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# Manchester Daily Express

## State proposes new food and drink regs

### Some city restaurants, bars could be hurt

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A bill recently passed by the state House of Representatives could have a profound effect on Manchester businesses if it's signed into law next session, and has many Manchester bar owners talking.

House Bill 432 would establish two separate types of liquor licenses, one for bars where the majority of revenue comes from alcohol, and another for restaurants that serve an even split of food and booze.

The bill would force bars and restaurants that don't meet minimum food sales requirements to obtain a "tavern license," which would cost \$12,000 for bars with fewer than 50 seats and \$24,000 a year for bars with 50 seats or more.

As it stands, any restaurant or bar that serves alcohol pays about \$840 to \$1,200 yearly, and current law requires restaurants and bars to sell about as much food as they do alcohol.

But Eddie Edwards, the



Bill Mellor, manager of OK Parker's Irish Pub, stirs marinara sauce in the restaurant's kitchen. (Express Photo/Jennifer Nickulas)

chief enforcement officer for the state liquor commission, said the bill is designed to reduce underage drinking, and bar owners shouldn't be worried.

"If you're a small operator and can only serve about \$25,000 in food, your liquor sales should be about

\$25,000," Edwards said. "You're not a restaurant if you're selling more booze than food."

Bars that sell more than \$75,000 worth of food are currently exempt from meeting the ratio. The new law would raise that minimum to \$150,000 a year.

But if a bar is selling more booze than food, the business shouldn't be held to the same regulations that a restaurant is, Edwards said.

Businesses with more of a club feel that don't meet the food requirement would

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## Pace: Slow but steady

### Tech school project nearly out to bid

By DAN MAGAZU  
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City officials are preparing to get out to bid on \$10 million worth of additions and renovations to the Manchester School of Technology.

Principal Karen White said yesterday that the architect was in the final week of drawing the project's plans.

"Once that's done, the plans will be reviewed by officials in the Facilities Division and we will go out to bid as soon as possible," White said.

Construction will involve purchasing new equipment for classrooms, adding parking, and building new automotive technology and office space.

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## Stadium gets some history

### Fisher Cats adding a new museum area

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Starting this season, visitors to Merchantsauto.com Stadium will be able to check out a mini-museum dedicated to the best baseball hitters to ever play the game.

Officials with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats an-

nounced yesterday that the ballpark has been named the exclusive northern New England home of the Ted Williams Hitters Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame will be located behind home play on the main concourse and feature memorabilia from the best hitters, past and present.

Access to the hall of fame will be free to fans attending

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## New affordable housing to be ready this summer

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The city's affordable housing market will grow considerably this summer after construction wraps up on the first two phases of a massive development on the city's east side.

Developer Dick Anagnost has teamed with Cit-

izens Bank and two local non-profit housing groups to build the development, which will include apartments and townhouses. It is located on 20 acres of land off Karatzas Avenue.

Anagnost said the project will be the first in the state that mixes rental units with for-sale townhouses

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## His mission: Bringing acupuncture to the masses

### Want treatment? Pay what you can afford

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A new Millyard acupuncture studio is working to make the Chinese medical treatment more accessible and affordable for people who normally couldn't consider it.

Manchester Acupuncture Studio at 400 Bedford St. of-

fers treatment on a sliding pay scale, requiring clients only to pay what they can afford.

For a patron who makes less than \$20,000 a year, a typical visit is \$15.

The studio's owner, Andy Wegman, is trying to break the elitist stereotype that acupuncture has in the West, and introduce the more traditional concepts to city residents.

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Dr. Andy Wegman removes acupuncture needles from a patient's arm. (Express Photo/Jennifer Nickulas)



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## Tech

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The school, located off of Weston Road on the city's south end, offers 17 programs that are designed to prepare students for college and the world of work.

Ideally, White said she would like to break ground in April, but it will probably be more toward June.

"I would be ecstatic if it was April," White said. "But we're planning on June at the very latest. It's crucial to have construction underway during those few summer months when students

are not at the school." White hopes to have renovations complete by the start of the 2009-10 school year. "Construction should only affect one school year," White said.

During the 2008-09 school year, students and classrooms will have to be moved around to different areas of the school as the project progresses.

"Once the contractor is on board, I would like to sit down and work out a phased plan," White said.

The city has agreed to cover one quarter of the cost of

the project, or about \$2.5 million. Earlier this month, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen accepted about \$7.5 million from the state Department of Education to cover the remaining costs.

White said the project is vital to keeping the school at the forefront of technology institutions around the state and country.

The Manchester School of Technology is a regional career and technical school that has served Greater Manchester high school students since 1982.

## Fisher Cats

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any Fisher Cats' games.

"It is an honor for us to announce this partnership with the Ted Williams Museum to celebrate the greatest hitters in baseball history," said Rick Brenner, the Fisher Cats president and general manager. "We look forward to enhancing our fans'

ballpark experience by providing them with a place to see rare sports memorabilia, autographed items and other collectibles free of charge."

Williams, a former Red Sox great, is widely considered one of the greatest hitters to ever play the game.

The original Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of

Fame is located at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Fisher Cats are the Double-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays. Opening day this year is Thursday, April 10.

Individual tickets can be purchased starting on Wednesday, Feb. 13, by visiting [www.nhfishercats.com](http://www.nhfishercats.com).

## Needles

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The acupuncturist formerly worked in a local pain management medical office, where he was discouraged by the many patients who often couldn't afford the best types of treatment.

"It was very, very frustrating knowing that I could help folks, but they couldn't afford to pay for the services that would be best for them," he said.

Insurance companies typically consider acupuncture an alternative medicine, and limit coverage, he said.

But Wegman, who opened the clinic in July, said his patients pay on average about \$20 a visit, which is about the same as an office visit copay to a traditional doctor.

"Folks that never would

have been able to investigate if acupuncture is helpful have the chance to see," he said. "The basic gist is we're trying to drive the price of acupuncture down," Wegman said.

To do that, he incorporated the traditional community model of acupuncture practice.

Instead of treatment rooms with a single sterile-looking exam table and harsh lighting, Wegman's studio has a "big room," where clients receive their treatment in a group setting in a dimly-lit room of reclining chairs, covered with fleece blankets among others receiving treatment at the same time.

He said the group setting, which is how acupuncture is commonly administered in

the East, isn't a lack of privacy, but instead helps people feel more comfortable and relaxed because they see other clients napping and relaxing while they're treated.

Treating a greater number of people for a lesser amount of money helps make the books balance, Wegman said.

He will schedule no more than six patients an hour. "Instead of treating people in cubicles, one at a time, you're treating in a large area, and able to keep the prices down—about \$15 to \$35 a visit, or whatever folks feel they can afford," he said.

Wegman said the Manchester acupuncture studio is the only one in the state that operates under a community business model, and there are about 60 nationwide.

## Housing

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in a moderate-priced setting.

Plans call for the construction of 66 townhouse condominiums and 138 apartments.

Anagnost broke ground on Phase I of the project, known as Stella Arms, last year.

The phase is being jointly developed by the Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Anagnost. It will include two

one-bedroom apartments, 36 two-bedroom apartments, and 28 three-bedroom apartments. All of the units will be offered with rents that are affordable to families at or below 60 percent of area median income.

Construction is expected to be completed by June 2008.

Phase II, dubbed Demetria's Crossing, is being jointly developed by Anagnost and NeighborWorks Great-

er Manchester. The first of 66 two- and three-bedroom townhouses should be available by the spring. The townhouses will have between 1,500 and 2,000 square feet of space, including an unfinished lower level that can be used as a garage or additional living area.

The average sale price for each unit is expected to be about \$180,000. The townhouses will be reserved for first-time home buyers.

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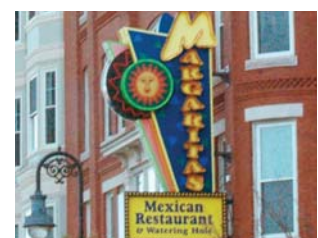
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## NO SIGN OF VISTA



Workers prepare to remove the Vista Foods sign earlier this week. (Express Photo/Dan Magazu)

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**Family stories:** The Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications will offer a day-long workshop titled "Telling Your Family Story" on Saturday, March 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students will join popular storytellers John Clayton and Fritz Wetherbee, along with other special presenters to learn more about interviewing and listening skills, research and presentation, and how to preserve priceless photos and documents.

Registration costs \$45 and includes lunch. To register, call 624-0005 or visit [www.loebsschool.org](http://www.loebsschool.org) by Monday, March 3.

**Comedy Bowl:** The Queen City Rotary Club is hosting a "Comedy Bowl" on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the NH Institute of Art. Tickets cost \$35 and proceeds will benefit local children's programs and charities, including the Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA. Participants must be ages 21 or older.

The event will feature three comics: Mike Smith, Robbie Printz and Dave Russo, and include a cash bar, "tailgate fare" and raffle items.

Tickets are available from Rotary Club members or at the door on the day of the event.

**Put to the test:** The Manchester Monarchs have divided up into two squads, Team Kretchy and Team Staton, for the second annual intra-squad Skills 2008 competition. The competition will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 2-5 p.m. at St. Anselm College's Sullivan Arena.

The event is modeled after the AHL's annual All-Star Competition with seven events that include fastest skater, hardest shot, and pass and score.

Advance tickets cost \$8 for reserved seating and \$7 for general admission. For tickets or more information, visit [www.monarchshockey.com](http://www.monarchshockey.com).

**Celebrating Catholicism:** Bishop John B. McCormack

will be the main celebrant for a Mass for more than 900 students in Catholic schools in the greater Manchester area.

The Mass is part of Catholic Schools Week, and will be held at St. Anselm College's Abby Church on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m.

Catholic Schools Week celebrates the contribution Catholic education makes to the church and the community. For more information, call the Diocese of Manchester at 669-3100 ext. 166.

**Save your skin:** A benefit dinner for melanoma research will be held on Friday, Feb. 1 from 6-11 p.m. at the Derryfield Restaurant, located at 625 Mammoth Road.

Cost is \$25 per person. For tickets and more information, call Carolyn Ciechon at 623-2880.

**Rocket man returns:** The legendary John Elton will return to the Verizon Wireless Arena on Thursday, March 6

at 8 p.m. as part of his 2008 tour "Rocket Man."

