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## Governor Bob Wise stresses tax holiday shopping

**WATCH FOR THE** Saturday edition of The Dominion Post for a story about the tax-free weekend in action.

**BY RONDA GREGORY** 

The Dominion Post

Gov. Bob Wise said it's time to go shop-

Wise stopped in Morgantown to remind folks they can avoid the 6 percent sales tax on back-to-school items during the third annual Sales Tax Holiday that begins this weekend.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The holiday, which starts at 12:01 a.m. Friday and ends at midnight Sunday, removes the state's 6 percent sales tax from clothing, shoes and school supplies.

"To most families, this is one of the most expensive times of the year," Wise said. "Our hard-working West Virginia families deserve a break.'

Wise spoke to a group of shoppers Wednesday at Premier Computer Ser-

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#### **Sales tax holiday**

Retail Sales Tax Holiday Tax Savings August 2002 \$28.3 million \$1.7 million August 2003 \$31.7 million \$1.9 million August 2004 \$36.6 million \$2.2 million

■ 2004 figures are estimates

Gov. Bob Wise checks out new computers with Ricki Wolfe (left) and Bryanna Dering at Premier Computer Services on Wednesday.

## **Doctors lose insurance**

#### Yearly costs already top \$70,000 for some physicians

**BY JANET L. METZNER** The Dominion Post

Nineteen doctors at Monongalia General Hospital — more than 10 percent of the active physicians there — are scrambling to get medical malpractice liability insurance issues worked out by this fall.

The problem is that their insurance company, NCRIC, has informed them that they have until October or November to find another policy, because the company won't provide coverage after that in West Virginia, said Dr. C. Andrew Heiskell, one of the affected physicians.

Heiskell and his three partners — Dr. Roger E. King, Dr. William H. Burns and Dr. Todd E. Tallman — face limited options.

NCRIC is one of only three insurance companies left in the state which offer medical malpractice liability insurance. Those remaining are Medical

Assurance and West Virginia Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. The latter company was created by the state to help resolve a medical malpractice liability insurance crisis that surfaced about four years ago.

Back then, insurance companies increased rates because of the high cost to defend its West Virginia policy holders and because claims increased. Physicians complained and

threatened to leave the state. In response, the Legislature limited the amount of money defendants suing physicians could get in court. The state began its own insur-

ance program through the Bureau of Risk and Insurance Management. On July 1, that program became

a private company, West Virginia Physicians Mutual Insurance Company, after being run by BRIM II for about 18 months. Physicians Mutual now covers

about 1,400 physicians — making it the largest carrier in the state, Tolliver said.

Heiskell said he and his partners are trying to get coverage through Physicians Mutual, but



Doctors C. Andrew Heiskell (left) and Todd E. Tallman review a mammogram at their offices in Hampton Center off of Stewartstown Road. The four surgeons in their practice have been told by their insurance company, NCRIC Group Inc., they must find another medical malpractice liability policy by October.

#### By the numbers

Judge pretends to resign, meets gunman's demands

Where W.Va. doctors get medical malpractice insurance:

■ Doctors with W.Va. licenses: 3,500

■ Doctors covered by NCRIC Group Inc.: 270

■ Doctors covered by W.Va. Physicians Mutual Insurance Company: 1,450

■ The 1,000 physicians employed at the state's three medical schools and other state facilities are still covered by the Bureau of Risk Insurance Management.

■ The remaining doctors get their medical liability insurance through a company

through companies that serve their specialty. Some do not have any medical malpractice insurance at all.

■ The West Virginia Medical Association tracks how many state doctors' licenses are held in the state each year, although they do not know why each doctor makes changes.

■ In 2003: 190 physicians dropped their W.Va. license; and three changed their license from active to inactive status.

■ As of May 2004: 42 physicians dropped their W.Va. license; and 89 active to inactive status.

#### Program rejects doctors who need coverage

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — A program created to keep doctors in West Virginia by providing affordable medical malpractice insurance has denied coverage to at least five doctors since it began operating July 1.

Dr. James H. Blume of Forest Hill, who in 2002 became the first West Virginian and the first osteopathic physician in the United States to win the Nation-

#### BY MICHAEL CASAZZA al Country Doctor of the The Dominion Post changed their license from At most stores, an autographed called Medical Assurance or SEE COVERAGE, 2-A SEE **INSURANCE**, 2-A

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— A judge pretended to resign on live television Wednesday to end a standoff in which a gunman claiming to have a bomb held an attorney hostage.

**Duval County Judge Sharon** Tanner, who authorities said had handled a case involving the gunman, gave the bogus resignation on camera as local stations were covering the hostage incident live.

The attorney was freed unharmed and the gunman, who had demanded the judge's resignation, surrendered shortly after-



Duval County (Fla.) Judge Sharon Tanner pretends to resign on live television Wednesday, in Jacksonville, Fla.

ward, Sheriff John Rutherford said. The names of the gunman and lawyer, and the lawyer's relationship to the suspect, were not immediately released. The incident began when

Mayor John Peyton received a call at City Hall shortly before noon. The man said he was holding an attorney hostage at Riverplace Tower, a 28-story downtown office building, and had a bomb. Sheriff's officials later said the man did not have a bomb in his possession.

While talking with the man, Peyton was able to contact the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and officers evacuated the highrise. Peyton was able to keep the man on the telephone for about 45

minutes, while police converged on the building.

One of the man's demands was that Tanner resign on live television. Peyton said the man was not pleased with the outcome of a case he had before the judge. It was unclear what the case involved.

Tanner walked up to a local TV reporter near the highrise, saying on camera that she was resigning immediately without giving any explanation. Authorities didn't explain the meaning of her televised comments until after the incident ended. Tanner's office confirmed the ruse but said the judge had no further comment.

## Child molester leaves prison after 7 1/2 years

Victim, father of their two children, wants to see her

Associated Press

GIG HARBOR, Wash. — Mary Kay Letourneau, the grade school teacher convicted for having sex with a sixth-grade pupil, was released from prison early Wednesday, and her now 21-year-old former lover is challenging a court order that bars her from contacting him.

Letourneau, who served 7 1/2 years in prison, slipped unnoticed past the hordes of reporters and gawkers outside the Washington Corrections Center for Women before dawn. As a condition of her release, Letourneau,

42, can't contact former pupil Vili Fualaau, the father of two of her children. But Wednesday morning, Fualaau's

attorney, N. Scott Stewart, filed a motion to vacate the no-contact order. The prosecutor's office is reviewing the motion, spokesman Dan Donohoe said.

and had not yet decided whether to agree

to it or request a hearing before a judge. A friend, Noel Soriano, told NBC's "Today" show that Fualaau was "relieved that she's out of prison and currently he can't wait to see her."

Letourneau wants to try to build a normal life, said Seattle attorney Anne Bremner, who struck up a friendship with Letourneau in 2002 and spoke to her recently by phone. "She wants to be a mother, she wants to be a responsible member of society.'

As a sex offender, Letourneau will have to register with the state and receive court-ordered treatment. Authorities will notify her new neighbors — although the TV trucks will probably tip them off first. More than seven years in prison has done little to dim Letourneau's notoriety.

## Jerry West's jersey hurried out of Hardee's

Pricey memento stolen

Jerry West WVU basketball jersey fetches about \$700. But in Morgan-



A Jerry West jersey at the Coliseum is similar to the one stolen from Hardee's. morning of July 15, a white No. 44 WVU jersey signed by West was stolen from its wall case at the Hardee's on Chestnut Ridge Road, according to manager Mary Jo Carpenter.

town, it can be had for the price of a

value meal at

Early in the

Hardee's.

"They bent the metal framing down, stuck their hand up there and stole the jersey,' she said.

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## LOTTERIES

**WEST VIRGINIA** Daily 3: 8-1-1 Daily 4: 4-7-8-1

**PENNSYLVANIA** (midday) **Daily Number: 2-7-9** Big 4: 6-0-1-6 Cash 5: 02-16-22-23-38 (evening) **Daily Number: 8-5-6** Big 4: 2-1-8-3

**MARYLAND** (evening) Pick 3: 1-3-8 Pick 4: 9-7-9-0

Bonus Match 5: 08-14-15-31-**Bonus Ball: 34** 

(afternoon) Pick 3: 1-7-3 Pick 4: 1-4-2-7

**Powerball** Powerball: 11-22-26-37-51 Powerball: 21 Powerplay: 5 Jackpot: \$64.1M

**Hot Lotto** Hot Lotto: 6-20-27-29-35 **Hot Ball: 2** Jackpot: \$8.24M

#### **SALES TAX**

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vices on Don Knotts Boulevard, on the final leg of a four-town statewide day trip.

Wise's office reports this year's holiday is expected to save taxpayers about \$2.2 million on an estimated \$36.6 million in retail sales of tax-exempt items. Last year, shoppers saved \$1.9 million during the tax holiday weekend.

Wise said the legislation he introduced two years ago is a winning situation for everyone involved.

**INSURANCE** 

there is a snag. That company has

only enough money to back up

the amount of physicians it has.

still have hope. "I've talked at

length with David Robertson, CEO

with Monongalia Health System,"

he said. "He is confident that some-

thing will be worked out, such as

Physicians Mutual could get more

renegotiate with the state insur-

ance commission, Heiskell said.

He noted that last year, NCRIC

asked for a 35 percent increase in the

premiums doctors pay, but the

insurance commission approved

are not alone in their insurance

woes. All totaled, about 270 doctors

throughout the state are covered

through NCRIC, said Amy Tolliver,

government relations specialist

with the West Virginia Medical

for renewal, NCRIC has been non-

renewing some of their policies

and it was understood generally

that they (NCRIC) were looking to

get out of the state," Tolliver said.

\$70,000 per year. With NCRIC's

proposed increase he'd be forced

to pay \$94,000 per year.

Heiskell said he already pays

"As physicians' policies come up

Monongalia General physicians

Another option is for NCRIC to

funds from the state."

only 9.8 percent.

Heiskell said hospital officials

"The most important impact is

on our pocketbooks," Wise said. "It's good for working families and it's also good for our merchants."

Wise answered concerns about whether the state loses money on this tax-free holiday.

"I don't think in the long run we do," Wise said.

He said more shoppers result in greater profits, which means more tax revenue for the state overall. Wise stressed the importance of computers being on the list of tax-exempt items.

"We need to get computers in every home," Wise said. "West Virginia is one of the most computerized school systems in the country, but we still have one of the lowest rates of home computer ownership in the country. This is a way to give families more incentive to buy a home computer."

Computers retailing for less than \$750 and computer accessories costing less than \$100 per item will be tax-free for shoppers.

Wise said retailers in counties bordering other states experience an increase in sales with out-ofstate shoppers crossing the state line to benefit from the three-day, tax-free holiday.

Wise said he's happy to have them. "They're more than welcome," Wise said. "This is a good weekend to shop in West Virginia." Michael Manley, Premier Com-

puter Services owner, said hosting Wise's visit to Morgantown was a thrill.

"We're just tickled to death," Manley said. "The computer part of the sales tax relief is important this year, and it's an opportunity to promote local businesses rather than doing it at a chain store."

Wise encouraged everyone to take advantage of the tax break.

He stressed the holiday is "for this weekend and this weekend only."

"Get out there and start shopping," Wise said.

## **JERSEY**

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Carpenter said she didn't believe a police report had been filled out, despite the apparent theft of a pricey piece of rare memorabilia.

The jersey had been hanging in the restaurant for at least six years, according to Jim Lutyens, the director of operations at Buckhannon's Restaurant Management Group, which owns this particular Hardee's.

Lutyens said he was aware of at least one other attempt at the jersey while Carpenter recalled at least two others in the past two years.

"It's not an unknown thing around here," Carpenter said. "It's a pretty valuable thing. People come in and look at it all the time."

The jersey used to hang on a wall in a rear corner of the restaurant, a spot that cannot be seen from the main counter. Carpenter said that at about 3 a.m. on the morning of July 15, a group of about six people entered the restaurant and started acting suspiciously.

"We block off that corner every night because people have tried to steal it before," she said. "They kept rotating tables. We asked them to

leave the section because it's blocked off, but they kept going back. About 45 minutes or an hour later, we noticed it was gone.'

Carpenter's Hardee's is open 24 hours and has fewer employees working at night. Carpenter said she was in the back doing the weekly inventory and another manager was on duty. The main cashier was the only one to get a good look at the alleged culprits, said to be a group of "younger kids," according to Carpenter. There is no surveillance

camera in the restaurant. West, from Chelyan, was an All-American at WVU in 1959 when he led the Mountaineers to the NCAA finals, where they lost to California.

In recent years, as a retro craze has hit the mainstream, West's WVU and Los Angeles Lakers jerseys have become quite popular.

Lutyens said his company is in the middle of an "internal process" investigating the matter. He said he'd like to replace the jersey, but wasn't sure what would ultimately happen.

"Frankly, this is something a little bit unusual for us," he said. "Usually, this type of thing is limited to a napkin dispenser."

Bill Hennessey, the hospital's director of government relations, said he doesn't want to push any panic button.

"It is a serious situation," he said. "Obviously, if we didn't have our surgeons, it would have a significant effect on operations."

However, he said, "We think we will find ways to overcome."

Just in case, though, Heiskell said, he started handing out fliers to patients last week, informing them that he may have to close the practice Oct. 1.

The effort to help the doctors gained a high-profile advocate during Monongalia County Clerk Mike A. Oliverio's most recent visit to his doctor, who happens to be King. Oliverio noted that he was shocked to learn the entire practice might close because of insurance issues.

During his appointment, Oliverio was handed one of the notices that said, "This office may be closing permanently on Oct. 1, 2004."

"I took that very seriously," Oliverio said Wednesday, noting that, as county clerk, he is concerned for his constituents.

The flier urged patients to look for other surgical care after that date, and noted that it affects all general surgeons practicing at Monongalia General Hospital.

In response, Oliverio contacted local and state officials this week. He sent a letter to 17 officials, from gubernatorial candidates, to senators and delegates, and all the way to the top to Gov. Bob Wise.

Sen. Michael Oliverio, D-Monongalia, and Oliverio's son, said he has contacted the governor's office, the state insurance commissioner. hospital officials and doctors regarding the problem. He said the solution could be that the mutual do a "better balancing act."

"They are going to have to underwrite policies in such a way they provide insurance to lots of physicians who need it, but that they don't provide it to physicians who have poor loss records that could jeopardize the viability of the mutual company."

"It is a tough balancing act for them — they have to be careful who they insure.

One thing is certain, Heiskell said, if the doctors in his practice cannot get their medical malpractice insurance covered, they will no longer be practicing in the state.

He has considered closing the office and moving his practice to the Carolinas, he said, while the other three surgeons in the practice have considered retiring or moving.

He said hospital officials say they are certain to find a solution. Now, "I expect we will be open at least for a year," Heiskell said Wednesday. "But if the doctors are continued to be asked to pay more money, I can't afford to stay.

#### Search on hold in possible drowning

The Dominion Post

MASONTOWN — The search for the man believed to have drowned when he jumped from the Jenkinsburg Bridge on Saturday was suspended Wednesday, according to Dan Luzier, chief of the Masontown Fire Department.

However, Luzier said, family members of Roch Furguiele, 26, of Pittsburgh, will continue to work in shifts. Six family members remained near the Bulls Run area of the river Wednesday night, Luzier said.

"We left them our generators, our lights and supplied them with gas," Luzier said. "We left a fire truck with cell phone service, and our ladies' auxiliary is supplying them with food and drinks."

#### **CLARIFICATIONS**

The Dominion Post strives to publish balanced, accurate, responsible and fair information. If a factual error occurs, however, a correction or clarification will be published in this space. Errors should be brought to the attention of Editor Geri Ferrara, 291-9425, as soon as possible following publication.

Delegate Larry Williams, D-45th District, was misidentified in a photograph in Sunday's paper.

## Doctors on Call Vein Problems



Christian Schunn, MD, is a surgeon at West Virginia University. His special interests include minimally invasive endovascular surgery.



James Lee, MD, is a surgeon at West Virginia University. His special interests include plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Tonight at 8 p.m. on WNPB-TV

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## COVERAGE

Year award, is among those denied coverage by the West Virginia Physicians' Mutual Insurance Co.

Blume, a family physician, also has been honored by Gov. Bob Wise as a Distinguished West Vir-

These guys have lied to us and I'm the living proof," Blume said Tuesday. "Governor Wise told us as recently as July 1 that every West Virginia doctor now has access to reasonably priced medical malpractice insurance. We've been mis-

But access to Physician's Mutual "doesn't guarantee that every doctor will qualify," said Wise's spokeswoman, Jodi Omear.

Decisions on insurance are based on the histories of individual doctors, she said.

Four general surgeons who practice at Charleston Area Medical Center also were denied coverage by the mutual. Blume and the surgeons all were covered by NCRIC Group Inc., a wasnington, D.C., insurer that covers doctors in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the nation's capital.

NCRIC informed state Insurance Commissioner Jane Cline in January that it would not renew policies for about 270 doctors in West Virginia.

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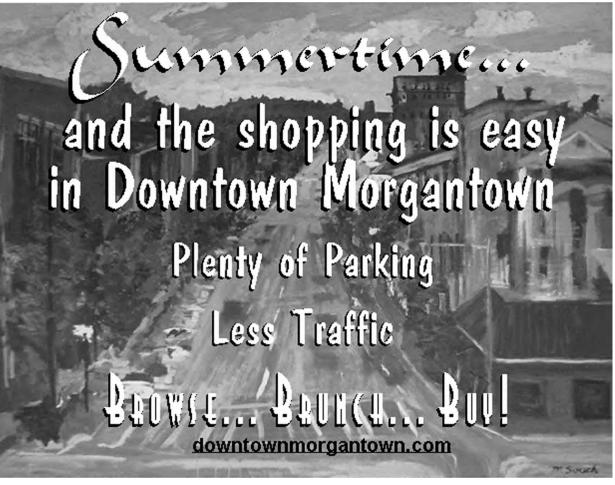
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## Witness: Utah man admitted killing wife

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The husband of a missing pregnant woman told a "reliable citizen" witness at a psychiatric ward that he killed his wife as she slept and dumped her body in a trash bin, according to a court document filed by prosecutors.

The tip, coupled with another from a neighbor and a bloody knife and other evidence, are leading officers to believe that they'll eventually find the remains of Lori Hacking in a county landfill.

Their methodical search through

3,000 tons of trash was to resume Wednesday night with the help of cadaver dogs that had been away some on assignment, others on time off. The digging had started within days after Mark Hacking told police July 19 that his wife had disappeared.

The witness statement, contained in a police affidavit released Tuesday by prosecutors, said Hacking made the comment at a psychiatric ward. Until his arrest Monday, Mark Hacking had been in the ward since police found him naked out-

side a hotel the night after his wife's reported disappearance.

Another tip came from a neighbor who said someone might have used his trash bin to dispose of a body. The neighbor based that conclusion on a foul-smelling liquid in the bottom of the bin after the trash was collected the day the woman was reported missing.

The witness told investigators Hacking confided to him July 24 during a communitywide search for his wife that drew thousands of volunteers.

#### Associated Press

#### **Government declines to** force down AIDS drug prices

WASHINGTON — The government Wednesday refused to override patents on the AIDS drug Norvir, effectively allowing a quintupling of the price to stand despite consumer groups' accusations of price gouging.

Patient groups and some members of Congress had pushed the National Institutes of Health to take the unprecedented action, arguing it was warranted under a special law because Norvir's discovery was partially funded by taxpayer dollars.

But the NIH decided that such an extraordinary step could have overly broad effects on the pharmaceutical market, and would exceed that law's intent.

**BRIEFS** 

"The issue of drug pricing has global implications and, thus, is appropriately left for Congress to address legislatively," concluded Dr. Elias Zerhouni, NIH director.

Abbott Laboratories raised the price of the 8-year-old Norvir to \$8.57 a day from \$1.71 late last year.

The impact reached far beyond that one drug: Low doses of Norvir are used to boost the effects of other anti-HIV medicines, meaning patients taking a wide array of AIDS drug cocktails faced substantially higher bills.

#### Officials arrest two men plotting attacks on tourists

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Two

South Africans captured along with a senior al-Qaida terrorist were plotting attacks on tourist sites in their home country, Pakistani officials said Wednesday, a surprising target for Islamic terrorism given the African nation's vocal stand against the war in Iraq and Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

South African officials cast doubt on reports of a terror plot, though this past spring a top South African police official indicated that authorities foiled plans to attack the country during its April 14 elections.

The two men are believed to have arrived in Pakistan on a flight from the United Arab Emirates just days before their July 25 arrest, which followed a 12-hour gunbattle in the eastern city of Gujrat.

## Ferry pilot pleads guilty to manslaughter

NEW YORK (AP) — A Staten of the ferry when it crashed. Island Ferry pilot pleaded guilty Wednesday to manslaughter in the crash that killed 11 commuters in October, acknowledging that he passed out at the ship's controls after arriving at work with medication in his system.

"I was not in proper physical condition to safely operate the Staten Island Ferry," Richard Smith said at his Brooklyn federal court hearing, entering his plea under an agreement reached with prosecutors. "I lost consciousness and was not in control

"My conduct was reckless," said Smith, acknowledging that his inattention to duty caused the deaths and dozens of injuries.

The ferry, the Andrew J. Barberi, crashed as it was docking on a run from Manhattan, tearing a 250foot-long gash that ran 8 feet deep into its hull. A federal indictment returned Wednesday also accused director of ferry operations Patrick Ryan with 11 counts of manslaughter, along with obstruction of justice and lying to the Coast Guard after the crash.



Assistant Capt. Richard Smith (center) talks with his lawyers Alan Abramson (left) and Joel Cohen while leaving federal court in the Brooklyn borough of New York on Wednesday.

### Four hostages freed by Iraqi gunmen

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In an extraordinary assault, gunmen in the city of Fallujah stormed a kidnappers' lair and forced the overmatched militants inside to flee, freeing four Jordanian truck drivers held captive, local officials said Wednesday.

The raid, in a city that has long been hostile to the U.S. military and supportive of Saddam Hussein, marked the first time local gunmen had broken foreign hostages out of captivity. They called the kidnappers "terrorists" and outsiders.

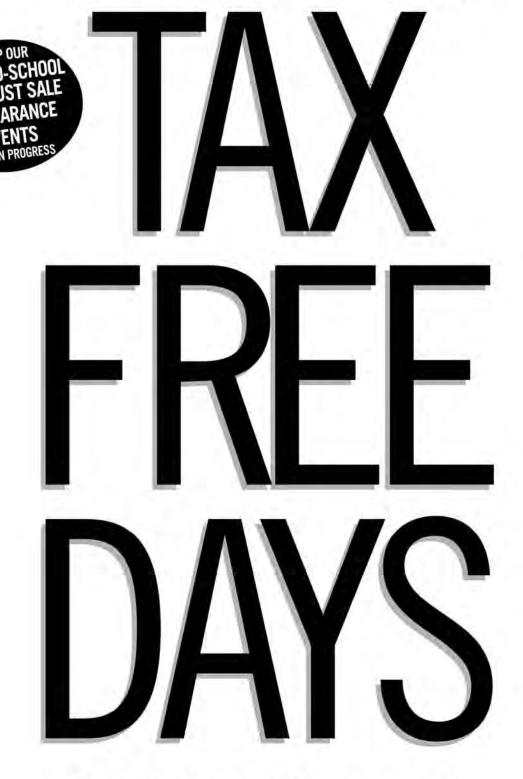
Farther north, a series of battles between Iraqi authorities and insur-

gents in the city of Mosul killed 14 civilians and eight insurgents, the U.S. military said. Iraqi authorities clamped a curfew on the area and sealed off bridges into the city to restore order. No Iraqi or coalition forces were killed in the violence, the U.S. military said.

Some militant groups — which commonly attack U.S. and Iraqi forces with bombings and shootings—have turned to kidnapping in recent weeks, snatching poorly protected truckers driving the dangerous route near Fallujah, a hub of the insurgency 40 miles west of Baghdad.

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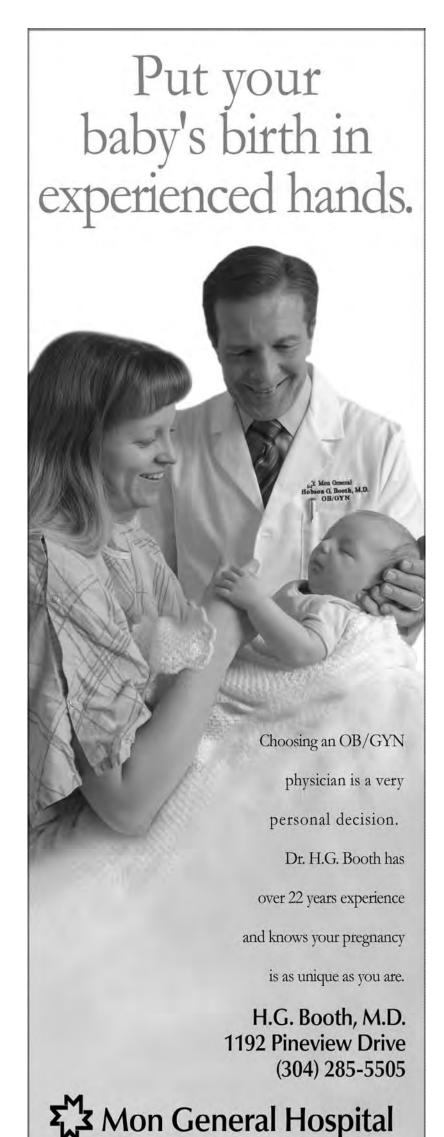
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#### **PRESTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Each Thursday *The Dominion Post* will feature candidates running for office in the region.



## Prosecutor candidates face new challenges

**BY KATHY PLUM** 

The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — The Preston County prosecuting attorney's race features two experienced prosecutors with different ideas on fulfilling their role as the county's chief law enforcement officer.

Incumbent Ron Brown served as prosecutor from 1972 to 1981 and was

elected again four years ago. Challenger Melvin C. Snyder III served one term as prosecutor, 1997 to 2000, and worked a year as an assistant prosecutor. He also logged some time in the Houston, Texas, prosecutor's office 20 years ago, when he graduated from law school.

Whomever is prosecutor the next four years faces new challenges: The county's purchase of WesBanco will mean a shuffling of office space for county courts and possibly prosecutors; the opening of the regional jail could change sentencing to emphasize more community service and home confinement; and illegal drugs and misuse of prescription drugs is resurging in Preston County.

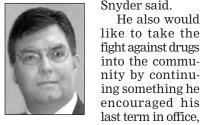
#### **Facts**

**SEATS OPEN:** 1 **LENGTH OF TERM:** 4 years **SALARY:** \$79,200 **CANDIDATES: Ronald C.** Brown (Dem.) and Melvin C. Snyder III (Rep.)

#### Melvin C. Snyder III

rug abuse is a growing problem across the country, Snyder said, and that, "You virtually have to have some kind of task force operating" to contain it.

But Preston doesn't need its own task force; it could work with an established one, Snyder said.



Snyder

ing something he encouraged his last term in office, citizen crime watches. Preston is large, with many remote areas, and many eyes

are needed to deter crime and catch criminals, Snyder said. He pointed to Aurora, where a

series of break-ins prompted residents to form a Crime Watch during his first term, Snyder said.

"The single best tool that any law enforcement officer has to fight crime is information," Snyder said. "Creating Crime Watch creates the mechanism to get the information to them.'

Snyder notes he was active on the board of directors of the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorney's Institute when he was in office, and is open to new ideas.

On a personal level, "I tend to take very strong positions and push those positions, and I tend to do that in organizations I belong

the Central Preston Local School Improvement Council, he pushed for repairs to the school roof and got them. He promotes helping young people find things to do and provides

#### **Candidate Info**

NAME: Melvin C. Snyder III **PARTY:** Republican **AGE:** 47

**ADDRESS:** Kingwood **EDUCATION:** University of Houston Law Center, law degree; WVU, bachelor's degree chemical engineering; Kingwood High School.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERI-ENCE:** Practiced law in Houston, Texas, interning at district attorney's office; practiced law, Pittsburgh; Preston County assistant

prosecuting attorney; president, Preston County Bar Association; on West Virginia State Bar board of governors.

**POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Preston Prosecuting Attorney, 1997-2000; chaired Preston County Republican Committee, 1994-1998.

legal advice to the Kingwood Youth Center, where he has volunteered

"I probably do push pretty strong for things, and law enforcement and justice is something I feel pretty strongly about," Snyder said. "I live here and want this to be a good place to live."

The prosecuting attorney's current staff includes one full-time For example, as a member of and two part-time assistant prosecutors, and a victim's advocate. Snyder said that's probably adequate, but "the important thing is you need to have staff who are trained.'

## **Ronald C. Brown**

rown said it's been his goal to be a prosecutor since he graduated from law school in 1967, "and it is my hope to end my career working as a prosecutor in Preston County. West Virginia. I've had a wealth of experience over my nearly 37 years

practicing law in Preston County, and I have a sincere desire to make Preston County a good and safe place to live

Brown

and rear a fami-That includes making it rough on illegal drug

users and sellers.

"I agree with Sheriff (Ron) Crites that we should join a drug task force that has the necessary surveillance equipment and recording devices to conduct drug investigations," Brown said.

He also strongly endorses a different form of punishment, with treatment after conviction on drug offenses, including those involving alcohol.

West Virginia's northern panhandle counties are piloting a day-care program for offenders, and Brown thinks it could work here, possibly in conjunction with another county.

The way the centers work, people attend the centers each day for counseling, confinement and drug testing. This could replace DUI classes in other places and classes for people convicted of domestic violence. The aim is to modify the destructive behavior and monitor those convicted.

"It's really, I think, a wonderful thing, especially as we're going to use the regional jail here in the near future," Brown said. "It needs to be dealt with in a treatment manner."

tence," the indict-

ment against

#### Candidate Info

**NAME:** Ron Brown **PARTY:** Democrat **AGE:** 61

**ADDRESS:** Pounds Hollow Road, Morgantown. **EDUCATION:** WVU College of Law; WVU, bachelor's degree, political science; Potomac State College, associate degree, agricul-

ture; Valley High School. **PROFESSIONAL EXPERI-**

ENCE: Attorney, Kingwood, almost 37 years; taught business law at the WVU College of Business and Economics and aviation law at the Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center, Bridgeport; member, West Virginia State Bar.

**POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Incumbent prosecuting

attorney; prosecuting attorney, 1977-1981; state House of Delegates, 1982-1983.

When he assesses the work he and his staff handle, Brown sees the need for a full-time felony prosecutor, boosting the staff to two fulltime assistants and two part-time. That would give him more time to advise the county commission and board of education, he said. Another person to answer the phone and file papers would help too, he said.

"I love my job, and I'm dedicated to it," Brown said. "And I want to do the best I can.'

## Marion County candidate guilty of wire fraud in Beckley

BECKLEY (AP) — A state Senate mary. Running candidate from Marion County has been found guilty of federal charges of wire fraud and obstruction of justice.

Mark Anthony Reynolds, 41, of Fairmont was indicted on three counts during an FBI investigation into potential corruption within the state Republican leadership and government officials. Dean Lauffer, the FBI's lead investigator in the case, testified that his investigation revealed no corruption.

The jury acquitted Reynolds on Tuesday of one count of wire fraud. Reynolds has been in federal

custody since March, though that did not prevent him from winning the Republican nomination for the 13th District seat in the May 11 priunopposed, he received 4,408 votes The indict-

alleged ment Reynolds engaged in a politics-related "rainmaking" scheme between

July 2003 and March. The scheme targeted Bill J. Buzzo,

a Pineville businessman convicted of laundering more than \$300,000 in illegal gambling machine proceeds. Reynolds and co-conspirator Carl

R. "Jack" Mapel Jr. tricked Buzzo with "false claims and promises that they could corruptly influence public officials and others by making payments to obtain a more lenient sen-

The indictment alleged Reynolds engaged in a politics-related 'rainmaking' scheme between July 2003 and March.

Reynolds said. Mapel, 73, of Morgantown posed as a lawyer and Reynolds posed as his paralegal.

Mapel, who lacked a West Virginia law license but was once a lawyer in Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty in the case in May.

A GOP donor, Mapel admitted he told Buzzo he needed \$15,000 to bribe U.S. Attorney Kasey Warner or state Republican Party officials. He also admitted he lied about his ability to bribe officials.

Warner is a brother of Kris Warn-

er, the state party chairman. As a result, lawyers from the Public Integrity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington handled the case.

Reynolds is scheduled to be sentenced in October.

Reynolds had been indicted in 1998 on 17 federal counts alleging he passed counterfeit securities and trafficked in stolen vehicles. He pleaded guilty to the securities count to avoid trial, and was sentenced the following year.

Following a prison term, Reynolds began a three-year term of supervised release in October 2002. Under state law, felons aren't eligible to vote — a requirement for running for office — until they complete their sentences.

## Magistrate candidate appeals decision to kick him off ballot

#### Raleigh County Commission challenged because of voter registration questions

BECKLEY (AP) — A candidate for magistrate is challenging the Raleigh County Commission's decision to kick him off the general election ballot because of questions about his voter registration.

Robert Workman won one of five slots in the May 11 Democratic primary, placing fourth among 13 candidates. Deborah Bruce-Whitt, who finished seventh, filed a petition with the commission chal-

lenging Workman's candidacy because he had registered as a nonpartisan in January 1996.

West Virginia law requires candidates to be registered as a party member for at least 60 days before signing candidacy papers to run for that party's nomination.

Workman had said he thought he was registered as a Democrat until he voted early for the primary and was told he was a nonpartisan voter.

He voted a challenged ballot and registered as a Democrat eight days before the primary.

After the County Commission removed Workman from the general election ballot, the Raleigh County Democratic Executive Committee replaced him with Bruce-Whitt.

Workman's appeal, filed in Raleigh County Circuit Court, contends that the County Commission did not have jurisdiction to hear

Bruce-Whitt's petition because she missed a state deadline for such protests. Anyone who disputes a candidate's right to be on the ballot must file a protest within 10 days of the close of the filing period, which was in February.

The appeal also said the petition did not say Bruce-Whitt was a candidate for magistrate. A hearing has not been sched-

discuss changes coming to county

**PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION** 

Preston commission candidates

**Facts SEATS OPEN:** 1 **LENGTH OF TERM:** 6 years

**SALARY:** \$29,700 **CANDIDATES: Shawn Jen**nings (Dem.), Dave Price (Rep.)

two years ago. Both are native Prestonians who have lived and worked here most of their adult lives. Jennings is raising his children here; Price's are already grown. But from their common background, the two men have developed two different philosophies of where to go from here.

