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Looking for signs of economic gains

When the economy begins to snap out of its funk, how will we know? Economists will be looking for some strong signals such as a calmer stock market, an end to falling home prices and more jobs being created.

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YESTERDAY'S STOCKS:

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City AND Suburbs

DODDS APPEAL

State Supreme Court agrees to hear case

The state Supreme Court has accepted Gary Dodds' appeal, paving the way for legal arguments that if successful would overturn his February conviction for staging a car crash and 27-hour disappearance.

Dodds was convicted of falsifying physical evidence, leaving the scene of an accident and causing false public alarms for orchestrating an April 2006 car crash and then going missing. Prosecutors alleged that Dodds set the accident up as a publicity stunt to help his campaign for Congress.

The appeal cites 12 different legal arguments to have the convictions overturned, including that the evidence against Dodds was insufficient for conviction and whether a cold-weather expert who testified for the state was qualified.

RAYMOND

Police: Man shot self by accident

Police are investigating an incident they've described as an accidental self-shooting that happened outside a local home Wednesday afternoon.

Lt. Shawn Coope said the incident took place outside a John Street residence at about 1:30 p.m. He said a 19-year-old man, whom authorities refused to identify, shot himself in the face with handgun and was taken to Manchester's Elliot Hospital.

Coope said the man was still being treated in Manchester as of 3 p.m. yesterday and is believed to be a former Raymond High School student. Officials would not release further details, stating that an investigation is ongoing.

FATAL CRASH

Former city man dies in Pennsylvania

A former Manchester man died Tuesday from injuries suffered in a car crash in Reading, Pa.

Jesse J. Denton, 35, was killed after his vehicle collided with a dump truck, police confirmed to the Reading Eagle. The newspaper reported that Denton, who lived in Reading, was traveling with 4-year-old Dominic R. Stauffer, the son of Denise Stauffer, with whom he lived and was engaged to be married. The boy also died.

Denton, a Manchester West High School graduate, has family and friends in Manchester. "He was just a really good kid," said his mother, Peggy Hale, of Manchester. "He liked to do things for people."

The extended list of survivors from Manchester, his mother said, includes his brothers, Robert and Jeremy Denton, and two daughters, Mikayla and Felicia Ellison.

Aliberti tapped for Barrington top job

By JOHN WHITSON
New Hampshire Union Leader

MANCHESTER — The city's acting superintendent of schools is leaving to take over the Barrington School District.

Henry Aliberti is expected to start as superintendent of School Administrative Unit 74 on July 1. He wasn't immediately available for comment.

"I'm very happy for Henry, but I'm feeling very sad for us," said Katherine Labanaris, vice chairman of Manchester's school board. "He's been great for the district."

C. Pat Bedford, a Barrington School Board member, said Aliberti accepted the job offer yesterday morning after the board deliberated late into Wednesday night.

"We had a very qualified group of finalists, and Dr. Aliberti seems eminently qualified for the job," said Bedford.

One of the other two finalists Aliberti nudged out for the job was his former boss in Manchester, Michael Ludwell.

Bedford said Aliberti was offered a one-year contract that will pay about \$106,000.

SAU 74 includes an elementary

school and a middle school, totaling about 960 students. The town sends its high school students to Dover and Coe-Brown Academy in Northwood.

Aliberti's departure continues a year of turnover within Manchester's school administration offices.

Ludwell abruptly resigned as city superintendent in November when it was discovered he had signed off on his own pay raise without school board approval.

Aliberti took over at that point, and about a month later promoted Northwest Elementary Principal Robert Duclos to fill his vacated

assistant superintendent post.

School administrators had already been operating with one fewer person because Frank Bass was not replaced as an assistant superintendent when he left the district last summer.

In March, Thomas Brennan was named Manchester's next superintendent. He starts in July 1.

Aliberti came to Manchester in 2002 as assistant superintendent

for elementary schools. He didn't apply for the city's top job on a permanent basis.

Labanaris said the search for Aliberti's replacement will likely be handled without help from an outside agency.

"We post it through advertisements in newspapers and professional journals, and human resources for the district usually oversees the process," she said.