John last performed in Manchester in 2004. He holds the record for highest attendance at the Verizon Wireless Arena with more than 11,300 people, and a combined total of more than 22,300 for his two previous performances in Manchester, said Tim Bechert, senior general manager of the arena.

Tickets cost \$72.50, \$88.50 and \$127.50, and go on sale Friday, Feb. 1 at noon. For tickets, visit the arena's box office on Elm Street or contact Ticketmaster at 868-7300 or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Big air contest:** The McIntyre Ski Area & Snowboard Park and Vault will host the 13th Annual Vault Big Air Contest on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Cost is \$15 plus the price of a lift ticket.

Participants will receive a free Vault Air T-shirt and the

grand prize winner will go home with a \$300 American Express Gift Card. There will also be smaller prizes, giveaways, music and games.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the McIntyre Ski Patrol, an all-volunteer organization, to buy medical supplies and rescue equipment.

For more information, contact McIntyre, located off Kennard Road, at 622-6159.

**Becoming a hero:** On Wednesday, Feb. 12 at noon, learn more about City Year New Hampshire, an organization that serves the state's underserved children, at The University of New Hampshire Manchester.

Taylor Ferguson, City Year development associate, and a member of the City Year team, will provide an interactive workshop featuring corps members, their stories and the work they do in public schools and children's programs.

The event, offered as part

of UNH Manchester's Brown Bag Lecture Series, is free and open to the public.

For more information about City Year, visit [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org).

**Girl Shy:** Visit the Palace Theatre at 7 p.m. on Valentine's Day to see the silent comic film *Girl Shy*, starring Harold Lloyd. General admission costs \$5 and will benefit the Palace Theatre, located at 80 Hanover St.

The film depicts a shy young man from a small town who must rescue his beloved from marrying the wrong man, and will be shown with music performed live by local composer and musician Jeff Rapsis.

The first 25 couples will receive a complimentary long-stemmed rose, courtesy of Jacques Flowers.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 668-5588, visiting [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org) or at the door on the day of the show.

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## Obituaries

### Wynn E. Arnold

Dedicated community member Wynn Edmund Arnold, 60, of Manchester, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass. after a brave struggle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.



Wynn was born on Sept. 27, 1947 in Ludlow, Mass., the son of William E. and Barbara E.

(Smith) Arnold. He was raised and educated in Derry and Keene, and graduated from Keene High School in 1965. After high school, he attended and graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in political science. He also studied abroad at Glasgow University, in Glasgow, Scotland.

He joined the U.S. Peace Corps from 1970 to 1973, and was in the rural communities of Ecuador. While working full-time and raising his young family, he enrolled in night school at Suffolk University School of Law, and graduated in 1981 with his Juris Doctorate.

He worked in private practice before starting his 10-year career as the executive director for the NH Public Utilities Commission. It was in this position that he was responsible for the restructuring of the electric rates. In 1994, he began working with the NH Department of Justice.

He retired in 2008 due to his illness, as a senior assistant attorney general. He

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was a founding member of the Attorney Generals Civil Rights Task Force, and was the liaison to the Muslim community.

He was a board member of FamilyStrength and a founding member of the Kol Dodi singing group at Temple Israel in Portsmouth. Wynn was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Manchester, and was a youth teacher for the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. He was an active member of the Interfaith Council of Manchester.

An avid music lover and guitarist, he led contemporary services at the Christ Church in Exeter while living there. He enjoyed hiking, traveling, kayaking, snorkeling, diving and most of all, spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Robert and Ilene Falkson.

His family includes his wife of 30 years, Helen (Falkson) Arnold of Manchester; two daughters, Sara Arnold and her husband, Jason Paige of Manchester and Merrin Shovlin and her husband, Daniel of Arlington, Mass.; a grandson, Anakin Paige; his parents, William and Barbara Arnold of Manchester; a brother, Jeffrey Arnold and his wife, Susan of Londonderry; a sister, Gayle Santa and her husband, Michael of Candia; a brother, Christopher Arnold and his wife, Linda of Grantham; and many nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed.

A memorial service will be on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, located at 106 Lowell St. Father Charles Blauvelt will officiate.

The family will also have visiting hours at their home on Thursday, Jan. 31 from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated in Mr. Arnold's honor to: FamilyStrength, 85 North State St., Concord, NH 03301 or The Dana Farber Cancer Insti-

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tute, 44 Vinney St., Boston, MA 02115.

The Goodwin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Mary Chermak

Bowling champion Mary Chermak, 101, formerly of upstate New York, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008 at Maple Leaf Nursing Center after a short illness.

She was born on May 17, 1906 in Old Forge, Pa., the daughter of Michael and Julia Kasenchak Spyak.

For the past five years, she resided in Manchester, moving from Binghamton.

She left school at age 16 to work in the silk mills, marrying Robert Carl Chermak on Nov. 18, 1931. By 1942, they had moved to Endicott, N.Y., where she took up bowling in 10-pin leagues. She won a trophy her first year there and her last year—exactly 50 years later when she was 90 years old—as well as many in between.

Mrs. Chermak was known for the lovely flower gardens she planted and tended when she wasn't traveling. The children were always in the back of the car on these road trips.

The family includes a son, Robert Chermak of Kennebunk, Maine; a daughter, Jean Desany of Amherst; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a niece.

### Robert W. Gamache

Attended Manchester schools Robert W. "Bob" Gamache, 68, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008 at Lakeland Medical Center in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1939 in Exeter, the son of William and Odena (Gilbert) Gamache. He was a graduate of Bishop Bradley High School in 1957 and then from the New Hampshire Technical Institute with a bachelor's degree in engineering.

Mr. Gamache served in the U.S. Air Force prior to the Vietnam War era.

He had been employed at Albert Trostel Packing for many years, retiring as president of the corporation.

He belonged to Lyons American Legion Post, Rubber Manufacturers Association, The Executive Committee of Wisconsin TEC Group 25, and Wings over Wisconsin.

The family includes his wife of 44 years, Beverly (Bryson) Gamache; three children, Charles Gamache of Lake Geneva, Wis., Ste-

phen Gamache of Richmond, Va., and Catherine Parisi of Twin Lakes, Wis.; four grandchildren; and a stepgranddaughter.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Thursday, Jan. 31 at St. Francis deSales Catholic Church in Lake Geneva, Wis. Father Terry Huebner will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hudson Cemetery in Lyons Township, Wis.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lakeland Animal Shelter.

### Jennifer A. Gonyea

Worked for the YWCA Jennifer Ann Gonyea, 26, of New Rochester Road in Dover, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008 at Exeter Hospital.

She was born in New London on Dec. 22, 1981.

Jennifer graduated from Sunapee High School in 2000 and from Johnson State College in Johnson, Vt. in 2004. She worked for

the YWCA and was passionate about helping refugees and victims of domestic violence in her work with Families in Crisis.

She then worked for the HIV Outreach Program in Manchester. She lived in Dover for the past six months, and before that, in Manchester for four years.

Jennifer was a great writer. While she was in high school, she took a trip to Costa Rica. She enjoyed singing and was a member of the chorus while in high school and college.

Jennifer loved her cat, Willow. Members of her family include her life partner, Paula Virgona of Dover; her mother and stepfather, Marlene (Huff) and Frank Robbins of Sunapee; her father and his fiancée, John Gonyea and Pat Beebe of Lebanon and Pat's son, J.P. Beebe; a brother, Stephen Gonyea of Hartland, Vt.; three sisters, Charlene Gardner of Thorn-

ton, Colo., Rebecca Robbins of Lakewood, Colo., and Rachel Robbins of Sunapee; her maternal grandparents, Danville and Lee (Phillips) Huff of Sunapee; her paternal grandparents, Paul and Carol (Currier) Gonyea of Pinnel Park, Fla.; her maternal great-grandmother, Mildred Phillips of Port Charlotte, Fla.; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends may call at the Chadwick Funeral Home, located at 235 Main Street in New London, on Friday, Jan. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Upper Valley Humane Society, 300 Old Route 10, Enfield, NH 03748, NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence at NHCADSV, P.O. Box 353, Concord, NH 03302-0353, or to GLAD, 30 Winter St., Suite 800, Boston, MA 02108 or online at [www.glad.org](http://www.glad.org) on the link "Donate to GLAD"—Gifts in Honor.

## Free tax prep for low-income filers

### Local group helps residents prepare

By DAN MAGAZU  
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Don't look now, but tax season is fast approaching. Need some help filing your tax return but don't have the money to pay for a private service?

For the eighth straight year, officials at the Manchester Community Resource Center will be offering free tax preparation and electronic filing services to city residents.

The walk-in service starts on Saturday, Feb. 2, and runs until Saturday, April 12. Federal taxes must be filed by April 15.

Program director Torey Kortz said the group began offering the free program to ensure that low-income residents were getting all the rebates they were entitled to,

such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.

"There are a lot of credits available to low-income working families," Kortz said. "We want to make sure they get them. At the same time, we save families money because they don't have to pay for a commercial preparer."

Kortz said that 20 IRS-certified tax preparers volunteer with the resource center to make the free service possible.

"They all went through many hours of training to get certified," Kortz said.

Kortz said that unlike many commercial tax preparers, all the volunteers at the resource center specialize in low-income tax credits.

So what should you bring?

Spouses must both be present to file their tax return. Residents will need

photo identification, social security cards for all taxpayers and dependents and W-2 forms for all places worked in 2007.

Any other relevant tax material, such as bank interest statements or educational expense statements, should be on hand as well.

The group does not offer the service for business tax returns, prior year tax returns, tax returns with stock transaction or tax returns with rental income.

The Manchester Community Resource Center, located at 177 Lake Ave., is a non-profit organization that aims to meet the needs of the community through innovative program development and specialized services.

No appointment is needed for the free tax service. For a walk-in schedule, call 647-8967 or visit [www.mcrnch.com](http://www.mcrnch.com).

## CITY NEWS BRIEFS

**Non-profit challenge:** Heartwood Media, a Manchester-based video, TV and multi-media production company, is taking entries for this year's "Heartwood Non-Profit Challenge." Applications are due by Friday, Feb. 15.

