

New storm bears down on ravaged Myanmar

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KYAIKTAW, Myanmar — U Maung Saw and his family are in a race against the rain.

Cyclone Nargis pounded their house as flat as the mud where the broken pieces now lie. A 5-foot wave, driven by a storm surge that rolled 20 miles upriver from the Andaman Sea, crashed onto his doorstep. It washed away almost everything the family of seven owned — even the fish they were farming in a nearby pond.

The flooding and torrential rain May 4 also ruined a fifth of the unmilled rice they had stockpiled since harvesting the paddy from the rich soil of the Irrawaddy River delta, Myanmar's rice bowl, in late March. A week after the storm, the rest of the rice is so damp that it has to be spread on the mucky ground to dry slowly in the sun before it rots too.

And therein lies the problem: a nasty tropical depression is bearing down on southern Myanmar. And in countless villages like this, where no one has received outside aid, the clock is counting down to what threatens to be the next disaster.

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A major swing in diagnosing bipolar disorder

A Rhode Island Hospital psychiatrist's study concludes that fewer than half of those patients given such a diagnosis actually suffer from the mental illness.

BY FELICE J. FREYER
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A few years ago, Dr. Mark Zimmerman, a psychiatrist at Rhode Island Hospital, started noticing that many patients were coming to his practice seeking treatment for bipolar disorder. They'd received the diagnosis elsewhere, and they "were invested in it," he said.

But as Zimmerman and his colleagues talked to these patients, it seemed to them that a significant proportion didn't meet the definition of bipolar disorder, a mental illness characterized by dramatic mood swings.

So Zimmerman, director of outpatient psychiatry at Rhode Island Hospital and a psychiatry professor at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, decided to put his observations to a rigorous test. He conducted a study — and

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The Democrats have yet to choose their presidential nominee for 2008 but Rhode Island politicians already have 2010 on their minds.

PLANNING AHEAD

BUILDING A WAR CHEST

FRANK CAPRIO
 Treasurer



DAVID CICILLINE
 Providence mayor

From state Treasurer Frank Caprio to former Congressman Robert Weygand, many are considering their options.

BY KATHERINE GREGG
 JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

If fundraising prowess is any indication of who is best positioned to run for Rhode Island governor in 2010, state Treasurer Frank Caprio and Providence Mayor David N. Cicilline have strong early leads.

With more than \$500,000 in their respective war chests, the two Democrats are financially far ahead of any of the other potential candidates for governor, Republican or Democrat. In Caprio's case, that reflects an unrivaled first-quarter fundraising effort that netted him more than \$200,000, according to recent filings with the state Board of Elections.

But the latest round of fundraising reports does not tell the whole story, in part because one of the best known — and wealthiest — of Rhode Island's out-of-office politicians has dangled the possibility of running for governor but has not yet raised or spent a dime: former U.S. Sen. Lincoln D. Chafee.

Swept out of office two years ago in one of the critical upsets that allowed Democrats to regain control of the Senate, Chafee says he still has the "luxury of time" to decide whether he wants to jump back into the political arena.

But as he goes from one stop to another on his book-selling tour, Republican-turned-independent Chafee talks about what he calls the "magnet pull" to jump back in. "Even in the supermarket, I'll be looking at a head of lettuce and someone will say ... I am sorry I voted against you for the Senate. They feel compelled to tell me: 'Don't take it personally ... I hope you run for governor.'"

And so as the jockeying begins around him, Chafee says: "This has been a chance to think things over

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 Former Cranston mayor



ELIZABETH ROBERTS
 Lieutenant governor

STILL WEIGHING OPTIONS

LINCOLN D. CHAFEE
 Former U.S. senator



CHARLES J. FOGARTY
 Former lieutenant governor

PATRICK C. LYNCH
 Attorney general



ROBERT WEYGAND
 Former congressman

NOT THIS TIME

SCOTT AVEDISIAN
 Warwick mayor



A. RALPH MOLLIS
 Secretary of state

Deadly tornadoes leave trail of destruction across 3 states

At least six people are killed in Picher, Okla., right, after a tornado strikes Saturday night, causing severe damage over a 20-block area. The same storm system is blamed for 15 deaths in southern Missouri and one death in Georgia. **Story, A2**

AP / SHEILAH MILLER



Squeaking unnerves hip patients

Patients with artificial hips made of ceramic materials are questioning whether the noises herald serious malfunctions.

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 THE NEW YORK TIMES

The first time John L. Johnson's artificial hip squeaked, he was bending down to pick up a pine cone in his yard in Thomasville, Ga. Johnson looked up, expecting to find an animal nearby.

Susan O'Toole, a nutritionist at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, who first squeaked going up stairs after getting home from her hip-replacement surgery in 2005, said she thought the banister she was gripping needed repair.

And Edward Heary, an apprentice apprais-

er in Hatboro, Pa., said clients sometimes look with embarrassment or concern at their floorboards when he walks though their homes.

As all three patients — and hundreds of others — discovered once they pinpointed the source of the noises, they had become guinea pigs in an unfolding medical mystery. Their artificial hips are made of ceramic materials that were promoted as being much more durable than older models. But for reasons not yet fully understood, their hips started to squeak, raising questions about whether the noises herald more serious malfunctions.

"There is something amiss here," said Douglas E. Padgett, chief of adult reconstructive and joint replacement service at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. More than 250,000 Americans get total hip implants each

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Harrison Ford explains why Indiana Jones continues to capture the imagination of movie audiences 27 years after he first appeared on the big screen. **D1**