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No shortage of ideas to fight crime, but what's next?

By DAN MAGAZU
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Opinions varied on the success of last Tuesday's meeting between city and law enforcement officials, which was held to discuss the city's recent surge in violent crimes.

Some aldermen applauded it as a step in the right direction, while others called for more immediate action.

More than a dozen proposals to combat crime were introduced at the meeting. All of the plans were referred to the Public Safety Committee, while Police Chief John Jaskolka was authorized to spend as much of his overtime funds as he saw fit to increase the city's police presence.

Ward 1 Alderman Mark Roy felt that too much time was spent talking about issues that the board was already aware of.

"Personally I felt there was a lot more we could have accomplished on Tuesday night," Roy said. "The board was in a position to make very big changes, but the mayor blocked my motion to take a vote on increasing the complement."

Calls to the mayor's office for comment on the crime plans were not returned by press time.

One proposal that Roy tried unsuccessfully to get a vote on at the meeting was reserving money to perform a nationwide search for bilingual officers. Roy said that the department only had five bilingual officers and that adding more could help police in their investigations.

"More bilingual officers would help to cross diversity lines," Roy said. "They would make Spanish-speaking citizens less afraid of the police and more willing to assist with investigations."

Ward 5 Alderman Ed Osborne echoed Lopez's comments, saying that only so much could be done in one night. Osborne believes that the key to stopping crime in the city is getting to the root of it.

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The Tropical Food Market, located on the corner of Union and Cedar streets, serves a heavily Latino-immigrant clientele. City officials have proposed hiring more Spanish-speaking police officers to improve community relations. (Express Photo/James Cook)

pez felt that the aldermen accomplished what they had set out to do at the meeting.

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Clinic launches \$1.6 million capital campaign to expand

By ERIC BAXTER
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Yesterday, Child Health Services of Manchester announced the launch of a \$1.6 million capital campaign as part of the organization's 25th year of service.

To date, the organization has raised \$931,314, or 58 percent of the goal, through corporate and large private donations.

Rob Nordgren, CHS executive director, said the campaign has two focuses. The first is to expand programming, while the second is to make physical improvements to the clinic's facility, which is located at 1245 Elm St.

About \$1 million is being earmarked for programming, with the remaining funds slated for physical improvements to the clinic. Nordgren said he would like to see the goal reached by late 2006 or early 2007.

According to Nordgren,

CHS offers a unique medical model for children's health care. While a number of area clinics provide basic medical care, Nordgren said CHS provides a staff of family and social workers to work with clients on a range of issues that ultimately affect the health of the kids they treat.

"Our philosophy is to have a long-term impact on a child's health, we have to look beyond the medical issues and examine the larger picture," he said.

CHS treats about 3,000 children each year, and the vast majority of the families they see are low-income. Nordgren said the average family making use of the clinic's services has an income that's about 70 percent of the federal poverty rate. Under that scenario, a family of three would make about \$12,000 per year.

Most of the clients come from Manchester, but the

clinic does serve several other areas in the southern part of the state. It fields a staff of six part-time physicians and two nurse practitioners.

Nordgren said the number of kids they have treated in the past few years has risen.

"Poverty for children is increasing," he said. "There are more poor kids in Manchester than there ever have been. Just look at the school lunch program—in 2001, 22 percent of the kids got (free or reduced) school lunch. In 2006 the number is 31 percent, and we know a lot of these kids don't have access to a regular source of health care."

"Part of the logic behind this campaign is to expand services and reach more kids," he said.

Nordgren said that by expanding services and reaching more kids, society at large could see a savings.

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said that they gave the chief a short-term solution by authorizing him to use more overtime funds, while laying the groundwork for more long-term solutions.

"All the proposals that were brought up need to be researched further," Lopez said. "This is an on-going situation that will take time."

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certainly a good thing," Gatsas said. "But it won't be a success until we put more officers on the streets."

Gatsas said that his constituents would like to see a larger police presence in their area. He recalled growing up in the city during a time when there was enough officers to know all the kids by name.

"I would like to get back to that," Gatsas said.

Some of the more significant proposals referred to the Public Safety Committee at the meeting were a plan to add 10 officers to the complement of 215 and a proposal to return the DARE program by privately funding it through local business.

Chief of Police John Jaskolka was also granted permission to look further into a proposal by Lopez to form a 20-man reserve force to assist in duties such as booking and crime scene protection.

Capital campaign

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"One of the key things for people to recognize is when children and adults don't have access to basic primary health care, they end up going to the emergency room and that costs more money, and that cost is passed on to consumers," he said.

This passed-on cost is seen in higher insurance rates and higher general medical costs when, for example, a \$500 preventive visit turns into a \$50,000 hospital bill.

"We're a good investment," he said. "We're able to keep kids healthy, and it doesn't cost all of us more in

the long run."

While the job is challenging, and sometimes sad, Nordgren said the reward of helping kids and families that come through the door make up for the low points.

"I think it's important for people to realize the needs of the community are growing,

and people have difficulty accessing the health care system," he said. "This campaign increases our ability to serve them."

For more information on CHS, its services and the campaign, visit www.child-healthservices.org, or call 668-6629.

Teen accused of hiding razorblades in hair before fight

Manchester police say a 14-year-old girl suffered cuts to her hand after fighting with an 18-year-old girl who hid double-edged razor blades in her hair.

The 18-year-old, Nina Tyler, was arrested Tuesday and charged with reckless conduct. Bail was set at \$2,000, and she has a court date next week.

Manchester police Sgt. Mark Fowke said the girls' dispute started on the social networking Web site

myspace.com and culminated in a physical confrontation at a playground across from the Beech Street School.

Fowke said Tyler apparently feared her opponent would pull her hair, so she prepared by hiding about half-a-dozen razor blades in her hairdo.

Bail set for teen accused of escaping from YDC

Bail was set at \$5,000 at Manchester District Court for a teenager who escaped

from the Youth Development Center last month.

Zachary O'Neil, 17, escaped with Michael Hurley, 17, from the facility on July 20 as they were returning to their cottages after doing kitchen chores. Police apprehended O'Neil last Sunday, but Hurley continues to elude authorities.

Hurley is described as 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.

Jordan Pinault and Joseph Cutter, both 16 and from Nashua, fled on foot from the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Manchester on Wednesday, Aug. 2. They worked with blind veterans through a community service program, said Rob Forey, director of the state Juvenile Justice System.

Police captured Pinault and Cutter last week after officers acted on a tip, police Lt. Steve Ranfos said.

Anyone who locates or has information about Hurley is asked to call the Manchester Police Department at 668-8711 or the Youth Development Center at 625-6571.

visitation of their three children.

Robert Dziura said his ex-wife phoned his girlfriend and left a voice mail message. His ex-wife complained about the way he disciplined their son and was vulgar, police said.

His ex-wife also was accused of leaving another message that said she wished her ex-husband were dead, police said.

Man sentenced to month in jail for sexual assault

A local man was sentenced to one month in jail yesterday in Manchester District Court after being convicted of sexual assault. Jeffrey Lafond, 19, of 38 Billings St., will begin serving the sentence on Aug. 14, a court official said.

Police learned of the incident when a 14-year-old girl reported that Lafond, her cousin, had sexually assaulted her while she was asleep at a residence on Billings Street on May 21.

Police said they met with Lafond on the same day and he admitted to assaulting the girl.

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CIGNA 5K ROAD RACE



The 5,000 plus participants begin the 14th running of the CIGNA/Elliott Corporate 5K Road Race last evening at the corner of Elm and Amherst streets. (Express Photo/James Cook)

Wolves tomorrow, Saturday, Aug. 12, when they take on the Florida Firecats in the second round of the Arena Football 2 playoffs.

The game, which starts at 7:30 p.m., can be viewed online at www.af2tv.com.

The Wolves managed to upset the Firecats during the regular season, and have been riding an impressive winning streak since new starting quarterback Steve Bellisari took the reins. But they'll need a little luck on their side to advance to the next round.

If the Wolves win this game, they will play for the conference title next week.

Who's busking: Intown Manchester will bring six more street performers to brighten the noontime hour on Elm Street next week.

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All events are free to the public, and take place at either City Hall or Hampshire Plaza at noon.

