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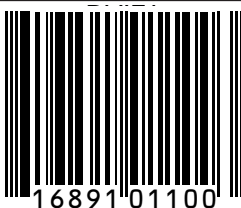
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# Burglars working Suncrest

## Police urge caution and up patrols

The Dominion Post

Suncrest residents should be on the alert for suspicious behavior in the wake of five burglaries that occurred between Sunday and Wednesday.

Morgantown Police Department Detective Bryon Hennessey con-

### IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION

concerning burglaries in the Suncrest area or if you witness suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, contact the Morgantown Police Department's Detective Division at 284-7454.

firmed the crimes, but would not confirm the locations of the intrusions because, he said, the matter is under investigation. A department press release noted the burglaries occurred in the area of University and Lions avenues.

However, Morgantown Police Department public briefings, issued

between Monday and Thursday, indicate that two residential burglaries were reported on Lions Avenue, one on Elmhurst Street and one on University Avenue, with a breaking and entering reported at a Collins Ferry Road business.

"We do want to remind people that anytime they see anything suspicious to notify the police," Hennessey said. "We'd rather come out for nothing to make sure everything is OK, as opposed to finding a serious problem."

The police have no suspects and are still assessing specifics regarding the incidents.

"It's hard to pinpoint a time

when these occurred due to the possibility of people traveling for the holidays," Hennessey said.

Morgantown Police Chief Phil Scott said police patrols have been increased in Suncrest.

"We're in the preliminary stages of the investigation," Scott said, "but obviously anytime we have several incidents in one area we try to take some proactive measures to counter that ... one measure is increasing patrol in that area."

Scott spoke at last week's Suncrest Neighborhood Association meeting but didn't give any hard answers to questions they asked about crime in the community,

SNA President Ed Sneckenberger said Thursday.

"We brought up the fact that *The Dominion Post* had run an article about the increase in burglaries in Morgantown and asked the chief to help us," he said.

Scott's answer, Sneckenberger said, was in general terms, describing things as coming in tides. Association members were concerned because of a rash of burglaries in the area in 2005.

"If he was right about the tides, the cycle has come back again pretty strong," Sneckenberger noted. "This would have been a better

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# Businesses shred to shed ID theft

Federal act requires that consumer info be destroyed

**FOR MORE** information on identity theft, visit We-Shred at [wvshred.com](http://wvshred.com).

**BY BRANDY BRUBAKER**

The Dominion Post

More than 10 million Americans fall victim to identity theft each year, costing businesses and consumers upwards of \$50 billion annually.

To prevent as many cases as possible, the federal government enacted the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, which requires the proper disposal of sensitive consumer information.

It's been a year since FACTA's disposal rule went into effect and local businesses are taking its measures seriously.

Ryan and Jeremy Edwards, of We-Shred, a Morgantown-based secure document-destruction company, said many companies have signed on for services to keep in line with FACTA.

Many others already were properly disposing their materials.

Information contained in customer or employee files can often be very private, not something you'd want to land in the hands of a criminal, they said.

Identity theft can begin with as little as a Social Security number, so important personal information should be safeguarded, Ryan Edwards said.

"It doesn't take much," he continued. "As long as they have a few key pieces of information about you, [thieves] can run with it."



Ron Rittenhouse/The Dominion Post Photos

**Ryan Edwards** (left) and **Jeremy Edwards**, co-owners of We-Shred, use a shredder at the Monongalia County Recycling Center on Thursday. Office shredders (below) can also be used to destroy documents.

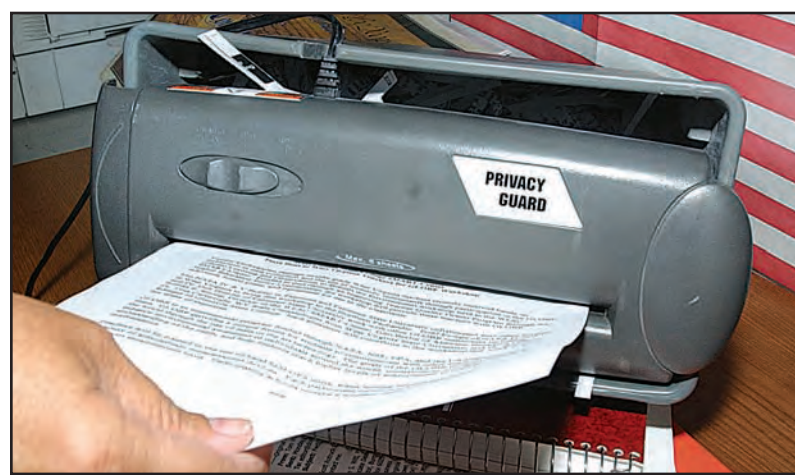
Jeremy Edwards said identity thieves don't let a trash can stop them from stealing personal information.

Businesses — and consumers — need to do more than just throw away personal documents.

"You need to minimize the risk of identity theft and consumer fraud," he said.

At home, consumers should cut up bank statements, credit card applications or other documents containing personal information into tiny pieces. Better

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# CONSOL to raise 2 barges

Company will recover most of coal from Mon

**BY J. MILES LAYTON**

The Dominion Post

CONSOL Energy is cleaning up the mess left when two barges filled with 2,000 tons of coal sank in the Monongahela River on Sunday.

Thomas Hoffman, vice president of external affairs at CONSOL Energy, said River Salvage Co., of Coraopolis, Pa., would start salvage and recovery operations today and finish by the middle of next week.

He said the coal was intended for Allegheny Power at the Fort Martin Station, but the power company was unable to offload the coal. As a result, the two barges were tied together and docked at a harbor near the old Humphrey Mine at Madsville until the coal was needed. Hoffman said the coal is worth about \$40 a ton, or \$80,000.

Hoffman said at least 85 percent of the coal, or 850 tons per barge, could be salvaged. Once the coal is scooped out by a huge crane and placed in an empty barge nearby, he said, the sunken barges will be lifted out of the river and put in dry dock for repairs. The coal will be dried for several months before it is used.

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# Discovery docks with space station after performing back flip

Associated Press

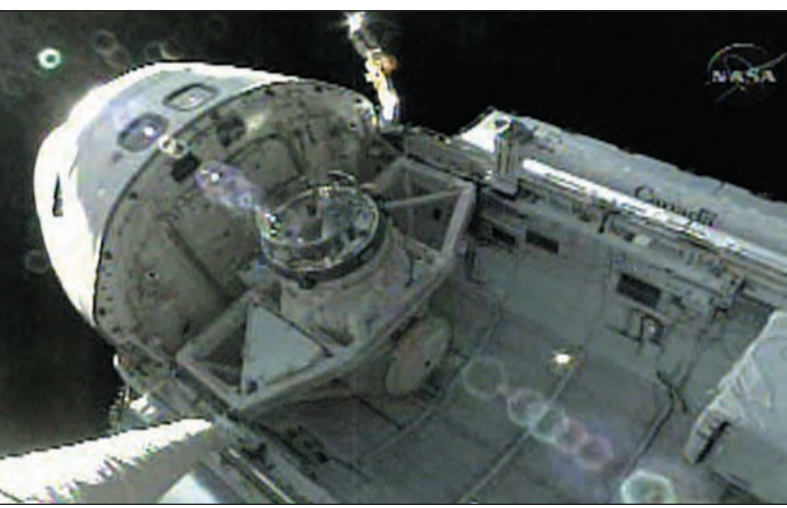
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — With smiles all around, the seven astronauts of the space shuttle Discovery entered the international space station Thursday, with one of them planning to stay behind when the shuttle returns to Earth in 10 days.

Flight director Tony Ceccacci called the rendezvous perfect.

"We achieved one of our, of course, major goals of this flight," he said.

The two men aboard the space station snapped 350 photos of the approaching shuttle to document any damage to the thermal skin, Ceccacci said. There was no immediate word on whether any problems were noted in the 125 pictures beamed to Mission Control as of early afternoon.

Even though the mission was going smoothly, the control center had not returned to a sense of normalcy, Ceccacci said. "It's more of a sense of, 'Hey, the things we've



AP Photo

**A camera mounted** on the Space Shuttle Discovery's robot arm shows the docking port in the cargo bay Wednesday. The shuttle docked with the International Space Station on Thursday.

done to make the ... tank better are working," he said.

The European Space Agency's Thomas Reiter, of Germany, brings the space station to a three-member

crew for the first time in three years. Reiter, who will stay for six months, is the first European to live on the space station.

After hatches opened at 12:30

p.m., the shuttle crew was greeted by American astronaut Jeff Williams and Russian cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov.

The astronaut reunion occurred about 100 minutes after the station and shuttle docked in a delicate dance at 17,500 miles per hour, about 220 miles above Earth.

An hour before the docking, Discovery commander Steve Lindsey manually steered the shuttle's nose up and slowly flipped the spacecraft over so the space station's crew could photograph its belly for any signs of damage. It was only the second time a space shuttle has performed the unusual maneuver before docking with the station.

Vinogradov and Williams planned to transmit the digital images back to Houston, where mission managers and engineers would study them. An inspection Wednesday by Discovery's crew using cameras attached to a 50-foot boom revealed no major damage from the launch.

# New dictionary full of bling, even for mouse potatoes

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Need tips on how to groom a unibrow or soul patch? Just google it. Or get a mouse potato to do it for you.

If you're still lost, grab the latest edition of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary for a definition of those and about 100 other words that have made their way into its pages.

But be warned: you might come across a drama queen (a person given to often excessively emotional performances or reactions) or a himbo (an attractive but vacuous man — think "male bimbo").

Along with defining an intensive computer user as a "mouse potato" (a popular twist on the late 1990s "couch potato" entry), they have given formal definition to one of the Internet's most recognizable names.

"Google is definitely a verb," said Dan Reynolds, a 35-year-old salesman at YES Computers in Northampton.

## Subway rider critically injured in power-saw attack in New York

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A man wielding a cordless power saw in each hand rampaged through a Manhattan subway station early Thursday, using one of the buzzing blades to carve into the chest of a postal worker who later said it felt like "he was trying to cut through me."

Police arrested Tareyton Williams, 33, of the Bronx, on attempted murder and other charges about two hours later after they said he punched someone in another random attack on the street.

The victim, Michael Steinberg, 64, was hospitalized in stable condition. Speaking by telephone to reporters who gathered outside the hospital, he said the attack was unprovoked.

The assailant "never spoke," Steinberg said. "I think he was out of his mind."

The attacker snatched the two saws from a cart being used by workers upgrading the public address system at a subway station a few blocks south of Columbia University. He assaulted Steinberg moments after taking a swipe at another rider and missing, police said.

"He looked at me and before I knew it he was attacking me," Steinberg said of the pre-dawn attack. "The motor kept going on. He was trying to cut through me."

Steinberg said the attacker finally paused to demand money, then bolted out of the station with his wallet and the power tools. The saws were later found in a trash can.

Williams was in police custody Thursday evening. There was no telephone listing for him at the home address provided by police.

## Safety tips

- Make sure all doors have a sturdy deadbolt lock.
- Secure sliding glass doors with locks, or use a broomstick or piece of wood in the door's track to prevent it from being pried open.
- Secure double-hung windows with key locks.
- Don't hide house keys in easy-to-locate areas such as under planters or doormats, or in mailboxes. Instead, give an extra key to a trusted neighbor for safekeeping.
- When moving into an existing residence, have the locks

- changed.
- Trim shrubbery that hides doors or windows. Cut tree limbs that could help a thief climb into a window.
- Turn on outside lights after dark.
- Store items, including tools and ladders, inside garages, basements or storage sheds.
- If gone for an extended period of time, arrange to have the grass cut or snow shoveled.
- Install an alarm system.

Morgantown Police Department

## BURGLARS

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week to hear from the chief."

One part of Suncrest has a neighborhood watch, he said. "We have encouraged other regions of Suncrest to do the same. Even if not formally, you can still do the same thing as a neighborhood watch."

Police said that jewelry was taken from one residence and cash was taken from an envelope at the business "and we're still pending inventory from the rest of the

home owners," Hennessey said.

The Suncrest area fell prey to a series of daytime burglaries in October, when residences were entered on Jacobs Drive, Colonial Drive and Krepps Street.

Hennessey said residents could reduce the risk of invasion if they notify neighbors and take other measures should they plan to be away from home for a long time.

"They should lock all windows and doors, put lights on a timer and have neighbors pick up mail and their newspapers, or have delivery for their paper stopped," he said.

## Bush says diplomacy with N. Korea will take time

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Thursday it is hard to read North Korea's motives in firing a missile with the potential to hit the United States or Canada, but said the U.S. cannot afford to misjudge the situation.

"I think we've got to plan for the worst and hope for the best," Bush said.

Bush stressed that the United States is seeking a diplomatic solution to the nuclear standoff with North Korea. He cautioned that diplomacy will take time.

The president said he was pleased that leaders of China, South Korea, Japan and Russia, in telephone calls during the past few days, agreed that the reclusive communist regime should not be allowed to possess nuclear weapons.

"My message was that we want to solve this problem diplomatically, and the best way to solve this problem diplomatically is for all of us to be working in concert," Bush said.

Bush said the nations' message

to North Korean leader Kim Jong Il was clear: "We expect you to adhere to international norms. We expect you to keep your word."

Asked for an assessment of the reclusive North Korean leader, who is variously described as quirky, eccentric or even unbalanced, Bush struck a thoughtful pose.

"It's hard for me to tell you what's on his mind. He lives in a very closed society," marked by concentration camps and starving people, Bush said.

"What we don't know is his intentions," Bush said.

North Korea test-fired seven missiles this week in defiance of warnings from the United States, Japan and China, its last major ally. The firings included a long-range Taepodong-2 missile — the object of intense international attention for more than a month — that failed 42 seconds after liftoff, suggesting a catastrophic failure of the rocket's first, or booster, stage.