The Challenge is an annual competition for New Hampshire-based non-profit organizations in need of a video or television production. Last

year, Heartwood produced a free video for the Family Resource Center at Gorham. New Hampshire Made was the recipient of a free video for 2007.

For an application, visit [www.heartwoodmedia.com/challenge](http://www.heartwoodmedia.com/challenge). For more information, call Chris Conroy at 665-9191 or e-mail [chris@heartwoodmedia.com](mailto:chris@heartwoodmedia.com).

**Art for the garden:** As part

of the \$21.4 million expansion at the Currier Museum of Art, New Hampshire commissioned artist Sol DeWitt is creating a wall drawing for the Winter Garden, which will be unveiled with the Currier's re-opening on March 30.

The drawing relates to the artist's last series of works called "Whirls and Twirls," according to Assistant Curator Sharon Matt Atkins.

**POLICE NEWS**

**Police warn of GPS thefts**

City police continue to search for suspects in connection with nearly 40 thefts of GPS systems in residents' cars since October.

While some vehicles were reported unlocked, many were broken into overnight. Police are warning city residents to take their GPS systems into their homes at night and to wash away any evidence (such as suction cup residue on the vehicle's windshield) of a GPS system in order to deter suspects from forcible entering vehicles.

Anyone with information about these thefts is encouraged to call police at 668-8711. Anonymous tips for cash rewards are available through Manchester Crime-line at 624-4040.

**City man charged with singing too loudly**

A city man accused of singing too loudly in the park was arrested Tuesday night and charged with disorderly conduct.

On Tuesday, Jan. 29 at about 9:30 p.m., police responded to Wagner Park for a report of a man causing a disturbance.

At the scene, police found a man sitting on a bench allegedly singing very loudly. Police also said he appeared to be drunk and had a bottle of liquor at his feet.

The man was subsequently arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Later identified as Jonathan Good, 24, of 285 Concord St., he was additionally charged with violation of bail conditions. Police determined that Good was arrested on Nov. 30, 2007 for disorderly conduct and had bail conditions prohibiting him from the excessive use of alcohol.

**Teenagers charged with fighting with fathers**

Two teenage boys were arrested Tuesday evening af-

ter being accused of assaulting their fathers.

On Tuesday, Jan. 29 at about 6:15 p.m., police responded to a Vernon Street address for the first report of a domestic dispute.

On arrival, they met with the father who said he had gotten into a physical fight with his son. He explained that he had knocked on his son's bedroom door and entered the room when his son became upset with him for not respecting his privacy.

The son, later identified as Wayne Lecuyer, 17, of 72 Vernon St., was arrested and charged with simple domestic assault.

Later that night at 8:15 p.m., police responded to a Cilley Road address for another report of an argument between a father and son.

On arrival, they met with the parents, who said their 16-year-old son had refused to take out the trash when his mother had asked him to. When his father tried to interfere, the boy pushed him and they began fighting. The father suffered minor cuts on his face.

The son was located nearby and charged with simple domestic assault.

**Wind blows small plane off runway**

A single-engine FedEx cargo plane at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport was blown over onto its right wing yesterday around 4:30 p.m. when a gust of wind hit the runway.

Another gust of wind then blew it back upright, according to J. Brian O'Neill, the airport's deputy director. The plane was not in line for takeoff, and O'Neill said the flow of air traffic was not interrupted.

A maintenance worker was the only person on board when the plane tipped, and he was not injured, O'Neill said.

**CITY NEWS BRIEFS**

**Rieu returns:** Well-known violinist and composer Andre Rieu will appear in concert at the Verizon Wireless Arena on Tuesday, May 20 at 8 p.m.. Tickets go on sale Monday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m., and cost \$44, \$26, \$22 and \$16.

For tickets, visit the Verizon box office on Elm Street, or contact Ticketmaster at 868-7300 or

www.ticketmaster.com. **A long way from home:** Disney on Ice presents Disney/Pixar's Finding Nemo will visit children at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manchester on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 3 p.m.

Some of Disney's best-known characters will join kids in an arts-and-crafts session with a theme dedicated to life under the sea.

**MATTERS OF FAITH**

**The spiritual power of food**

By CHRIS EMERSON  
Daily Express Columnist

No corned beef this year. The annual fire chiefs' St. Patrick's Day bash won't happen, a casualty of the change in chiefs in Manchester. When I was fire chaplain a few years ago, I enjoyed these events, the camaraderie, the frivolity, and the 10,000 pounds of corned beef which emerged from St. George's kitchen.

I may be exaggerating the poundage, but there is no exaggerating the power of food. An army moves on its stomach, and most religious communities do, too. The venerable potluck. The all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. The cookies. Check out almost any religion, and you'll find food somewhere near the sacramental center. Layer it with theology and ritual, but it's still food that convenes us.

The airwaves are now filled with suggestions for serving the best snacks

for the Super Bowl. Why? The event has assumed mythic, if not sacred, status in the American psyche. Food must follow.

There is something primal and pure about setting a morsel of food within the mouth. We all must do it to survive. Whether it's kobe beef served at the Chop-house or a greasy burger microwaved at a convenience store, it's still food. Whether we lean toward tofu or tacos, chai or chili, we must be fed.

But we are an overfed nation. Obesity is a growing problem, expressed in the epidemic of diabetes. And many overfed people are loud in their justification of their right to overeat, regardless of the cost to themselves or society. Suggest people cut back their caloric intake, and you might get sued for dietary and emotional harassment.

Casket companies now make much wider versions to accommodate all the obese corpses, and they will need

many such caskets, given how fat we have become.

Fortunately, portion size has not hit our religious ceremonies and sacraments — at least not yet. I haven't yet heard anyone ask the priest to super-size the host. The Seder plate still provides relatively modest emblems of Jewish history.

Most religions say that food should be seen as more than nourishment for the body. Somehow, through a miracle of heaven or a miracle of mind, we recognize in the food a message from God. We are asked to look at that small piece of food and see it as a small reflection of the vast holiness in the world.

Notice how small it is and take the hint.

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Chris Emerson

**MANCHESTER CHURCH/RELIGION LISTINGS**

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**REAL ESTATE/BUSINESS**

**Bars**

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need to obtain the tavern license, Edwards said.

Establishments that have received violations of this law include Club Liquid and the now-closed Club Envy and Omega.

OK Parker's Irish Pub at 89 Hanover St. also failed to meet the food sales and alcohol ratio last year. The place was fined \$100 and got a black mark in its permanent record.

The pub's manager, Bill Mellor, said his bar just barely missed the mark, and the new regulation coming in on the tails of the smoking ban and unfavorable economic conditions could be devastating for smaller independent bars.

"We are all trying, but they're pushing double figures with the economy going the other way," Mellor said. "To take your figures and actually double them when you're a pub or a bar in this economy is really hard to do at this point."

But Edwards, who met with a group of restaurant owners yesterday to explain the bill, said it's more an effort to reduce underage drinking and overconsumption of alcohol.

He said the new regulations would establish two separate categories for dining and drinking establishments in the state. Currently, night clubs and family restaurants are in the same category.

"I don't think that anyone would reasonably argue that Omega and Envy were restaurants," Edwards said. "They carry the same licensing fees and regulations that a restaurants like Fratello's and Margaritas do."

And food service seems to make a difference.

"Restaurants who sell a large amount of food, we see very few violations coming from their restaurants, and ones that sell a lesser amount have a great-

er amount of violations."

Also under the law, a tavern, as defined by the state, would strictly cater to and employ only people over 21.

One of the bill's sponsors, Manchester resident Rep. Jean Jeudy, said separating taverns from restaurants would make eateries more appropriate places for children.

"I don't see how excess alcohol in front of kids is a good idea," Jeudy said. "Some people in the clubs saying, 'F this,' or 'F that.' I don't think it's a good place for kids under age. It's a place for adults."

But what about restaurants that are on the cusp?

OK Parker's recently added prime rib to the menu to boost its food sales to hit the 50:50 ratio.

Mellor's wife formerly worked at Spatt's restaurant before it closed a few months ago, and brought the recipe to the pub. The management hopes the new offering will entice customers to have dinner along with a few drinks at happy hour.

"Here in Manchester, especially in town, we have so much competition, that it's just about impossible to do unless you come out with something really spectacular."

Michelle Dufort, the president of the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association, said that many of the group's members share the same concern.

But she said it seems that the state will work with businesses individually to make sure it's classified correctly.

"The state will try to work with them to understand the true intent of their business," Dufort said. "If it's an establishment having trouble making ends meet, then they'll work with them, but if they have every indication that a business is a tavern and food is a byproduct, then that's different," she said.

**CITY NEWS BRIEF**

**Battle the blues:** Pastoral Counseling Services, Brookside Church, Temple Adath Yeshurun and Goodwin Funeral Home will offer a "Winter Blues Grief" service on Thursday, Jan. 31 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Brookside, located at 2013 Elm St.

This service, usually held in December, provides an

opportunity for people dealing with loss to reflect and cope with their grief through readings, stories and conversation. The event is open to the public and free to attend. Light refreshments will also be served.