With Brennan slated to take over the district in little more than a month, Labanaris said he will likely be the one to oversee the search process and establish an interview committee.



ALIBERTI



The Jefferson Mill, owned by Brady Sullivan Properties at 670 Commercial St.

A history worth preserving



The interior and exterior masonry have been re-pointed as well as new windows and painting as part of the restoration on the Weston Observatory in Manchester.

Manchester Historic Association awards

By MARK HAYWARD
New Hampshire Union Leader

MANCHESTER MANY of the slides flashed beside the dais of the Manchester Historic Association's annual Preservation Awards show last night had a familiar theme. Images showcased gargantuan brick structures — two mill buildings and a school — that had been saved from the wrecking ball and converted into apartments or offices.

But nestled among the giants

was a diminutive two-story home at 460 Hevey Street that Michael and Diane Day have nurtured for 21 years. The couple have replicated porch posts with custom-milled posts. They've had decorative storm doors created out of wood. They've preserved a tin ceiling and restored hardwood and pumpkin pine floors.

And they have traced the history of the 115-year-old house, going as far as finding photographs and taking oral histories from the previous owners.

For their effort, the couple ac-

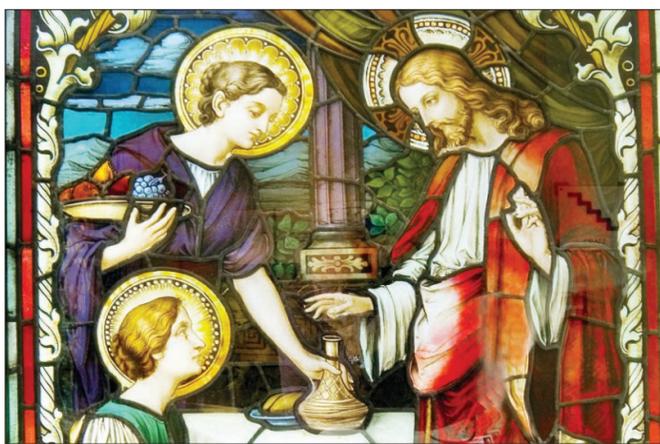
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► **Slideshow:** See a photos of all the award-winning properties.

cepted the MHA's Stewardship Award, which honored them for keeping intact the house's history as much as its structure.

"We've never seen anything like that," said Elizabeth LaRocca, president of the MHA. "They respect the history of a humble, simple, working-class people, and in doing so they respect

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A detail of one of the restored stained glass panels hanging in a concourse in the Catholic Medical Center. The panels had once been in the Notre Dame Hospital and were found in storage before being restored.

Photos by Bob LaPree/Union Leader



Barn and cattle at the Giovagnoli Farm, South Mammoth Road



The home of Dirk and Marnie Ruemenapp, 523 Beacon St.

Introductions by friends fail to provide security

◆ **Women attacked:** Police say the attackers were acquaintances of the victims.

MANCHESTER — City police are investigating reported assaults on two women whose friends had introduced them to the suspects.

Community information offi-

cer Sgt. Maureen Tessier has the names of suspects in the early morning assaults, but no arrests have been made.

A 20-year-old woman told police early yesterday she was

sexually assaulted by a man she'd just met. She said mutual friends introduced them and she agreed to accompany the man to a party in an apartment on the city's West Side.

After a short time, she said, she left the party with the man, who suddenly attacked her in the hallway of the building. She said

he hit her in the face, causing bruises and a small cut, and then pinned her to the floor, warning her to cooperate to avoid being hurt.

She said he fled after sexually assaulting her, and she went to Elliot Hospital.

Her attacker is described as a white male in his 30s, approxi-

mately 5 feet, 10 inches tall, "chubby," with short light hair.

In the second incident, a woman went to police headquarters to report she'd been attacked by a man a family friend introduced her to at a bar.

The woman said the two talked for a while at the bar and then

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UNH-Manchester graduates 329

By DAN TUOHY
New Hampshire Union Leader

MANCHESTER — In a commencement that touted the value of giving back to the community, graduates of the University of New Hampshire at Manchester last night did not have to look far for a role model.

