SUSPENDED ATTORNEYS

The attorneys in select counties have had their license to practice law in the state suspended until they pay a fee and register with the Ohio upreme Court. They missed the

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Lawyers

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been suspended.

serving notice that they have

Among the local attorneys

who will receive suspension

notices are Ronnie Wingate,

a Toledo criminal defense at-

torney; retired Lucas County

Common Pleas Judge Robert

Franklin, and William Con-

nelly, Jr., an assistant prosecu-

when they submit their paper-

work, \$300 in registration fees,

and an additional \$200 process-

court has taken such drastic

steps to enforce its registration

obligations. Mr. Dove said reg-

istration packages were sent in

July to the state's nearly 54,000

licensed attorneys, with sub-

sequent notices being sent

to those who did not respond

9 percent increase over the last

biennium's fee, provides money

for the court's disciplinary sys-

tem and the Clients' Security

Fund, which was created by the

court to compensate clients

who have been financially

harmed by dishonest attorneys.

the Toledo Bar Association, said

he would be surprised if many

of the local attorneys who were

suspended were actually prac-

ticing. He said there about 1,900

profession. I think that it en-

courages and requires lawyers

to do what they are supposed

to do in providing resources

_ for policing others," he said.

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"I think this is good for the

attorneys in Lucas County.

Jonathan Cherry, counsel for

The \$300 registration fee, a

This is the first time the

The lawyers will be reinstated

tor in Wood County.

ing fee, Mr. Dove said.

after Sept. 1.

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crete, a fence, and a woodpile. The children's mother, Teri James Ian Roth Knight, told The Associated Press that a woman called her from the George Francis New Hampshire attorney gener-Nadeem Sine al's office and said the bodies had duct tape crosses on them. Joseph Michael

Children

was out there specifically look-

ing for what she hoped would

be the burial site for Philip and

Sarah Gehring, and it turns out

Ohio to compare dental records

from the Gehring children with

those of the bodies found.

Mr. Strelzin arranged to fly to

Hudson police Chief David

Robbins said officers had a

hunch the tip from the woman

about the plastic would be pro-

ductive because the area had

several items mentioned by the

father as the burial location: a

makeshift cross, bell-shaped

sewer connectors made of con-

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she was correct.'



"I'm numb," Teri Knight said from her home in Hillsboro, N.H., where she was watching news reports. 'We've learned to take things sometimes week-to-

week and month-**Gehring** to-month, today it's minute-to-minute." Ms. Knight and her husband

said they searched within five

miles of Hudson earlier this fall. Gehring, an unemployed accountant, had been locked in a custody dispute with his ex-wife, who had remarried.

The children were last seen arguing with their father at a July Fourth fireworks display.

Gehring said he pulled off the highway later that night and shot the children, then drove for hours with their bodies in his van before he buried them.

He was arrested in California a week after the children disappeared.

Extensive searches throughout the Midwest along the Ohio Turnpike, including northwest Ohio, had turned up no evidence of the graves, and some officials despaired of ever finding the

For several weeks in the fall of 2003, local police officers and state highway patrol investigators scoured rural roadways, woody pockets, and farm fields along the Ohio Turnpike after Gehring told investigators in California that he had killed the children and buried them in the Midwest

Those in northwest Ohio who had worked on the emotionally the children's bodies most likely grueling case were relieved by the news that the children's bodies might have been found.

Tips had continued to drift in over the past two years, especially as hunting seasons changed and someone stumbled upon a site that roughly matched Gehring's description of the area



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Police walk near the scene where two bodies were discovered Thursday in Hudson, Ohio. A dog on a walk with its owner found the two graves near I-80, the Ohio Turnpike.





where he'd buried the children. "You always wonder, 'Did we miss something?" Fulton Coun-

ty Sheriff's Lt. Roy Miller said. Soil samples taken from the shovel and other implements used by Gehring later suggested were buried east of Lucas County, Lucas County sheriff's Lt. Don Atkinson said.

