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Moon's Sinatra does it his way

His name may help the hopeful
be king of the hill, A-No. 1

BY TIMOTHY PUKO
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He's hoping voters will fly him to the Moon board of supervisors. But he isn't running for chairman of the board just yet.

Frank Sinatra is making his first run for office. Not Ol' Blue Eyes, but Frank W. Sinatra Jr., 38, a small-business owner from Beagle Court in Moon in Allegheny County. No relation.

"I had a person offer to buy me some color contacts because I have brown eyes," Sinatra said about his experience campaigning door-to-door for township supervisor. "It's always 'Chairman of the Board.' 'I'll vote for you if ya sing me a song.' People are pretty receptive to the name."

In a world where politicians pine for name recognition, Sinatra certainly has it.

The ring-a-ding-ding that goes off in people's heads when they hear the name has helped his career as a salesman, breaking the ice and easing him into business relationships, Sinatra said.

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Moon supervisor candidate Frank W. Sinatra Jr. said that because of his brown eyes, he had someone offer to buy him blue contacts, but of course his namesake (far left) didn't need them.

ANTI-SYRIAN LAWMAKER KILLED IN LEBANON



MARWAN HARMOUCHE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A Lebanese man picks his way through wreckage Wednesday after a car bomb in a Christian suburb of Beirut killed anti-Syrian Lebanese deputy Antoine Ghanem.

Blast heightens tension

Civil war fears grow; presidential election in jeopardy

BY LIZ SLY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BEIRUT — In what is becoming a worryingly familiar event in Lebanon, a powerful car bomb killed an anti-Syrian member of parliament Wednesday, just days before parliament was due to meet to elect a new president.

Antoine Ghanem, 64, died along with his driver, another passenger in his car and at least six bystanders in the rush-hour blast, which ignited several vehicles

and damaged apartments for blocks in the Christian Sin el Fil neighborhood of Beirut.

The explosion, six days before a scheduled special session of the nation's parliament to elect a new president, prompted allegations from supporters of the pro-Western government that Syria is systematically seeking to eliminate anti-Syrian legislators to deny the government a majority.

Ghanem's death reduced the number of pro-government parliamentarians to

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68, a majority of just four in the 128-seat legislature.

"The only way to reduce our majority ... is through assassinations," Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, a leading member of the parliamentary majority, told Al Jazeera television. He accused Syrian

President Bashar Assad of complicity.

"He still has to kill four more of us in order to say to the Lebanese people, 'You won't vote for an independent president,'" Jumblatt said.

Ghanem was the third member of parliament to be assassinated in the past 10 months and the eighth member of the anti-Syrian March 14 movement to be killed since the February 2005 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafiq

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Residents critical of power line play

Allegheny Energy offers more money to property owners for rights of way.

BY RICK STOFFER
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Allegheny Energy Inc. is offering \$20,000 to \$100,000 to some property owners for a right of way to build a power transmission line — a gesture some current owners call "ridiculous."

That's because some property owners were paid for the rights of way 30 years ago by Allegheny Energy's predecessors. This new round of compensation is associated with the company's proposed \$1.3 billion Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line through Washington and Greene counties.

"We are offering additional compensation to property owners where we already have easements because we feel it's the right thing to do," said Allegheny Energy spokesman David Neuhoff this week. He said a "couple dozen" letters were sent.

Organized opposition to the proposed 240-mile transmission line erupted as soon as Allegheny Energy announced its intentions 18 months ago.

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Pa. slots siphon \$22M from 2 W.Va. racetracks

That costs state, local and county governments \$10M in lost tax revenue.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHEELING — Two West Virginia racetracks have lost nearly \$22 million in gross revenue since gamblers started playing slots in Pennsylvania in June.

The losses at Wheeling Island

Racetrack and Gaming Center and Mountaineer Race Track & Gaming Resort between June 17 and Sept. 9 cost the state about \$9.6 million in lost tax revenue while local and county governments in Hancock and Ohio counties lost about \$438,000.

Wheeling Island earned \$39.4 million in gross revenues during the roughly three-month period this year compared to

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A robot retrieves a suspicious package Wednesday at Fifth Avenue and Wood Street, Downtown.

Bomb scare paralyzes city

Police examine whether the incident is connected to 2 others since mid-August.

BY JILL KING GREENWOOD
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

The Pittsburgh police bomb squad detonated a suspicious package that was discovered early Wednesday on top of a telephone booth Downtown, the third bomb scare in recent weeks.

Police received a call at 6:20 a.m. about the package at Fifth Avenue and Wood Street near Piatt Place, said bomb squad

Officer Ronald Liston.

Police shut Fifth Avenue from Smithfield Street to Liberty Avenue and closed Wood Street from Forbes Avenue to Oliver Street. They did not evacuate buildings, but the disturbance snarled rush-hour traffic for hours, and some workers complained they couldn't get to office buildings.

It was the third time since mid-August that the city's bomb squad was summoned to investigate suspicious packages left Downtown, police said.

In the two other incidents, cardboard boxes with wires protruding from them

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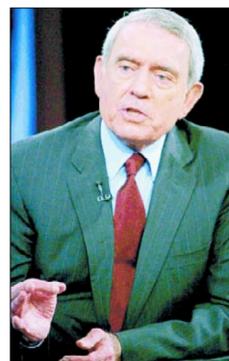


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Rather sues CBS

Dan Rather files a \$70 million lawsuit against CBS, alleging the network made him a "scapegoat" for a discredited story about President Bush's National Guard service. Rather, 75, says the complaint stems from "CBS's intentional mishandling" of the aftermath of the story. CBS spokesman Dana McClintock says: "These complaints are old news, and this lawsuit is without merit."



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