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**CAPITOL CASH GRAB**

## Porcine protest crosses state

*An inflatable pig at a fundraiser Downtown reminded legislators to dump their pay raise.*

BY MIKE WERESCHAGIN  
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Protesters brought the pork to state legislators in Pittsburgh on Friday.

Outside the House Republican Campaign Committee's breakfast fundraiser at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Downtown, they erected their giant, inflatable pink pig to greet lawmakers, who voted July 7 to increase their salaries by as much as 54 percent.

Inside the hotel, donors and legislators — including House Majority Leader Sam Smith, R-Punxsutawney — ate \$1,000-a-plate breakfasts of scrambled eggs, potatoes and bacon.

Among those who didn't partake: Bob Glancy, chairman of

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Paul McCarthy, of the South Side, polishes up a giant inflatable pig Friday that is on display in Mellon Park, Downtown, to protest the state's legislative pay raise.

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## Cheney's top aide indicted

Libby charged with perjury, obstruction of justice

*He resigns in wake of the CIA leak case.*

BY G. ROBERT HILLMAN  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS



Libby

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis Libby, was charged Friday with obstruction of justice and with lying to a grand jury and federal agents in the two-year CIA leak investigation that has shaken the White House.

President Bush's longtime political adviser, Karl Rove — the deputy White House chief of staff who also has been increasingly in investigators' sights — was not charged, although special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald

■ **Close ties:** Donora native assigned to Libby case. **A4**

■ **Gray skies:** Dark clouds loom above Karl Rove. **A4**

ald said he has not finished his inquiry into the unauthorized disclosure of CIA operative Valerie Plame.

Libby, who began the day at the White House, resigned and left yesterday.

Cheney, traveling in Georgia, issued a statement praising his

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## Soldiers shared love of country

*Hollidaysburg native killed, Beechview man hurt in blast in Iraq.*

BY MICHAEL HASCH  
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Daniel R. Lightner Jr., a state trooper from Blair County, and Pittsburgh firefighter Bruce Morrow shared a love of country and a passion for helping others.

Lightner, 28, a native of Hollidaysburg, was killed, and Morrow, 37, of Beechview, was seriously wounded when their armored vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb in Iraq, Gov. Ed Rendell said Friday.

A third soldier in the vehicle, Spc. Timothy Collins, of Central City, Somerset County, suffered minor injuries in Thursday's explosion during combat operations in Ramadi Province, an insurgent stronghold 70 miles west of Baghdad, said Lt. Col. Chris Cleaver of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Staff Sgt. Lightner, Sgt. Morrow and Collins are members of

### War on terror

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the 28th Division Military Police Company in Johnstown, Cambria County. Collins is expected to rejoin his unit in Iraq, Cleaver said.

Morrow, a firefighter from Engine 26 in Brookline, suffered a broken vertebrae and other injuries in the blast, said his wife, Nicolette Wardzinski. He was being flown last night to a military hospital in Germany for treatment.

"There's no sign of paralysis. That's the good thing," Wardzinski said.

Wardzinski described her husband, the father of three, as

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## U.N. probe, Iraq war unsettle Syrians



QUAI BESHARA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Syrians rally in Damascus in support of Bashar Assad's regime, which has been implicated in the murder of Lebanese ex-premier Rafiq Hariri.

*Sentiment: 'You are in a car, the driver is crazy, the road is downhill and we've no brakes.'*

BY ANTHONY SHADID  
THE WASHINGTON POST

DAMASCUS, Syria — Waving Syrian flags, thousands of people poured into the capital's Seven Lakes Square this week in an orchestrated show of anger over a U.N. inquiry that implicated the country's leadership in the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri.

There was indignation: "Stay away from Syria," one banner declared. There was a hint of festivity, too — the cheer that comes with schools, universities and

government offices taking the day off to bolster the crowds.

"I came to denounce the investigation," explained Hisham Hassan, 17, holding a portrait of President Bashar Assad.

He paused, frowning his brow. "Why else?" he asked, turning to his friend, Hisham Shaqairi.

"National unity," his friend said.

"Right, national unity," Hassan answered, nodding.

But amid the chants and smiles, one poster hinted at the deep unease that courses through Damascus these days, as its government faces its greatest crisis since the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. "Syria will never be Iraq," it read.

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## 'Superbug' infecting area patients

*1,000 in Canada have died from a resistant strain of the bacteria.*

BY LUIS FABREGAS  
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Hospital patients in Pittsburgh are being treated for a dangerous new strain of intestinal bacteria that killed 1,000 Canadians

last year.

Some health officials call the infection — caused by the common bacteria *Clostridium difficile*, or C. diff — a "superbug" because it resists typically prescribed antibiotics.

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center officials confirmed Friday the new strain was the source of increased rates in C. diff cases dating back at least four years. But tests to type the strain — which has a gene

mutation — were developed only a few months ago.

"We saw an increase in cases in 2000 and 2001, and we had no idea what was going on," said Dr. Carlene Muto, UPMC's infection control chief.

Authorities have confirmed the new strain in 15 states.

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**Fall back**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed tonight. The nation returns to Standard Time at 2 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 30.



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