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**1 CAIRO, Egypt** — Internet outages disrupted business and personal usage across a wide swathe of the Middle East on Wednesday after an undersea cable in the Mediterranean was damaged, government officials and Internet service providers said. In Cairo the cut in the international communications cable had led to a partial disruption of Internet services. AP

**2 WASHINGTON** — Parents who struggle to install their child safety seats or fasten their toddlers in the back seat chairs are receiving some new guidance from the government. The Transportation Department said Wednesday it was revamping a consumer ratings system for child safety seats to help parents and caregivers. AP

**3 NEW YORK** — As presidential candidates push their plans to makeover the nation's health-care system, some of America's largest employers presented their own suggested fix Wednesday. Every adult American should be required to purchase health insurance, but it shouldn't be incumbent on business owners, according to the National Business Group on Health. AP

**4 WASHINGTON** — An effort to let more high-income families share in a broad tax rebate while still excluding the richest of the rich gained support Wednesday in the Senate. A senior Senate Republican swung behind a plan to make individuals with annual incomes of up to \$150,000 eligible for rebates of \$500. AP

**5 NEW YORK** — Madonna is the richest woman in music. The 49-year-old entertainer leads Forbes.com's list of the top 20 "Cash Queens of Music," earning \$72 million between June 2006 and June 2007. The pop star's "Confessions" world tour pulled in \$260 million, Forbes said. AP

**6 NEW YORK** — Super Bowl Sunday may be the biggest day of the year for football fans, but it's also a big day for people who sell big screen TVs, recliners and pizza. Yes, some sports fans are willing to pay thousands of dollars for a TV just to watch the game. Jim Ferrero, of Yardley, Pa., has done so twice. AP

**7 DES MOINES, Iowa** — Motor home maker Winnebago Industries Inc. said Wednesday it will lay off more than 200 workers, or about 7 percent of its work force, as the recreation vehicle industry suffers a slowdown. In a conference call, the company confirmed reports of job cuts, which could total between 200 and 225. AP

**DOW JONES** 12,441.83 -37.47  
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — A still-anxious Wall Street closed lower Wednesday, sacrificing the advance it made after the Federal Reserve cut interest rates half a percentage point. Investors collected profits after nearly three sessions of big gains, unwilling to leave money on the table amid ongoing economic uncertainty. It wasn't surprising that the market pulled back, having been pounded by months of losses and having driven the Dow Jones industrials up more than 470 points so far this week ahead of the late-day downturn. Anthony Conroy, managing director and head trader for BNY ConvergeX Group, said expectations of more downgrades of bond insurers like Ambac Financial Group Inc. and MBIA Inc. — as well as uneasiness ahead of Thursday's Commerce Department report on personal income and spending inflation — was enough to spur people to cash in profits from the market's initial gains.

## Fed cuts rates for the second time in 8 days

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Federal Reserve on Wednesday cut a key interest rate for the second time in just over a week, reducing the federal funds rate by a half point. It signaled that further rate cuts were possible. The Fed action pushed the funds rate to 3 percent. It followed a three-fourths of a percentage point cut on Jan. 22, a day after financial markets around the world had plummeted on fears that the U.S. economy was heading into a recession. That decrease had been the biggest one-day move in more than two decades. The half-point cut Wednesday followed news that the economy had slowed significantly in the final three months of last year with the gross domestic product expanding at a barely discernible pace of 0.6 percent, less than half what had been expected. The report came amid increased concern from several quarters about a possible recession. In a brief statement explaining their decision, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues said that "financial markets remain under considerable stress." The Fed move was approved on a 9 to 1 vote. Richard Fisher, president of the Fed's Dallas regional bank, dissented, preferring no change in rates.

## Honda: quarterly profit to jump by 38 percent

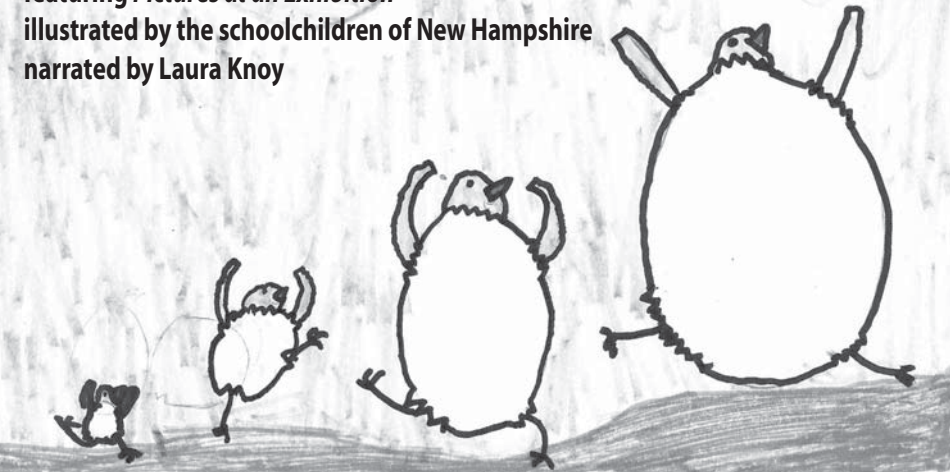
**TOKYO (AP)** — Honda, Japan's second-biggest automaker, reported a 38.1 percent jump in profit for the October-December quarter on Wednesday, thanks to booming sales in the U.S., Europe and Asia outside Japan. Honda, which sells nearly half of its vehicles in North America, revised upward its annual profit forecast, appearing to shrug off the looming worries about a U.S. recession and as well as worries about a stronger yen, which erodes exporters' profits. Like other Japanese automakers with their repu-

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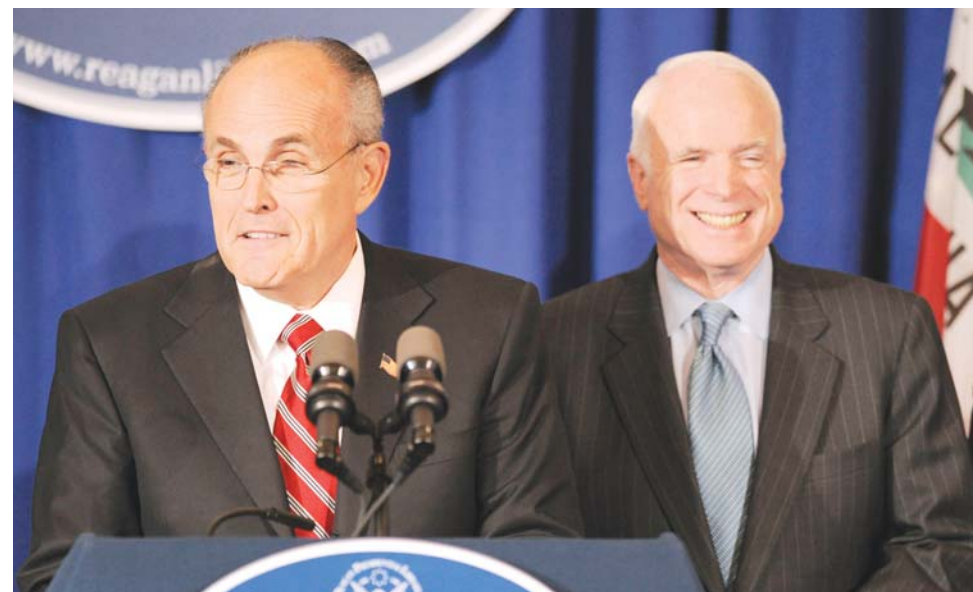
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## CAMPAIGN 2008



Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, left, announces he is bowing out of the presidential race and endorsing Republican hopeful Sen. John McCain during a news conference before the Republican presidential debate in California Wednesday. (AP Photo/Mark Terrill)

## Giuliani quits race, endorses McCain

**SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP)** — Rudy Giuliani, who sought to make the leap from New York mayor to the White House, bowed out of the Republican presidential contest Wednesday and endorsed front-runner and longtime friend John McCain. "John McCain is the most qualified candidate to be the next commander in chief of the United States," Giuliani said. "He's an American hero."

Once the front-runner himself, Giuliani decided to abandon the race after a dismal performance in Tuesday's Florida primary, a contest on which he had bet his political fortune. Instead, McCain won and Giuliani came in a distant third. Giuliani recalled he had said in an earlier debate that McCain would be his choice for president if he were not running himself. "If I'd endorsed anyone else, you would say I was flip-flopping," he said, mentioning an oft-repeated criticism of McCain's chief rival, Mitt Romney. McCain, standing at Giuliani's side, acknowledged his former rival as "my strong right arm and my partner."

"This man is a national hero and I'm honored by his friendship," he said. The endorsement joined two Republicans who had campaigned on similar themes that highlighted their national security credentials — McCain's status as a Vietnam POW, war hero and a Senate voice on defense matters, and Giuliani as a stalwart New York mayor during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Giuliani announced his exit from the race and backing of McCain at the Ronald Reagan Library, site of Wednesday night's debate involving the remaining GOP candidates. Tuesday's result was a remarkable collapse for Giuliani. Last year, he occupied the top of national polls and seemed destined to turn conventional wisdom on end by running as a moderate Republican who supported abortion rights, gay rights and gun control. The results seriously decimated Giuliani's unconventional strategy, which relied heavily on Florida to launch him into the coast-to-coast Feb. 5 nominating contests. But Florida proved to be less than hospitable. His poll numbers dropped and key endorsements went to McCain. Surveys of voters leaving polling places Tuesday showed that Giuliani was getting backing from some Hispanics, abortion rights supporters and people worried about terrorism, but was not dominating in any area.

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## Florida loss knocks out Edwards

### Stops short of endorsing Clinton or Obama for now

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Democrat John Edwards bowed out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination on Wednesday, saying it was time to step aside "so that history can blaze its path" in a campaign now left to Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama. "With our convictions and a little backbone we will take back the White House in November," said Edwards, ending his second campaign in a hurricane-ravaged section of New Orleans where he began it more than a year ago. Edwards said Clinton and Obama had both pledged that "they will make ending poverty central to their campaign for the presidency." "This is the cause of my life and I now have their commitment to engage in this cause," he said before a small group of supporters. He was joined by his wife Elizabeth and his three children, Cate, Emma Claire and Jack. It was the second time Edwards sought the Democratic presidential nomination. Four years ago he was the vice presidential running mate on a ticket headed by John Kerry. Four years later, he waged a spirited, underfunded race on a populist note, pledging to represent the powerless against the corporate interests. He finished second in the Iowa caucuses that led off the campaign, but he was quickly overshadowed — a white man in a race against the former first lady and a 46-year-old black man, each bent on making history. Edwards said that on his way to making his campaign-ending statement, he drove by a highway underpass where several homeless people live. He stopped to talk, he said, and as he was leaving, one of them asked him never to forget them and their plight.