Georgina Reagan, the Queen City's long-time champion of the arts, was presented with the Granite State Award for more than 40 years of contributions.

The honorary chair of the Manchester Arts Commission, a woman who has collected numerous titles and honors over the years, was visibly touched by the university's recognition.

"I thought I was going to break down and cry," she said after receiving the award. "This

just kind of took my breath away."

Such civic involvement comes with many personal rewards, said Kevin Clougherty, a former chief financial officer for Manchester, who delivered the keynote address. Clougherty, now chief executive officer of Primex3, encouraged graduates to get involved in their community. He advised members of the Class of 2008 to take a stand when confronted by crisis or a contentious issue.

"Please don't abdicate your God-given right to think for yourself," Clougherty said.

In the 23rd annual commencement of UNH-Manchester, held at the Radisson Hotel Manchester's expo center, 329 graduates received degrees and certificates.

Student speaker Kirsten Hil-

donen, who graduated summa cum laude with a degree in History, extolled her peers for achieving academic success in the face of work, family obligations, and adversity.

"There are amazing stories sitting in front of me," she said, referring to peers' perseverance. "Our lousy decisions only define us as far as we let them."

Professor Stephen Pugh, who received a faculty excellence award, offered praised for his colleagues and his students by way of a quote attributed to Sir Isaac Newton: "If I have seen a little further it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants."

In a nod to the audience of family and friends, Pugh concluded, "You are all standing on the shoulders of giants."



DAVID LANE/UNION LEADER

Kelly Hadley of Henniker holds up her diploma at yesterday's 23rd Annual Commencement for the University of New Hampshire at Manchester at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester.

Merrimack's Web site ready to debut

By MARK OUELLETTE
Special to the Union Leader

MERRIMACK — It's been under construction for more than a year, but the new town Web site is scheduled to go live June 1, according to Town Manager Keith Hickey.

Town staff have been populating the site for the past few months, but technical difficulties prevented it from hitting the Internet in late March, as was first expected, Hickey said.

Former Town Manager Tim

Tieperman created the Merrimack Ad Hoc Website Committee about two years ago to devise a more user-friendly Web site. After receiving several proposals, the \$30,500 project was awarded to former Merrimack-based Grinning Moon, a graphic design company.

Danielle Mojonner, co-owner of Grinning Moon of Portsmouth with her husband, James, has said the company began developing the new Web site in February 2007. Thanks to input gathered from question-

naires issued to town employees, the company was able to develop several new features for the site.

From watching streaming live video feeds of town meetings to viewing photo albums, visitors to the new site will have more options than the features offered by the current one, which has been in place since the mid-1990s.

Mojonner said external features such as E-Reg, a program that allows residents to register their motor vehicles online, and

Geographical Information Systems are also included in the design.

With the design complete, the town began populating the site earlier this year and, once the Web site has been approved and is functioning properly, Grinning Moon will receive the remaining money on its contract, Hickey told the town council this month.

The new Web address, www.merrimacknh.gov, will supplant the existing site, www.ci.merrimack.nh.us.

Awards

everybody's history."

Ten others received awards at MHA's 16th annual Historic Preservation Awards ceremony. About 250 people attended the event, which was held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Manchester.

The house is the only original single-family home still surviving on Hevey Street.

The day after the Days got the keys, banks closed up and down Elm Street, and the real estate market went into a funk. It took 10 years for the house to get any equity, said Michael Day.

Still, they worked on one project every year, Day said.

And Diane researched all she could about the house. One previous owner raised eight children in the house.

"I just got into it," Diane Day

said.

The Day house is an example of a more ephemeral approach to the MHA took to its preservation awards, LaRocca said.

Also receiving awards were the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, for its use of the Glendi church fair to keep Greek food and culture alive in the city, and the family of John A. Giovagnoli, the deceased farmer who raised 10 children as well as farm animals at his Manchester farm for nearly six decades.

Giovagnoli was passed over for an award last year, and then died in a house fire last December.

People would offer him millions for his 70 acres in south Manchester, but he'd tell them they didn't have enough money to buy the farm, said his daughter, Elaine Dolbec.



