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Making a splash



Joe and Moira Petrocelli of Hanover take a frigid dip during the seventh annual Polar Plunge at Falmouth Heights Beach on Sunday. The event raised money for the Falmouth Service Center Food Bank.

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Japan nuclear plant explodes

Reactors defy technicians' best efforts to contain the damage, as Japan's military rushes aid of food and water to stricken areas.

By HIROKO TABUCHI and MATTHEW L. WALD
THE NEW YORK TIMES

TOKYO - Three days after a massive earthquake and tsunami, the Japanese authorities were still struggling Sunday to avoid full meltdowns at a plant with two stricken reactors on Japan's coast.

As of Sunday night, technicians' increasingly desperate measures to keep the reactors from overheating, and possibly melting down, had not yet brought them under control. In one case Sunday, a mechanical failure left the plant far more vulnerable to additional fuel melting and the release of more radiation.

Twenty-two people who live near the plant are already showing signs of radiation exposure from earlier releases. The challenge of bringing the plant under control comes as the country is also struggling to rescue and feed people buried in rubble or stranded after the country's largest earthquake in recorded history.

Japanese officials said they had ordered

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Japanese soldiers retrieve a body from the debris Sunday in Higashimatsushima city. The number of dead from the quake is estimated to be in the thousands.

Official secrecy still raises hurdles

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - More openness in government. Lawmakers across the country, including the Republicans who took control in many states this year, say they want it. But a survey of all 50 states by The Associated Press has found that efforts to boost openness often are being thwarted by old patterns of secrecy.

The survey did find signs of progress in a number of states, especially in technological efforts to make much more information available online. But restrictions also are being

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"You always have the feeling if you criticize something, you should at least listen to it."

DAN TRITTE,
WCAI news anchor



"It's not an appropriate use of government funds, especially in light of federal deficits."

GERRY NYE, president
of Cape Cod Republican Club

Radio waves

NPR fallout reaches local station

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The debate over whether to continue funding public radio and television is raging at the national level and is reverberating all the way to Woods Hole.

WCAI, the Cape and Islands National Public Radio station with three spots on the FM dial at 90.1, 91.1 and 94.3, is tuned in to the political discourse.

"Most of us feel that this is a tsunami of outside events all of which are unfortunate and are

beyond our control," said Rob Sennott, the station's newly hired managing director.

Fueling the frenzy over public radio and television funding are the controversial comments by NPR executive Ron Schiller who was caught on tape describing tea party supporters as racists and "gun-toting" fundamentalists who "hijacked" the Republican Party, according to published reports. The subsequent outcry prompted the resignation of NPR's chief executive, Vivian Schiller, who is

no relation to the man who made the comments.

"We have been hearing from some people that they were very upset by actions of people at NPR. We share that feeling. The comments made by individuals were terrible and certainly don't represent public radio," Jeanne Hopkins, a spokeswoman for WGBH, the parent company of WCAI, said. "Hopefully there will be an opportunity to bring on

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Wind turbine foes expand clout

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FALMOUTH - When Kathy Reed learned about a proposal to erect a 400-foot-tall wind turbine near her Marion home, she was open to the idea.

TAKING IT SLOW Nantucket officials are taking a cue from Falmouth with their wind turbine plans. **A12**

But after a visit to Falmouth's 1.65-megawatt turbine off Blacksmith Shop Road, Reed quickly made up her mind.

"I could not live with (the turbine). Absolutely could not," Reed said. "The prevailing noise was like a jet engine and behind that was

this 'thump.' It's so noisy and I wouldn't want to live like that."

As more communities consider wind turbines as alternative energy sources, residents

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WEATHER

Partly sunny and cool today, with highs near 40. /B7



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