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1 Finding a running mate tops the summer to-do lists of John McCain and Barack Obama, and each needs to decide what he wants as much as who he wants. **NATION, 10A**

2 President Bush's motorcade will speed through European capitals next week, but for many the Bush presidency already is in their rearview mirrors. As anti-Bush sentiment runs high, it is being mollified by Europeans' excitement about the race for his successor.

3 Ana Ivanovic beats Dina Safina in straight sets to win French Open on Saturday. **SPORTS, 3B**

TOMORROW DEVELOPING ISSUE

Falls officials want
outside option on
development.

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EARMARKS:

County gets fraction of funds
secured by local delegation



PULLING in the PORK



EARMARKS: Out of about \$14.8 billion worth of earmarks, \$1.5 million went for the construction of a new cargo apron and other improvements at the Falls airport, left, and \$473,707 went for new equipment and research staffing at the Heart Center of Niagara (top) in fiscal year 2008. File photos.

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Steve Ellis refers to it as "earmarkability." The vice president of programs for the advocacy group Taxpayers for Common Sense says very often proximity to a military installation, major university or other high-profile institution can make all the difference when it comes to a community getting noticed by a congressional leader with tax money to burn for pet projects back home.

"These types of things are magnets for earmarks," Ellis said.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS

Fiscal Year 2008, Members of the Niagara County delegation:

	Solo Earmarks	Solo and other members	Solo, other members and president
Reynolds	\$9,182,500	\$23,364,500	\$23,364,500
Slaughter	\$8,358,900	\$26,302,300	\$26,302,300
Clinton	\$98,000	\$342,040,455	\$1,209,248,755
Schumer	\$0	\$309,598,400	\$1,175,679,355

Source: Taxpayers for Common Sense

In fiscal year 2008, members of Niagara County's Congressional delegation gravitated towards Niagara Falls International Airport, Niagara County Community College and Niagara Falls Memorial Medical

Center and other local institutions as they went about spending their share of \$14.8 billion worth of earmarks — line items lawmakers insert into federal spending bills as a way to direct

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NORTH TONAWANDA

A few doors away

POLICE: Family man arrested
for the abduction and assault
of 12-year-old girl.

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North Tonawanda police arrested a 41-year-old man for allegedly abducting and sexually abusing a 12-year-old girl who was walking to the school bus March 20 on Gilmore Avenue.

Police arrested Mitchell W. Brokob, 41, who lives at 592 Gilmore Ave. — just three doors down from the abandoned house where the girl was taken after being abducted at knifepoint.

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State parks agency to mark 125 years

State Parks Commissioner **Carol Ash** has some good news to share on Monday when she visits Niagara Falls to help observe the 125th anniversary of the regional state parks commission.

As we've heard for so long, the statewide parks system suffers from a mind-boggling backlog of projects crucial to maintaining and upgrading facilities for millions of visitors.

Ash will point out that the 2008-09 state budget includes a \$132-million spending plan to improve, repair and update those facilities. It is the largest single amount of capital funds ever committed to the parks system that today includes 177 state parks, some 40 historic sites and

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After 20 years, mystery still remains

MISSING PERSON:

Irma Winters was last
seen June 2, 1988.

STAFF REPORTS

Today's a special day for the family of Irma F. Winters. The four children of the former LaSalle resident and St. John's Church worker will gather with their families for a dinner in Lewiston in honor of their mother's birthday.

They'll also mark a darker milestone — the 20th anniversary of her disappearance from her 68th Street home. A mystery that's never



Irma Winters
Missing since 1988

who was 73 at the time and was diagnosed as being in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, was last seen about 5 p.m. June 2 by a health care worker at her home. She was reported missing the next day when the worker returned to

start her shift.

Family and friends began searching for her right away. Niagara Falls police began their search the next day. Using bloodhounds, they traced Winters down 68th Street and across Buffalo Avenue to the river.

From there — and after a few false leads — the investigation trailed off.

Several family members criticized the Niagara Falls Police Department at the time for failing to investigate the matter immediately and then having a lack of interest in pursuing the case after an

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FAMILY: The children of Irma Winters pose for the camera in this undated photo. From left, Nancy Faiello, Joanne Shaghoian, Daniel Ishman and Jeanie Bonanno. Tuesday was the 20th anniversary of their mother's disappearance from her 68th Street home.

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