At the United Nations, there

were differences over a Japanese-backed draft resolution to sanction North Korea. U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said the measure had "broad and deep support," but Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador told The Associated Press that Moscow would not back sanctions, as the resolution calls for.

Instead, Russia wants the council to pass a nonbinding presidential statement with the goal of getting North Korea back into six-party talks on its nuclear program.

While agreeing that North Korea's missile tests were a provocative act, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who appeared with Bush at the news conference, said Canada was not ready to reopen discussions about joining the U.S. missile shield. The shield involves basing missiles capable of taking out incoming missiles launched by terrorists or rogue states — although the system isn't designed to foil a mass attack by a major power.

Opponents of the missile scheme

— including Canada's former Prime Minister Paul Martin — say it won't work and risks kicking off a new international arms race. Bush said he did not broach the issue with Harper.

"I didn't bring it up," Bush said. "I figured if he was interested, he would tell me."

Bush said the more isolated North Korea becomes, the bigger the threat is to the world.

"And it's just really important for the American president to see the world the way it is, not the way we would hope it would be."

In Beijing, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said Chinese President Hu Jintao urged calm and restraint in dealing with North Korea during the telephone conversation with Bush.

Hu told Bush that China was "committed to maintaining peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula and opposed to any actions that might intensify the situation," the ministry said in a statement posted on its Web site.

## SHRED

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yet, Edwards said, buy a personal shredder and shred the information.

Another option is having materials shredded professionally.

We-Shred will shred and recycle documents for county residents for five cents a pound Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment at the Monongalia County Community Recycling Center. There is a five box maximum.

Consumers also should be aware of what others are doing with their personal information, Ryan Edwards said.

"Everyone should ask their employer, 'What are you doing with my information?' " Edwards said. "That is key. It doesn't matter if you work for the government or in the private sector, you need to ask."

That's where FACTA comes in to play.

"[FACTA] makes people take responsibility for what they're doing with documents and also it makes them prove what they are doing," he said.

For example, both WVU and Monongalia General Hospital said they contract with companies to properly shred and dispose of documents containing personal information to protect employees and consumers.

WVU Public Relations Manager Janey Cink said the university changed to a new student identification system in 2004, using assigned numbers instead of Social Security numbers.

"Although there were no reported incidents of identity theft, we felt this change was critical to WVU's continuing efforts to reduce the risk of identity theft," Cink said.

## Ex-GI accused in attack had 'anti-social personality disorder,' officials say

Associated Press

Until Steven D. Green was charged with raping an Iraqi woman and killing her family, his life seemed as unremarkable as the flip-flops and Johnny Cash shirt he wore to court. He was a high-school dropout from a broken home who joined the Army to get some direction, yet was sent home due to an "anti-social personality disorder."

Now, the 21-year-old could get the death penalty if convicted in the horrific crime that has strained the U.S. military's already troubled relations with the Iraqi people and sent shock waves around the world.

He was to be transported Thursday from North Carolina, where he was arrested, to Louisville, Ky., according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa Ford, chief of the criminal division for the Western District of Kentucky. Fort Campbell, where Green's former unit is based, is within that federal court jurisdiction.

Ford declined to provide other details.

Steven Dale Green grew up in the west Texas oil town of Midland, which claims President Bush as a native son. Green's parents divorced when he was 4, and his mother remarried four years later.

His upbringing was not without complications. His mother pleaded no contest in 2000 to a drunken driving

charge and was jailed for six months.

Midland school officials said Green attended classes from 1990 to 2002 but only made it through 10th grade, suggesting he might have been held back at least once.

After dropping out, Green moved about 80 miles north to Denver City, the former oil town along the New Mexico state line that is listed as his official hometown. He got his high school equivalency degree in 2003.

According to a report in the *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, Green was arrested for misdemeanor possession of alcohol on Jan. 31, 2005. Days later, just a few months shy of his 20th birthday, he enlisted in the Army.

He was deployed to Iraq from September 2005 to April 2006 as an infantry soldier in B Company, 1st Battalion of the 502nd Infantry Regiment, which is part of the 101st Airborne Division, based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

It was there that he was sent to patrol the so-called "Triangle of Death," an area southwest of Baghdad known for its frequent roadside bombings. Military officials say more than 40 percent of the nearly 1,000 soldiers in the region have been treated for mental or emotional anxiety. Green was apparently one of them.

He was given a discharge May 16 for what military officials in Iraq told The Associated Press was an "anti-social personality disorder."

## Judge releases man two decades after wrongful conviction

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A man who spent more than two decades in prison after being wrongfully convicted of a brutal rape was freed Thursday because DNA evidence has cleared him.

Relatives of Alan Newton, 44, whooped loudly as he entered the crowded courtroom. Newton stood quietly in a beige suit and bright blue shirt as Judge John Byrne signed the order declaring him free.

After his paperwork was processed, he stepped outside the courthouse, thanking his attorneys and offering his sympathy to the woman whose rape led to his wrongful conviction.

"My unjust conviction denied both of us justice," Newton said. "It opens up old wounds and denies her closure."

## BARGES

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"This is not an event that people are unprepared to deal with," he said.

Hoffman said CONSOL Energy would be investigating the cause of the accident, but he speculates a leak in one of the barges is most likely to blame.

"When the first barge sank, it carried the other one below," Hoffman said.

Curtis Taylor, chief of wildlife resources for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, said there is not a lot of toxic material associated with raw coal, so the environmental damage to the Monongahela River will be minimal, especially since the company is removing the coal so soon after the barges went under.

"It's great that CONSOL is cleaning up everything," he said.

Taylor said not all barges loaded with coal are recovered. If the barges are not recovered or the coal salvaged, Taylor said it could damage the marine habitat.

"It covers up a lot of the habitat, so we like to see these things taken out of the river," he said.

Taylor said no fish kills have been reported. If there was any damage to the marine habitat, he said, it was caused when the hulls of each barge covered the riverbed. Fresh-water mussel beds may have been harmed, but there is no way to know for certain.

## LOTTERIES

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Daily 3: 5-2-0  
Daily 4: 1-3-1-6  
Cash 25: 1-2-8-14-20-22

**MARYLAND**  
(evening)  
Pick 3: 0-2-5  
Pick 4: 2-7-3-8  
Bonus Pick 5: 9-11-12-13-39  
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(afternoon)  
Pick 3: 3-1-1  
Pick 4: 8-3-4-4

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
(evening)  
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(afternoon)  
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Big 4: 3-3-1-6

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## Sheriff says officers followed procedure in fatal shooting

Associated Press

BECKLEY — Two deputies who fatally shot a man after he pointed an assault rifle at them followed procedure and there is no evidence of wrongdoing, Raleigh County Sheriff Danny Moore said.

"They did their job like I would have done and anyone else in their position would have done," Moore said Wednesday. "Our officers were there to protect the community and themselves. They gave the correct response like they were trained to do and they protected their lives."

Robert Webb, 44, of Cabell Heights was fatally shot in his driveway by Deputies J.E. Hajash and G.S. Kade early Tuesday morning. Moore said the deputies were responding to neighbors' reports that Webb was firing a gun in the neighborhood and at a house.

"They ordered him to put the weapon down," Moore said. "He raised the gun to his shoulder to

fire, and they fired first."

Webb died at the scene. Friends and family members told WOAY-TV that Webb was firing the gun in celebration of the July Fourth holiday. They said he probably didn't hear the officers clearly and spun around to see what the commotion was, not meaning to point the gun at anyone.

Webb's body has been sent to the state Medical Examiner's Office in South Charleston. Moore said he hopes toxicology results will provide information regarding Webb's behavior.

Moore said Hajash and Kade will be placed on paid leave while undergoing psychological evaluation. An internal investigation will be conducted.

"My heart goes out to the family," he said. "It breaks my heart and it breaks the heart of my guys. They have to live with it. They need to have their grieving period, too."

## Appalachian Power launches effort to stop scrap metal thefts

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Appalachian Power is launching a campaign to try to stem a rise in thefts of copper wire and other electrical equipment — activity that has consequences ranging from power outages to deaths.

Experts say the thefts — which have resulted in several electrocutions this year, including two in West Virginia — are due to increases in the price of scrap metal.

In addition to risking their own lives, those stealing wire and other electrical equipment often leave behind conditions that can endanger others, Appalachian Safety Manager Mike Granata said in a release Thursday.

"Connections can be loosened or energized equipment can be exposed, jeopardizing the safety of our employees and the public," he said.

And the power outages resulting from missing equipment can affect hundreds, even thousands, of people. Last week, 1,000 customers in Logan County were with-

out electricity for five hours while crews repaired damage to a substation hit by thieves, the company said.

Appalachian Power's efforts to curb the thefts include a radio advertising campaign to educate the public about the dangers associated with this activity. The company, which is headquartered in Charleston, also wants to foster better relationships with scrap dealers to help them learn to identify metal that may have been stolen from electrical facilities and with law enforcement officials to help prosecute offenders.

Other measures being taken include increasing security around company substations and other facilities, and educating employees about situations where they may be at risk because of equipment that has been tampered with.

Appalachian Power, a unit of Columbus, Ohio-based American Electric Power, provides electricity to 1 million customers in West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee.

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## Summit draws wide array to talk taxes

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Gov. Joe Manchin convened a daylong summit on West Virginia's tax system Thursday, urging major action while the state remains on stable financial footing.

Manchin touted the record revenue growth during the budget year that ended last week. He argued it both allows and demands the careful, top-to-bottom review envisioned by his tax modernization project.

"We've had good times before, and we let them slither away," said Manchin, a Democrat halfway through his second year as governor. "We can't let that happen this time."

The summit at the Charleston Civic Center drew hundreds of lobbyists and other representatives from nearly every sector of West Virginia's economy. Administration officials outlined tax collections and costs projected for the next

several years. They then moderated individual sessions on particular areas of the tax system.

While revenues have exceeded estimates for the last several years, officials predict that costs from Medicaid and other programs will outpace the current array of taxes and fees by 2008.

Currently, the state gets more than half of its general revenue from taxes on personal and corporate income and consumer sales. Key sources also include taxes on coal and other natural resources, buoyed by a pricey energy market.

Taxes on real estate and such other property as motor vehicles, meanwhile, fund county and local government and public schools. The state's road budget relies on taxes on gasoline and vehicle-related fees.

The summit's schedule touched on all those topics. But the wide array of groups attending brought

with them as many different views on what to change, and how.

A newly formed coalition of labor, religious and nonprofit groups, for instance, aims to ensure that any tax changes aid the working poor. But state business leaders cite how unfavorably some of West Virginia's commerce-related tax rates compare to those of its five neighbors and other states.

"Our goal is to be competitive with an opportunity that positions West Virginia for the future," said Steve Roberts, president of the state Chamber of Commerce.

The summit also has its critics. Senate Minority Leader Vic Sprouse, R-Kanawha, ridiculed the concept in a statement posted online.

"There will be both morning and afternoon 'break-out' sessions. Whoopie!" Sprouse said. "None of us would believe these meetings are actually delaying tactics, would we?"

But the summit drew more than

two-dozen other legislators, from both parties.

"I think there is value in having a tax summit, if there is an open discussion of ideas," said Sen. Steve Harrison, R-Kanawha. "I think it's great that we're looking at wholesale tax reform. I certainly have some ideas as to what we should do."

Attendees also included Greg Thomas, a lobbyist and aide to Don Blankenship. The CEO, president and chairman of Massey Energy Co., the multimillionaire Blankenship has emerged as perhaps Manchin's most ardent critic. Blankenship has vowed to bankroll campaign ads targeting lawmakers in November who failed to heed his call last year for an immediate repeal of the sales tax on groceries.

Officials plan to follow Thursday's summit with a series of meetings held around the state. The governor has said he will call a special session toward the end of the year for the resulting proposed changes.

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# N.Y., Ga. courts reject same-sex marriage cases

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — The highest courts in two states dealt gay rights advocates dual setbacks Thursday, rejecting same-sex couples' bid to win marriage rights in New York and reinstating a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage in Georgia.

Activists had hoped to widen marriage rights for gays and lesbians beyond Massachusetts with a legal victory in liberal New York, but the Court of Appeals ruled 4-2 that the state's law allowing marriage only between a man and a woman was constitutional.

The decision comes two years after gay and lesbian couples, supported by gay-rights groups who saw a chance for a major court win in a populous state, sued for the right to wed.

"Clearly, in bringing the case and pushing it as hard as they did, it's pretty good evidence that they thought they had a substantial chance of victory," said Ohio State University law professor Marc Spindelman, who tracks lesbian and gay legal issues. "It's hard to read the decision as anything other than a rebuff of gay and lesbian couples."

In Georgia, where three-quarters of voters approved a ban on gay mar-

riage when it was on the ballot in 2004, the top court reinstated the ban Thursday, ruling unanimously that it did not violate the state's single-subject rule for ballot measures. Lawyers for the plaintiffs had argued that the ballot language was misleading, asking voters to decide on same-sex marriage and civil unions, separate issues about which many people had different opinions.

The twin rulings, which came less than two hours apart, become part of the nationwide debate that has continued to evolve since a Massachusetts court ruling in late 2003 ushered in a spate of gay marriage controversies from Boston to San Francisco.

High courts in Washington state and New Jersey are deliberating cases in which same-sex couples argue they have the right to marry. A handful of other states have cases moving through lower courts.

Forty-five states have specifically barred same-sex marriage through statutes or constitutional amendments. Massachusetts is the only state that allows gay marriage, although Vermont and Connecticut allow same-sex civil unions that confer the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples.

"It's a sad day for New York fam-

ilies," said plaintiff Kathy Burke of Schenectady, N.Y., who is raising an 11-year-old son with her partner of seven years, Tonja Alvis. "My family deserves the same protections as my next door neighbors."