Democrat John Edwards announces his withdrawal from the presidential race in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans. Wednesday. (AP Photo/Bill Haber)

## Obama attacks Clinton again

### Calls senator a calculating and divisive opponent

**DENVER (AP)** — Democratic White House candidate Barack Obama on Wednesday said rival Hillary Rodham Clinton is too polarizing to win the presidency and she has taken positions shared by President Bush and Republican candidate John McCain for political expediency. Obama depicted Clinton as a calculating, poll-tested divisive figure who will only inspire greater partisan divisions as she sides with Republicans on issues like trade, the role of lobbyists in politics and national security. At the same time, he elevated McCain, fresh off victory in Florida's crucial primary, as the likely Republican nominee. "Democrats will win in November and build a majority in Congress not by nominating a candidate who will unite the other party against us, but by choosing one who what I will do," he said. The Clinton campaign said Obama was abandoning his pledge to run a positive campaign by making misleading attacks on her record. "Senator Obama laments this kind of politics in his book, 'Audacity of Hope,'" her campaign responded in a Web posting that containing a quote from page 133 of the book: "That is how most of my colleagues, Republican and Democrat, enter the Senate and their words distorted, and their motives questioned." Obama drew more than 10,000 people to his speech at the University of Denver. They packed a hockey arena and crammed into two overflow rooms and still were lined up outside to get in. Colorado is a caucus state, one of 22 to hold nominating contests Tuesday, and is one of a handful of states where the Obama campaign is predicting victory. Clinton has the advantage in several others, while several are still up for grabs.

# Footprints a focus in Gary Dodds fraud trial

## Firefighter says print backs defendant's story

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — A firefighter testified Wednesday that he saw a footprint leading into the woods near where Gary Dodds crashed his car in 2006, bolstering the congressional candidate's claim that he spent the night lost outside.



Gary Dodds

Michael McShane's testimony on the second day of Dodds' trial contradicted that of a state trooper, who testified earlier that the only footprints in the area — other than those made by neighbors who responded to the crash — led from the car back to the highway. But McShane, part of the first rescue crew at the scene, also told jurors that when he went into the woods to search, he found no other footprints or signs that anyone had entered the snowy woods.

Prosecutors say Dodds faked his story about crossing an icy river and spending a night in the woods af-

ter crashing his car that April, and that he soaked his feet in cold water for hours as part of a ploy to attract attention to his flagging campaign for the Democratic nomination in the 1st Congressional District.

Defense lawyers argue that Dodds has been wrongly accused by law enforcement officials to deflect attention from their bungled search and rescue effort.

Dodds' wife, Cynthia, offered still another possible explanation while the search — which she considered inadequate — was still in progress, State Police Capt. Robert Quinn testified Wednesday.

"She told me that her husband did not drink, didn't have a girlfriend, didn't do drugs. So basically, she felt

this was suspicious in nature," Quinn said.

"She also told me she felt the Democratic Party may be behind his current situation ... because the Democratic Party wanted Jim Craig to win," Quinn said.

Craig, then a state representative, was considered the front-runner for the nomination at the time.

Dodds, 43, a businessman, is charged with falsifying evidence, a felony, and misdemeanor charges of leaving the scene of an accident and causing false public alarm. He faces up to seven years in prison if convicted.

Dodds' car struck and went over a highway guardrail in Dover on the evening of April 5, 2006. He later said he swerved to avoid hitting a deer but remembering little else other than wading through the icy river and wandering in the woods.

Authorities estimate they



Dover firefighter Michael McShane testifies Wednesday about what he saw at the scene of a car crash involving former congressional candidate Gary Dodds on the Spaulding turnpike in Dover, N.H., on April 5, 2006. (AP Photo/Foster's Daily Democrat/Mike Ross)

spent \$18,000 searching for Dodds with teams assisted by dogs and a helicopter. Dodds was found the next night, a mile from the crash scene under a pile of leaves, fading in

and out of consciousness and missing a shoe.

In opening statements Tuesday, County Attorney Thomas Velardi said physical and medical evidence will

show that Dodds' injuries were caused by immersing his feet in cold water for 5-10 hours rather than spending the night outdoors after being fully submerged in the river.

# House approves boat speed limit

## Top speed of 45 mph for Winnepesaukee

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The House approved boat speed limits on New Hampshire's largest lake Wednesday in hopes they will produce more peaceful waters reminiscent of less congested times.

The House voted 236-111 to set 45 mph daytime and 25 mph nighttime limits for two years on Lake Winnepesaukee. Violations would be part of the boater's motor vehicle driving record.

Supporters argued the two-year trial would be plenty of time to test speed limits. "It is past time to re-establish the anxiety free, family friendly use on Lake Winnepesaukee," said Democrat Howard Cunningham of Center Sandwich.

Cunningham and others supporters said people are afraid to canoe or swim, especially on weekends when boat traffic is most congested.

"The rights of the few must fit with the rights of the all," said Pennington Brown, D-Epping.

Opponents argued the limits are unnecessary.

As proof, Londonderry Republican Sherman Pack-

ard pointed to a Marine Patrol study last summer that found few boats exceeded the proposed limit. Out of 3,852 boats clocked by radar, only three were going

**"If anyone thinks imposing a 45 mph speed limit is going to stop those three people from going faster, well, I've got some good ski areas down in Florida I'd like to sell you."**

between 60-70 mph, he said. Only 83 were going faster than 45 mph.

"Where's the problem? There isn't a problem," he said. "If anyone thinks imposing a 45 mph speed limit is going to stop those three people from going faster or another three people from going faster, well, I've got some good ski areas down in Florida I'd like to sell you."

Opponents said it made no sense to pass a law in hopes a small, inconsiderate group would change its habits.

The House passed a bill two years ago to impose limits on all lakes and rivers, but the Senate killed it.

Supporters said the latest bill is a compromise because it applies only to Lake Winnepesaukee and the limits automatically expire in two years.

But Packard said it made no sense to impose limits on the state's largest lake when speeders would pose a greater safety risk on smaller lakes.

House Republican Leader Michael Whalley argued in vain that headway rules governing when boats approach other boats and the shore are, in effect, a speed limit. The rules require boats to slow down to a "no wake" speed, often no more than 6 mph when within 150 feet of other boats and the shoreline.

"That is a speed limit," said Whalley of Alton. "You must slow down in anticipation of that 150 feet."

# E-ZPass rules reviewed after arrest

## Lawmakers concerned after Wolfeboro incident

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Changes could be on the way for how E-ZPass collects unpaid tolls, following the wrongful arrest of a Wolfeboro teacher last week.

Legislators are considering a bill that would suspend car registration renewal instead of suspend-

ing the driver's license when a toll is in dispute. That would allow police to inform drivers of the problem, rather than being forced to arrest them.

The Transportation Department and E-ZPass have asked for the change.

Last week, Eric Kingkopf was arrested on suspicion of driving with a suspended license for an allegedly unpaid

E-ZPass toll. Kingkopf had actually paid the toll, but it never got processed.

"A glitch, a computer error, results in a Kafka-like nightmare," Rep. Jim Ryan said. "He is taken out of his car, placed in handcuffs, thrown in jail. He has to make arrangements to get back to his home — having done absolutely nothing wrong."

### STATE NEWS BRIEFS

#### Plan to name road for officer is put off

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A highway won't be named after slain Franconia (New Hampshire) police Cpl. Bruce McKay this year in his hometown that still is emotionally divided over what happened the day McKay and his killer died.

The House voted 257-95 Wednesday to study the idea in hopes the emotions would ease.

A House committee recommended more study for a proposal to name a two-mile stretch of the Franconia Notch Parkway the Corporal Bruce McKay Memorial Parkway. The committee said it wanted time to hear from the town and

surrounding communities.

McKay was shot to death last May by Easton resident Liko Kenney. A passer-by then shot Kenney to death. At a hearing on the proposal, some area residents and a member of Kenney's family said they opposed it.

#### UNH, faculty contract talks reach impasse

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — The University of New Hampshire and the faculty union say they have reached an impasse in contract talks.

After an exchange of proposals last week, both sides will now seek an outside mediator to resolve differences.

UNH faculty have been without a contract for 19 months. The last contract,

which was settled in 2003, remains in effect until both sides agree on a new one.

Compensation and benefits have been the sticking points in negotiations.

#### Local student designs pope's American altar

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — When Pope Benedict celebrates Mass in Washington this April, he will rest his chalice on an altar designed by an architecture student from New Hampshire.

Ryan Mullen, who graduated from Manchester's Trinity High School in 2002, is one of two architecture students at Catholic University in Washington who designed the papal altar and chair. He says having his design picked is a big honor.



Fans watch the Arizona Cardinals and Cleveland Browns from the south end zone at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. in this photo. (AP Photo/Rick Hossman, file)

# Super Bowl may be hazardous

## Heart attacks noted during World Cup

NEW YORK (AP) — For rabid fans of the New York Giants and New England Patriots, this Sunday's Super Bowl won't be just a game.

It may be a health hazard.

Heart attacks and other cardiac emergencies doubled in Munich, Germany, when that nation's soccer team played in World Cup matches, a new study reports.

While history suggests European soccer fans can get a bit more worked up than the average American football fan, doctors think there are some valid warnings to be shared.

"I know a little bit about the Super Bowl," study author Dr. Gerhard Steinbeck of Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich said in a telephone interview. "It's reasonable to think that something quite similar might happen."

He and his colleagues present their results in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. They blamed emotional stress for the heart problems, but they note that lack of sleep, overeating, wolfing down junk food, boozing and smoking might have played a role too.

Previous studies suggest that events like earthquakes and war can boost the risk of heart problems. Findings for soccer have been inconsistent.

The new work "confirms something people have been highly skeptical about ... that soccer (would) produce that kind of emotional investment that might trigger a heart attack," said psychologist Douglas Carroll of the University of Birmingham in England.

"People who are not interested in sport find it very difficult to comprehend this," said Carroll, who in 2002 reported a link between World Cup soccer and heart attacks in England.

The new paper included heart attacks, cardiac arrests, episodes of irregular heartbeat and activations of automatic implanted defibrillators. The researchers noted the number of cases reported in the greater Munich area during World Cup competition in Germany in the summer of 2006. They compared that to the totals for similar periods in 2003 and 2005, and for several weeks before and after the tournament.

# Hurricanes heat up with the water

## Atlantic storms stronger with higher water temps.

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the water in the hurricane breeding grounds of the Atlantic warms one degree in the dead of summer, overall hurricane activity jumps by half, according to a new study.

Scientists have long known that hurricanes get their enormous energy from warm waters, so the warmer the water, the more fuel a storm has to either start up or get stronger. The study calculates how much storm frequency and strength is due to warmer sea water, said author Mark Saunders, professor of climate prediction at the University College London.

