

Secretary of treasury visits

John Snow, secretary of the treasury, visited Cuyahoga Community College's Corporate College in Westlake last week.

Vice presidential debate

A North Olmsted resident was instrumental in arranging the vice presidential debate, but not the one watched by millions on television.

Business expo

The Rocky River Chamber of Commerce held its second annual Business to Business Expo.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Should politicians bring their opponent's families into a political campaign?

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Condoleezza Rice, national security advisor to President George W. Bush, addresses The City Club of Cleveland in Westlake. (Photo by Larry Bennet)

War on terror involves broad goals, Rice tells City Club

By Kevin Kelley

WESTLAKE

The war against terrorism includes not only destroying al-Qaeda but also promoting freedom in the Middle East so the hatred that leads to terrorist acts will be squelched, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice said Friday.

Rice spoke at The City Club of Cleveland's Friday Forum, which was moved from the organization's downtown home to LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility to accommodate a larger audience.

While some see the War on Terror as a narrow struggle against a narrow enemy, the Bush administration sees it in much broader terms, Rice said. "The global war on terror calls us, as President Bush immediately understood, to marshal all elements of national power to defeat terrorists and to defeat the ideology of hatred that sustains them and recruits others to their ranks."

"This is the struggle of our time," Rice said, drawing parallels to the four-decade long Cold War against communism.

While the destruction of the al-Qaeda terrorist camps and overthrow of the Taliban government in Afghanistan were important parts of the war, they were not the end, Rice said. Nor were the dramatic increases in homeland

security undertaken since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, she added.

American cannot pursue a strategy that is solely defensive, Rice said, because the terrorists have to be successful only once.

"The fact is that unless we change the circumstances that produce this ideology of hatred and hopelessness so great that it causes people to fly planes into buildings and to strap suicide bombs to their bodies, our children and our grandchildren will still be fighting this war decades from now," Rice said. "But if we choose to wage a broad war against this global menace, and if we choose to create a lasting foundation for peace, we can defeat the terrorists and we can defeat their ideology of murder, and we can build a better world."

Reducing the enemy's territory is a key objective in any war, Rice said, including this one. The world in which terrorists can freely operate has shrunk significantly since Sept. 11, 2001, Rice said, as countries such as Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have taken dramatic steps to eradicate terrorist groups from their territories.

"The places where (terrorists) can operate with impunity are becoming fewer and fewer. And we will not rest until there is not safe place for them to hide."

President Bush has also sought to

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How to hire a law director

Opposing sides face off at voter forum

By Kevin Kelley

WESTLAKE

"To elect or not to elect, this is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of troubles and opposing end them?"

Proponents and opponents of two proposed charter amendments that would make the position of law director elected by voters rather than appointed by the mayor met Monday night to debate their positions.

Changing the law director post from an appointed to elected position would threaten the effective and efficient management of Westlake that has made the suburb the envy of most of Northeast Ohio, Mayor Dennis Clough said.

But Carol Corpus, a proponent of electing the law director, said the process would bring needed accountability to the post.

The two spoke during a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters at Porter Public Library. Westlake voters will decide the fate of two linked proposed charter amendments — Issues 106 and 107 — which would change the law director position from an appointed to elected office. Joining the mayor at the forum in support of keeping the law director appointed were Council

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City gets additional help in Ganley case

By Jeff Gallatin

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City officials have called in experienced reinforcements for their defense in the suit filed recently against North Olmsted by attorneys for the \$2 million-plus Ganley Volkswagen project.

Law Director Jim Dubelko said attorney John Latchney for the Arch Insurance Group as well as attorney George Smerigan, who worked on the Parcel E legal matters involving the city pertaining to the development of that property, would be working with him on the city defense.

"They have some expertise in dealing with these kind of lawsuits," Dubelko said. "Latchney was provided by the insurance company to work on the defense while Smerigan is very versed in planning and how the law affects it. He worked quite a bit on the Parcel E project work, so he's got some experience working on planning and development and how it affects a city as well as a development project."

Dubelko said to date, Arch has only provided the attorney and has not addressed other issues related to the suit filed in Common Pleas Court Sept. 14.

"The issue of insurance coverage for the claims presented by Ganley has not yet been determined and communicated to the city by the insurer," Dubelko said.

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