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Frances P. Driscoll gets a hug from a supporter after a federal court jury acquits her of a corruption charge.

Split verdict in Roger Williams corruption case

In a second trial, the jury convicts the medical center's former President Robert A. Urciuoli, but this time acquits Frances P. Driscoll.

BY MIKE STANTON and W. ZACHARY MALINOWSKI
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PROVIDENCE — In a dramatic ending to a long, hard-fought legal struggle, a federal jury yesterday convicted former Roger Williams Medical Center President Robert A. Urciuoli of corruption charges but acquitted another former hospital executive, Frances P. Driscoll.

After deliberating for just over four days, the jury of nine women and three men convicted Urciuoli of one count of conspiracy and 35 counts of mail fraud.

A lawyer for Urciuoli, the once high-flying hospital executive who now faces prison, vowed to continue the fight with an appeal.

Driscoll was acquitted of the lone count against her — aiding and abetting Urciuoli in his



Robert A. Urciuoli leaves court yesterday after being found guilty of all 36 counts against him.

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scheme to defraud the citizens of Rhode Island of the honest services of a former state senator, John A. Celona of North Providence.

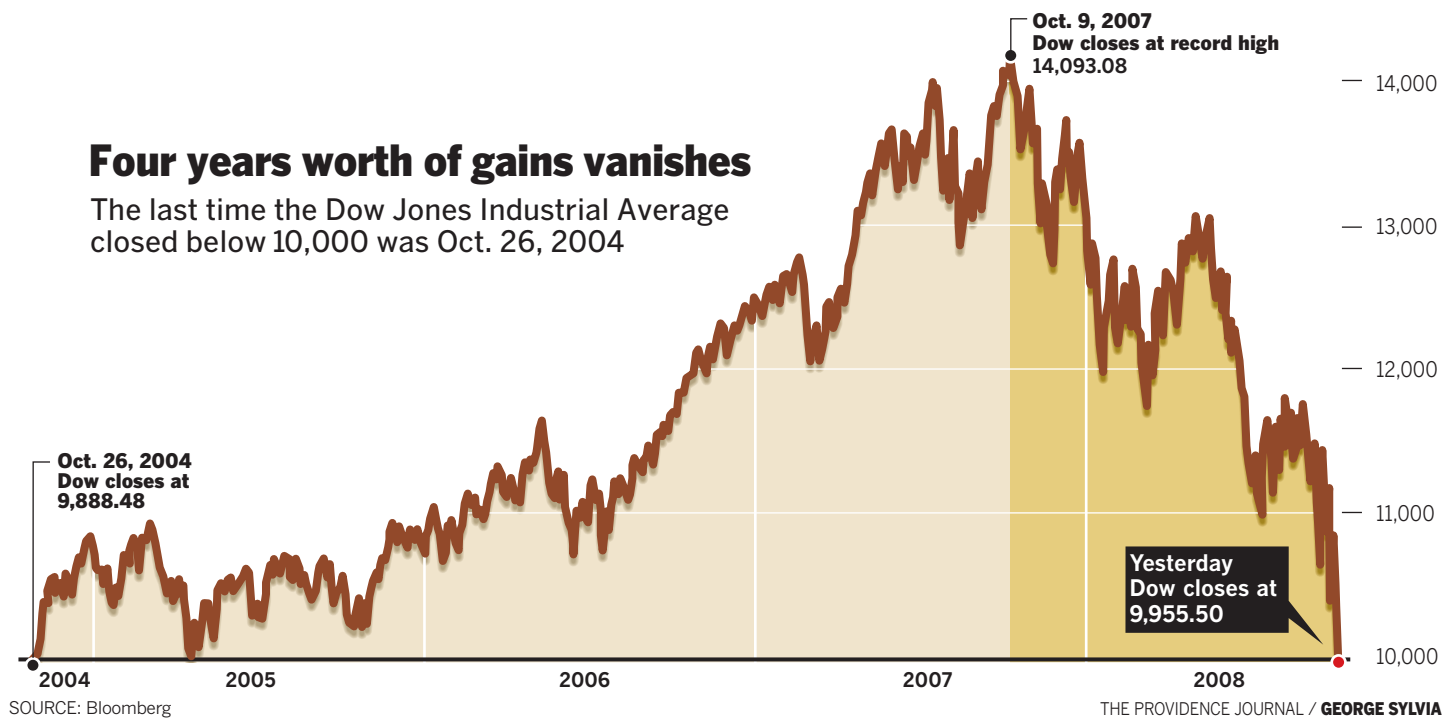
The verdict came nearly five years after the federal corruption probe of Celona began, and two years after Urciuoli and Driscoll were convicted in a trial in which the verdict was later overturned, forcing this trial. After the first trial, Urciuoli had been sentenced to three years in prison and Driscoll to eight months.