#### **Shawn Jennings**

KINGWOOD — The two candi-

dates for Preston County commis-

sioner agree that Preston County is changing; they differ on how coun-

ty government needs to prepare for

Republican Dave Price has held it for two years, completing Ron Crites'

term after Crites resigned to become

sheriff. Democrat Shawn Jennings

defeated former Commissioner Hoy

C. Wiles in the primary to advance

This is Jennings' first run at office.

And Price first ran for countywide

office in the commission election

Neither is a longtime politician.

to the general election.

One commission seat is open.

ennings sees jobs as the major issue and says, "We need to promote the advantages we have. We need to get the word out that crime, congestion, and utility costs are significantly lower

here.



**BY KATHY PLUM** 

The Dominion Post

Shawn **Jennings** 

must diversify our economy in Preston County. In farming, we need to start looking at alternative crops from aquaculture to organic food production. Our water resources in our

county are significantly underutilized. As much pristine water as we have in Preston County, we should be seeking commercial opportunities in tourism and bottling that add to this county's employment base. "We need to do a better job in

promoting tourism and improving our tourism capability — from upgrading more rails-to-trails to creating parks and parking sites along the Cheat River for fisherman, canoeists and kayakers," Jennings said. Quality of life issues also need to

be addressed, he said, such as additional recreational facilities, from more soccer and baseball fields to multiple-use indoor recreation areas, especially for children.

Jennings also sees the need to meet with administrators at the federal prison opening next year at Hazelton, and at ever-expanding Camp Dawson. He a like to develop a plan to give local businesses and workers first opportunities at those facilities. That could include working with training centers.

A resident of Arthurdale who works in Morgantown, Jennings also has first-hand knowledge of another Preston phenomenon, "the creeping suburbs of Morgantown." The move will be slow until Preston's infrastructure improves, he said. He notes some areas of Preston County have no public water source.

It all comes down to planning, Jennings said.

"I still believe firmly that Preston County needs a comprehensive plan to address the many issues that will arise with future development. I have ideas on how the plan should be written but I believe ultimately the citizens of Preston County must participate in the plan's development," he said. "At a minimum, the plan should include historic preservation, transportation corridors, ATV use on county roads, economic development, and open space, environment, and recreation.'

### **Candidate Info**

NAME: Shawn R. Jennings **PARTY:** Democrat **AGE:** 34

**ADDRESS:** Arthurdale **EDUCATION: WVU Engi**neering degree, 1992; Central Preston Senior High.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERI-ENCE:** Environmental and Safety Engineer, REM Engineering Services, National

**POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** Member, Reedsville Sewer Board.

Energy and Technology Lab,

Morgantown.

rice, too, talks about changes coming to Preston and "getting ahead of the changes that we know are coming.' "The big question in my mind is how do we know how these changes

**Dave Price** 

will affect us?" And how it will impact county services?

foresees He more traffic, for example, which will put pressure

Dave Price

ment. "I have been fortunate enough to go to some other areas, and it showed me I don't

on law enforce-

Real estate agents have told him they are getting more inquiries from people thinking of moving to Preston County, and there's more

want here to be like that," Price

traffic on the roads, he said. Price said the commission has already taken the first steps toward trying to make things work better in the future. He points to passage of the strip club ordinance, which will keep clubs out of many areas, particularly near homes, schools and churches.

"That could have blindsided us," Price said. "I think the cleanup ordinance is like that."

The junk ordinance and fire ordinance currently under review are aimed at cleaning up eyesores and health hazards, and helping volunteer fire departments remain fully funded as the demand for their services — and the cost of providing them — increases as the county grows.

"I want all the input we can on it. I don't care how many weeks we put it on the agenda," Price said.

That desire to hear what people say is among his best assets, Price

"I think I have a good sense of what people think, and I like to talk to people and hear what they think," Price said. "If people are comfortable with me, then they tell me what's on their mind. I made my living being a communicator, so I think communication is one of my strong points.

"I'm an eternal optimist," he said. "That's a positive thing most of the time.'

Price is active in the Terra Alta Volunteer Fire Department and is a Mason. He notes that he has pitched in at the county Office of Emergency Management during a May windstorm, and is willing to help wherever he can.

#### **Candidate Info**

**NAME:** Dave Price PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 52 **ADDRESS:** Terra Alta

**EDUCATION:** Terra Alta

High School; attended WVU **PROFESSIONAL EXPERI-ENCE:** Owner of Price Trucking LLC; employed by WKMM Radio, Kingwood, nearly two years; J&J Ford

Sales, eight years; WFSP Radio, 25 years. **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:** 

Incumbent commissioner, serving two-year unexpired term; Terra Alta Council member.

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## Presidential candidates converge in Davenport, Iowa

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) - President Bush and rival John Kerry campaigned Wednesday in the same crucially important Iowa town, with the president predicting he will win in November because his administration has improved the economy and bolstered national security.

"The other folks talk a good game. We deliver," the president told thousands of cheering supporters on the banks of the Mississippi River in a state he narrowly lost four years ago.

"This time we're going to carry it,"

Bush and Kerry are in a tight race in Iowa and both candidates are going after voters in Davenport, an area that some political experts say provided Democrat Al Gore the votes he needed to defeat Bush in the state in 2000

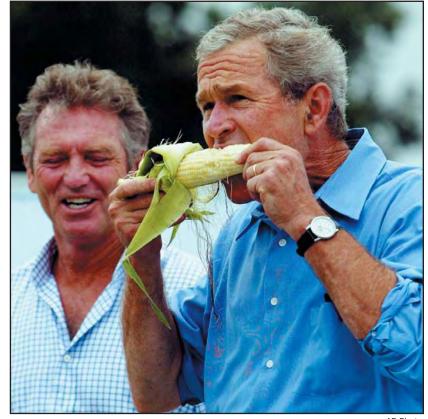
Bush's campaign rally was several blocks away from where Kerry was to hear stories of manufacturing job losses in the state, which have totaled more than 26,000 since Bush took office.

Bush cited the state's relatively low jobless rate, 4.3 percent in June, which has consistently been below the national average, which was 5.6 percent in June. He said that since his presidency began, he has opened up markets overseas for Iowa farmers and has lowered their taxes.

"I have made the success of Iowa farmers and ranchers a priority, and America is better off for it,' the president said.

Bush said his efforts in the war on terrorism, both in Iraq and Afghanistan, have "made America safer.'

This is the president's fourth trip to Iowa this year. Gore captured Iowa in 2000 by a little more than 4,000 votes after making a well-timed visit to Davenport a week and a half before the election. Gore won the



President Bush takes a bite from a ear of corn being sold at a farmers' market in Bettendorf, Iowa, on Wednesday. Next to Bush is country music singer Larry Gatlin.

county containing Davenport, 50.8

percent to 46.4 percent for Bush. Iowa Republicans say they are not surprised that the incumbent president is in a dead heat with Kerry in the state.

"After what happened in 2000, with the election going to the Supreme Court, that hardened many people's attitudes," former Iowa state Republican chairman Michael Mahaffey said. "Democratic Party activists have been very disgruntled and they want to make sure they do everything they can to make

sure that George Bush is defeated."

In the Mankato, Minn., area, Bush was highlighting a national program that provides incentives to landowners to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and replace it with grass, trees or wildlife habitat. The 2002 farm bill Bush signed would provide \$40 billion during the next decade to restore millions of acres of wetlands, protect sensitive habitats, conserve water, and improve streams and waterways near farms and ranches.

## Bush predicts victory because of improved economy, security | Kerry campaign stops include Republican country

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — The stops on John Kerry's cross-country campaign trip are hardly Democratic bastions. So much so, that Wednesday he and President Bush campaigned just a few blocks from each other in this Iowa city.

"It occurred to me that he could come here for a great discussion about America's future if he were really willing to just turn a corner," Kerry said at an economic summit in Davenport.

The presidential nominee was poking fun at Bush's campaign slogan, "We've turned the corner, and we're not turning back.'

Fresh off his Boston nominating convention with a unified party, Kerry has been taking his Democratic campaign to Republican strongholds from Newburgh, N.Y., to Harrisburg, Pa., to Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kerry is trying to win independent and GOP voters by stressing values, fiscal discipline, middle-class tax cuts and even his love of hunting and fishing. As he campaigns in conservative-leaning areas, Kerry often asks the crowds to forget he's running as a Democrat.

"This doesn't have a political label," Kerry said Tuesday in Beloit, Wis. "I know you're not just here for a label. You're not here for Democrat, Republican, independent, liberal or conservative. You're here to find out whether or not someone can lead this country with common sense and mainstream American values that make America fair."

Kerry is attracting massive crowds in places where Democrats don't often campaign.

Gordon Gould said he just found out that the Beloit schools that his three children attend don't have enough money for bus service next year, and he blames Bush.

"There's no money available



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and Iowa governer Tom Vilsack speak to construction workers in Davenport, Iowa on Wednesday.

anywhere after the war," said Gould, who couldn't get into Kerry's standing-room-only speech but listened outside and waited for five hours to shake his hand.

Kerry has spent the past several months jetting into big cities, which often tend to vote Democratic. Kerry's advisers say there will be more of that in the fall, but the bus trip gives him a chance to stop in the mediumsize markets that were decided by a slim margin in 2000 and where Bill Clinton did well in winning the White House in 1992 and 1996.

That's especially helpful in August, when Kerry has pulled his television advertising to preserve resources for the fall. His caravan of buses grabs attention wherever it goes. Kerry's lead bus has blinking police lights and a sound system that can blast music outside.

Coming into Bush country means Kerry has crossed paths with the president's supporters. They show their opposition to the Massachusetts Democrat by putting big signs on their lawns when Kerry drives by or by protesting at his events.

Kerry's staff tries to keep them away from the candidate. As Kerry shook hands with voters behind a rope line in Monroe, Wis., he approached a small group of Bush supporters with a homemade sign that said "No flip-flops in the White House" and had a red pair of the plastic shoes attached to it. A Kerry aide saw the sign just as he was about to shake their hands and, with a whisper in his ear, guided him away just before there could have been a confrontation.

## Tax payers foot bill for FEC trips to conventions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The three Democrats at the agency responsible for enforcing campaign finance rules attended last week's Democratic convention at taxpayers' expense, and Republican members of the Federal Election Commission plan to do the same later this month.

"We're up here in theory as ambassadors for the FEC, missioner Scott Thomas said of his trip to the presidential nominating convention in Boston with fellow Democratic Commissioners Ellen Weintraub and Danny McDonald.

The Democratic and Republican parties invited all six commissioners to both conventions, Weintraub said. Though they didn't attend, some GOP commissioners sent staff members to the Democratic gathering, and Thomas might attend the Republican convention, she said.

Two of the FEC's Republicans, Michael Toner and Chairman Brad Smith, plan to go to the GOP convention in New York.

"It's one of the few chances where you get to talk with local party officials and really get a sense for how the laws are affecting them," Smith

In all, a dozen people from the FEC attended the Boston convention at an estimated cost of \$18,000. commission spokesman Bob Biersack said. The commission expects travel costs for the GOP convention to be about the same.

Bill Allison, a spokesman for the Center for Public Integrity, a government watchdog group, said it's better for commissioners to cover their convention costs using taxpayer money than it would be if they went at the expense of the political parties or others they regulate,

but he questioned why they were going to the party gatherings at all.

"I think it shows how cozy a system we have with the FEC," Allison said. "The big problem with the FEC is it's not independent. It does have this connection to the parties. You're asking people from the parties to run a commission whose job is to be tough on the parties and their candidates, and that's inherently problematic."

Weintraub, a former Democratic campaign lawyer, said it was her first presidential convention, and she thought it was valuable to see how the party spent the roughly \$15 million in government money it received to help finance the event.

"It puts me in a better position when we audit the committee later on," said Weintraub, the FEC's vice chairwoman. "I've watched conventions on television before and I don't know that you get the same sense of it."

Weintraub said she didn't receive any questions on campaign finance there. "I wasn't there to provide legal advice to people. I was there as an observer," she said.

Commissioners have been attending the conventions for years, Bier-

Larry Noble, head of the watchdog group Center for Responsive Politics, said the convention trips could be a good thing, depending on what commissioners do with the experience.

"If by observing all the corporate funding of conventions they saw the error of their ways in allowing that corporate funding, their attendance would be a positive," said Noble, former FEC general counsel. "However, I don't hold out hope for that."

## First lady spoke to daughter about sticking out her tongue



Laura Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everyone does things and says things they are sorry for, first lady Laura Bush observes. And she's not necessarily talking about plain-speaking Teresa Heinz Kerry.

"I think I had a little girl who stuck her tongue out at the press last week. I shouldn't have brought it up, but it happens," Bush said Wednesday on

"The Early Show" on CBS. Daughter Jenna, 22, laughed and stuck out her tongue at news media July 20 during a

campaign trip to St. Louis with her father. Photographers caught the waggish pose as Jenna sat in the presidential limousine. "I didn't actually know about

it." her mother said. "I was hiking in Glacier National Park with no news, no telephones. So

when I got off my hike I called her and she sort of went on about it like she was sure I knew about it, which I didn't."

Her advice to her daughter? "Maybe you should work on your issues of impulsiveness or something," she recalled.

Bush wouldn't offer similar advice to John Kerry's wife, who has told an insistent reporter to "shove it" and responded to more years!" by saying "They want four more years of hell."

Bush supporters' chants of "Four

When asked if Heinz Kerry's "shove it" comment was appropriate, Bush said: "It's hard when your husband's running for president. It's hard to be scrutinized and to hear the criticisms, and I think that's really what the fact of the matter is in what she said.'

"steady leadership" in changing

times. His campaign quickly aban-

doned that approach, choosing

instead to air spots criticizing Kerry.

are solely about the mood of the

country and Bush's re-election agen-

da, even as they lack details about

the stage for the Republican nomi-

nating convention later this month

in New York City. They subtly argue

that the United States should keep

Bush in office as the nation recovers

from wartime and economic woes.

hope? Freedom, faith, families and sac-

rifice," says one commercial. Anoth-

er says, "In today's changing world the

answers aren't easy. We need a sense

of purpose, a vision for the future, the

"What gives us optimism and

However, the ads do work to set

those proposals.

Now, Bush's new commercials

## Bush-Cheney ticket unveils newest ad campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush-Cheney campaign will spend this month presenting President Bush's vision for a second term in at least \$18 million worth of commercials, including some praising the Republican for "moving America forward."

The campaign is changing course after airing five months of ads that labeled Democrat John Kerry a flip-flopping liberal.

Bush's strategists said they successfully defined Kerry that way. Now they want to devote most of their commercials to outlining what Bush would try to accomplish in a second term. They believe that while incumbents can soften their opponents with negative ads, a president with a positive, forward-looking plan seals the deal.

Still, the strategists said they still may air a little negative advertising before the White House race enters the homestretch this fall. Two new Bush-Cheney TV ads started running Tuesday in local media markets in 19 battleground states.

The re-election campaign Tuesday poured more money into six states for August — Florida, Ohio, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and New Mexico. And the campaign also bought airtime to run



This is a video image taken from the latest campaign ad for President Bush. After months of criticizing rival John Kerry in campaign ads, the Bush-Cheney campaign is shifting gears this week with new commercials costing at least \$14 million that praise the Republican for "moving America forward" amid economic and terrorism challenges.

radio ads in battleground states.

The TV ads also will run on national cable networks during the month. And, in a first for either presidential campaign this year, some ads will air on local cable channels in specific media markets in at least two states — New Mexico and Nevada. That will allow

the campaign to target viewers both by where they live and by what programs they watch.

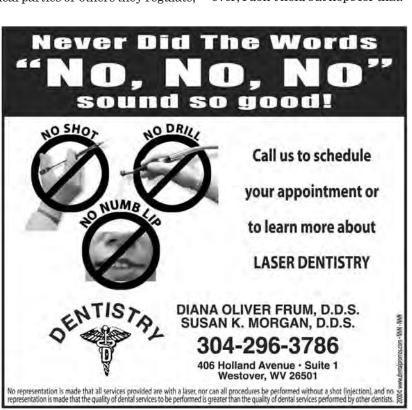
Bush is advertising during a period that will include the heavily watched Olympic Games.

His new TV ads are similar to the first wave of commercials he ran briefly in the spring, heralding his

Kerry spokesman Chad Clanton questioned the claim that Bush is "moving America forward."

conviction to do what's right.'

"We've got sky-high health insurance costs, record-high deficits, record job losses, record-high gas prices and no plan to win the peace in Iraq. And the president thinks he's 'moving America forward?' No wonder this White House has lost credibility," Clanton said.



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#### **EDITORIAL**

## Tragedy spans the Cheat River

Division of Highways should impose safety measure on bridge

It's certainly not a bridge too far. If anything, it's too close

Over the years, we have probably reported one drowning and several other serious incidents every summer by the Jenkinsburg Bridge in Preston County.

The most recent drowning occurred there on Saturday evening when a young man disappeared while swimming with a group of young people in the Cheat River.

Apparently, the 25-year-old man jumped from the bridge into the river and never resurfaced.

This is a 60-foot jump. According to authorities, it is not uncommon for people visiting the area to climb up the bridge's steel framework and extend the leap to almost 80 feet.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of this young man, who is presumed drowned. This tragedy will probably always haunt them.

For some, including police, this bridge is like one of those bad things you wish would go away. Presently, this single-lane span is primarily used by whitewater rafters as an exit point on the trip down the Cheat River from Albright.

Otherwise it is seldomly used by any local traffic. However, it is one of those clandestine spots groups and even crowds of young people flock to on some weekends.

And on many of these occasions, and otherwise, what's being done isn't necessarily illegal, but taking grave risks has never been against the law.

However, short of dropping this bridge into the Cheat River, there are some measures the state Division of Highways could take in a direction that discourages people from jumping off this bridge. For starters, there is no signage warning people of the danger of jumping off this span. The varying depths of the water and the shifting angle of some of the rocks below (and other debris) are an even greater risk than the height.

Signs posted "no" bolted to this span, may not make anyone smarter, but it might help.

Another measure, although it may cost several thousand dollars, is to install a heavy wire fence with a sloping top and topped with barbed wire.

We realize this is not going to be a popular move with plenty of young people who flock here and may vandalize these measures. And the DOH and others may think it is a waste of time and money.

Yet, we cannot help but think: No, we cannot impose morality or even common sense on anyone, especially the young, but we can impose measures on them that ensure their safety.

Although Preston County sheriff's deputies patrol this area often in the summer, more should be done.

Undoubtedly, there will be another missing swimmer or even a desperate 911 call that someone's hurt there.

There's no need to wait to cross this bridge when we come to it — we've been there.

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### **Lawmakers should rethink** malpractice insurance

Well, the state of West Virginia has done it again. The governor and the Legislature want to bring new business and professions into the state, but they are going about it the wrong way. They are thinking too much like Bush and things are going backwards instead of forward.

I am talking about Gov. Bob Wise and the Legislature passing a bill and signing it to allow the cost of malpractice insurance to increase to the point that it is forcing a lot of doctors to leave the state or retire.

We are losing a couple of Morgantown's best surgeons due to the increase of the cost of malpractice insurance. We need these two medical professionals and more.

If I need to see a surgeon, I guess I have to go to another state. That means this state will be losing out on some of that money.

I think Wise and the Legislature should rethink this policy and get the malpractice insurance rates down so we can keep these doctors we so badly need in West Virginia.

They need to get rid of all the unnecessary lawsuits that just cost money and don't help anyone but the lawyers that handle the cases.

#### **Ralph Correll** Morgantown

#### 'Fahrenheit 9/11' needs to be shown in town

I find it quite odd the very popular movie, "Fahrenheit 9/11" has not been shown in Morgantown at all during the several weeks it's been out.

I understand it has been shown in Fairmont and Oakland. Md., but it hasn't been shown here.

A few weeks ago, I e-mailed www.Carmike.com, owners of the multiplex theater at Morgantown Mall, to ask why it was not being shown here, but they did not reply (I found no way to reach the owners of the Warner Theater).

I'm beginning to think



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there is a political motive behind the "blackout" in Morgantown.

Perhaps the owners of the theaters don't want the extensive failures and misrepresentations by the Bush administration exposed here, this being a "battleground state."

> Robert P. Hawkins, Ph.D. Morgantown

#### **CAMPAIGN 2004**

#### **Kerry not to be trusted** with 2nd Amendment rights Senator John Kerry has por-

trayed himself as a hunter and advocate of Second Amendment rights in his commercials. This revelation was undoubtedly welcomed by the millions of

firearm owners in the United States.

In the commercial, we see Kerry taking aim at a target. But, now he is taking aim at our Second Amendment rights along with Sen. Ted Kennedy and other liberals.

Kerry is the co-sponsor of a bill that will outlaw repeating shotguns and rifles. These are used by trapshooters, skeet shooters and hunters. The repeating rifles are popular hunting and competition firearms.

Kerry has proved he is not to be trusted with our Second Amendment rights.

President Bush has protected our Second Amendment rights. We must re-elect a proven Second Amendment protector.

> **Randy L. Searls Gallipolis Ferry**

## Missing money: The biggest heist in military history

In IRAQ, \$8.8 billion is MIA. Serious dough even for the big spenders in Washington, D.C.

A pal in Iraq slipped me a draft Coalition Provisional Authority Inspector General report dated July 12, that blisters the CPA for giving the missing billions to Iraqi ministries without appropriate controls. The IG report concludes: "The

CPA did not provide adequate stewardship of over \$8.8 billion in DFI (Development Fund for Iraq) funds provided to Iraqi Ministries through the national budget process. Specifically, the CPA did not establish and implement adequate managerial, financial, and contractual controls over the funds to ensure they were used in a transparent manner."

Offshore bankers must be burning the midnight oil these days with all the new secret accounts pour-



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**HACKWORTH** 

ing out of Baghdad! And small wonder that L. Paul Bremer went to ground in June after he turned the running of Iraq over to the Iraqis, closed down the CPA and flew home for an attaboy lunch with President Bush at the White House.

I'm not suggesting that he's living high on the hog on some Caymantype island in the Caribbean, but I am saying that he was the guy in charge in Iraq — and when it came to handling the funds in his trust, the IG report clearly states that he "did not exercise adequate fiduciary responsibility over DFI funds provided to Iraqi Ministries.

Early in the occupation, one senior CPA adviser asked for help from Bremer's legal eagles and was blown off with the following double talk: "There are no written guidelines delineating the senior advisers' role, responsibilities and authorities." The Iraqi ministers were expected to "assume responsibility for and exercise authority over all recurring, day-to-day functions of their Ministries" as Bremer & Company went about "increasingly empowering the interim Ministers, consistent with their capabilities."

Their capabilities appear to be well worth investigating, since my sources have been telling me for months that Iraqi payrolls have been heavily padded with ghost soldiers and ghost guards.

According to the IG, "CPA did not implement adequate controls to ensure DFI funds were properly used for salaries of Iraqi employees."

For example, the CPA paid 74,000 guards even though the actual number of guards couldn't be validated. On one site alone, 8,206 guards were on the payroll, but only 603 warm bodies could be counted. Elsewhere, more than \$17 million was allocated to guards and the Iraqi army without one piece of backup paper. Pals in Iraq say this has been standard drill since the birth of "a very dysfunctional" CPA.

The report cites, "An improper \$120 million disbursement was made in May 2004 because of miscommunication between CPA/OMB and Comptroller's office." In other words, \$120 million went south but was blithely rationalized as some clerks getting their wires crossed!

Meanwhile, the armed forces' PX system (AAFES) is into charging our GIs in Iraq \$9 for a 12-inch pizza. A similar pizza is \$8.99 at a pizzeria near Greenwich, Conn., where prices compete with Beverly Hills. The manager told me that about half of this price was gross profit. Lt. Col. Debra Pressley of the AAFES insists the \$9 price is "fair and competitive with commercial outlets, including locations in Greenwich." And so it seems to be. But why?

Don't our soldiers deserve a better deal? Or is our government reduced to trying to make up the AWOL bucks on our soldiers' backs?

The powers that be sure planned to make a profit by charging \$3 per head for watching movies in Iraq — at least until we blew the whistle. But once we broke the story, I got e-mails and phone calls from generals and colonels denying that the \$3 charge had been scheduled, even though on July 3, the deputy commander in Balad, Iraq, put out this communication: "CG (Commanding General) has directed that we begin charging movie fees beginning on 7 July 2004 in the amount of \$3.00 per show."

The local general now says it wasn't ever going to happen. Ditto the AAFES general and her spinner minions. Like the 9-11 report and the missing money in Iraq, no one will ever be held responsible.

Welcome to America 2004, where the buck is always passed and the grunts are always dealt the losers'

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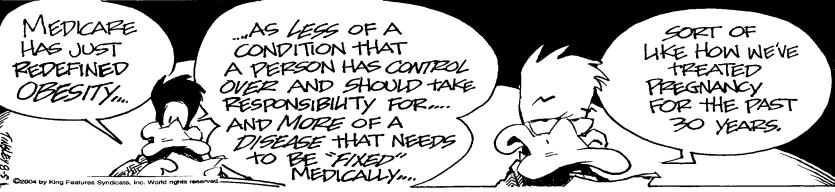
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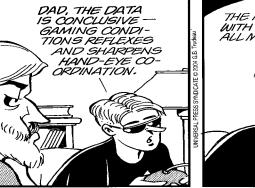
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#### **OBITUARIES**

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#### Paul J. Deahl

Paul J. Deahl Sr., 71, formerly of Newburg, W.Va., died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at Potomac Hospital in Woodbridge, Va.

He was born Sept. 22, 1932, in Kingwood, W.Va. He was preceded in death by his parents, Justus A. and Wilma F. Deahl.

He was a member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church of Woodbridge; a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 0364 and the Disabled Veterans.

He served his country during the Korean War in the U.S. Air

He worked for the General Services Administration for 46-1/2

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary A. (Molisee) Deahl; his daughter, Roberta L. Deahl; his son, Paul J. Deahl Jr.; his daughter-inlaw, Cheryl L. Deahl; and two granddaughters, Samantha J. and Elizabeth N. Deahl.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

Friends will be received from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., the time of services, Thursday, Aug. 5, in the Morgan Funeral Home, Reedsville.

Burial will follow in Camp Ground Cemetery

Memorial donations will establish a fund for Roberta and the grandchildren and may be mailed to the Deahl residence at 15942 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191.

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#### **Charles Franklin** Huggins

Charles Franklin Huggins, 88, of Blue Horizon Road, Morgantown, W.Va., went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Aug. 3,

> 2004 at home. He was born April 19, 1916, in Preston County, W.Va., a son of the late John and

> > Ota Deavers Huggins. He was owner and operator of Huggins Coal Co. and a Mine Boss for Consol Coal Co.

Charles Huggins

His hobbies

included farming and gardening. He was a devoted husband, lovng father and grandfather who enjoyed being with his family.

He was a member of the Mount Morris Assembly of God.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Clara Cecelia Gregg Huggins; four daughters and spouses, Nancy and Larry Corbett and Judy and Hunter Bailey, all of Hagerstown, Md., Charla and Tommy Strakal of Cassville, W.Va., Donna and George Gill of Morgantown; one son and spouse, Paul T. and Phyllis Huggins of Dilliner, Pa.; one sister, Ruth Hurley of Point Marion, Pa.; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sara Korzun; one son, John Charles Huggins; five sisters; and two brothers.

Friends will be received from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5, at McCulla Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be conducted by Pastor Fred Tomlinson, at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Mount Morris Assembly of God in Mount

Burial will follow at Beverly Hills Cemetery.

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#### Sam A. Morasco Sr.

Sam A. Morasco Sr., 86, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Morgantown, died Saturday, July 31, 2004, at his home, under the care of family and Hospice of the Florida Sun-

Friends will be received from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Rotruck-Lobb Funeral Homes, Mancinelli Chapel, 108 Holland Ave., Westover.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 6, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 3344 University Ave., Star City, with the Rev. Father Dean G. Borgmeyer as celebrant.

Entombment will follow the service at St. Mary's Peace Garden Mausoleum.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be directed to Christian Help, 216 Walnut St., Morgantown, WV 26505.

Personal condolences may be offered to the family online at www.rotruck-lobb.com.

#### **Bertha Lee Adams**

Bertha Lee Adams, 75, of Wileyville, W.Va., died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, in the Wetzel County Hospital, New Martinsville, W.Va. She was a member of the

Wileyville Church of Christ. She had worked at Liberty National Bank in Louisville, Ky. the former Tustin's Store and Bell's Store in Pine Grove and she was a Cub Scout leader and 4-H leader for several years.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Laura Ann Dakan; one brother, Albert Huff; and two sisters, Juanita and Cora.

She was born Oct. 17, 1928, the daughter of the late Arnold Boyd and Lovenia Mae Hume Huff.

Surviving is her loving husband of 58 years, Wayne D. Adams; two sons, Ronnie (Jeri Lynn) of Fairmont and J. B. "Joanne" of Crofton, Md.; two daughters, Connie (Jack) Dakan of Reader, W.Va. and Judy (Jerry) Cecil of Wileyville, W.Va.; nine grandchildren, Jackie (Andy) Jenkins of Pleasanton, Texas, Stephanie (Travis) Knotts of Fayetteville, N.C., Jeremy (Robin) Dakan of Morgantown, Serena (Jeremy) Huggins of Wileyville, Barbara (Roland) Day of New Martinsville, W.Va., Laura Elizabeth Adams and Natalie Ann Adams, both of Crofton, Md., Bill Adams of Grafton, W.Va. and John Adams of Cameron, W.Va.; six great-grandchildren, Kyle and Kody Jenkins, both of Pleasanton, Texas, Kayla and Gunner Knotts, both of Fayetteville, N.C., Mercedez Goff of New Martinsville and Katlyn LeeAnn Huggins of Wileyville; four step-great-grandchildren, Jason and Bryan Day, both of New Martinsville, and Tyler and Ashley Murphy, both of Morgantown; a special cousin, Maudine Carney of Morgantown; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received from 2-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Palmer Funeral Home, Pine Grove, W.Va., where services will be held at 1 p.m.

Burial will follow at Kirkland Cemetery near Wileyville, W.Va.

#### Florence E. Newcome

Florence E. Newcome, passed away on June 27, 2004, at Ruby Memorial Hospital.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m., Aug. 7, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah-Witnesses, in King-

Cremation was provided by Rotruck-Lobb Funeral Homes.

#### **Richard Allen McKinnev**

Richard Allen McKinney, 49, of Morgantown, died Friday, July 30, 2004, at Fairmont General Hospi-

Friends are invited from noon until the time of remembrance and sharing, which will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, conducted by the Rev. George Koon Jr., at the Fred L. Jenkins Chapel of Prayer.

#### Richard K. Yost

Richard K. Yost, 76, of Belleville, Mich., formerly of the Daybrook area, died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2004, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, Mich.

He was born April 6, 1928 at Daybrook, a son of the late Patrick Poe and Ida Jeanette Pethtal Yost.

Mr. Yost was a retired die setter for the Ford Motor Co.

While in West Virginia he attended the Daybrook United Methodist Church.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served during WWII.

Surviving are one son, Richard K. Yost Jr. of Belleville; one grandson, Richard Yost of Belleville; one brother, Perry Yost of Richland, Va.; three sisters, Betty Sutphin of Zelienople, Pa., Jean Stiles of Morgantown, and Ruby Tennant of Mooresville; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Lester Poe Yost, Donzil Yost, and Robert "Bozo" Yost.

Friends will be received from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at the Owen-Neely Funeral Home in Blacksville.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. John Coffman, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, in the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Yost Cemetery at Daybrook.

You may send condolences to the family at www.tennantfuneralhome.com.

## Morgantown block grants delayed by Congress

The city of Morgantown expects to receive its \$675,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds some time this month.

Originally, the funds were to be received July 1, but there is a holdup until Congress approves CDBG money to be spent nationwide, said David Bott, the city's community development director.

"We've been talking with programs that are going on ahead and

are in place," Bott said. "They can go ahead and do their project, but cannot draw down on their fund-

For example, Rock Forge community center is getting ready to advertise for a contractor for safety improvements to its multipurpose room, Bott said. The organization is expected to receive \$35,290 in CDBG funds.

Kaleidoscope, a program of

proceeding because their contracts Monongalia County Schools, will continue its summer child care services with \$6,510 in CDBG funds.

City projects include using \$25,000 of CDBG money to make city buildings accessible to people with disabilities. The projects includes sidewalks, doors and other projects on City Hall and the Morgantown Public Library. The city projects still have to go through design and reviews and are expected to begin construction in April.

## Ridge tours West Virginia first responders center

GALLAGHER (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Wednesday toured the Center for National Response, located in a one-time highway tunnel tucked into the West Virginia mountains, and proclaimed it the very thing the country's first responders

Accompanied by U.S. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., Ridge pledged to urge continued funding for the center where police, firefighters and emergency medical teams from across the country are trained in how to respond to accidents ranging from chemical spills to terrorist attacks.

"It's an impressive operation and has the capacity to (create) realistic training scenes," Ridge

The 2,800-feet-long tunnel is four stories high and includes wrecked automobiles, stalled city buses and a New York City subway car. Operators can expose first responders to whatever conditions they wish to

The former West Virginia Memorial Tunnel was built in 1953 as part of the West Virginia Turnpike. It became obsolete when the highway was widened from two lanes to four and was converted into the training center, which is operated by the West Virginia National Guard.

Since May 2000, 17,489 military and civilian first responders have trained at the center. It has been used to train military officers to recognize the hazards of caves such as those used by insurgents in

Afghanistan. It also has been used by law enforcement, search and rescue and emergency medical responders.

While Ridge praised the operation, U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd criticized the Bush administration for opposing increased funding for training and equipment at the site.

"The Bush White House tells people to be vigilant of terrorists on one hand then slashes funding for police officers and firefighters with the other," said Byrd, D-W.Va., who is the top Democrat on the U.S. Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Committee and cochairman of the Senate's National Security Working Group.

"It is a backwards approach to homeland security.'

## Global warming equals more smog

BALTIMORE (AP) — Global warming means more summer smog for millions in Baltimore, Charleston, W.Va., and 13 other U.S. cities, the Natural Resources Defense Council said in a report issued Wednesday.

The number of unhealthy, "red alert" days would double by the middle of the century while the number of healthy air days would be nearly 20 percent less, according to the study conducted for the environmental group by researchers at a number of universities, including Johns Hopkins, Columbia, and Yale.

Baltimore, for example, will have 39 days with "good" air quality by the middle of the century, compared with the current average of 46 days, the National Resources Defense Council said.

Charleston is expected to see a 26 percent drop in the number of days with "good air" quality, from the current average of 30 days to 22 days.

The analysis only considers the impact of global warming under current conditions and does not consider any increases or decreases in smog-forming pollution. But it shows the impact rising temperatures could have, said co-author Patrick Kinney, an associate professor at the Columbia School of Public Health.

