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GEORGE HESSELBERG

Terror near the Tip-Top?

Maybe it was the call from the FBI. Maybe it was the call from the Madison Police Department. It certainly wasn't a call from the guys in the Tip-Top Tavern, though they certainly had their suspicions.

But Vladimir Guerevich frowned up this week.

He is not a terrorist, he is certainly not a bio-terrorist. And the guy carrying a metal suitcase who sometimes opens the gates to the 8-foot fence at 257 North St. at odd hours of the night? That's Guerevich. He is working.

"I have four kids to take care of, you know. I am working two jobs," said Guerevich, president of Figure LLC, a biotechnology research business.

Solo police on Madison's North Side had to close a neighborhood twice this week, beginning with the statement "Once again, 257 North Street is a terrorist facility."

Calves suspected to wear After 3M unmarked tracks show up at all hours of the night.

It is a former store and small engine repair shop — the target of numerous doghouse complaints over the years about noise and junk — purchased by Guerevich's company a couple of years ago. The property was cleaned up, one might even say sanitized. A new facade, new thick black glass windows, new concrete, even a new garage. A large air ventilation system was installed, and the windows and door frames were painted purple. Then, around the entire corner lot, the 8-foot fence was erected. A fancy electric gate was installed. After all this, no one showed up to work there, at least during the day, and there were no signs, no indications it was used for anything. It was quiet. Too quiet.

Then along came Sept. 11, and then the bio-hazard scares, and, well, some people got a little worried. Suspicious.

"You wouldn't believe how many people are afraid that some of the FBI Top Terrors across the street. The tavern's residents look out on the mystery building, and patrons have observed certain complicated activities. Just last week, an unmarked truck showed up late at night, the gate opened, the truck drove in and, well, nothing happened that anyone could see."

Guerevich, a native of Petersburg, Russia, is a biochemist working in a genetics lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for eight years before starting his own company. (There are, incidentally, a few signs, too. Vladimir Guerevich is in Madison, by the way. The other one is a chemist.)

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He calls the company he set up as "North House," "because" for which he is the only employee. Figure, which has about a dozen employees, also



Gina Pavone, 54, has looked to her spirituality after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Spirituality can deepen meaning of life



Story by Martha Rutland-Wallis and Hugh Maddy

Gina Pavone knows her time on earth is running short. Without a cure for the ovarian cancer that has spread to her liver, doctors said she has one, two, maybe three years left to live.

She's scared, but she is also ready because of a spiritual belief system that assures her life doesn't end at death. "It's very hard to face death when you're really not sure what's out there," she said. "And, while I think you have to look at it, you can't dwell on it."

It took every religion lesson she's ever learned and every spiritual experience she's ever heard about, read about or experienced to get to this point.

"For the first six months after I was diagnosed, I just laid on the couch with my dog," said Pavone, 54, of Troy, Mich.

"When I wasn't sleeping, I was reading spiritual books. I think I was looking for a way to get closer to God. I was looking to believe that (God) was going to take care of me."

Raised Catholic, Pavone said she strayed from the church after childhood but is still grounded by some of its teachings. She also calls upon all her spiritual beliefs for strength.

"I really needed to know why I was here," she said. "I think we all ask that question."

That question is answered in many different ways because spirituality has many different faces. It is at the core of all

religions, and, in one form or another, it's the comfort most people turn to when they realize they are about to enter an unknown place.

"We are coming to realize that spirituality is of the utmost importance at the end of life," said the Rev. Kevin Callaway, who works with St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Chaska, Minn. "It is that which ultimately concerns us. When someone knows they are dying, life is put in perspective."

Spirituality may be found in the connections, relationships and meanings that give life passion, commitment and hope — a pretty writing group, a 12-step program, love of nature, meditation. It can come through a personal relationship with a higher power, but it can also be tapped via contemplation, art or music.

John Boyd, spiritual care coordinator at Hospice of Burlington in Burlington, Ky., oversees a training program that teaches chaplains to better understand how spirituality, as opposed to religion, relate to death and dying. Boyd said it's important for the religious community to respect the differences in people's spirituality.

"It is interesting to see how many people are not associated with any church or group but do have a deep spiritual connection and awareness and enter into a relationship with their higher existence," he said.

Living in the Midwest in America

This is a week about how Americans are finding as to the quality of life at the end of their lives.

Next we ask: Taking control of your last wishes.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Scheel/Lamer

Kristen Scheel and Cary Lamer, both of Madison, are engaged to be married on Oct. 19, 2002. Kristen is the daughter of Ruston and Karen Scheel, Madison. Cary is the son of Stan and Nancy Lamer, Theresia.

Sailor/Lehr

Kristen Sailor and Troy Lehr, both of Wisconsin, will be married on Oct. 19, 2002. Kristen is the daughter of Larry and Sally Sailor, Cambria. Troy is the son of Tom and Lynn Lehr, Prospect.

Showers/Gilbertson

Marlyne Showers, Madison, and Michael Gilbertson, Oshkosh, will wed on April 6, 2002. Marlyne is the daughter of Tom and Betty Showers, Madison. Michael is the son of Dennis and Sherron Gilbertson, Oregon.

Ellingson/Kennedy

Terne Ellingson and Robert Kennedy, both of Madison, are engaged to be married on April 13, 2002. Terne is the daughter of Tom and Audrey Ellingson, San Francisco. Robert is the son of Dennis and Mary Lee Kennedy, Madison.

