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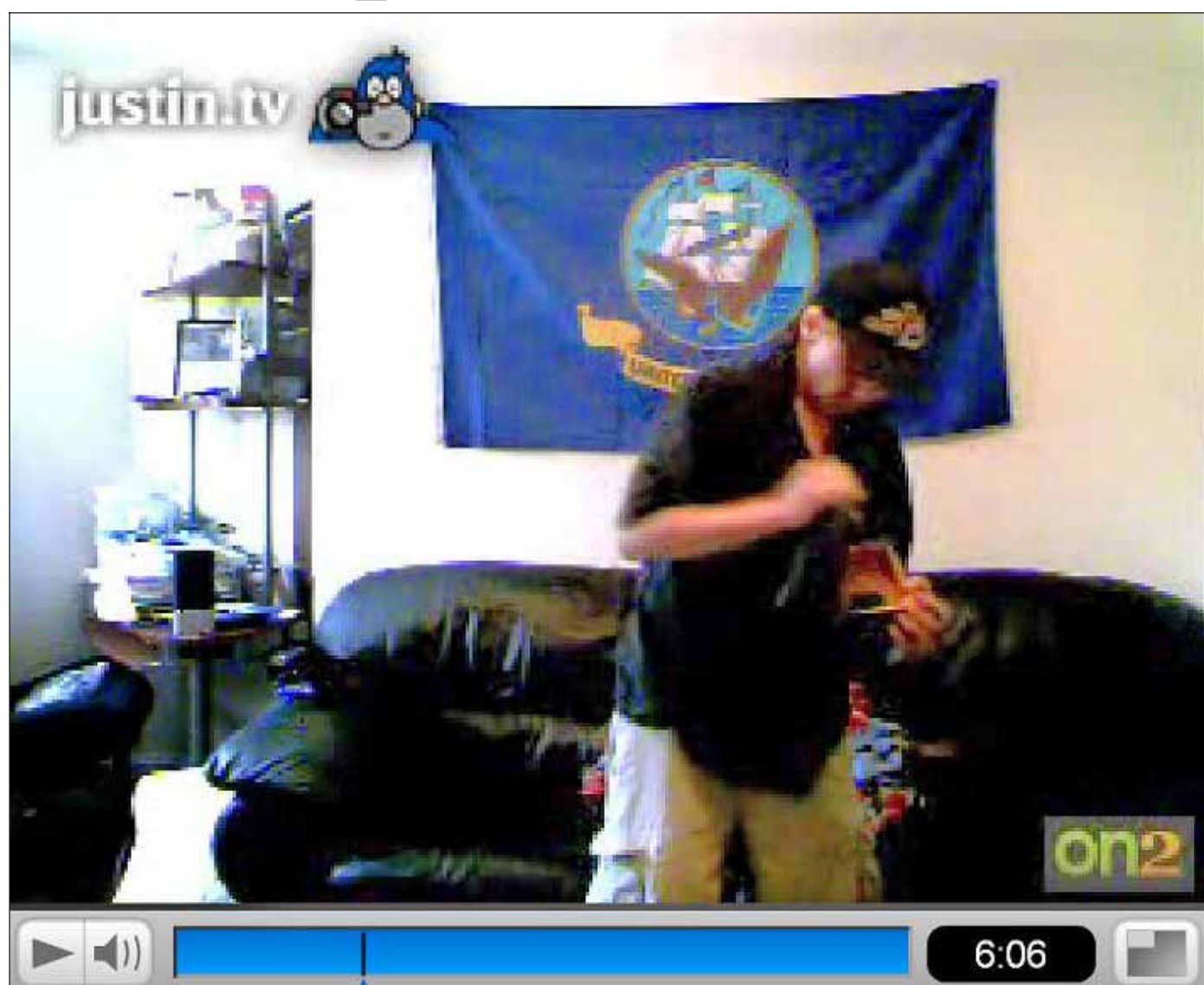
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Webcam captures suspected thief



This woman, who the police identified as Becky L. Fath, 49, of Newport, faces a charge of breaking and entering after authorities say she broke into Joshua Chiarini's apartment and took several items while his webcam was operating.

Joshua Chiarini's laptop, watch, military uniforms, DVDs and sound system were stolen earlier this month, but the crime was caught on his webcam.

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The burglary of Joshua Chiarini's apartment makes him an Internet hit

BY CHLOE THOMPSON
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

NEWPORT — When he got home after a morning ear surgery, Joshua Chiarini was exhausted and in pain. And his day was about to turn worse.

"I walk into my apartment, I immediately go to the TV and look down at the ground," said the Navy corpsman. "I look to my right and my laptop is missing and I remember thinking 'I left it here this morning,'... I turn around and my neighbor walks in and says, 'Dude, you've been robbed.'"