The New York court said any change in the state's law should come from the state Legislature, Judge Robert Smith wrote. The decision said lawmakers have a legitimate interest in protecting children by limiting marriage to heterosexual couples. It went on to say the law does not deny homosexual couples any "fundamental right" since same-sex marriages are not "deeply rooted in the nation's history and tradition."

Advocates from the ACLU, Lambda Legal and other advocacy groups marshaled forces for the New York court fight and sued two years ago. Forty-four couples acted as plaintiffs, including the brother of comedian Rosie O'Donnell — Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell — and his long-time partner.

"There's no question they looked to New York as a place where they could win," said Mathew Staver, president of Liberty Counsel, a conservative legal group based in Florida. "It would have been a major vic-

# Jobless claims fall slightly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits declined slightly last week, indicating continued strength in the labor market despite a spring slowdown in the economy.

The Labor Department said Thursday that applications for jobless benefits totaled 313,000 last week, a drop of 2,000 from the previous week.

That was a slightly better performance than economists had been expecting. They had forecast that jobless claims would rise by 2,000.

In other economic news, the nation's retailers reported that sales stalled in June as shoppers curbed their spending on other items because of soaring gasoline prices.

As the nation's retailers began reporting their monthly sales early Thursday, disappointments included Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Costco Wholesale Corp. and Limited Brands Inc. Retailers who reported solid sales included Bebe Stores Inc. and Children's Place Retail Stores Inc.

June is considered the second

most important month of the year in a retailer's calendar behind December. It is a month when merchants start to clear out summer goods to make room for fall merchandise.

The government is scheduled to report new unemployment figures Friday. Analysts are expecting the jobless rate will remain at 4.6 percent and they say businesses created 160,000 jobs in June. That would be a significant rebound after only 75,000 jobs had been created in May, the smallest gain in seven months.

Economists say the weak job growth in May overstated the slowdown in the job market but they are looking for more moderate gains in employment in the months ahead as the economy slows from the sizzling pace of the first three months of the year, when the economy expanded at a 5.6 percent rate.

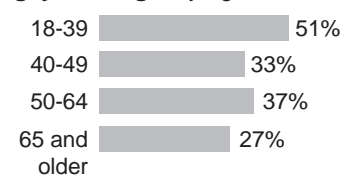
A number of recent indicators have provided evidence that the economy slowed in the spring under the impact of surging gasoline prices, rising interest rates and a cooling housing market.

The decline of 2,000 in jobless claims last week was the first drop in three weeks.

## Same-sex marriage

Younger adults are more likely to be in favor of legalizing gay marriage, which has been banned in 45 states.

### Supported legalizing gay marriage, by age



Overall 39% believed gay marriage should be legal

Gallup surveyed 1,002 adults, aged 18 and older between May 8-11 and has a margin of error ± 3 percentage points.

SOURCE: The Gallup Poll

AP

tory for them. Instead it's a stunning defeat for the same-sex marriage movement."

Matt Foreman, executive director of the Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, acknowledged the sting of the New York decision but said the fight will continue.

# Federal judge rules DeLay stays on ballot

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Republican Party must keep indicted former congressman Tom DeLay on the November ballot, even though he isn't campaigning for re-election, a judge ruled Thursday.

GOP leaders want to replace DeLay on the ballot and say state election law allows them to select a new candidate because DeLay has moved out of Texas. Democrats sued to block them.

DeLay, the former U.S. House majority leader, won his Republican primary in March but resigned in June and moved to Virginia. He is awaiting trial on money laundering and conspiracy charges connected to the financing of Texas legislative campaigns in 2002 with alleged illegal corporate money.

In court last week, DeLay testified that he lives and votes in Virginia and that he has a Virginia driver's license. But lawyers for Texas Democrats pointed out DeLay still owns a Houston-area home, where his wife, Christine, lives and where DeLay

spends time.

The Democrats argued it couldn't be shown conclusively whether DeLay would be an "inhabitant" of Texas — as required by the U.S. Constitution — on Election Day.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks agreed, saying he was not convinced that DeLay would not return to Texas, despite his current Virginia residency.

"DeLay was chosen as the Republican nominee by the voters in the Republican primary, and he is still eligible to be the party's nominee," Sparks wrote.

Therefore, Sparks ruled, Texas Republican Party chairwoman Tina Benkiser was wrong to declare DeLay ineligible for the election and said that the Texas secretary of state cannot certify any GOP candidate other than DeLay to appear on the ballot.

The judge said DeLay cannot be removed from the ballot unless he withdraws as a candidate.

If he does withdraw, under state law, he cannot be replaced

on the ballot.

"This is a strong opinion enforcing the rule of law over the abuses of DeLayism," said Cris Feldman, an attorney for the Democratic Party.

Republican Party attorney Jim Bopp said the party will appeal.

"I think his ruling throws elections into chaos because it would prevent states from having reasonable procedures to determine the eligibility for candidates for federal office prior to the election," Bopp said.

Democrats want to keep DeLay and his legal troubles on the minds of voters and hope to win his former seat in the 22nd congressional district, where Democrat Nick Lampson is running.

"Now he's on the ballot, now he's off the ballot," said Lampson spokesman Mike Malaise. "We're just campaigning as if we have an opponent."

Democrats contend that GOP officials worked for months to manipulate the election system to ensure that they could hand-pick a new nominee after DeLay's primary.

# Men charged with killing each other's cats

Associated Press

HODE, Ky. — Two eastern Kentucky men are charged with animal cruelty in the deaths of each other's cats.

David A. May, 20, and Arlon K. White, 27 — who each kept a cat at a trailer court in Hode, near the Kentucky-West Virginia border — allegedly killed the animals last week, Martin County Deputy Sher-

iff Arthur Bowen said Wednesday.

May allegedly knocked White's cat off his car and shot the animal with a rifle, Bowen said.

When White went to May's mobile home for an explanation, he allegedly grabbed May's cat around the neck with both hands and choked it, then threw the body across a driveway and told May, "

"Now we're even," Bowen said.

Bowen said he told both men that if they had problems with a neighbor's animal, they should call animal control, not take matters into their own hands.

"I said, 'Two wrongs don't make a right,'" Bowen said.

May and White are scheduled to appear in Martin District Court on Aug. 31.

# Sheriff releases Columbine journals, writings

Associated Press

GOLDEN, Colo. — Hundreds of pages of hate-filled diary entries, maps and documents released Thursday offer a chilling insight into the minds of the Columbine High School killers in the days and months before the 1999 massacre.

On a calendar entry dated the day of the attack, April 20, the time 11:10 is written across the top — an approximate reference to when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold pulled out their weapons inside the suburban high school and started firing.

The two killed 12 students and a teacher before taking their own lives in what remains the deadliest

school attack in U.S. history.

Elsewhere in the calendar are notations including "get nails" and "get propane, fill my clips" and "finish fuses."

The newly released documents include a tirade by Eric Harris in which he wrote that he and Klebold hoped to carry out an even bigger attack. He said that they wanted to torture and kill the family of a former friend and hoped to learn enough about bombs to be able to set off hundreds around houses, roads, bridges and gas stations.

"It'll be like the LA riots, the Oklahoma bombing, WWII, Viet-

nam, Duke and Doom all mixed together ... I want to leave a lasting impression on the world," he wrote.

Since the Columbine attack, more than 20,000 documents and videos have been released, and some of the details in the more than 930 pages of documents released Thursday by the Jefferson County Sheriff's office had been reported before.

Several names, some song lyrics and other parts of the documents were blacked out before they were released. Sheriff Ted Mink also decided against releasing videotapes of the two gunmen made before the massacre because of concerns they could encourage copycat attacks.

# Grandmother says Yates filled tub before slayings

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Nearly two months before Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family bathtub, her two oldest sons rushed into the living room and asked their grandmother why their mom was filling the tub with water, the older woman testified Thursday.

Dora Yates, testifying for the defense in the second week of Andrea Yates' murder retrial, said she didn't know why her daughter-in-law filled the tub more than half full that day in May 2001.

"I asked her why ... and she said, 'because I might need it,'" Dora Yates testified.

Andrea Yates was convicted of capital murder in 2002, but her conviction was overturned by an appeals court because of erroneous testimony.

In her retrial now under way, she again pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. Her attorneys have never disputed that she killed the youngsters but say she suffered from severe postpartum psychosis and didn't know her actions were wrong. Prosecutors argue that she

knew what she was doing.

Dora Yates said she thought her daughter-in-law, who was in a psychiatric hospital for a couple of weeks shortly before the incident, had simply forgotten the bath water that day in May.

She said she never could have imagined she would hurt the children.

Dora Yates, who lives in Tennessee, had arrived in Houston in mid-April to help with 6-month-old Mary, 2-year-old Luke, 3-year-old Paul, 5-year-old John and 7-year-old Noah.

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# Bush celebrates his 60th birthday

Calls, surprise and song mark event

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After months of griping about getting old, President Bush turned 60 Thursday and decided it wasn't so bad after all.

"Let me just say this: It's a lot younger than you think," the birthday boy said with a rueful smile.

There were surprises, a spilled secret, a song and congratulatory calls from afar.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Russian President Vladimir Putin both wished Bush happy birthday in separate telephone conversations that focused on a less-cheerful subject: North Korea's missile tests this week.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, visiting the White House, also brought birthday greetings and a surprise gift. But Bush found out about it during a joint press conference in the East Room. A Canadian reporter blew the secret.

"Before I ask you a question, I'm just curious, what do you think of that belt buckle the prime minister gave you as a birthday gift, and are you wearing it?" the reporter asked Bush.

"I hadn't seen it yet," the president replied, laughing. "You gave it away."

The reporter continued on with another question but Bush kept talking about the present.

"Anyway, thanks for the belt buckle in advance," Bush told Harper.

"No problem at all," the prime minister responded.



President Bush waves as wellwishers sing "Happy Birthday" as he leaves the White House, Thursday.

"Looking forward to getting it," Bush said.

"I figure, if you're going to be 60, you should get something," Harper said.

"That's right," Bush said. "Just hope the belt fits."

There was a surprise ending to the press conference when a reporter noted to Bush that it was his birthday, too.

Bush invited the reporter, 54-year-old Raghuraj Goyal of the *India*

*Globe and Asia Today*, onto the stage for a birthday picture.

"Anybody else have their birthday today?" Bush called out.

Richard Benedetto, of *USA Today*, turning 65, stood up and was summoned to the stage.

"Amazing, everybody's birthday today," Bush exclaimed.

Harper piped up, "I was going to say, if there starts to get any more, I'm

going to start to question it."

But there was another celebrant, State Department employee Todd Mizis, who was in the audience.

"My goodness," Bush said. "Today's your birthday? Awesome."

There was time then for a song: a chorus of "Happy Birthday."

The big celebration of Bush's birthday was Tuesday when dozens of his friends gathered at the White House.

# AOL considers free services, including AOL.com e-mail

Associated Press

NEW YORK — AOL LLC may give away even more of its services, including its vaunted AOL.com e-mail accounts now limited to paying subscribers, to boost ad revenues and offset declines in subscriptions, a person familiar with the discussions said Thursday.

One proposal under consideration among top AOL executives calls for Time Warner Inc.'s online unit to stop charging subscription fees to users who have high-speed Internet access or even dial-up service from a rival provider.

The person familiar with the talks said a major strategic review over the past several months sought to identify additional ways to keep users within the AOL family regardless of whether they want to keep paying monthly fees of as much as \$25.90 a month.

Under the plan, first reported by *The Wall Street Journal*, the company would continue to charge the fees for those needing dial-up access through AOL.

Over the past year and a half, AOL has been making more of its articles, video and other services available for free on its ad-supported Web sites. But some features, including AOL.com e-mail, remained available only to paying subscribers.

AOL offers free e-mail services, but only through its Web site and with an AIM.com address. AOL offered to forward former subscribers' AOL.com e-mail to AIM accounts, but many didn't both-

er because they had to give friends new e-mail addresses anyway.

If the proposal is adopted, those subscribers would be able to keep their AOL.com address and use the AOL software with which they're familiar.

The AOL software also would allow subscribers to continue using instant messaging, Web journals and other services without having to download separate software or figure out Web-based options. That would ease the transition and encourage them to keep using AOL services, the person familiar with the matter said.

Details still to be worked out include whether AOL would give away security and parental-control software now part of the paid package, the person said.

AOL had 18.6 million U.S. subscribers as of March 31, a drop of 835,000 from the previous quarter and down from a peak of 26.7 million in September 2002.

Rob Enderle, an industry analyst with the Enderle Group, said AOL needs to avoid becoming a company "caught in the middle" — trying to juggle both a paying subscriber base and a free, ad-based model without doing either well.

AOL must accelerate the shift to free, he said, to become closer to what its rivals like Yahoo Inc. already do, even if it means painful cuts in revenues in the short run.

"By doing this they are certainly going to take a bigger hit, but they may be able to turn the company to growth," he said.

# Admiral hopes for reconciliation over use of sonar

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — The Navy asked a federal appeals court Wednesday to block a court order that prevents it from using active sonar during its war-game exercises off Hawaii, an environmental group said.

The emergency motion, filed in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, seeks a stay on an order stopping the Navy from using the high-intensity sonar, said Daniel Hinerfeld, spokesman for the National Resources Defense Council.

The Navy was forced to abandon plans to use mid-frequency active sonar during the international maritime exercises after a federal judge issued the order. Environmentalists had sued, claiming the sound waves might kill or harm marine mammals.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet referred calls to Navy officials in Washington. Officials there did not immediately return calls.

A senior Navy admiral said earlier this week he was hopeful the military would settle differences with environmentalists so his sailors could use active sonar during the exercises.

Sailors use active sonar by pumping sound waves through the ocean to hunt submarines.

The federal judge on Monday had ordered the two sides to discuss measures to minimize the impact sonar would have on marine mammals. The Navy and the plaintiffs, led by the Natural Resources Defense Council, are due to appear again in Los Angeles federal court on July 18.

