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Candidate exits Fayette race

Roberts and his opponent are at odds over why the man sought the House seat.

BY PAUL PEIRCE  
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Twenty-year-old carpet installer Michael J. Ciampanelli has officially ended his controversial bid for the 51st District seat in the state House of Representatives, an abbreviated candidacy that adds another chapter to the lore of Fayette County's rough-and-tumble political world.

As expected, Ciampanelli, a high school dropout who says he was duped into running by veteran state Rep. Larry Roberts for \$100 and the promise of another \$100 payment, officially filed paperwork Monday in Harrisburg with the Department of State to withdraw from this year's election.

Ciampanelli's decision means that the April 29 Democratic primary election now will pit Roberts against well-known county jury commissioner Tim S. Mahoney. The winner will face off against former Republican county commissioner Harry Albert in the November general election.

Ciampanelli, who just registered to vote in January, said Roberts urged him to enter the Democratic primary in order to draw potential votes from Mahoney. He alleges that Roberts' political allies, including Roberts' brother, Thomas Zajac, circulated his nomination petitions, and long-time Roberts' confidante and notary, Marsha Heinbaugh, certified the validity of the paperwork in Roberts' own legislative office in Uniontown.

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Residents of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, watch a U.S. Marine taking position Wednesday in the streets of the capital.

Haitian rebels to disarm

Key leader's pledge could end uprising

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's key rebel leader promised Wednesday his forces would lay down their arms after 1,000 U.S. Marines began patrolling the impoverished capital to restore order and prepare for the arrival of international peacekeepers.

If Guy Philippe, a rebel boss and former police chief, can make good on his vow, it would mark the end of the rebellion that broke out Feb. 5, drove President Jean-Bertrand Aristide into African exile Sunday and left at least 130 Haitians dead.

The 15-nation Caribbean Community, meanwhile, refused to join an international peacekeeping force in Haiti and called for an independent international inquiry into Aristide's allegations that he was forced from office by the United States.

Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson said CARICOM was "extremely disappointed" at the involvement of "Western partners" in the hasty departure of Aristide. He charged that the U.N. Security Council had ignored an urgent Caribbean appeal to it on Thursday to send peacekeepers to Haiti before Aristide was forced out.

Aristide remained in the Central African Republic, where he had been flown to exile in a U.S.-government-chartered jet, unable so far to find a country that will grant him permanent residence.

The Marines moved out of their bivouac at the presidential palace yesterday in a first reconnaissance mission since they began arriving on Sunday. They walked and drove machine-gun mounted Humvees 30 blocks over trash-strewn streets.

The troops used their vehicles and their hands to push burned cars from roadways and riflemen watched the streets for any signs of resistance. Encountering none, the Marines returned to the palace that had been the seat of Aristide's power before his departure Sunday,

marking the second time he had been deposed from power.

The death toll in the rebellion has continued to rise despite Aristide's ouster, reaching at least 130 yesterday as workers at the Port-au-Prince hospital said an additional 30 bodies had been brought to the morgue since Sunday.

Col. Mark Gurganis, 49, commander of the U.S. troops in Haiti, told reporters he and other U.S. officials asked Philippe during a meeting yesterday "to honor what he said he was going to do and lay down his arms."

Holding out the hope that the spasms of violence would now end, Philippe said rebels wanted peace.

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Judge tosses trespass charge against reporter

A Trib writer's expose on Neville Chemical is said to be wrong, but for the greater good.

BY THE TRIBUNE-REVIEW

An Allegheny County judge Wednesday threw out a defiant trespass charge against a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reporter who was cited after exposing lax security at Neville Chemical Co. last fall.

Trib reporter Carl Prine, "60 Minutes" correspondent Steve Kroft and a cameraman were cited for defiant trespass Sept. 22 after the trio filmed footage of easy entry at the Neville Island plant. The reporting at the company was part of a story that was published in the Trib and aired on the CBS news program Nov. 16 showing how vulnerable chemical plants are to

potential terrorist attacks.

Judge Robert C. Gallo, who said he had watched the "60 Minutes" segment, admonished Neville Chemical for its weak security, particularly in light of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"I think we all learned a lesson here," Gallo said yesterday. "You learned a lesson, and we all saw it on '60 Minutes.' What they did wasn't right, but they brought up a problem, a problem that everyone can walk around there."

Company officials and Neville Township police tried to argue that Prine was trespassing, but Gallo dismissed their arguments, saying the report served a larger good for the community.

"We're all a lot better off after that incident," Gallo said.

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Veteran seeks unemployment benefits

A Greensburg man claims serving in reserves cost him his job.

BY RICH CHOLODOFSKY  
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Carl Duda and his family could be in the dark next month. That's when his electricity, water and other utilities are to be turned off.

Duda, a Desert Storm veteran and former Pennsylvania Army National Guard reservist, is jobless. He was fired in January in a move he said smacked of opposition to his military career.

Duda claims he was fired only after he told his bosses at U.S. Food Service in Hempfield Township that he wanted to reenlist in the reserves.

"All I did was serve my country, and I'm losing everything because of it," Duda said. "I don't want this to happen to another veteran."

"I can't pay my bills. My kids can't do their homework. I'm



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Carl Duda posed for this photo in November 2001 after the discharged Gulf War veteran enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard reserves after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

afraid I'll lose my three children."

Duda, 33, of Greensburg, served a stint overseas in the early 1990s and was stationed in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. He enlisted in the

reserves shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and has since had to take time off from his job to attend training exercises periodically.

A medic with the 110th Infantry reserves based in Way-

nesburg, Duda and his unit were called to active duty in January 2003 and deployed to Fort Stewart, Ga., for five months.

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