Participants will be able to network with other small business owners, gather information, and find out about loan capital.

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Dancin' in the dark: A moonlight hike will be held tonight from 8 to 9 p.m. at Amoskeag Fishways on 6 Fletcher St.

Many interesting animals and other creatures come out at night, and will be explored by the group under a nearly full moon.

Groups of hikers will meet at the Fishways and hike up to Hackett Hill.

This program is open to all ages and will focus on "nightlife" around the Merrimack River and watershed.

The cost is \$5 per family and pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact the Fishways at 626-FISH (3474).

MicroCredit-NH: MicroCredit-NH, a small business resource non-profit, will host an information session today, Friday, Aug. 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Amoskeag Business Incubator on 33 South Commercial St. in Manchester.

Tickets cost \$5 and reserved seating is available. The Palace Theatre is located on 80 Hanover St. in Manchester; call 668-5588 for more information.

"The MicroCredit-NH program has experienced tremendous growth over the past few months," said David Hamel, South Central Regional Manager. "This has resulted in many opportunities for the self-employed to access MicroCredit-NH's services and to share experiences with other local business owners," Hamel said.

More information about the group's meetings is available at 620-0693.

Palace play: The Palace Theatre will put on a performance of "Alexander, Who's NOT NOT NOT NOT NOT Going to Move" on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 15 and 16 at 10 a.m.

Shows will continue to be run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays till Aug. 23, when the series ends with a performance of "Rumplestiltskin."

Tickets cost \$5 and reserved seating is available. The Palace Theatre is located on 80 Hanover St. in Manchester; call 668-5588 for more information.

Obituaries:

Karen M. Arnts, 62, died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006 at Elliot Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Manchester on May 31, 1944, the daughter of Robert H. Messier Sr. and Blanche (Goselin) Messier.

She was employed at Messier Insurance as well as Chase and Durant Insurance, Acadia Insurance, the State of NH Insurance Commission, and Mountain Valley Indemnity.

She was a member of the NH Insurance Women's league, St. Anthony

Choir, a volunteer at St. Peter's Home, a past president of Notre Dame Alumni Association, a member of the board of directors at Notre Dame College, the Christian Service Committee, welcome committee of St. Anthony of Padua Church, and was instrumental in organizing class reunions for St. Anthony High School.

Family members include her husband, Michel Arnts of Bedford; her mother, Blanche Messier of Manchester; two sons, Marc A. Arnts of Crystal, Maine and Matthew A. Arnts of Bedford; two grandchildren; two brothers, Robert H. Messier Jr. of Manchester and George A. Messier of Wallingford Conn.; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She loved her grandson, Daniel Arnts, and granddaughter, Rose Arnts, both of Crystal, Maine.

Calling hours will be today, Friday, Aug. 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. at J.N. Boufford & Sons Funeral Home 110 Bridge St., Manchester.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 172 Belmont St., Manchester.

In lieu of flowers dona-

tions may be made to St. Anthony's Building Fund, 172 Belmont St., Manchester, NH 03103, or the American Cancer Association, Gail Singer Memorial Bldg. 360 Route 101, Suite 501, Bedford, NH 03110.

For more information please visit www.boufford-funeralhome.com.

Raymond M. Allard, 85, of Manchester, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006.

He was born in Manchester on Jan. 21, 1921 the son of Arthur and Zarilla (Bergeron) Allard.

Mr. Allard founded Ray the Mover, Manchester in 1937; Ray the Mover, Portsmouth,

in 1951, and Ray the Mover in Naples Fla., in 1980.

He was a World War II Veteran, a member of the Manchester Country Club, Joliet Club, and founding member of the Manchester Exchange Club.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, Rita (DeRepentigny) Allard; three children, Muriel B. Allard, Constance (Allard) Elliott, and Raymond R. Allard; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, all of Manchester.

He loved his six grandchildren, Laura Johnson, Sarah Elliott, Jason Allard, Matthew Allard, Abigail Allard, Andrew Allard, and his great-granddaughter Grace

Johnson, all of Manchester. He was predeceased by his brothers, Robert E. Allard and Edmond L. Allard.

There are no calling hours.

A Memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. in Parish of the Transfiguration, on Kelley Street in Manchester's West Side.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Unit at Hillsborough County Nursing Home, 400 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH 03045.

J.N. Boufford & Sons is in charge of arrangements.

For more information, please visit www.boufford-funeralhome.com.

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Yesterday's news, today's challenge

'Moose' grant may help library's effort to microfilm old newspapers

By ERIC BAXTER
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There's another Manchester City Library behind the one the public sees at the main branch on Pine Street. And often that area is the scene of pitched battles in a war against an implacable enemy—time.

While the staff makes do with a small annual amount for transferring the material to microfilm—it was \$774 in 2006—head of information services Dee Santoso said the overall strategy is to keep chipping away, and never give up.

However, a state "Moose Grant" for a possible \$10,000 may speed up the process and better arm library staffers in their fight against time.

Santoso said the grant's final application is due at the end of this month. She was not sure how much, if any, the library will receive. Moose grants are administered through the state and draw on the revenue raised by the sale of conservation license plates, which feature a picture of a moose.

"Every little bit helps," Santoso said of the grant's potential.

The front line of the battle is on the lowest level of the library, where newspapers are stored.

Here, on faded brown onion-skin-thin pages, is a written history of the city seen through the eyes of long-dead journalists.

Crime reporting is interspersed with human interest features and news of the city, which in many ways was much the same in 1906 as it is in 2006—more money is



Among the Manchester City Library's historic holdings are issues of "L'Avenir National," one of the city's French language newspapers, published around the turn of last century. (Express Photo/Eric Baxter)

needed, and politicians harrangue each other over how best to serve the public.

While only a small portion of the library's mission, preservation of this fading record is an important part of what the institution does.

"We have genealogists and historians looking for information from these papers," Santoso said.

Requests come in from across the state, the nation, and the world. Being the repository of most of the general published city information, the library is also home for collections of publications such as "L'Avenir National," one of Manchester's most popular French language newspapers at the turn of last century.

There is also a compendium of "The Emerald," pub-

lished by the Hibernian Society. The \$774 was used to transfer the issues to 15 reels of microfilm.

This transfer of material microfilm serves two purposes. The first is to preserve the information future use, while the second is to open the information to the public.

"That really is the goal," said Santoso of the microfilm effort.

To say the effort is a long-term goal is an understatement. Santoso, who has worked at the library for more than 20 years, said she has been chipping away at preservation and public access for all that time, and others before her were involved in the same effort.

She said a good estimate for microfilming the remainder of the collection is anywhere

from \$30,000 to \$50,000. To put that in perspective, the library's entire budget for 2006 is a little over \$2 million.

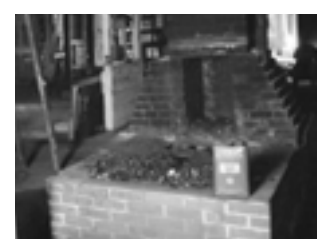
A recent partnership with the American Antiquarian Society resulted in the library donating its pre-1870 newspapers to the society in exchange for getting a set of microfilmed copies.

This involved about 40 different publications with varying runs; the effort dropped the total cost of transferring the city's collection from a high of more than \$60,000.

And when the papers are done, there are magazines, rare books, and photos. In essence, a whole section of the city's and library's history is awaiting its return to the public.

"It may not get done while I'm here, but it will get done," Santoso said.

Have something to show Manchester? E-mail your pictures to news@manchesters.com.



Photos by James Cook

Classic comedy: After 48 years in the business of making people laugh, the Smothers Brothers are paying a visit to the Palace Theatre in downtown Manchester on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.

The fraternal comedy team has been around for quite awhile, and will not be performing much longer, making this perhaps their last visit to New Hampshire.

Tickets to the show cost \$49.50 and can be purchased at the Palace Theatre Box Office on 80 Hanover St. or at 668-5588.

Who's that knocking?

Volunteers from the Democratic Party will be gathering in Manchester tomorrow, Saturday, Aug. 12 to knock on doors and rally support for state Senate candidates Lou D'Allessandro, Betsi DeVries and Bob Backus.

The group will meet at the headquarters of the New Hampshire Democratic Party on 379 Elm St. at 10 a.m.

