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POLICE BEAT

STEUBEN SHERIFF

STALKING TROUPSBURG | George Ebner, 65, of Hurlburt Road, Troupsburg, was charged Friday with two counts of stalking. He is accused of stalking a former girlfriend for more than a year.

CORNING CITY

ALCOHOL POSSESSION CORNING | Jessie J Wright, 18, of John Street, Corning, was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol by a person under 21. Wright will appear in court at a later date.

CURFEW VIOLATION

CORNING | Devin B. Burns, 17, of Campbell-Savona Road, Campbell, was charged Sunday with a curfew violation. He will appear in court at a later date.

COMPLAINTS | 08.05.07 12:04 a.m. A caller said three youths were on the back porch of Founders Pavilion. 9:31 a.m. A First Street man said a car was blocking his

driveway. 7:44 p.m. A caller said a female was punched in the face on Canisteo Street.

HOSPITALS

CORNING HOSPITAL

Admitted | 08.05.07 · Debra Boundy, Corning.

Admitted | 08.03.07

· Anita Quanz, Bath.

Discharged | 08.04.07 James Crawford, Painted Post.

Discharged | 08.03.07

· Cynthia Surdak, Big Flats.

Admitted | 08.05.07

ST. JAMES | HORNELL

· Theresa Mains, Hornell. Barbara Grossman, Wellsville.

Admitted | 08.02.07 • Bla O'Dell, Canisteo.

• Marguerite Nicholson, Hornell.

Discharged | 08.02.07

• Baine Baker, Hornell.

· Bonnie Drake and daughter, Canisteo

· Maudina Alexander, Hornell. · Glenda Hunt, Greenwood.

AREA DEATHS

TODAY | 08.07.07

Judith A. Babcock | 66 | Rochester. Ella L. Jackson | 79 | Bath. John William Ross | 83 | Elmira. Jaiden Lynn Volta | Wellsboro, Pa. Complete obituary report | 5A

AREA BIRTHS

CORNING HOSPITAL

Monday | 08.06.01 Girl to Jessica and Jason Markle.

Sunday | 08.05.01

• Girl to Amber and Keith Wilson.

Saturday | 08.04.01 Boy to Dolly McIntyre and Martin Shaefer.

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IRAQ:

More Sunnis leave Cabinet

BY SAMEER N. YACOUB Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD | Iraq's political crisis worsened Monday as five more ministers announced a boycott of Cabinet meetings - leaving the embattled prime minister's unity government with no members affiliated with Sunni political factions.

Meanwhile, a suicide bomber killed at least 28 people in a northern city, including 19 children, some playing hopscotch and marbles in front of their homes. And the American military reported five new U.S. deaths: Four soldiers were killed in a combat explosion in restive Diyala province north of the capital Monday, and a soldier was killed and two were wounded during fighting in eastern Baghdad on Sunday.

The new cracks in Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government appeared even as U.S. military officials sounded cautious notes of progress on security, citing strides against in surgents linked to al-Qaida in Iraq but also new threats from Iranian-backed Shiite militias.

Despite the new U.S. accusations of Iranian meddling, the U.S. and Iranian ambassadors met Monday for their third round of talks in just over two months. A U.S. embassy spokesman called Ambassador Ryan Crocker Kazemi Qomi, "frank and serious.'

But it was al-Maliki's troubles that seized the most attention.

The Cabinet boycott of five ministers loyal to former Iraqi States was working well with leader Ayad Allawi left the the al-Maliki government, government, at least tem- but he did not give the kind porarily, without participants of enthusiastic endorsement



An Iraqi Army armored vehicle is seen Monday outside the Abu Hanifa mosque in the Azamiyah neighborhood of north Baghdad, Iraq after Iraqi troops raided the mosque.

where were members of the Sunni political apparatus - a deep blow to the prime minister's attempt to craft reconciliation among the country's majority Shiites and minority Sunnis and Kurds.

The defense minister is from a Sunni background but has no political ties and was chosen by al-Maliki.

The Allawi bloc, a mixture of Sunnis and Shiites, cited al-Maliki's failure to respond to its demands for political reform. The top Sunni political bloc already had pulled its six ministers from the 40member Cabinet of al-Maliki, a Shiite, last week.

President Iraqi the talks between U.S. Talabani, who has been trying to broker the Sunni bloc's and his counterpart, Hassan return in a bid to hold the government together, met Monday with Crocker and a White House envoy.

In Washington, Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the United

Deepening rift in Iragi Cabinet

Five Sunni ministers said they will boycott meetings, temporarily leaving only one Sunni who has no link to a political bloc.

Iraqi government ministers

Shiite Kurd Sunni Christian 15 –

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that President Bush and his aides once did.

"There's a very healthy State political debate that is going on in Iraq, and that is good," McCormack said. "It's going to be for them (the Iraqi people) to make the judgments about whether or not that government is performing."

