

be an opportunity to enter the suffering that takes place in the Palestinian territories."

With Israel's occupation of Arab lands captured in the 1967 Mideast war entering its fifth decade, most Palestinians live in dire poverty.

On the last stop of his travels, Bush held a rapid-fire series of diplomatic meetings

at this posh Red Sea resort, famous for its brilliantly clear waters and sea-snorkling reefs. After talks with Mubarak, Bush saw Afghan President Hamid Karzai and had dinner with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. On Sunday, he will confer

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with the leaders of Pakistan, Jordan, Iraq. He said every meeting advances prospects for peace.

As oil prices hit another record high on Friday, Saudi King Abdullah rebuffed Bush's request for higher oil production to take the pres-

sure off prices. The high prices are a political nightmare in a presidential election year for Bush and his would-be Republican successor, Sen. John McCain. Bush said he cautioned the king about the repercussions of skyrocketing prices.

festival outside a Southern California church Saturday, wounding three people, one of them critically, police said. Shots rang out shortly before 11 a.m. outside St. John Baptist de la Salle, a Roman Catholic church in Granada Hills, Officer Norma Eisenman said. The gunman wounded three people, Eisenman said.

#### 4. MEN CHARGED FOR HARBORING ILLEGALS

LOS ANGELES — Three Mexican men held dozens of illegal immigrants in a squalid "drop house" in South Los Angeles, where one woman was raped and others say they were threatened with sexual assault, authorities said Friday. Jose Teul, 23, Daniel Pena, 18, and Saul Mendez, 35, were charged with harboring illegal immigrants at the two-story home that immigration agents raided Wednesday.

#### 5. JAPAN MAY USE 'MINIMUM ACCESS' RICE

TOKYO — The government has begun discussing whether to use rice compulsorily imported through the so-called minimum access system as food aid for developing countries amid the ongoing food-supply crisis caused by rising crude oil and food prices, The Yomiuri Shimbun has learned. The United States has encouraged the government to use the imported rice.

#### 6. WINNING MEGA MILLIONS TICKET SOLD

CLEVELAND — A lucky lottery player who stopped into a suburban Cincinnati liquor store has a Mega Millions ticket worth \$196 million. Lottery spokeswoman Marie Kilbane said Friday night that the ticket for the drawing was bought from Main Street Wine & Spirits in Amelia in southwest Ohio. Lottery officials in Georgia say just one ticket won the jackpot. Another 17 players who matched five numbers but not the Mega Ball number will receive second place prizes of \$250,000 each. It's the first Mega Millions winning ticket to be sold in Ohio since 2006.

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## Artist covers old gas station with huge blanket

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DEWITT, N.Y. — Jennifer Marsh was sick of paying high gas prices and bothered by the abandoned gas station that was an eyesore on the drive to her studio each day.

So the aspiring artist and inspired activist came up with an idea — to cover the gas station with a colossal handmade blanket in a way that would bring greater attention to the world's dependency on oil.

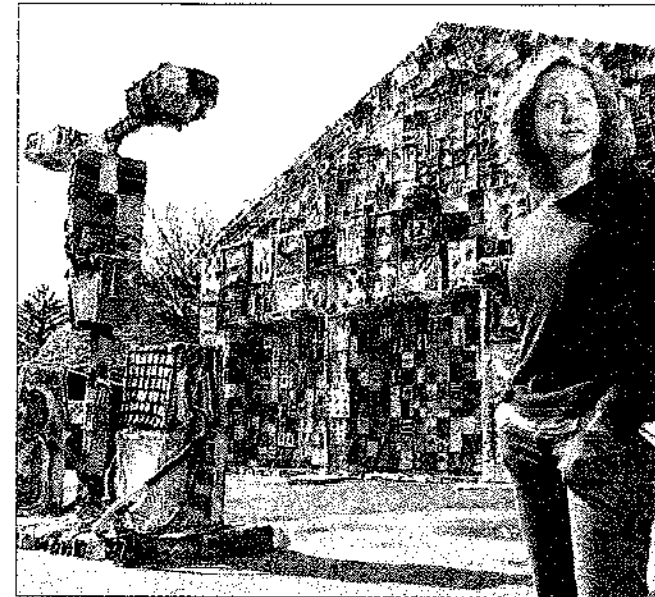
"I really tried to find a good balance of art and politics. I don't want it to be just a political statement. And I don't want it to just be a sculpture," said the 27-year-old Marsh, who is finishing her master of fine arts degree at nearby Syracuse University.

"I wanted to startle people

so they would stop and think about it (oil) ... and be inspired to make up their own opinions about the situation and how it has affected their community," she said.

With the help of professional and amateur artists from 15 countries and more than 2,500 grade-school students in 29 states, Marsh covered the 50-year-old former Citgo station — pumps, light stands, signs and all — with more than 3,000 fiber panels that are crocheted, knitted, quilted or stitched together.

The panels cover 5,000 square feet and come in every color, hue and texture. There are panels in burlap, leather, even silk. There are panels of solid color and others with patterns, prints or scenes. Some carry written messages: "Give me oil or give me death."



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Artist Jennifer Marsh poses for a portrait in front of her work of art Thursday in Syracuse, N.Y. Marsh took a 50-year-old abandoned gas station and transformed it into an art exhibit, making a dramatic statement about the world's dependence on oil.

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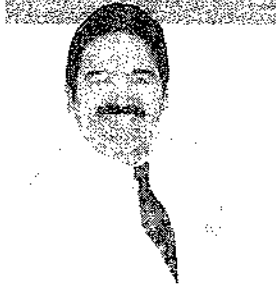
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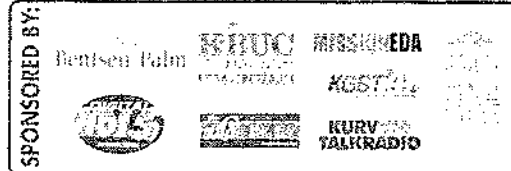
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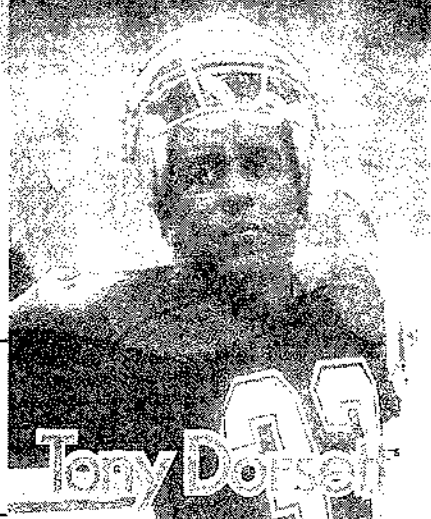
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