DAVID LANE/UNION LEADER

Guests mingle at last night's 2008 Historic Preservation Awards event at the Radisson in Manchester.

"The cows were more his kids than his kids. He loved his farm," Dolbec said. Dolbec said

she and her husband would prefer to farm the land, but the family will likely sell it once the real estate market improves.

2008 historic preservation awards

Conservation of Cultural Resource Award: American-Canadian Geological Society. For its efforts to foster study and research of American-Canadian genealogy.

Stewardship Award: Michael and Diane Day. For preserving the history surrounding 460 Hevey St.

Cultural Stewardship Award: Glendi. For sharing and preserving Greek culture.

Adaptive Reuse Award: Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority. For rehabilitation of the Brown School into senior housing.

Leadership Award: Robert MacKenzie. For efforts to revitalize the Millyard and city neighborhoods.

Restoration of Historic Artifact: Catholic Medical Center.

For restoration of stained glass windows from Notre Dame and Sacred Heart hospitals.

Homeowners Award: Dirk and Marie Ruemenapp. For restoring family home at 523 Beacon St.

Private Development Award: Brady Sullivan Properties. For restoration of Jefferson Mill.

Public-Private Partnership Award: NeighborWorks Greater

Manchester. For redevelopment of the Silver Mill into apartments.

Conservation of Agrarian Tradition Award: Giovagnoli Family. For maintaining sustainable farming on their family farm.

City Landmark Award: City Parks Department and Manchester Board of Mayor and Aldermen. For restoration of the Weston Observatory.

Attacked

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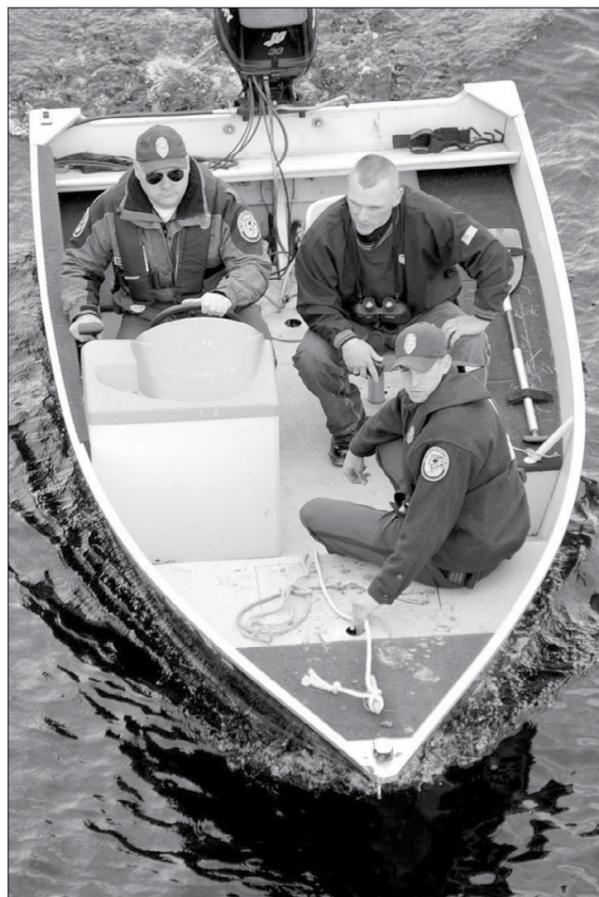
walked down to the Millyard, entering one of the buildings through an open window on the roof that was accessed by the fire escape.

According to the woman, shortly after entering the building, the man grabbed her by the neck. She said she was able to break free after stabbing her attacker in the neck and possibly the leg with manicure scissors from her pocket.

She fled out the window and down a fire escape and hailed a passing motorist, who drove her to the police department.

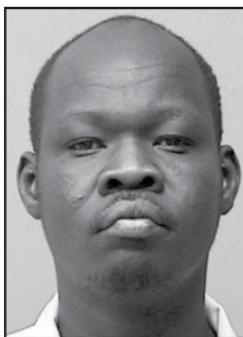
She described her assailant as in his mid-40s, 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-8-inches tall, and weighing 140 to 150 pounds. He has short brown hair and is balding. He also had a gray mustache and brown goatee.

