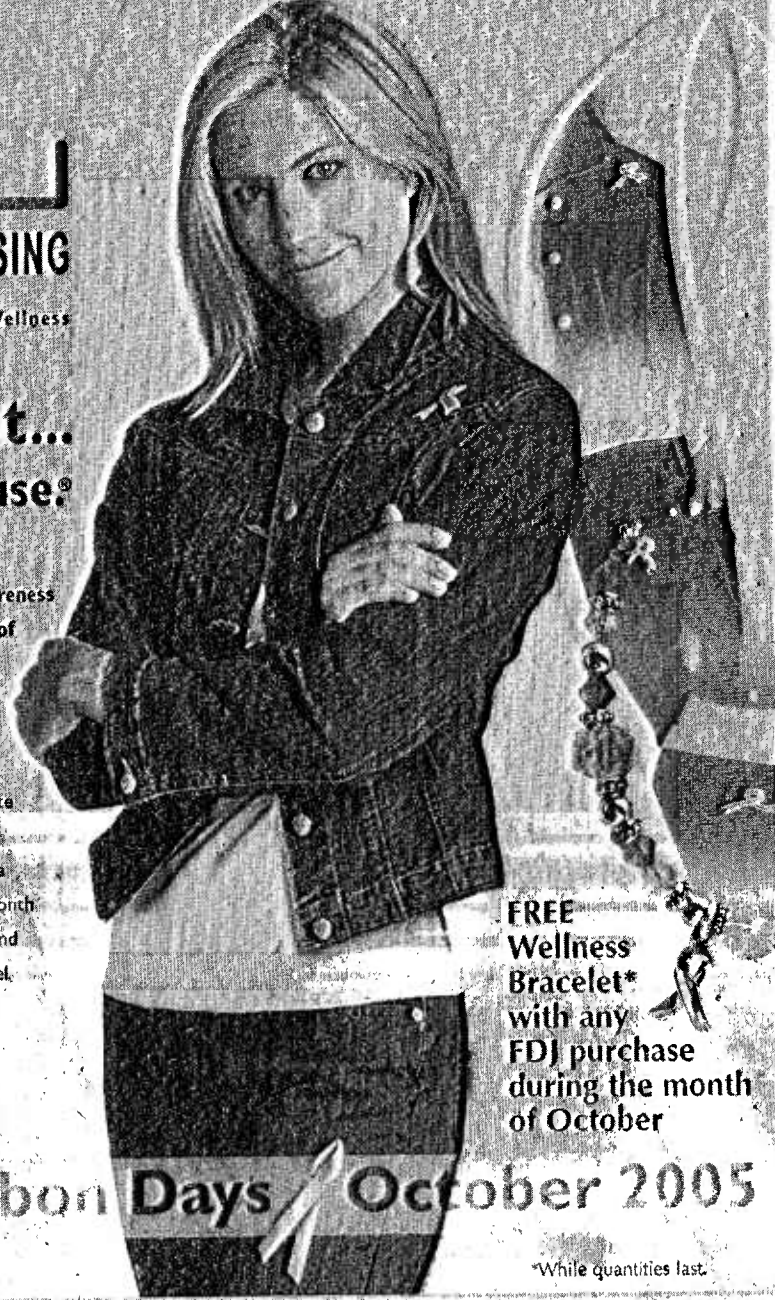
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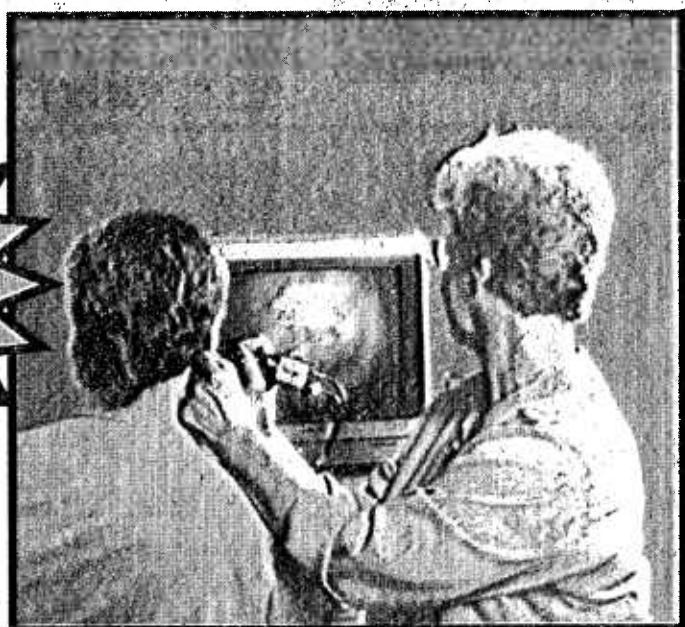
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