"We're hopeful through further discussions there will be some relief

down the road," said Vice Adm. Barry Costello, commander of the U.S. Third Fleet and director of the drills.

Costello said the Navy's ability to defend U.S. interests depends on its sailors learning to use active sonar and regularly practicing their skills.

"It's a national security issue to prepare for the next fight. And you cannot win in the future if you don't train against the threat," Costello told reporters as about 20 ships prepared to sail from Pearl Harbor for the exercises, which involve close to 40 ships and 19,000 sailors from eight nations.

The Navy plans to have its sailors listen for submarines only with passive sonar and visually look for "enemy" submarines during the drills.

# Police: Gangs use Internet to showcase exploits

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Some of the country's most notorious street gangs have gotten Web-savvy, showcasing illegal exploits, making threats, and honoring killed and jailed members on digital turf.

Crips, Bloods, MS-13, 18th Street and others have staked claims on various corners of cyberspace. "Web bangers" are posting potentially incriminating photos of members holding guns, messages taunting other gangs and boasts of illegal exploits on personal Web sites and social networking sites.

"I'm just being real and I ain't

got nothing to hide," said Christopher "Kasper" Flowers, 30, a professed member of the 18th Street gang with facial tattoos of "18" and "666." The main 18th Street gang Web site has a link to "Kaspers World."

Gangs once only roamed the streets of big cities but now can be found in 2,500 U.S. communities, according to the FBI. Police departments suddenly faced with the unwelcome arrivals are looking for help anywhere they can get it, including the gangs' own easy-to-find Web sites.

George W. Knox, director of the National Gang Crime Research

Center, said he has trained hundreds of police officials in how to cull intelligence on gang membership, rivalries, territory and lingo from these Web pages.

The tendency for gang members to brag about their exploits on Web pages such as the popular networking site MySpace.com has in some cases helped investigators make arrests.

Chicago police recently arrested a teenager accused of spraying his gang nickname on a church by tracing the moniker to his Myspace.com account. His online profile included his address, photo and real name.

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# Mexico's ruling party candidate has large lead

Associated Press  
MEXICO CITY — Ruling party candidate Felipe Calderon built an insurmountable lead in Mexico's presidential vote count Thursday, but his leftist rival vowed to challenge the results in court.

With 99.92 percent of the vote counted, Felipe Calderon would win even if all the remaining votes went to Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, of the Democratic Revolution Party. He had 35.87 percent of the vote, compared with 35.32 percent for Lopez Obrador. Roughly 220,000 votes separated them.

Roberto Madrazo, of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, had 22.27 percent and two minor party candidates split the rest of the vote.

Less than 200,000 votes, out of more than 41 million cast, separated the two leading candidates.

Lopez Obrador supporters wept in the streets, saying they wouldn't let him be robbed of victory. At a news conference, Lopez Obrador

urged his supporters to gather this weekend in downtown Mexico City, stirring fears he would mobilize massive protests that could lead to violence.

"We are going to the Federal Electoral Tribunal with the same demand — that the votes be counted — because we cannot accept these results," he said. "We are always going to act in a responsible manner, but at the same time, we have to defend the citizens' will."

Lopez Obrador had led throughout the official count until he was overtaken by Calderon with 97 percent of the vote tallies recorded early Thursday. Ruling party officials said Lopez Obrador had been ahead only because his supporters had been stalling the count with protests in Calderon's strongholds.

Once the count is complete, it can be disputed before the tribunal. A winner must be declared by Sept. 6.

Lopez Obrador demanded that electoral officials carry out a man-

ual ballot-by-ballot count, instead of just tallying vote totals as they have been doing.

But Luis Carlos Ugalde, president of the Federal Electoral Institute, said that was not possible.

"Mexican law is very clear on when a ballot box can be opened: only when there are problems with the vote tallies, when the tally sheet has obviously been changed, or when the box has been tampered with," Ugalde said.

Mexico's peso strengthened against the dollar early Thursday after the official tally showed the business-friendly Calderon leading.

Before dawn, as the count switched to Calderon's favor, he called for the country to move beyond the bitter race.

"Starting today, let us help Mexico begin a new era of peace, of reconciliation," he told hundreds of cheering supporters at his campaign headquarters.

Electoral workers at 300 district

headquarters across the country were adding up results in the official tally that began Wednesday. By law, they were required to work non-stop until they finished the count.

Calling the election "the most democratic and cleanest in the history of Mexico," Calderon asked his rival and all Mexicans to erase the bitter divisions that arose during the lengthy campaign, and focus "not on our differences, but on our similarities."

He also turned his remarks to the millions who did not vote for him, asking them "to give me a chance to win your confidence."

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, Calderon offered to include Lopez Obrador in his Cabinet — an effort to build a coalition government and avoid weeks of political impasse. But he said he did not believe his rival would accept, adding that the two men had not spoken to each other since the election.



AP Photo

**Palestinians carry** the body of a man badly wounded in the border village of Abasan, next to the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Younis on Thursday. An Israeli strike hit a group of Palestinians, killing two people and wounding several others. The army said it had carried out an airstrike in the area against militants.

## At least 30 Palestinians, 1 Israeli killed in Gaza Strip violence

Associated Press

BEIT LAHIYA, Gaza Strip — Palestinian militants armed with AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades battled Israeli helicopters and tanks Thursday in the bloodiest day since Israel invaded Gaza over a soldier's capture. At least 20 Palestinians and one Israeli soldier died.

Israeli troops retook three empty Jewish settlements nearly a year after abandoning them, seeking to carve out a temporary buffer zone in the northern Gaza Strip to prevent militants from firing more rockets into Israel.

Throughout the day, Israeli aircraft fired missiles at militants while Israeli tanks took up positions among tightly packed Palestinian homes. Apache helicopters hovered overhead, firing flares and machine guns to support ground troops fighting masked Palestinian gunmen.

Interior Minister Said Siyyam of the Palestinians' ruling Hamas party issued the regime's first call to arms since Israel invaded last week, urging Gaza security forces to fulfill their "religious and moral duty to stand up to this aggression and cowardly Zionist invasion."

Siyyam doesn't carry much weight with Palestinian security forces, however, because most are loyal to the rival Fatah party led by the moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas.

Earlier this week, Hamas militants fired two rockets into the south-

ern Israeli city of Ashkelon. No one was hurt, but the rockets were the first to reach a major Israeli population center, indicating militants have obtained longer-range weapons.

That infuriated Israel, and a senior official said Israeli troops moved into the densely populated towns of Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza, where militants often launch rockets. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss military plans.

"We are doing the utmost effort ... to avoid civilian casualties," said another military official, Brig. Gen. Ido Nehushtan. "Really, there is no other way of operating against terrorists who are operating inside their own civilian populations."

Israel began its ground invasion June 28, three days after militants linked to Hamas captured Israeli Cpl. Gilad Shalit, 19, in a daring cross-border raid. Israeli officials said they would do what was necessary to get the soldier back.

On Thursday, the fighting swelled — and so did the death toll.

Israeli helicopter gunships circled over the outskirts of Beit Lahiya, providing support fire as Israeli tanks maneuvered among tightly packed Palestinian homes.

Infantrymen took over one family's house, locking the inhabitants on the bottom floor of the home and posting snipers on the upper floors. Outside, armored bulldozers pushed up sand embankments to shelter tanks.

## Pakistani security forces kill 31 tribal militants

Associated Press

QUETTA, Pakistan — Security forces killed 31 fighters in an offensive against renegade Baluch tribesmen in southwestern Pakistan, officials said Thursday.

An aide of a top Baluch tribal leader, however, denied it, and said his militia had shot down a military helicopter — a claim rejected by the government.

It was not immediately possible to reconcile the conflicting accounts of Wednesday's fighting near Dera Bugti, a remote town about 210 miles southeast of Quetta, the capital of restive Baluchistan province.

Thousands of security forces have been deployed to battle the long-running insurgency in tribal regions of Pakistan's poorest province.

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Full	\$1249	\$300	\$949
King	\$1749	\$300	\$1449

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**\$1299** Queen size after \$400 rebate

SIZE	Sale Price	INSTANT REBATE	Final
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Full	\$1599	\$400	\$1199
King	\$2099	\$400	\$1699

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# Suicide car bomber strikes Iranian pilgrims at Shiite shrine

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — A suicide car bomber attacked Iranian pilgrims Thursday as they got off tour buses at a Shiite Muslim shrine south of Baghdad, killing 12 people and wounding 39.

The bomber struck about 7:15 a.m. in Kufa, a Shiite holy city 100 miles south of Baghdad, detonating a minivan loaded with explosives behind two buses unloading pilgrims, police said.

Eight of the dead and 22 of the injured were Iranians, said Dr. Munthir al-Athari, of the provincial health department. Three of the dead Iranians were women, he said.

At least 19 other people were killed Thursday across Iraq, including 11 men whose bullet-riddled bodies were found in several locations across Baghdad, police said. Several showed signs of torture.

No group claimed responsibility for the Kufa blast, but suspicion fell on Sunni religious extremists and supporters of Saddam Hussein. Many Sunnis fear the rise of Iraq's Shiite majority will lead to greater influence by Shiite-dominated Iran, with which Iraq fought a bloody war in 1980-88.

"The purpose is clear — to stop pilgrimage. I suspect that the criminal Baathists are behind this act," the local provincial governor, Asaad Abu Kallal, said, referring to members of Saddam's ousted, Sunni-dominated party.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Hamid Reza Asefi, denounced the



AP Photo

**Iraqi Army soldiers** guard detained suspected insurgents during a major raid Thursday, in the area around Baquba, northeast of Baghdad, Iraq. Abdul Rahman Jari Al-Janabi, commander of the 3rd brigade of the Iraqi Army, said that 36 suspected insurgents were arrested along with the seizure of light to medium sized weapons.

attack as a "barbaric terrorist act" and urged the Iraqi government to find those responsible. He blamed U.S.-led coalition forces, saying they failed to maintain security in Iraq,

Iranian television reported.

The U.S. Embassy condemned the bombing "in the strongest terms" and offered condolences to the victims' families.

"The perpetrators of this attack show no respect for Islam and the long tradition of pilgrimage to holy sites," the embassy said in a statement.

## Iraqi PM says he'll raise issue of behavior with U.S.-led forces

Associated Press

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Thursday he would raise the issue of U.S. military behavior with American officials in hopes of curbing incidents of abuse "that we see every day" in Iraq.

Speaking to reporters after a Cabinet meeting, al-Maliki also repeated his demand for an independent investigation into the rape-slaying of an Iraqi girl in March in Mahmoudiya. Three members of the girl's family were also slain.

Former Army Pfc. Steve D. Green was charged Monday in federal court in Charlotte, N.C., with rape and four counts of murder. At least four other U.S. soldiers still in Iraq are under investigation in the attack.

"We said we want an investigation in order to know the facts," al-Maliki said. "In addition to the investigation, we will discuss this matter with concerned sides to stop such practices that we see every day — crimes that stink."

He said coalition forces need more cultural awareness training to ensure that those who serve in

Iraq "bear no grudge nor recklessness toward people's dignity."

The "many mistakes committed by members of the multinational forces arouse sadness among the Iraqi people," al-Maliki said. "We will talk to the officials in the multinational forces to set rules. ... Our people cannot tolerate that every day there is an ugly crime such as that in Mahmoudiya."

On Wednesday, al-Maliki called for an Iraqi investigation — or at least a joint inquiry — into the March 12 rape and murder of Abeer Qassim Hamza, and the killing of her mother, father and sister at their home.

The U.S. military has stressed that the U.S. command is taking the allegations seriously and would discuss al-Maliki's demands.

The prime minister spoke after returning from a regional tour to drum up support for his 24-point national reconciliation plan.

He said leaders of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait assured him of their support for his proposal, which includes an amnesty offer for insurgents who agree to renounce violence and join the political process.

## London bomber says in video that attacks were 'only the beginning'

Associated Press

**LONDON** — One of the suicide bombers who struck London's transit system a year ago said in a video broadcast Thursday that the attacks were "only the beginning."

The video was broadcast by Al-Jazeera on the eve of the first anniversary of the July 7, 2005, attacks that killed 52 people and the four bombers. It showed Shehzad Tanweer, wearing a red and white checkered keffiyeh, pointing his finger at the camera.

"What you have witnessed now is only the beginning of a series of attacks that will continue and increase in strength until you withdraw your soldiers from Afghanistan and Iraq, and until you (the British government) stop your financial and military support for America and Israel," he said in English.

Tanweer, 22, killed six people and himself aboard a London Underground train. All four of the bombers were British.

Ahmed al-Sheikh, an editor at Al-Jazeera in Doha, Qatar, would not say how or when the Arab broadcaster obtained the video. He said it was a long tape, and the station had shown only a small portion of it.

The package the broadcaster received also contained clips showing al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden

and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

At the Tanweer family home in Beeston, West Yorkshire, 200 miles north of London, a sign had been posted in the window telling members of the media to stay away.

Family friend Irshad Hussain said Tanweer's relatives would be "devastated" to see the video.

"It will be really, really hard for them. They are still trying to come to terms with what has happened, and to see their son on the screen will be torture," Hussain said. "It will be absolutely horrible for the family. I feel very sorry for them. They had no idea what was happening to their son."

British police were alerted to the existence of the tape within the past 24 hours, a police official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the investigation into the bombings.

Andy Hayman, head of Specialist Operations for the Metropolitan Police, said the video would become part of the continuing investigation of the bombings.

"There can be no doubt that the release of the video at this time can only cause maximum hurt and distress to the families and friends of those who died on 7/7 and the hundreds of people who were injured in the terrorist attacks," Hayman said.

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#### Afghanistan's Karzai condemns attacks

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Authorities stepped up security in the Afghan capital on Thursday, as President Hamid Karzai vowed a spate of bombings in the city would not shake the country's efforts to build a peaceful future.