"Climate is another variable that needs to be taken into consid-

PARIS (AP) — Legendary pho-

tographer Henri Cartier-Bresson,

who traveled the world for more

than a half century capturing

human drama with his camera,

has died, French media reported

Vogue and Harper's Bazaar mag-

azines, and his work inspired gen-

erations of photographers. Carti-

er-Bresson became a French nation-

al treasure, though he was famous-

ly averse to having his own picture

home in Paris were not answered.

His French publisher Gallimard

and Magnum Photos, the agency he

founded, said they could not con-

firm his death. But LCI television

said Cartier-Bresson died Mon-

day in l'Ile-sur-Sorgue in the rural

Vaucluse region in southeastern

France. Funeral services were

photographer of the 20th centu-

ry," said John Morris, who first met

Cartier-Bresson at the door of

Paris' Hotel Scribe five days after

the Germans left the city at the

tive editor of Magnum, Cartier-

Later when Morris was execu-

"He was perhaps the greatest

being held Wednesday.

end of World War II.

Calls to the Cartier-Bresson

taken or to giving interviews.

Cartier-Bresson shot for Life,

Wednesday. He was 95.

Legendary photographer dies

eration ... We started off with some thing simple, but it has a useful message for people who are planning ozone strategy," Kinney said.

The authors created a model that compared ozone levels and temperatures during the 1990s and then used a United Nations report on global warming to make climate projections for five-year spans in the 2020s, 2050s and 2080s.

Ozone is a key component of smog. It's formed when hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides released when fossil fuels burn or chemicals evaporate — combine with heat and sunlight. Lead author Jonathan Patz of

the University of Wisconsin-Madison said the model accurately simulated past ozone occurrences, but acknowledged there was uncertainty in climate change predictions.

"When you're using only one future climate change model, you need to admit that's only one model scenario. The next step would be to take several models, take a whole suite of those, and get a broader range of estimates," Patz said.

People living in the 15 cities would see a 60 percent increase in the average number of days in which ozone levels exceeded EPA standards over an eight-hour period, rising from 12 to almost 20 days each summer, the study said.

Bresson worked with him. They

the cooperative photo agency, VII,

called Cartier-Bresson one of the most

influential photographers of all time.

defined photography at that crucial

period when small cameras were

coming into fashion and its entire

nature was changing," Knight said.

of Mahatma Gandhi in India or

Henri Matisse at home, Cartier-

Bresson sought to render the feel-

ing of the moment with his dis-

tinctive classical style and pen-

chant for geometrical composition.

must be a relationship between

the eye and the heart," he once

said in a rare interview. "With

the one eye that is closed, one looks

within, with the other eye that is

ing and intuition, Cartier-Bres-

son captured the presence of places

and the cultures of people as dis-

tinct as William Faulkner and Chi-

tographs and artificial settings

and said photographers should

shoot accurately and quickly.

He disdained arranged pho-

With his uncanny sense of tim-

open, one looks without."

nese revolutionaries.

"In whatever one does, there

Whether recording the funeral

"He inspired people, and he

Gary Knight, managing director of

remained lifelong friends.

#### State court justice criticizes negative ad campaign

CHARLESTON (AP) — West Virginia's lawyers have wrongly stood silent amid an advertising attack campaign that blames the state's court system for many of the Mountain State's woes, Supreme Court Justice Larry Starcher contends.

"It is a bald-faced lie to say that the West Virginia Supreme Court's decisions are a major cause of the economic problems that our state has faced for generations,' Starcher, a former Monongalia County Circuit Court judge, wrote in the West Virginia Lawyer, the State Bar's monthly magazine.

In the edition mailed out this week, Starcher targets the pricey ad campaign waged by the state Chamber of Commerce in advance of the May primary. Expected to resurface before

the November election, the ads linked problems with the state's job market, health care system and Workers' Compensation program to recent court rulings. With its campaign, the cham-

ber has pushed for a Supreme Court that never finds fault with the Legislature or the executive branch, Starcher contends. "If the voters want to elect

judges with that kind of philosophy, they can do so," Starcher

## Mission: Save W.Va. dogs, cats

Animal-rescue groups across the nation are scrambling to find homes for nearly 100 cats and dogs at a West Virginia shelter, where they fear sudden budget cuts could lead to a mass gassing.

Judy Oliver, director of the Mason County Animal Shelter in Point Pleasant, and two employees resigned when told to get rid of 55 dogs and 40 cats within 14 days. That's more than five times the number of dogs killed in all of 2003.

"I couldn't do it," Oliver said Wednesday. "They told me to start yesterday, and I refused.'

But County Administrator John Gerlach and County Commissioner Rick Handley said that's not exactly what they ordered. They said Oliver was told she could clear out the animals by adoption, rescue or euthanization. The suggestion that all be killed at once is both absurd and physically impossible, Gerlach said.

On Wednesday, the 42-pen facility had 80 dogs and 50 cats. The county wants those numbers cut to 25 and 10, respectively. From now on, no animal can stay more than 14 days. After that, it must be put down.

State law requires only a fiveday stay.

"I don't understand how we got to be the villains in this," Gerlach said. "In some counties, as soon as the clock ticks five days, they start gassing."

Gerlach and Handley said they fielded angry calls from across the country as animal rescue groups spread e-mails Wednesday that contained some misinformation. "I had a lady call me an igno-

rant hillbilly," Handley said. She apologized when he told her the animals had two weeks. We would like to not have to put any of them down," added

Gerlach, challenging rescuers to "come and get 'em.' Now, groups from Utah to Pennsylvania are organizing dri-

vers to pick up the animals. "We understand they can't just warehouse animals. I'd put them down too, if it got too ridiculous," said rescuer Vicki Sayles of Doylestown, Pa., part of a network called Animal Underground, "But they should give you time to put out a plea.'

Sayles' group brings animals to a PetsMart store in Montgomeryville, Pa., every Saturday from noon to 3 p.m., and West Virginia pets are quickly snatched up. On average, she said, about 50 people show up for 12 dogs.

'These particular dogs are really highly adoptable animals. They're loving animals that are usually lovingly taken care of," she said. "People stand in line, waiting for West Virginia dogs.

#### **TODAY**

TO SUBMIT your items to this column, mail to Today at The Dominion Post, 1251 Earl Core Road, Morgantown, WV 26505. For information, call 201-9445.

#### **TOASTMASTERS INTERNA-TIONAL:** Mountaineer Chapter.

the local public speaking club, 7 p.m., NIOSH building. Visitors welcome. Info: T. Lustig, 594-0242.

**MEN'S VFW MEETING: Post** 9916, Westover: 8 p.m., All welcome. JOSEPH W. SUMMERS No.

**173 A.F. & A.M.:** 7:30 p.m. Info: 296-1053.

**PROBLEM GAMBLERS SUP-**PORT GROUP: 7 p.m. in Morgantown. Call for location: (888) 696-2517.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: 7:30** p.m., Blueville Church of Christ, Intersection U.S. 119 and 50, Grafton.; 8 p.m. Wesley Foundation, 1224 Locust Ave., Fairmont, where there's a speaker on the fourth Thursday; 7:30 p.m. First

Baptist Church, rear entrance, 423 High St., Morgantown. **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** 

noon, 502 White Ave., Morgantown, and WVU Eye Institute, second-floor conference room; 7 p.m., Hopewell Church in Bruceton Mills and 502 White Ave., Morgantown; 8 p.m., St. Sebastian's Catholic Church, Kingwood; and 8:30 p.m., Suncrest United Methodist Church, 520 Burroughs St., Morgantown. AL-ANON: noon, St. Mary's

Church in Star City. Al-Anon is a 12-step program for those affected by someone else's drinking. Info: call 888-4AL-ANON or email WSO@al-anon.org or visit www.al-anon.alateen.org/.

**Co-DA (CODEPENDENTS** ANONYMOUS): 7 p.m., Chestnut Ridge Hospital, Board Room, 12-step fellowship for those wishing to develop healthy relationships. Info: outreach@coda.org or www.codependents.org/ or, local contact person, Mary R., 296-3748.

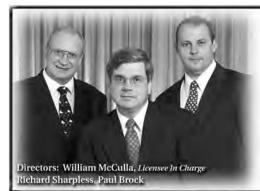
### Man, woman die in apartment explosion

CHARLESTON (AP) — A man and his ex-girlfriend died Wednesday morning from burn injuries, a day after a natural gas explosion shat-

tered the apartment they had shared. Investigators believe Samuel Sampson, 34, had filled the couple's secondstory apartment in Charleston's East End with natural gas by disconnecting a heater in a bedroom Tuesday evening, Charleston police Sgt. Brent Webster said.

The gas exploded at about 7:20 p.m. Tuesday. "The whole damn room was a ball

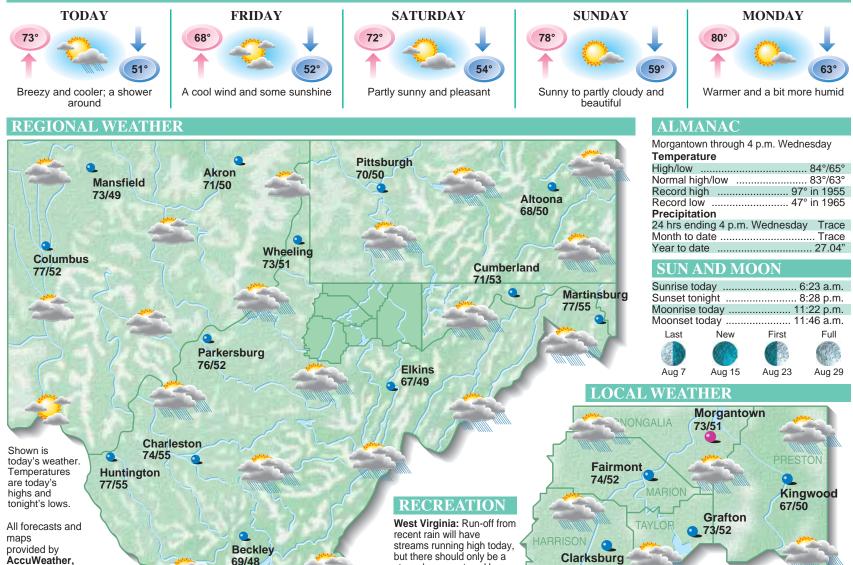
of fire," neighbor Edward Haynes said.

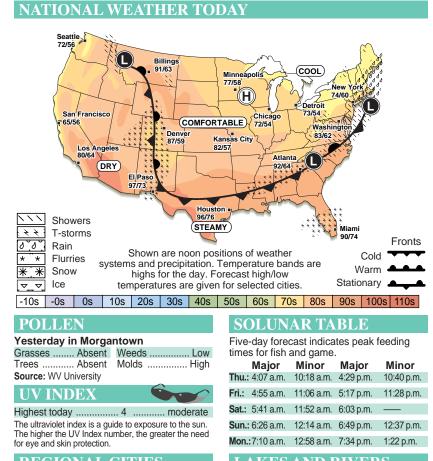




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Today is Thursday, Aug. 5, the 218th day of 2004. There are 148 days left in the year. **HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:** 

IN 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut is said to have ordered, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" as he led his fleet against Mobile Bay, Ala. ON THIS DATE:

**IN 1884,** the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

IN 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed, in Cleveland, Ohio.

IN 1963, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union signed a treaty in Moscow banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and underwater.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** For mer astronaut Neil A. Armstrong is 74. Actress Cammie King ("Gone with the Wind") is 70. Actress Loni Anderson is 58. Actress Erika Slezak is 58. Rock singer Rick Derringer is 57. Actress-singer Maureen McCormick is 48. Country musician Mark O'Connor is 43. Rapper MCA (The Beastie Boys) is 40. Actor Jonathan Silverman is 38. Country singer Terri Clark is

## Daughter's silence may be sign of stressful life

stray shower or two. Unsea-

sonably cool and breezy

conditions are in store into

Saturday with limited sun-

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to "Lonesome for My Daughter," whose youngest daughter, a married college freshman, has quit communicating with her parents.

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I, too, married at 19. My parents didn't approve because they were afraid I'd drop out of school. When we would visit my mother, she'd talk with me and ignore my husband. This made our visits few and far between. Could the mother have done something to alienate the son-in-law?

My marriage has lasted 12 years. However, the times in my life when I quit communicating with family were when I was undergoing severe marital stress and depression, and didn't want to discuss it or pretend all was well when it wasn't.

I do think "Lonesome" and her husband should pay a drop-in visit occasionally. Keep the visit brief in case the daughter's college schedule is on overload. That way, they can see, talk to and hug their daughter and new son-inlaw — and while they're at it, scope out the situation. — ALICE IN VINE GROVE, KY.

DEAR ALICE: Those are all wonderful suggestions. Many readers wrote to offer input (and insight!) to that mother. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a heads up for



**JEANNE PHILLIPS** 

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**DEAR ABBY** 

"Lonesome." Newlyweds may not want to come home for the weekend. They're happily enjoying their time together.

Here's how my in-laws handled it 17 years ago: If they hadn't heard from us for a few weeks, they'd call and say, "Is there a day in the next couple of weekends when we can come and take you two out for brunch or dinner? Pick a place you'd enjoy." Or, they'd pick up some food from one of our favorites and we'd have a picnic at our place.

"Lonesome" and her husband should try it. It might be a lot easier for her daughter than a long drive and an overnight at her parents' home. — PATRICIA IN LEA-WOOD, KAN.

DEAR PATRICIA: I agree. This is a period of adjustment for all concerned. The parents are more in control of their schedule at this point than the daughter and sonin-law may be.

JEANNE PHILLIPS writes "Dear Abby" under the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren.

#### **TV LISTINGS**

Thu.

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Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Beckley, WV

Charleston, WV

Cumberland, MD

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Fairmont, WV

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Kingwood, WV

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#### **Brief storm** downs trees, disrupts power

The gust of rains and high winds that briefly swept through the greater Morgantown area Wednesday left a few local roads in a messy condition.

A MECCA spokesman said 911 dispatchers started getting calls for downed trees and power lines at 3:05 p.m.

"Just a few minor incidents involving objects in the road from the storm," the spokesman said.

"There were no major accidents." Emergency crews shut down Point Marion Road for about an hour at 3:22 p.m. for trees and power lines down in the road.

Chaplin Road had a large branch blocking part of a lane at

Allegheny Power reported 750 customers in Morgantown were without power at about 6 p.m.

"The outs are primarily located in residential areas in the downtown district," said Janice Lantz, an Allegheny Power representative.

In Preston County, another 130 customers were without power.

Lantz said crews planned to have power restored by midnight Wednesday.

Charles Trembly, National Weather Service observer in Terra Alta, said after the mild storm touched Morgantown, it scurried through Preston County at about 3:45 p.m.

Trembly said a cold front moved through that area, dropping temperatures from 77 to 65. A few trees and a power line were reported down in Rowlesburg, but the area received only a minimal amount of rain.

As of 5 p.m., no weather warnings were being issued in Preston County, he said.

#### **County seeks comment** on courthouse hours

The question of opening and closing the Monongalia County Courthouse a half-hour earlier each day is still an open issue before the County Commission.

Commissioners on Wednesday authorized County Clerk Mike Oliverio to survey employees in the courthouse to see whether they preferred to work an 8:30-4:30 a.m. weekday shift, with a half-hour for lunch. Hours presently are 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Some commissioners say they haven't gotten enough public input.

County Administrator Diane DeMedici said she received one phone call against the change after commissioners appeared on a radio talk show. Five calls against and 31 supporting the change came in after a newspaper story. In addition, 25 courthouse employees support the change.

"I have no objection to opening at 8:30 a.m.," Commissioner John Pyles said. "There may be problems with closing at 4:30 p.m.'

#### **Sanitary Sewer Board** meeting rescheduled

MASONTOWN — The regularly scheduled meetings of Masontown Sanitary Board and Masontown City Council have been changed from Wednesday and Aug. 12 to 6 p.m. Aug. 18 and Aug. 19, respectively, at town hall.

#### **Section of PRT to be** closed for renovations

A section of WVU's Personal Rapid Transit will be closed Monday and Tuesday so workers can complete ongoing renovations.

The PRT will not run from the engineering station to the Beechurst Avenue and Walnut Street stations on those days. The people-mover's Evansdale runs, which include engineering, Towers and health sciences stations, will be unaffected.

WVU will provide nonstop bus service between the engineering station and the Mountainlair to accommodate those inconvenienced by the temporary closure. The shuttle service will run the same times the PRT does during the summer, from 6:30 a.m.-6:15

Workers with Pittsburgh contractor Wayne Crouse are replacing antiquated piping on the PRT's downtown guideway. The pipes carry a substance that de-ices the PRT's rails during cold weather.

Plans call for completing the work before fall semester begins August 23.

## Gas companies seek rate hike

## Dominion Hope bill could climb \$19 a month if increase OK'd

IF YOU HAVE a question or comment about the potential gas rate hike, call the West Virginia Public Service Commission at (800) 344-5113 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Staff and wire reports

Four natural gas companies have asked state regulators for rate hikes of up to 40 percent, to compensate for rising gas costs and to pay off bills left from last winter.

If the Public Service Commission of West Virginia approves local gas provider Dominion Hope's application for a Nov. 1 increase, customers will pay an average of \$19 more each month — an increase of 24 percent, said Dan Donovan, corporate manager of media relations, Pittsburgh.

Dominion Hope's service area in north-central West Virginia

includes Morgantown through Clarksburg, as well as Parkersburg.

Dominion Hope has natural gas companies in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mountaineer Gas customers would pay an average of \$23.40 more per month, an increase of nearly 18

The Allegheny Power subsidiary is the largest gas utility in West Virginia, serving about 205,000 customers.

Equitable Gas wants a 40.2 percent increase, or \$45.76 more each month, while West Virginia Power Gas Service wants a 23.8 percent increase, or \$32.73 more each month.

"It's universally bad news," said Billy Jack Gregg, director of the Consumer Advocate Division of the PSC. "It was everything we could do to help people scrape by last winter. It's going to be worse this year."

their companies won't earn a penny more if they get these rate increases because they are only passing along the higher cost of the gas they buy.

Donovan said gas rates are rising because the gas price at the well head is increasing with higher demand for natural gas, particularly because natural gas is being used more and more to generate electricity at power plants.

That demand means less natural gas in wells, he said.

"The gas price at the well ... has basically tripled since the 1990s," Donovan said Tuesday. The gas cost portion of Dominion Hope's billing to customers "is a passthrough," he said. "Whatever we pay, we charge the customers. We don't make a profit on that."

Transporting the gas is where

profits, he said. Rates for utility hookup, billing and meter reading have remained relatively flat through the years.

Meanwhile, Dominion Hope is doing its part to keep gas prices low by finding new sources of natural gas, Donovan said. "We drilled more gas wells than anyone in the nation last year, and we are doing the same this year."

In addition, the company has opened a gas import facility in Cove Point, Md., where imports from Trinidad are shipped.

Last year the same gas companies raised rates for similar reasons, and a number of people spoke out at public hearings or sent letters of protest.

Allen Staggers, spokesman for Allegheny Power, the parent of Mountaineer and West Virginia

Spokesmen for the utilities said Dominion Hope gains most of its Power Gas Service, said he knows the problem. Allegheny's propos-

al is also a pass-through. "It doesn't make it any easier," he said. "People see it as more money to Allegheny."

Gregg said that when open-market prices rise, more gas drilling rigs go into action to increase production, sending prices back down.

"The bizarre thing is, this time the rig count is up but prices are staying high," Gregg said. "Natural gas seems to have reached a new plateau price."

To deal with increased customer rates, Donovan suggested people sign up for the budget system, which can spread the bill evenly through 12

Gregg said all the proposed rate increases will be reviewed by the



Bobby Nicholas (above, left) entertains the crowd during the United Way Leadership Giving Association's Reception at the Blaney House, the WVU president's home, Wednesday evening.

## United Way celebrates private donors

Susan Hardesty to lead group's fund-raising campaign for second straight year

#### **BY JANET L. METZNER**

The Dominion Post

Susan Hardesty says directors of the 27 agencies of the United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties have their souls in the right place.

She should know. For the second year in a row, Hardesty will lead the United Way campaign at WVU.

"United Way agencies provide services most of us don't have the time to do or the know-how to do," she said. "They help people who need extra care at special times in their lives.'

On Wednesday, Hardesty, who is the wife of WVU President David C. Hardesty, opened the couple's home to 160 guests in celebration of the private donors who contribute to the United Way's general campaign.

Huntington Banks sponsored the event. The United Way Leadership Giving

Association Reception at Hardesty's home is the 14th annual reception held in honor of private donors who make annual gifts of \$500 or greater.

There are 550 members of the giving association. During last year's campaign, 581 leadership givers contributed a total of \$465,672 — about 37 percent of the \$1.22 million raised.

WVU employees and students contributed more than \$220,000, the largest group contributor, Hardesty said. This year's general campaign goal is \$1.26 million.

During the reception, four more gold markers were added to The Colonel's Leadership Council plaque. Those members of the Zackquill Morgan Society have made single or cumulative gifts of \$10,000.

The names of Patrick and Kathy Martin, James and Mary McCartney, Daphne and Bob Schreiber, and Charles White were added to the 34 names already on the plaque.

Cheryl Stout appreciates the services United Way offers the community.

As director of Christian Help Inc., an organization with food pantry, emergency medical assistance, and a clothes closet, Stout has seen the United Way's assistance first hand.

Her organization received \$42,500 last

year to operate its programs. During the past 18 months, Stout said, she has called on the United Way for help numerous times. "And they have always been there for us," with grant money or volunteers for special events.

The United Way's campaign kicks off at 8 a.m. Saturday with the Greatest Garage Sale On Earth, set for the Spruce Street parking garage. The event lasts until 3 p.m.

Other events are scheduled through

## **Determined** searchers save missing man

#### Mentally ill Preston resident found wandering in woods

**BY KATHY PLUM** 

The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — A Preston man lost since Saturday was recovering at Preston Memorial Hospital on Tuesday with only minor injuries, thanks to the determined efforts of searchers.

"I was determined I wasn't coming out until I found him. I had to," Benjamin Phares said Tuesday.

Phares' father-in-law, Gene Skelton, 67, who suffers from Alzheimer's and schizophrenia, disappeared at about 11 a.m. Saturday. Skelton was helping his daughter, Tammy Phares, build a fence near their home on Pell Road when it began to rain.

She told him he should go inside but, when she checked, he was gone.

"He's OK," Benjamin Phares said Tuesday. "He's scratched up and he was pretty dehydrated."

Volunteers and canine search teams from four states scoured the woods in the area Saturday and Sunday. Dogs seemed to stall around W.Va. 92, about three miles from the house, leading to speculation someone gave him a ride.

The search was called off Sunday, but Phares and George Grogg saddled trail horses Monday and went into the woods at about 5 a.m. with the Phares' elkhound to find Skelton.

They covered ground too rough for an all-terrain vehicle to travel. At one point, they found fresh bear tracks 10 inches in diameter. Not far away, in some blackberry bushes, at about 2:30 p.m., they found Skelton.

"The horse almost ran over him," Phares said. Skelton's mouth was full of blackberries and leaves, his eyes sunk from dehydration, his feet blistered. Phares offered him doughnuts, coffee and other food. A front-end loader had to be used to clear the way for an ATV to come in and get Skelton.

"Just walking in circles, I'd guess he walked close to 30 miles," Phares said.

He and his wife appreciate the many people who volunteered to search. Grogg, for instance, is a Grafton resident who had only met the family once at a local spring, but showed up Monday to help.

"I'd want somebody to do that for my dad (if he were still living), if he got lost," Grogg said Tuesday.

He and Phares said the experience has them thinking about joining a search and rescue group, with Phares considering using his horses in the effort.

## Burglars hit two Morgantown churches on same night

Police increase patrols around houses of worship after break-ins, unsure if crimes are related

#### **BY NATALIE NEYSA ALUND**

The Dominion Post

Morgantown police have beefed up patrols around city churches after two churches in the Suncrest area of Morgantown were broken into earlier this week.

"We're surveying churches in the area in hopes of preventing another situation from arising," Cpl. Joel Smith said Wednesday.

Detectives are investigating burglaries at Calvary Baptist Church, 519 Burroughs St., and the Christian Missionary and Alliance Church, 317 Elmhurst St.

According to a police report, money was taken from inside both buildings. Smith couldn't say exactly how much cash was

Police are investigating if the burglaries are related because they occurred sometime between 9 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. Monday, and the churches are about a half-mile

"It looks like detectives have some physical evidence they are processing and analyzing to see if they can relate them," Smith said. Smith said detectives can't

release what they've found at this point in the investigation. In both incidents, suspects entered the building through a window and went through the church-

es' kitchens, offices and meeting

During the

burglary at Calvary Baptist Church. police said, suspects entered the church through a rear window and,

while inside, broke an interior door causing \$100 in

Calvary Baptist Head Deacon Ron Gillis on Wednesday would not comment on the incident. Estimated damage to the Christ-

he said.

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donated themselves toward a retreat they planned to take," Mattern said. And the pastor said this isn't the first time his church has been tern, pastor at

"The money stolen was for a

retreat some church folks had

burglarized.

About a month ago, suspects broke into the church and took about \$215.

"The money was ... from our children during vacation Bible school," Mattern said. "It was to go toward the Labor of Love, a maternity home in Morgantown for unwed and expecting mothers."

The prior incident remains under investigation, police said.



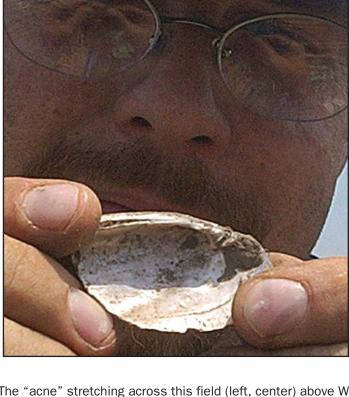




Rick Paulhomus (above) temporarily trades his trowel for the transit marker.







The "acne" stretching across this field (left, center) above W.Va. 705 north of Morgantown is a case of "archaeological dig." A ninemember team from KCI Technologies is searching for objects from the Monongahela, a native American tribe that camped on this hilltop more than 400 years ago. To do so, they plotted 182 onemeter squares to help pin-point the areas to investigate further. Bryan Koller (above) offers a closer look at one of the hundreds of mussel shells that have been discovered. The Monongahela not only ate mussels, they used their ground shells in making pottery. This clipboard (left) serves as a tray to display some material uncovered on the hillside. Mussel shells are at the top, snail shells and animal bones are to the left, while pottery pieces fill the rest of the clipboard.

# Unearthing history

## Local archaeological dig reveals buried past

**BY EVELYN RYAN** 

For J.T. Sutton, the archaeological dig of an ancient Monongahela people's village site just north of Morgantown is every archaeologist's dream. "They are a mystery," he said.

"No one knows much about them."

History places the Monongahela among the Late Woodland people, thriving in the region of the Ohio River watershed in the late prehistoric era, 1000-1600 A.D. This area includes upper West Virginia, southwestern Pennsylvania and western Maryland.

"This is the most significant site I've excavated," Sutton said, "because of the archaeological deposits. We're finding what we expected based on an earlier study."

But with just three weeks on the job, the crew from KCI Technologies hasn't yet excavated enough to be able to guess at what point this village was established before the Monongahela disappeared in the 1600s.

The dig is on the point of a hill overlooking W.Va. 705 just southwest of the Stewartstown Road intersection.

They really sought this type of land — a terminal ridge," he said. Their settlements were surrounded by stockade walls of logs and were usually circular. The nine members of the crew are hoping to find marks showing the location of support poles for the stockade walls.

"They were farmers," he added, "cultivating maize, a corn, a key part of their diet. There was evidence they raised squash and beans. They made pottery and used bows and arrows with points carved from bone."

"They also practiced active hunting and gathering. They fished. We've found mussel shell and fish remains," he said.

The pottery was made more for use than decoration. Bones and shell pieces, used to reinforce the clay, help the team separate pottery from rocks.

The archaeologists can tell you what the Monongahela culture left behind; they just can't tell you much about the Monongahela culture itself, observed Gloria Gozszik, a local archaeologist who examined the site for Wal-Mart when the corporation was attempting to buy the land for a SuperCenter three years ago.

Some things are known about the men, she said, from the arrowheads, the tools, the scrapers and other artifacts. But little, if anything, is known about the women and children. Pot shards have been found, but Gozszik wonders who made the pots.

'The neat thing about this society is that it's a mystery," Sutton said. "The Monongahela disappeared so quickly. No one knows what hap-

Recent research has developed several theories. One attributes the death of the Monongahela culture to a seven-year drought. Corn is an extremely water-dependent crop. Since corn was a mainstay of their diet, it's possible they starved to death.

"There were a number of Monongahela villages located in this area," Sutton added. "Sadly enough, this is the only one to be professionally excavated in Monongalia County. The rest have been looted. That in itself is one of the things that makes this site sig-

Known as the Fort Hill site, the location of the village was first recorded in the early 1960s. At that time, several thousand artifacts and a human burial were recovered. The excavated materials were given to the Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History, in Parkersburg, while the infant hurial is at Delt Norona Museum, near Wheeling.

Wyskup (right) carefully uses a trowel to remove an item from one of the 182 onemeter squares being excavated at the Monongahela Village site. Philip **Evans** (below) carefully bags some finds from his sift-

ing.

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become perfect "shovels" when excavating in delicate situations. Even the soil tells tales. A sample from one of the dig sites is sprinkled over a page of soil chips (left, center) to determine more about the soil's characteristics. J.T. Sutton (far left), KCI field director,

watches as Philip Evans picks through the material left on his screen and Bryan Koller works the soil so that it all sifts



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## THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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## \$50-a-barrel oil is a possibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oil prices could rise as high as \$50 per barrel before the year is up, analysts say, as the world's growing thirst for crude stretches supplies thin and uncertainty abounds in petroleum-producing nations.

"The fundamental fact is that oil is tight," says Leo Drollas, chief economist for the London-based Center for Global Energy Studies. Drollas said \$40 is a more likely price in the next month or two, although, if demand is strong and the weather is cold this winter, prices could reach \$50.

Prices might leap even higher if there was a major supply disruption, analysts said.

Even at \$50 per barrel, prices would be about 12 percent less expensive than they were leading up to the first Gulf War, and more than 40 percent below the levels reached during the oil crisis of the early 1980s, when inflation is taken into account.

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could begin to sap demand for gasoline and weaken the broader economy — both of which would cool today's red-hot oil markets.

And while a terrorist attack in the United States would cause a brief run-up in the cost of oil, analysts said that would likely be followed by a longer-term decline in prices because of the negative impact such an event would have on the economy.

On Wednesday, oil futures retreated from record-highs set the day before as concerns about Russian supplies abated and government data showed U.S. gasoline supplies rising. That still left oil for September delivery at \$42.83 per barrel, or about 35 percent higher than a year ago.

The main reason for soaring prices nowadays is that global demand has risen faster than producers had expected, leaving the market with very little cushion in

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Of course, current high prices the event of an unexpected supply problem, terror-related or other-

> PFC Energy, a Washingtonbased consulting firm, estimates that total global production will average 82.1 million barrels a day in 2004, or just 100,000 barrels a day above consumption.

> "OPEC is putting out a lot of oil, but the market is absorbing it," said Jamal Qureshi, an oil market analyst at PFC Energy.

> On Tuesday, U.S. light crude for September delivery closed at \$44.15 — an all-time high on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil prices also hit new heights in London on Tuesday, closing at \$40.64 on the International Petroleum

Recent geopolitical uncertainty in countries such as Russia and Iraq has made energy traders edgy, raising fears that the supplydemand balance could tilt further in the wrong direction.

## Uno restaurant opens in Morgantown

Eatery includes seating for 262 patrons, employs 160 workers

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The Uno Chicago Grill has opened at 1085 Van Voorhis Road, in the new United Center building.

This is Uno Restaurant Holdings Corp.'s fourth Uno restaurant in West Virginia.

The store officially opened for business Monday.

The hours of operation are from 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday, with the full menu available until clos-

The new Uno Chicago Grill is 6,500 square feet, seats 262 guests and will open with 160 employees. The restaurant will look and feel like an old Chicago warehouse.

The restaurant will offer Uno's School Partner Program. The program includes several educational events, such as free pizza-maker field trips and fund-raising opportunities for local schools and community organizations.

The new Uno is owned by Steve Neu, David Saul and Bruce Pauley of Absolut Holding Company. The restaurant will be run by General Manager Dave Mitchell.

Based in Boston, Uno Restaurant Holdings Corp. has a system of more than 200 company-owned and franchise restaurants. Uno Chicago Grill restaurants are located in 34 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, South Korea and the United Arab Emirates.

The company also operates a consumer foods division, which supplies airlines, movie theaters, hotel restaurants and supermarkets with both frozen and refrigerated private label foods, and branded Uno

## FAA: Ease flight delays at O'Hare International

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Federal Aviation Administration told airline executives Wednesday that if they won't voluntarily reduce flight schedules at Chicago's congested O'Hare International Airport, the government will do it for them.

'We cannot let schedules at O'Hare hold the whole system hostage," FAA Administrator Marion Blakey told the executives. "You can't control the weather, but you can control your schedule.'

Flight delays have reached historic levels at O'Hare, and representatives of every major airline convened here Wednesday to talk about the problem.

On-time arrivals at O'Hare this year are lower than for the past four years. Only 67 percent of flights arrive there on-time. The FAA tries to achieve a systemwide on-time performance of 82 percent.

"If it weren't for O'Hare, we'd be making that goal," Blakey said. Thirty-seven percent of the delays are greater than one hour.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said officials cannot allow congestion at O'Hare to become a chokepoint for the air transportation system.

"We are going to do something about this problem right here and now," he said. Mineta said there had been 58.600 delays at O'Hare during the past six months, more



Passengers check the schedule board at the American Airlines terminal at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Wednesday in Chicago. Flight delays have reached historic levels at O'Hare.

than the full-year totals for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Every minute that a passenger waits takes \$30 from an airline's bottom line, officials have estimat-

United and American airlines agreed with a government order in January to reduce their O'Hare operations by 5 percent, or 62 flights, during the afternoon and early evening hours. In June they agreed to further reduce their operations by 2.5 percent, but other carriers increased the number of flights into

Mineta said delays at O'Hare have cost airlines \$120 million. He said officials do not yet have a set formula in mind for schedule reductions, but that he figured they have about a week to come up with a

Mineta also said airlines will try to retain their high-revenue passengers or will replace regional jets with larger airliners and said that they're looking for schedule reductions beginning in November and lasting for six months.