... she left the party with the man, who suddenly attacked her in the hallway of the building.



River Search

Fish and Game Conservation Officers and a Manchester police detective search the Merrimack River Thursday for Malual Woltong, below, who is missing after he reportedly stabbed his wife and then jumped from the Queen City Bridge last month.



BOB LAPREE/UNION LEADER

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by **MICHAEL GORDON** and **KELLY JOHNSON** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER, its successors and assigns, as lender, dated January 7, 2005, recorded in the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds at Book 2740, Page 427, said mortgagee, in execution of said power, for mortgage conditions broken, will sell on the mortgaged premises (street address: 582 Central Street) in Franklin, Merrimack County, New Hampshire, at

PUBLIC AUCTION

on June 11, 2008 at 3:30 p.m., local time, all of said holder's right, title and interest in and to the real estate described in said mortgage deed.

This foreclosure sale will be made for the purpose of foreclosure of all rights of redemption of the said mortgagor(s) therein possessed by them and any and all persons, firms, corporations or agencies claiming by, from, or under them.

Said premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes, liens, or enforceable encumbrances entitled to precedence over the said mortgage.

Said premises will be sold "as is" in all respects, including but not limited to, the physical condition of the premises and the rights, if any, of any occupants of the premises.

To the mortgagor(s) and any and all persons, firms, corporations, or others claiming by, from or under them: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE SITUATED, WITH SERVICE UPON THE MORTGAGEE, AND UPON SUCH BOND AS THE COURT MAY REQUIRE, TO ENJOIN THE SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE.

Terms of sale will be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) cash or certified check satisfactory to the said holder, to be paid at the time of the sale, and the balance to be paid on delivery of foreclosure deed within thirty (30) days thereafter. The said holder reserves the right to waive any of the above terms at its discretion. The said holder reserves the right to cancel or postpone the sale to such subsequent date or dates as the holder may deem necessary or desirable.

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(UL - May 16, 23, 30)

Legal Notice

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Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by **ANTHONY K. HARRIS, SR.** and **SENECA A. HARRIS** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for FULL SPECTRUM LENDING, INC., its successors and assigns, as lender, dated May 10, 2004, recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds at Book 2994, Page 705, said mortgagee, in execution of said power, for mortgage conditions broken, will sell on the mortgaged premises (street address: 13 East Cemetery Road) in Orford, Grafton County, New Hampshire, at

PUBLIC AUCTION

on June 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., local time, all of said holder's right, title and interest in and to the real estate described in said mortgage deed.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

on June 20, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., local time, all of said holder's right, title and interest in and to the real estate described in said mortgage deed.

This foreclosure sale will be made for the purpose of foreclosure of all rights of redemption of the said mortgagor(s) therein possessed by them and any and all persons, firms, corporations or agencies claiming by, from, or under them.

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Terms of sale will be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) cash or certified check

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PUBLIC AUCTION

on June 9, 2008 at 12:30 p.m., local time, all of said holder's right, title and interest in and to the real estate described in said mortgage deed.

This foreclosure sale will be made for the purpose of foreclosure of all rights of redemption of the said mortgagor(s) therein possessed by them and any and all persons, firms, corporations or agencies claiming by, from, or under them.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

on June 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., local time, all of said holder's right, title and interest in and to the real estate described in said mortgage deed.

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CITY OF MANCHESTER Fire Department INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Fire Chief, Manchester Fire Department, 100 Merrimack Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, before or at **11:00 A.M.** prevailing time of the **19th day of June 2008** for the following items:

Defibrillators and Related Equipment

Bid Invitations and specifications will be available at the Office of the Fire Chief, Manchester Fire Department, 100 Merrimack Street, Manchester NH 03101 or via email. To request a copy via email, please call (603) 669-2256, Ext. 3502 during normal business hours.

The Fire Chief reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that appears to be in the best interest of the City. Failure to submit all information called for may be sufficient for disqualification.

James A. Burkush, Chief
Manchester Fire Department
(UL - May 23)