Similar canvasses will be taking place in Nashua and Plymouth, and party officials anticipate over 2,500 doors will be knocked on this weekend.

The effort is part of the New Hampshire Democratic Party's initiative called, "Keep New Hampshire Blue."

Summer theatre: The Acting Loft's Storytime Theatre Performance series continues today (Friday, Aug. 11) with a performance of "The Boy Who Tricked the Moon."

These performances are designed to introduce children to theatre, with brief 30- to 45-minute shows appropriate for children ages 3 and up.

The show will be staged today at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. It's the last show in the summer series.

Tickets for the shows are \$4 per person. The shows are held at the Acting Loft Studios on 516 Pine St.

For more information contact the studio at 666-5999.

Do or die: It is do or die time for the Manchester

Racking up rebates

City officials to begin using bank-issued purchasing cards

By DAN MAGAZU
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Various city officials will begin receiving purchase cards next month, which will allow the city to earn rebates by using the cards for department expenses.

The bank-issued cards are just like any basic credit card, and can be used to charge vendor expenses. The more money that is charged on the card, the bigger the rebate that the city will receive.

"The cards will make spending more efficient and save money through rebates," city finance director Kevin Clougherty said.

Spending will become

more efficient because it will be computerized, making it easier to identify and control spending patterns, he said.

For the past few months, the city has been using one card to test out the system. The card is under the name of Randy Sherman, the deputy finance director, and has been used for various city expenses.

The company that city officials partnered with to run the card service is Harris Bank, a Chicago-based financial institution whose retail operations are concentrated in Illinois, Indiana, Florida, and Arizona.

Sherman said that Harris offered the city the highest rebate.

Harris also let officials know that they would help them get the program im-

plemented, something that other banks did not offer, Sherman said.

Last year, the city made about \$40 million in vendor purchases. Sherman said that if the entire amount had been bought using the purchase cards, the city would have received about \$500,000 in rebates.

"When we first implement the system, we won't be able to make every vendor purchase with the card," Sherman said. "But it gives you an idea of the incentives for using it."

Currently, finance official Lisa Thibault is working on developing a policy to indicate who should receive a card and what spending limits they should have on it. She is also contacting vendors to come up



An example of the artwork to be featured on the city's new purchasing cards. (Courtesy Graphic)

with agreements on the use of the card.

In September, members of the police and highway departments will receive

their own card. The higher up a person is in the department, the more purchasing power that person will have.

Sherman said that the design of the card was custom made and displays a picture of city hall on it.

"The custom design helps keep the card from being mistaken for a regular bank issued credit card," Sherman said.

Eventually, the mayor and aldermen would like to implement a central purchasing system where one person can study city expenditures and come up with different ways of saving. Details of that plan, such as the exact job description and where the position will be housed, still need to be proposed and voted on.

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Fire victims receive help

Red Cross aids families left homeless by apartment blaze

By HUNTER MCGEE
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Three families left temporarily homeless by an apartment fire on Wednesday have received assistance from the American Red Cross, a spokesman said yesterday.

A fourth family didn't require help from the non-profit agency, said Dan Pike, emergency operations director for the Red Cross.

The families received help with emergency food and other basic items, Pike said. Victims lost most if not all of their belongings in the blaze at 380 Merrimack St.

A couple of the victims are working with the landlord to find permanent housing, Pike said.

"The Red Cross is just a vehicle to help these people to get back into a normal life," Pike said. "We obviously aren't the only entity to do that."

No one was injured in the blaze, which was reported to the fire department at 1:13 p.m.

The fire began in the second-floor apartment of the three-story structure, part of a six-family building. Fire officials credited city public works employees Rick Robillard and Jim Doherty with helping alert residents to the fire.

A cause of the fire hasn't been determined yet, said Jeff Emanuelson, fire investigator with the Manchester Fire Department.

"It is being considered as an electrical fire, but some other causes have not been ruled out," Emanuelson said.

Investigators are not calling the fire suspicious at this time, he said.

The blaze caused about \$35,000 in damage to the structure. It will likely take weeks, but residents should eventually be able to move back into the building, he said. Residents who live on the other side of the six-unit building at 382 Merrimack St. have been allowed to remain in their apartments.

On the beat—almost

Three Manchester police recruits nearer to working regular shifts

By HUNTER MCGEE
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Training is progressing, and three of Manchester's 12 new police recruits sworn in last month will soon begin working in the field with city officers, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The remaining nine recruits will head to the police academy in about a week, Manchester Deputy Chief Gary Simmons said.

The three recruits already certified in New Hampshire are

on a faster track than the other recruits to begin working regular shifts, police said. They will start in the department's field training officer program next week.

"Each has the ability to grasp everything going on in our department on a quick basis," Simmons said.

The three officers—Jeffrey Mullaney, Joseph Voveris and Christopher Cunningham—could be working for the city within about four to eight weeks, police said.

Mullaney, 46, worked for the Derry Police Department, and most recently with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office.

Voveris, 32, has been a full-time police officer since 2001, working stunts in Berlin and Dover.

Cunningham, 25, served for two years with the New York City Police Department, police said.

The remaining nine officers likely still have weeks of training ahead of them until they can begin working for the police department. It typically takes about 26 weeks of training for a raw recruit to begin working as a regular officer, police said.

Adding three more officers will help reduce the strain on police, who have been responding to an escalating number of calls.

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Business discussion: The Devine Millimet law firm will host a business seminar on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Topics of discussion include legal advantages to business structure, tax implications, and increasing the bottom line.

The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce will

make a presentation about how involvement in business organizations can lead to success.

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Buyer's seminar: The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority will host a free two-part seminar for first-time home buyers on Tuesday, Aug. 22 and Thursday, Aug. 24.

The seminars take place at Bank of America, located at 1155 Elm St., Manchester, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Sessions are free and open to the public, but seating for the events is limited. To make a reservation, call 1-800-640-7239, ext. 7393.

Art exhibit: McGowan Fine Art and the Wiggan & Nourie law firm have teamed up to present a summer art exhibit at the law firm's offices in the upper floors of the Jefferson Mill Building, 670 North Commercial St. in Manchester.

Artists Susan Wahrlab and Shane Neufeld will have their urban and rural landscapes on display at the law office until Sept. 30, with a reception planned for Thursday, Sept. 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Wiggan & Nourie's office.

For more information, call (603) 669-2211 or visit www.wiggan-nourie.com.

eWomen network: The eWomen Network is hosting a networking luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 17 in the Londonderry Room at the Highlander Inn and Conference Center from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The event offers businesswomen a chance to meet peers in similar fields.

The event is sponsored by Microsoft, Pfizer, American Airlines, Office Depot, Ameriprise, and American Express.

Tickets to the event cost \$35, \$25 for eWomen members.

The Highlander Inn and Conference Center is located on 2 Highlander Way, Manchester. More information is available through Pamela Carriere-Oliwa at 488-5757 or through e-mail at pamoliva@eWomenNetwork.com.

Networking quickie: The Derryfield Restaurant on 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester will host a "5 Minute Networking" event for business professionals on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event is based on the concept of "speed dating," giving business professionals the chance to meet and network with 20 different people in a short time frame. Strategic seating and other amenities are available.

Pre-registration is required for the event. Registration costs \$20 for chamber members, \$30 for others.

Contact 666-6600 for more information or to register.

You're invited: TF Moran Inc. invites all to attend its end-of-summer barbecue on Thursday, Aug. 17.

The event will feature specialty meats from the Meat House, live music, and summertime fun.

The event will be held at the group's corporate office

on 48 Constitution Drive in Bedford. The barbecue will last from 5 to 7 p.m.

Expansion: Varuna Design and Advertising of Bedford recently expanded both its offices and manpower.

The advertising group has just announced the completion of a new office building at 10 Chestnut Drive and the addition of two new employees, as well as the rollout of its enhanced client-centric approach.

"Varuna also announces the addition of two new professionals that I am confident will drive the client experience at Varuna to even higher levels of satisfaction than we have had before," Varuna President Nate Linquist said.

John Reed and Laurie Baines have been hired as director of client services and lead print designer respectively.

