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A LEGEND PASSES



File photo / The Associated Press, 1999
"THE SCOOTER" Phil Rizzuto, 89, the oldest living Hall of Famer, beloved Yankees shortstop and longtime broadcaster, died Monday night. Here he waves to the crowd as Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter looks on, after throwing the ceremonial first pitch in New York City, in 1999/Sports, D-1

Opportunity knocks for Onondaga High athlete

It promises to be a year of hard work and hard decisions for Onondaga High School football star Latavius Murray, a sought-after recruit.

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More people flying off from Hancock

The number of people flying out of Syracuse's Hancock Airport is growing nearly three times faster than the national average.

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Cook up a taste of authentic Italy at home

A trip to Italy finds recipes as good as great-grandmother's.

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How to get an order of protection

What a restraining order is, and how to get one to protect yourself.

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Passports prove costly for deadbeat parents

New rules requiring passports for more travelers are also uncovering child-support scoff-laws and forcing them to pay up.

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FAST SHOWER

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BRAD BOUTHILLIER, 21, OF CICERO, IS CHARGED

Boater's Friends Tell Of Drinks, Kiss, Crash



Gloria Wright / Staff photographer

BRAD BOUTHILLIER, 21, of Cicero, is escorted by New York State Police to his arraignment Tuesday in Constantia Town Court. He was charged with criminally negligent homicide in the death of John C. Kowalewski, 85, of Geddes, in a boat crash Thursday on Oneida Lake.

'Just before we hit his boat, the old man's eyes met mine and we looked right at each other'

By Cattie O'Toole
Staff writer

Brad Bouthillier had a friend in his lap, his left hand on her thigh and his right hand on the steering wheel of his boat after an afternoon of partying on Oneida Lake.

They started kissing, Danielle Ackerman told state police. Seconds later, Ackerman jumped from Bouthillier's lap when another friend screamed, "Brad, look out."

John Kowalewski, 85, of Geddes, was standing in the middle of a boat ahead of them, waving his arms above his head, Ackerman told state police.

"Just before we hit his boat, the old man's eyes met mine and we looked right at each other," she said. "It all happened so quick Brad didn't have a chance to turn or stop."

Bouthillier, 21, of 8035 Thompson Road, Cicero, turned himself in Tuesday afternoon at the state police barracks in Pulaski. He was then arraigned in Constantia Town Court on charges



For updates as the story develops, see the Breaking News blog at blog.syracuse.com/news

of criminally negligent homicide and leaving the scene of a fatal navigation accident, both felonies, and first-degree unlawfully dealing with a child, a misdemeanor. He's accused of giving alcohol to a 19-year-old passenger.

Bouthillier's 20-foot Starcraft hit the front of Kowalewski's 19-foot Bayliner just north of Frenchman's Island on Oneida Lake sometime after 5:30 p.m. Thursday, state police said. A boater found Kowalewski's boat adrift, with his body inside, about 2½ hours later.

State police say they have spent the past five days interviewing Bouthillier's six passengers to find out exactly what happened. Bouthillier has not given a statement, state police said Tuesday.

Bouthillier's lawyer, Sal Piemonte, said his client was ready to surrender the day after the crash.

"I've been in touch with the New York State Police and the Oswego County District Attorney's Office on this case since 2 a.m. last Friday morning," Piemonte said Tuesday. "We have been available at any time they wanted me to bring him in, at any time they wanted information other than a statement from my client. He hasn't been hiding anywhere. He hasn't been running anywhere. He's not under some rock. And he certainly hasn't left the country. He's been right here, available to come to court whenever they wanted."

Oswego County District Attorney Donald Dodd recommended bail be set at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 bond because although the charges are serious, Bouthillier has no criminal history. Judge Stephen Pelon agreed, and Bouthillier

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Toy recalls shake local parents' trust

Parents are worried, manufacturer apologetic after a string of recalls.

By Gina Chen
Family Life editor

Amy Kinsella, of Onondaga Hill, doesn't think her 2½-year-old daughter has any of the 9 million Mattel toys recalled Tuesday because they contain magnets that could come loose or paint with high lead levels.