Dozens of suspected militants, meanwhile, died in clashes in the volatile south. A coalition soldier was killed in an ambush in eastern Afghanistan.

Bombs hit Kabul for the second day in a row Wednesday, killing one person and wounding nearly 50.

The attacks raised fears that resurgent Taliban militants were bringing their fight to the capital, which has been largely spared the wave of violence roiling the east and south.

"The enemies of Afghanistan once again showed by attacking innocent civilians that they want to bring misery and destruction to Afghanistan, but the people of Afghanistan will never allow this to happen," Karzai said in a statement from Tokyo where he was attending a conference.

#### Storms kill at least 30 in eastern China

**SHANGHAI, China** — Torrential rains and a tornado killed at least 30 people as storms battered eastern China this week, with millions more affected by flooding and other storm damage, state

media and officials said Thursday.

Twenty-seven people were reported dead in Jiangsu province west of Shanghai, and about 40,000 were evacuated, said Li Qiubao, an official of the Jiangsu Civil Affairs Bureau. Newspapers showed residents using makeshift rafts to ferry through flooded streets.

A tornado also smashed through the town of Dafeng in Jiangsu, killing three people, the official newspaper *China Daily* reported.

In neighboring Anhui province, another three people were killed, the *China Daily* cited Wang Haili, a local Civil Affairs Ministry official, as saying. It gave no details on the deaths.

#### U.S. division in Germany folds colors for move

**WUERZBURG, Germany** — The U.S. Army's tradition-laden 1st Infantry Division, the oldest in continuous service, packed up its flag Thursday at its headquarters in Germany before a return to the United States after a 10-year stay.

The division's banner was rolled up and slid into a cloth case during a ceremony at Leighton Barracks in Wuerzburg, in the southern state of Bavaria.

Much of the equipment attached to the 15,000-member division — nicknamed the Big Red One — has already been shipped to its new base at Fort Riley, Kan., where the colors will be unfurled Aug. 1.

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Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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## Florida Supreme Court relieves cigarette makers of liability

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida Supreme Court lifted a huge burden off the backs of U.S. tobacco companies Thursday when it threw out a record \$145 billion punitive damage award against them even though it agreed the companies had misled smokers living in the state about the dangers of lighting up.

The court, which called the award excessive, also approved an appellate court ruling that it had been a mistake to certify the lawsuit as a class-action representing an estimated 300,000 to 700,000 Floridians made ill by smoking.

The court did say individual smokers could sue the companies, and its decision to uphold the trial jury's finding that the companies had negligently misled the public about the dangers and addictive nature of cigarettes will be a weapon that can be used in future suits.

"It's a big sigh of relief, I'm sure, for big tobacco, especially in terms of the punitive damages," University of Richmond law professor Carl Tobias said of the ruling. "I think Wall Street reflects that."

Tobacco stocks jumped on the news that the court had rejected the award that the industry said was potentially ruinous. It could also clear a path for Altria Group Inc., parent of the biggest U.S. cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, to make a long-awaited move to shed its controlling stake in Kraft Foods Inc.

Altria Group shares rose \$4.12, or 5.6 percent, to \$77.45 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange after briefly rising to a new 52-week high of \$79.10.

Analysts expect Altria will spin off its 87.6 percent stake in Kraft Foods sometime after the resolution of the Engle case in Florida and the federal government's civil-racketeering case.

Shares of Reynolds American Inc., the second biggest domestic cigarette maker, rose \$4.21, or 3.6 percent, to \$118.57 after rising earlier to a new 52-week high of \$120.99. Reynolds American owns the U.S. tobacco businesses of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco and Brown and Williamson.

"The damages would have been crippling to businesses," said R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. spokesman David Howard, who added that the Winston-Salem, N.C.-based company is reviewing the ruling. "It was excessive. ... As a matter of law, punitive damages are not intended to put people out of business."

William S. Ohlemeyer, Philip Morris USA vice president and associate general counsel, said, "As numerous trial and appellate courts have held, tobacco cases cannot be treated as class actions because liability must ultimately be decided on a case-by-case basis."

Ohlemeyer said Philip Morris is reviewing the ruling and deciding if more appellate action is necessary.

The class-action trial lasted for two years, but the seven jurors deliberated less than five hours to reach its \$145 billion verdict in 2000. The

jury that decided the punitive damages said Philip Morris should pay nearly \$74 billion, Reynolds more than \$36 billion, Brown and Williamson more than \$17.5 billion, Lorillard tobacco \$16.25 billion and the Liggett Group \$790 million.

And while the justices rejected the punitive damages award in the 2000 verdict as excessive, a majority of the state's high court reinstated a \$2.85 million damage award to Mary Farnan and a \$4.023 million award to Angie Della Vecchia, who started smoking as an 11-year-old and died in 1999.

Farnan broke into tears upon hearing of the court's ruling.

"Oh my God, I can't believe it," she said. "I'm shaking all over. I had no idea."

A \$5.8 million award to Frank Amodeo — who, like Farnan and Della Vecchia, was cancer-stricken and blamed that on his smoking habit — was not restored in Thursday's ruling because it fell outside the statute of limitations. Amodeo's wife, Margaret, told The Associated Press that her husband had not spoken with an attorney about the ruling and therefore did not have any immediate reaction.

The suit, led by pediatrician Dr. Howard Engle, was filed a decade ago in Miami by the husband-and-wife legal team of Stanley and Susan Rosenblatt.

Stanley Rosenblatt said Thursday he was disappointed with the decision but was relieved that the Supreme Court said individuals can sue and that the tobacco industry had misled the public.

"That they lied and were negligent, all those findings can be used and cannot be challenged in the individual cases as they go forward," he said.

Attorney Tim Howard, who teaches constitutional law and judicial process at Boston University, said the court's decision "opened the door to a hundred thousand suits taking place in Florida for all those that are sick and dying or injured from these products."

Several anti-smoking groups said they were saddened by the ruling.

"While disappointing, this ruling is not the clear-cut victory the tobacco industry was hoping for," said Matthew Myers, president of the Washington-based Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, referring to the court's ruling that individuals can still sue.

Myers suggested tougher legislation at the federal and state levels and more money for tobacco prevention programs.

"Elected officials at all levels must be held accountable if they fail to enact policies to stop the industry's harmful practices and reduce tobacco's terrible toll," said Myers.

John R. Seffrin, chief executive officer for the American Cancer Society, said, "Despite the legal complexities behind today's ruling, one thing remains certain — tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in this country."

Only six of the seven justices heard the case. Justice Raoul Canero did not participate.

## Coca-Cola case like 'something out of a spy novel'

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A secretary accused of helping two men steal trade secrets from The Coca-Cola Co. and trying to sell them to rival PepsiCo Inc. was ordered released on bond Thursday in a blockbuster case her lawyer likened to "a spy novel."

Joya Williams' co-defendants, a pair of ex-cons who served time together at the same federal prison in Alabama, were detained pending a preliminary hearing for all three on Tuesday. Their attorneys would not say how Williams knew the two men.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Joel Feldman also signed a protective order that prevents the defendants from revealing any secrets they know about the Atlanta-based company to anyone other than their lawyers.

A Coke lawyer, Stephen Cowen, told Feldman he also may seek to bar certain documents and other information from being turned over to the defense during discovery.

But Williams' lawyer, Wanda Jackson, said outside the federal courthouse that the defense needs to see the product sample her client allegedly stole from Coke to be able to defend her properly. Jackson also suggested the product may not be as secret as Coke has suggested.

"It does sound like something out of a spy novel or movie," Jackson told reporters outside the courthouse. "Why would they leave a product in an office that was easily accessible? What was in it?"

Coke hasn't said. Jackson said the defense should be able to test the product.

"The whole thing belies common sense," she said of the accusations.

Williams' father, George Williams, told reporters he is standing by his daughter.

"Up until this point, I believe she left each and every one of her other jobs in good standing," George Williams said, adding that his daughter was excited to land a job at Coke four or five years ago.

The suspects were arrested Wednesday — the day a \$1.5 million transaction was to occur. They are charged with stealing confidential



Joya Williams leaves the Richard B. Russell Federal Building after a court appearance Thursday in Atlanta. Williams, a secretary accused of helping two men steal trade secrets from The Coca-Cola Co. and trying to sell them to rival PepsiCo Inc., was ordered released on bond Thursday.

AP photo

information, including a sample of a new drink, from Coke and trying to sell it to Pepsi.

Williams, who worked as an administrative assistant for a Coke executive, is accused of rifling through corporate files and stuffing documents and a new Coca-Cola product into a personal bag. She has since been fired, the judge said during Thursday's hearing.

The three suspects face charges of wire fraud and unlawfully stealing and selling Coke trade secrets.

As the suspects appeared in court, more details about their backgrounds emerged.

At the time of the alleged theft, Williams, 41, of Norcross, Ga., had been working for a senior Coke manager, Javier Sanchez Lameas, who is a global brand director for the beverage giant, the company said. She doesn't have a criminal record, according to her attorney.

Edmund Duhaney, of Decatur, Ga., who told the judge he is 42 though federal prosecutors list him as 43, served nearly five years of a seven-year sentence for possession of cocaine with intent to

distribute at a federal prison in Montgomery, Ala., according to U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman Mike Truman. He was released in February 2005.

Ibrahim Dimson, of New York, who told the judge he is 28 though prosecutors list him as 30, served less than one year of a two-year sentence for conspiracy to commit bank fraud at the same prison as Duhaney, Truman said. He arrived in 2003 and was released in 2004, meaning he was there at the same time as Duhaney.

Dimson and Williams are both seeking court-appointed counsel for the duration of their case, while Duhaney is being represented by noted Atlanta defense attorney Don Samuel.

Coca-Cola and Pepsi, meanwhile, are usually bitter enemies, but they worked together to foil the alleged trade secrets theft plot.

According to prosecutors, on May 19, Purchase, N.Y.-based PepsiCo provided Coke with a copy of a letter mailed to Pepsi in an official Coca-Cola business envelope. The letter, postmarked from the Bronx in New York, was from an indi-

vidual identifying himself as "Dirk," who claimed to be employed at a high level with Coca-Cola and offered "very detailed and confidential information." "Dirk" was later identified as Dimson, the FBI says.

Coca-Cola immediately contacted the FBI and an undercover FBI investigation began.

Prosecutors say Williams was the source of the information Dimson offered to provide to Pepsi. They say that "Dirk" provided an FBI undercover agent 14 pages of Coca-Cola documents marked classified and confidential. The company confirmed that the documents were valid and highly confidential and were considered trade secrets. Prosecutors say "Dirk" requested \$10,000 for the documents.

Later "Dirk" produced other documents that Coca-Cola confirmed were valid trade secrets of Coca-Cola. He also agreed to be paid \$75,000 for the purchase of a highly confidential product sample from a new Coca-Cola project, prosecutors said.

During a meeting at the Atlanta airport, an undercover agent later paid "Dirk" part of that money, placing the cash inside a yellow Girl Scout cookie box. "Dirk" handed the agent some documents in an Armani bag and the Coke product sample, an FBI affidavit says.

Then on June 27, an undercover FBI agent offered to buy other trade secret items for \$1.5 million from "Dirk." The same day a bank account was opened under the names of Duhaney and Dimson, and the address used on the account was that of Duhaney's residence, prosecutors said.

Video surveillance showed Williams at her desk at Coke headquarters going through files looking for documents and stuffing them into bags. She also was observed holding a liquid container with a white label, which resembled the description of a new Coca-Cola product sample, before placing it into her personal bag, prosecutors say.

## Stocks surge on mild economic and retail sales data

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street rallied Thursday as mild economic and retail sales data brightened the outlook for interest rates, helping stocks recover steep losses in the prior session.

Retailers had slower sales growth last month, a sign that high gasoline prices and rising lending rates were straining consumer spending. The results fed optimism that the Federal Reserve may have lifted rates enough to contain economic growth and inflation.

A bigger-than-forecast drop in service sector growth further reinforced the interest rate outlook, as did a slight dip in weekly unemployment claims. Coupled with lower oil prices, the latest round of data helped stocks recover sharp losses in Wednesday's session.

But many on Wall Street were already looking ahead to today's Labor Department report on employment, which gives critical readings on monthly job growth and wage increases. Numbers too far above or below expectations could reignite worries about inflation and economic growth, said Ken Tower, chief market strategist for Schwab's CyberTrader.

"It's really a fine line," Tower said. "Too much good news fires up this inflation fear and suggests the Fed will have to keep raising rates. Too much of a slowdown threatens profits."

In early afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average gained 80.28, or 0.72 percent, to 11,232.10. The Dow slumped more than 76 points Wednesday on concerns about North Korea's missile launch and rising oil prices.

Broader stock indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 3.78, or 0.3 percent, at 1,274.69, and the Nasdaq composite index added 5.20, or 0.24 percent, to 2,158.54.

Bonds gained ground, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note down to 5.19 percent from 5.22 percent late Wednesday. The U.S. dollar fell against the Japanese yen, and gold prices edged up to about \$635 an ounce.

Crude futures eased after nervousness about political tensions with North Korea and gasoline supplies propelled prices to a new intraday high Wednesday. Although a government report showed shrinking crude reserves, inventories of refined products increased. A barrel of light crude lost 34 cents to \$74.85 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In economic news, the Institute for Supply Management said its services index fell 3.1 points to 57, below economists' forecast of 59. While any number above 50 implies expansion, investors have been looking for signs of a cooling economy.

First-time applications for jobless benefits slipped by 2,000 to 313,000 last week, the Labor Department said. Fewer average claims in June suggested a possible rebound in monthly job growth, the department noted.