Legal meeting: On Friday, Aug. 18, the New Lawyers' Committee will host "Dinner on the 1st Base Party Deck" at Merchantsauto.com stadium from 5:35 to 7:05 p.m.

The event is a social gathering open to all lawyers and their guests. To participate, register with Rose Anocibar at 224-6924.

Cost of tickets for the dinner is \$27, which includes ticket price to the game and a buffet.

The Fisher Cats are hosting the Binghamton Mets on Aug. 18 at 6:35 p.m. at the stadium on 1 Line Drive in Manchester.

Shiny trophy: Attention city business people! New Hampshire Business Review is seeking nominees for this year's Business Excellence Awards.

Whether you know someone who is worthy, need resume filler, or just enjoy stocking the mantle-piece with many accolades, let the paper know.

"Last year, we honored 11 Business Excellence Award winners and inducted three prominent businesspeople into the New Hampshire Business Review Business Excellence Hall of Fame," said Jeff Feingold, the newspaper's editor.

"Over the past two years, the awards have been presented to small-business owners from communities around New Hampshire, from Berlin to Walpole to Manchester to Nashua, making this a truly statewide event."

Business Excellence Awards are given in fourteen separate categories: real estate, construction, technology, financial services, retail, transportation, hospitality, health care, law, business services, non-profit, manufacturing, communications and public service.

The awards will be given out on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at C.R. Sparks in Bedford.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, Aug. 25.

To nominate someone (or yourself), call 624-1442 ext. 18 or send an e-mail to bizwards@nhbr.com.

SWEET CONTRA TUNES



The Sugar River String Band, made up of members of the Orzechowski family, perform contra dancing music last night in Victory Park. (Express Photo/James Cook)

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Business briefs

Judge shuts down BetOnSports

NEW YORK (AP) - Since BetOnSports PLC started accepting wagers online, gamblers played the odds on plenty of sporting events. But they also gambled on whether U.S. prosecutors would one day target the Costa Rica-based company for possibly violating federal law.

Now, gamblers are wondering if they'll ever get their money back after a judge's temporary restraining order forced BetOnSports to disable its Web site, blocking access to player accounts.

Deals inked on pipeline work

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - BP said Thursday it had signed two major deals to supply new pipe for approximately 10 of the 16 miles of an Alaskan oil pipeline it was forced to begin shutting down early this week.

The discovery of leaks and severe corrosion in the pipeline has prompted a shutdown of the entire Prudhoe Bay oil field, the nation's largest.

BP said it was producing approximately 120,000 barrels of oil per day from the site, down from about 400,000, as it works on the gradual shutdown.

BP is simultaneously evaluating whether it can continue to supply the oil at a lower capacity during the repairs, and hopes to make a decision in the next few days.

GM bringing back Camaro

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) - General Motors Corp. will bring back its Chevrolet Camaro muscle car in 2008, the automaker's chairman and chief executive said Thursday.

SLOWING CONDO MARKET



Signs advertising condominium sales line a street at the site of new condo construction, Aug. 6, 2006 in San Diego. Some housing developers are offering incentives such as free plasma TVs and \$5,000 home renovation gift certificates to lure skittish buyers in what had been one of the nation's hottest real estate markets. (AP Photo/Chris Park)

BUSINESS

U.S. trade deficit narrows as exports hit record

By MARTIN CRUTSING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - America's trade deficit showed a slight improvement as strong global growth pushed U.S. exports to a record level. That helped offset a surge in Chinese imports and record crude oil prices.

The deficit declined 0.3 percent in June, compared with May, dropping to \$64.8 billion, still the fifth largest imbalance on record, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The deficit is running at an annual rate of \$768 billion through the first six months of this year, putting the country on track to see a fifth straight record imbalance. Last year's deficit was \$716.7 billion.

Democrats have attacked the soaring trade deficits as evidence that the Bush administration's trade policy has been a failure that has opened U.S. workers to unfair competition from countries such as China and contributed to the loss of nearly 3 million manufacturing jobs since 2001.

"After years of record-setting deficits, it is painfully clear that America needs a new direction in trade policy," said Rep. Benjamin Cardin of Maryland, the top Democrat on the Ways and Means trade subcommittee. "Every day the administration waits to enforce the rules of trade and level the playing field for our workers is a day lost to our competitors."

The deficit is running at an annual rate of \$768 billion through the first six months of this year.

Wall Street shook off news about a terror plot targeting commercial airplanes to post an increase on Thursday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 48.19 points to close at 11,124.37.

Big factors in the deterioration in the trade deficit this year are soaring global oil prices, reflecting increased tensions in the Middle East,

higher demand from developing countries such as China. The latest bad news came this week with the shutdown of an Alaska oil pipeline because of corrosion.

For June, the average price for a barrel of imported crude oil hit an all-time high of \$62.04, pushing total crude oil imports to a record high of \$20.5 billion.

All petroleum imports, reflecting crude and refined products, totaled \$27.3 billion, the second-highest level on record, but down from the record of \$28.3 billion set in May. Analysts are predicting further increases in oil imports, reflecting the rise in global prices since June to above \$70 per barrel.

St. Peter's School merges with CMC

Move allows former orphanage to continue in Catholic tradition

By ERIC BAXTER
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St. Peter's Home School, a century-old school and day-care center on Manchester's West Side, recently merged with the parent company of Catholic Medical Center.

The move will allow St. Peter's, a Catholic school at 300 Kelley St. run by the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe, to continue to operate according to religious traditions, officials said.

"The most important thing we feel is the home will remain under the leadership of Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe, and Sister Florence Therrien (president of St. Peter's)," said Alyson Pitman Giles, Catholic Medical Center chief executive officer.

"(The sisters) were concerned that St. Peter's missions and programs continue into perpetuity, and they recognize smaller numbers of women are joining the order," Giles said. "They wanted to partner with an organization with a similar heritage, mission and programs."

Giles will also serve on St. Peter's new board. "The school will be fully autonomous. We're there to learn the business and provide the resources that we can," she said.

On July 1, the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe and CMC Healthcare System officially announced the affiliation of St. Peter's Home School with Catholic Medical Center in accordance with civil and canon law.

St. Peter's became a wholly owned subsidiary of CMC Healthcare, which also owns Catholic Medical Center, in a strict business sense. However, the reasons behind the merger have more to do with the continuation of tradition than strict dollars and cents.

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TARGETS EARNING AHEAD

A shopper browses at a Target store at Robinson Town Center in Robinson Township, Pa., yesterday. Discount retailer Target Corp. said profits rose almost 13 percent in the quarter, fueled by increasing sales at new and existing stores and the strength of its credit card operations. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

From hobby to business

Art'sAttic broadcasts vintage electronics to a world of customers

By ERIC BAXTER
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Lynn Shackelford fell in love with old radios when he was 10.

More than three decades later, he sits among a blizzard of old radios, jukeboxes, vacuum tubes and assorted vintage electronic junk stacked floor to ceiling in two suites at 250 Commercial St. in the city's millyard.

"This is the result of a hobby gone bad," he said, gesturing at the leaning piles of components that make up the heart of Art's Attic.

Arthur Joly, the business' namesake, is working on an old Osborn computer, one of the first portable systems. The operating system is written in CP/M, a precursor of BASIC programming language. Legend has it the computer code's author Gary Kildall was killed in a biker bar just after Bill Gates of Microsoft bought the rights.

However, the odd electronics legend is just part

and parcel of what Art's sells. Socked away in odd corners are such gems as 1936 Mills "Swing King," one of the first jukeboxes made for commercial consumption. Keeping company with the auspicious Mills are more pedestrian—but no less cherished—Wurlitzers and Seeburgs of sock-hop vintage.

"There's just something about the old radios that appeals to me," Shackelford said.

However, appeal is one thing, opening a business to cater to a very limited market is another.

The two men met while working at local a machine shop. Shackelford was the plant engineer, and Joly was a master machinist and toolmaker.

Things changed at the shop, and six years ago they struck out on their own, sinking their collective savings into the Attic.

They knew the select world of vintage electronics, knew the intricacies of the market, and knew many of the collectors. The biggest challenges then, as they are now, were marketing and



Art's Attic owners Arthur Joly (left, rear) and Lynn Shackelford used their passion for vintage electronics and technology as a springboard for the business. (Express Photo/Eric Baxter)

breaking even in a fluid collectors market.