Missing were Chiarini's laptop, wires, a watch, his military uniforms, DVDs and a sound system for his computer. Chiarini called the police to report the break-in, but he held out little hope that the case would be solved.

Then his neighbor, Neal LaChance, mentioned a webcam in plain sight on Chiarini's television, reminding Chiarini that he had been using his technological toy the night before.

The previous evening, Chiarini was about to go to sleep at his home on

SEE **WEBCAM, A3**

July 4th fireworks canceled in Providence

State fire officials say the fireworks are launched too close to the buildings of Smith Hill, some of which have suffered burns in the last few years.

BY DANIEL BARBARISI
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PROVIDENCE — The skies over Providence will be dark this Fourth of July.

The capital city has called off its fireworks display after state fire officials said the fireworks are launched too close to the buildings of Smith Hill, some of which have suffered burns from fireworks in the last few years.

Providence tried to find an alternate site, but couldn't relocate in time.

"We were trying to — we turned over every rock we possibly could," said Lynne McCormack, director of Arts, Culture and Tourism for Providence.

Providence has held a Fourth of July fireworks display over the State House since 2005, and shoots them off for New Year's as well. It's now unlikely that Providence will ever launch fireworks from the State House area again, but city officials hope to rekindle the tradition next July from a barge in the Providence River.

SEE **FIREWORKS, A3**

Lynch balks at urging passage of shield law

Rhode Island's attorney general says his office's unique position makes it inappropriate for him to join 42 of his colleagues in calling for passage of federal legislation to protect reporters' sources.

BY EDWARD FITZPATRICK
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Although the bill is backed by 42 other attorneys general, Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch is refusing to support the Free Flow of Information Act, which would create a qualified federal shield law for reporters.

The bill, which has passed the House and been recommended by the Senate Judiciary Committee, would make it harder for judges to order journalists to reveal confidential sources.

The most recent national push for the bill began with

SEE **SHIELD, A5**

Her rescue efforts put young girl's life in jeopardy

On her 14th birthday, Tiffany Martinez is hospitalized apparently with severe brain damage after helping prevent another youngster from drowning.

BY G. WAYNE MILLER
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Tiffany Martinez turned 14 on Sunday. The day would end with her in the intensive-care unit of Hasbro Children's Hospital, unconscious, her brain apparently badly damaged, a respirator supporting her after nearly drowning in the unforgiving waters off Warwick's Conimicut Point. She remained in that condition last night.



TIFFANY

Her birthday began as birthday days do for girls her age, with the promise of fun. She was fishing with her family at Providence's India Point Park when her mother's phone rang. Friends wanted to know if the family wanted to join them at the beach. It was sunny and warm, school done for the year, the Fourth of July just around the corner.

Josephine Gonzalez, Tiffany's mother, thought the beach sounded perfect.

"Tiffany got excited," Josephine says.

Josephine and her husband,

SEE **TIFFANY, A5**

RIC a familiar place to new president



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Nancy Carriuolo takes over as the new president of RIC today. "For me, the power of education is that it allows you to go anywhere," says the upstate New York native.

Nancy Carriuolo says she sees much of herself in the students who attend Rhode Island College.

BY JENNIFER D. JORDAN
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PROVIDENCE — Nancy Carriuolo, who today becomes the ninth president of Rhode Island College, understands the college she will lead and the students it attracts. Roughly 40 years ago, she was one of them.

Back then, she was Nancy Munzert and a student at the State University of New York's Brockport campus, not far from the upstate farm where she grew up.

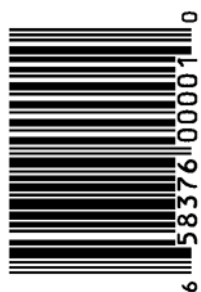
The daughter of William, a machinist-farmer who left school after sixth grade, and Monica, a graduate of ninth grade who went on to work in a cannery, Nancy was the first in her family to finish high school and attend college.

Her background mirrors that of many RIC students.

"I went to a college not unlike Rhode Island College," said Carriuolo, 59, in an interview last week. "I came from a low-income family and was a first-generation college student. My grandparents were immigrants. So for me to go to college and later on to get a Ph.D. was a huge leap.

"For me, the power of education is that it allows you to

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EXTENSION ALTERNATIVE

In an attempt to address Warwick's concerns, the Rhode Island Airport Corporation board comes up with an alternative location for a proposed runway extension at T.F. Green Airport. **E1**

SETBACK FOR SOX

The Tampa Bay Rays tighten their grip on first place in the American League East by beating the Red Sox, 5-4. **C1**

'OH NOOOOO!'



Mr. Bill, the clay figure that became a national icon after appearing in numerous short films on *Saturday Night Live* 30 years ago, is back, this time touting the benefits of MasterCard. **F1**