Weak retail sales dragged on some stocks. Dow component Wal-Mart Stores Inc., whose low-income customers are most vulnerable to high energy costs, said its sales

rose 1.2 percent in June, below estimates of 2 percent. Wal-Mart dropped 20 cents to \$46.82.

Rival discounter Target Corp. posted sales of 4.8 percent to top predictions of 4.3 percent. Target gained 78 cents to \$49.05.

JCPenney Co. saw a 4.3 percent rise in same-store sales, easily beating forecasts of 2.8 percent. Penney nonetheless sank 52 cents to \$66.86.

Overseas, North Korea worries sent Japan's Nikkei stock average falling 1.3 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 1.09 percent, Germany's DAX index advanced 1.24 percent and France's CAC-40 was higher by 0.92 percent as traders responded to the gains on U.S. markets.

Advancing issues led decliners by 5 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume of 740.6 million shares lagged the 773.6 million shares changing hands at the same point Wednesday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 1.91, or 0.27 percent, to 721.76.

## Dollar down, gold up in Europe

Associated Press

LONDON — The U.S. dollar fell against most major currencies in European trading Thursday. Gold rose.

The euro was quoted at \$1.2757, up from \$1.2732 late Wednesday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro fetched \$1.2757.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Wednesday, included 115.11 Japanese yen, down from 115.71; 1.2298 Swiss francs, down from 1.2316; and 1.1116 Canadian dollars, up from 1.1110.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.8373, up from \$1.8347.

In midday New York trading, the dollar bought 115.09 yen and 1.2296 Swiss francs, while the pound was worth \$1.8373.

Gold closed in London at \$629.30 bid per troy ounce, up from \$620.30 on Wednesday.

In Zurich the bid price was \$628.60, up from \$619.95.

Gold fell \$2.80 in Hong Kong to close at \$624.00.

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# WVPT's 'Pump Boys and Dinettes' serves up good, clean fun

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**REVIEW**

BY KATIE MCDOWELL  
The Dominion Post

In today's day and age, it can get a little difficult to find some good, clean fun. But if that is indeed what you're looking for, you needn't look far. Because it's being served up with a smile in West Virginia Public Theatre's second production of the season, "Pump Boys and Dinettes."

The story of four gas station employees and two waitresses who occupy a dusty corner of the southern highway, "Pump Boys and Dinettes" isn't your typical "musical theater" menu item. The plot is virtually nonexistent — there's these four singing gas station employees, see, and these singing waitresses, see, and they steal an invisible Winnebago and head to Florida for a much-needed vacation, yeah, that's it — but the fun being had up there on stage is all-too-obvious to the folks out in the audience.

And it is this infectious fun that makes this show worth seeing.

A revue of country and honky-tonk tunes, "Pump Boys and Dinettes" operates by setting up a song, then singing it. Setting up the song, then singing it. The cast — Chris Blisset as Jackson, Samuel Cohen as Jim, Jon Rosen as L.M., Laura Beth Wells as Rhetta Cupp, Christine Negherbon as Prudie Cupp and Andre Simmons



as the silent Eddie — tackle each number with more energy than one has any right to have after more than a week of tireless rehearsals and performances. The show dives right in with the opening number "Highway 57," then eases straight on in to "Takin' it Slow."

In fact, the show takes it slow only a couple of times, with ballads by Cohen ("Mamaw," about his grandmother) and Wells and Negherbon ("Sisters," about their relationship). The rest of the show is a foot-tappin' extravaganza — I don't think the guy sitting next to me stopped doing it for even a moment.

The delightful "Fisherman's Prayer," an a capella tune sung in beautiful harmony by Cohen, Blisset and Rosen, was funny enough to elicit more than a few laughs, and Blisset's "Mona" — done very Chuck Berryish — brought the house down.



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**Pump Boys Jim** (front, right photo, played by Sam Cohen) and **Jackson** (played by Chris Blisset) strum their guitars during Wednesday evening's performance. Eddie (above, left, played by Andre Simmons) receives a quick admonishment from Prudie Cupp (Christine Negherbon). Jim has the hots for Rhetta Cupp (left photo, right, played by Laura Beth Wells).

The girls worked the room admirably with Negherbon's "The Best Man" and the duet "Tips" (though to be honest, this was the only song in the show that I truly disliked).

The show is interactive, but not annoyingly so, and a moment including an audience member just after intermission was both sweet and funny.

With its fairly invisible plot and almost nonstop musicality, the success of this kind of show depends almost entirely on the strength of its cast — and how well those castmembers meld together. This cast has got it down pat. Cohen is charming as the downhome crooner Jim, Blisset a real joy as the sparkier Jackson. Jon Rosen plays L.M. with an

exaggerated dopiness that's kind of cute and Simmons, even though he never says a word, gets more than a few laughs.

Negherbon and Wells work well together — Negherbon tackling her role with the ebullient enthusiasm with which she's taken on WVPT's previous roles of Nanette in the sugary-sweet "No, No Nanette" and Peggy Sawyer in "42nd Street." Wells — in her first performance for WVPT — plays Rhetta with a world-weary sultriness, a sort of blue-collar version of Dixie Carter's Julia on "Designing Women."

All four of the Pump Boys showed real talent on their instruments and everyone proved to have some natural comic timing.



All in all, "Pump Boys and Dinettes" doesn't set the world on fire. It isn't supposed to. It's supposed to entertain, and it does. It's supposed to — for about two hours

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**"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST"** — Yo ho, yo ho ... yeah, that's about all you get. It is physically impossible to think of any pirate puns after sitting through this sequel and having all traces of energy and enthusiasm sucked out. Even more cartoonish than the original film from 2003 — a difficult feat to achieve — the latest installment in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise often feels as if it should star the Road Runner and Wile E.

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**CAPSULE FILM REVIEWS**

Coyote. And those moments are the funniest, liveliest parts. The rest is just bloated — and, like its predecessor, numbingly overlong. Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley are back, as are director Gore Verbinski and writers Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio. The plot this time focuses on our heroes' misadventures as they search for Davy Jones' famous hidden chest. In theory, the special effects are the allure, but they feel redundant. And the thrilling unpredictability of watching Depp do his kinda-gay, kinda-drunk Keith Richards shtick as Captain Jack Sparrow is completely gone. Like everything else about this film, we've seen it before. PG-13 for intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images. 153 min. Two stars out of four.

**"A SCANNER DARKLY"** — Despite a big-name cast —

Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder, Robert Downey Jr. and Woody Harrelson — this babbling, often incomprehensible sci-fi tale feels like something director Richard Linklater cobbled together with little regard to audience interest. Adapted from Philip K. Dick's grim novel of drug addiction, the movie was shot in live action then painted over with digital animation, like Linklater's earlier film "Waking Life." Reeves plays a narcotics cop in the near future who's losing himself to addiction and personality disintegration amid an undercover assignment to spy on his associates (Ryder, Downey, Harrelson and Rory Cochrane). Rather than act, the players act out, their characters rambling heavily through Linklater's dense screenplay. There's little real action. Instead, people blurt, other react. Considering the movie puts style ahead of substance, the imagery appropriately provides a nice distraction from the dullness of the dialogue. R for drug and sexual content, language and a brief violent image. 100 min. Two stars out of four.

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**BRIEFS**

The Dominion Post

## City police seek leads on runaway teen

Morgantown Police and a parent are asking for help in finding a runaway teen.

Jason A. Starn, 17, of Morgantown, has been missing since June 23, according to a report city police filed with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.



Jason A. Starn

His mother, Elizabeth Starn, said the teen was last seen on South High Street. Starn is 6-foot-2 and weighs about 170 pounds. He has short, brown hair and green eyes and was wearing jean shorts, a white T-shirt and white tennis shoes.

According to city police, a report of Starn's disappearance has been filed with the National Crime Information Center. NCIC is a national computerized index of criminal justice information, including criminal record history information, fugitives and missing persons. It can be accessed by federal, state and local law enforcement at any time.

## 2 pot growers plead guilty, forfeit farm

Two Rosedale residents pleaded guilty to conspiring to manufacture marijuana on their property and have agreed to forfeit the 77-acre farm.

Edgar Henry, 57, and Kimberly Henry, 52, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief Judge Irene M. Keeley and entered into a plea agreement. They were charged with the manufacture of more than 100 marijuana plants from July 16, 2000, to July 21, 2004.

They acknowledged using the farm to grow the marijuana.

Both are free on bond. They face five to 40 years in prison and a \$2 million fine.

## Be cool and help Boys and Girls Club

The Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club is in desperate need of a refrigerator.

The club's refrigerator gave out, and there's no way to keep milk and juice cold for the kids. According to Diane Kisinger, of the United Way, they are looking for a good, used or new appliance.

Contact Denny Poluga at 292-7510.

The Boys and Girls Club, at 300 Court St., provides a positive place for kids ages 6-18 to enjoy educational, recreational and service programs.

## Westover seeks help on two commissions

Westover is seeking four volunteers for the Planning Commission and three to five people to sit on a Building Commission.

For both panels, you must be a resident of the city.

For the planning panel, you also must be qualified by knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to the development of the city.

Building Commission members also can't hold any other office employment under the United States, state and county or political subdivision thereof or any political party. The panel must have members of different political parties.

Submit name, address, phone number and a brief statement of interest to: City of Westover, 500 Dupont Road, Westover, WV 26501. Info: 296-6860, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Marion Commission makes 2 appointments

On Wednesday, the Marion County Commission appointed Brent Skidmore, senior vice president of First Exchange Bank, to the county Development Authority, and Michelle Bradley, a member of the Rivesville Cultural Center Board, to the Greater Paw Paw Public Service District.

# City's population pops up 5.5%

## Morgantown gains more residents than anywhere else in state

**BY GARY GRAY**

The Dominion Post

Morgantown added more residents in the past five years than any other city in West Virginia, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

From April 1, 2000, to July 1, 2005, Morgantown gained 1,483 residents, according to the recent estimate. The official 2000 count was 26,809, and the 2005 estimate is 28,292, an increase of 5.5 percent.

Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg, Wheeling and Fairmont are each forecast to have lost residents during the same period. The estimated loss for Huntington is 2,272 residents, just slightly more than Charleston (2,245).

"Morgantown is one of the West Virginia cities that continues to grow," said Bill Byrne, Morgantown city councilman. "Unfortunately, some of our sister cities are not seeing the same growth."

Martinsburg, which has become a popular home for commuters working in Baltimore and other nearby metropolitan areas, showed the highest estimated rate of population gain at 6.8 percent.

However, it was about 150 people shy of Morgantown's estimated total of new residents.

Dan Boroff, Morgantown city manager, attributed the growth to several factors,

## W.Va. population growth

City	2000 Census	2005 Estimate	Difference	Percentage
Morgantown	26,809	28,292	+1,483	+5.5%
Charleston	53,421	51,176	-2,245	-4.2%
Huntington	51,475	49,198	-2,272	-4.4%
Parkersburg	33,099	32,020	-1,079	-3.3%
Wheeling	31,419	29,639	-1,780	-5.7%
Martinsburg	14,972	15,996	+1,024	+6.8%
Clarksburg	16,743	16,439	-304	-1.8%
Fairmont	19,097	19,049	-48	-0.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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including an expanding university.

"At the forefront, of course, is WVU," Boroff said. "Their capital improvement programs have added private-sector jobs. So has

the expansion of their research and development programs. And investments made in the medical community also have drawn jobs."

# She's overwhelmed to reach 100

## Bruceton woman today becomes a centenarian

**BY BRANDY BRUBAKER**

The Dominion Post

For the past 70-plus years, Kay Evans has lived nestled in the woods of Bruceton in a house built during the days of George Washington's presidency.

Evans, who turns 100 today, has seen nearly as much history unfold as her old stone house has.

Born July 7, 1906, Evans lived through both World Wars, the race to the moon, President Kennedy's assassination and many other historic American events.

She can't believe she's lived so long.

"It overwhelms me," Evans said.

She and her husband, George Bird Evans, bought the Bruceton house in the 1930s. Bird Evans died a few years ago, well into his 90s.

Kay Evans still has two deeds to their home hanging in the living room. One was drawn up when the area was still part of Virginia. The other was written after West Virginia seceded from the commonwealth state during the Civil War.

Evans' house is decorated with photos of her younger days and dozens of pictures of her dogs, English setters. The Evanses raised a line of champion setters, a line that continues today through the help of a family friend.



Kathryn Evans admires a balloon she received in advance of the celebration of her 100th birthday today.

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Bird Evans was an artist and author of many books about hunting and sporting dogs. Kay Evans was an English teacher.

She showed off one of her favorite illustrations done by her husband — a colorful scene of musicians and instruments. She keeps it on top of her piano.

Another photo she likes is one of her in her 20s. Her husband snapped the shot and published it in a book.

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## Water tank rises at city airport

This 160-foot-tall elevated water tank has been assembled at Morgantown Municipal Airport

by Caldwell Tanks Inc., of Louisville, Ky. The tank, which is positioned next to the Civil Air Patrol building, will hold 400,000 gallons. That water will provide fire protection service for the airport and parts of the Mileground. The \$1.2 million city/county project is an upgrade of the airport's water tank and lines, and includes improvements to sprinkler systems and firefighting equipment at the airport. Caldwell Tanks will soon paint the inside and outside of the tank, work that also includes disinfection of the tank after coating. The exterior will be painted orange and white, in a checkerboard pattern. The Federal Aviation Administration requires that any tank that constitutes a hazard to aerial navigation be painted in this pattern. Morgantown Utility Board, which owns the structure, will connect water lines from an existing line to the tank.



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## Scientists at WVU get nest egg for poultry pollution projects

Associated Press

WVU scientists will help establish a pollution credit trading program and a gasification plant that turns chicken manure into heating fuel as part of a \$2.3 million project to improve water quality in the Potomac River watershed.

If successful, the efforts could ultimately help clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service has issued more than \$1 million in matching-grant funds for the two projects, plus a third exploring the use of goats and sheep to control invasive plants.