"We're trying to find new customers," Shackelford said. "And that's always a challenge."

Not that the pair is doing all that bad. The company ships to Brazil, Europe, Japan, Australia, and has steady customers as far away as Singapore.

Vintage electronics seems to cross cultural and language barriers. Old radio sets and televisions, old computers, and vintage jukeboxes and electronic collectibles appeal to the inner engineering geek of people from every developed nation.

Shackelford said much of the appeal was in the way the sets were put together, and the strategies companies used to grasp the emerging technologies.

"Some of the circuits are amazing to see," he said.

The other appeal lies in the look of vintage item, or how it functioned. Shackelford pointed to a Guild radio, disguised as a roll top desk, and dubbed the "New Englander."

"This is one of the novelty radios," he said.

The company stocks another from the same company that looks like a lantern, and dubbed the "Town Crier."

Unlike modern radios with transistors, the old tubed systems produced a

more harmonic sound that is still sought today. Shackelford said some of their business comes from people who want to revamp an old tube radio or amplifier, or even have a new custom one built.

Far in the back of the store is a small letterpress print shop in honor of Joly's father, who was printer, but also as an added revenue stream. Letterpress printing has become a preferred alternative for high-end jobs like wedding invitations and business cards. While the shop is dormant, the two men are aiming to change that.

But the challenges remain, and the pair is still striving to make their hobby a more than viable business.

"We've got what people want, now more people have to know about us," Shackelford said.

For more information on Art's Attic, visit www.arts-attic.com, or call 645-7694. The shop is located at Suite 2020, 250 Commercial St., in Manchester. The general hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Call first to make sure they're open.

A firm where size matters

At Print New Hampshire, thinking big is more than an

By ERIC BAXTER
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Pete Morse sees the world a little differently than most people. Where the average person would see a flat, blank wall or the plain side of a bus, he sees massive potential.

"There's an appeal to big, big images," the graphic designer and printer said. "It's uniqueness and creativity. If it makes you look twice, it's done its job."

Think of an automotive parts panel van printed to look like a Nascar racer going the wrong way to traffic. Think of a city bus made to look like a giant mobile phone. The possibilities, said Morse, are limitless.

Morse, a graphic designer, is one of three employees at Print New Hampshire, an up-and-coming graphic design and production company located at 40 Dow St., owned by Jim Hurley.

Hurley, Morse, and designer Kim Willmott are the staff. It's a small business where everyone does a little bit of

everything. But small really only refers to the number of employees since their emphasis is on "big."

"One of the things that sets us apart from other (printers) is we'll try anything," Hurley said. "If a customer comes in to ask if we can do something, the answer is always 'yes,' Even if we've never done it, we'll figure out how."

It was this emphasis on trying the untried that prompted Hurley to leave a safe and stable print shop in November 2004 and strike out on his own.

"I put it all on the table, savings, credit card, everything," he said. "The company I was working for had reached a point where they were comfortable. I didn't necessarily agree with that. I think a company should keep growing, keep trying new things."

Indeed, he said an hour after he bid a fond farewell to his old employer he had saw the lease sign for the 3,000-square-foot Dow Street location, talked to a realtor, and

signed a contract.

Thirty days later, he and Morse had finished the interior and customers were coming through the door. Within six months they averaged more than 160 customers a month. By 2005 that number had increased to 1,000 per month.

Now, after 19 months, the company will be breaking through an interior wall and doubling their space. That space may be filled with a new type of printer that can apply ink directly on foam core and save businesses thousands of dollars in costs.

Hurley said the secret to their success was paying attention to what the customer wants.

"We can wrap a bus, but at the same time we still provide color copies for 39 cents, and every one of those jobs are just as important to us," he said.

Willmott, a former co-worker, was hired on a little more than four months ago. She is a trained graphic designer, printer and binder. Her preference, and forte, fits well



Print New Hampshire owner Jim Hurley (far left), and employees Pete Morse and Kim Willmott think big images will bring the fledgling company big dollars. (Express Photo/Eric Baxter)

with Hurley's goals.

"Big images just have more of an impact," she said.

One of her contributions is the creation of custom-designed and printed wall paper. One is an image of Fenway Park that looks like an illustration, with a child waiting in the first base line on-deck circle.

The company has done ev-

erything from printing banners for Intown Manchester events to a 9-foot-by-40-foot billboard at the south end of Elm Street.

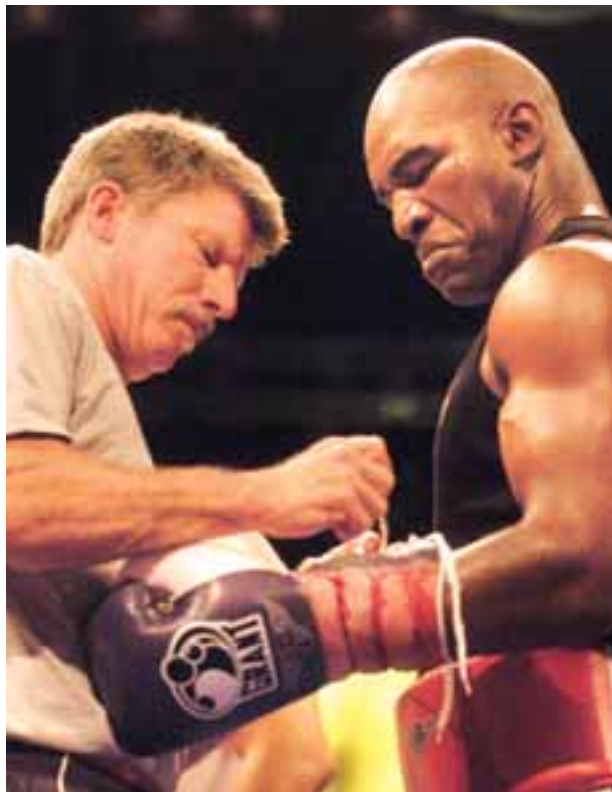
"We once printed a series of walls and movie theater marquees for an Elliot Hospital event that made it seem like people were walking the streets of old Manchester to one of the historic theaters," Morse said.

For Hurley, the ultimate job, and one they are keeping their eye on, is for a client to wrap a building with an image.

"That would be a grand job," he said with a laugh.

For more information on Print New Hampshire call 657-7079, or visit www.printnh.com.

EYE OF THE TIGER



Strength and conditioning trainer Tim Hallmark helps boxer Evander Holyfield, right, with his boxing gloves before sparring in front of fans Thursday Aug. 10, in Bossier City, La. Holyfield is preparing for his fight against Jeremy Bates, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 18, in Dallas. (AP Photo/The (Shreveport) Times, Jim Hudelson)

Another team eliminated from Sam Harris

By ADAM RIGLIAN ariglian@manchestexpress.com

In continuing Sam Harris Tournament action, Central was shut out on Tuesday, Aug. 8 in a shortened four-inning game against South, eliminating them from the tournament.

South opened the floodgates offensively, piling on eight runs in the first inning, and for all intents and purposes ended the game right there. Central was only able to score one hit, while giving up four more runs after the first.

The game was stopped in the fourth inning due to the mercy rule.

Tim Laniyan and Bryan Rivard drove in a combined four runs in the first inning for South.

Rivard also fared well on the mound, combining with Cody Marchant for a one-hitter.

South will now appear tonight, Friday, Aug. 11 at 5:45 p.m. at Cullerot Park against crosstown rivals North. With a loss, either team faces elimination from the tournament.

South vs. North, Friday, Aug. 11, 5:45 p.m.

South: The South team has played three games so far in the tournament, winning one already against North in an ex-

tra-innings marathon, dropping a close game to West, and shutting out Central.

Things are tight on the mound for South, as their pitchers have been among the most used in the tournament. Two of their top pitchers, Bryan Rivard and Cody Marchant, were used on Tuesday and may not be up to speed after only a three-day layoff.

The team will depend upon the kind of offense they had last week, and hopes rest on the bats of Rivard and Tim Laniyan for support.

North: North has been a lightly played team so far this tournament, having extended breaks between both their games.

They opened the tournament with a close loss to South, and would love to avenge that loss and knock South out of the tournament.

