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Morning showers,  
then slow clearing.  
High in mid-30s.  
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## Second wind

Randy Moss carries a 63-yard touchdown pass through the end zone in the second quarter last night to give the New England Patriots a 14-3 lead over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Moss caught two TD passes — and, recovering his own fumble, combined with quarterback Tom Brady on a quirky but scoring double-lateral pass to Jabar Gaffney. The outcome: Patriots 34, Steelers 13. At right, Pats fans post the season's progress report. See Sports, B1.



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## New monthly newspaper serves R.I.'s homeless

The focus of Street Sights, published by volunteers, is "about what people can do, not what they can't do," its editor says.

**BY G. WAYNE MILLER**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — The newspapers were hot off the press.

Literally. When Elizabeth Ochs loaded bundles of them into the back seat of the car she had borrowed to haul them from the printer to the newsroom, they left ink on the back seat.

Ochs laughed telling that story Thursday during a staff meeting of Street Sights, a monthly publication for and about the homeless. Of what importance was a smudge or two in light of the effort it took to get here? After five months of being published as a small and rather bland-looking pamphlet that was easy to ignore, Street Sights is now a broadsheet. It's only eight pages long, but it looks like ... well, a newspaper. And it's free.

"Have you seen it yet?" Ochs said to Stephen Cotter, the paper's art editor and photographer. Eight members of the staff had gathered in the tiny one-room newsroom/office in the basement of a

building on Chestnut Street to finalize distribution plans and critique the first broadsheet.

"Yeah, it looks great," said Cotter.

Others agreed. Ochs is the "coordinating editor" — a term chosen to reflect the paper's collaborative spirit. She is a Brown University student, 23 years old, and an enthusiastic advocate for the homeless. She will graduate from Brown this month, but plans to stay in Providence at least as long as it takes for the new Street Sights to become firmly establish-

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## DROPPING IN UNINVITED WITH BUBBLY AND A ROAR

A hot-air balloon's backyard landing draws the attention of Attleboro residents — and seven police cruisers, a fire truck and an ambulance.

**BY TOM MOONEY**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

ATTLEBORO — Working on the what-comes-up principle, it's perfectly reasonable to expect a hot-air balloon to come down.

Michael and Joan Donovan just weren't expecting one to drop into their yard yesterday morning.

And the local police — who dispatched seven cruisers, a fire truck and an ambulance after several frantic phone calls about a descending balloon in trouble over West Street — would have preferred that it drop in on any other town.

But for the three balloonists who emerged perfectly fine and happy from their wicker basket, it was a great flight and much ado about nothing.

"Worked out great," said Tom Perry. Perry, his 9-year-old niece, Samantha Rose, and ballooning instructor Beth Ha-

milton of Rehoboth-based Balloon Fantasies had launched into the gray sky about 7:30 a.m. from Hill-Roberts Elementary School in Attleboro with an intended landing spot at Attleboro High School.

But as all balloonists know, flight plans are susceptible to change.

At about 8:30 a.m., neighbors around West Street — a corner of town just west of Route 95 and north of Route 123 — heard a strange noise outside. To some it sounded like a sputtering furnace, to others a strange gust of wind.

They opened their doors to see a big yellow, gold and purple balloon slowly descending in the still air over the bare trees. A periodic tongue of flame shot into the open end of the balloon with a lion's roar.

Gary Morse, who lives across the street

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A hot-air balloon makes an unscheduled, but safe, landing into the yard of Michael and Joan Donovan, of 940 West St. in Attleboro, yesterday morning, delighting neighbors.

## Concerns rise over CIA tape disposal

Critics in both parties express concern that the agency's destruction of interrogation videotapes could amount of obstruction of justice.

**BY FAYE FIORE AND CHUCK NEUBAUER**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Senators from both parties suggested yesterday that the CIA's destruction of videotaped interrogations of two suspected al-Qaida terrorists could constitute obstruction of justice, carried out as the spy agency's methods were coming under fierce legal scrutiny.

"Burning tapes, destroying evidence, I don't know how deep this goes. Could there be obstruction of justice? Yes," Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee and a frequent critic of Bush administration foreign policy, said on CBS's *Face the Nation*.

The Justice Department and the CIA's inspector general have launched a preliminary inquiry into the controversial destruction of the tapes, which critics charge was an effort to conceal harsh, possibly illegal interrogations.

Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware, chairman

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## For disabled, S. Security appeals drag

Most appeals are successful, but the wait for a hearing averages more than 500 days — and some of those who file are losing their homes, declaring bankruptcy or dying.

**BY ERIK ECKHOLM**  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

RALEIGH, N.C. — Steadily lengthening delays in the resolution of Social Security disability claims have left hundreds of thousands of people in a kind of purgatory, waiting as long as three years for a decision.

Two-thirds of those who appeal an initial rejection eventually win their cases.

But in the meantime, more and more people have lost their homes, declared bankruptcy or even died while awaiting an appeals hearing, say lawyers representing claimants and officials of the Social Security Administration, which administers disability benefits for those judged unable to work or who face

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## Bumpy ride awaits U.S. court nominee

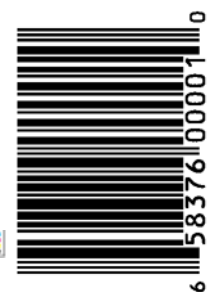
Rhode Island's senators pledge a "thorough and independent review" of the Republican judge's fitness to rise from U.S. District Court to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a seat with more power to interpret the Constitution.

**BY JOHN E. MULLIGAN**  
JOURNAL WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Judge William E. Smith "has served well" on Rhode Island's federal court, U.S. Sen. Jack Reed said Friday, but his nomination to the federal appeals court in Boston "is a different situation," colored in part by what Reed depicted as President Bush's failure to consult with senators about his choice.

Meanwhile, Judge Bruce M. Selya, the federal

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### 6 SHOT DEAD IN COLORADO

A gunman kills two staff members at a missionary training center in a Denver suburb after being told he can't spend the night, and 12 hours later four people are killed at a megachurch in Colorado Springs. **A2**

### \$1.94 MILLION FOR HISTORY'S SAKE

State Preservation Grants are awarded to 20 museums, cultural art centers and public historic sites across the state, helping preserve structures ranging from a windmill to an observatory. **C1**

### MOVING PICTURES



Giuseppe Garibaldi's triumphant 1860 quest to reclaim territory lost by the Roman Empire and unite Italy as a nation is depicted in glorious detail online in the Brown University library's digitized view of a 273-foot panorama that had disappeared from public view for a century. **D1**