

THE POLICE BEAT

CATCHING UP WITH THE AREA CRIME REPORT

STEBEN SHERIFF

PROBATION VIOLATION

CORNING | Donielle G. Fisher, 27, of West William Street, Corning, was charged Monday with a probation violation. He was jailed on \$10,000 cash bail or \$20,000 property bond.

ADDISON VILLAGE

MULTIPLE CHARGES

ADDISON | Jacob Canute, 17, of Addison, was charged Saturday with criminal mischief, obstructing governmental administration and third-degree escape.

HARASSMENT

ADDISON | Ila Estep, 32, of Addison, was charged Saturday with second-degree harassment.

ADDISON | Jessica Okonsky, 30, of Addison, was charged Thursday with second-degree harassment.

FAILURE TO PAY

ADDISON | Benjamin Hoaglin, 26, of Addison, was charged Friday with failure to pay a fine.

ELMIRA CITY

POT POSSESSION

ELMIRA | Mark A. Jones Jr., 21, of Lynwood Avenue, Elmira Heights, was charged Thursday with unlawful possession of marijuana.

FORGED INSTRUMENT

ELMIRA | Charles T. Rumpff, 23, of 12th Street, Watkins Glen, was charged Thursday with second-degree possession of a forged instrument.

FALSE REPORT

ELMIRA | Bonnie L. Silvernail, 51, of West First Street, Elmira, was charged Thursday with falsely reporting an incident.

CORNING CITY

COMPLAINTS | 08.10.08

1:14 a.m. A caller said two white men were peering into houses on William Street.

4:41 a.m. A Fourth Street woman said she heard a car alarm.

6:17 a.m. A woman said someone broke into the vending machine at the Red Arrow Laundromat.

9:02 a.m. A caller said a woman was threatening another woman at a Columbia Street apartment.

11:08 a.m. A caller said two young kids were attempting to steal a bike at Stewart Park.

12:11 p.m. A caller said a woman was hitting a toddler at a residence on Fourth Street.

12:35 p.m. A caller said kids were setting off fireworks in Denison Park.

12:42 p.m. A woman said someone went through her vehicles while there were parked in a garage on East First Street.

12:58 p.m. A man said he was threatened by two other men on East Second Street.

2 p.m. A woman said someone stole her purse near Vitrix Glass.

2:52 p.m. A caller said two men were attempting to break into a house on East Second Street.

8:26 p.m. A Second Street woman said three males were on her shed.

Massa calls upon rival Kuhl for 'favor'

Thinks he can influence Bush to recall Congress

BY JOE DUNNING
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CORNING | Democrat Eric Massa is asking his political opponent, U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., for a favor.

Massa called on Kuhl Monday to ask President Bush to call both houses of Congress back in to session and address the soaring cost of gasoline and the looming threat of high home heating prices.

Both candidates for the 29th Congressional District have expressed frustration with inaction in Congress and the leadership's recent decision to recess for five weeks.

Massa's announcement helps distance the former Navy commander from Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Harry Reid at a time when the energy

crisis is foremost in the minds of Americans.

Massa's release was also laced with political sarcasm as he asked Kuhl, a Republican, to "utilize his close, personal relationship with President Bush and ask him to order both houses of Congress back into session."

Massa has previously referred to Kuhl as a "rubber stamp" to Bush's policies.

Massa said the energy crisis creates an extraordinary circumstance that gives the president constitutional authority to call congress back to work.

Kuhl was in Washington



Monday joining fellow Republicans in protest of the recess.

"While some members are using this five-week vacation to travel around the country promoting their books, members of the Republican Party are staying in D.C. to work to ease your pain at the pump," Kuhl said in a floor speech.

Justin Stokes, Kuhl's campaign manager, responded to Massa's statements saying: "If Mr. Massa is serious about disagreeing with Speaker Pelosi, maybe he should put his money where his mouth is and return the \$14,000 in campaign contributions he's received from Pelosi. Otherwise, his statement is just deceptive, hypocritical and highlights everything that's wrong with the Democratic majority that's leading Congress."

AP ANALYSIS:

U.S. can't do much to stop Russia

BY ANNE GEARAN
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON | The Russian Bear is back, and the United States doesn't seem to be able to do much about it.

The United States saw trouble coming between Russia and Georgia, a former Soviet republic turned nemesis, but didn't have enough leverage, focus or resolve to intervene. Even Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, a specialist on the old Soviet Union, may have misjudged the combustible combination of Russian grievance and ambition.

The Bush administration's assurances of solidarity with a young democracy also may have given Georgia's silver-tongued, U.S.-educated leader a little too much swagger as he picked a playground fight he never could win on his own.

Using a sledgehammer to swat a fly, Russian tanks and bombers widened their assault Monday on Georgia, the closest friend the U.S. has among the slowly democratizing former Soviet republics.

Once war began, the U.S. looked hesitant and ineffective, answering tank columns with jawboning by President Bush on the sidelines of the Olympic Games in Beijing and Rice on the phone from a resort vacation.

On Monday, four days into

fighting that has killed hundreds, Bush was back in Washington, planning to address the crisis in a Rose Garden appearance with reporters.

Russia blithely ignored U.S. and European protests that Moscow sees as hypocritical and that it knows will only go so far. Despite wide condemnation of Russian action as illegitimate, no one was talking about sending forces to help Georgia.

"When one country conquers another that is typically regarded as pretty serious, and the inability to do anything about it is something the United States is not accustomed to," said Stephen Sestanovich, an expert on Russia and Eurasia at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Bush has put Moscow on notice that U.S. relations with Russia would suffer if the conflict continued, but Russian leaders know that Washington needs their cooperation on a host of world problems. They know, too, that the American public has no stomach for war in an obscure corner of the globe and that Bush will be out of a job in five months. The two presidential candidates, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama, have spoken to the crisis, trying to show resolve against Russian adventurism.

Russian forces seized several

towns and a military base deep in western Georgia on Monday, opening a second front in the fighting. Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili said his country had been effectively cut in half.

Saakashvili signed a cease-fire pledge Monday, and at Georgia's request, the U.N. Security Council in New York called an emergency session — the fifth meeting on the fighting in as many days.

The Bush administration claims it had no specific advance warning that Georgia would try to retake control of a breakaway border region largely loyal to Russia.

That doesn't mean diplomats, intelligence analysts and others weren't worried about worsening Russian relations with Georgia over the past two years and in particular about the shoving match over ethnic conflicts left over from the Cold War.

Rice went to the Georgian capital of Tbilisi to try to calm things down in July, but infuriated Russia with a public endorsement of Georgia's "territorial integrity."

U.S. officials say they gave Saakashvili a strong warning not to put a match to the ethnic tinderboxes in South Ossetia and Abkhazia, even as Rice and others took Georgia's side in public. Bush backed the Georgian claim when he visited Tbilisi in 2005.

"The path of freedom you have chosen is not easy, but you will not travel it alone," Bush said then.

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