They have been off since Monday, so their pitching should be fresh.

Analysis: Both teams know that this is it, that all their tournament hopes rest on this one game. North has the advantage in having the fresher pitching staff, but South has shown new life offensively and has beaten North before. Should be an exciting match-up.

Greg Biffle still hopeful of rallying

By JOHN KEKIS Associated Press

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) - Time is running out in the race to make NASCAR's Chase for the championship, and Greg Biffle is feeling the squeeze as much as anybody.

The top 10 drivers in the Nextel Cup standings — and any others within 400 points of the leader after the first 26 races — qualify for the 10-race Chase. Biffle sits 12th in points with only five races remaining before the Chase begins.

The good news is that despite a last-lap crash a week ago at Indianapolis that dropped him from a certain top-15 finish to 33rd, Biffle still has a shot as he prepares for Sunday's race at Watkins Glen International, the second and final road race of the season.

"It's been an up-and-down season for us, but I still feel five races is a lot of time," said Biffle, who, despite having led a series-best 1,237.51 miles this year, is 115 points out of the 10th spot currently held by Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"We saw drivers go from being in the top five in points to being out and then back in in a matter of four races or three. Certainly, people can move around a lot.

"But this is the time of the season where teams and drivers are being more consistent, are getting their stride, so to speak, getting their consistency down," said Biffle, who was expected to contend for this year's title after finishing second last year to Tony Stewart.

"So that makes it difficult as well. Certainly, we need to average top-five finishes. It depends what the other guys do."

It doesn't help that three of the "other guys" Biffle is chasing have a history of excellence on The Glen's twisting 11-turn layout: Earnhardt has three consecutive top-10s; Stewart, who is just seven points ahead of Biffle, has won three of the last four races; and Jeff Gordon, eight points ahead of Stewart, has four victories at the historic track among his NASCAR-record nine road course triumphs.

Still, Biffle has run well at Watkins Glen in his No. 16 National Guard Ford. In his rookie season three years ago, he qualified second to Gordon but a fuel miscalculation in that race relegated him to 30th, his best finish here in three races. He also had engine failure in 2004 and transmission failure in 2005.

Despite his woes here, Biffle can point to the success of two of his Roush Racing teammates for motivation. Matt Kenseth staged a stunning rally to make the Chase last year after leaving Indianapolis 168 points outside the top 10. And two seasons ago, Mark Martin left Indy with a flat tire on the final lap but made up a 123-point deficit in the final five races to crack the top 10.



Crew members push NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver Greg Biffle's No. 16 car through the garage area during practice for the USG Sheetrock 400 at Chicagoland Speedway in this July 7 photo, in Joliet, Ill. (AP Photo/Skip Stewart)

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"I've kind of vowed to not worry about where everybody else is and just concentrate on our team and not worry about where the points are or anything," Biffle said. "We're just going to do the best we can do. I got five races to do it."

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Peter Abood of South Little League gets hit by a pitch during last Tuesday's first game of the loser bracket against Central in the Sam Harris Little League City Championship Tournament. (Express Photo/James Cook)

Pay-per-ew: rare corpse flower on brink of blooming

GILFORD, N.H. (AP) - A rare "corpse flower" is expected to bloom later this month — filling the air nearby with the pungent odor of decaying flesh that gives the flower its name.

The plant's owner hopes to take advantage of the rare blooming to raise money for Laconia Kiwanis Club charities. He hopes 16,000 people will pay \$10 each for a glimpse and sniff.

The exact location of exotic plant is being kept secret for now.

The flower is expected to bloom between Aug. 20 and Aug. 26, the closing day of the Timberman Triathlon and Old Home Day.

Town Administrator Evans Juris said officials are concerned about problems with crowds. He said a special events permit

would be needed for more than 100 people to see the flower at a time.

The "corpse flower" — or amorphophallus titanum — is native to the equatorial rain forests of Sumatra, where it is pollinated by carrion and dung beetles attracted by its foul aroma. The plant was discovered in 1878 by an Italian botanist, Odoardo Beccari, and first bloomed in the United States in 1937 at the New York Botanical Gardens.

The flower resembles a massive jack-in-the-pulpit and grows from a large tuber or bulb. It weighs as much as 170 pounds. It can reach nine feet in height and open to a diameter of three or four feet. The plant blooms rarely and then for just three to five days.

CLOSE TO HOME



Passengers leave Manchester-Boston Municipal airport in Manchester, N.H. under heavy security yesterday. The Department of Homeland Security raised the terrorism threat level for all domestic and international flights after the plot was disrupted in London. Transportation officials prohibited passengers from carrying all liquids and gels onto planes. (AP Photo/Jim Cole)

New Hampshire news briefs

Goffstown teen faces charges

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) - An 18-year-old Goffstown woman who ran away from home in March arrived back in New Hampshire on Thursday.

Laura Mackenzie was taken directly to court after her flight arrived and later was released on \$1,500 bail.

Mackenzie had not been seen since she left home for school March 8. Her parents didn't know it, but she had been due in court that day on charges of shoplifting from Filene's at a mall.

Earlier this week, Mackenzie was found alive and well living in Florida.

She agreed to return to New Hampshire to face the felony shoplifting charge.

Authorities identify drowned lobsterman

HAMPTON, N.H. (AP) - Authorities have released the identity of a lobsterman who died after falling overboard Wednesday.

Jim Tippet, 30, of Portsmouth, was setting traps from the fishing boat Virginia Ann when he got tangled in the netting and fell overboard about two miles off the coast of Hampton.

New Hampshire Fish and Game and New Hampshire Marine Patrol officers who responded to the distress call tried CPR, and a Coast Guard helicopter from Cape Cod, which was in the area for training, took Tippet to shore, but he could not be revived.

The other man on board, Robert McDonough, 76, made it safely back.

Maple fungus sparks fall foliage worries

NORTHANDOVER, Mass. (AP) - Fungus affecting maple trees has some people worried about fall foliage in the Merrimack River Valley.

In southern New Hampshire and parts of Massachusetts, some maples have already be-

gun turning brown and dropping leaves.

John Cyr, superintendent of operations in North Andover, said some people are panicking when they see the dead leaves, because they think the trees are dying.

The fungus affecting trees this year means colors may be a bit muted this autumn, but the condition is not permanent. The trees should be better by next spring.

Arborists say most maples with browning leaves either are affected by tar spot or anthracnose fungi. Tar spot looks like black drops of tar on the leaves. Anthracnose turns the leaves brown, often following the pattern of the veins.

Children get help for teddy bears at clinic

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) - Concerned owners did the only sensible thing when their teddy bears got sick — took them to the "hospital."

On Wednesday, 66 children like Kai Dennett, 2, took stuffed animals to doctors at the Children's Museum Teddy Bear Clinic at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Dennett's bear Snugly, like all the others, is doing better. "He's doing fine, he's not sneezing any more," he said.

The clinic had a waiting room, a triage center and even a surgery room. Children and their animals moved from station to station having their bears examined or even repaired.

Some were weighed, measured and their blood pressure checked. Others needed surgery.

Amanda Hurley stitched a wound on one stuffed animal's

chest and reattached a mouth on another critter.

Prosecutors say Windhurst's father abused girls

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - A Hopkinton man accused of murdering his girlfriend's stepfather 20 years ago was motivated by anger at his own father for allegedly abusing girls, the prosecution claims in court documents.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Jeff Strelzin claims Eric Windhurst was angry after learning his father, John Windhurst, had sexually abused girls. He is asking a judge to allow evidence of the abuse allegations at Eric Windhurst's first degree murder trial.

Meanwhile Eric Windhurst's lawyers contend the then 17-year-old acted in self defense.

They argue Windhurst shot Danny Paquette because he believed Paquette had repeatedly raped and abused Melanie Cooper and might hurt her or her family again. Cooper was 15 at the time.

Windhurst and Cooper attended Hopkinton High School together in 1985, when she says he shot Danny Paquette on his farm in Hooksett. When police confronted her with new evidence in 2004, she admitted being present and agreed to call Windhurst to talk about the killing while authorities made a recording.

Defense lawyer Mark Sisti has said he will argue that Windhurst shot Paquette in self-defense because Windhurst believed Paquette had repeatedly raped and abused Cooper and thought he might hurt her or her family again.