But she's aggravated anyway.

The latest recall, which includes such favorites as Polly Pocket and Batman, comes just two weeks after she had to take six Mattel toys away from her daughter because they were among nearly 1 million playthings recalled Aug. 2. Those toys were recalled because their paint could contain high

lead levels, which can damage brain cells, especially in children.

"Oh, my gosh. Wow," said Kinsella, who also has two sons, ages 13 and 15. "That just blows my mind — another recall."

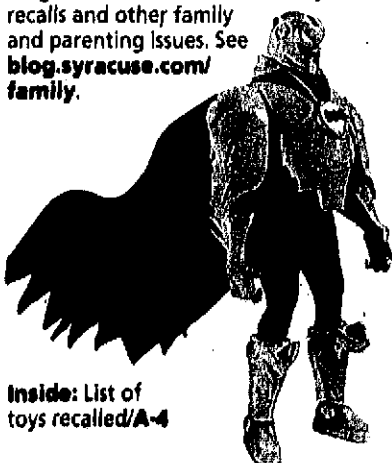
Mattel Tuesday recalled multiple types of Batman action figures as well as Doggie Day Care, Barbie and Tanner and Polly Pocket play sets because they contain magnets that could come loose.

The magnets could become lodged in children's lungs or, if children swallow more than one, the magnets can attract each other and cause intestinal perforation or blockage, which can be fatal, according to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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On the blog

Read Family Life editor Gina Chen's blog to find out the latest on toy recalls and other family and parenting issues. See blog.syracuse.com/family.



Inside: List of toys recalled/A-4

McHugh sees some progress in Iraq

Trip to Fallujah is encouraging, but the political challenge is daunting, he says.

By Mark Weiner
Washington Bureau

Rep. John McHugh led a five-member congressional delegation on a tour of Iraq's Anbar province Tuesday and said he saw perhaps the best military success of his eight trips to the war-torn nation.

McHugh, R-Pierrepont Manor, said in a telephone interview Tuesday night from Kuwait that the delegation was encouraged by its visit with the mayor and a tribal leader in the city of Fallujah, the one-time hotbed of insurgent and al-Qaida activity in Iraq.

"It's now one of the more secure areas in all of Iraq," McHugh said. "We went by convoy into downtown Fallujah, something that six months ago would have been totally unheard of."

While encouraged, McHugh said he and other members of the delegation know the military success must occur in tandem with political reconciliation in Iraq, a goal that is still far from being achieved.

The delegation, which arrived in Kuwait Sunday and plans to leave today, received an assessment of both military and political progress in Iraq during a one-day tour that began at 5 a.m. and ended at about 10 p.m.

While in Fallujah and at a military base in Baghdad, the group met with the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and the U.S. ambassador, Ryan Crocker.

The other members of the congressional delegation included Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J., and Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va.

They were joined by two freshman Republicans making their first trip to Iraq — Rep. Doug Lamborn, of Colorado, and Rep. Gus Bilirakis, of Florida.

McHugh said the relative peace in Fallujah and Anbar province was made possible by an expanding American strategy of recruiting and paying Sunnis to fight insurgents in their neighborhoods, combined with an increased number of

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DEVELOPMENTS

A major spike in violence

■ Four suicide bombers hit a Kurdish Yazidi community in northwest Iraq on Tuesday, killing at least 175 people and wounding 200 others, the Iraqi military said. The bombs tore through communities near Qahataniya, 75 miles west of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city.

■ More than 50 uniformed gunmen in 17 official vehicles stormed the Oil Ministry in Baghdad, abducting the deputy oil minister and three other officials.

■ In western Iraq, a U.S. transport helicopter crashed near an air base, killing five troopers, the military said. The CH-47 Chinook helicopter was conducting a routine post-maintenance test flight when it went down near Taqaddum air base, the U.S. military said.

■ Four other U.S. soldiers were reported killed in combat — three in an explosion near their vehicle Monday in the northwestern Ninevah province. The fourth died of wounds suffered in western Baghdad.

— News service reports

Inside

Vicious attack on the Yazidis, a small Kurdish sect/A-10