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As markets crater, Fed eyes loan plan

Four years worth of gains vanishes

The last time the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed below 10,000 was Oct. 26, 2004



SOURCE: Bloomberg

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Economic snapshot

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., right, one of the chief architects of the \$700-billion bailout package, tells a Rhode Island audience that it will take some time before the measure's effects are felt. **A2**



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Economic experts at Rhode Island colleges and universities offer their views on the crisis and whether the economic bailout will work. **A2**



AP FILE

Oil prices plunge below \$90 a barrel because of the slowing economy. Just three months ago, oil cost nearly \$150 a barrel.

The Bush administration names Neel Kashkari, 35, left, an assistant Treasury secretary for international affairs, to head the Treasury's new Office of Financial Stability on an interim basis. The agency will oversee the spending of the \$700-billion bailout.

With world credit markets frozen, the nation's bank may become the lender of last resort.

BY EDMUND L. ANDREWS and MICHAEL M. GRYNBAUM
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — As pressure built in the credit markets and stocks spiraled lower around the world yesterday, the Federal Reserve was considering a radical new plan to jump-start the engine of the financial system.

Under a proposal being discussed with the Treasury Department, the Fed could buy vast amounts of the unsecured short-term debt that companies rely on to finance their day-to-day activities, according to officials familiar with the discussions. If this were to happen, the central bank would come closer than ever to lending directly to businesses.

While the move would put more taxpayer dollars at risk, it underscores the growing sense of urgency felt by pol-

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Your turn: What's at stake for you if the bailout fails? Respond at **projo.com**

Convicted child killer sentenced to life

Katherine Bunnell, found guilty of killing her 3-year-old nephew, must serve at least 23 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

BY TATIANA PINA
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PROVIDENCE — Superior Court Judge Gilbert V. Indeglia sentenced Katherine Bunnell to life in prison saying she "instigated" the beatings that eventually led to the death of her 3-year-old nephew, Thomas "T.J." Wright, four years ago.

Bunnell was convicted in May of second-degree murder and a charge of conspiracy to commit murder. Bunnell will be eligible for parole in 20 years on the murder charge. Indeglia also imposed 10 years for the conspiracy charge in addition to the life sen-

tence. Bunnell would need to serve three years of that sentence before being eligible for parole — meaning she will spend at least 23 years in prison.

Bunnell, 25, and her boyfriend, Gilbert Delestre, 28, are accused of beating T.J. to death. The beating was so severe that he was taken unconscious to Hasbro Children's Hospital. He was declared brain dead and taken off life support the next day. Delestre has been at the ACI awaiting trial, which is scheduled for Nov. 3.

Indeglia said he had trouble review-

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Katherine Bunnell, who was convicted in the death of Thomas "T.J." Wright, told the court yesterday, "I would trade my life for T.J. if I could."

Word from the elderly: 'Don't call me sweetie'

Many say they find "elderspeak" degrading and it may even have negative health consequences.

BY JOHN LELAND
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Professionals call it "elderspeak," the sweetly belittling form of address that has always rankled older people: the doctor who talks to their children rather than to them about their health; the store clerk who assumes that an older person does

not know how to work a computer, or needs to be addressed slowly or in a loud voice. Then there are those who address any elderly person as "dear."

"People think they're being nice," said Elvira Nagle, 83, of Dublin, Calif., "but when I hear it, it raises my hackles."

Now studies are finding that the insults can have health consequences, especially if people mutely accept the attitudes behind them, said Becca Levy, an associate professor of epide-

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URI SEEN LAGGING IN RESEARCH

A commission today reports that drastic action is needed to improve the research capacity at the University of Rhode Island, including a \$100-million bond referendum in 2010 intended to attract 20 to 30 top researchers to the school. **B1**

PUTTING THE KEYS IN PARENTS' HANDS

A major U.S. automaker next year plans to offer a new feature that will allow parents to prevent teen drivers from exceeding 80 mph, set limits on the audio system's volume and sound continuous alerts if the driver is not wearing a seat belt. **A7**

THE RACE TURNS NASTY



On the eve of tonight's presidential debate, John McCain makes clear his campaign intends to attack Barack Obama on all fronts and create or reinforce doubts about him among as many voters as possible; the Obama campaign promises to respond in kind. **A3**