Still, he said, deputies continued pursuing possible leads acting on one tip just more

than a month ago, he said. In Hudson, after investigators left yesterday afternoon, a fresh-

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Teri Knight, the children's mother, waits for official word at her home in Hillsboro, N.H.

ly dug area could be seen off the road near a pile of sticks.

Lori Dyer, 37, often takes walks nearby and says not many people go into the wooded area. "It's very scary," she said. "It's

pretty desolate back in there." In 2004, the U.S. Geological Survey did a pollen analysis on soil found under Gehring's minivan and near the shovel used to bury the children.

It concluded that the soil most likely came from northeastern Ohio.

Ms. Knight has endured numerous false reports of bodies

woman in the attorney general's office has her optimistic that her children have been found, she "The duct-tape crosses, when

that might have been her chil-

But the call she got from the

she told me that, that's what did it," she said.

'I'm waiting to hear of clothing. I'm waiting to hear that there were braces on one of those bodies and that they have confirmed they were children and a male and a female," she said.

Ms. Knight had planned yesterday to be in the exact area of Ohio where the bodies were found.

She was going to meet a private investigator and search the area but said she did not go because of bad weather there.

"I swear," she said. "December 2nd was the day I was going to meet her out there.

She said she thought it was a likely burial spot because of her research, and because of a call she received from someone who used to work for an oil company and knew of pumps and wells in

When Gehring confessed to the murders, he told authorities he buried the children some where off I-80, near some sort of pumps. The Hudson site also was

near other landmarks Gehring described. "I was getting more and more

convinced this is where it was,' she said.

Terror

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"But they just were not very high on their priority list. And again it seems that the safety of the American people is not very high on Washington's priority list," Mr. Kean said.

A spokesman at the Homeland Security Department declined to comment until the report is issued.

Rep. Pete King (R., N.Y.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, admitted some areas remain vulnerable but have not been addressed because of disagreements with the Senate.

Congress established the commission in 2002 to investigate government missteps that led to the Sept. 11 attacks. It found that the United States could not protect its citizens from the attacks because it underestimated al-Oaeda. Since June, the former commissioners have held hearings to examine what they described as the government's unfinished agenda to secure the country.

Among the main concerns mentioned in the report:

• The United States is not doing enough to ensure that foreign nations are upgrading security measures to stop proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical materials.

• Police, firefighters, medics, and other first responders still lack interconnected radio systems to communicate with each other in emergencies. Responders from different agencies at the World Trade Center were unable to coordinate rescues - or receive information that could have saved their own lives — on 9/11.

Congress last year approved spending nearly \$1 billion on interoperable systems, but Mr. King said the matter is "a very difficult issue.' ●Both the Bush Admin-

istration and Congress have continued to distribute security funding to states without aiming most money at highrisk communities. The House and Senate have

been unable this year to agree on a funding formula that distributes money based on risk, threats, and vulnerability.

Mr. Kean said informationsharing gaps among turfconscious federal intelligence agencies continue to exist. He also chastised the Transportation Security Administration for failing to consolidate multiple databases of passenger information into a single "terror watch list."

Moreover, expanded governmental powers to seek out terror-related intelligence have not been adequately balanced by civil liberties protections or oversight, said former Democratic commissioner Richard Ben-Veniste.

McCloskey Thomas Cleveland David Hilton Wilson, Carole Ann Lock-James Robert Continued from Page 1 Jeffrey Theodore Shawn William

director who is defending the city in a \$10 million lawsuit over the allegations, said it was the victims' responsibility to take their complaint to police or prosecutors.

"If they went to the police, the police would have a detective investigate it, but they didn't do that," Ms. Herring said.

Mr. McCloskey's demand for payment was not known publicly until Mr. Speckin of Okemos, Mich., filed suit on May 21, 2004, in U.S. District Court in Toledo.

The lawsuit accuses Mr. Mc-Closkey of seeking an "extraction payment" of \$100,000 to benefit retirees of Pilkington North America, as a condition of his support for rezoning 15 acres in East Toledo for a charter school.