News briefs

Judges consolidate Bush telecom spy programs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal panel of judges has consolidated 17 lawsuits throughout the United States filed against telephone companies accused of assisting the Bush administration to monitor Americans' communications without warrants.

The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation transferred the cases to U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker, who last month declined to dismiss one of the lawsuits brought against the federal government and AT&T Inc., according to an order released Thursday.

The consolidated lawsuits also target Verizon Communications Inc., BellSouth Corp. and their affiliates. The panel ruled 26 other lawsuits with similar allegations also may be moved to Walker, who took the bench in 1990 after being nominated by the first President Bush.

Judge boosts ousted tycoon's bail by \$1 million

CHICAGO (AP) - A federal judge increased former newspaper tycoon Conrad M. Black's bail by \$1 million Thursday and urged prosecutors and defense attorneys in his fraud case to stop trading insults.

Judge Amy J. St. Eve boosted the bail from \$20 million to \$21 million, saying Black's initial accounting of his finances for the court was too low and that higher bail was needed. She said \$1 million more was enough.

"I'm confident that is enough to reasonably assure his appearance for trial," St. Eve told prosecutors and the Canadian media mogul's attorneys.

Report: States shinking NCLB teacher order

WASHINGTON (AP) - Most states have shirked the law by failing to ensure that poor and minority students get their fair share of qualified teachers, a new analysis contends.

The No Child Left Behind law says underprivileged and minority kids should not have a larger share of teachers who are unqualified, inexperienced or teaching unfamiliar topics.

It puts the responsibility on states to figure out how to do that.

States are falling far short on the promise, according to a study released Thursday by

The Education Trust, a group that advocates for poor and minority kids.

"What we found gives cause for grave concern," said Heather Peske, one of the authors.

Man charged in Jewish Federation shootings may plead guilty

SEATTLE (AP) - The man accused of shooting six people at Seattle's Jewish Federation offices has indicated he wants to plead guilty, his attorney told a judge Thursday.

Naveed Afzal Haq is charged with murder in the death of Pamela Waechter, who was the director of the Jewish charity's annual fundraising campaign, and with five counts of attempted murder.

The 30-year-old Haq said little at his brief arraignment Thursday, but his court-appointed attorney, C. Wesley Richards, told the judge Haq "is indicating that it is his desire to enter guilty pleas."

Study: Immigrants not taking jobs away

WASHINGTON (AP) - Big increases in immigration since 1990 have not hurt employment prospects for American workers, says a study released Thursday.

The report comes as Congress and much of the nation are debating immigration policy, a big issue in this fall's mid-term congressional elections.

The Pew Hispanic Center found no evidence that increases in immigration led to higher unemployment among Americans, said Rakesh Kochhar, who authored the study.

Kochhar said other factors, such as economic growth, played a larger role than immigration in setting the job market for Americans.

Lieberman launches independent campaign, seizes on terror arrests to criticize opponent

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) - Sen. Joe Lieberman set out on his go-it-alone re-election campaign Thursday and seized on the terror arrests in Britain to argue that his Democratic opponent, Ned Lamont, does not fully understand the danger facing the nation.

Lieberman's stop in Waterbury was his first public event since losing Tuesday's Democratic primary, dismissing his campaign staff and launching his independent bid.

British thwart plot to blow up U.S.-bound planes

By DANICA KIRKA Associated Press

LONDON - British authorities said Thursday they thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage, averting what police described as "mass murder on an unimaginable scale."

Police arrested 24 people, saying they were confident they captured the main suspects in what U.S. officials said was a plot in its final phases that had

all the earmarks of an al-Qaida operation. However, ABC News quoted unidentified U.S. officials who had been briefed on the plot as saying five suspects were still at large and being urgently hunted.

President Bush called the plot a "stark reminder" of the continued threat to the United States from extremist Muslims.

Britain disclosed no details about the plot or those arrested, although one police official indicated the people in custody were British residents. A French official in contact with British authorities described the arrested as originating from predominantly Muslim Pakistan.

Officials raised security to its highest level in Britain — suggesting a terrorist attack might be imminent — and banned carry-on luggage on all flights. Huge crowds backed up at security barriers at London's Heathrow airport as officials searching for explosives barred nearly every form of liquid outside of baby formula.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said the terrorists planned to use liquid explosives disguised as beverages and other common products and set them off with detonators disguised as electronic devices.

An American law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation said it appeared the liquid to be used was a "peroxide-based solution" to be detonated by an electronic device that was not specified, but could be anything from a disposable camera to a portable digital music player.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because British authorities had asked that no information be released.

The extreme measures at a major international aviation hub sent ripples throughout the world. Heathrow was closed to most flights from Europe, and British Airways canceled all its flights between the airport and points in Britain, Europe and Libya. Numerous flights from U.S. cities to Britain were canceled.

Foiled terror plot makes for tough day for U.S. travelers

By JAY LINDSAY Associated Press

BOSTON - Airline passengers around the country stood in line for hours and airport trash bins bulged with everything from mouthwash and shaving cream to maple syrup and fine wine Thursday in a security crackdown prompted by the discovery of a terror plot in Britain.

U.S. authorities banned the carrying of liquids onto flights after the arrest of 24 people in an alleged plot to blow up U.S.-bound planes using explosives disguised as drinks and other common products.

The restrictions forced people to unpack their carry-on bags on the floor in



Travelers at Denver International Airport wait to be processed through security yesterday in Denver.

the middle of terminals to remove the prohibited items. Some travelers tried to squeeze makeup, sunscreen and other toiletries into their checked baggage, where liquids were permissible.

But people without checked bags or those who had already given their luggage to their airline had to throw out the banned items.

"It's very frustrating. I'm no terrorist," said Alison Phillips as she struggled to repack her suitcase in Tampa, Fla., after removing all liquids for her return flight to Jamaica.



Airline passenger Ann Marie Fitzpatrick gives up her lipstick to a waiting security agent as she waits in a security line at San Jose International Airport in San Jose, Calif., yesterday.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

LEBANON Israel grabbed strategic high ground in south Lebanon on Thursday but delayed a major push northward, as diplomats cited progress toward agreement on a U.N. cease-fire resolution that could soon go to a vote. An Israeli soldier was killed and two were wounded in fierce battles with Hezbollah guerrillas Thursday, a day after the Israeli military suffered its worst one-day military loss, with 15 soldiers killed. More than 800 people have died in the month-long conflict, including 715 in Lebanon.

COSTA RICA Hector Orlando Martinez Quinto, 38, a suspected member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, is accused of participating in a 2002 rebel attack that killed more than 100 civilians in one of the worst tragedies in Colombia's four-decade-old guerrilla war was captured Thursday, authorities said.

JORDAN A fight between a passenger and flight attendants on a Qatar Airways plane sparked a hijacking scare Thursday, prompting the plane to return to Amman on a day of increased tensions on flights after a foiled terror plot in Britain.

PHILIPPINES Two homemade bombs and a grenade exploded in separate attacks Thursday in the southern Philippines, killing a police officer and wounding five others, including a police explosives expert, officials said.

VENEZUELA President Hugo Chavez said Thursday his close friend and ally Fidel Castro is in a "great battle for life," but he also expressed optimism about the 79-year-old Cuban leader's recovery. "From here, let's pray to God for Fidel and his recovery, and he's fighting a great battle," Chavez said in a televised speech from the eastern state of Anzoategui.

NIGERIA Gunmen in military fatigues seized two foreign oil workers in southern Nigeria early Thursday, the latest violence targeting the petroleum industry in Africa's largest producer, authorities said.

Everyday heroes

Let's hear it for Rick Robillard and Jim Doherty, who by day work for Manchester's Department of Public Works, but who transform themselves into heroes when the occasion calls for it.

Yesterday, the occasion did—the two were working on Merrimack Street when they noticed a nearby apartment house was on fire. Without regard for their own safety, they ran into the building, banged on doors, and got people to evacuate.

Running into a burning building isn't exactly smart. But it turned out to be the right thing to do. Though firefighters arrived fast and quickly doused the blaze, things could have easily turned out differently.