Bridge replacement fast-tracked

BY MARK SCOLFORO Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS | A plan to replace the bridge that collapsed into the Mississippi River last week is on the fastest of fast tracks: State officials want the span open by the end of next year, and contractors interested in the job must contact the state by

dawn Wednesday. State officials have an ambiious schedule to award con tracts to replace the bridge next month, even as search crews remained stymied in their efforts to recover at least eight missing victims from the depths of the Mississippi River. Five people are confirmed dead.

A brutal winter could throw the state's rapid reconstruction schedule off. But other conditions are favorable including a construction industry with plenty of available resources to take on such lapse. Three days later, the a daunting challenge.

"It is doable. It is a bit fast, but this is an emergency," said Khaled Mahmoud with just 16 months. Bridge Engineering Association in New York. Minneapolis' would ordinarily ing and quality control.

Bridges to cross Many Minneapolis-St.Paul highway bridges carry more than 20,000 cars Twin cities daily.

Minneapolis-area bridges with high-volume traffic*



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SOURCES: "The Bridges and Structures of the Major Rivers of Minneapolis and St. AP Paul," J. Weeks; ESRI

anything, it's responding to emergencies."

It took only seconds Wednesday night for the eight-lane, 1,900-foot steel truss Interstate 35W bridge, which opened in 1967, to colstate had already begun looking for companies interested in erecting a new bridge in

"And if we are ever good at take about three years, even if the design and building phases were overlapped to save time, said Bill Cox, owner of Corman Construction Inc. in Annapolis Junction, Md., a road and bridge construction

Teams of designers and builders are racing to meet the first hurdle, showing they are qualified to bid, said Dick Stehly of American Engineering Testing of St. Paul, which is Erecting a new bridge like seeking a role in soil engineer-

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Protestors arrested at Kuhl's Bath office

THE LEADER STAFF

BATH | Five war protesters from the Ithaca area were arrested Monday evening and charged with thirddegree criminal trespass during a demonstration at the Bath office of U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr.

Daniel J. Burns, 47, Ellen Grady, 44, and Richard T. Saddler, 42, all of Ithaca, were charged along with Mark C. Scibilia-Carver, 54, and Christopher Tate, 46, both of Trumansburg, Bath Village Police report.

The charges are Class B misdeamors.

Police report the five had demonstrations throughout gathering.

the day Monday at Kuhl's district office on Buell Street in the village. Around 5 p.m., one of the congressman's staff twice asked the demonstrators to leave because the office was closing for the day.

The protesters refused, and police were called. The protesters ignored a police order to leave the premises, and were then arrested without in cident. They arraigned in Bath Village Court and released on their

own recognizance. They are scheduled to appear in Bath Village Court at 3 p.m. Aug. 22.

It was the second antiwar demonstration at Kuhl's office in recent weeks. No been involved in antiwar arrests were made at the first

First arrest under new drinking law "ridiculous."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST HEMPSTEAD | A woman accused of allowing her 18-year-old son to drink at her birthday party is the first person to be arrested by the county police under a new law.

Karen Dittmer was arrested under the Social Host Law, which was enacted July 17, Nassau County police said Monday. Dittmer, 45, is accused of

allowing her teenage son and several other underage guests to drink beer Sunday evening at a party for her birthday held in the backyard of her West Hempstead home. She called her arrest

"I would never ever serve alcohol to a minor," she said. "I have three children of my own. I would never ever do that." The new law, which was

passed unanimously by the county Legislature, allows for homeowners or renters over the age of 17 to be held criminally responsible if minors drink in their homes. First and second offenses

will earn culprits fines of \$250 or \$500. On a third strike, offenders can face up to a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine. The law makes exceptions

for alcohol consumed for religious ceremonies.

EXPANSION

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The project, if approved, is expected to begin soon and be completed by 2013.

The planning board reviewed architects' plan and began the environmental review process, which will examine virtually all aspects of the project's potential impact, such as air quality, water usage, and energy consumption. The planning board will act

as the lead agency for the environmental review, which will also involve the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, the Empire State Development Corp., and the Town of Erwin.

McCarthy said the Sullivan Park facility has been expanded several times since it was built in 1964, most recently about seven years ago. "This is a positive thing,"

McCarthy said of the latest

project. "It will create growth and jobs. It will enhance the community and provide opportunities. It will have significant benefit."

Corning Inc. will receive financial assistance for the expansion from several state agencies, Tranter said.

The project will get a \$1.5 million grant from the Empire State Development Corporation, \$1.5 million in funding from the state Energy Research an d Development Authority and \$750,000 in Industrial Access Program funding.

Tranter said the company will submit an application to the Hornell-Corning-Steuben County Empire Zone, seeking a partial refund on property taxes of the newly constructed building.

"We are estimated to receive between \$250,000 and \$300,000 from the Empire Zone program," Tranter said.

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