According to the lawsuit, Mr. McCloskey threatened to block the rezoning if Pilkington or Mr. Speckin did not come through with the money he was demand-

He allegedly told one Pilkington representative, "That's how business works in the city if you

want to get something done." The rezoning was voted down

by city council Aug. 27, 2002. Mr. McCloskey has denied wrongdoing.

Both his attorney and the city's attorney have argued in legal briefs that Mr. McCloskey and city council had valid land use reasons for opposing the

Ms. Herring said there would be no point in her launching a criminal investigation now that the allegations are part of a civil lawsuit.

"Until the court takes some action to determine whether those allegations are true, they're just allegations," she said.

The details that have come out in sworn depositions since the case was filed in May, 2004, have not changed her opinion, Ms. Herring said.

Details that have emerged include three transcripts of telephone voice mails allegedly left by Mr. McCloskey. In one, Mr. McCloskey is claimed to have said: "This is Bob McCloskey. I have not heard anything back from you. I am still looking to receive a check for \$100,000 to the East Toledo Family Center."

The family center has denied

any role in the matter.

Lucas County Prosecutor Julia Bates requested copies of transcripts of civil depositions to determine whether to initiate a criminal bribery investigation after The Blade published a detailed story about the allegations on Nov. 20, even though some of the details had been reported as far back as May, 2004.

In fact, the city has taken steps to make sure that Mr. McCloskev has his own legal representation in case a conflict arises. The city has retained attorney Jay Feldstein to represent Mr. McCloskey and has so far authorized \$90,000 for that job.

We can see that down the road perhaps there can be a conflict [between the city and Mr. McCloskey]," Ms. Herring said. "If at such time a finding is made, our interests may di-

The lawsuit alleges that city officials were made aware before the vote on Aug. 27, 2002, that Mr. McCloskey had requested money in connection with his vote for the rezoning application, but did nothing with the information.

David Schulz, who ran unsuccessfully against Mr. McCloskey

for an at-large city council seat in the Nov. 8 city council elections, said Mr. McCloskey's colleagues and city officials should have blown the whistle if they heard about an improper request.

"I think someone should have questioned it and tried to mitigate the city's exposure to it," he said. "Nobody [in city government] had the courage to stand up to him."

Jon Cherry, staff attorney with the Toledo Bar Association, said the fact that Ms. Herring represents the city as a whole, as well as Mr. McCloskey as a city councilman, may suggest she had a duty to inform her client – the city — that a crime may have been committed. "I can see how the citizenry

might feel that way, and I can see how the public officials may

have a duty to report such a thing based on their positions as public officials, but I don't think there is a duty imposed by the legal code of ethics to do that,' he said.

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OHIO ELECTIONS

U.S. judge declines to dismiss lawsuit

A federal judge yesterday refused to dismiss most of a lawsuit filed by the League of Women Voters of Ohio and 15 voters who accuse Gov. Bob Taft and Secretary of State Ken Blackwell of presiding over a broken

the election results, which gave President Bush Ohio and ultimately the White House. But it claims the election was marred by inconsistent and sometimes incorrect decisions by poorly trained poll workers from coun-

ty to county when it came to di-

dismissed by U.S. District Judge James Carr involved allegations that Ohio's voter registration system doesn't comply with the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, the law passed in the wake of problems experienced in the

rary. The section was dismissed

only because the federal law does not mandate compliance until Jan. 1, 2006, now less than a month away.

Without ruling on the merits of the case, Judge Carr is allowing the league to pursue its allegations that the state failed to maintain a uniform elections system.

"Put simply, LWV contends that defendants' election system provides different voting rights to different citizens based solely on where those citizens happen to reside and vote," wrote Judge

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election system in 2004.

The suit does not challenge

recting voters to their precincts, distributing absentee ballots, counting provisional ballots, and properly allocating voter machines to avoid long lines. The only portion of the lawsuit

2000 election in Florida.

That reprieve could be tempo-

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