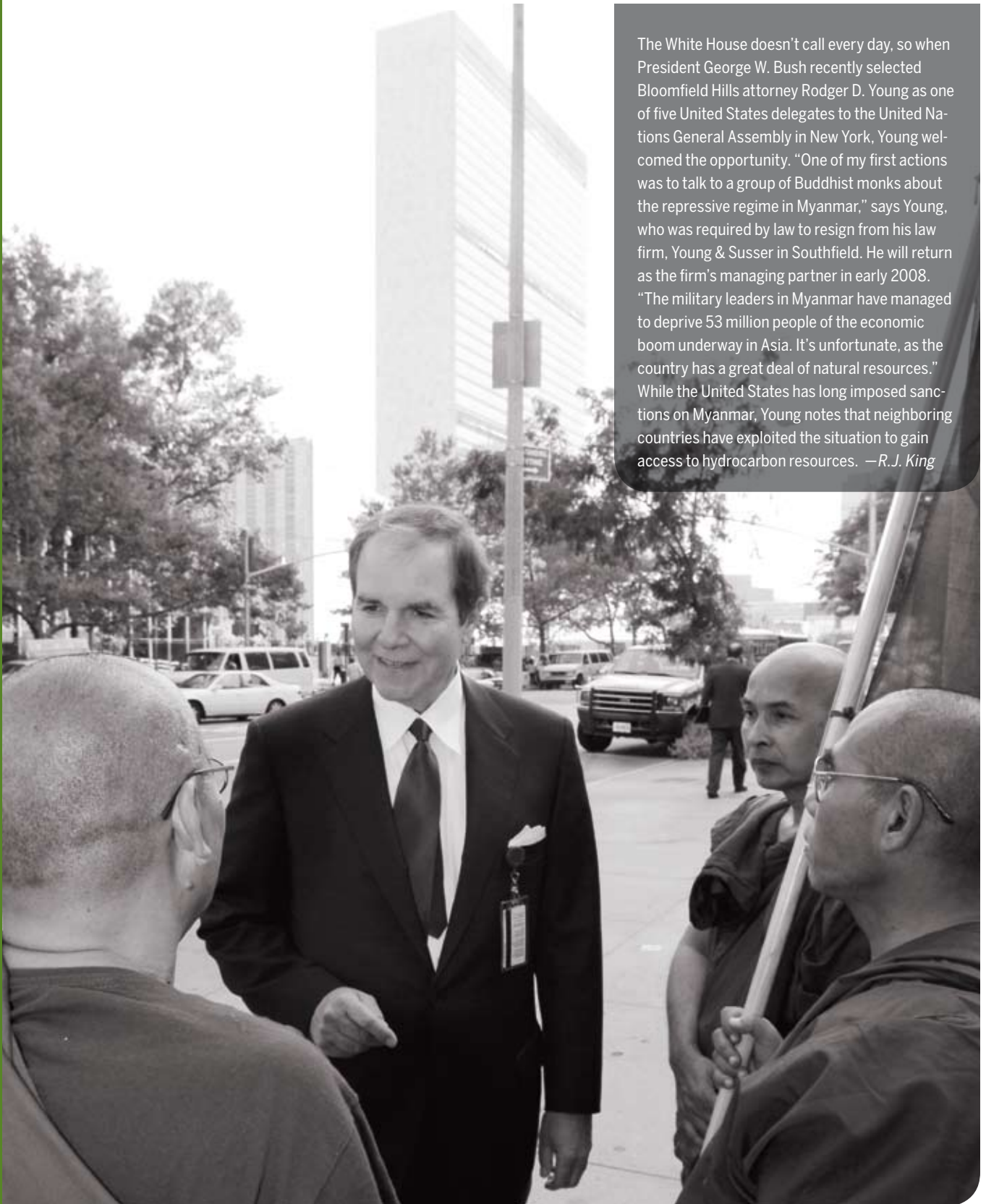


The White House doesn't call every day, so when President George W. Bush recently selected Bloomfield Hills attorney Rodger D. Young as one of five United States delegates to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, Young welcomed the opportunity. "One of my first actions was to talk to a group of Buddhist monks about the repressive regime in Myanmar," says Young, who was required by law to resign from his law firm, Young & Susser in Southfield. He will return as the firm's managing partner in early 2008. "The military leaders in Myanmar have managed to deprive 53 million people of the economic boom underway in Asia. It's unfortunate, as the country has a great deal of natural resources." While the United States has long imposed sanctions on Myanmar, Young notes that neighboring countries have exploited the situation to gain access to hydrocarbon resources. —R.J. King



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