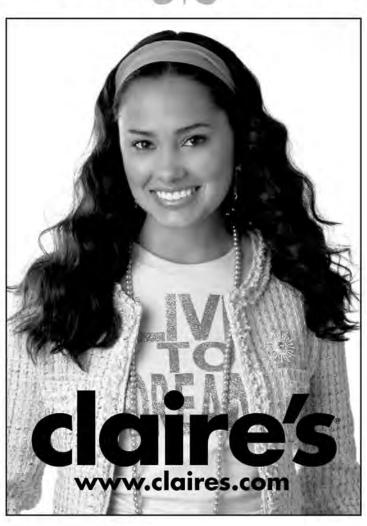
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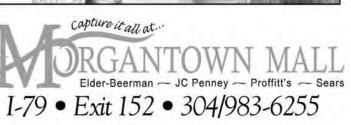
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## owners go back to school

Small business

NEW YORK (AP) — Among the millions of students preparing to go back to school this fall are plenty of small business owners seeking a better grounding in finance, marketing and other subjects that will help them run their companies.

Many will be enrolling in courses offered at local colleges, while others will take seminars run by chambers of commerce and industry groups. And many others will be learning online.

Small business owners who have gone back to school say the experience helped them build their companies.

Trina Sheridan took a five-week course at the Women's Business Development Center in Chicago to help her start her gourmet kitchenware and cooking class business, The Wooden Spoon. The course taught her about putting together a business plan, which helped the company get financing. She also learned some retailing basics, such as always keeping the shelves stocked so the store looks like it's prospering.

A key lesson was about managing — the need to delegate to employees. Her instructor told students to focus on running the business, not waiting on customers.

"Working on the business, not in the business, that was a big part" of what Sheridan says she learned.

Sheridan's class covered general business topics and was the kind of survey course that can be invaluable for a new entrepreneur. Many organizations offer similar basic courses, and so do colleges across the country. In most cases, it's not necessary to enroll in a degree program or pay a lot of money to take the classes.

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### **Incentives** lose appeal to consumers

CHICAGO (KRT) - Zero percent financing has lost its potency and consumers aren't hurrying to car dealerships to grab

Incentives have become such a part of the automotive landscape that buyers assume they will be available. Hence, they often wait for better deals or scour dealerships for a lower price.

"They almost look at (incentives) as standard equipment, like windshield wipers," said George Pipas, Ford Motor Co.'s

\$5,000 rebates, either.

sales analyst.

Incentives are "the cost of entry now, like quality," said Wheeling, Ill., Chevrolet dealer Bill Stasek. "It's the way we do business. We've trained buyers, the banks, everyone to expect big rebates.'

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break from the same old thing.

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### **BRIEFS**

#### **Pharmaceutical giant** settles in fraud case WASHINGTON - Bristol-

Myers Squibb Co. is paying \$150 million to settle a major alleged accounting fraud as federal regulators accused the company Wednesday of manipulating its inventory of drugs to inflate earnings and meet Wall Street targets.

The pharmaceutical giant, which also recently settled a lawsuit by shareholders for \$300 million, still faces a criminal investigation by the Justice Department.

In its settlement of the civil case with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Bristol-Myers agreed to pay a \$100 million civil fine and an additional \$50 million, both of which will go into a fund for shareholders. Bristol-Myers neither admitted or denied wrongdoing in the accord but did agree to abide by a permanent injunction against future violations.

#### Mitsubishi sales take a hit

TOKYO - Losses at scandalplagued Japanese automaker Mitsubishi Motors Corp. ballooned for the latest quarter as sales nose-dived in Japan and North

Tokyo-based Mitsubishi Motors reported Wednesday that it lost \$492 million in the Aprilcent to \$5 billion.

Its vehicle sales in Japan were down 38 percent to 49.000 vehicles. while sales in North America tumbled by a third to 53,000 vehicles from the same period a year ago.

#### **TiVo subscribers allowed** to send copies via Net WASHINGTON — Federal reg-

ulators Wednesday approved technology allowing TiVo subscribers to send copies of recorded shows via the Internet.

The idea was opposed by Hollywood and pro sports teams who believe it will lead to mass redistribution of movies and games. In its unanimous decision, the Federal Communications Commission said there are enough protections already in place to prevent that.

TiVo Inc. allows subscribers to digitally record shows off their televisions. The new technology would allow a subscriber to download those broadcasts to their computer and then send copies of recorded shows to their offices or homes.



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**MICHAEL CASAZZA** 

## 3-year plan set to pay dividends

FOR WHATEVER REASON, when a college coach takes his first steps on a new campus, a three-year plan is either publicly mentioned or privately formed.

Seems to work out, too. Take WVU football coach Rich Rodriguez as an example. First season: 3-8. Second season: 9-4. Third year: 8-5 with a share of the Big East title.

Look at different sports at schools around the country. Similar stories pop up all over the map.

In those three years, a coach has time to constantly focus on three areas: installing a system, working the players into the system and developing an image that will help recruit future players to fit the system.

To an impatient society, three years seems to be the all the time the fans and the media will allow for a coach to begin producing winning records and postseason appearances.

Now, as the basketball season starts at a pedestrian pace in fall practice, you look to John Beilein and his history of third-year suc-

Erie Community College: 21-8. Canisius: 21-14, NIT. Richmond: 18-

In just two years at WVU, he's implemented his system fairly well and he's groomed the players he inherited and the players he recruited to fit in. This fall, he welcomes two highly-respected recruits who should develop into future starters.

He realizes what he's accomplished already and what must be accomplished this season.

"You should have most of your recruits at that time, the system has been implemented a little more and, you know, people get tired of, 'Hey, we're a young team,"' he said.

In Beilein's first season, no one expected the Mountaineers to do what they did. Last season, the expectations were a little higher and WVU managed to clear that bar, too, with a fun run in the NIT.

He naturally expects to improve this year.

"The hope would be that when you take over a program, you get better every year," he said. "Obviously, you can't get better every year or you'd run out of space."

But this season is a pivot for the program's future. Win and head closer to the top. Lose and go the other way. Posture is important because next season Cincinnati, Louisville, Marquette, DePaul and South Florida join the Big East.

The Mountaineers need to snowball as much momentum as they possibly can this year so they can throw it around next year.

But what is progress, especially for a team that may have overachieved in the past?

"The hope would be in year three that you make another step," Beilein said. "At the end of the year, the obvious things are did you win more games, did you get in the NCAA, did you advance further in

the NIT?' Beilein admits he'd be "disappointed" if the team didn't make some progress, but he also knows things have to go in his favor, especially injuries on a team that hasn't had a significant injury in two full seasons.

However, variables like that cannot be prevented. Not by Beilein, not by his coaches or players or even his trainers.

Instead, this is a team that will have to clear its own path and fend off trouble at every turn. Win at home, steal a few on the road, don't throw games away and, when the opportunity arises, make a big, big splash.

"The level that we're at now," Beilein said, "we get Syracuse and Connecticut and those teams at home and you can be going along and one big RPI win like that and all of a sudden you've changed from being in the 50s to the 30s and you have a chance of being in the 65.'

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## Carter takes charge

**BY JOHN RABY** 

AP Sports Writer

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS — So much for all those young golfers hoping for a chance to knock off Pat Carter.

He's back in command at the West Virginia

Carter shot a 6-under-par 64 Wednesday, aided by five birdies on his first seven holes, to take a five-stroke lead over Charleston's Tad Tomblin after the third round at The Greenbrier resort.

Barring a collapse, Carter should capture his national-record 10th straight Amateur title and 11th overall. Bill Campbell holds the all-time state mark of 15 championships. Carter's formula for Thursday's final

round is simple: "Just try to keep it in play, be consistent and make them come after me," Carter said.

past, rely on those and trust my swing." Tomblin took a long pause when asked if

Carter could be caught. "I've got to play a perfect round," Tomblin

No one expects a repeat of Carter's 2-over performance Tuesday on The Greenbrier course, where the final round will be held.

The way Carter was zoned in on his iron play on the front nine Wednesday, he could make it another runaway win. Four of his victories during his current streak have been by double-digits, including last year's 13-stroke margin when he shot a record 14-under.

Carter's 54-hole total was 8 under. Tomblin was at 3 under after a 1-over 71 Wednesday.

Carter's round was one stroke shy of his tournament mark for the Old White Course. He shot a 63 in last year's first round.

His play was amazing considering the "Try to reach back on some experiences in the par-5 17th is a birdie hole, especially with the

wind at the players' backs Wednesday. Carter's second shot stopped in the rough behind the green and he made par.

The Huntington golfer started the day two strokes behind his good friend Tomblin. Carter birdied Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. None of those putts were longer than 8 feet.

"It was a good start. A start you dream about when you're behind," Carter said.

His approach to the short par-5 sixth hole nearly went in for a double eagle and prompted the normally unexciteable Carter to exclaim, "Oh! It lipped out. Jiminy Christmas."

When Tomblin bogeyed the par-3 eighth, Carter's lead was three strokes.

Tomblin came unglued for the second time this week on the par-5 12th. His second shot found a bunker and he eventually made double-bogey.

"I'll think about that hole for a while," Tomblin said.



Pat Carter enjoys a laugh. Why not?

## Berteotti wonders if her future is now

**BY BOB HERTZEL** 

The Dominion Post

hey call this the FUTURES Tour and, for the most part, that is what it is. Young girls, some with their prom dresses less than a year old, beginning their life adventures, all of them with dreams, not

It's how this tour that begins its Morgantown stop on Friday with the first round of the Betty Puskar FUTURES Classic is supposed to be.

Then you look up the 18th fairway at the Pines Country Club at the end of the day, at the end of a practice round, and Missie Bereotti comes along. Tall and lean, a floppy hat hiding her face from the sun, carrying her own bag.

This is a woman with a past who is trying to build a new future.

Missie Bereotti had it all.

She was a professional golfer on the LPGA Tour, a victory under her belt, more than \$1.1 million in career earnings

She had a husband and, in February, 1999, she gave birth to her son, Samuel.

A month later her entire life came unraveled.

Her husband left her.

All of a sudden she was a single mother who had to put her profession on hold as she began to untangle her life.

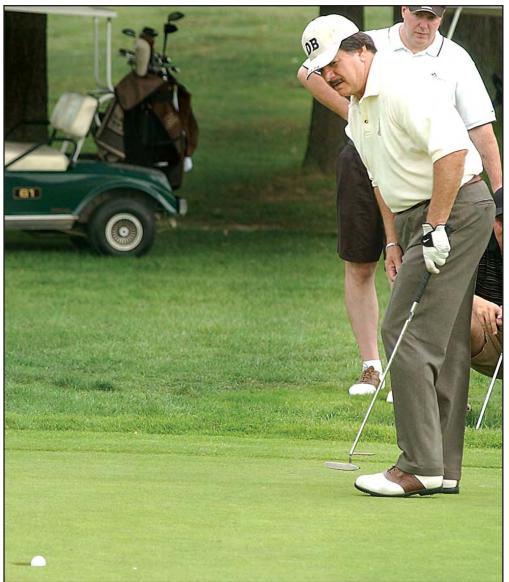
"I'm smiling, but, I'm telling you, there were a few tough moments," she said. "I was overwhelmed.'

The change was so sudden, so drastic. She had waited to start a family and admits that she was planning by that time to cut back on what was a declining career, a career that had seen her earnings fall from \$213,720 to \$37,980 in her last full year on the

tour. But she knew her tournament golf was now over for a while. It was back home to Pittsburgh, time to raise her son and get some maintenance work done.

First came surgery for her left shoulder. "It was bad," she said. "Looking back I

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hole of the BB&T Futures Pro Am at The Pines Puskar FUTURES Classic begins Friday.

Stan Brozik enjoys the moment of truth as on Wednesday afternoon. Round two of the cup sucks up his golf ball on the 15th 
the Pro Am is played today while the Betty

## **Practice** with a purpose

BY MICHAEL CASAZZA

The Dominion Post

It's not fair to the player or the coach to say Mike Gansey was practicing without a purpose for John Beilein last season. After all, the St. Bonaventure trans-

fer who had to sit out after enrolling at WVU became a valuable part of the scout team while preparing for the 2004-05 season. But to Gansey, these fall practices

are infinitely different than the ones he marched through last season.

"Last year, you practice so hard and what do you get in return really? Nothing, I guess. You get to watch the games," he said. "But now, you play well and you know you get rewarded with playing time and other things. I mean, it's very exciting to know we have a game to play and I can actually

Beilein will take a long look at Gansey when WVU makes its trip to Europe next week for a six-game tour. Gansey will play exclusively at small forward while Beilein plays Tyrone Sally and Frank Young at both forward spots and moves Kevin Pittsnogle to and from power forward and center.

Beilein likes players who can hold their own offensively and defensively at more than one position. But Gansey knows that's probably too much to ask for right now.

"If I was trying to learn two positions," he said, "I wouldn't know anything."

Gansey actually played some power forward and center during his two years at St. Bonaventure. He could jump higher than his opponents when he needed to grab a rebound, and because he could shoot the 3-pointer, he was able to draw defenders outside and either shoot over them or scoot past for an easy basket.

He averaged 14 points and five

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Clay-Battelle's Ryan Stewart (left) takes a handoff Wednesday from quarterback Jarrod Williams. Stewart was moved to fullback from the offensive line last year and rushed for 340 yards and 6 touchdowns.

## Stewart lives out a lineman's dream as Cee-Bee's fullback

**BY JUSTIN JACKSON** 

The Dominion Post

BLACKSVILLE -- Every football player has a dream.

It could be an individual dream, or one of state championships. Just being out on the field is fulfilling a dream for some.

Offensive lineman are no different.

They, too, dream those dreams, but deep down inside, they have

Just about every lineman will say he counts a running back's yards as his own. If the tailback gets 100 yards in a game, each lineman gets 100 yards that game.

But, you know linemen wish for the spotlight and most would give anything to carry that football.

Which brings us to Clay-Battelle's Ryan Stewart, once an offensive guard, now a fullback. Simply put, he's living the line-

man's dream.

"Yeah, that's pretty much it," Stewart said at practice Wednesday.

"Actually, I played fullback all way," Wilson said. "We had orginalthrough middle school."

But, as a freshman, C-B coach Ryan Wilson offered him a chance to play early, but as a lineman.

"And so I became a guard," Stewart said. "I just wanted to play and that's where I could play, so it was great for me. I had no problems with it at all.

"It was a chance to play as a freshman. How many freshman can say they start on the varsity team? It was a chance to hang out with all the older guys. It was a lot

Stewart remained at guard for

the first three games last season. "I was a little disappointed, because I thought I would be moved to fullback as a sophomore," he said. "Still, you have to do what's best for the team."

But, the Cee-Bees started 0-3 and Wilson felt it was time to make a change.

"We felt we needed a little more size in the backfield leading the ly gone with some speed, but it

wasn't working.' So the fullback was moved to receiver, leaving a hole at fullback. Stewart was given the job, making a lineman's dream come true. It

was such an important day for him that ... "You know, I don't really remember how it all happened,' Stewart said with a smile. "All I remember is that I couldn't wait to get back there."

The system of making running backs out of lineman isn't all that unfamiliar.

"Really, I copied it from Tom West (former Vallley Wetzel coach)," Wilson said. "He would pretty much make all freshman lineman for a year or two. That way, when they later became a running back, they would appreciate their lineman more, because they knew what they

were going through." The system worked for West, as

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## Raiders release Tim Brown; Cowboys drop QB Carter

**SCOREBOARD** 

Tim Brown was released by The Oakland Raiders on Wednesday after 16 prolific seasons. Salary cap constraints and the reality of reduced playing time for the 38vear-old veteran persuaded owner Al Davis to part ways with the last former member of the Los Angeles Raiders. Brown holds most of the club's receiving records, and his 240 games in Silver and Black are the most in franchise history. Brown is second in NFL history with 14,734 yards receiving and third with 1,070 catches. His 99 touchdown receptions are tied with Don Hutson for fourth, and his 14,734 all-purpose yards are fifth. Brown won the Heisman Trophy at Notre Dame before the Raiders drafted him in 1988. He soon established himself as an elite receiver, appearing in nine Pro Bowls and going nine straight seasons with at least 1,000 yards receiving from 1993-2001.

■ Quincy Carter was cut by the Dallas Cowboys on Wednesday, leaving 40-yearold Vinny Testaverde as the starting quarterback. The team wouldn't say why it

released Carter. "We made a decision to move in a different direction," owner Jerry Jones said. "This on my part was not a difficult decision at all, though it is very disappointing, very disappointing." The thirdyear player, who started all 16 games last season, came to camp expecting to be the team's No. 1 QB. "I'm saddened by this turn of events, I really am," coach Bill Parcells said. "I just couldn't keep him in the plans.'

Second-seeded Silvia Farina Elia beat qualifier Julia Schruff 6-2, 6-3 Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals at the Nordic Light Open. Farina Elia also faced a qualifier in her opening match at the hardcourt tournament. In other action, No. 8 Katarina Srebotnik lost to Maria Elena Camerin 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, while defending champion Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi beat Melinda Czink 6-2, 6-1, No. 6 Denisa Chladkova defeated Mara Santangelo 6-4, 6-0, and Sofia Arvidsson eliminated Cara Black 6-

#### **BRIEFS**



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#### **NBA**

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All-Star goaltender Tomas Vokoun agreed to terms on a three-year contract with the Nashville Predators on Wednesday. Vokoun posted a club record 34 victories last year, and will earn \$3 million next season — up from \$1.2 million — Canadian Press reported. "Since taking over as our No. 1 goaltender, Tomas has become one of the best young goaltenders in the NHL and he continues to improve each season," general manager David Poile said.

■ Defenseman Brooks Orpik and center Milan Kraft declined the Pittsburgh Penguins' qualifying offers and are seeking multiyear or one-way contracts.

#### **NOTICES**

PRESTON HIGH SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS on sale now for \$25 per ticket. Each ticket admits one person and allows special parking behind the school. Info: Mike Contic or Bruce Huggins, 329-

UNIVERSITY HIGH ATHLETIC BOOSTERS meeting, 7 p.m. Aug. 10, Coach Kelley's classroom. WVU SINGLE-GAME TICKETS on sale at Mountaineer Ticket Office in the Coliseum; 1-800-WVU

DONATE TO LOCAL POWERLIFTERS COMPETING AT USPF NATIONALS, in Las Vegas. Call Matt McCase, 291-5090

MONONGALIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PHYSICALS, children and adolescents. Morning and evening appointments available. Contact Public Health Nursing Services: 598-5119. WATER FITNESS AND EXERCISE POWER SPLASH, Marilla Pool, Register at BOPARC office, 9-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Info: 296-8356 or visit www.boparc.org

TRAIN LIKE A CHAMPION, sports-specific training with a former Texas high school football coach. Info: 291-6832 or (724) 557-6082.

NFHS/ACEP COACHING CLASS at University High, 12:30-8:30, Aug. 7, and 12:-4:30 p.m., Aug. 8, for those interested in coaching a secondary school sport. Info: Regina at WVSSAC, 304-485-5494. NATIONAL GYMNASTICS DAY, West Virginia Gymnastics Training, 10 a.m.-noon, Aug. 7. Exhibitions and demonstrations. Register for fall classes (preschool, cheer, tumbling, team gymnastics. Info: 292-5559.

#### BASKETBALL

OFFICIATING & CERTIFICATION classes starting Aug. 22, 9 a.m.-noon, at Fair Play Gym. 10week course. Info: John Jones 292-0799.

ALEXIS BASIL INSTRUCTIONAL CAMP, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 10-12, for boys and girls grades 6-8. Info:

WESTSIDE BASKETBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, 5 p.m. Aug. 8, Westover Elementary gymnasium

NATE SMITH BASKETBALL CAMPS at Fair Play. Aug. 8-12 -- Boys grades 4-6. Aug. 15-19 -- Girls grades 5-8. Info: 599-5544, 594-3760, www.fairplaycenter.com

APPALACHAIN CLASSIC MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE AND FESTIVAL, Sept. 18-19 at Calhoun County Park. Downhill race, pond jump, kids race and WVMBA Points Series Championship. Info: jbennett@calhounbanks.com

#### BOXING

TOUGHMAN CONTEST, Aug. 27-28, Morgantown Auto Auction. Open to men and women, 18 and older. No entry fee. Tickets on sale Aug. 20. Info: 1-800-296-3897.

FOOTBAI I CLAY-BATTELLE MIDDLE SCHOOL practice will begin Aug. 9, 10 a.m. at the high school. Players

must have physical form completed and insurance verification. Info: David Joyce 662-6135. SUNCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL packets are available at school, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Info: **SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL** packets available at school, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Info: 296-0330.

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL helmet fitting, 11 a.m., Aug. 7, at the school. Info: coach Musick, 296-

PUNT, PASS AND KICK COMPETITION, hosted by West Virginia Wham! and Mylan Park, for boys and girls, ages 8-15, 10 a.m. Aug. 28. Info: 591-4161 or www.whamfootball.com

#### BASEBALL, SOFTBALL USSA STATE SOFTBALL QUALIFIER, Aug. 14, Barbour County Fairgrounds. Info: Perry Lantz

457-1992. DOUBLE ELIMINATION softball tournament at BOPARC fields, AAA and under, Aug. 21, \$125 entry fee; cash prizes, Info: Starr, 292-3313, 599-1722.

BLUE AND GOLD TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAM 2005 tryouts, Aug. 8, 10U 2-5 p.m.; 11-12U 3:30-5 p.m.; 13-14U 5-6:30 p.m.; 15U 6:30-8 p.m., at Mylan Park. Info: David Lynch, 598-1164, or www.blue-

WVU BASEBALL overnight camp, ages 12-18, Aug. 8-11. Info: WVUBaseball@mail.wvu.edu or 293-

ALL-NIGHT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, Aug. 21-22, Cumberland, Md. Info: Travis Wigger, (301) 759-4176; Brian Warner, (240) 727-0479.

FALL 15U TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS, Aug. 8, for incoming freshman at either MHS or UHS who will be trying out for next year's Junior Legion team. Info: Joe Testa, 291-2624, or www.mvpwestvir-

#### SOCCER

FIFA/USYSA SOCCER REFEREE CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION for youth leagues. Must be 12 or older. First session, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 13, WVU HSC, Room 2157. Next two sessions 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 14 and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 15. Recertification session 1 p.m. Aug. 15. Fee: \$30. Info: Kaz Koike, kkoike@wvuk.edu

#### SWIMMING

MORGANTOWN MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB at Krepps Pool, for adults-only coached workouts. Info: Ann, 285-1569, or asteketee@fs.fed.us

#### RUNNING

WV TRACK AGAINST CANCER RUN ACROSS WV III, Aug. 6, from Va. state line to Ohio state line. Runners needed to participate and collect sponsorships. Benefits American Cancer Society. Info: SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL STALLIONS cross country team practice begins, 8-10 a.m. Aug. 9, at the

school. Bring completed physical form. Info: ecnantz@labyrinth.net

#### PARADISE LAKE GOLF CLUB 3-MAN SCRAMBLE, DAY-NIGHT TOURNAMENT, 9 holes before

dark, 9 holes after dark, 6 p.m. Aug. 7. Bring own team, only one 10 or under handicap per team. THE PINES WOMEN'S AMATEUR, Aug. 14-15, The Pines Country Club. Open to all women golfers.

Info: Lori Stahara, 278-9933 or Istahara@hsc.wvu.edu 14th ANNUAL MGF CLASSIC, 12:30 p.m. Aug. 16, Pete Dye Golf Club. Info: Bill Hennessey, 598-1208 or Hennesseyb@monhealthsys.org

MEADOW PONDS OPEN, Aug. 7-8. Flighted after Saturday's round. Ladies welcome. Info: 328-5570. M.T. POCKETS THEATER 3rd ANNUAL TOURNAMENT, 1 p.m. Aug. 28, Mountaineer Golf Course. Shotgun, 4-person scramble. Info: Donnie, 328-5520.

#### **TENNIS**

BOPARC SUMMER REGISTRATION, for junior and adult programs, at Marilla Park. Mike Thompkins, director, Info: BOPARC office, 296-8356.

MORGANTOWN RACQUET CLUB EVENTS: Women's League Team Play, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Marilla courts; Men's Night at Westview, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays; Women's Play Day, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Marilla courts. Special event: men's and women's singles, 6 p.m., third Thursday

MORGANTOWN RACQUET CLUB ADULT TOURNAMENT, last weekend in August, Marilla courts, men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, mixed doubles.

PENN STATE-FAYETTE TOURNAMENT, in Uniontown, Pa. Men's and women's singles and doubles, Info: Jerry Hoge, 594-2981.

#### OUTDOORS

**3D ARCHERY SHOOT,** Sundays in August at State Line Hunting Club, in Cheat Lake. Also, Aug. 8 and 22 at Bobtown Rod & Gun Club, in Bobtown, Pa. Info: 594-9126.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SKEET SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 3 p.m. Aug. 23, 9 a.m. Aug. 24-25, West Virginia Sportsman Firearms Range, Route 310, Fairmont.

#### CHEERLEADING

CLINICS AND TRYOUTS, Suncrest Middle School. Clinics: 10-11:30 a.m. Aug. 9-11, at gym. Tryouts: Aug. 12-13, time to be announced. Info: Coach Lisa Burtner, 598-0931.

VOLLEYBALL

MORGANTOWN HIGH PRACTICE SCHEDULE: freshmen, 4:30-6:15 Aug. 9; sophomores, 6:15-8 p.m. Aug. 9; juniors, seniors 4-6 p.m. Aug. 10; freshmen, sophomores 6-8 p.m. Aug. 10.

UNIVERSITY HIGH TRYOUTS, 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 9, UHS gym. Info: Coach Godfrey, 296-9359. PRESTON HIGH TRYOUTS, 8 a.m.-noon Aug. 9, at PHS gym. Info: 329-1130...

#### **TV SPORTSWATCH**

#### **BOXING**

11 p.m.:SHO — Heavyweights, Samuel Peter (19-0-0) vs. Jovo Pudar (22-2-0): Juan Urango (13-0-0) vs. Michail Arnaoutis (10-0-0), for vacant NABO junior welterweight championship, at Hollywood, Fla.

#### **EXTREME SPORTS**

9 p.m.:ESPN — X Games, day 1, at Los Angeles GOLF

9:30 a.m.:TGC — European PGA Tour, The KLM Open, first round, at Hilversum, Netherlands

1:30 p.m.:TGC — Nationwide Tour, Cox Classic, first round, at Houston

#### 4 p.m.

USA — PGA Tour, The International, first round, at Castle Rock,

#### **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

1 p.m.:ESPN — Oakland at N.Y. Yankees 3 p.m.:WGN — Chicago Cubs at Colorado

**8 p.m.**:TBS — Atlanta at Houston

#### **TENNIS**

1 p.m.:ESPN2 — ATP, Western & Southern Financial Group Masters, round of 16, at Cincinnati

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#### **WNBA BASKETBALL**

7 p.m.:ESPN — Exhibition, U.S. Select Team vs. WNBA All-Stars, at New York

#### **WEST VIRGINIA AMATEUR**

W.Va. Amateur scores

WHITE SUI PHUR SPRINGS (AP) — Scores after the third round of the West Virginia Amateur golf tournament at The Greenbrier resort. Rounds yard, par-70 Old White course. Tuesday's round was played on the 6,675-yard, par-72 Greenbrier course:

Pat Carter, Huntington 66-74-64-204 Tad Tomblin, Charleston 71-67-71-209 69-73-72-214 Tim Fisher Statts Mills 71-71-73-215 Don Jones, Beckley John Duty Jr., Morgantown Nathan Kinker, Barboursville Jamison Conrad, Fayetteville Erik Tedder, Charles Town 74-73-70-217 71-78-72-221

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Chris Tipper, Vienna 72-73-77—222

Michael Koreski, Parkersburg Ryan Whalen, Morgantown Steve Van Horn, Morgantown Sam O'Dell, Hurricane Brad Tweel, Huntington Brandon Reece, Charleston Jared Jones, Kenova Harold Payne, Hurricane David Jude, Huntington Larry Spotloe, Philippi Gordon Chase, Martinsburg Trent Roush, Mason Travis Woodford, Glenville Al Estepp, Charleston 74-75-74—223 Michael Mays, Beckley

Drew Whitten, Hurricane

Will Lively, Charleston

Christian Brand, Charleston

Charleston; Michael Mays, Beckley.

73-75-73—221 71-76-74-221 72-79-71-222 75-76-71—222 79-72-71—222 71-77-74-222

Ira Lee, Beckley 75-76-80-231 W.Va. Amateur Pairings WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — Pairings for Thursday's final round of the 2004 West Virginia Amateur at The Greenbrier resort's Greenbrier course:

Timothy Tedrick, Parkersburg

Scott Miller, Bluefield

Agron Kemlock, Oak Hill

8 a.m.: Agron Kemlock, Oak Hill: Ira Lee, Beck-8:10 a.m.: Hop White, Scott Depot; Ryan Stewart, Barboursville

8:20 a.m.: John Duty Sr., Hurricane; Timothy Tedrick, Parkersburg; Scott Miller, Bluefield. 8:30 a.m.: Drew Whitten, Hurricane; Christian Brand, Charleston; Will Lively, Charleston. 8:40 a.m.: Travis Woodford, Glenville; Al Estepp,

8:50 a.m.: Larry Spotloe, Philippi; Gordon Chase, Martinsburg; Trent Roush, Mason. 9 a.m.: Jared Jones, Kenova; Harold Payne, Hurricane; David Jude, Huntington.

9:10 a.m.: Sam O'Dell, Hurricane; Brad Tweel, Huntington; Brandon Reece, Charleston. 9:20 a.m.: Trent Schambach, Glen Dale; Ryan Whalen, Morgantown; Steve VanHorn, Morgantown. 9:30 a.m.: Philip Reale, Glenville; Chris Tipper, Vienna; Michael Koreski, Parkersburg.

9:40 a.m.: Nathan Kinker, Barboursville; Jamison Conrad, Fayetteville; Erik Tedder, Charles Town. 9:50 a.m.: Tim Fisher, Statts Mills; Don Jones, Beckley; John Duty Jr., Morgantown.

10 a.m.: Pat Carter, Huntington: Tad Tomblin. Charleston; Brian Hass, Hurricane.

#### **NASCAR REPORT**

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#### 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule and standings Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)

Feb. 22 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth) March 7 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas (Matt Kenseth)

March 14 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) March 21 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Dar-

lington, S.C. (Jimmie Johnson) March 28 - Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt April 4 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth,

Texas (Elliott Sadler) April 18 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville,

Va. (Rusty Wallace) April 25 — Agron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gor-

May 2 - Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jeff Gor-May 15 - Chevy American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)

May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Jimmie June 6 - MBNA America 400, Dover, Del. (Mark

June 13 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Jimmie Johnson) June 20 - DHL 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Ryan New-

man)

June 27 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Jeff Gordon) July 3 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gor-

July 11 - Tropicana 400, Joliet, III. (Tony Stew-July 25 — Siemens 300, Loudon, N.H. (Kurt Busch) Aug. 1 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond (Jimmie

Aug. 8 - Brickyard 400, Indianapolis Aug. 15 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. Aug. 22 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

Aug. 28 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn. Sept. 5 — Pop Secret 500, Fontana, Calif. Sept. 11 — Chevy Rock and Roll 400, Richmond,

Sept. 19 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H. Sept. 26 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del. Oct. 3 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala. Oct. 10 - Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan. Oct. 16 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C. Oct. 24 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.

Nov. 7 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz. Nov. 14 — Mountain Dew 500, Darlington, S.C. Nov. 21 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Oct. 31 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Hampton,

#### **Driver Standings** 1. Jimmie Johnson, 3,040

2. Jeff Gordon, 2,808 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,773 4. Matt Kenseth, 2,623 5. Tony Stewart, 2,606

7. Kurt Busch, 2,481 8. Ryan Newman, 2,472 9. Bobby Labonte, 2,466 10. Kevin Harvick, 2,420 11. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,380 12. Kasey Kahne, 2,351

6. Elliott Sadler, 2,504

13. Mark Martin, 2,331 14. Dale Jarrett, 2,317 15. Jamie McMurray, 2,287 16. Casey Mears, 2,197 17. Michael Waltrip, 2,165 18. Sterling Marlin, 2,159

19. Terry Labonte, 2,159

20. Rusty Wallace, 2,150

Milwaukee 51 54 Cincinnati

National League

Atlanta

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New York

Montreal

St. Louis

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Tuesday's Games

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San Francisco 11, Cincinnati 0 Wednesday's Games Atlanta 5, Houston 4 N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m. Montreal at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 9:05 p.m. Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:05 p.m. Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.

Cincinnati at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m. Thursday's Games N.Y. Mets (V.Zambrano 0-0) at Milwaukee (Santos 9-6), 2:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Prior 2-2) at Colorado (Jennings 10-8), 3:05 p.m. Pittsburgh (S.Burnett 5-3) at Los Angeles (Weaver 8-10), 3:10 p.m.

Cincinnati (Harang 6-3) at San Francisco (Rueter 6-8), 3:35 p.m. Florida (A.J.Burnett 2-5) at Arizona (Cormier 1-2), 5:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Hampton 7-8) at Houston (Oliver 3-3), 8:05 p.m. Montreal (Patterson 1-2) at St. Louis (Carpenter 11-4), 8:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (Millwood 9-6) at San Diego (Hitchcock 0-0), 10:05 p.m. Friday's Games Milwaukee at Florida, 7:35 p.m. Montreal at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m. Cincinnati at Colorado, 9:05 p.m. Atlanta at Arizona, 10:05 p.m. Pittsburgh at San Diego, 10:05 p.m. Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m. Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

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#### American League **East Division** W L Pct GB

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**BASEBALL** 

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#### Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 9, Seattle 7, 1st game Baltimore 5, Seattle 4, 2nd game Texas 5, Detroit 4 Toronto 7, Cleveland 6 Oakland 13, N.Y. Yankees 4 Boston 5, Tampa Bay 2 Minnesota 10, Anaheim 0 Chicago White Sox 12, Kansas City 4 Wednesday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, Boston 4 Minnesota 6, Anaheim 3 Kansas City 11, Chicago White Sox 0 Seattle at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m. Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

Texas 8, Detroit 0

Cleveland 14, Toronto 5

Cleveland (Durbin 4-4) at Toronto (Bush 1-2), 12:35 p.m. Texas (Drese 7-6) at Detroit (Ledezma 1-0),

Thursday's Games

Oakland (Zito 7-7) at N.Y. Yankees (K.Brown 8-1), 1:05 p.m. Anaheim (Sele 6-0) at Minnesota (Mulholland 3-3), 1:10 p.m. Seattle (Madritsch 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Sosa

3-0), 7:15 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Garland 7-7) at Kansas City (Greinke 3-8), 8:10 p.m.