Saunders found a distinct numerical connection between the ups and downs of water temperatures and how nasty hurricane season gets. That helps explain why hurricanes have been so much worse in the past dozen years, and even why 2007 — with waters slightly cooler than normal — was an exception and not that bad a hurricane year, Saunders said.

"It's very surprisingly sensitive to small changes in sea surface temperature," he said.

His study, published Thursday in the journal Nature, found that changes in wind patterns caused a bigger shift in hurricane activity, but he concentrated his analysis on

what sea temperature did to storms. Saunders didn't look at what caused the temperature fluctuations, although he believes that climate change is a contributing factor.

Scientists have clashed in recent years about whether man-made global warming has already increased hurricane activity in the Atlantic by warming the sea and shifting wind patterns, and what global warming may mean in the future.

Saunders focused on the water temperature in a band of tropical sea that stretches from around Puerto Rico and the northern coast of South America east to near the coast of Africa since 1950. He looked at hurricane activity since 1965.



Men watch a grass fire in Parker county near Aledo, Texas, recently. (AP Photo/Donna McWilliam)

# Strong winds fuel Texas wildfires

## Conditions expected to improve soon

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Conditions that fanned wildfires and forced evacuations in parts of Texas were expected to improve Wednesday, but areas still faced the threat of wildfires

through the end of the week.

The fast-moving Tuesday fires consumed about 2,000 acres in north, central and west Texas and destroyed at least two dozen buildings. Two firefighters were injured when an 18-wheeler whose driver was blinded by smoke rear-ended their

vehicle, officials said.

Low humidity trailing a fast-moving cold front created the wildfire threat. Roger Erickson of the weather service's Fort Worth office said conditions were still ripe for wildfires but higher humidity "will get us a little bit of relief."

# Survey sheds light on head trauma

## Ties soldier symptoms to stress, depression

Finally, there is some good news about soldiers who suffered head injuries in Iraq.

New research suggests that many of their symptoms may be due to stress and depression — treatable conditions — rather than permanent damage from mild traumatic brain injury, the signature wound of the war.

Several nonmilitary doctors praised the research and agreed that if the find-

ings are correct, there is hope for strong improvement for many soldiers.

Eric O'Brien, a 33-year-old Army staff sergeant from Iowa's Quad Cities, is a good example.

After an explosion in Baghdad in 2006, O'Brien was treated at Vanderbilt University's brain injury rehabilitation program and at Fort Campbell, Ky., for post-traumatic stress. Now he is preparing to redeploy, this time to Afghanistan.

"I retested on a lot of the tests and they showed a pretty decent increase," he said of his mental function tests. As for stress, "I don't know if it's something you just learn to deal with or if it just gets a little bit better over time," he said. "It's not as bad as it was."

Thousands of soldiers returning from Iraq have struggled with memory loss, irritability, trouble sleeping and concentrating, as well as other problems.

THE WORLD IN 7 PARAGRAPHS

1 AUSTIN, Texas — Gov. Rick Perry issued a disaster proclamation for more than half the counties in Texas on Wednesday because of wildfires that have already destroyed at least two dozen buildings and could do more damage later this week. Perry's order makes 152 of the state's 254 counties eligible for state assistance. AP

2 NEW YORK — Jewish doctors, lawyers and business executives too busy for the formal study of their faith can now order in religious lessons, thanks to an organization whose rabbis make office calls. Aish HaTorah, an Orthodox Jewish educational network based in Israel, has four rabbis on call in New York City. AP

3 CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space station's two American astronauts went out on a riskier-than-usual spacewalk Wednesday and fixed one of two equipment failures that crippled their power system and threatened to stall construction at the orbiting outpost. Commander Peggy Whitson and Daniel Tani replaced a motor needed to tilt a solar wing. AP

4 VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI said charity was a "duty of justice" for Roman Catholics and that they must assume greater responsibility to help the less fortunate. Focusing on alms giving in his traditional message for Lent, the pope warned Tuesday against do-gooders who are in it for personal aggrandizement. AP

5 CINCINNATI — A federal appeals court on Wednesday rejected an alleged Nazi death camp guard's challenge to a final deportation order by the nation's chief immigration judge. A panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled there was no basis to John Demjanjuk's challenge of a December 2005 ruling. AP

6 JERUSALEM — The Israeli Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the government's decision to slash fuel and electricity supplies to the Gaza Strip. Israeli human rights groups had challenged the sanctions, which Israel says are aimed at halting ongoing rocket fire by Gaza militants. Palestinian officials say the cutbacks have harmed Gaza's already impoverished residents. AP

7 ALTAGRACIA DE ORITUCO, Venezuela — Four gunmen freed dozens of hostages and surrendered to police after a high-speed chase, ending an ordeal in Venezuela that began with a botched bank robbery and lasted more than 30 hours. Police blocked a highway Tuesday to intercept the gunmen as they raced away from the bank. AP



A Kenyan man sits in the cab of a destroyed truck used as a makeshift roadblock while a tire burns on the roof, as he and others enforce the roadblock in Kisumu, Kenya, Tuesday. (AP Photo/Ben Curtis)

Kenyan violence called 'ethnic cleansing'

US envoy stops short of declaring genocide

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The top U.S. envoy to Africa called the month of post-election violence in Kenya "ethnic cleansing" and said Wednesday Washington was reconsidering hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to the country.

Jendayi Frazer said neither President Mwai Kibaki nor his chief rival, opposition leader Raila Odinga, is doing enough to stop the bloodshed that has claimed more than 800 lives since the disputed Dec. 27 presidential vote.

Much of the violence has pitted other tribes, including Odinga's Luo, against Kibaki's Kikuyu who are the largest ethnic group. Kikuyus have long been resented for

their dominance of Kenya's economy and politics, but poor Kikuyu are among the slum dwellers who have been left out of the country's economic boom.

Frazer said the violence she saw during a visit earlier this month to the western Rift Valley pitted the Kalenjin, who support Odinga, against Kikuyus.

"The first wave of this violence, it was primarily in the Rift Valley, and it was Kalenjin pushing out Kikuyu. But that may now be spreading to Kikuyus pushing out Luos and Kalenjins," Frazer told reporters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the sidelines of an African Union summit.

"What I was talking about in terms of the ethnic cleansing that I saw was the immediate aftermath of the elec-

tion, in which there was an organized effort to push people out of the Rift Valley." In that area, she said people were told to leave their homes on the threat of death if they did not flee.

Frazer said she did not consider the killings a genocide. In Washington, the State Department appeared to back away from Frazer's characterization of the violence as ethnic cleansing.

"Very clearly, there is a very serious situation, if not crisis, with respect to people being displaced in Kenya," spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters. He said experts from the State Department's Office of War Crimes Issues were compiling information about the violence but had not yet made any findings.

Vermont township talks of indicting Bush

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. (AP) — A town petition making President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney subject to arrest for crimes against the Constitution has triggered a barrage of criticism from people who say residents are "wackjobs" and "nuts."

In e-mail messages, voice-mail messages and telephone calls, outraged people are calling the measure the equivalent of treason and vowing never to visit Vermont.

"Has everyone up there been out in the cold too long?" said one.

"I would like to know how I could get some water from your town," said another. "It's obvious that there is something special in it."

The petition — with more than 436 signatures, or at least the 5 percent of voters

necessary to be considered — was submitted Thursday and the town Select Board voted 3-2 Friday to put it on the ballot. It goes to a town-wide vote March 4.

It reads: "Shall the Selectboard instruct the Town Attorney to draft indictments against President Bush and Vice President Cheney for crimes against our Constitution, and publish said indictments for consideration by other authorities and shall it be the law of the Town of Brattleboro that the Brattleboro Police, pursuant to the above-mentioned indictments, arrest and detain George Bush and Richard Cheney in Brattleboro if they are not duly impeached, and prosecute or extradite them to other authorities that may reasonably contend to prose-

cute them?"

News of the measure made the rounds on the Internet, and soon people started calling and writing. The Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce got about 60 e-mails Monday, all of them negative, said Executive Director Jerry Goldberg.

A day later, he said, "we had three or four calls in a row that were very positive. One even volunteered to help."

The petition has no legal standing, since the town attorney has no authority to write an indictment and the police have no authority to arrest Bush or Cheney if either visits Brattleboro. Bush has not visited Vermont during his presidency; Cheney visited Burlington in 2002, but has not been to Brattleboro.

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MCTV UPDATE

Celebrate Quebec on MCTV

By KATHY MASSO MCTV Columnist

In 2008, the Province of Québec will be engaged in a year-long International celebration of its founding by French Explorer, Samuel de Champlain. This important anniversary offers New Hampshire organizations and individuals exciting opportunities to showcase the history, culture, arts and heritage of the French influence and to honor their contributions to our state.

Watch MCTV for programming from the Franco-American Centre about "Québec 400" in upcoming weeks. MCTV was at the Center of NH on Tuesday when the New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute held a public breakfast forum and discussion on a report entitled "The Business Benefits of Women in Leadership."

The report's new research found that women in NH are underutilized among governing boards and as executives in the state's publicly held corporations, hospitals and financial institutions. Charles D. Baker, president and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, was the guest speaker, along with a panel of leaders from banking, health care and general business. Look for this revealing program on Channel 16 this week and weekend.

A show documentary about the "design charrette" that was held this month by Intown Manchester is completed and will show on MCTV Channel 22 beginning this week. The design charrette enabled the public to discuss the vision they have for North Elm Street's future and for design schemes to be created.