Thirty West Virginia farmers will participate in a prescribed grazing system, and researchers will help them evaluate whether there are economic advantages or disadvantages to using animals instead of chemicals.

Ronald L. Hilliard, NRCS conservationist in West Virginia, said each project promotes innovation

and practicality while balancing the needs for both conservation and production.

Chicken farmers in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and other states have been blamed for fouling streams and rivers with runoff that is high in nitrogen from manure plowed into the ground as fertilizer.

Many believe the runoff damages fish and plant life, leading to outbreaks of such toxic microbes as *Pfisteria*.

The gasification project, a collaboration between Coaltec Energy USA Inc. and Frye Poultry in Hardy County, will receive \$550,000. WVU scientists will monitor the energy data, then develop a way to transfer it and evaluate its economic potential.

Another \$527,071 of the federal funds go to the pollution credit program, in which polluters earn credits for reducing discharges. Those credits can then be traded among farmers, industrial facilities or local water utilities.

## Police hunt pedophile, need help

### Sexual-abuse warrant out for John Robinson

ANYONE with information relating to the whereabouts of John Robinson is asked to call State Police at 285-3200.

**BY NATALIE NEYSA ALUND**

The Dominion Post

State police are asking the public for help in finding a convicted pedophile, who they say molested a 5-year-old girl last month in Monongalia County.

John Ray Robinson, 43, served more than 12 years for the 1992 conviction.

His last known address was 1150 Mountaineer Road, off the Kingwood Pike.

An arrest warrant, issued June 28, says Robinson faces one count of first-degree sexual abuse, which is prohibited touching.

Robinson is wanted for a June 19 incident at the home of the 5-year-old girl, who lives with her mother in Mon County.

According to a criminal complaint, the girl — during an interview at the Mon County Child Advocacy Center and at Ruby Memorial Hospital — told troopers that Robinson touched her inappropriately while Robinson was a guest in the girl's home.

Sgt. James Merrill, state police public information officer, said Robinson is an acquaintance of the girl's mother. Merrill said he did not know if the mother knew Robinson was a convicted child molester.

Merrill said troopers have tried to find Robinson many times.

Robinson is a white male, 5-foot-8 and 175 pounds with brown hair and green eyes.

"We're asking for the public's help to find him," Merrill said. "We're encouraging the public not to act, but to call police if they discover his whereabouts."

If convicted, Robinson faces one to five years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine for first-degree sexual abuse.

In 1992, Robinson was convicted on one count of first-degree sexual assault and one count of sexual abuse of a child by a parent, guardian or custodian, according to the State Police Sex Offender Registry.

Sexual assault is nonconsensual intercourse or sexual intrusion with an object.

Mon County Prosecutor Marcia Ashdown said that in 1991 Robinson molested the young

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# Opinion

**EDITORIAL**

## Out of state, but not out of mind?

Crackdown on illegally registered vehicles right thing to do for all

The assessor has a license to tax.

That includes people who live here, but whose vehicles are registered out-of-state and sport license plates other than West Virginia's.

In recent years, we have complained along with officials across the state that more and more residents are registering vehicles in nearby states to avoid the 5 percent privilege tax on the value of vehicles registered in West Virginia.

However, according to state law, a vehicle must be registered in West Virginia if its owner has lived here at least 30 days.

We are not suggesting targeting out-of-state WVU students, who drove cars here from their hometowns. As "non-resident students," most of them, the ones who attend classes, are exempt from registering their vehicles here.

But we are convinced many of the vehicles sporting out-of-state license plates in Monongalia County are owned by residents who skirt paying their fair share by not registering them in this state.

This week, Putnam County officials announced an innovative way to catch residents driving such vehicles. During the first weeks of school this fall, sheriff's deputies or employees of the assessor's office will be taking photos of out-of-state license plates of parents dropping their children off for classes.

The plate numbers will be run through a database and the names associated with them will be checked against county property records.

No one will be stopping traffic or asking anyone for registration, just taking photographs.

Sound unfair? It's not. What's unfair are tax cheats who don't pay their fair share, like everyone else.

Other counties have also begun cracking down on out-of-state plates. In Berkeley County, officials plan to hike property taxes on residences whose owners keep their vehicles registered out of state.

This year, Mineral County authorities won a court case against a woman on a misdemeanor charge of failing to register her vehicle in the state.

Cracking down on state residents driving cars with out-of-state license plates is nothing new. In 2003, Cabell County officials offered its residents an amnesty to correct their registration without penalty. After that offenders faced a \$500 fine and were responsible for back taxes on the vehicle.

At that time, the assessor there said there were 4,000 residents who had cars illegally registered in other states.

Cabell officials estimated they gained an additional \$500,000 a year in tax revenue from the crackdown. Such a program would probably not put Monongalia County in the money, but if it even raised a modest sum it would pay for itself and let tax cheats know they won't be tolerated.

We are convinced everyone should pay their fair share and most people do. But for those who don't, it should register with all of us.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### What about the service in customer service?

When my satellite dish quit working in May, it took nearly three weeks for the service person to come and tell me what was wrong. It took many phone calls to get someone here and when an appointment was made, no one showed up. Each time the appointment was made for between 8 a.m. and noon.

The first person came two days late at 5:45 p.m. I had to leave for another engagement.

The second appointment was 8 a.m. to noon. He came at 5 p.m. and I would not let him in the house.

The third time was a result of my threatening to cancel my contract. The service company assured me the technician would be at my house before 5 p.m. on Sunday. I told them if the technician was not here before 5 p.m., at 5:01 p.m. I would cancel my subscription. He arrived at 1:30 p.m. and fixed the problem.

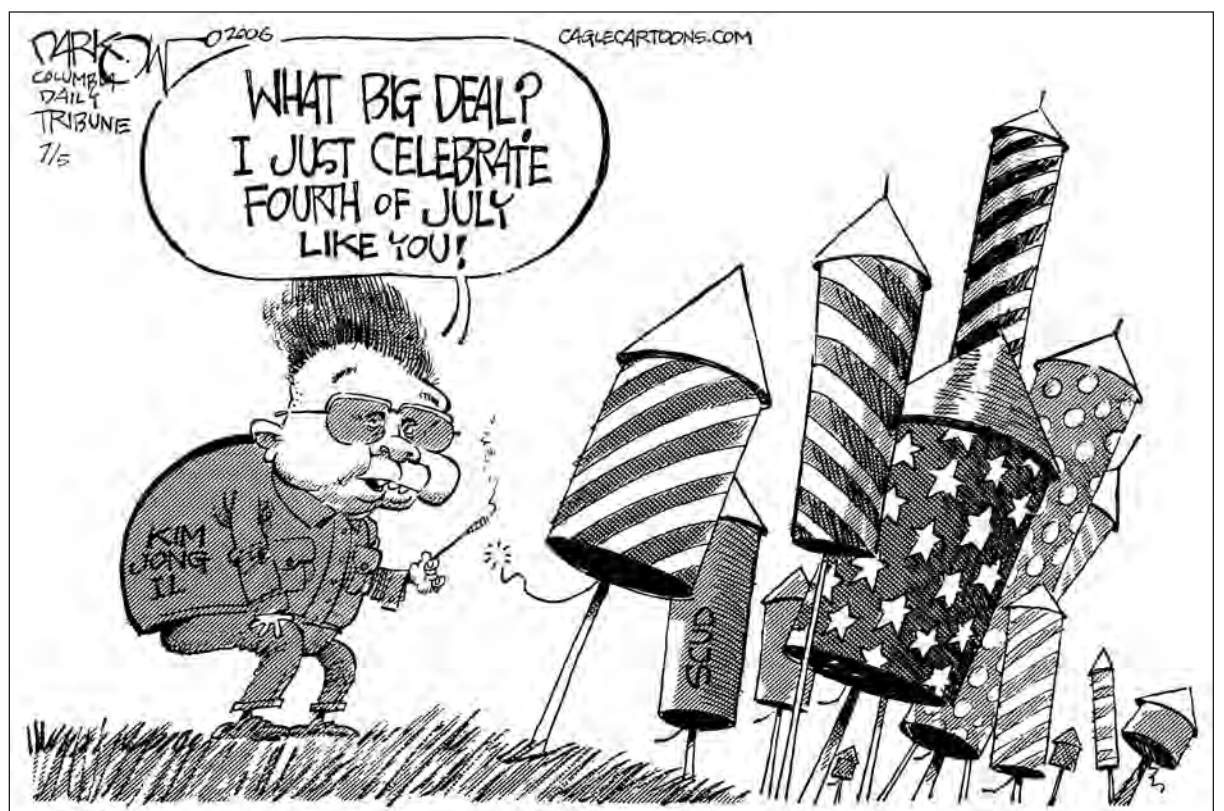
Now it is June and my telephone has been out of order since June 20. I have contacted the customer service department on June 20, June 21 and June 22, and was told (when I wasn't disconnected) the trouble was in the outside line and someone would be here the next day. Which would have been June 23.

On that evening, a man called and said he was delayed and would be here the first thing tomorrow, which would have been June 24. It is now June 26 and the phone is still not working. I still need to use only my cell phone. Not all my friends who call have the number. It is very frustrating.

I called Verizon again this morning (June 26) and was told the technician would be here by 3 p.m. I told her if he was not here by 3 p.m., I would call the state Public Service Commission at 3:01 p.m. He wasn't here so I called the PSC and was told the phone would be fixed today before she got back to me.

Finally, at 5 p.m. the technician came, found the problem and by 6 p.m. I had my phone back. Where is the "service" in customer service? Why should it take so many telephone calls, unfulfilled promises and a call to the PSC to get results?

**Elsie Cole  
Morgantown**



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Please include your name, address and telephone number for confirmation purposes.

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### Minimum-wage increase should become an issue

I was glad to see *The Dominion Post* reprinted the *Miami Herald's* editorial in favor of raising the minimum wage.

Like Florida, West Virginia recently passed a minimum wage increase, but it only applies to state workers and a few thousand others. Yet, it is still a step in the right direction and in January I hope the Legislature will be able to pass a bill to raise the minimum wage for all West Virginians.

I had hoped Congress would pass such a bill this year. The House Appropriations Committee, on which Rep. Alan Mollohan, D-W.Va., is the leading Democrat, did vote 32 in favor (seven Republicans and 25 Democrats) and 27

against (mainly Republicans), which would have raised the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$5.85 this year, then to \$6.55 in 2007 and \$7.25 the year after. Unfortunately the Republican leadership is on record opposing the bill, so it probably will not even be given the opportunity to pass the full House.

What an irony — Congress is set to pass a decrease in estate taxes, giving yet another tax break for the very rich, but cannot see fit to help those who labor for a living.

Congress has given itself raises for eight consecutive years, but has failed to raise the minimum wage since 1996. If Congress had just given a cost-of-living increase to those earning a minimum wage, they should be earning at least \$6.50 an hour instead of \$5.15.

Most of these workers are families living in poverty; single women trying to raise a family and minorities. The Economic Policy Institute found the 1996 increase in the minimum wage moved a large percentage of workers, then in poverty, out of poverty and their increased spending power actually created jobs. They concluded it did not harm businesses because costs were offset by benefits, higher employee productivity, lower turnover and decreased absenteeism as well as an increase in worker morale.

The Pew Research Center reports 86 percent of Americans favor raising the minimum wages in Florida, and Nevada's voters recently passed an increase by about a 70 percent margin.

More than 20 states have passed or are poised to pass an increase in the minimum wages — Pennsylvania, North Carolina, California, Louisiana, and Massachusetts being the most recent.

West Virginia needs to follow suit and raise the minimum wage for all West Virginians. As you talk to the candidates before the November election, ask them about their position on a minimum-wage increase.

**Sen. Jon Blair Hunter  
D-Monongalia  
Morgantown**

# The times calling for skillful diplomacy, but from whom?

It was **FOUR** and a half years ago, in his first State of the Union speech, that President Bush declared that North Korea, Iran and Iraq constituted an "axis of evil" arming themselves to threaten the peace of the world.



**JOSEPH L. GALLOWAY**

At that moment North Korea was the only one of the three rogue nations that was thought to have one or more nuclear weapons. Iran even then had nuclear ambitions and, of the three, was the only one with confirmed ties to international terrorist groups that posed a direct threat to the United States.

So what did this president do? He took direct aim at the least dangerous of the three — Iraq — and marched us off into the swamps of an unending war that revealed the weaknesses of both our target and ourselves.

The more threatening of the three, Iran and North Korea, were treated to years of benign neglect by Washington while our focus and our national efforts were on toppling Saddam Hussein's brutal government and an amateurish quest to plant Jeffersonian democracy in some of the most infertile soil in the Middle East.

The United States has declared its anti-missile missile system is ready for use, but it hasn't been fully tested yet — meaning it hasn't proved

capable of intercepting and killing any missile in real-world conditions.

North Korea tested a long-range missile on Tuesday — a provocation even if the missile did flop in less than 40 seconds. And Iran is continuing its program to enrich uranium, a process that could be used to make material for weapons if the processing is done at high enough levels.

For 4 1/2 years the Bush administration steered clear of diplomacy, leaving negotiations over Iran's nuclear ambitions in the hands of European countries, who have their own economic interests in Iran.

And the six-nation talks on ending North Korea's nuclear programs haven't yielded much.

So let's review the bidding in this situation. We threaten to use our unproved missile defense system

### Wiser heads among the senior military leaders have cautioned that we would do well to consider the fallout ... from such an attack on Iran.

against a non-working North Korean long-range missile even as we demand that Iran first shut down its uranium enrichment facilities before negotiations on the problem can begin.

Over in the Pentagon they are doing contingency planning for air strikes to knock out the Iranian nuke facilities. Air Force planners, singing a song

almost as old as the one about the wild blue yonder, tell their bosses they could knock out 85 percent of the Iranian facilities with pinpoint bombing. Or they could if they knew where all of them were located, and by the way, would we mind if they used small nuclear bombs on those targets?

