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Partly sunny today with highs in the mid-70s; increasing clouds tonight.
Forecast, E10

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May 30, 2007: \$3.03 per gallon (in gray)
May 29, 2008: \$4 per gallon (in bold)
Average gas prices provided by AAA Southern New England
Costs assume 20.3 miles per gallon, the average fuel economy for U.S. vehicles in 2005
Distances based on roundtrips from downtown Providence

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Your turn: With gas at \$4 a gallon, if you could buy a new car, what would it be? To respond, go to **projo.com**



Empire State Building:
355 miles **\$52.99 \$69.95**

BY SCOTT MACKAY
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Warren Graves allows that his Ford Focus gets good mileage — about 31 miles a gallon — but he grimaced into the setting sun last night as he pumped \$20 worth at a Hess gasoline station in the city's Jewelry District.

"Look at that," said Graves, nodding toward the reading on the pump, which showed that he got a hair more than 5 regular gallons for his \$20, which cost him \$3.94 per gallon.

"It's too much money, I know that," said Graves. "But I don't have much choice, I drive to Boston every day."

As regular gas hovered at \$4 per gallon yesterday, motorists in Southeastern New England tightened their belts another notch, vowing to take public transportation more, ride bicycles, pare down vacation plans and grouse a bit about the soaring cost of fuel for cars, trucks and SUVs.

Graves, who lives in Portsmouth, has a job that takes him to Needham, Mass., a Boston suburb, every day. He is working on opening a new location for a Wild Willy's hamburger franchise, needs his car and says he doesn't have any alternative than to pay the high prices.

"I'm not too happy with the oil companies," says Graves.

At the same station last night, Robin Vieira was filling her Ford F-150. Vieira says she doesn't know how much mileage she gets per gallon, but because the truck is a V-8, "I know it isn't much."

These days she tries to take the RIPTA bus from her home in Warren to her job at the Turk's Head Building in downtown Providence, but said that because she had a

SEE **GAS, A7**

Officer sent to ACI for 20 years

"Somewhere along the way you lost your moral compass," a judge says as he sentences suspended North Providence Sgt. Michael Ciresi, 41.

BY RICHARD C. DUJARDIN
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Suspended North Providence police Sgt. Michael Ciresi was sentenced yesterday to 20 years in prison for his role in the burglaries of houses in Pawtucket and North Providence and in an assortment of other crimes in 2004.

Superior Court Judge Robert D. Krause said a civilized society cannot afford corruption in its law enforcement agencies as he sentenced Ciresi to 45 years with 20 to serve.

Krause rejected a request by Ciresi's new lawyer, Richard Corley, that Ciresi, 41, be permitted to remain on home confinement while his convictions are appealed to the state Supreme Court. He had been on home confinement since his conviction in February on eight felonies and one misdemeanor.

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OPERATION DOLLAR BILL

Closing arguments in CVS trial

Former Sen. John Celona's testimony is at the heart of the points made by the prosecution and the defense.

BY MIKE STANTON
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — The two faces of John Celona — and of CVS — were on display in federal court yesterday as jurors heard more than four hours of closing arguments in the federal corruption case against former drugstore executives John R. "Jack" Kramer and Carlos Ortiz.

The prosecution argued that Celona abused his political office for CVS' gain, at the behest of Kramer and Ortiz. The defense countered that Celona was hired for legitimate purposes,

SEE **CVS, A7**

Military's latest tool to lure recruits: Ultimate fighting

The armed forces also sees the competition, especially popular with young males, as a training tool.

BY MICHAEL BRICK
THE NEW YORK TIMES

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — The U.S. military is embracing a combat sport commonly called ultimate fighting that just a decade ago was called human cock-fighting and largely outlawed.

The sport, also known as mixed martial arts and involving disciplines such as jiu-jitsu, boxing and wrestling, adopted safety

measures that satisfied most state regulators. It is soaring in popularity, especially among young men; tomorrow night, an event will be broadcast live in prime time on network television for the first time [Channel 12]. The armed forces, acknowledging the phenomenon and the suitable demographics, are using the sport

SEE **FIGHTING, A4**

"It was losing money hand over fist. The goal has been to get an anchor tenant in there."

EVAN GRANOFF, co-owner of the building

TENANTS HAVE 30 DAYS TO LEAVE ARCADE

The facility is scheduled to undergo an \$8-million facelift, a move its owners hope will lead to the building becoming profitable.

BY DANIEL BARBARISI
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PROVIDENCE — The Arcade building on Westminster Street, the oldest indoor shopping mall in the nation, is slated for an \$8-million renovation starting this summer, and the businesses inside have been given until the end of June to clear out.

Owner Granoff Associates, which owns several prominent properties in the Financial

District, plans to install modern heating and air-conditioning systems in the 180-year-old building, and may also modify it to serve a single large tenant.

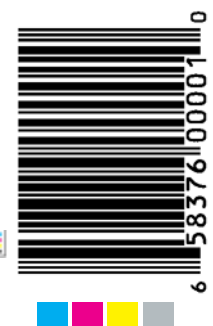
The building now houses 13 small shops and restaurants, and has many more storefronts vacant. The building has been a consistent money loser for years, said Evan Granoff, who is betting that luring a large single tenant could make the historic structure profitable.

"It was losing money hand over fist," Granoff said, claiming losses of \$10,000 a month. "The goal has been to get an anchor tenant in there."

The remaining businesses learned of their ejection yesterday from media reports. Shock resonated through the Arcade's three stories.

"There's been people crying in here all day," said Don Beohner, who has owned the jewelry store Copacetic in the Arcade since the 1980s.

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TEXAS TOLD TO RETURN CHILDREN

The Texas Supreme Court upholds an appellate ruling that said the state had no right to take more than 400 children from a polygamist compound last month. **A2**

SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE BEAR

The black bear that authorities earlier this week described as cornered appears to be on the move again, with the most recent sightings in North Kingstown. **B1**

PASSAGES HARVEY KORMAN

Harvey Korman, the versatile comedian best known for his work on *The Carol Burnett Show* and as Hedley Lamarr in Mel Brooks' *Blazing Saddles* dies at 81. **A6**



STONEHENGE SOLVED

The secret of Stonehenge is no more: The mysterious stones in southern England were a burial ground that probably holds the remains of a family that long ruled the area. **A5**