Friday's Games Boston at Detroit, 7:05 p.m. Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m. Seattle at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m. Texas at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m. Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.

#### Angheim at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m. AMERICAN LEAGUE

Oakland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

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HRs—Boston, Mueller (9). Tampa Bay, THall

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#### **TODAY IN SPORTS**

1921 - Radio station KDKA and announcer Harold Arlin provide the first broadcast of a major league game — the Pirates' 8-5 victory over the Phillies at Pitts-

1954 — In the first election for the Boxing Hall of Fame, 24 fighters are chosen from the modern era, including Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong. Fifteen are selected from the pioneer era, including John L. Sullivan, Gentleman Jim Corbett and Jack Johnson

feet outdoors in the pole vault, breaking his own world record by a half-inch at the Galan track meet in Malmo, 1992 — The U.S. women's basketball team is upset

1991 — Sergei Bubka becomes the first to clear 20

by the Unified Team 79-73 in the semifinals at the Summer Olympics.

1997 — Michael Johnson wins his third straight 400meter title at the world championships in Athens, Greece, capturing the gold medal in 44.12 seconds.

### **TENNIS**

WTA Tour Rogers Cup Results At Uniprix Stadium Purse: \$1.3 million (Tier I) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles

Second Round Chanda Rubin (15), United States, def. Mashona Washington, United States, 6-4, 6-3. Magdalena Maleeva (13), Bulgaria, def. Martina Sucha, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4.

Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Elena Dementieva

Francesca Schiavone (11), Italy, def. Nathalie

Elena Bovina (14), Russia, def. Lilia Osterloh, United States, 7-6 (7), 6-4. Maria Sharapova (6), Russia, def. Kristina Brandi, Puerto Rico, 6-1, 6-4.

(4), Russia 6-1, 6-4.

Dechy, France, 7-6 (4), 6-4. Paola Suarez (9), Argentina, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, 6-3, 6-2. Elena Likhovtseva, Russia, def. Nadia Petrova (8), Russia, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 7-5.

#### Vera Zvonareva (10), Russia, def. Bethanie Mattek United States, 6-2, 7-6 (5). Double: First Round

Teryn Ashley and Laura Granville, United States,

def. Leanne Baker, New Zealand, and Francesca

Lubiani, Italy, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (6), 7-5.

Gisela Dulko and Patricia Tarabini (7), Argentina, def. Aling Jidkova, Russia, and Akiko Morigami, Japan, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Second Round Liezel Huber, South Africa, and Tamarine Tana-

#### sugarn (4), Thailand, def. Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Antonia Matic, Germany, 6-4, 6-4. ATP Western & Southern Financial Group Masters

Tuesday

At The ATP Tennis Center

Mason, Ohio Purse: \$2.45 million (Masters) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles

Tim Henman (5), Britain, def. Younes El Aynaoui, Morocco, 6-1, 6-0. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Todd Reid, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Jeff Morrison, United States, def. Jurgen Melz-

First Round

er, Austria, 7-6 (3), 6-2. Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Taylor Dent, United States, 7-6 (4), 6-3. Thomas Johansson, Sweden, def. Gregory Carraz,

France, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

ed States, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 5-3, retired.

Clement, France, 6-4, 6-4.

Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Nicolas Massu, Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, def. Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, 1-6, 7-6 (7), 6-4. Hicham Arazi, Morocco, def. Vince Spadea, Unit-

France, 6-4, 7-6 (1). Nicolas Kiefer, Germany, def. Joachim Johansson, Sweden, 6-3, 7-6 (2). Juan Carlos Ferrero (7), Spain, def. Arnaud

Mariano Zabaleta, Argentina, def. Michel Llodra,

Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, def. Irakli Labadze, Georgia, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1. Luis Horna, Peru, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3).

Fabrice Santoro, France, def. Robby Ginepri, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (6). Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Sebastien Grosjean, France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Andy Roddick (2), United States, def. Max Mirnyi,

#### Belarus, 6-7(5), 7-6 (5), 6-4.

First Round Feliciano Lopez and Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Jiri Novak and Petr Pala, Czech Republic, 6-3 6-Frantisek Cermak and Leos Friedl, Czech Repub-

lic, def. Chris Haggard, South Africa, and Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5. Fernando Gonzalez and Nicolas Massu, Chile, def. Julian Knowle, Austria, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia-

#### WTA Tour Nordea Nordic Light Open Results Wednesday At Stockholms Stadion Stockholm, Sweden

#### Purse: \$140,000 (Tier IV) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Second Round Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Katarina Sre-

botnik (8), Slovenia, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3. Denisa Chladkova (6), Slovakia, def. Mara Santangelo, Italy, 6-4, 6-0. Silvia Farina Elia (2), Italy, def. Julia Schruff, Ger-

many, 6-2, 6-3. Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi, Israel, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 6-2, 6-1. Sofia Arvidsson, Hungary, def. Cara Black, Zim-

babwe, 6-2, 6-3.

#### Wartusch, Austria, def. Lubomira Kurhaicova and Henrieta Nagyova, Slovakia, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Sandrine Testud, France, and Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Yvonne Meusburger, Austria, and Julia

Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, and Patricia

First Round

Schruff, Germany, 6-3, 6-3. Alicia Molik, Australia, and Barbara Schett, Austria, def. Severine Beltrame and Stephanie Cohen-Aloro, France, 6-4, 6-4.



**TODD MURRAY** 

## Preseason polls? Now you're talking

**IF YOU HAD ASKED** me this time last year what college football needs most, I would have answered without hesitation:

A playoff system.

No more BCS. No more computers. Let's decide it on the field with some December madness.

We all know Michael Moore has a better chance of being invited to speak at the Republican National Convention later this month than a playoff system ever getting off the ground.

While I still believe a playoff system would and could work for college football, I've come to the conclusion that college football desperately needs more of something else this time of year -- preseason polls.

That's right: preseason polls. Record producer Bruce Dickenson said he needed "more cowbell" in the now-famous Blue Oyster Cult "Saturday Night Live" skit a few years back. Well, I've got a fever, and the only prescription is more

We can't have enough of them. We need multiple coaches' polls, player polls, writer-broadcaster polls, alumni polls and fan polls.

Heck, let's poll the folks walking out of Wal-Marts. We could call that the Wal-Mart shoppers' poll.

College football's players and coaches are asked every year about the polls, and we always hear the same answers:

"I don't pay attention to that stuff. It's meaningless. The games are decided on the field."

True enough. Yet whether you love the polls or hate 'em -- and the players and coaches have no use for them -- they do get you, as well as the players and coaches, talking college football, and that can never be a bad thing.

Let's face it, the news surrounding college football of late has been. for lack of a better term, bleak.

A recent trip to the web site of one national publication brought this list of stories under the "college football" heading:

- Iowa DE arrested
- Kent State QB avoids jail
- Illinois duo arrested ■ Rolle exonerated
- NCAA depositions set
- Fulmer-NCAA suit spiked For those of us who love college

football, this is pretty painful reading. Sure, we know the off-field incidents are going to happen, and they have to be appropriately reported. Sadly, it's no longer a case of will those incidents happen but when they're going to happen.

This is downright depressing You had to scroll down to the

end of the story list to find this gem:

■ USC tops preseason poll Now, that's the college football reading we crave this time of year. Can you believe those coaches picked Southern California head of Oklahoma or LSU?

And West Virginia is ranked

Does that mean the Mountaineers are overrated or underrated? It depends on your taste, but, hey, let the arguments begin. With preseason camps about to open, it's the perfect time of the year to discuss the merits of WVU's preseason

We've heard enough about former Alabama coach Mike Price's lawsuit against "Sports Illustrated", and the off-field shenanigans going on at Miami's campus, in Coral Gables.

There's got to be more to college football this time of year than the police blotter, doesn't there?

The polls bring some welcome relief in that regard. They also become a convenient scapegoat for disgruntled players and fans once their season officially hits the dumpster around mid-October.

If only those crummy polls hadn't ranked our team so high, our players wouldn't have developed such a bloated impression of themselves and we wouldn't be faced with playing in near-empty stadiums the rest of the season.

You gotta' love - or hate - those

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## Iverson bails out USA

**BY ROY KAMMERER** 

Associated Press Writer COLOGNE, Germany — Things are not looking good for the NBA stars on the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

The Americans needed a finalshot 3-pointer by Allen Iverson from just across midcourt Wednesday to pull out an 80-77 exhibition victory over Germany — a team that failed to even qualify for the Athens Games.

A day after losing 95-78 to unheralded Italy, the U.S. players celebrated their last-gasp triumph against Germany as though they had won an NBA championship.

When Iverson's second 3-pointer in the final 11/2 minutes went through the net, two-time league MVP Tim Duncan raised a finger to the sky as if to say, "We're No. 1!" Other team members piled atop Iverson on the

"That was great. It felt good because it was the first time in my life I hit a buzzer beater like that," Iverson said. "That's what basketball is all about."

Duncan led the Americans with 19 points, followed by Carmelo Anthony with 16 and Iverson with 15. But the United States again struggled against a team thought to be no competition.

The Germans' top player, Dallas Mavericks All-Star Dirk Nowitzki, appeared to have sent the game to overtime by making a 3-pointer over two defenders to tie the score at 77 with 3.2 seconds left. Nowitzki scored a game-high 32 points.

But Iverson, a U.S. co-captain, came through with his own clutch shot, one day after calling the upset rout against Italy "a wakeup call." That 17-point difference was the largest margin of defeat for an NBAstocked U.S. team.

'We made a lot of improvements over the game last night, but we have a long ways to go," U.S. coach Larry Brown said.

One of Iverson's other four 3-pointers came with 1:18 left, staking the Americans to a 75-72 lead. Nowitzki cut that deficit to 75-74 with two free throws with 35 seconds to go.

Anthony, the Denver Nuggets' star rookie, made two foul shots to make it 77-74, setting up the final longdistance drama.

The Americans held a slim lead early, never leading by more than five points, until Nowitzki's six straight points on jumpers lifted the Germans to a 59-56 lead with 2:40 left in the third quarter.

The Americans showed more intensity and better defense from the start than against Italy.

allowing five runs on 11 hits in six

Hafner also had six RBIs on July

20 at Anaheim. It's the seventh time

this season he's had four or more

RBIs in a game. He hit a two-run homer off Josh Towers (6-4) in the

with the bases loaded in the ninth,

but center fielder Vernon Wells

caught the ball on the warning track

run homer off Kevin Frederick for

Tim Laker followed with a three-

DETROIT — Mike Bacsik gave up

four hits over seven innings in his

debut with Texas, and Laynce Nix hit

a two-run homer to lead the Rangers.

Texas in December, struck out four

and walked none. Brought up from

Triple-A Oklahoma last week, Bac-

sik retired nine straight before Alex

Sanchez singled leading off the

fourth. The Tigers had two on and no

outs, but Bacsik struck out Ivan

Rodriguez, and retired Dmitri Young

12 starts and seven relief appear-

ances in parts of three seasons with

the New York Mets and Cleveland.

Jason Johnson (8-9) allowed five

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Toby

Hall snapped an 0-for-18 slump with

his first career grand slam in the sev-

enth inning, and Tampa Bay beat

Boston for only the second time in

With the Devils Rays trailing 4-

1, Hall hit a 1-2 pitch with no outs

from Bronson Arroyo (4-8) into the

left-field seats. Travis Harper (3-2)

worked a scoreless inning for the

win, and Danys Baez got four outs for

his 23rd save in 25 opportunities

after pinch-runner Dave Roberts

was thrown out at the plate by cen-

ter fielder Rocco Baldelli after a sin-

gle by Doug Mientkiewicz.

runs on 10 hits in six innings.

**Devil Rays 5, Red Sox 4** 

Bacsik was 4-4 with a 6.12 ERA in

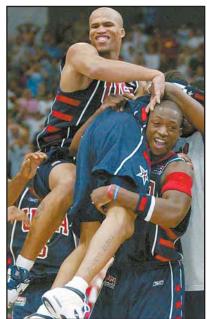
and Carlos Guillen on flyouts.

Bacsik (1-0), who signed with

for a sacrifice fly.

the game's final runs.

Rangers 8, Tigers 0



USA team celebrates victory.

#### Indians end slide 866-60-TGIOA TELL WWW.tgioa.com TELL 1-866-60-TGIOA TELL WWW.tgioa.com TELL 1-866-60-TGIOA TELL via Hafner homers The Associated Press TORONTO — Travis Hafner homered twice, went 4-for-5 and tied a career high with six RBIs, and the Cleveland Indians ended a fourgame losing streak with a 14-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night. Casey Blake went 5-for-6 to match a career high for hits as the Indians tied their season best with 21. Cleveland also had 21 hits — including eight home runs — on July 16 at Jake Westbrook (9-5) won despite

first, a two-run shot off Justin Miller in the sixth and almost had a third

Brooklyn Cyclones photo Former WVU infielder Grant Psomas signs an autograph as a member of the Brooklyn Cyclones.

## Biting The Big Apple

## Psomas rides the Cyclone

**BY TODD MURRAY** 

The Dominion Post Grant Psomas never thought he'd

set foot in Shea Stadium this quick-The former West Virginia shortstop, a 15th-round draft pick of the

New York Mets, received his first glimpse of life in the big leagues shortly after signing with the Mets, in June. The Mets whisked Psomas and his

Brooklyn Cyclones' teammates off to nearby Flushing for a Mets-Cleveland Indians interleague game. The Brooklyn players, most of whom had yet to play their first professional game, were treated to club-level seats at Shea.

However, the best part of the day came when the game was delayed by rain, and the players were ushered down to the Mets' clubhouse, where they met Mets manager Art Howe and players such as Mike Piazza and Mike Cameron.

"It was pretty neat to see how the big leagues are and see how things work down there," Psomas Those introductions and hand

shakes with the Mets' players left quite an impression on Psomas and his teammates.

"We didn't say too much," he said. "It was pretty much, 'Nice to meet you.' We didn't want to bother them. They had a game in a few hours."

The Mets' fancy clubhouse left most of the players in awe. They aren't likely to see many clubhous-

es with two flat-screen televisions, freezers stocked with food and plush leather couches in their rookie New York-Penn League.

Psomas couldn't help but notice many of the players working out in the weight room during the rain delay. That, more than the lavish surroundings, helped Psomas realize the kind of work ethic it takes to reach the highest level of professional baseball.

"It puts things in perspective,"

Psomas' first season as a professional has been a learning experience. He's adjusting to a move from shortstop to third base as well as learning to make the all-important adjustment from the aluminum bat to the wood bat.

Psomas got off to a difficult start at the plate as his batting average hovered around the .200 mark through the first month of the season. His bat has come alive of late as he has lifted his average to .244, with two home runs and 18 RBIs, in 36 games.

'The past couple of weeks I've been feeling pretty good at the plate," said Psomas, who hit .343 with nine home runs and 45 RBIs this season for the Mountaineers.

"I struggled a little bit at the beginning of the year. I've started making the adjustment from aluminum to wood. I just have to keep

Psomas began the season at shortstop, where he has spent his entire baseball career, but when the Mets

signed one of their early round draft picks, shortstop Ryan Coultas of UC Davis, two weeks into the season, Coultas became Brooklyn's shortstop and Psomas moved to third.

"They pretty much said I was probably better suited for third base," Psomas said. "I would get more playing time at third base. That was fine with me. Whatever would get me more playing time. I didn't care where I played.'

Psomas figures if Alex Rodriguez can move from shortstop to third base for the Yankees, he can too. Playing third certainly offers a different perspective on the infield.

"You're seeing the ball differently off the bat," Psomas said. "After being at short for a pretty long time, it's kind of weird, but I'm getting the hang of it. The more repetitions I get, the better I'll feel."

Psomas and his Brooklyn teammates are playing in one of the more unique atmospheres in minor-league baseball. Their home park, KeySpan Park, which opened in 2001, is on Coney Island.

A carnival-like atmosphere surrounds the games as locals and tourists walk up and down the famous boardwalk, munch on Nathan's hotdogs and ride the Cyclone roller coaster.

"It's really neat," Psomas said. The fans really get into the games. It's a good place to play.'

Yet the best best to play, Psomas knows, is 123-01 Roosevelt Ave., in Flushing: Shea Stadium. He's been there once. The next

time he visits, Psomas hopes he's there to stay.

## **Braves 5, Astros 4**

nine tries.

HOUSTON — John Thompson pitched four-hit ball for seven innings and Chipper Jones had a pair of RBI singles Wednesday night, giving

the Atlanta Braves a 5-4 win over the Houston Astros.

Jeff Bagwell hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth off Braves closer John Smoltz. But after giving up Bagwell's 16th home run of the season and 435th of his career, Smoltz finished for his 26th save in 28

The NL East-leading Braves won for the 10th time in 12 games. They have won eight of their last 10 on the

Thompson (9-7) gave up two runs, striking out two and walking one. He retired 11 of the last 12 hitters that he faced.

Thompson won for the fourth time in five decisions since June 28. Chris Reitsma pitched a scoreless eighth and Smoltz took over in the Pete Munro (2-3) lasted only 41-

3 innings, giving up four runs on eight hits. Atlanta took a 3-0 lead in the sec-

ond inning, set up when Johnny Estrada and Andruw Jones singled. Adam LaRoche hit an RBI double and rookie Charles Thomas delivered a two-run double. Houston cut its deficit to 3-1 in the

fourth on an RBI single by Lance Berkman.

The Braves added another run in the fifth when Nick Green singled, J.D. Drew walked and Chipper Jones singled.

#### Twins 6, Angels 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Justin Morneau homered for the second straight night, a drive on the first pitch of the sixth inning that sparked the Minnesota Twins to a 6-3 victory over the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday night.

Torii Hunter followed Morneau with a double, then Jacque Jones hit a two-run homer to break it open for the Twins — who have won 13 of 15. Combined with Chicago's loss, Minnesota opened a season-high sixgame lead in the AL Central.

Vladimir Guerrero homered for the Angels, who watched struggling Minnesota starter Kyle Lohse recover from a rough fourth inning to win for just the third time in 12 starts since the beginning of June. Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for

his 31st save in 32 opportunities. Nathan has not allowed an earned run since June 6 — a span of 24 innings.

Lohse (5-8) won 27 games over the last two seasons, but his unreliability this year has created concern about the back of Minnesota's rotation.

He gave up nine hits, one walk and three runs in seven innings, striking out four in his longest outing after the All-Star break. His final start of the first half was a sixhit shutout against Kansas City, but he's been shaky since then. His ERA is 5.14.

## **PRACTICE**

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The move also worked for the Cee-Bees, as Stewart rushed for 67 yards and two touchdowns in his first game. His second game, against Bishop Donahue, Stewart rushed for 112 yards on 16 carries.

For the season, he tallied 340 yards and six touchdowns on 71 attempts, while the Cee-Bees went 5-2 down the stretch. "I knew if I kept working hard,

then it would happen for me," Stewart said. Entering his junior season, the job belongs to Stewart, which had this

advice for other lineman out there

still dreaming the dream. "Just work hard and run a lot," Stewart said. "That's what I did. Get in the weight room and get stronger. It can be done."

rebounds as a sophomore and shot 40-percent from 3-point range. Beilein, of course, would love to see number like that from Gansey when Sally goes to the bench or slides to power forward. But it's not going to come nearly as

fast as either would like. "He's going to have trouble because most of the offense he ran at St. Bonaventure was set stuff. It wasn't as

much rules as it was free motion,"

Beilein said. "We have more of an

organized motion that has set rules to it. That will be big for him to catch on." Fortunately for Gansey, he has a head start. When he practiced last season, he did so as a player for Syracuse or Connecticut or any of WVU's opponents. The depth of his knowledge goes as far as beating some of WVU's

defensive packages and defending

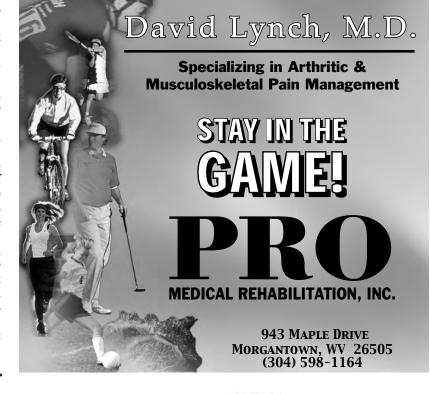
certain offensive sets.

Already, Beilein says Gansey is one of the team's better defenders. The other side of the game is a different

"The offense is tough to understand and you need more reps to do it," he said. "I didn't get any before, but I'm getting the reps now. Watching is one thing, but doing it is another. Doing it, I mess up a lot. But doing it over and over, I've gotten better at it."

The best thing is just playing basketball. His last game was in March of 2003 as scandal started to swallow the Bonnies' program. In between, he's had a lot of time to think, practice and wait. And wait. And wait.

"He's such a great kid," Beilein said. "He's put in all that time. We told him that that year goes by fast, but it's hard to tell him in December and January that the year goes by fast. He's a ball-player. He needs to be out there. And we're going to throw him out





## PGA event takes a late hit by date

#### **BY JOHN MARSHALL**

AP Sports Writer

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Phil Mickelson is in Wisconsin getting ready for the PGA Championship. Tiger Woods is off tuning up for the year's final major, too. So are Vijay Singh and Sergio Garcia.

One of the favorite stops on the PGA Tour, The International will have a much weaker field this year after a change in dates put it the week before the PGA. Ernie Els and defending champion Davis Love III are in the field, but they're the only players in the top 12 of the world rankings.

"It obviously hurts the week before a major," said Love, who ran away with last year's event after scoring 46 points in the tournament's modified Stableford scoring

"You add some guys that are trying to do some things and lose some guys that are trying to rest up. But it's still The International and is still a fun format and a fun event."

In previous years, The International was played two weeks before the PGA Championship, a perfect time for the top players to get one last tuneup before the final major. There was plenty of incentive to head to Castle Pines Golf Club, with a great golf course, spectacular views and superb amenities for the players and their families.

But tournament organizers asked the PGA Tour in 2002 to switch dates with the Buick Open, in hopes that they could lure more top-name players the week before a major championship. The thinking was that players would enjoy a threeweek stretch of playing The International, the PGA and the NEC Invitational in Akron, Ohio.

With the timing, playing in altitude and using a scoring system that's not used the rest of the year, it hasn't worked out quite as they

Mickelson, the winner of this year's Masters and a two-time International champion, will not play the week before a major for the first time in five years.

Lefty spent extra time at each of the first three major championship courses this year, and said he wants to get familiar with the PGA site: Whistling Straits, a linksstyle course on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Singh won the Buick Open last week, but opted to rest this week. Garcia is doing the same, as is Woods, who hasn't played in The International since 1998.

U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen was slated to play, but he backed out after injuring his hip last week.

"To tell the truth, I don't know what the best date is," tournament founder Jack Vickers said. "The situation this year, where a couple of players have the opportunity to go to next week's event, is one of those unfortunate situations.

"I don't criticize the guys for going up there, but it doesn't make for the best for the PGA Tour, I don't think."

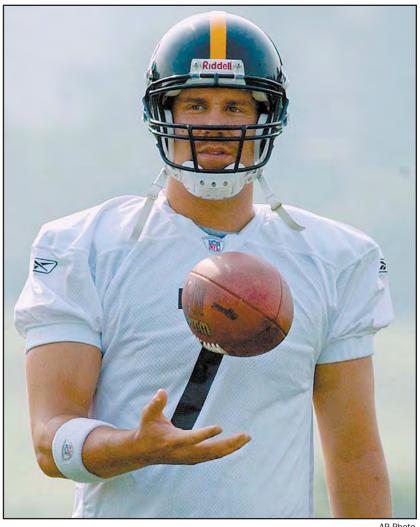
It's not as if the tournament will be a walkover for the players who did show up

British Open champion Todd Hamilton is in the field, as is 2002 PGA champion David Toms and up-and-coming stars Charles Howell III and Chad Campbell.

Major championship winners Justin Leonard, Bernhard Langer, Steve Elkington, David Duval, Tom Lehman, Corey Pavin, Lee Janzen, Rich Beem, Ben Curtis, Mark Brooks and Greg Norman also are in the

And with so many first-time winners in recent years, just about any tournament is tough to win.

"This tour is strong," said Els, who won The International in 2000. "Anybody that's on his gamåe, you take your pick, these guys can all play."



Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on his first day as a Steeler.

## Big Ben has it all, yet still's nervous on 1st day in camp

'I'm more behind

being out

here on

the field,

throwing

with the

guys ...

but I

Ben Roethlisberger

don't feel like I lost

too much time.'

**BY ALAN ROBINSON** 

AP Sports Writer

LATROBE, Pa. — No matter how many passes he completed in college, no matter how many millions he now has in the bank, Ben Roethlisberger was just like any other football player on his first official day in a new uniform.

Nervous. Really, really nervous. "Without question," Roethlisberger said Wednesday after his first training camp practice with the Pittsburgh Steelers. "It felt like the first day of minicamp all over again. Tommy (Maddox) and I were laughing about it. You need to get out

there and get the first play out (of the

That first play nothing remarkable for the most-watched Steelers rookie quarterback since, well, Terry Bradshaw in 1970. Lining up under center from the 20-yard line in a 7-on-7 passing drill, Roethlisberger overthrew wide receiver Plaxico Burress

near the goal line. On the next play, Roethlisberger

threaded a pass through heavy coverage to Burress at the 1. So much for nervousness or hesitancy.

"I had a chance to throw to Plax for the first time and I overthrew him because I was so excited, so I came back and got him the next time," Roethlisberger said. "The butterflies were gone and it was good to get back out there."

Even if he really hasn't been gone all that long. Roethlisberger spent more than a month with the team during minicamp and the voluntary coaching sessions this spring, and he picked up much of the offense then. That's why the former Miami (Ohio) star doesn't seem worried about missing the first four practices of camp before signing a contract that guarantees him \$9 million in bonuses by March.

Quarterbacks coach Mark Whipple already is holding extra meetings with the rookie to get him up to

"I don't think I'm very far behind at all; everything has already been installed," Roethlisberger said. "I'm more behind being out here on the field, throwing with the guys. ... But I don't feel like I lost too much time. It's just getting back out there and getting into the groove of things."

The Steelers don't plan to rush Roethlisberger during his rookie year, giving him plenty of time to settle in and get comfortable as Maddox plays. Roethlisberger will get off the bench only if Maddox is injured or badly underperforms and, even if that happens, veteran quarterback Charlie Batch might play ahead of

But if Roethlisberger keeps displaying the in-huddle presence, the confidence and arm strength showed on his first day of training camp, the Steelers realize it will be difficult to keep him on the bench for

very long after

Steelers quarterback this season. "I thought he looked pretty

good," Burress said. "He'll probably need a few days (to settle in), and he's probably trying to make perfect throws right

Roethlisberger's arrival created no visible tension or competition in camp — a contrast, perhaps, to the rookie Eli Manning vs. veteran Kurt Warner duel on the New York Giants. Maddox realizes that the Steelers didn't bring in Roethlisberger to keep him benched longterm, but he has been supportive of the rookie.

"I think everybody's been looking forward to this season," Maddox said. "We have a lot of talent on this team and people who want to win. I think we're going to surprise people."

For now, Roethlisberger would prefer no surprises.

"Now it's strictly football and there's nothing else to worry about," he said. "I can just concentrate on what I have to do."

## Elway won his way into Pro Hall of Fame

#### **BY JOHN MARSHALL**

AP Sports Writer

 ${\tt DENVER-Whether\ he\ was}$ tossing the ball underhand, diving for a first down or driving the length of the field in the closing seconds, John Elway was going to find a way to win.

No matter the score, if there was time on the clock and Elway had the ball, the outcome was still in question.

So when it came to getting into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, there was no doubt: Elway was a first-ballot entry all the way. The King of Comebacks will be inducted Sunday in Canton, Ohio, along with Barry Sanders, Carl Eller and Bob Brown.

"I think the bottom line is I'd just like to be remembered as someone who was competitive, never gave up, that as long as there was time on the clock you're going to get 100 percent of what he had," Elway said.

"It wasn't always pretty, but we were able to get the job done."

The first pick of the great quarterback draft of 1983 - Dan Marino, Jim Kelly, Todd Blackledge, Ken O'Brien, Tony Eason also went in the opening round that year — Elway lived up to the hype.

He ranks second to Marino on the NFL's career list in yards passing, attempts, completions and total yards. Elway has the best winning percentage in league history at 148-82-1 and was a ninetime Pro Bowl pick, tied for the most among quarterbacks.

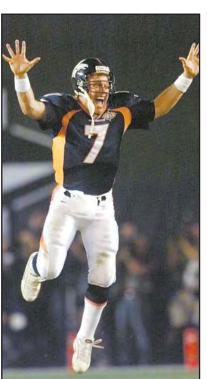
He also was the 1987 league MVP and is the only quarterback to start in five Super Bowls, winning consecutive titles in 1998-99 before calling it a career.

"He is the greatest quarterback ever to play the game," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said.

But there was much more to Elway than just his numbers.

First, there was that right arm. Elway threw passes into places other quarterbacks wouldn't even see, much less consider, and he often had his coaches yelling into their headsets: "No! No! No! ... Uh, great pass!" Then there was Elway's aura

With his gimpy gait, Elway strutted onto the field with a you-



John Elway celebrates after his Denver Broncos defeated the Green Bay Packers, 31-24, to win Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego in 1998. Elway goes into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton this week-

#### 'We never felt like we were out of a game as long as John was there.'

Rod Smith Broncos' wide receiver

can't-beat-me attitude. His piercing blue eyes always seemed to be wide as baseballs, especially with the game on the line.

And it didn't seem to matter what teams did to him. Elway always bounced back.

His injuries ranged from a broken rib to rotator-cuff tears to five knee operations to a swollen elbow bursa sac that was the size of a softball when he finally had it removed. Through it all, he rarely missed a game.

But of all the traits that made Elway stand out, it was the ability to pull out victories from the

grasp of defeat that made him a true superstar.

In his 16 seasons, Elway led the Broncos to game-winning or game-saving drives 47 times, including six in the postseason. Most famously, he engineered "The Drive" in the 1987 AFC Championship game, taking the Broncos 98 yards in 15 plays in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter for the tying score of a 23-20overtime victory over the Cleveland Browns.

"We never felt like we were out of game as long as John was there." receiver Rod Smith said.

And that do-whatever-it-takes attitude led to what Elway considers his favorite moment.

Late in the third quarter of a tie game in the 1999 Super Bowl, he dropped back to pass at Green Bay's 12-yard line on a third-and-6. Unable to find a receiver, Elway ran up the middle and dived for the first down.

But as he took off, Elway was met in the air by Packers safety LeRoy Butler, who spun him around like a helicopter. Elway landed with a thud, leading to some anxious moments on Denver's sideline, but he bounced back up. The Broncos had the first down and the momentum they needed to finish off their first Super Bowl title.

"That's probably the one that sticks out the most," Elway said. "I remember after how important it was to get that first down and it was the biggest game, a game we finally got over the hump."

Denver has had plenty of players deserving of Hall of Fame consideration through the years, from Randy Gradishar to Karl Mecklenburg to Gary Zimmerman. None made it, though, almost as if Hall voters were waiting for the perfect time to break

If that's the case, they couldn't have done much better than Elway, the embodiment of the Broncos and a hero for an entire

"There have been a lot of guys in this organization that deserve to be there and it feels like kind of a conspiracy that they waited," Smith said. "But I guess our first one is our best one by far."

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should have gotten it operated on when I was on tour but it's like, 'You're on tour, don't change anything.' It hurt all the time, for years. I had a bicep ligament tear, a whatever tear, a lot of tears."

Three years later they operated on a hip that had given way to wear and tear.

Life at home wasn't bad. There was always Sam to keep her

"My son is beautiful. He's so sure of himself, so proud, so rambunctious," she said.

Sam is 5 now.

"My son starts kindergarten in two weeks. He's spending some time with his dad now in the summer. He's in Los Angeles. The fact he's going to be gone over the summer and be at school, it gives me a chance to have a little sec-

ond hobby," she said. And that second hobby is a return to competitive golf, the emphasis on competitive.

"I missed the sense of competing recently," she said. "At the country club it's a whole different atmosphere. I miss the tournament atmosphere. You don't have to chit-chat. You don't have to talk. It's just down and dirty. Get up and down, make some birdies. I miss that."

She's tried two LPGA tournaments, now her first FUTURES affair and she's not sure where it will lead.

"I expect to enjoy competing, I expect to ... (pause) You know, it's all personal for me now. I even don't know who's here. I don't know who's great. I know what I can shoot and I just want to go out and perform aggressively, decisively, things like that. See how my body is coming along.

"I just want to be left alone, enjoy myself, get my feet wet. I haven't necessarily made any decisions yet how long my career will go on but I want to revisit the game. I want to see what I feel.'

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## Censorship is no substitute for parenting

David: One of the major causes of maladjusted children is parents. Some parents are cruel, some negligent, some just plain stupid.

The problem is compounded when well-meaning (or opportunist) legislators propose stupid laws to save parents from themselves.

So it is we have the Family Movie Act, which is working its through the U.S. House of Representatives. It smoothes the way for ClearPlay filters for DVD players. The filters cost about \$4.95 a month and allow parents to skip over objectionable scenes and language in movies.

Michelle: Thus making it possible for any movie to get a G rating? That's just silly. "Oh, I'd love for my children to know all about the downside of war, but I don't want them to see battle scenes." Someone needs a reality check, not leg-

**DB:** Just what movies do these parents feel compelled to show their children that require editing? "Kill Bill?" "Training Day?" "The Exorcist?" "Last Tango in Paris?" "Jason and Freddie vs. Winnie the Pooh and Tigger?"

The opposing sides are pitting fear of censorship against parental rights. Rubbish. The real issue is Texas Rep. Lamar Smith posturing for votes and Utah-based ClearPlay positioning for

At the heart of the issue is people who don't have the sense to keep their spawn out of bathroom cupboards full of pills and Drano.

MW: You have to show ID to get a library card, but just about anyone can reproduce. Talk about ill-advised legislation.

**DB:** Don't force the rest of us to pay for the research and development and technical tomfoolery needed because a batch of idiots can't manage their kids.

Speaking of censorship, people are sure in a huff over Michael Moore's

"Fahrenheit 9/11."

I think Moore is a strutting bag of bloated self-importance. His movie isn't a documentary so much as a visual polemic. Critiques I've read indicate he uses clever editing and deliberate misstatement or misunderstanding of facts to make some of his points.