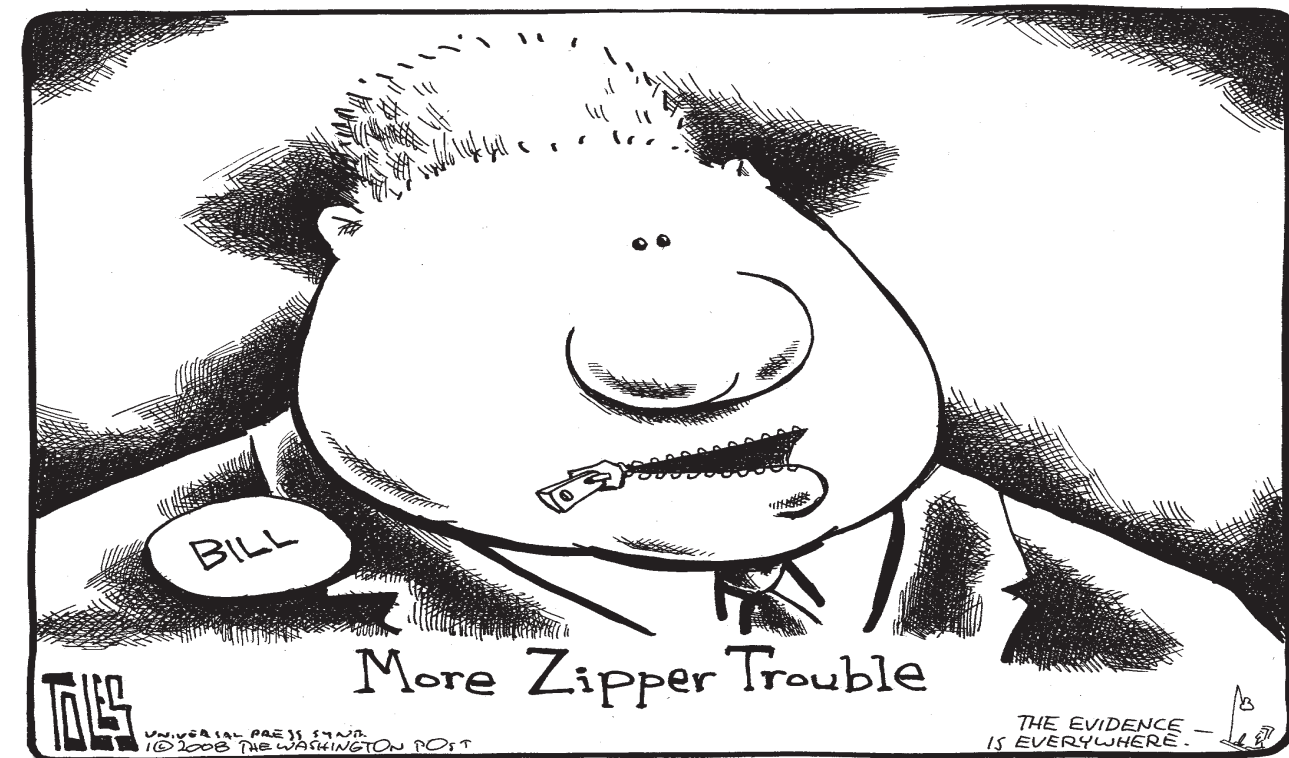
This past Friday evening, Trinity High School Basketball hosted Central High School in a girls and boys double-header. MCTV was there to tape both games with a multi-camera production. Watch both exciting matchups during the week and weekend on Channel 16. MCTV Sports volunteers Peter Capano and Don Pinaud were at SNHU on Tuesday evening recording the SNHU Girls Basketball Team take on UMASS-Lowell. On Friday evening,

Peter and Don are heading to West High School as the Boys Blue Knight Basketball Team hosts Nashua North. The SNHU game will be shown on Channel 16 during the week and weekend. The West High School game will play on Monday evening. A meeting of the School Board Building and Sites Committee was held this past Monday evening. The committee discussed numerous topics revolving around school buildings and grounds. Watch this meeting on Channel 16 during the week and weekend.

A new year of CIP Budget Hearings will be shown live on Channel 22 starting this Thursday. Look for these live hearings on Thursday, Friday and Monday at 2 p.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the nationally award winning Manchester Community Television staff, there is a position opening for an "Operations Assistant." Please visit the Manchester School District Web site www.mansd.org for the job description and qualifications. For show times and other information, please visit the MCTV Web site at manchcom.tv.

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It's time to combine Parks, Highway departments

By RICH GIRARD Daily Express Columnist

The consolidation of any city department should accomplish at least one of the following objectives: Improved service, superior efficiency, increased user friendliness, and/or reduced cost. There certainly are changes that could accomplish "all of the above" quite nicely. One of them would be the consolidation of the Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Department into the Highway Department.

Years ago, Mayor Ray Wieczorek won implementation of a number of initiatives that lead logically to this conclusion. First came the consolidation of the Parks and Recreation Department with the Cemetery Department. It made sense to have two departments that dealt with grass and trees together. It accomplished all four objectives.

Next came the consolidation of the city's Public Building Services Department with the Highway Department. This move took a department in need of stability, systems, and engineering experience and coupled it with a department capable of providing all three. This consolidation paved the way for a significant improvement in the city's buildings and enabled the effective implementation of a great number of complicated building improvement projects. It accomplished all four objectives.

The final step, proposed by Wieczorek and enacted by Mayor Frank Guinta, was the consolidation of the Traffic Department into the Highway Department following the retirement of Traffic Director Tom Lolicata. The department that painted the streets would now belong to the department that maintained them. It met all four requirements.

In April, 2007 Ron Ludwig, Superintendent of the Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Department retired, clear-

ing the way for the final step in the creation of a comprehensive Public Works Department. That it hasn't been proposed in any way is shocking. There isn't a bigger "no-brainer" in Manchester government.

As to whether or not it meets the four criteria, let's look. It places responsibility for the maintenance of all public infrastructure in one place, meaning ev-

erybody knows who to call with problems and where to go for answers. Projects will be internally coordinated within the department, instead of externally coordinated between different departments. And, the combining of each department's labor pool will provide much greater flexibility in pursuit of various needs and objectives.

The current debates over consolidation are disappointing. Mayor Guinta, it seems, wants to discontinue this logical and winning direction. His idea is to actually reverse the successful coupling of the public building and highway departments and combine it with Parks, Recreation and Cemetery. It's hard to see how this will save money. It will not eliminate a department head's position. It will not pool public works personnel. It will not take inherent advantage of the many engineering and management resources in the Highway Department. It will not be more user friendly. And, it has many other missed opportunities. It is simply inferior to what is and what could be.

On another front, the mayor vetoed

Alderman Mike Lopez's attempt to examine a consolidation of the human resources and finance departments. Lopez believes that the retirement of a department head is a good time to consider consolidation and that it should be looked at. He's right, of course, but why isn't he fighting to see how the Parks Department can be consolidated into the Highway Department to form a Public Works Department? Guinta doesn't think the proposal will yield any improvement over the status quo and may even be worse. He's right, actually, but he should have let it go to committee so the facts supporting his case would be aired.

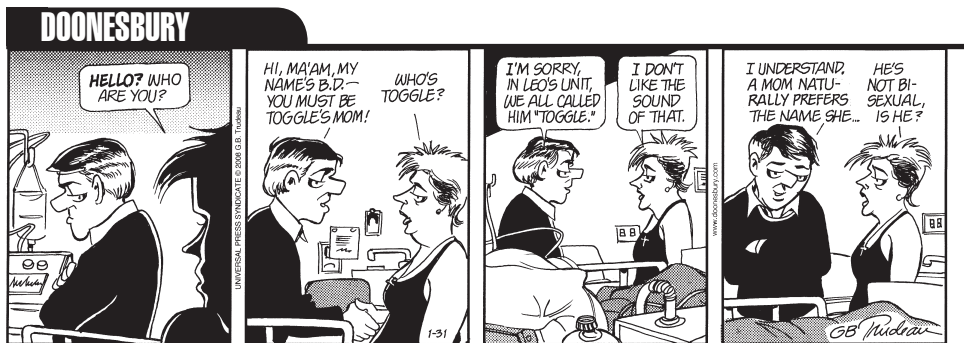
The tone and tenor of the argument between Guinta and Lopez over these proposals is amateurish. How each has proceeded with respect to these two proposals, all the while ignoring an unbelievable opportunity, leads one to conclude it's more about political posturing than cooperative proceedings that truly examine the opportunities.

The time has come to complete the creation of a comprehensive Public Works Department. The basic work on this proposal was done years ago. It's time for our elected leaders to stop squabbling about small stuff and to dust this off, tune it up, and put it into action.

Rich Girard served as aide to Mayor Ray Wieczorek from 1992 to 1997 and as alderman at-large from 1998 to 1999. He ran for mayor in 2001 and is a long-time community activist.

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COMICS & GAMES



A 10-day-old Rothschild giraffe named Margaret gives a lick to her keeper, Tim Rowlands, at Chester Zoo in Chester, England this week. (AP Photo/Jon Super).

Today in History:

Today is Thursday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2008. There are 335 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Jan. 31, 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carol Channing is 87. Actress Jean Simmons is 79. Actor Stuart Margolin ("The Rockford Files") is 68. Actress Jessica Walter ("Arrested Development") is 67.

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**Dave Long's Patriots Notebook**

By DAVE LONG  
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The Super Bowl is just a few days away, where the most important objective is to win their fourth Super Bowl in seven years and not the perfect season, although if they do the first, they get the second.

**Up Next:** The 13-6 New York Giants who beat Green Bay 23-20 in overtime to advance to the Super Bowl.

**History:** The Patriots lead the overall series 5-3 and were 38-35 winners when they met in week 17.

**The Big Story:** For the final time, it's the final time, it's - Can They Go Undefeated?

**Significant New York Stat:** The Giants have three players with nine sacks or more and with 53 they led the NFL in 2007.

**Defensive Guy To Stop:** Osi Umenyiora is the sack leader with 13.5, and while six did come in one game it shows he's capable of having a hugely disruptive impact.

**Offensive Guy To Stop:** While they'll look to pound it with bruising **Brandon Jacobs** and **Ahmad Bradshaw**, the **Ellis Hobbs-Plaxico Burress** match-up is potentially the most lethal. Burress is playing great, has a huge size differential and Hobbs is picked on by everybody.

**Worst Stats From the First Game:** The Giants converted 60 percent of their third downs into firsts and the Patriots ran just 1.7 yards per attempt.

**New York Bad Karma Story: The Numbers:** A robust 38 percent said they believed in the Sports Illustrated jinx when the Daily News polled readers after **Eli Manning** wound up on this week's cover.

**Keys To A Patriots Win:**

1. Contain the Giant Pass Rush — it's the NFL's best. They went after **Tom Brady** last time and with him likely to be less mobile now, don't expect that to change.
2. Attack The Corners: The G-Men's weak link is in the secondary. Attacking them on the outside will force double teaming and bring linebackers into coverage on **Wes Welker** and **Ben Watson**. I'll take that match-up.
3. Help on **Plaxico Burress** — If Hobbs is on him one on one, he'll get shiska bobbed.
4. Pressure **Eli Manning**. The first game turned when they Patriots got out of the passive, bend but don't break zone and starting going after Manning to force quicker decisions.

