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**Flip-flop**  
**or snafu?**

*Massa attacks Kuhl vote against homeland security bill even as administrative mistake says he voted in favor*

**By ROB MONTANA**  
 STAFF WRITER

Several issues prevented U.S. Rep. John "Randy" Kuhl, R-29, from voting for approval of the House's homeland security bill Friday.

And, an administrative snafu prompted the public announcement Kuhl had voted for it, when he voted against it.

Kuhl spokesman Bob Van Wicklin said he'd originally prepared a release that stated Kuhl had voted in favor of HR 2638, a \$36 billion Homeland Security appropriations bill. But, Kuhl did not vote for the bill, which passed by a 268-150 margin.



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"The release you received, however, was not meant to be sent," Van Wicklin said in his Monday evening e-mail.

He said he'd e-mailed out a follow-up e-mail Friday after the release about Kuhl voting in favor of the bill was sent out and posted on Kuhl's Web site. The second release, however, only got sent to Van Wicklin, because he'd forgotten to add other recipients to mailing list.

"The release was on our Web site briefly and taken down," he said, "not fast enough for it to be noticed by others."

"I am completely responsible for the error, and apologize profusely to anyone who was misguided," Van Wicklin said in his Monday evening e-mail.

Kuhl's opponent in the 2006 Congressional election and expected to oppose him in 2008, Democrat Eric Massa, isn't buying that explanation, though. He outlined the number of positive things said by Kuhl in the

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**Body identified**



LYNN BRENNAN

Hornell police officers Todd Giglio and Chris Cunningham use an inflatable raft and an underwater camera to search for a backpack that may be in the pond.

**John Nelson III was top student at Hornell High, a mystery in later years**

**By JEN CARPENTER**  
 STAFF WRITER

HORNELL — The body found in the Hornell Plaza pond Monday has been identified as John W. Nelson III, 59, of 372 Seneca Rd., North Hornell.

David Spencer discovered the Nelson's body Monday morning while attempting to go fishing in the pond. Hornell police and firefighters, North Hornell firefighters, Steuben County Sheriff's deputies and the New York state police spent the morning trying to recover and identify the body.

Nelson grew up in Hornell, and was in the top 10 students of his class in 1966. His father, John Nelson — a widely-



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John Nelson III was president of the Hornell High class of 1966.

known sports figure who was sports editor of The Evening Tribune for many years and sports information director at

Alfred University — passed away several years ago. His mother, Marianne Nelson, passed away in 2006. Both were friends of baseball legend Babe Ruth and kept in contact with Ruth's wife, Claire, after the slugger died in 1948.

Gerald Partridge, of the Rink Partridge Insurance Agency, was Nelson's neighbor for several years. Partridge said Nelson grew up in his current house, and lived next to Nelson for 40 years.

"He was a real nice guy," he said.

Partridge said he never had the chance to get to know Nelson well, because Nelson mostly kept to himself.

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**Fix for Hornell schools could total \$100M**

*Board hears Vision 2012 committee recommendations; rough plan involves taking advantage of state aid*

**By SILAS ALBRECHT**  
 STAFF WRITER

HORNELL — The Vision 2012 Committee wants a lot of work done to Hornell schools — \$100 million worth of work, based on rough estimates.

The committee presented its proposal to the Hornell City School District Board of Education Monday. A public vote on the final plan is possible by the end of the year.

Gregory Georgek, a committee member, said the project could be eligible for 85-percent state aid or more. He said the committee, created in December with about 10 community members, focused on making it affordable and eligible for as much state aid as possible.

Georgek said the committee's estimates — which, he stressed, are very preliminary — are that the project would cost a total of \$100 million before state aid, and, if it receives 85-percent aid, it would cost the district about \$15 million.

"Based on how things were laid out — that's currently where we are," Georgek said.

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He said this would increase taxes about \$2 a week on a house with an assessed value of \$50,000.

"I feel that's an affordable number," he said.

Superintendent George Kiley provided the same \$100 million estimate, but said the proposal could be changed as it is discussed by the board, the Vision 2012 Committee and community.

Georgek, speaking for the committee, said it decided a major capital project is a good idea and would save the district money in the long run.

"We came to the consensus that we do not favor a Band-Aid approach," he said.

The committee also proposed changing the organization of the grades.

Under its proposal, grades six through eight would be located in the North Hornell Elementary School, grades two through five would be in the Intermediate School and pre-kindergarten and first grade would be in the Bryant Elementary School.

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**HHS teacher resigns**

*Board accepts resignation at special meeting*

**From staff reports**

HORNELL — Special education teacher Tina Stutzman, who taught grades 10-12, has resigned from the Hornell City School District.

Stutzman's resignation was accepted by the Hornell school board at 7:45 a.m. June 8, according to Superintendent George Kiley. He said she submitted the letter

of resignation June 7.

Kiley said it is "somewhat unusual, but not unheard of," to have a special meeting at this time of year to accept one resignation. He said that's because it is currently the district's hiring period and a position must be vacant before it can be filled. A notice of the special meeting was sent out the afternoon prior to the meeting, Kiley said.

Kiley said Stutzman's resignation was the only item to come before the board, and it

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**Hornell gets NYCOM award for Hornell Plaza**



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NYCOM has honored Hornell's leaders with creation of Hornell Plaza.

**By JEN CARPENTER**  
 STAFF WRITER

HORNELL — The city has received an award for the creation of the Hornell Plaza.

The New York Conference of Mayors recognized the city for the "Hornell Shopping Center Development Project" at a conference last week in Saratoga Springs. The project was awarded second place in the economic development category at the conference.

Hornell Mayor Shawn

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Hogan said the city was going to use the upcoming Lowe's project as a model for how the city can work with the surrounding area, but that project was not completed. He said the Wal-Mart project was the same idea.

"It was looked at as an innovative economic development," Hogan said. "I'm proud of it."

The award was presented by NYCOM President Joseph

Delfino, White Plains City Mayor, and Stephen Acunto, Empire State Report magazine publisher.

"The City of Hornell is to be commended for this excellent project," Delfino said. "This award recognizes that local officials are working diligently to improve their community's quality of life in positive and innovative ways. Mayor Hogan is to be congratulated for a job well done."

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