**MW:** Michael Moore is a filmmaker. Regardless of your views on the Republican party or the competence of President Bush, "Fahrenheit 9/11" is a good film and that's what Moore gets paid to make. Is it propaganda? I don't know — isn't every movie ever made about America at war considered pro-

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## **Country music** family-style



## Band makes its name on youth and experience

**BY MICHELLE WOLFORD** 

"If anybody wants to know about Joe Hall and High Country, tell them to call me because that is one great band.' That unsolicited endorsement

comes from Gary Cathell, owner of Gary's Country Music in Grafton. Cathell said he books High Coun-

try frequently and he couldn't be "Joe called and said he had these

young boys ready to play. In fact, they were the first ones to play on our stage. And, oh, let me tell you, people just loved them." "They're really a nice bunch of

n't want nicer people around you. And they're one of the hottest bands around.'

boys. They dress nice and you would-

The "boys" are six 19-year-olds — Gavin Hall, Joe's son, who plays



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Joe Hall (from top left), Nick DeMedici (on guitar), Bryce of Masontown, Pa., at a recent car show. They are Gavin Harvey (on fiddle) and Chris Berry (drums). The band poses Hall (from left), Tyler Rice, Nick DeMedici, Joe Hall, Chris on a 1939 Ford truck, owned by Joseph and Patricia Intorre, Berry (in truck bed), Shawn Wilhelm and Bryce Harvey.

bass; Shawn Wilhelm, the lead guitarist; Nick DeMedici, rhythm guitar and vocal; Chris Berry, drums; Tyler Rice, mandolin; and Bryce Harvey, fiddle, harmonica and backup lead guitar.

The band's roots are in rock — Gavin Haii, Wilneim, Delviedici and Berry have been playing together on

and off since eighth grade. In 2000, as Crush, they won a talent show at the Monongalia County Fair with an original song.

After dissolving the rock band, the young

men decided to try their hands at country music. Gavin had always listened to it with his father and wanted to learn to play it.

Joe had some experience and was willing to teach the guys to play.

He'd played in bands in the 1970s. One of them, Southern Comfort,

Joe Hall &

**High Country** 

ing to Hall. Cathell said Kathy Mattea sang with Hall's band a few times. (Hall said she was not a part of the band

became a regional favorite, accord-

— she just sang with them.) And when an opportunity came to go to Nashville, Hali sald no.

"His wife was pregnant with Gavin at the time,"

Cathell said. Fast forward 18

"Gavin got inter-

ested in the bass and just started playing in the basement," Joe said.

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#### See 'em live

Joe Hall and High Country can be seen:

- Saturday, Sagebrush Roundup, 9:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, Clay District Fair, 7-8 p.m., 8:30-9 p.m.
- Aug. 13, Big Circle (Fairview) 8-10 p.m.
- Aug. 20 Valley Memories (Grafton) 9-10 p.m.
- Aug. 21 Gary's Country
- Music (Grafton) 10-11 p.m. ■ Aug. 28 Mason-Dixon
- Festival (Mason-Dixon Park) 8-10 p.m.

## Mexican artist opens MAC show

#### **FERNANDO MACIAS BRAVO'S** exhibit of self-portraits opens today

at the Monongalia Arts Center. A reception for Bravo will be from 6-9 p.m. Friday.

#### **BY KATIE LONG** The Dominion Post

Growing up in the tiny town of San Jose de la Paz in Jalisco, Mexico, Fernando Macias Bravo was taught that it was improper for men to make art. So he hid his paint brushes — and his talent.

But not anymore. His first formal exhibit, a collection

of self-portraits titled "A Collection of Instances: Life Memories" opens at the Monongalia Arts Center today. There will be an artist's reception from 6-8 p.m. Fri-

Bravo began dabbling in the arts by fixing old paintings in churches. Then, four years ago, while recuperating in the hospital, Bravo started putting his own feelings on canvas.



Fernando Macias Bravos

"I started to enjoy it," he said. "I don't have any techniques, they are just paintings. It is not art it's not good enough to be art. It is just my paintings.'

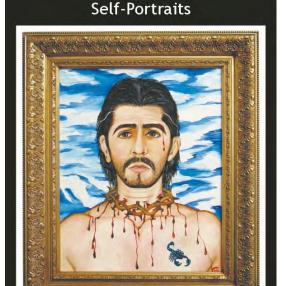
But there are those who disagree. Bravo has at least one loyal collector of his work, he said, and he's been asked to create

paintings and murals for the two restaurants at which he works, Los Mariachis in Suncrest and Margaritas on High Street. Not to mention his solo show at the MAC.

In his broken, but thoroughly understandable English, Bravo said he began doing self-portraits to exorcise himself of the sadness and pain he felt. "I think people have a good person

and a bad person inside of them," he explained. "When I started painting, I felt so much better. I felt I had left already

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A Collection of Instances Life Memories

## Jerry Garcia's Birthday Bash begins today

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The 19th annual Jerry Garcia's Birthday Bash begins at noon today at Sunshine Daydream Campground in Terra Alta. The four-day festival and campout

is packed with music, including three days of The String Cheese Incident, one of many bands made available by the cancellation of the Lollapalooza tour. The quintet mixes bluegrass,

rock, jazz, Latin, country and soul styles into inventive jams.

The fiercely independent group — often compared to the Grateful

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This week

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Paintin' the **Town Tour** lands at **Mannington District Fair** Page 4-C

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**Collaborators** perform

#### **Sunday**

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presents photo workshop









## Richwood has extraordinary attractions

THE APPALACHIAN HILLS are alive with the sound of music and Richwood is the place to hear it! Sunday through Aug. 14, residents of Richwood will celebrate music of every type during the Cherry River Festival. This year's festival theme is a salute to 75 years of musical excellence with the Richwood High School band. Alumni from around the United States will reunite for performances, appearances and just to reminisce about the Lumberjack Express.

The Cherry River Festival is unlike most festivals in the state. Sure, there's a parade and arts and crafts, but there are attractions you won't find everywhere.

First of all, there's the Aquacade. Kids of all ages perform a themed water show that would make Ester Williams proud. Synchronized swimming, diving competitions and races make this event sort of a mini Olympics. Then there's the car races. It's not NASCAR, but in these old-fashioned stock car races local businesses sponsor the participants and help with the construction of the cars. Main Street is closed off as the cars race down Town Hill to cheering fans. There's also a 1/24 Scale Die Cast Car Race and a Battery-Powered Motorized Car Race.

There's even something for your pets to do at this festival. Although Halloween is still a couple of months away, there will be a Masquerade Pet Show to preview all the canine fashions early.

The Cherry River has the only land-locked navy of which I am aware. With only a foot or two of water, there's no place for an actual ship, but that doesn't stop this town. Dozens of people belong to the Cherry River Navy and march in the parade in front of a ship with a sounding cannon.

With a plethora of local artisans, the city recently created a sculpture garden featuring a mural, goldfish pond and showcase for local artwork. Other murals around town tell the city's story, from coal mining to lumber camps to famous Richwooders. The art is also featured in October during the Mountain Color Art Festival where sculptors, painters and other artists demonstrate their talents.

While in the area, don't miss the opportunity to enjoy all the scenic beauty and outdoor activities available in the Richwood area. This is one of the few places where you can still see the stars at night and smell the pure mountain air. This makes for a perfect place to camp, hike, hunt, fish and cross-country ski. With four rivers converging in one area, Richwood hosts some of the best fishing in the state. These same rivers open up endless possibilities to raft, kayak, canoe, tube and swim.

The Scenic Mountain Triathlon is the first triathlon in West Virginia and remains the longest-running one, with participants coming from all over the United States. Entrants compete in running, swimming and biking along a rigorous terrain near Richwood. For those of us who do not compete, there's still a lot to do in and around the Southern Gateway to the Monongahela National Forest. Mountain biking, novice to extreme, is one favorite sport. There's also 26,000 acres of virtually untouched wilderness in the Cranberry Backcountry and Wilderness area. No vehicles are allowed in this region, which means it offers the purest experiences imaginable for hiking, biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing. There's llama trekking for those seeking an unusual experience. Equipment is available for any of these activities through local outfitters.

For adventure, beauty and down-to-earth people, tourism officials must have had Richwood in mind when they came up with the Wild, Wonderful slogan for the state. Info: 846-2501.

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#### ■ BARRY'S OFFICE SERVICE

Artist of the Month Charlotte F. Swisher will show her oil paintings at Barry's (second floor), 1370 University Ave. Summer hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

■ THE GALLERY at Seneca Center is featuring the soda-fired porcelain and stoneware pottery of Marianne Cordyack of Reston, Va. All work is food-, microwaveand dishwasher-safe. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the historic Seneca Center on Beechurst Avenue. Info: 292-7250.

**■ THE TRINATURAL WELLNESS** Center, 1133 Van Voorhis Road, is featuring oil paintings by Jeanna Snyder and nature photography by Laurel Dakan for viewing and sale. Info: 598-2662.



■ LINE AND COUPLES dancing is taught by Mary Dodd from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Morgantown Elks. Info: 598-0303.

■ BEGINNER LINE dancing is taught at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Senior Monongalians. Enter from Spruce Street. For a parking permit and other info: 599-6170.

■ WESTERN STARS Square and Round Dance Club sponsors a dance from 8-10:30 p.m. every **Friday** at the Marilla Center. There will be no dance this week because of the state convention.

**■ TUESDAY NIGHT** Square Dance workshop at Marilla Center is canceled until mid-September.



#### ■ BOPARC/MAC CLASSES

being offered at Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park. Sign up with your kids for paper marbling, printmaking and framing lessons from 9-11 a.m. today, Monday and Tuesday. Cost is \$35 for MACmembers, \$40 for nonmembers. Materials included. Info: www.boparc.org or www.monarts.org.

■ ALL-AMERICAN SUMMER Film Festival, Byham Theater, Pittsburgh, will show "The Godfather" today; "The Godfather Part II" Friday and a double-feature with "Psycho" and "The Birds" Saturday. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: (412) 456-6666 or log on to www.pgharts.org/events. General admission: \$6. Kids under 12, students with ID and seniors of 65 admitted for \$3.

**■ KREPPS KRITTERS,** crafts, stories and snacks for children ages 3-6, continues at 10 a.m. today at Krepps Park. Cost is \$5 per child per session. Today's theme is Appalachian arts and crafts. Register at the Marilla Center 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Info: www.boparc.org.

■ FAMILY NIGHT UNDER The Stars, a program offering free outdoor showings of movies at Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park, will present "Miracle" Friday. Movies start at dusk. Info: 296-8356 or www.boparc.org.

**■ EASTON ROLLER MILL**, Morgantown, will be open for tours the first and third Sunday of every month from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The 1864 mill houses both grist and roller equipment. Info: 599-0833.

■ STREET FAIR, hosted by Bobtown (Pa.) Rod and Gun Club, 6-10 p.m. today through **Saturday**. Info: (724) 839-7460.

**■ TOMCHIN PLANETARIUM** presents "Midnight's Canvas" at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. **Friday**. Admission is free but reservations are required and can be made at 293-3422 Ext. 1443. Tomchin Observatory, located on the fourth floor of Hodges Hall, opens at 8:30 p.m. for public viewing on the same night if the sky is clear.

■ CHEAT LAKE VOLUNTEER Fire Department hosts All-Paper Bingo at 5:30 p.m. every Monday. Info: 594-1223.



#### **Concerts & shows ■ ISAAK WALTON CLUBHOUSE**,

Aarons Creek Road, will host a Country and Gospel Show Friday featuring The Uttmost Band, Gospel Express and Backfire. Refreshments available, admission \$2. Warm-up starts at 6 p.m., main stage opens at 7 p.m. Info: 292-4359.

■ DAVID LEE MURPHY and Lee Roy Parnell will perform at the Mannington District Fair at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday. Tickets: \$4.

I 2004 WEST VIRGINIA MOUN-**TAIN** Music Concert Series at Chestnut Ridge Regional Park will not have a show **Saturday**. Shows will resume Aug. 14. Info: 594-1773.

**■ COUNTRY AND GOSPEL Music** Show, 1-4 p.m. **Sunday** at Clinton District Volunteer Fire Department, U.S. 119 South. Food available. Kitchen opens at noon. \$2 donation. Info: Mary, 291-0121.

**■ LITTLE YOUGH SUMMER** Music Festival, will host an ice cream social **Friday** at Mountain Fresh Pavilion, beside city parking lot, Oakland, Md. Info: (301) 616-3026.

■ HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS and guests will perform at Chevrolet Amphitheatre at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$35, \$28 and \$10. www.elecktra.com.

**■ CORE COMMUNITY CENTER** will host a country music show at 7 p.m. Saturday.

■ NOONTIME CONCERTS on the courthouse square every Tuesday and Thursday through September. Today will be Melanie Lee. Tuesday will be Appalachian Brass Quintet. Thursday will be The Pastels.

**■ POINT MARION LIONS CLUB** has ended its music jamboree program for the season. Shows will resume Sept. 11.

■ SAGEBRUSH ROUND-UP, Bunners Ridge near Fairmont, hosts a country music show from 7-11

p.m. each Saturday. Performing this week are bluegrass bands Gail Ford, Donnie Leonard & The Country Men. Jim & I and Joe Hall & High Country and the house band, Stagecoach. No alcohol allowed. Admission: \$4 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Info: 292-5854 or 363-4864.

**■ MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER** on W.Va. 73 toward Bridgeport hosts country music shows from 6-10 p.m. every Friday. Friday's performers are Dick Rutan & The Don't Do It Biscuits, Country Trio and Country Justice. From 4-6 p.m. Info: Betty Crow 983-2336.

■ CINDY'S COUNTRY Music Show is from 6-10 p.m. every Friday in downtown Hundred. Open mic is from 6-7 p.m. Featured acts are Mon Valley Pickers, John and Mary Lou and Bernice and Little Country. Info: 775-2355.

■ THE HISTORIC Alpine Theatre, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Hundred, hosts a country music show each Saturday. Open mic from 6-7 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. Featured acts will be Big Country, Granny Blosser and Carl Sampson. Admission is \$2 per person, with children under 12 admitted free. Info: 775-5378.

■ NEW FREEPORT Fire Hall (Pa.) country and gospel music show is from 7-10 p.m. the **second** and fourth Saturday. Admission: \$2. Info: (724) 447-2055.

■ GARY'S COUNTRY MUSIC Jamboree will be from 7-11 p.m. Saturday. The jamboree is located at the bowling alley on U.S. 50, east of Grafton, one mile from Four Corners Restaurant. All talent is welcome. This week's performers: Jim Nestor, The Harrisons, Ron Roy, Ruth Moore, Mama's Pride and Backfire. Food is available. To book an act: Gary, 265-3293

■ BIG CIRCLE JAMBOREE, three miles north of Fairview on W.Va. 218, hosts a country music show from 6-10 p.m. every Friday with Country DJs. Featured this week will be Country Pride and Country 101. Admission: \$3. Food and drinks available. Info: Jim Fletcher at 449-1270 or 798-3596. There will be a benefit show from 1-5 p.m. Sunday to raise money for Sue Six's cancer treatments. Performing will be Wheels of Country, Al Anderson, Country DJs, Granny Blosser & J.R. and many more. All donations appreciated.

■ VALLEY MEMORIES, located at the corner of U.S. 50 and U.S. 250 next to Michael's in Grafton, will host a country and bluegrass show from 6-10 p.m. every Friday. Featured this week will be Country 101, Sharon Innis, Miss Briana and Betty Jo Heaters. Admission \$3. No alcohol permitted. Info: 265-4938 or 278-5679.

**■ COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW**, Town Hall, Blacksville, every **first** and third Saturday of the month from 6-10 p.m. \$3 donation at the door. No alcohol permitted. Food available. Info: 775-5371.

#### Club Scene

■ WEEDHAWKS will perform at Bugsy's Tavern in Westover from 4-9 p.m. Friday. Info: 864-3959.

■ ALL STAR SPORTS GARDEN will host bike night with free pool and all-you-can-eat wings at 6 p.m. every Tuesday; Davisson Brothers at 10 p.m. Friday.

■ CLASSICS 3, 1384 Green Bag Road, Sabraton, features karaoke with Charlotte every Fri-

day. No cover charge. ■ NIGHT VISION will perform at Saulie's in Point Marion, Pa. Friday and at Texas Town in Westover Saturday.

■ BIG D'S HOT SPOT, junction of U.S. 50 and 72, Rowlesburg, will feature karaoke with Marsha Friday and karaoke with Carol Saturday.

■ TROY'S BAR & GRILL,

Reedsville, has four weeks left in its Karaoke Survivor contest, \$800 in cash and door prizes; and ladies night from 8-11 p.m. Friday; City Ordinance will play rock from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday. Tickets available at the bar for \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Info: 864-BAND.

■ PJ'S COFFEEHOUSE & PUB in Bruceton (Exit 23 off I-68), will have karaoke by Charlotte at 8 p.m. Saturday; Hog Heaven Sundays. Info: 379-7351.

■ **DIMITRI'S** will host T.J. the Magician today; Krave Friday; and Straight Up Saturday. Info: 594-0777.

■ JACKIE G's You're the Singing Star Karaoke Show will be at Joe's Moonlight Supper Club, Locust Avenue, Fairmont, from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. **Friday.** Info: 363-WING.

■ **THE MAGS** will perform at Archie's in Sabraton Friday.

■ THE LINK will perform at Winston's in Fairmont from 8 p.m.midnight Friday; and at Valentino's in Elkins from 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday.

■ MOUNTAIN STAGE, Charleston, will host Iris DeMent, Robin & Linda Williams, Bo Deans and Bob Schneider Sunday. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance, \$12 at the door. www.mountainstage.org or (800) 594-TIXX.

■ MR. X will play at Valley District Fair, Reedsville, from 8-10 p.m. Friday; at Big Bear Lake Campground **Saturday**.

■ SILVER DOLLAR Band will play at Clarksburg Moose Lodge Friday; Trip Bar & Grill, U.S. 19, Saturday.

■ STRAIGHT UP will perform at Dimitri's **Saturday**. Info www.straightup.com.

**■ CLUB D**, 1912 Pleasant Valley Road, Fairmont, will host Jackie G's You're the Singing Star karaoke show every **Thursday** from 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

■ POP-A-TOP Tavern will have a DJ and karaoke with Mix Master Friday and Saturday and pool tournament Sunday. Info: 983-9918.

■ BUCK NAKED BAND will perform at Blondie's in Farmington Friday and at The Pike (formerly M&M II). Kingwood Pike. Saturday.

■ WILLIE'S PUB on Grafton Road will have open mic every Monday, pool tournament 7 p.m. every Thursday; NASCAR specials every Sunday. Info: 291-8172.

■ BLUE MOOSE CAFE will host The Wailin' Elroys of Athens, Ohio, today; Billy Matheny & William Hutchens at 9 p.m. Saturday. Info: www.thebluemoosecafe.com.

■ 123 PLEASANT STREET will host Law Biting Citizens, 6'6" 240, A Toast to the Winners, Charlie Blac and D.O. Caeser hosted by L-No. at 7 p.m. and a Precision Incision Art Opening at 8 p.m. Friday; Mayday New Wave Dance Party Saturday. Tickets available online at www.123pleasantstreet.com.

■ TRIP BAR & Grill features family night with kids and karaoke from 8 p.m.-midnight today; Night Moves DJ Friday; Silver Dollar Band Saturday.

■ BLACK BEAR, Pleasant Street, will host Sam Lamont at 6:30 p.m. today; Justin Morris at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; Randy Struble at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

■ W.VA. BREWING CO. features Quiz Night every Sunday, Jazz Jam every Monday, open mic every **Tuesday** and Appalachian jam session every Wednesday, The Brewhouse Crew every Thursday.

■ BUCK'S CORNER PUB will feature free pool all day Monday and Tuesday; Ladies Night, no cover, Wednesday: Buffet Night 5-10 p.m. and karaoke with Rick West 10 p.m.-3 a.m. **Thursday**; DJ and dancing by Dougie Style from 10 p.m.-3 a.m. **Fridays** and **Saturdays**. Info and for specials: 292-9172.

■ ARCHIE'S in Sabraton hosts Working Women's Wednesday featuring open mic with Aaron Henry every Wednesday.

■ DELLSLOW CAFE will have karaoke with Kevin every Friday. Info: 296-8687.

■ PURPLE COW will host Mark Derek and Ladies' Night today; Madhouse Friday and Lost Cauze Saturday. ■ COOP'S KARAOKE will be at

Friendly Tavern in Kingwood every **Friday** and at The Eagles Club, Kingwood, **Saturday**. ■ LITTLE VILLAGE will have a live

DJ Thursday; ladies night Friday and pool tournament, 3 p.m. Sunday. ■ GOOD TIMES LOUNGE, Dell-

slow, hosts Elmo's karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday. ■ TEXAS TOWN in Westover will have karaoke with John of Baltimore Sound on Tuesdays; bike night with a tattoo contest and

cash prizes Wednesdays; open

mic with Aaron Henry **Thursdays**;

Night Vision Saturday. ■ CLUB TYGART, across from city park, Grafton, will host Blackhander Friday; karaoke with Pricilla's Looney Tunes Saturday. Info: 629-1627.



■ '42ND STREET' will be performed at 8 p.m. through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. It is WVPT's last production of the summer. All shows are in the Lyell B. Clay Concert Theatre in the WVU Creative Arts Center. Tickets: 599-6785.

■ 'CALLING DR. LOVE', an original play written, directed and starring Douglas Dobbins will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Fairmont State's Wallman Hall Theatre. The comedy centers on Dr. Love's call-in radio show, which treats matters of miscommunication. Dobbins teaches speech as an adjunct professor at FSU and has a master's degree in communication. Admission is free and open to the public. Info: 367-4300. ■ 'FUDDY MEERS,' the story of

amnesiac Claire trying to decipher the details of her life, will be performed at M.T. Pockets Theatre Co. at 8 p.m. **Aug. 18-21**. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens, \$7 students. 284-0049 or e-mail Tickets@MTPocketsTheatre.com. Contains strong language. Recommended for mature audiences.

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## Man on Abbey Road proud to be on cover of Beatles' album

**Q: I've always wondered** about the man who appears in the background on the cover of the Beatles' "Abbey Road." Has he ever been identified?

A: On the morning of Aug. 8, 1969, Paul Cole, a 58-year-old salesman from Deerfield Beach, Fla., was on vacation in London. Rather than visit a museum with his wife, Cole decided to take a stroll on Abbey Road. As he started a conversation with a policeman, he glanced to his left and saw four men walk across the



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street "like a row of ducks." The men got Cole's attention because of their radical appearance and the fact that one of them was not wearing shoes. For the next few months, he told the story of the four "kooks" he saw in London

though he didn't know who they were. A year later, his wife bought a copy of "Abbey Road" so that she could learn to play one of the songs from the album at a wedding. Much to Cole's surprise, he looked at the album cover and saw himself in the background just over John Lennon's shoulder. Today, he takes great pride in telling people that his picture can be found in millions of homes around the world.

**Q: I've been wondering** what has

happened to Mark Knopfler, the former leader of Dire Straits. Is he still recording?

A: After a 20-year career which produced three Top 10 hits, two Top 10 albums, and over 15 million albums sold, Mark Knopfler disbanded Dire Straits in 1995 and embarked on a full-fledged solo career. His first solo release, 1996's "Golden Heart," made it about halfway up the Billboard Hot 200 chart. His second solo album, "Sailing to Philadelphia," released in 2000, fared better, peaking at No. 60. His third

album, "The Ragpicker's Dream" (2002), continued his upward appeal, rounding out at No. 38. His fourth solo album, "Shangri-La," is due out in September. Between his solo efforts, Knopfler also managed to find time to record movie soundtracks, including "Wag the Dog" (1998), "Metroland" (1999) and "A Shot At Glory" (2002).

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High Country players Nick DeMedici (from left), Tyler Rice and Shawn Wilhelm perform at the Clinton District

Fire Hall. Bryce Harvey (below) plays harmonica, fiddle and guitar for the band.

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"He called Nick and Shawn and we started the band."

Entire families — including the band members' — turn out to see them. Children collect their autographs.

They have fans who won't miss a show — traveling to wherever the band is playing.

The songs are varied: the group covers tunes by Charlie Daniels, Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams and Hank Williams Jr. Joe Hall calls it "outlaw country," but it's hard to picture anyone in the band as an outlaw, especially when fans use terms like "nicely dressed" and "country gentlemen" to describe them.

Kyle and Anna Marie Eddy, of Waynesburg, Pa., were in Morgantown recently to see the group.

"We've been with them since the beginning," Anna Marie said.

"We saw 'em at Gary's Country Music in Grafton in October of 2003,' Kyle said. "We've been chasing them around all over ever since. We even saw them New Year's Eve.'

Kyle bragged that he put a license plate bearing the band's name on the front of his wife's car. He swears

they're the first to have one. And, he said, the band is appreciative of their fans.

"They had to cancel one night and called and told us. We'd do just anything for them."

Shirley Epling traveled from Clarksburg to see her favorite band.

"They got little itty-bitty ones that follow them, too," she said.

One of those is 4-year-old Shyanna



a favorite, she pointed to Nick DeMedici, the one in the white hat on this particular night. She has a nickname for Nick: "Fast boy, 'cause his hands move so fast.'

Shyanna's father, Bill Sheets, said he's seen the band 20-25 times. His wife and children accompany him.

"I like the kind of music they play," Sheets said. "I admire the boys who'd rather be playing than be out on a Saturday night. They keep their grades up and practice. Mr. Hall's a great mentor to them."

"We go everywhere they go," he said. The six young men who make up High Country are all full-time students (DeMedici at Fairmont State, the rest at WVU) and full-time band members. And they all hold jobs, in addition to studying and playing gigs. And they practice at least two nights a week. "Guaranteed two times a week, sometimes three," Gavin Hall said.

"We're different from what's out there," he said. "We're not super twangy." "We're not afraid to try songs other

bands won't play," Wilhelm said. Wilhelm said the best part is "the ing 100 percent on stage. And seeing

people get into it is awesome." "If we like a song, we'll give it a whirl — these guys aren't afraid to try and they're talented performers," Joe Hall said.

Cathell agrees. "They're a great band and Joe has all kinds of varieties of songs," he said. "One song they needed a steel guitar so they bought one and Joe taught one of the boys how to play.'

Another fan of the band, Floyd George of Salem, said, "They're the best and the youngest I've ever seen."

"They're all such gentlemen," Epling said. "We even know their families."

Diane Taylor of Bridgeport, who wore her "Joe Hall and High Country" hat to the Morgantown show, said, 'This is the best band in the whole U.S. They didn't invent the words to say how great they are."

Cathell said the past two times the band played Gary's Country Music, "We sold out at 7:30 and we don't open till 7." The room holds 200 people.

"Everybody tells me they just get better and better every time they play," he said.

Jim Thornburg, a board member at Sagebrush Roundup, speaks highly of the band, too. He said, "What I like about them is they're all young men and they really enjoy what they're doing.

"And what we really like about them is they always bring a crowd with them," Thornburg said.

"Joe's played around a good bit. He goes way back. He says he's got just one fault — he can't say no."

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my evil person in the painting. When I make the painting, I want to try to forget things that hurt me. I leave my feelings in the paint-

These days, Bravo said, he feels fantastic. And he says those feelings show in his more recent works.

"I don't think the show is because I'm so good, I think is because I'm so lucky," he said.

Though he's lived in Morgantown for close to seven years, it is only recently, with his introduction to the folks at the MAC, that Bravo finally feels free to discuss his artistic life.

"In my town, I never speak to no one about art, so I feel lonely," he said. "Now I meet so many more people who make art, so I'm not lonely anymore."

To make things even better, Bravo said, his father will attend the reception Friday.

"I see him one year ago and he say I make too much on paintings,' Bravo said. "But now he say he going to come, right now, he change."

#### **CENSORS**

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paganda by one side or the other? Fortunately, we have a guaranteed right to speak freely in this country — one that's often ignored when it's convenient or we disagree.

**DB:** I've seen some cry censorship when certain movie houses refuse to show his film. More likely, it's a matter of economics. "Spider-Man 2" will sell more tickets and popcorn.

Still, this isn't Iraq. He can say what he wants and not be tossed into prison or tortured or executed. Let him show it wherever the market will bear. And let people take their brains with them into the theaters and make up their own minds.

**MW:** Maybe a few more of the people decrying Moore as a communist or anti-American should see the movie. My perception is that he cares deeply about the country of his birth and he's scared.

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The String Cheese Incident will perform at Jerry Garcia's Birthday Bash at Sunshine Daydream Campground in Terra Alta.

#### **BIRTHDAY**

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Dead and Phish — is its own conglomerate, encompassing its own record label (SCI Fidelity Records), merchandising (SCI Gear and Ticketing), philanthropic division (Gouda Causes) and a travel agency (Madison House Travel) for fans who want to follow the band on tour.

The band grabbed headlines last vear when it filed suit against Ticketmaster, claiming the ticket outlet denied tickets to SCI Ticketing, and thus to SCI fans. Ticketmaster coun-

tersued and the case is still pending. String Cheese Incident is touring in support of its latest release, "Untying the Not," with a mix of festival and headlining shows.

Also set to perform: Bela Fleck and The Flecktones, Yonder Mountain String Band, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Derek Trucks Band, Railroad Earth, The Davisson Brothers Band, The Ordinary Way, The Shantee, New Monsoon, Garaj Mahal, Mood Cultivation Project, Poogie Bell Band, Zen, Toni Brown Band and Baked Fresh Daily.

In addition to the music, during the Main Stage set breaks Friday and Saturday, Les Kippel, founder of Relix Magazine and Relix records, will auction off music memorabilia

— from CDs donated by performers to rare photographs and artwork from the jam band scene and the Grateful Dead.

There will also be a food drive benefiting Conscious Alliance. The organization, formed in the spring of 2002 by a small group of Boulder, Colo., students, began organizing food drives in conjunction with concerts and music festivals. They are now incorporated into a national nonprofit organization. Since its first food drive in

#### Jerry's birthday

The schedule for the Jerry Garcia Birthday Bash:

■ Today: Poogie Bell Band, Mood Cultivation Project. Baked Fresh Daily, The Ordinary Way

■ Friday: Zen, Toni Brown Band, memorabilia raffle by Les Kippel, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Derek Trucks Band, The String Cheese

Incident, New Monsoon ■ Saturday: Davisson Brothers Band, The Ordinary Way, Railroad Earth, Yonder Mountain String Band, Bela Fleck & The Flecktones, Davisson Brothers Band, The String Cheese Incident, Garaj

■ Sunday: The Shantee, New Monsoon, Railroad Earth, The String Cheese Incident

2002, the group has collected more than 75,000 pounds of food donations for America's hungry by offering concert-goers an official event poster as incentive for donating no less then 10 nonperishable food items. (Info: www.consciousalliance.org)

Ticket prices are \$90 at the gate. A camping/parking fee of \$5 per patron will be collected at the gate for camping/parking for the weekend.

Tickets are on sale at Cool Ridge Trading Co., Morgantown: 296-5757, or In A Sense in Clarksburg, 622-1964.

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## Find deals, win prizes at Garage Sale

The United Way's 2004 Campaign starts Saturday with the 14th Annual Greatest Garage Sale

More than 125 local arts, crafts, antiques and not-for-profit vendors will be in the Spruce Street Parking Garage in downtown Morgantown from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. This year's sale will feature face painting, entertainment, Bid 'n Buy silent auction tables, breakfast and lunch concessions, a dunk tank and more. WCLG radio, co-sponsor of the event, will broadcast live from the

Monongalia Health Systems will provide free health screenings. State troopers will sign up families for Kid Tracking.

Get free eats at the Bid 'n Buy table from Apple Annie's, Back Bay, Black Bear, Blue Moose Cafe, Bob Evans, Boston Beanery, BW 3, Cafe Bacchus, Chic-n- Bones Rhythm Cafe, Chik-Fil-A, Classics 3, Cracker Barrel, Crockett's Lodge, Crosley's Cajun & Creole, DP Dough, Garfield's, Glasshouse Grille, Hibachi Japanese Steak House. Kegler's, Lakeview Resort, Levels, Mario's Fishbowl, Mediterranean Market, Pappy Don's, Pargo's, Pizza Hut, Prime Thyme, Regatta Bar & Grille at the Radisson, Spruce Street Sub Shop, TCBY, Texas Roadhouse, The Lakehouse, Tiberio's and Voy-

Among the many businesses who gave items and services for the silent auction are art galleries, wineries, florists, dry cleaners, pet groomers, office supply stores, cosmetics company representatives, jewelers, repair shops and department stores and specialty shops, the public library, salons and spas, gyms and country clubs, bike shops and hotels.

The United Way's fund-raising campaign continues through December. Contributions are distributed to 27 local health and human service agencies.



David Lee Murphy and Lee Roy Parnell will perform music at the Mannington District Fair Friday.

## Big names on music stage at Mannington District Fair

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The Mannington District Fair offers more than just rides and corndogs. This year's festivities include some top country talent to keep toes tapping on the midway.

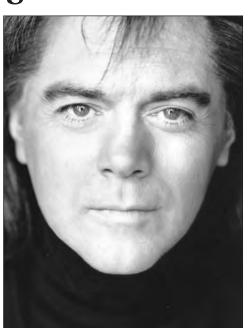
Marty Stuart will perform two shows this evening and Lee Roy Parnell and David Lee Murphy are on stage Friday. Bering Strait brings bluegrass to the stage Saturday.

Stuart, 45, has been performing since the age of 13 when his mandolin playing landed him a gig with Lester Flatt's bluegrass band. He later played with Vassar Clements and Doc Watson before beginning a six-year

stint as guitarist with Johnny Cash.

Murphy has been scoring hits out of Nashville for years, his first success coming with a recording on the soundtrack for Luke Perry's rodeo film, "Eight Seconds." Since then, he's logged No. 1 hits with "Party Crowd"

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Marty Stuart returns to north-central West Virginia for two shows at the Mannington District Fair tonight.

and "Dust on the Bottle." His current hit, "Loco," is off his latest CD, "Tryin' to Get There." The country-mixed-with-rock impressario is joined on his "Paintin' the Town Red" tour by Lee Roy Parnell, a Grammy-nominated guitarist who mixes soul with boogie, swing and gospel.

## **Kennywood reports** special events, days

Monday is the 25th annual Cheerleader Day at Kennywood.

The day long event begins at 11 a.m. on the Lagoon Stage (aka Sky-Coaster Island) in the center of the park. Fifty cheering squads (totaling approximately 1500 girls) will compete. National Federation rules apply for categories including junior high, junior varsity, and varsity.

Trophies are awarded immediately following the varsity competition, at approximately 5 p.m. It only happens one day each season -SkyCoaster stops flying and cheerleaders take over the lagoon Stage. SkyCoaster will resume operation immediately following the awards ceremony.

#### **Majorette Day**

Nearly 1,200 young sters from the tri-state area are expected to enjoy the annual Majorette Day at Kennywood, Tuesday.