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Dealing with disasters

KNOW YOUR MADISONIAN

An executive director of the American Red Cross Badger Chapter, Phillip Hansen is no stranger to helping people.



Phillip Hansen has seen disaster in his years with the American Red Cross. He's stood on the banks of a flooded river in Minnesota with a family as they watched their home get crumpled and swept away. He's been at fires when people's homes had been destroyed and at tornadoes that ripped apart entire neighborhoods. But even so, he is just getting started on the scale of the Sept. 11 disaster.

"How do you put something like this into focus?" asked Hansen, the new executive director of the Badger Chapter of the American Red Cross. "You understand the impact on a single family and then extend that to more than 6,000 families. The grief that is almost incomprehensible."

And so is the outpouring of support. In the days following the disaster, the American Red Cross office was flooded with more than 13,000 telephone calls a day. Hundreds of people who wanted to donate blood and others who wanted to volunteer to help. Within two weeks, the local chapter had 1,000 more volunteers and \$33,000 in donations, most of it based for the victims in New York and Washington.

Grab your pajamas, it's World Series time

This is the time of year when Americans make a sincere effort to ease about the World Series, which determines which baseball team will be the champion of the entire world, except for the part of the world located outside the United States and southeastern Canada.

But the back with that part. This is OER national pastime and that's why the World Series is so important. It's the one game where we can see the best of the best. It's the one game where we can see the best of the best. It's the one game where we can see the best of the best.

DAVE BARRY

These fans appreciate the subtleties of baseball. To help you perceive these subtleties during the World Series, here's a "quick refresher course," starting with:

THE ORIGINS OF BASEBALL: Baseball has played games involving the ball and bats for hundreds of thousands of years. Meanwhile, Womankind had her hands full raising children, but whenever she asked mankind to lend a hand, he'd answer, "Not now! We have a no-hitter going!" That was true, because numbers had not been invented yet. Then, in 1808, along came a man named Ebenezer Donohoe, who as you can imagine took a lot of flak because his name could be rearranged to spell out only "A Barry Nuts Ball," but after "Lard Dad By A Bone," "Nover" eventually, he invented a game that included virtually all of the elements of modern-day baseball, including both Cotton and the song "Who Let the Dogs Out." This led to the Civil War.

BASEBALL TODAY: Baseball today is very much the same as it was 150 years ago, except that, for security reasons, the game takes place after the pub has gone to bed. The rules are simple. Each team sends nine players onto the field, except for one team, which sends one — the "batter" — plus two elderly retired players called "coaches," who constantly touch themselves on various parts of their bodies to communicate via Morse Code, the message: "Tobacco juice has congealed my brain into a lumpy

Profile: Phillip Hansen

• **Position:** Executive director, American Red Cross Badger Chapter, which provides disaster services and training in Dane, Iowa, South Dakota and part of Jefferson counties.

• **Age:** 37.

• **Family:** Married metal artist Linda Ingham on Sept. 21.

• **Education:** UW-La Crosse.

• **Hobbies:** Reading, guitar, rock climbing. Hansen is regular at Devils Lake, and has climbed in Utah and southern Idaho, and Devil's Tower in Wyoming. His brother, Kevin, of La Crosse, is his main climbing partner.

• **Most admired person:** Theodore Roosevelt, because of his strength of character, adventurous spirit and tenacious ability to overcome obstacles.

• **Fun power:** People who are willing to contribute to charity.

• **If I could convince people of anything it would be:** To volunteer their time and talent to improve the health of the community.

• **Proudest accomplishment:** Conceiving his wife to marry me.

Phillip Hansen is a firm believer in volunteering for the good of the community.

of Boy Scouts. "I loved it, but my heart was still in the Red Cross," he said. He served as assistant director in Rochester, Minn., then went back to La Crosse as that chapter's director, before coming to Madison about five years ago and serving as assistant executive director.

Along the way, he's helped with several disasters — including the 1980 floods and the Oshkosh tornado in 1996 — as well as countless house fires and other smaller-scale disasters. The job

of the Red Cross, separate from the blood unit, ranges from disaster services to health training in military support.

Ultimately, Hansen said, the Red Cross can help lead the recovery of Sept. 11 by serving as a conduit through which the goodwill of the community flows.

"The greatest thing," Hansen said, "is to be able to put something back in the hands of those who have lost everything."



of dead tissue the size of a grape." The object of baseball is for the "pitcher" to throw the "ball" into the "strike zone." This is almost impossible, because the only person who knows the location of the strike zone is the "umpire," and he refuses to reveal it because of a habit, decades old, of blowing the pair between his union and Major League Baseball. On any given day, the strike zone may even be in the stadium, then a simple communication solely by making ambiguous hand gestures and shouting something that sounds like "BIBBOKOOT," which he refuses to explain.

Eventually, the pitcher throws the ball to the batter, in case the strike zone is located somewhere on his body. This is the signal for all the players to run to the middle of the field and engage in a form of combat similar to professional wrestling, except that some-

times professional wrestlers, by accident, actually hit each other. This never happens in baseball, where the last player to land a punch was Babe Ruth, who in the 1921 World Series, knocked out his own self instead of punching, baseball players fight by grabbing each other's belts and exchanging fierce glances, as if to say: "You've gotten a FERRIS WHEEL IN YOUR PANAMA, BUSTER!"

After nine "innings" of this, the team with the most "runs" wins. I don't know how the runs happen, because by then I'm asleep. But I sleep in front of the TV, in a rooming party, by body language clearly say: "I may not know who's playing, but if they don't win, it's a shame."

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