**Spread and Prediction:** Last time the Pats were favored by 14½ on the road. It's 12 on a neutral field now, so the G-Men have gained respect. They've got mine as well. So I don't see them covering, but I do see the Pats playing their best game and winning 34-23.

**Record Against The Spread:** 12-6.

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# Patriots will get changeup from Bradshaw

## Back-up running back is Giants' secret weapon

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Ahmad Bradshaw. He's the guy who scampered 88 yards for a touchdown in the snow in the playoff-clinching win over Buffalo just before Christmas. He ran so fast that he lost a letter from the "NY" decal on the side of his helmet.

The rookie halfback not only has given the Giants a breakaway threat in the backfield inside and outside tackles, he's also given fans a reason to believe their team can beat the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl.

"I just plan on going out and playing my game," Bradshaw said Tuesday. "I didn't get a chance to play against them last time, and I have to take advantage of it."

When the Giants were



New York Giants running back Ahmad Bradshaw carries the ball against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the NFL wildcard football playoff round. (AP Photo/Scott Audette)

beaten by the Patriots, 38-35, in the final game of the regular season, Bradshaw was out with a calf injury.

In the playoffs, however,

ing 6-foot-4, 263-pound starter.

New England linebacker Mike Vrabel said coach Bill Belichick has shown videotape cutups of Bradshaw to get the attention of the defense.

The one that stands out in Vrabel's mind is a 6-yard run against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC wildcard game. Bradshaw was hit early, lost his helmet and kept going.

"He is a great back and he is one of those guys who is gaining confidence each time he carries the ball," Vrabel said. "Bill loves him. He shows film of him, he gets his helmet knocked off and runs through three guys and says: 'That's a pretty good 6-yard run.' He's right."

The run typifies Bradshaw's style of play. He's a 5-foot-9, 200-pounder whose legs never stop churning with each carry.

# Super Bowl XLII may possibly set ratings records

## Fox hoping millions tune in for contest

NEW YORK (AP) — The undefeated New England Patriots aren't taking the only shot at history this weekend. There's a strong chance that this could be the most-watched Super Bowl ever.

The record Fox will be shooting for is the 94.08 million viewers who watched the Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers in January 1996, according to Nielsen Media Research. Last year's victory by the Indianapolis Colts came closest with 93.2 million.

The biggest draw is the

Patriots themselves, as they attempt to become the first undefeated NFL team since the 1972 Dolphins — and secure near-unanimous acclaim as the best pro football team ever.

"This has a very good chance," said Brad Adgate, research chief for the Madison Avenue firm Horizon Media.

While the Patriots' quest for history will be the focus, they must beat the New York Giants, who represent the biggest television market in the country. The Giants' underdog run to the Super Bowl has captivated its fan base, and the NFC championship victory over

the Green Bay Packers had the biggest audience for that game since 1995, according to Nielsen Media Research.

There's also the fresh memory of the thrilling game the Giants and Patriots played on the last night of the regular season, where New England had to come from behind to keep their unbeaten streak alive. That game was seen by 34.5 million people, the most-watched NFL regular season game since 1990.

Fox says that setting a record is possible. "There are a lot of factors that go into a huge number like this," said Bill Wanger, research chief for Fox sports. "Having the number one market isn't necessarily a lock."

# Tiger aims to extend winning streak at Dubai Desert Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods isn't slowly easing into the 2008 season. He's playing back-to-back tournaments — and flying halfway around the world to do it.

After a commanding win in California, Woods is feeling fresh and hoping for a fifth straight title in sunny, skyscraper-studded Dubai.

"It's one of those things where I've always played pretty well coming off breaks, and you feel fresh and my practice sessions were pretty good," Woods said at palm

tree-lined Emirates Golf Club, where the \$2.5 million Dubai Desert Classic gets under way Thursday.

"Coming over here after playing well last week, (I'm) really looking forward to teasing it up this week and giving it a go."

Woods' dominant eight-stroke win Sunday at the Buick Invitational was his fourth straight and 62nd career title, tying Arnold Palmer for fourth on the PGA Tour list. If he triumphs in Dubai, it will be his seventh win in eight starts, including a victory in his own

tournament, the Target World Challenge in December.

After working on his swing for months and taking a 10-week break following the Tour Championship and another five weeks off after the Target World Challenge, Woods has high hopes for this season. Earlier this month, he declared that winning the Grand Slam in a calendar year is "easily within reason."

On Wednesday, Woods again said if he controls his own play and peaks at the right times this year, the four majors are in reach.

ing the number one market isn't necessarily a lock."

Actually, TV networks prefer a contest with a bit more geographic diversity — a West Coast team playing an East Coast team, instead of two teams from the Northeast.

The biggest factor in keeping viewers tuned in is the competitiveness of the game. A rout is generally bad news, although recent history is on Fox's side. After a run of lackluster Super Bowl games, this decade has seen some good ones. The playoffs leading up to the Super Bowl, capped by the Giants' overtime victory over Green Bay, also bode well.

"It's about playing well at the right times," he said. "It's about getting lucky, actually. You have to have everything go your way."

But Woods also attributed his winning streak to years of tinkering with his game.

"One of the reasons why I made the changes that I made is to get to this point," he said. "And the great thing is, we have a long way to go."

Unlike the Buick Invitational, which Woods has won four years in a row, the Dubai Desert Classic has not always gone his way.

# Madonna named top 'Cash Queen'

## Lands #1 spot on Forbes.com's list

NEW YORK (AP) — Madonna is the richest woman in music.

The 49-year-old entertainer leads Forbes.com's list of the top 20 "Cash Queens of Music," earning \$72 million between June 2006 and June 2007.

The pop star's "Confessions" world tour pulled in \$260 million, Forbes said. She also made money from album sales, her fashion line with H&M and a deal with

NBC to broadcast her concert performance at London's Wembley Stadium.



Madonna

other revenue from clothing lines, fragrance deals and endorsements.

Barbra Streisand is No. 2

with \$60 million, thanks to her comeback tour of North America and Europe.

Celine Dion ranks third with \$45 million, largely from her successful "A New Day" show in Las Vegas, which she wrapped up in December after a five-year engagement at Caesars Palace.

Shakira is fourth with \$38 million, followed by Beyonce (\$27 million), Gwen Stefani (\$26 million), Christina Aguilera (\$20 million), Faith Hill (\$19 million), the Dixie Chicks (\$18 million) and Mariah Carey (\$13 million).

# Dr. Phil regrets talking about Spears

## But denies betraying family's trust

NEW YORK (AP) — Television's "Dr. Phil" McGraw says he regrets talking about Britney Spears' mental health after visiting her in the hospital, but didn't violate the family's trust.

"I regret making the statement. It didn't help. It didn't work," the syndicated TV psychologist said Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Spears, 26, was hospitalized in Los Angeles after a child custody dispute with ex-husband Kevin Federline resulted in an hours-long standoff with police Jan. 3. Federline has sole physical and legal custody of their two sons, Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1.



Dr. Phil McGraw

McGraw said he visited the pop singer as a family friend, and rejected critics who accused him of practicing psychology without a license.

"I did not go there to diagnose her. I did not go there to treat her," said McGraw, who showed up at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on Jan. 5 as Spears was about to be discharged.

McGraw said he retired his Texas license after 25 years of private practice because of the demands of his "Dr. Phil" daytime talk show.

The Spears family has accused McGraw of betraying their trust by making an "inappropriate" public statement about the singer's hospitalization.

McGraw had told celebrity news TV shows that Spears was in "dire" need of medical and psychological help.

In an appearance on NBC's "Today" show Wednesday, McGraw said his public comments after visiting Spears were intended to prevent rumors and misinformation.

"I wanted to stop speculation about what may have gone on in there," he said.

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# Hannah Montana mania

## Miley Cyrus talks about concert craze, 3D film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hannah Montana mania has already conquered TV, the music industry and the touring world. Now it's set to take over the film industry — for one week.

On Friday, theaters nationwide will show "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: The Best of Both Worlds Concert," a 3D film version of the sellout tour — and already, tickets for the film are in short supply. Clearly the "Hannah Montana" brand — which started as a Disney TV series but has branched out into multiplatinum albums and stage shows — hasn't reached saturation point.

Which is all good for the 15-year-old star behind the phenomenon, Miley Cyrus. In the past year, she's become a sensation that sells tabloids besides albums and tickets. Her fame would be hard for most adults to handle, but in a recent interview with The Associated Press, Miley seemed to have a good grasp on how to handle the spotlight.

**AP:** Why do a film version of the tour in 3D?

**Miley:** It was mostly because of the tickets and there were so many people that didn't get to come to the show. This is like better than front row. You could reach out and feel like you can touch my hand you could see me right then. Right there, right in front of you, which is so fun. Also just to be able to see behind the scenes which I think is the most clever part of anything. Just getting to see what all goes into this. They can walk around knowing what real hard work it is. I mean I think I have the easiest job.

**AP:** The movie also features your tour partners, the



Actress and singer Miley Cyrus poses for a photo recently at a hotel in Burbank, Calif. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

Jonas Bros. What was it like to perform with them?

**Miley:** With the Jonas' our music is similar but it's definitely not exact. There is a different vibe with the Hannah vibe and the Miley vibe. It's just so many different tastes of music that to have it all in one show it's just cool to introduce the kids to.

**AP:** Why do you think the Hannah Montana craze exploded last year?

**Miley:** The kids can relate — like once again with the 3D movie, it will be even better. They don't even know what they have coming when they get to see it. Just that Hannah

Montana and the show are so relatable that not only the celebrity part of it but just getting to see the normal girl underneath it all is really incredible.

**AP:** Do you think you've been able to create your own identity outside of your famous character?

**Miley:** I think this tour was a really good way of doing that. Just kind of breaking out and having my music and get to have not only doing press stuff all the time and being like, "Miley Miley Miley." You get to go out in front of 20 thousand people every night and show who you really are. I think that's one of the best parts.