Highlighting the festivities is the 2 p.m. parade when 25 drill teams march around the Kennywood midways. The groups, ranging in age from preschoolers to young adults,

promenade around the park in colorful outfits with drums, high flying batons and flags.

Before the annual Majorette Day, Kennywood hosted the Tri-State Baton Twirling Tournament. It had a history of 30 years and was complete with competition and the crowning of a queen. The event changed from being a competition to a parade to permit a wider range of drill teams to participate. Batons have twirled and participants have enjoyed a special day at Kennywood for over 55 years!

Info: For groups, Jackie Mitko at Kennywood, 412-461-0500 Ext.

#### **Kennywood Nationality Days**

■ Aug. 29 — Jewish Community Day — This second annual gathering will offer special entertainment and Glatt Kosher Food in Pavilion 5.

■ Sept. 4 — Croatian Day — The Croatians enjoy ethnic foods including pastries and lamb, in the grove area all afternoon. Their special program begins at 5 p.m. A dance highlights the evening hours. **Arthurdale Heritage Inc.** sponsors motorsports event

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The 18th Annual Valley District Fair Motorsports Extravaganza will take place today through Sunday. Each day features a different motorsport event, including a demolition derby, freestyle motocross and BMX bikes, truck and tractor pulls, and lawn tractor pulls. Also featured will be a Dyno-Jet that measures the horsepower and torque of a truck, a firemen's parade, a cruise-in, chicken wings cookoff, and BBQ chicken dinners.

Parking is free. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children aged 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free.

Sponsored by Arthurdale Heritage Inc. and Reedsville Volunteer Fire Department. Info: AHI at 864-3959.

#### **Cruise-In benefits** scholarship fund

The 5th Annual Ryan A. Rhodes Memorial Cruise-In, for model years prior to 1978, will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, at Rhodes Farm Campground Road.

Dash plaques (first 50 registered), door prizes (must be present to win) will be awarded. There will be hot dogs, a silent auction and singing.

Donations benefit the Ryan A. Rhodes Memorial Scholarship.

#### **Workshop teaches women** to live, play in the outdoors

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announces the fall workshop for Becoming an Outdoors Woman. The weekend of classes will take place Sept. 17-19 at Watoga State Park.

Women 18 and over can learn outdoor skills, including biking, shooting, fishing, hiking and camping in a safe, supportive atmosphere.

Registration is now open. Cost is \$130, which includes lodging, meals and class materials during the workshop. For more information or to register, contact BOW at 558-2771 or egallaher@dnr.state.wv.us. The registration form is also available online at www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/bow.shtm.

#### **Get on MCPARC's** bus to Nashville

The Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission is planning a three-day and two-night trip to Nashville on Sept. 18-20.

The Greatest Hits Package includes: roundtrip bus ride, two nights at the Radisson at Opryland, one morning breakfast buffet, reserved seat at the Grand Ole Opry, dinner cruise and show aboard the General Jackson showboat, ticket to the Grand Ole Opry Museum, ticket for the Delta River Flatboat ride, admission to the Wildhorse Saloon plus one beverage, Opryland VIP coupon book, roundtrip luggage handling, plus

all applicable taxes and gratuities. Cost of the trip is: \$360 for a single, \$287 for a double, \$265 for a triple and \$254 for a quad.

The group will leave the Middletown Mall at 6 a.m. on Sept. 18 and return at 10 p.m. Sept. 20.

To reserve your space, contact MCPARC at 363-7037 or e-mail mcparcfun@aol.com. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit is due with your reservation.

Stand-up comedian Sinbad will perform Sept. 18 at the Creative Arts

### Sinbad headlines entertainment during WVU's Fall Family Weekend

A busy Fall Family Weekend, Sept. 17-19, is in store for WVU students and their parents.

Actor and comedian Sinbad will entertain at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 18 in the Creative Arts Center as part of the weekend lineup.

Tickets are available — \$25 for students, \$30 for the public – at the Mountainlair Box Office.

Sinbad's successful career

propelled him from the 1980s TV sitcom, "A Different World," to the big screen in such comedies as "Houseguest" (1995), "First Kid" (1996) and "Jingle All the Way" (1996) in which he co-stars with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

For more information, go to the Arts & Entertainment Web site: http://www.events.wvu.edu/index. shtml.

## Janie Fricke to play Sagebrush Fall Festival

It's only August but the Country Music Association of West Virginia and the Sagebrush Round-Up



are making plans for the annual Fall Festival. The dates are Sept. 10 and 11.

Nashville recording star Janie Fricke will be the featured act of Sept. 11 and will perform two shows — at 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (One ticket will get you into both shows.)

On Sept. 10, the music will be from 6 p.m.-11 p.m.; on Sept. 11, it will be from 1 p.m.-11 p.m. The cost for Sept. 10 is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

Sept. 11, cost is \$15 for adults at the door or \$10 in advance, children are

Tickets may be purchased in advance at a discount in: ■ Fairmont at Rider Pharmacy,

303 Merchant St. or Middletown Merchants Association, Middletown ■ Morgantown at Hogg Wild

Leather & Western, 12 Commerce Drive, Westover, or Our Family Craft Shop, Glenmark Centre.

■ Kingwood at Mary's Restaurant, 133 Price St.

■ Clarksburg at United Sound & Electronics, 525 East Main St. Bridgeport.

■ Weston at Styles Plus, Market

Place Mall. ■ Grafton at Quality Home Comfort Heating & Cooling, Riverside

Tickets may also be purchased at the Sagebrush Round-Up every Saturday evening at the regular coun-

try music shows or at the Sept. 10 show. The Sagebrush Round-Up is located six miles east of I-79 at exit 139 near

Fairmont. Info: 292-5854, 363-4864 or 986-2158.



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ving on the Elliott farm at Albright in 1917. They lived on a farm all their lives and went Photo courtesy of Ruth Allei













## WVPT season ender taps into heart of musicals

**BY KATIE LONG** 

The Dominion Post

If you attend musical theater for the dancing, then WVPT's final production of the year, "42nd Street" is right up your alley.

The play is the story of Peggy Sawyer's rise to Broadway stardom and her run-ins along the way. It is essentially a musical within a musical, which allows for double the dance numbers, half the plot restrictions.

The cast is capable, led by Christine Negherbon, who starred in last summer's sugary-sweet production of "No, No, Nanette." It is easy to see why Negherbon got these parts both require a wide-eyed innocence that she is adept at portraying. Her voice is crystal clear, she can dance

wattage of her smile **REVIEW** which never waivers, unless dictated in the stage direction — lights up the room.

Sawyer's nemesis, stage veteran Dorothy Brock, is played with delightful Eartha Kitt-style sass by Lenora Nemetz. A protege of Bob Fosse, Nemetz has used her impressive vocals on Broadway, replacing Chita Rivera in "Chicago" and filling in for Liza Minelli in "The Rink." Her well-developed vamp is the perfect match for Negherbon's over-the-top naivete.

Michael Licata, a veteran choreographer with WVPT, is resoundingly stagey and quite good as Julian Marsh, director of the play within this play. And Derek M. Gatts is great as the hammy Billy Lawlor.

It is a pleasant coincidence that it was after Negherbon's "Nanette" last year that I felt compelled to single out a member of the ensemble (Molly Esposito) for praise, because it is after a Negherbonstarring production that I find myself in the same position this season. Michelle Utzing, in her second year with WVPT's ensemble, is



a true delight onstage. I recall picking her out of the crowd last season and was happy to see her strut her stuff with a few speaking lines this time around. She's got real stage presence and just looks like a chorus girl. I look forward to seeing her up front in upcoming seasons. And speaking of chorus girls, the costume department has once again outdone itself, putting its all into the colorful costumes required of a pro-

duction rife with full-scale, elabo-

rate chorus numbers. Truly a top-

actress before. But it is chock-full of what most people step out to the the-

notch effort by a truly talented bunch. "42nd Street" isn't necessarily blessed with a brilliant plot or fresh ideas. We've all seen the face-off between young starlet and aging



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Christine Negherbon (center, at left) stars as Peggy Sawyer in WVPT's p[roduction of "42nd Street." The musical is packed full of high-energy tap numbers and features a talented ensemble of dancers. Showtimes are 8 p.m. through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.



ater for — big tap numbers, sexy costumes and soulful singing — and for that, it's worth a watch. Con-

gratulations, WVPT, on another sea-

### M.T. Pockets Co. seeking directors

M.T. Pockets Theatre Company offers directing opportunities fall productions.

■ "Talk About The Passion," written by English playwright, Graham Farrow. Production dates: Oct. 1, 2, 8 and 9. Imagine you're devastated by a personal tragedy, and the media exploits your pain for profit. How would you react? "Talk About The Passion" is an enthralling drama that bravely confronts society's morbid fascination with the most terrible of crimes.

■ "Sweet By 'n' By," by Frank Higgins. Production dates: Nov. 16 and 17, M.T. Pockets Theatre; Nov. 18 and 19, WVU Mountainlair, in conjunction with Mountaineer Week. Set in Glen Daniel., this play centers around three generations of women from a longtime coal-mining

The M.T. Pockets Theatre is located at 235 Spruce St., beside Morgantown Florist. An all-volunteer theatre, the company presents a broad range of work including new and established plays, productions dealing with sensitive issues and strives to provide a venue for women's voices in the performing

Prospective directors should contact Artistic Director Toni Morris at 284-0049 or e-mail ToniMorris@ MTPocketsTheatre.com. Additional play information is available upon request.

## Staffer's play performed at FSU

### 'Calling Dr. Love' onstage now

The Dominion Post

An original comedy based upon the ideas of good communication, "Calling Dr. Love, takes the Wallman Hall stage Friday and Saturday at Fairmont State University.

Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Info: 367-4300.

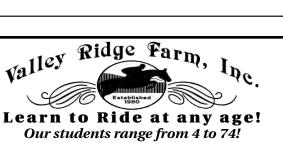
Douglas Dobbins, executive director of enrollment services for Fairmont State, wrote the play and will also direct and star in the production. Dobbins teaches speech as an adjunct professor at Fairmont State, and has a master's degree in communication.

The action of the play centers on Dr. Love's call-in radio show, which treats matters of miscommunication — in the workplace and at home — and even the doctor's own trouble with communication. For example, he has a very attractive assistant, whose overtures toward him he seems to miss.

The comedy focuses on the theories of communication and their practical applications, as Dr. Love takes call after call and tries to "fix" the problems he is given. One of his callers is very close to home.

Other cast members include Jessica Jirak who, with Dobbins, is the only other on-stage presence. Voiceovers are by Cathy O'Dell, Steve Leach, Mark Coffindafter, Lisa Respole and Sarah Grumblatt.

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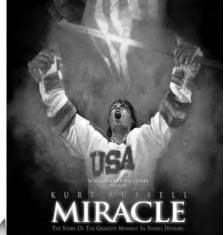
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ranked as one of the top 100 Festivals in
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#### Not much to see at Dem convention? Broadcast news did its part to make sure

NEW YORK (AP) — Last week's message to the world from John Kerry: "Reporting for duty!"

Last week's message from the Big Three broadcast networks: We're shirking ours!

Of course, those networks' dereliction is hardly news. It stands as maybe the least newsworthy part of the four-day Democratic National Convention, which was dismissed by them as insufficiently newsworthy to warrant more than grudging

And it was hardly unexpected. Just three hours per network for live, prime-time coverage — those plans were made public well beforehand. So were the networks' longfamiliar criticisms of modern political conventions: too scripted; no surprises; a made-for-TV event.

"That's post-hoc justification," says former NBC News president Reuven Frank. "They make the decision first, then justify it.'

And it spelled the latest step in a quadrennial downsizing the networks have conducted for decades. (And which, barring a news-erupting terrorist outbreak, almost guarantees the upcoming Republican National Convention will get the same short shrift the Democrats got.)

But maybe this year the networks crossed the line. Maybe this election year, it isn't quite so easy to swallow the networks' righteous explanation for ceding coverage of the bulk of the convention to second-tier news outlets — not when the stakes, and public interest, are at feverish heights. And not when some of us recall that NBC News in a single month last spring devoted several hours of prime time to in-house promotion of such NBC entertainment fare as "The Apprentice," "Friends" and "Frasier."

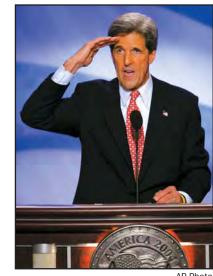
Sure, the headline from Boston was written weeks before the Democrats even got there: John Kerry and John Edwards accept their party's nomination.

But didn't the networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — cross the line in shortchanging this four-day miniseries when all of them in lockstep blew off one whole night of it? Tuesday just wasn't ready for prime time. Not theirs, anyway, not at the risk of lower ratings. That's what passes for news judgment by the

"The judgment is very simple: They consider a convention something people will not watch," says Reuven Frank, who oversaw coverage of conventions in another age. That was from 1956 through 1984, including the 1964 Republican convention, when NBC beat its rivals' coverage and, all by itself, reaped a 40 percent share of all the viewers watching TV that week.

How times have changed. Now hear the Big Three claim

they're only sparing the audience from what it doesn't want anyway. But by choosing to cut their coverage to the bone, they give their unspoken blessing to the theory that a convention is something peo-



Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry salutes and says he is "reporting for duty" before accepting the party's nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Boston on July 29. The broadcast networks gave scant coverage to the convention this year.

ple don't watch. Their policy becomes self-certifying.

"The fact that you three networks decided it was not important enough to run in prime time, the message that gives the American people is huge,' Jim Lehrer (who anchored PBS' fullbodied coverage) told ABC's Peter Jennings, CBS' Dan Rather and NBC's Tom Brokaw during a panel discussion at Harvard University the day before the convention began.

But by shunting any extensive coverage to cable news, PBS and C-SPAN, the Big Three haven't just marginalized a key chapter of the 2004 electoral process. They've also taken another step in marginalizing themselves as news providers.

For instance, last Tuesday, when they skipped the action altogether in favor of leaving their lucrative schedules intact, they slept through one of the political season's most riveting performances.

NBC was airing "Last Comic Standing," CBS had "Big Brother," and ABC reran a pair of sitcoms while Illinois' Senate candidate Barack Obama rocked the hall and left commentators marveling how a star was born.

'That is an amazing moment in history, right there," said MSNBC's Chris Matthews in a typical reaction. "A keynoter like I've never heard."

NBC, at least, had a cable-news surrogate, even as its own act of omission labeled Obama's speech something less than mainstream-worthy.

Worse off were ABC and CBS, which have no cable refuge for the coverage they duck. Last Tuesday, in effect, the corporate owners of ABC News and CBS News handed viewers this advisory: Go elsewhere if you care, but we're not in the news business at the moment.

At the convention last week, the message from the Big Three was huge, all right, and maybe huger than ever: A story isn't big enough to cover unless the audience is likely to be big enough, too.



SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — The Baird Community Center holds sentimental value for Zach Braff – it's where he saw his first play, when his father performed in Neil Simon's "The Prisoner of Second Avenue.

It's also surrounded by a park that exemplifies the leafy, idyllic beauty Braff finds so emblematic of the Garden State. He finds nothing ironic in the nickname of his much-maligned native soil, which also is the name of the new film that Braff stars in, wrote and directed.

Shot in and around his hometown, "Garden State" is an auspicious dramatic debut for a 29-yearold filmmaker who gained fame as the star of the NBC sitcom "Scrubs."

"Most people who come in and out of New Jersey go through Newark International Airport," Braff said. "And they see the environment around there, and people make jokes and it (creates a perception) that it's a gross place to live. But anyone who goes south of Exit 14 (on the New Jersey Turnpike) knows that it looks like this.'

It's hard to argue with Braff after spending a day in South Orange and neighboring Maplewood, where he would introduce two free screenings of the movie. The communities are close-knit, friendly and dotted with well-manicured parkland.

"Garden State," however, is hardly a valentine to Braff's hometown. He stars as Andrew Largeman, a struggling actor who returns home for his mother's funeral. In the four days that "Large" spends at home, Braff explores the complicated ways in which people in their 20s relate to the places they grew up.

'I remember going to college, and a lot of my friends had left town, and my mom had moved houses, and my memory of home was completely gone," Braff says, "but I was really homesick, so that's where I first had the feeling that I was homesick for a place that didn't even

The movie follows Large as he avoids his psychiatrist father (Ian Holm), strikes up a friendship with a vivacious young woman (Natalie Portman) who's constantly lying to him, and hangs around with his old buddies, many of whom are stuck in dead-end jobs.

There's plenty of drinking, recreational drug use and general sub-



Actor Zach Braff, star of the NBC comedy series "Scrubs" and writer, director and star of the new movie

"Garden State," answers a question at the Baird Community Center in his hometown of South Orange, N.J.

urban angst, including a chillingly matter-of-fact conversation about which high school friends had committed suicide.

"That was my own experience, coming home and hearing who had killed themselves and being upset by it," Braff said. "It's just horrifying in a way, and I think it really shocked me, so that's why I wrote about it."

Braff is serious and studious throughout the interview, a marked contrast from his goofy "Scrubs" persona. He rarely cracks jokes or even smiles, in part because he was weary after a month on the road promoting the movie. But it's also because he takes filmmaking very seriously.

Braff is the rare sitcom star whose first love isn't performing or making people laugh. Although he's had little trouble finding work as an actor his first movie was 1993's "Manhattan Murder Mystery," in which he played Woody Allen and Diane Keaton's teenage son — directing was always his goal.

After graduating from Northwestern University's film school in 1997, Braff moved to New York and got a part in a New York Public Theater production of "Macbeth." But he was forced to do grunt work on music videos and commercials to support himself.

He moved to Los Angeles, living in apartments much like the one Large lives in at the beginning of the movie — undecorated, with hardly any furniture and a pile of scripts in the corner of the bedroom. He worked in a few independent films but wasn't able to make a living until he landed "Scrubs" in 2001.

But after quitting his job waiting tables, he found out it would be four months before the "Scrubs" pilot was shot. So he spent the downtime writing the first draft of "Garden

Although he had just gotten his big break, the script was informed by the depression and frustration of life as a struggling actor. He sums up his feelings about the soullessness of Hollywood in a scene set at a Vietnamese restaurant, where Large waits on a snide film-industry type and four vapid beauties who order "Ketel Red Bulls" and become livid when they find out the restaurant

doesn't serve bread.

Braff said the scene was taken verbatim from his own conversations with customers. "They want to know what celebrities were there and what drinks the celebrities drank. It's always specialty cocktails. And I'd pick the most expensive one and say, 'You know, Beyonce loves the Mai Tai."

Large walks around in a haze, reacting to news of his mother's death by falling asleep. That's because his father has prescribed him lithium along with a host of antidepressants. He leaves the drugs in L.A., however, when he goes home for the first time in nearly a decade.

This is where "Garden State" strays furthest from Braff's own experience — he's not medicated and says he has a great relationship with his parents, who have both divorced and remarried. But he thinks it speaks to his generation.

"Every other person I meet is on some sort of medication," Braff said. "Being a 20-something in 2004, it's not hard to find.

#### **TV BRIEFS**

#### **Schwarzenegger returns** to 'Tonight Show

There's an "I'll be back" joke in here somewhere: California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will appear on NBC's "Tonight Show" Friday, a year after announcing his candidacy to Jay Leno.

The governor's return to Leno's couch isn't exactly a surprise. In fact, he's been on the show twice since August 2003 once after winning the governorship in the recall election that ousted then-Gov. Gray Davis and once in March.

Friday's appearance will mark a year since his entry into politics. Schwarzenegger is coming off signing his first state budget (several weeks after the constitutional deadline, not unlike his predecessors) and continues to be popular among the state's voters.

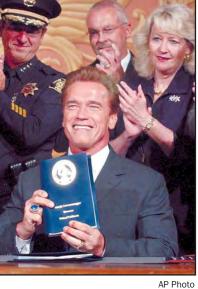
Whether he'll use "The Tonight Show" as a platform for some new campaign — he has made rumblings about backing a voter initiative to make the state Legislature part-time — remains to be seen.

Whatever Schwarzenegger has to say Friday, it likely won't be as big a surprise as his announcement a year ago. At the time, most observers expected him to tell Leno and the TV audience that he wasn't going to run in the recall election, instead deferring to former L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan.

That, of course, turned out not to be the case, and the rest is, as they say, history.

#### **Family-friendly TV group** pans 'Everwood' It's not much of a surprise that

"Joan of Arcadia" tops the Parents Television Council's list of the most family-friendly TV series. The watchdog group's pick at the opposite end of the spectrum, however, might raise a few



State and local officials applaud as California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger holds up the signed California state budget. The governor announced he will return to "The Tonight Show."

eyebrows.

The PTC, in its annual rankings of the best and worst shows on television for families, puts The WB's family drama "Everwood" at the top of the "worst" list. The group says the list "does not examine artistic quality"; the rankings are based on incidents of violence, sex (including innuendo) and profanity in a given show. "Everwood" tops the worst list

primarily for its "careless and irresponsible treatment of sexual issues," but it also loses points for being sneaky. The show "gives every appearance of being a family drama, but it's nothing of the kind,' the group says. "... 'Everwood's' reckless messages about sex without consequences are expressly targeted to impressionable teens."

The Emmy-nominated "Joan of Arcadia," on the other hand, earns PTC kudos as "the best new show of the 2003-04 season" and "one of television's most pro-family shows." The council also notes that while Joan (Amber Tamblyn) speaks to God on a regular basis and follows instructions given to her by the Almighty, her reward comes in seeing how what she does affects others, not in material terms.

Other shows on the best list include PAX's "Doc" and "Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye," CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond" and two reality shows — "American Idol" and "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." Repeat offenders on the worst list include "CSI" and "Will & Grace"; they're joined by newcomers "Cold Case," "Two and a Half Men" and "Las Vegas."

#### **HBO** enamored with 'Big Love'

"Big Love," a drama series about a polygamist and his three wives, has made it official with HBO.

The pay-cable network has ordered 11 episodes (including the pilot) of the series, from creators Will Scheffer ("In the Gloaming") and Mark Olsen. It's expected to premiere sometime in 2005, the Hollywood trade papers report.

Bill Paxton ("A Simple Plan," 'Thunderbirds'') will star in "Big Love" as a Utah man who practices polygamy. Jeanne Tripplehorn ("Sliding Doors," "The Firm"), Chloe Sevigny ("Shattered Glass") and Ginnifer Goodwin ("Ed," "Mona Lisa Smile") play his wives.

Bruce Dern ("Monster"), Harry Dean Stanton ("Pretty in Pink," 'Repo Man'') and Grace Zabriskie ("Twin Peaks") have also joined the cast. Scheffer and Olsen, who pro-

duced the 2002 independent film "Easter" — based on Scheffer's play of the same name — are serving as executive producers along with Tom Hanks and Gary Goetzman.

Rodrigo Garcia ("Six Feet Under," "Carnivale") directed the pilot.

#### TNT flies to 'Moon' in fall miniseries

The sprawling miniseries "From the Earth to the Moon" will make its commercial-television debut on TNT later this year.

Produced with NASA's cooperation, "From the Earth to the Moon" first aired on HBO in 1998. It was nominated for 17 Emmys and won three, including the trophy for outstanding miniseries.

"From the Earth to the Moon' set a new standard for television miniseries, thanks to its unprecedented quality of production, writing, directing and cast," says TNT's head of programming, Ken Schwab. "It set the stage for how many miniseries are being produced today."

The 12-hour miniseries tracked the history of the space program from the early Mercury and Gemini missions through the Apollo 11 moon landing and into the 1970s. Tim Daly, Kevin Pollak, Rita Wilson, Mark Harmon and Elizabeth Perkins were part of the huge cast, and Graham Yost ("Boomtown"), Sally Field, Jonathan Mostow ("Terminator 3") and Tom Hanks, who was also an executive producer, all directed episodes.

TNT will air the miniseries in several blocks. The first two episodes will debut at 9 p.m. Oct. 1, with episodes three through seven running the next day, beginning at 5 p.m. All 12 episodes will run Oct. 3, and episodes eight through 12 will air again on Oct. 9.

"From the Earth to the Moon" is the second HBO miniseries to make its way to ad-supported TV this year. The History Channel aired the World War II epic "Band of Brothers" in the spring.

#### Falco healthy after breast cancer treatment

NEW YORK (AP) — "Sopranos" star Edie Falco was diagnosed last year with breast cancer, but has completed her treatment and is healthy, a representative for the 41-year-old actress told The Associated Press.

Falco worked on the HBO show during her treatment, but her representative wouldn't comment Wednesday on whether she under-

went chemotherapy or surgery.

She will soon begin rehearsals for Marsha Norman's Pulitzer Prizewinning play, "'night, Mother," also starring Brenda Blethyn, which will open on Broadway in November.

Falco has won three Emmy Awards for her role as mob wife Carmela Soprano on "The Sopra-



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## Morgantown grad plans live Webcast of his N.Y. trio

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#### **BY MICHELLE WOLFORD**

The Dominion Post

When Billy Atwell left Morgantown in 1988, it was to play drums with a punk band. Sixteen years later, the multiinstrumentalist is composing music for off-Broadway productions, films and choreogra-

And he's got something new up his sleeve.

Atwell, a 1984 Morgantown High graduate, will launch his latest musical endeavor Aug. 11 with a live Internet broadcast of his new improvisational band's first performance.

What kind of music can we expect to hear from Atwell's new band, Blanche Mayhem?

"It's hard to describe something so open-ended you don't know what will happen.' Atwell likened it to creating cells for experimentation, or "watching a paisley-colored sand dune shift." Anything can happen in his music.

Followers of the Morgantown music scene may remember Atwell best for his work in Th' Inbred, a local punk band that signed to Toxic Shock Records and did two U.S. tours. He also played drums with Dyslexic Artsehcro and guitar with Shank, Swing and the Divots.

He's toured Europe twice, once as a member of El Paso's The Rhythm Pigs and later, after only two days to rehearse, with New York's False Prophets.

After realizing that band's 15 minutes of fame had come and gone, Atwell auditioned for and was hired by another New York band, Shirley Temple of Doom. Until recently, he continued to work as their drummer — but that's not all he was doing.

In 2000, according to Atwell, "I got to do 'Hair,' drumming with an ensemble for a production at Third Eye Repertory.' He also performed for an off-

Broadway revival of "Godspell." Atwell composed a piece for a choreographer from the Julliard School who performed at New York's Lincoln Center. And he was in good company — other composers featured included John Zorn, Phillip

Glass, the Kodo Drummers and the Kronos Quartet. "I've kind of arrived at the

point where the concept of a band is not really going to work. Unfortunately, I have too many ideas and too much eclecticism in my taste to put together a band. Therefore I am pursuing mediums that will allow me to be satisfied creatively and professionally. This would include film scoring — "Secrets of Red Gate," a film about UFOs that's being pitched to the Sci-Fi Channel, and scoring for theater — in December I did a production of "The

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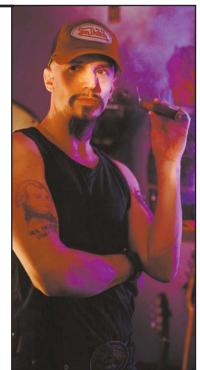
will play at 8 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Wetzel

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formance are free with fair admission.

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Billy Atwell

Scarlet Letter."

And now? "I'm circumventing the music industry and the record industry by releasing my own material as Weed files," Atwell said.

Weed files are Windows media audio, available only to

"The artist sets the price of the track anywhere from a quarter to a buck," Atwell said. The user can download and play the song three times with the option to buy it on the fourth listen.

'There's also an incentive to file share with one's friends it's something like 15 cents, I think, and it gets smaller further down the food chain," he said.

"I now have the opportunity to write it in the morning and sell it online in the afternoon." An Atwell composition titled

"Needle Point" is now the No. 1 download of that service (www.sharenewyork.com).

"It appears I have somehow edged out the likes of Peter Tosh, Heart and Sir Mix-A-Lot for Weed downloads."

And on Aug. 11, Atwell will premiere Blanche Mayhem Trio for anyone who will log on and listen. The trio features Matthew Volpe, also formerly of Shirley Temple of Doom, on bass, guitarist Howard Harrison and Atwell, who will play "primarily drum kit and assorted percussion, lap steel guitar and didgeridoo.'

"Essentially I'll have a mic and an amp," Atwell said.

"I'll use various echoes and signal processing. I'll be working with shadows and light in terms of audio."

To listen in on the band's opening salvo, log on to www.strangebrew.com.

Atwell next project is an independent film, "Chemical Valley 1986." Atwell will write the film score, which will also include some tracks from Morgantown's seminal hard-core punk band, Th' Inbred.

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## Hutchens, Matheny combine talents Saturday

BY MICHELLE WOLFORD

The Dominion Post William Hutchens and Billy Matheny are unlikely collaborators.

Hutchens, 50, a local attorney, has children older than Matheny, who turns 20 next week. But the two songwriters have found enough musical common ground for a second performance Saturday at The Blue Moose Cafe.

The two played together in the spring, to a capacity crowd.

"Our May show went very well," Hutchens said. "Billy and I thought enough time had passed and it would be time to do it again. Billy'll do a short warm-up set and then we'll do a longer set of my material — some new stuff people haven't heard before."

"I've had a lot of fun with it," Hutchens said of playing with Matheny. "I think there's a real energy in our collaboration."

Hutchens' songs are unusual clearly outside the box where lyrics and rhythms are concerned.

"Musicians I've tried to play with said I have unusual structures and rhythms. They've had trouble getting into them to play them but Billy was really interested in playing my songs."

"We've collaborated on arrangements and it's been great. He's convinced me these songs will work in a bigger setting — which is my ultimate goal, to get a band together," Hutchens said.

"Billy and I have connected in a unique way musically. We play well together and it's easy for us to play together. Also, he's truly interested in my songs. He's very open and will tell me suggested changes in arrangements and they really fit. The arrangements he hears in his head ... sometimes it's uncanny how well they fit with my own vision."

Parkersburg singer-songwriter Todd Burge calls Hutchens "a real original.'

To me the most interesting songwriters are the ones who are selftaught," Burge said. "And the things he writes — every line is breaking the rules musically and lyrically.

"His songs have strange imagery. It reminds me of Townes Van Zandt in some ways," he said, "though his characters are even more strange. William's characters, sometimes you don't want to relate to them.

"He's not a one-listen writer. I find him more interesting than most people I listen to," Burge said.

Though Hutchens can't pinpoint any primary musical influences, he quickly names his biggest supporter: His younger brother, songwriter Daniel Hutchens.

"He lives in Athens, Ga., and has a band called Bloodkin. He has a catalog of over 600 songs and he's always encouraged me. He's an amazing songwriter.'

Daniel Hutchens has played with Mo Tucker, former drummer for the Velvet Underground. Widespread Panic had a hit "Can't Get High," a song the younger Hutchens co-wrote.

"My music is purely created out of intuitive inspiration," Hutchens said. "I truly just make it up," the selftaught guitar player said.

"Sometimes I make up chords. I come up with things out of my own

"I'm really trying to write songs that do not sound like other people and don't sound like songs I've written before. I'm just trying to let it flow and not interfere with that flow. I let the creation have its own head," he

Jim Truman, a Morgantown musician and comedian who has toured extensively, is impressed with Hutchens.

"Unlike your typical 'formula' songwriter, William is out there on the edge and he's amassed quite a catalog of songs over the years," Tru-

"The night William and Billy played The Blue Moose, the place was packed and they honestly got one of the best responses from an audience I've seen there," Truman

"They are both gifted writers and performers. Together, they are a powerhouse.

"The first time I heard Billy was a few years ago. He looked like he was in sixth grade and played like Keith Richards. He's only gotten better since then and adds so much color to William's songs.'

Matheny, too, admires Hutchens and his work.

"William is a really brilliant guy who writes really great, quirky, esoteric songs," Matheny said.

"His stuff is probably more new wave than folk. It's certainly not the kind of music you would expect to hear from an attorney, but he's a real renaissance man."

"He's a nondenominational pastor, builds bicycles, repairs foreign cars and is an excellent songwriter. I wouldn't be surprised to find out that he's a superhero as well," Math-

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Blly Matheny and William Hutchens will play Saturday at The Blue Moose Cafe. Hutchens is a local attorney.

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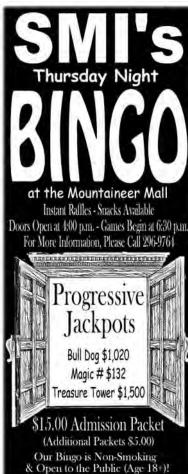
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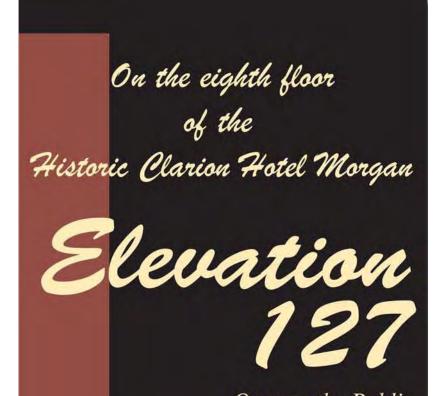








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NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ANAS WATHIO ABOUL-RAZZAO by his Father and next friend WATHIQ ABOUL-RAZZAQ YUSIF WATHIQ RAZZAQ

Please take notice that on the 24th day of August, 2004, at 9:15 a.m., in Monongalia County, Morgantown, West Virginia before Judge Russell M. Clawges, by his Father and next friend Wathiq Aboul-Razzaq will apply to said Circuit Court for permission to legally change his name to Yusif Wathiq Razzaq and shall further request an Order be entered by said Court legally changing his name as such.

Any person having any objection(s) to said change of name shall herefore appear at the time, place and date aforesaid and make his/her objection(s) known.

Anas Wathiq Aboul-Razzaq by his Father and next fiend Wathiq Aboul-Razzaq

008699 August 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

(Tariff Form No. 8-C) NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. dba Dominion Hope, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Raleigh, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2004, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$35.1 million annually in additional revenue, and increase of 26%. The average monthly bill for the various classes os customers will be changed as follows:

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Resale customers of Dominion Hope include Stanford Gas, Consumers Gas Utility Co., Wyoming Natural Gas, Inc., Lumber-port-Shinnston Gas, East Resources, Inc., Mountaineer Gas Co., Southern Public Service Co., Man Gas Co., Blacksville Oil & Gas Co., Tawney Gas Services, Inc., Allegheny Energy Services, and Equitable Gas Co.

