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Washington DC 20555

RE: Hartsville plant proposal/LES/Urenco

Dear Mr. Lesar :

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I have sent out several of these letters. I feel it is of utmost importance to have more voices in the matter of this plant wishing to locate in Tennessee.

Besides having unanswered questions as to the overall safety of the plant, the safety, removal and storage of the tails, now we have the enclosed.

I am hoping more will have a voice in what is happening. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

With My Kindest Regards -

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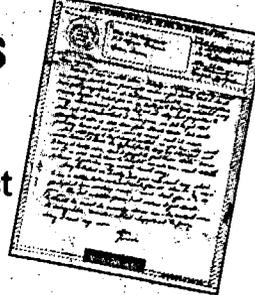
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## History comes back to life

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## Broad shoulders for big change

McNair transforms Titans offense on page 33



# Hartsville plant security risk?

By Colleen Creamer  
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National security officials will investigate a proposal to put a uranium enrichment plant in Middle Tennessee because of a reported link between Louisiana Energy Services and a European consortium said to have leaked nuclear technology to Pakistan and Iraq.

*Time* magazine reported on its online edition Tuesday the national security community and the new Homeland Security Department would be looking into the proposed plant in Hartsville. The interest is due to Louisiana Energy Services' (LES) link to URENCO.

URENCO is the European consortium that, by most accounts, is responsible for letting nuclear technology blueprints slip into the hands of Pakistan and Iraq. This is according to a "high-level U.S. nuclear security administrator."

The article, "Nukes: To Pyongyang From Nashville?," by Adam Zagorin, asks whether Bush's axis of evil campaign "could be undermined" in his own country.

"A proposed uranium enrichment facility planned in Hartsville, Tenn., (pop. 2,395) raises just that

question. One of the plant's principal backers is URENCO, a European consortium linked to leaks of enrichment technology to, yes, Iran, Iraq, and North Korea — as well as to Pakistan."

URENCO is the financial backer of LES, the company now caught in a contentious battle to sway both the residents and the county executives of Trousdale, Smith, Macon, Wilson and Sumner counties into rezoning and selling Tennessee Valley Authority property in Hartsville for a \$1.1-billion facility to-enrich uranium. Hartsville is in Trousdale County.

About the article and URENCO's involvement, Jerry Clift, the Trousdale County executive who has been a strong proponent of the plant, said he believed URENCO had a clean history but would investigate further.

"I discussed this originally with the National Regulatory Commission, and they told me at the time that URENCO had a company working for them that stole some top-secret information but that URENCO was never indicted or the other company," Clift said.

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## Condos slated for Germantown

Germantown Partners' Scott Chambers and Andr e Akers LeQuire will soon break ground on a condominium project reminiscent of an early 1900 garden apartment. Turn to **page 4** for details.

## Powell dismisses French, Germans



Secretary of State Colin Powell dismissed French and German reservations about Washington's impatience with U.N. arms inspections as President Bush continued to warn Iraq. More on **page 10**.

## HCA moves to exclude pay review

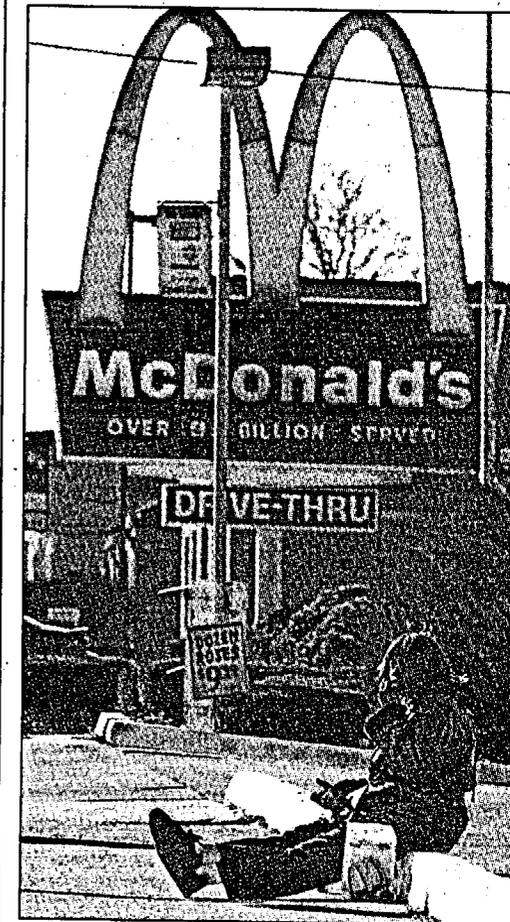
A shareholder of hospital giant HCA Inc. is requesting a review of CEO Jack Bovender's pay be approved at the next shareholder meeting. HCA's letter asking regulators for permission to ignore the request was released Wednesday. See **page 13** for details.



