

GOOD MORNING

FAIR WEATHER

A slow-moving cold front will begin pulling into Central New York today, bringing seasonal temperatures today and chillier weather Sunday and Monday. There might be a few scattered showers this afternoon, but they won't last long.

Complete forecast, D-12
HIGH: 75 LOW: 52

Fuzzy the penguin dies at Syracuse zoo

Fuzzy, a 3-year-old male penguin, died last month from a fungal infection at Rosamond Gifford Zoo, a zoo official said Friday. He became ill with respiratory problems and died Aug. 18 from aspergillosis.

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Retailers get new device to spot fake licenses

The Cayuga County district attorney has given bars and retailers who sell alcohol a Security Laminare Verifier, a device that detects flaws in a license that has been altered.

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SU houses extra students at nearby Sheraton hotel

Syracuse University has too many students for campus housing, so 32 students get to live at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center.

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Is our love affair with gas guzzlers finally over?

With gas more than \$3 a gallon, industry analysts believe it's just a matter of time before Americans trade in big trucks and SUVs for smaller cars.

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Negotiators still tweaking constitution language

Talks are under way in Iraq to change the wording in the draft constitution in an attempt to win Sunni approval.

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Israel puts off expansion of West Bank settlement

Israel said Friday it won't expand its largest West Bank settlement until the U.S. approves.

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Boeing machinists' strike forces production to halt

About 18,400 machinists at Boeing Co. went on strike Friday, forcing the company to stop the airplane production.

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Unemployment rate drops to four-year low

The jobless rate across the country fell to 4.9 percent in August, the lowest in four years, a sign of the strengthening market before Hurricane Katrina.

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Katrina Survivors Ask: 'What Took You So Long?'

The Associated Press

New Orleans — The cavalry finally arrived.

With a cigar-chomping general in front, a camouflaged-green convoy of at least three-dozen troop vehicles and supply trucks rolled through floodwaters Friday into a desperate city where some storm survivors have died waiting for food, water and medicine.

"Thank you, Jesus!" Leschia Radford shrieked amid a throng of tens of thousands outside the New Orleans convention center.

Some people threw their arms heavenward and others nearly fainted with joy as the trucks and hundreds of soldiers arrived in the punishing midday heat.

But there was also anger and profane jeers from many in the crowd of nearly 20,000 who questioned why they had to wait four days after Hurricane Katrina and threaten to riot before they could get anything to eat or drink.

"They should have been here days ago," said Michael Levy, 46, whose words were echoed by those around him yelling, "Hell yeah!"

"We've been sleeping on the ... ground like rats," Levy added. "I say burn this whole ... city down."

With a rag shielding her from the searing midday heat and a cart at her feet holding her only belongings, 70-year-old Nellie Washington

SOLDIERS, PAGE A-6



PRESIDENT BUSH tries to comfort Bronwynn Bassier, 23, of Biloxi, Miss., (center) and her sister, Kim, 21, Friday morning during a walkalong tour of Biloxi, Miss. Bush toured the Gulf Coast communities battered by Hurricane Katrina, hoping to boost the spirits of increasingly desperate storm victims.

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Food, games, voters draw Clintons to fair

Former president enjoys midway games, talks about Katrina relief efforts.

By Marnie Eisenstadt and John Mariani Staff writers

Former President Bill Clinton snuck onto the midway at the New York State Fair to play the games and ride the rides with his brother and nephew before going to his wife's luncheon Friday at the Empire Room.

As he walked through the barkers and spinning rides around 11 a.m., a carnival worker ran up to him and handed him a wad of small bills. She told him to make sure the \$50 gets to the people in New Orleans and the places in the Deep South that are suffering from the ravages of Hurricane Katrina.

"It was very moving. That's America at its best," Clinton said.

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The thousands who have lost everything and more in Katrina's waters and winds need help now, certainly, but that need will only grow as time passes, Clinton said.

On Thursday, he and former President George H.W. Bush agreed to help raise money for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, as they did in the wake of December's tsunami.

And in his visit to the New York State Fair this year with his wife, U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, both stressed the need for more people to step forward.

He and his wife asked that people donate to the funds in the affected states that will be set up in the coming days and weeks.

"We'll have to go in and do massive rebuilding," the ex-president said during the luncheon. "Wait 30 to 45 days from now and then really give what



Peter Chen / Staff photograph

STATE TROOPERS surround former President Bill Clinton as they pose for photographs Friday at the state fair. The troopers were among law enforcement personnel who provided security for Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, while they were at the fairgrounds.

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- Kramer goes beyond paper towels.
- Scaredevil and Daredevil get dizzy on the flying swings.
- Map of fairgrounds, reviews and more.

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Stabbing critically hurts man

By Meghan Rubado Staff writer

A double stabbing about 2 p.m. Friday left a home renovation contractor critically injured at 105 Concord Place in the Westcott neighborhood, Syracuse police said.

Police were helping a young woman who was stabbed in front of her home when a neighbor heard the contractor moaning from the basement.

Officers were still searching for the stabbing suspect, Bobby Coward, 37, of Syracuse, who fled in the female victim's car, a green Mazda, said Sgt. Tom Connellan, speaking for city police.

Coward and the woman had once dated, and he knew the contractor, Connellan said.

The names of the injured man and woman were not released Friday.

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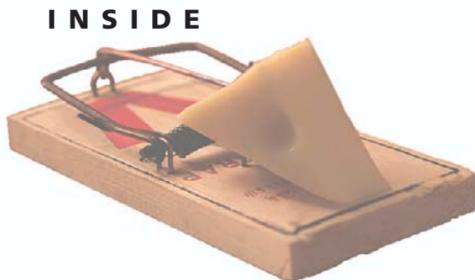
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CLOONEY'S NEW MOVIE 'Good Night, and Good Luck' explores McCarthy era.

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