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The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class, each class may receive an increase of decrease greater of less than stated here. Individual customers may received increases that are greater or less than averages of the requested increased rates and charges ers may received increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well ad a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Clarksburg office of the Company, Dominion Hope, 500 Davisson Run Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary at the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All protests and interventions should be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323, with copies to Susan G. George, Managing Counsel, Dominion Hope, Post Office Box 2868, Clarksburg, WV 26302-2868 and E. Dandridge McDonald, P.O. Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for

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#### LEGAL NOTICE OF WVU BUSINESS SERVICES AUCTION Moore's Auction Barn Friday August 6, 2004 6:00 PM REQUEST FOR BIDS #90001029 P

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West Virginia University, on behalf of its Board of Governors, invites qualified Firms to submit a Bid to provide all labor, material, equipment, supplies, and services for the Cantilevered Sidewalk Repair at the West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Vanity; Beds; Gun Cabinet; TV's; Entertainment Center; Hutch; Office Chair; Shelves; Filing Cabinet; Glassware; Knick Knacks; Games; Toys; Tools; Well Pump; Fax Ma-chine; Lawn Rack; Truck Wheels, 1 Ton Health Sciences Center. All work shall be in accordance with the Plans and Specifica-

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Alpha Associates, Incorporated 209 Prairie Avenue Morgantown, WV 26501-5949 Phone: (304)296-8216 Fax: (304)296-8245

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting will be held: 10:00 am; August 19, 2004; at John E. Jones Conference Center, Room B, Robert C. Byrd Health Science Center, Morgantown, WV. All Bidders MUST attend the Pre-Bid Meeting. Should any Bidder fail to attend, their Bid will be disqualified.

Sealed bids will be received by WVU Business SErvices Department, until: 3:00 PM, August 26, 2004.

No bids will be considered unless submitted on forms prescribed by WVU Business Services. Bid forms available upon application at West Virginia University; Business SErvices; One Waterfront Place / PO Box 6024; Morgantown, WV 26506-6024, Phone (304)293-5711.

Betty Fox, Interim Chief Procurement Officer

July 15, 22, 29, August 5

Notice is hereby given that Shafer Brothers Construction, Inc., 668 Lower Hildebrand Road, Morgantown, WV 26501 has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) located at 105 South Railroad Street, Suite 301, Phillippi, WV 26416 for an Article 3 permit for the surface disturbance of approximately 47.0 acres in order to Surface Mine in the Waynesburg seam of coal. The proposed operation is discharging into Unnamed Tributary of Indian Creek of Indian Creek of Monongahela River and Little Indian Creek of Indian Creek of Monongahela River and is located 1.0 miles Northeast of Everettsville in Grant District of Monongalia County, Longitude 80° 04' 30" and Latitude 39° 24' 29" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

A change in land use from forestland (pre-mining) to pastureland (post-mining) is proposed.

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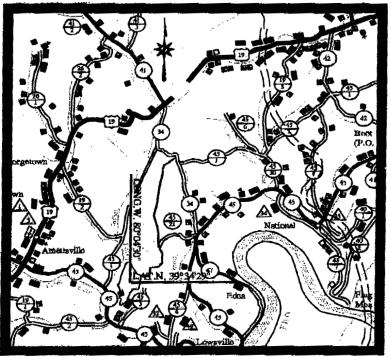
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DEP Telephone No. (304) 457-3219 Permit No. **S-2004-04** 

#### LOCATION MAP



SCALE: 1'' = 1 MILE

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Permit No. S- 2004 - 04 RIVESVILLE, WV 7.5' U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE

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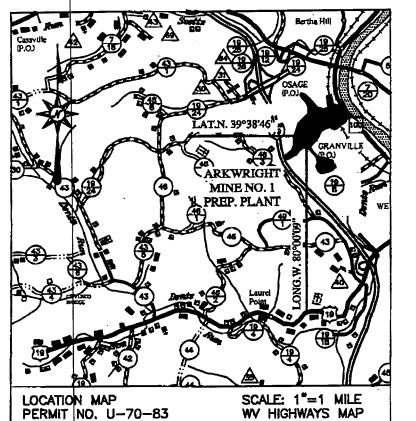
August 5, 12, 19, 26 **ADVERTISEMENT** 

Notice is hereby given that Consolidation Coal Company, P.O. Box 100, Osage, WV 26543 has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 10 McJunkin Road, Nitro, WV 25143 for a significant permit revision to Article 3 permit number U-70-83 in order to change the post mining land use for a portion of the permit area from Forestland to Light Industrial and commercial Services.

The revised permit will discharge into **Unnamed Tributary of Dents Run of Dents Run of the Monongahela River** and is located 0.25 (miles), **west of Granville** in the **Grant** District of **Monongalia** County, Longitude **80° 00' 09"** and Latitude **39° 38' 46"** (Coordinates form USGS Topographic Map).

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the surface mining application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until **September 25, 2004**, or thirty (30) days from date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until **September 25, 2004**, or thirty (30) days from date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above AND in the **Monongalia** County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219 Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.3(b)(2) Permit No. U-70-83, Rev. 21



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS MORGANTOWN CLAY STREET - WHARF DISTRICT STREETSCAPE PROJECT CITY OF MORGANTOWN BID CALL 2004-13

The City of Morgantown will receive separate sealed bids for construction of new streetscape improvements along Clay Street in the Wharf District. Bids for furnishing labor and mate-Street in the Wharf District. Bids for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Advertisement for Bids, Form and Proposal, Information for Bidders, General Conditions, Supplement General Conditions, Detailed Specifications and Plans prepared by Hornor Brothers Engineers will be received by the City of Morgantown, at the office of the Finance Director in the City Municipal Building at 389 Spruce Street, Morgantown, West Virginia until 2:00 p.m., August 31, 2004. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions of this project will be publicly opened and read aloud. and read aloud

The project consists of the demolition of existing sidewalks construction of new concrete sidewalks, curbs, brick pavers, planters and electrical work associated with new street lighting. The project area lies along Clay Street between Wharf Street and Donley Street in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The contract and bid documents may be examined at the fol-

City of Morgantown City of Worgantown C'ty Engineer's Office 389 Spruce Street Morgantown, WV 26505 (304) 284-7412 Hornor Brothers Engineers c/o Tom Corathers 140 South Third Street Clarksburg, WV 26301 (304) 624-6445

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Copies of the construction plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of Hornor Brothers Engineers located at 140 South Third Street, Post Office Box 386, Clarksburg, WV 26301 upon a nonrefundable payment of \$100.00 for each set. Only complete sets will be issued. Contract documents will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

Each Bidder must submit, along with the bid forms, a Bid Bond equal to five percent (5%) of the bid to guarantee the Bidder's entrance into a contract if given the award. The Bid Bond may be in the form of a certified or cashier's check, or surety bond properly secured. The Bid Bond will be retained by the City and returned upon the contract award and execution of the construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder. No Bid shall be waived or returned because the Bidder failed to, or could not comply with, any requirement as set forth in the plans, specifications, or any applicable statutes of the United States, the State of West Virginia or local ordinances. The Bidder awarded the contract must provide both a surety performance. der awarded the contract must provide both a surety performance bond and payment bond equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid.

Any contractor submitted a Bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, acknowledges that he/she has a license and meets all the qualifications required by the statutes of the State and subdivision in which the work is to be performed.

A mandatory Pre-bid conference will be held at the City Municipal Building at 389 Spruce Street, 10:00 a.m., August 17, 2004. Failure to attend the Pre-Bid conference will result in bid disqualification. Contractors may also visit the project site on their own or by scheduling a time and ate with the engineer prior to the bid opening.

Bids must be clearly marked "Bid Call 2004-13, City of Morgantown, Clay Street-Wharf District Streetscape Project" and must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., August 31, 2004 by the Finance Director for the City of Morgantown. Bids received after the scheduled closing time will be returned to the bidders. returned unopened to the bidders.

Publish Dates: 8/05/04

Wages for Public Improvement

1) Construction time limit is 253 days with liquidated damages at \$300.00 per day.

2) A bidder may not modify or withdraw his/her for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids. 3) Bidders must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Works Hour Safety Standards Act and WV Act on

The City of Morgantown reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any Bid informalities

City of Morgantown Dan Boroff City Manager

#### 008714 August 5 LEGAL NOTICE OF WVU BUSINESS SERVICES REQUEST FOR BIDS #90001030 P

West Virginia University, on behalf of its Board of Governors, invites qualified Firms to submit a Bid to provide all labor, material, equipment, supplies, and services for renovations to the 7th floor of the Chestnut Ridge Research Building, located on the Evansdale Campus, Morgantown WV.

All work shall be in accordance with the Plans and Specifications obtained from:

Alpha Associates, Incorporated 209 Prairie Avenue Morgantown, W 26501-5949 Phone: (304)296-8216

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting will be held: 10:00 am; August 17, 2004; at Chestnut Ridge Research Building; 7th Floor; Morantown, WV. All bidders MUST attend the Pre-Bid Meeting. Should any Bidder fail to attend, their Bid will be disqualified.

Sealed bids will be received by WVU Business Services Department, until: 3:00 PM, August 31, 2004.

No bids will be considered unless submitted on forms prescribed by WVU Business Services. Bid forms available upon application at West Virginia University; Business Services; One Waterfront Place / PO Box 6024; Morgantown, WV 26506-6024, Phone (304)293-5711.

Betty Fox, Interim Chief Procurement Officer

August 5 LEGAL NOTICE OF WVU BUSINESS SERVICES REQUEST FOR BIDS #90001028 P

West Virginia University, on behalf of its Board of Governors, invites qualified Firms to submit a Bid to provide all labor, material, equipment, supplies, and services for the Demolition and Roofing of the Greenhouse Area at the West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center.

All work shall be in accordance with the Plans and Specifications obtained from: Alpha Associates, Incorporated 209 Prairie Avenue Morgantown, WV 26501-5949 Phone: (304)296-8216

Fax: (304)296-8245 A MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting will be held: 10:00 am; August 17, 2004; at John E. Jones Conference Center, Room B, Robert C. Byrd Health Science Center, Morgantown, WV. All Bidders MUST attend the Pre-Bid Meeting. Should any Bidder fail to attend, their Bid will be disqualified.

Sealed bids will be received by WVU Business SErvices Department, until:  $3:00\ PM$ , August  $24,\ 2004$ .

No bids will be considered unless submitted on forms prescribed by WVU Business Services. Bid forms available upon application at West Virginia University; Business SErvices; One Waterfront Place / PO Box 6024; Morgantown, WV 26506-6024, Phone (304)293-5711.

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Permit Notice Date: August 5, 2004

GENERAL WY/NPDES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT FOR CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFOS)

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

The Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM) is proposing to issue a Genera WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit to regulate CAFOs. The General Permit will authorize the operation and maintenance of concentrated animal feeding operations with the allowance to discharge into waters of the State only under tightly prescribed circumstances. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5) year term.

Described below are some important aspects of the CAFO General Permit Program.

1. There are estimated to be about 30 existing facilities in West Virginia that are or will be eligible for regulation under this general permit.

2. The General WV/NPDES Permit issued to CAFOs will cover the production areas (including the confinement, storage, and handling areas) as well as the land application activities under the control of the permitted CAFO owner/operator.

3. All eligible existing facilities will be required to complete the general permit registration procedures before receiving coverage under this permit. The DWWM will approve and authorize general permit registration procedures before receiving coverage under this permit.

4. Proposed CAFOs are also eligible for general permit coverage. However, each proposed CAFO shall meet the public notice and public comment requirements prior to gaining coverage under the general permit. The DWWM shall authorize general permit coverage.

5. Operations defined as CAFOs as of 14 April 2003 and that were not defined as CAFOs prior to that date must apply for coverage under this general permit on or before 13 April 2006. Proposed new CAFOs must apply for coverage at least 180 days prior to the commencement of CAFO operations.

6. The Director of the DWWM retains authority to require any owner/operator to apply for and obtain an individual CAFO permit. This authority will be exercised when the Director determines that the receiving water will be better protected by such individual permit.

The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet may be inspected by appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management, Public Information Office, 414 Summers Street, Second Floor, Charleston, WV 25301. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost.

Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Dea (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 558-2751. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any interested persons may submit written comments on the Draft Permit. comments will be accepted for a 60-day period from August 5, 2004 until October 4, 2004. The should be addressed to:

Division of Water and Waste Management 1356 Hansford Street Charleston, WV 25301 Attention: Anne Howell, Public Information Office

All comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the Draf Permit. Additionally, public hearings are being held on this draft general permit. All interested parties are now being notified of such planned public hearing(s).

The public hearings are being scheduled in the following locations where the agency feels the majority of CAFOs eligible for general permit coverage are projected to be located.

City Franklin Martinsburg Moorefield Wheeling Morgantown Pt. Pleasant Pt. Pleasant Lewisburg	Specific Location Franklin Community Building James Rumsey Technical Center Hardy County Library Ohio County Public Library WVU Ag. Science Bldg. Rm. 1001 WV Farm Museum WV Farm Museum WV School of Osteopathic Medicine	Sept. 13 Sept. 14 Sept. 16 Sept. 20 Sept. 21 Sept. 23 Sept. 23 Sept. 27	Fime 6p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6p.m. 6p.m. 6p.m. 6p.m. 6p.m. 6p.m.

Any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit however, reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements, and the submission of statements in writing may be required. A tape recording or written transcript of the hearing(s) shall be made available to the public, upon request.

If information received during the public comment period appears to raise substantial new

#### August 4, 11

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Monongalia County Clerk's Office at 243 High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file notice of an objection with the county commission within ninety days after the date of the first publication or within thirty days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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Claims against the estate(s) must be filed in accordance with the West Virginia Code 44-2-2.

#### Estate Name: Mary Louise Hann File Number: 2.040

Personal Representative Name: Personal Representative Address: Ronald Edward Richardson P.O. Box 4242 Fiduciary Commissioner Name: Fiduciary Commissioner Address:

Morgantown, WV 26504 George Armistead P.O. Box 835 Morgantown, WV 26507-0835

#### Estate Name: Virgil Elwood Sine File Number: 2,051

Debra Dezzutti 1107 Bakers Ridge Road Morgantown, WV 26508 Personal Representative Name: Personal Representative Address Fiduciary Commissioner Name: Fiduciary Commissioner Address: George Armistead P.O. Box 835 Morgantown, WV 26507-0835

#### File Number: 2.068 Estate Name: Carolyn R. Frame

Personal Representative Name: Personal Representative Address Fiduciary Commissioner Name: Fiduciary Commissioner Address:

William Frame 151 Walnut Street Morgantown, WV 26505 Lynne C. Crane 181 Walnut St. Morgantown, WV 26505

#### File Number: 2,108 Estate Name: Stanley Edward Romanoski

Personal Representative Name: Personal Representative Address Personal Representative Name: Personal Representative Address

Fiduciary Commissioner Name: Fiduciary Commissioner Address:

Stanley Romanoski Route 3, Box 383 Ona, WV 25545 Thomas Romanoski 2303 Blue Water Bay Drive Katy, TX 77494 George Armistead P.O. Box 835 Morgantown, WV 26507-0835

Dated this 30th day of July, 2004

Michael A. Oliverio Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County

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August 5, 12

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that I, Joseph C. Bartolo, Sheriff of Monongalia County or an authorized agent of the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department will sale at public auction on the 18th day of August, 2004, at 1:00 pm. The following items located at: 2 SAYLOR ROAD, MORGANTOWN, WV 26501.

1 - BRI-MAR BLACK TRAILER, DUEL AXEL DUMP TYPE WY REG #C72-946 SER# 43YDC10212C012253

1 - BRI-MAR BLACK TRAILER, DUEL AXEL DUMP TYPE WV REG #C72-944SER# 43YDC102X2C012252

V. DAWN BUZZO VS. BURCH ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION, INC. TERMS OF SALE CASH

Witness this 26 day of JULY, 2004.

Joseph C. Bartolo Sheriff of Monongalia County Morgantown, WV 26505

#### **Dr. Gott**

Physician clarifies the mysteries of cholesterol.

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## New rules force hospital to scrap rehab program

#### Davis Memorial in Elkins drops cardiac program in wake of strict medicare regulations

#### **BY GARY GRAY**

The Dominion Post

Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins has closed its cardiac rehabilitation program, citing financial concerns and its inability to meet stricter Medicare standards.

The new standards will not affect West Virginia United Health System, which is comprised of WVU Hospitals and the new \$265 million United Hospital Center that will replace the existing facility in Clarksburg.

"Let me say that I think the problems hospitals are facing are real," said Tom Jones, West Virginia United Health System CEO. "But fortunately, our facilities are financial-

ly stable. We have no intention of closing those programs down."

Administrators at Davis and hospitals in Jackson, Mercer and Raleigh counties say they cannot meet the new standards for the programs, which help cardiac patients recover by exercising.

"Were these tough decisions? Yes, they were," said Mark Doak, Davis Health System CEO. "They're very difficult."

Ed Haver, who runs cardiac rehabilitation at Charleston Area Medical Center, said he blamed the programs' downfall on the interpretation of federal rules by a Wisconsin company that processes Medicare claims for hospitals in West Virginia and several other states.

Medicare's rules call for "direct supervision" by a doctor while cardiac patients are exercising. They don't require a doctor to be in the same room as long as he or she is "immediately available" in an emer-

But in March, Milwaukee's United Government Services advised hospitals to have doctors supervise rehabilitation patients more closely after the U.S. Office of the Inspector General reported problems at some hospitals.

Administrators at the four hospitals say they could face federal fines or be shut down if they fail to meet the new standards.

"Again, we're fortunate, in that we can afford to meet the standards set down," Jones said.

West Virginia University Hospitals has received state approval to expand its inpatient beds, ICU beds and operating rooms to meet a growing need for services.

Ruby Memorial Hospital is in the process of an \$80 million addition. The new United Hospital Center will include fewer inpatient beds, but expanded outpatient diagnostics and treatment facilities.

The West Virginia United Health System employs about 5,000 people statewide and is the second largest employer in the state behind Wal-

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS contributed to this

### Preston officials push for employee pay raises

#### Also eye upgrading voting scanner with \$390K in unused funds

#### **BY KATHY PLUM**

The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — Elected officials are asking the Preston County Commission to use some of the \$390,071 in carryover from the 2003-2004 fis-

cal year to give employee raises. Carryover is money left from the last fiscal year that wasn't spent and isn't encumbered.

County Clerk Nancy Reckart, whose office does the county's bookkeeping, presented the carryover figures to commissioners Wednesday and asked them to consider funding three items from it:

■ Minimum raises of \$1,000 per year for 67 full-time and three parttime county employees — basically all who do not work in the Office of Emergency Management and 911. Those employees already

received raises this year. A \$1,000 increase would cost the county a total of \$81,465 annually, with benefits. Raises of \$1,200 would cost a total of \$97,829 annually.

■ Upgrade the voting scanner so it can read electronic votes as well as paper ballots, at a cost of \$30,000-\$40,000.

■ Switch from microfilming to digital backups of records, such as property deeds, which are housed in the clerk's office. One estimate was

Commission President Darwin Wolfe said the carryover was larger than expected and told Circuit Clerk Betsy Castle he and fellow Commissioners Vicki Cole and Dave Price were considering "a small amount of a raise."

He noted employees lost money this fiscal year because their share of health insurance costs increased \$3.75 per month for single workers and \$7.98 monthly for those with

"It's not right," Reckart said. "It's not fair that certain employees have not been provided raises when county commission employees have.

OEM and 911 workers are commission employees. In June, commissioners agreed to give them raises of \$1,200-\$3,000 per year, using 911 fees paid by cell phone users. OEM/911 Director Duane Hamilton cited the costs of training dispatchers and increased professionalism in the department.

On June 22, Assessor Terri Funk told commissioners her employees have more specialized training. Funk said she was giving raises of up to \$3,900 per year and putting them on a 40-hour work week, versus the 35 hours worked by most courthouse employees.

On Wednesday, commissioners sent Funk a letter telling her state code mandated she live within her budget.

Commissioners will discuss the carryover when they meet Aug. 16. They will not meet next week.

### Filling seats on grand jury not an easy task

**Associated Press** 

If you think serving on a grand jury is a thankless task, think of the people who have to round up the grand jurors.

Eight people were ordered to appear Tuesday in Charleston before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Stanley to explain why they failed to respond to a court summons requiring them to report for grand jury duty.

Stanley ruled that two of the eight had a valid excuse; of the remaining six, two were fined \$10 apiece and all were returned to the jury pool to be called for the next grand jury session, said Tabitha Jarrell, Stanley's courtroom deputy.

"If they hadn't appeared today, we would have sent a marshal for them," she said.

#### **BRIEFS**

#### Charity's 'miracle' campaign begins today

Local business and community leaders will join together at 11 a.m. today at BFS Foods on Pierpont Road in Morgantown to kick-off a campaign to raise funds for children suffering from disease and injury.

Gary Hatch of BFS Foods said, "Our store, in conjunction with our trade association, the West Virginia Oil Marketer and Grocers Association, will be selling 'miracle' balloons throughout the month of August to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network." Info: Jan Vineyard at 343-5500.

#### Open house to be held at Christian university

West Virginia Christian Uni-

versity will hold its annual open house from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, at its campus in Junior.

There will be live music, refreshments and enrollment discounts for the fall term, which begins Sept. 2.

Info and directions: 823-2911.

#### Army Band to pertorm today at HeathSOUTH

The 249th Army Band will perform a Patriotic Celebration today from 6-7 p.m. at the courtyard at HealthSOUTH Mountainview, Van Voorhis Road.

The 249th Army Band of the West Virginia Army National Guard is the only military band serving the state of West Virginia. It serves one weekend per month and performs throughout the region in support of military ceremonies, community programs, parades

and state government functions. The members have per-

formed for the Department of the Navy in Philadelphia and Kings Bay, Georgia, as well as for the department of the Army within West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The band's origin dates back to the turn of the century when it consisted of two bands, the 201st Infantry Band in Morgantown and the 150th Infantry Band in Bluefield.

In 1995, the 249th returned to Morgantown and is stationed on the Mileground. The band is made up of members from throughout the state. The members participate in a concert band, jazz ensemble, several small ensembles including brass choir, jazz quartet and percussion

rant Officer Four Thomas Goff. The unit Senior Enlisted Bandleader is First Sergeant David Toothman.

ensemble. The unit is under

the command of Chief War-

#### **Hospice Care Shops** need volunteers

The Hospice Care Thrift Shops are in need of volunteers to help sort clothing, price items and more. Proceeds from the non-profit business benefit the terminally-ill.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The shop is located at High Street across from Dairy Queen.

Info or to volunteer your time: Angie at 296-3933 or Ellen at 864-4010.

#### **August transit authority** meeting cancelled

There will be no meeting of the Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit Authority in the month of August. The next meeting of the Transit Authority will be Sept. 8.

#### **CALP** to have booth at garage sale Saturday

The CALP's (Citizens for Alternatives to Longview) will have a booth from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday at the United Way's World's Greatest Garage Sale at the parking garage at Spruce and Walnut streets.

Bargains include a laptop, furniture, clothing and more.

Info: www.nolongview.org or email, saynotolongview@ yahoo.com.

#### **DAILY REPORT**

#### **Monongalia County Magistrate Court Dispositions**

PALANZO, Ryan A., 19, of Braxton Tower, pleaded guilty to petty larceny, \$123.50 court fines and fees, one year unsupervised probation, July

McGILLIAN, Kylee A., 23, of Alderman Drive, pleaded no contest to DUI, \$298.50 court fines and fees, 24 hours jail term, July 30; Deputy Thomas.

WARNER, Charity D., 23, of Smithfield, Pa., pleaded guilty to speeding, \$133.50 court fines and fees, July 30; Deputy Thomas.

DYER, Adam C., 20, of Clarksburg, dismissed for improper plate, pleaded no contest to failure to stop/yield, \$144.25 court fines and fees, July 30; Sgt. Crouch.

MARTIN, David M., 23, of Star City, pleaded guilty to false pretenses, \$189.13 court fines and fees, July 27; Deputy Thomas.

LUPSE, John A., 35, of Dell-

slow, pleaded no contest to suspended/revoked license for DUI, \$223.50 court fines and fees, 6 months jail term, July 13; Ptlm. Hoefler.

GOMEZ, Helio J., 24, of Holbrook, Pa., found guilty for speeding, \$133.50 court

fines and fees, July 30:

Trooper Garrison. SATTERFIELD, Robert, 45, of Fairmont, pleaded no contest

to driving with a suspended/revoked license for DUI, \$223.50 court fines and fees, 6 months jail term, July 27; Officer Ammons.

BRADY, Robert D., 40, of Spruce Street, dismissed for domestic battery and domestic assault, July 28; Trooper Garrison.

WAGNER, Janis C., 42, of Morgantown, dismissed for public intoxication and failure to maintain control, pleaded no contest to obstructing an officer and driving with a suspended/revoked license

for DUI, \$460 court fines and fees, 6 months jail term, July 28; Trooper Goodnight. STEWART, Amy B., 25, of Mountain View School Road, pleaded guilty to domestic battery and obstructing an

officer, \$147 court fines and

fees, 30 days jail term, July

28; Trooper Hudson. VOLEK, Michael J., 24, of Uniontown, Pa., dismissed for illegally obtaining a credit card number, pleaded guilty to fraudulent use of a credit card number, \$223.50 court fines and fees, 12 months probation, July 28.

RYAN, Adam D., 22, of

Beechurst Avenue, dismissed for disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer, pleaded guilty to battery, \$323.50 court fines and fees, 6 months unsupervised probation, July 29; Sgt. Tucker.

#### **Morgantown Police Incidents**

**DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**, Republican Party headquarters had a window damaged on Spruce Street,

#### July 30. **DESTRUCTION OF**

**PROPERTY**, a vehicle window was damaged on Cobun Avenue, July 31.

**INFORMATION**, suspicious events regarding a juvenile's admission to Ruby Memorial hospital, July 31.

cal altercation occurred on Green Bag Road, July 31. MALICIOUS WOUNDING, an altercation among juveniles resulted in injuries on the

Decker's Creek Trail, July 28.

**DOMESTIC BATTERY**, a physi-

**DESTRUCTION OF PROPER-**TY, VANDALISM AND LAR-**CENY**, a residence on Falling Run Road was vandalized and several items were taken. July 29.

**BATTERY**, the victim was attacked by an unknown suspect on Forest Avenue, Aug. 1. WANTON ENDANGERMENT, person was wantonly waving

a weapon and discharged it on College Avenue, August 1. **DOMESTIC DISPUTE**, police responded to a domestic dispute on Pennsylvania Avenue,

Aug. 2. **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY**, two victim's were assaulted by three suspects on Cobun Avenue and their wallets were

taken, Aug. 1.

**DESTRUCTION OF PROPER-TY**, a light pole was broken on Aspen Street, Aug. 1. **PETTY LARCENY**, a purse was stolen from an establishment

**DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**, a vehicle was damaged on Beverly Avenue, Aug. 1.

on University Avenue, Aug. 1.

**PETTY LARCENY**, a solar light was taken from a residence on Ross Street, Aug. 1. LOST PROPERTY, a debit card

was lost on Walnut Street,

Aug. 1. **DESTRUCTION OF PROPER-TY**, two lights were broken on Aspen Street, Aug. 1.

**Arrests** 

**JUVENILE**, possession with the intent to deliver, Marilla Pool, July 25; Officer Balder-

SURBROOK, Kirsten, of Morgantown, battery, Spruce Street, July 29; Officer Carl. KEIR, William E., of Morgantown, driving with a suspended license, non-DUI

second offense, Green Bag Road, July 30; Officer Montague.

carrying a concealed weapon, Spruce Street, July 30; Officer Dalton. ROTH, Donald J., of Dellslow, public intoxication and inde-

**LEFEVERS**, Crystal, of Core,

Street, July 30; Officer Charl-BURGESS, Michael T., of Morgantown, DUI, Earl Core Road, July 30; Officer Schmi-

cent exposure, Chestnut

**DEVINCENT**, Joseph A., of Morgantown, obstructing an officer and furnishing alcohol to a person under 21, Spruce Street, July 31; Offi-

cer Ball. JUVENILE, of Morgantown, underage consumption and curfew violation, Spruce Street, July 31; Officer Wolfe.

**DIERINGER**, Olivia L., of Morgantown, DUI, University Avenue, July 30; Officer Ball. MONTERO, Laura M., of Weirton, shoplifting second offense, Patteson Drive, July

31; Officer Miranov. KRYANINKO, Timothy, of Morgantown, shoplifting, Patteson Drive, July 31; Officer

Dalton. JOHNSON, Hikee, of Landale, Pa., domestic battery, Grant Avenue, Aug. 1; Officer Ball.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## **Butter v.** margarine what next?

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Has the restriction against high levels of dietary cholesterol panned out? I'm confused about egg yolks, trans acids and cholesterol in general.

DEAR READER: Dietary restriction of cholesterol is considered to be a necessity. Cholesterol has been placed on a par with halitosis, old men who expose themselves, beriberi, and other unsavory threats to life and limb. Finding yourself with low blood cholesterol is akin to the same glee you might experience upon receiving an unexpected refund from the Internal Revenue Service. Naturally, doctors have adopted this philosophy: Foods such as animal fat, egg yolks and dairy products — all rich in cholesterol — are held in disrepute.

Many of us continue to feel guilty about eating butter. Eggs, yes; butter, no. Predictably, the food conglomerates make hay while the sun shines. They, with the help of wellmeaning doctors, are pushing margarine, in a huge glistening ball of unsaturated fat, at the public. If you like fat in your diet, have no fear.

By substituting clean, relatively unsaturated, air-blown, light, genuine vegetable oil margarine in place of nasty, thick, arteryclogging butter, you not only prevent arteriosclerosis, but might even reduce blood cholesterol.



Concerned consumers continue to glance sideways when eating butter; those of us who believe in the benefits of margarine proudly display our corn-oil containers on the dinner table.

Fortunately, like other "obvious" axioms in medicine, the cholesterol concerns may be due for some intensive, realistic scrutiny. Old Mother Nature's darned pendulum has begun to swing again. Researchers have discovered margarine may be no healthier than butter for the heart; in fact, it may cause more arteriosclerosis. It seems that the culprit is a pesky fatty acid, called trans acid, which is created during the manufacture of margarine. Trans acid appears — hold onto your hat — to

increase blood cholesterol levels. The final word is not yet in. Before you go berserk ordering eggs Benedict, remember that the average American diet undoubtedly contains too much fat. The use of margarine and the avoidance of whole milk products probably make a difference to the healthy consumer who wishes to guard against cholesterol deposits in the arteries.

Nonetheless, it's sobering to realize that despite our fancy medical theories, moderation appears likely to continue to be the key to good health.

## Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004

Although you are one who can successfully work independently of others, in the year ahead it would behoove you to team up with those who can offer what you can't.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Do not allow your innate leadership qualities to work against you today by taking charge when it isn't asked of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Usually you are a self-assured person, but today self-doubts could creep in and impede your progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Associates have always liked your personality. Why think today that affectations are needed to add glow to your image?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -Important objectives can be accomplished today, but they

will require a belief in yourself and the dedication to do so. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** - You could do well today in competitive games with friends, but

being a good sport is another

matter. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -When it comes to financial dealings or negotiations today, do not take anything for granted.

BY SCOTT ADAMS

#### **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -

You're especially good at sizing up situations for what they are, yet today there are indications that you might ignore your better judgment.

#### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -

The cycle you're in at this time offers you many opportunities to reap special advantages. However, today it's possible for you to suffer a reversal

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19) -

Whether you are aware of it or not, you will be the one who sets the example for your peers to follow today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Normally you are the type of person who has exacting opinions, but today you could be negatively influenced by some petty and gossipy talk.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** - Be extremely selective as to whom you take into your confidence and what you say about others today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Be particularly careful today when dealing with matters that could affect your career, ambitions or finances. There are some tricky workings going on that aren't easily discernable.

**MARMADUKE** 

#### **CROSSWORD**

12 Comfort

42 Taxi

BY BRAD ANDERSON

BY CATHY GUISEWITE

I THOUGHT IT WAS

NO YOU HAVEN'T! I'VE OWED YOU A CALL!

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#### **ACROSS**

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#### **DILBERT**

**PEANUTS** 

LINUS, WHAT

AM I GOING

TO DO?



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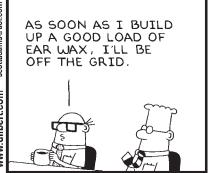
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THINK SHE'LL PULL THE

BALL AWAY? TELL ME I

CAN TRUST HER, LINUS.

AS SOON AS I BUILD UP A GOOD LOAD OF EAR WAX, I'LL BE OFF THE GRID.



BROWN! YOU'RE IN LOVE, AREN'T

YOU? 60 FOR IT! KICK THAT FOOTBALL, CHARLIE BROWN



BY CHARLES M.SCHULZ





**CATHY** 

HELLO ... ANDREA ?

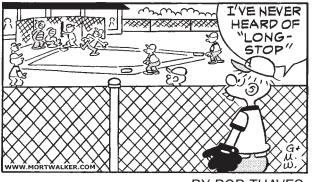
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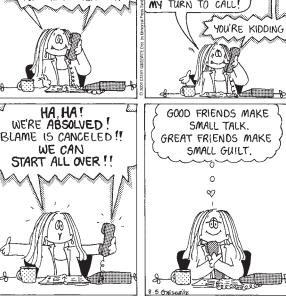




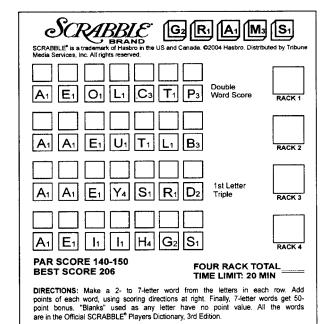


BY BOB THAVES





"Try telling him you hate cats."



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**FAMILY CIRCUS** 

BY BIL KEANE



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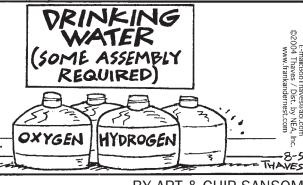
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BY ART & CHIP SANSOM













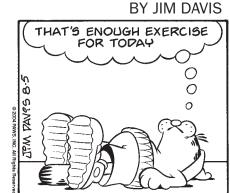


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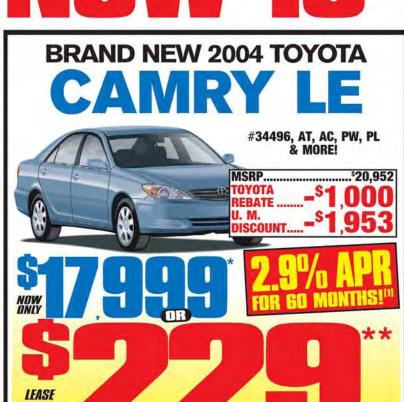
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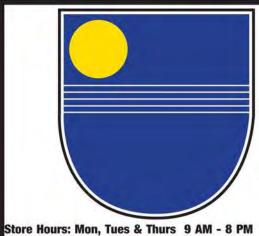












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