## Swan Ball 2003 plans announced

Cheekwood Mansion will be transformed into a Venetian wonderland, according to 2003 Swan Ball co-chairs Laurel Buntin and Julie Stadler. Find out which tune crooner will be singing to the masses on

# Capital punishment in Tennessee



Reuters

## Back to Mac attacks

Delaware resident Jessica Jackson sits outside a McDonald's with a meal while waiting for her ride on Market Street in Wilmington, Del. Wednesday. McDonalds Corp. won a major victory for the fast food industry when a federal judge threw out a widely watched lawsuit that blamed Big Macs, fries and Chicken McNuggets for obesity in children. See details on page 10.

## Plant draws attention

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The article also outlines how Bush's senior appointees had recently been in talks to stop leaks of nuclear technology to rogue countries. According to the article, the high-level security administrator told Zagorin, "To have this company operate in the U.S. after it was the source of sensitive technology reaching foreign powers does raise serious concerns."

The story goes on to say that roughly 10 years ago U.N. inspectors found thousands of centrifuge parts in Iraq, based on URENCO designs, and that a one-time URENCO scientist called the "father" of Pakistan's nuclear bomb, purportedly took URENCO blueprints to his homeland and later passed other sensitive material to North Korea and Iran.

Centrifuge technology is key in developing both weapons-grade uranium and uranium for nuclear power plants.

The publication notes that in "an unusual move," LES has asked for the go-ahead from the Regulatory Commission without much public comment on various issues.

LES CEO George Dials announced at a Nashville press conference last week his plans to file the plant's license application with the federal government by Jan. 30. The review process, said Dials, would be the time for public debate and could take a year.

Zagorin said the unnamed source's comments are the first on the issue of the Hartsville plant by a federal official and that "few Tennessee politicians have taken a position on the new enrichment plant." He added that an aide to U.S. Sen. Bill Frist told him the senator would follow the issue "very closely."

Terry Sweeton of Citizens for Smart Choices said the article raised the issue to a new level.

"This gives us the national exposure that this issue deserves," said Sweeton.

The article comes on the heels of a heated public debate in Lebanon Monday during which LES maintained the plant would be safe and county executive Jerry Clift admitted that LES had offered Hartsville's school board \$150,000 last fall. ☐

## Council bill grabs attention

# Religious communit

By Craig Boerner  
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The local religious community is split in its support of a Metro Council ordinance that adds homosexuality to the list of protected classes against discrimination. But bill co-sponsor Chris Ferrell said he is open to talk with opponents to find some common ground.

The Council likely had more than enough votes to pass the measure Tuesday night before opting for a two-meeting deferral.

"[They have offered to talk about] where we can reach agreement with something that would be palatable to everybody, and I'm always open to that," Ferrell said.

"It would probably vary by denomination. I have heard from at least two Catholic priests who told me that they supported it," he said. "I've heard from a number of Methodist ministers who told me they supported it."

He said he has also heard from

ministers of various denominations, including Baptists, on the other side of the issue.

"We were trying to add the amendment [to exempt religious institutions] Tuesday night; ... we were trying to address their concerns and [the opposition] basically said, 'well, even if you address those, we are still against it.'"

Inglewood Baptist Church Pastor Kevin Shrum said he would not support the bill with an amendment to exempt religious institutions.

"If I make a case against homosexuality, I can do so on several levels - biblical, moral, spiritual, historical, medical," Shrum said. "And what troubles me is that the Metro Council is attempting to codify a lifestyle that, historically, has been viewed as not normal."

"I don't think it will end here. This will be the springboard into other protections. The eventual goal, I think, is to fully equate homosexual lifestyle with heterosexu-

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