For one thing, residents

said fire alarms weren't working on one side of the six-unit building. Without early warning from Robillard and Doherty, a few minutes might have led to tragedy.

Thankfully, no one was hurt. Unfortunately, two cats perished in the blaze, but many more critters were saved—not just cats, but snakes and gerbils, too.

No fire is pleasant and there's a lot of damage to repair, but this story looks like it's heading for a happy ending, largely because two city workers, Jim Doherty and Rick Robillard, were willing to run towards an emergency and offer their help. For that, we should all be grateful.

A situation that stinks

The continuing presence of an open sewer running through Manchester's Valley Cemetery makes a mockery of all that the historic graveyard is supposed to represent.

Valley Cemetery was intended to be a fitting final resting place for city residents. As such, over the years it became the chosen burial ground for many of Manchester's most prominent families.

Valley Cemetery was intended to be a park-like cemetery in the grand 19th-century landscape tradition. Artistic design was used to enhance the natural surroundings, and the grounds were intended to be open for the general public to enjoy and appreciate.

In recent years, members of the Friends of Valley Cemetery have done a tremendous amount of work to rescue this urban gem from decades of neglect. Their efforts have been held up as a model

of how a volunteer group can make a difference and improve our community's quality of life.

Finally, Valley Cemetery is supposed to represent Manchester's historic best—an asset created by city forefathers that has endured and enhanced by succeeding generations. It's part of our city's identity, something that makes Manchester more than just another noplac.





But all this is trumped by an open sewer line in the cemetery's northeast corner (not far from the beautifully restored main gate) that often overflows during period of heavy rain. At times, the sewage can be as much as five feet deep, causing a foul odor to permeate the grounds.

A solution is sight. Manchester is in the process of a ten-year program to separate storm water drains from the city's sewerage system. But the plan called for the West Side to



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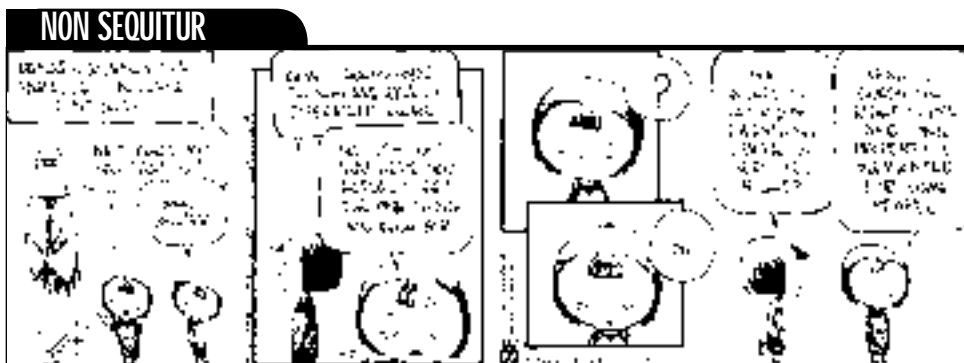
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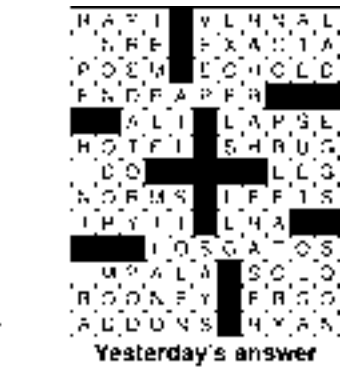
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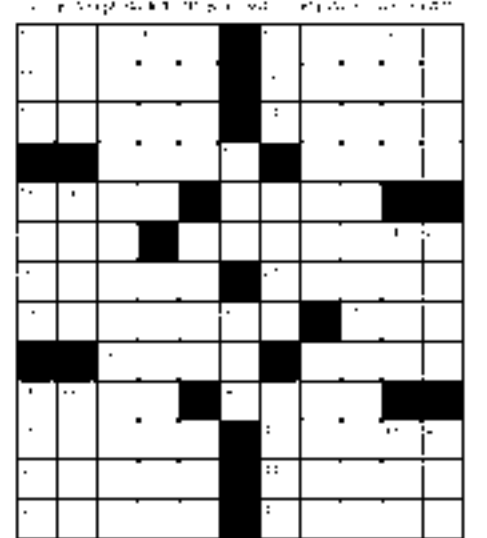
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Gemini (May 21-June 20): Something great is about to happen to you, but to find out what it is you'll have to visit the Great Barrier Reef.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will gain free admission an upcoming performance of the Ringling Bros. circus at the Verizon Wireless Arena. Unfortunately, it will be because you're mistaken for a certain member of the non-human performing cast.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): The biggest thing in your life is about to get even bigger, especially after that double portion of meat lasagna.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will have an unsettling dream involving Secret Squirrel and Morocco Mole. Do not talk to anyone about it.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): For a role model, you could have done better than Leona Helmsley.
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BOND...ER, WHICH BOND?

This photo, supplied by Entertainment Weekly, shows Daniel Craig, the new James Bond in the upcoming "Casino Royale" film, who was interviewed in Entertainment Weekly magazine, on newsstands today. This is the top cover of six consecutive covers that the magazine will include in its fall movie preview double issue. From Sean Connery to Roger Moore to Craig, the newest spy guy, each cover, created especially for this issue, will evoke the time of the corresponding decade with retro fonts, color treatments and cover language. Since Entertainment Weekly didn't even exist at the time some of these would have run, the graphics, headlines and logos (tagged to those specific periods in time) are particularly imaginative and creative. (AP Photo/Entertainment Weekly)

Hollywood debates Mel Gibson via ads

By SANDY COHEN
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Mel Gibson's drunk-driving arrest and subsequent anti-Semitic tirade provided ample fodder for comedians, bloggers and entertainment-news junkies.

It also kicked off a back-and-forth among Hollywood insiders expressing their opinions in paid advertisements in the Los Angeles Times and the entertainment trade papers Variety and The Hollywood Reporter.

It's a longtime tradition to talk through the trades, said Variety editor Peter Bart, noting that "personal message ads" date back to the 1920s.

"Something like the Mel Gibson attack is the sort of situation that prompts an outbreak of ads," Bart told The Associated Press. "It's a reminder that people like to editorialize personally, whether or not they know how to write."

De Becker, who called for forgiveness, said he chose the trade paper as a venue because of Hollywood's impact on people's attitudes.

"The movie business has allowed people all over the world to see into the lives and hearts of other people in a way they never could otherwise," de Becker wrote in an e-mail to the AP. "When I heard a call for revenge against Mel Gibson, asking movie people to refuse to work with him because of assumptions about his beliefs, the trades seemed the best place to offer another view."

As for the cost of these paid missives, it can vary based on specials being offered. But Variety's general rate for a one-page black and white ad run once is \$9,980. Hollywood Reporter charges \$3,500 per page (de Becker's ad ran two pages).

Dr. Phil revisiting New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Phil McGraw, who brought his "Dr. Phil" show to New Orleans just after Hurricane Katrina, returned this week to tape follow-up episodes that will air in the coming weeks.

Since touring the city by boat in early September, the popular TV psychologist has used his show to focus on New Orleans' recovery efforts and post-Katrina stress and mental health challenges, particularly for first responders.

McGraw met with police officers and firefighters who had lost their homes. Their families were living elsewhere. The footage was included in a special edition of "Dr. Phil" titled, "Rescuing the Rescuers."

This week McGraw revisited many of the people and places he saw in the days after the Aug. 29 hurricane.

He was to host a benefit concert for first responders and their families at the New Orleans Arena on Thursday night. Performers were to include Jeff Foxworthy, Brian McKnight, Allen Toussaint and Brooks & Dunn.

IT TAKES ALL KINDS



Barney Smith stands next to his exhibit of toilet seats, July 7, in San Antonio. For over 35 years, Smith has created unique art from nearly 800 toilet seats. His work is so well known that his self-made toilet seat art museum is listed on various websites for unusual places to visit. The quirky artform has also landed him on national news shows. Smith, 85, is working toward the goal of 1,000 seats and possibly land a spot in the Guinness Book of Records. (AP Photo/San Antonio Express-News, Kin Man Hui)

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Dr. Phil McGraw waves to the audience at the Academy of Country Music Awards at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, on May 26, 2004.

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