Wiser heads among the senior military leaders have cautioned that we would do well to consider the fallout, nuclear weapons aside, from such an attack on Iran. First, they could shut off their oil exports and kick the price of a barrel of oil over \$100 overnight. Then they sink a supertanker or two in the Persian Gulf and kick that price far higher. Then they intervene in Iraq, directly or indirectly through their Shiite brothers, and give our already hard-pressed soldiers and Marines a real night-

mare situation to deal with on the ground. Then they signal their terrorist clients to launch all-out attacks on American interests wherever possible.

One would think that President Bush and his people might have learned something in their time in power about the real world and the very real consequences of making threats and acting precipitously, and thinking about it later, if at all.

We have come upon perilous times, and they call for smart, skillful diplomacy of a sort that hasn't exactly been the strongest suit of those who are in charge of our fate and future.

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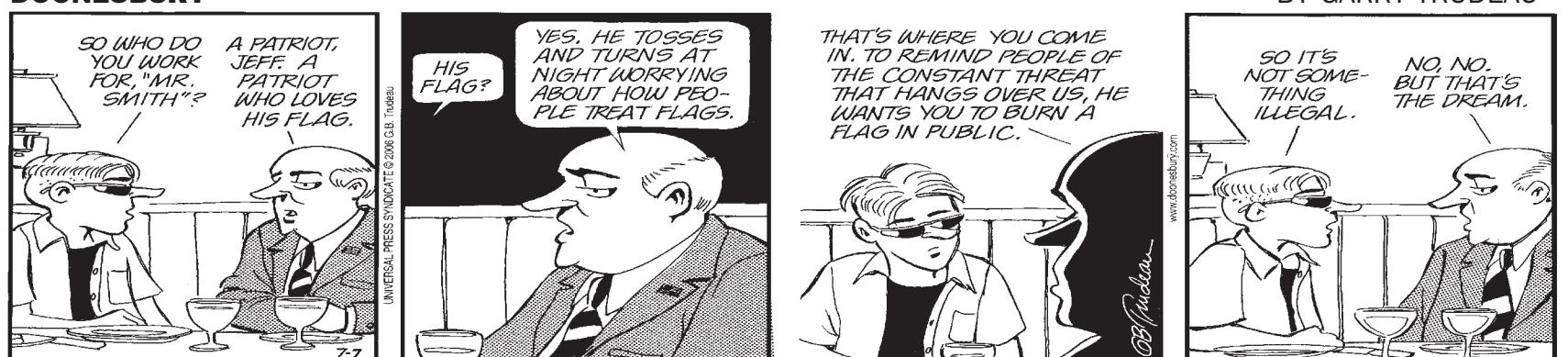
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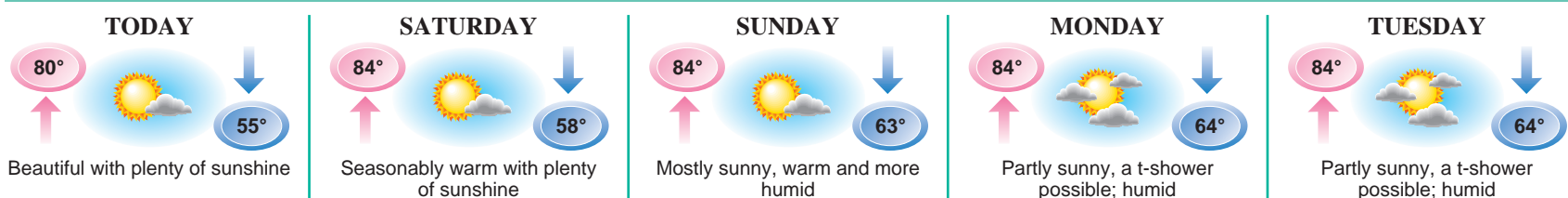
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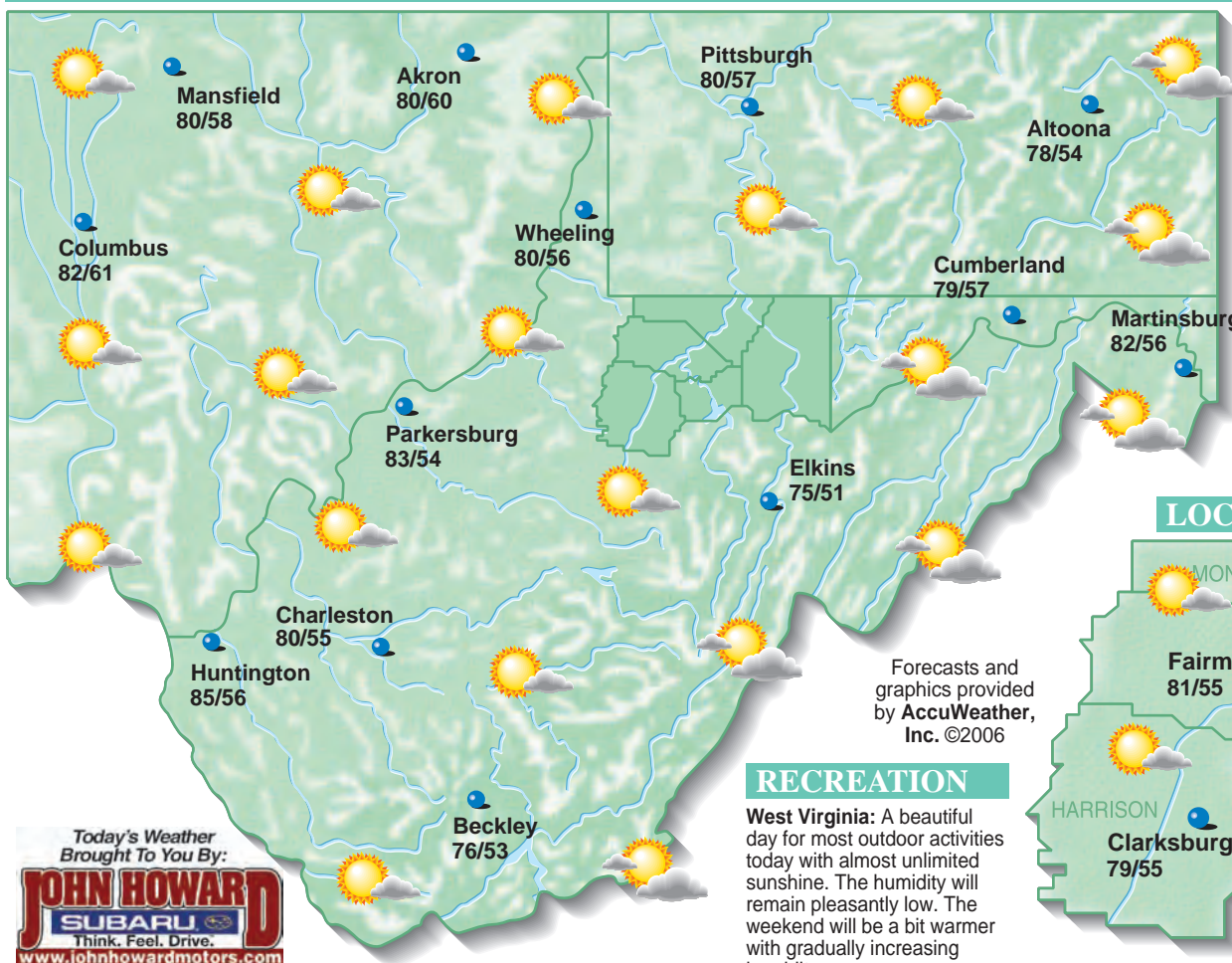
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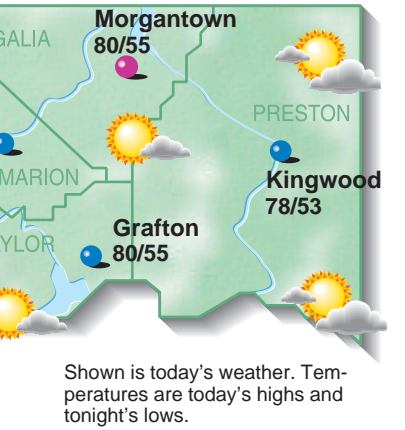
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Morgantown through 4 p.m. Thursday  
**Temperature**  
 High/low ..... 72°/52°  
 Normal high/low ..... 83°/63°  
 Record high ..... 95° in 1988  
 Record low ..... 46° in 1951  
**Precipitation**  
 24 hrs ending 4 p.m. Thursday ..... 0.11"  
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 Year to date ..... 22.78"

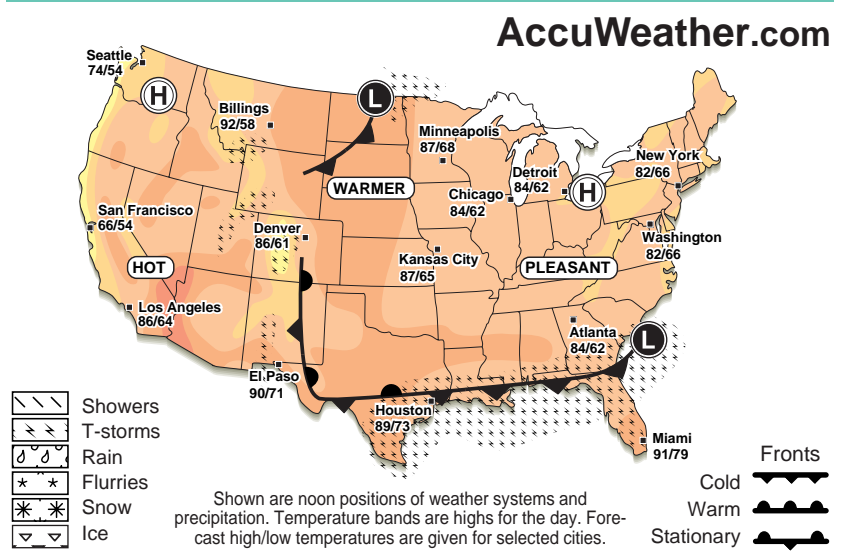
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Sunrise today ..... 5:59 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 8:50 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 5:55 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 2:24 a.m.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



POLLEN

Yesterday in Morgantown  
 Grasses ..... N.A. Weeds ..... N.A.  
 Trees ..... N.A. Molds ..... N.A.  
 Source: WV University

UV INDEX

Highest today ..... 8 ..... very high  
 The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV Index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Bekley, WV	76/53/s	77/57/s
Charleston, WV	80/55/s	84/59/s
Columbus, OH	82/61/s	87/65/s
Cumberland, MD	79/57/s	83/60/s
Fairmont, WV	81/55/s	84/58/s
Grafton, WV	80/55/s	84/58/s
Huntington, WV	85/56/s	85/60/s
Kingwood, WV	78/53/s	81/55/s
Pittsburgh, PA	80/57/s	83/61/s
Wheeling, WV	80/56/s	83/59/s

SOLUNAR TABLE

Five-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Fri: 8:48 a.m.	2:35 a.m.	9:14 p.m.	3:01 p.m.
Sat: 9:37 a.m.	3:22 a.m.	10:05 p.m.	3:51 p.m.
Sun: 10:30 a.m.	4:15 a.m.	11:01 p.m.	4:45 p.m.
Mon: 11:28 a.m.	5:13 a.m.	11:59 p.m.	5:44 p.m.
Tue: 12:29 p.m.	6:14 a.m.	—	6:44 p.m.

LAKES AND RIVERS

Lake	7 a.m. Yest.	24-hour Change
Cheat Lake	868.08	-1.4
Deep Creek, MD	2460.80	+0.0
Jennings Randolph	1465.75	+0.0
Stonewall Jackson	1073.42	+0.1
Tygart	1096.84	+2.4
Youghiogheny	1440.06	+0.4

ALMANAC

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 Today is Friday, July 7, the 188th day of 2006. There are 177 days left in the year.

**HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:**  
**IN 2005,** suicide terrorist bombings in three Underground stations and a double-decker bus killed 52 victims and four bombers in the worst attack on London since World War II. (The United States put its subways, buses and commuter trains on high alert amid concern about a possible copycat attack.)

**ON THIS DATE:**  
**IN 1898,** the United States annexed Hawaii.

**IN 1958,** President Eisenhower signed the Alaska statehood bill.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Composer Gian Carlo Menotti is 95. Blues musician Pinetop Perkins is 93. Historian-author David McCullough is 73. Rock star Ringo Starr is 66. Country singer Linda Williams is 59. Actress Shelley Duvall is 57. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 44. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 43. Actress Jorja Fox is 38. Actress Cree Summer is 37. Actor Troy Garity is 33. Actor Hamish Linklater is 30. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 26.

Girlfriend's past gnaws at man in here and now

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 20-something male who is madly in love with my girlfriend. That being said, I do have one concern. She dated a friend of mine for a short while prior to dating me. Their relationship was physically intimate, something I have reserved for only our relationship. In short, I am having trouble facing my friend.

Can you advise me how to get over my discomfort at the physical nature of their relationship? — TRYING TO GET OVER IT

**DEAR TRYING:** You can overcome your discomfort by recognizing that today many people come with a sexual past, and by not allowing yourself to dwell on it. Your problem isn't unusual. Most people like to fantasize that the partner they have chosen has no sexual history. If you're worried about "comparisons" — look at it this way: YOU'VE got the girl.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was shocked and hurt recently when my grandmother wrote me a letter about the level of "disrespect" I supposedly "heaped on her" during a recent visit. I am 37 years old, and while visiting her after the funeral of a relative, I showed her some photographs of me and my fiancé.

My fiancé is a tall, handsome, African-American man I met and fell in love with two years ago. The "disrespect" she was alluding to



JEANNE PHILLIPS

was "because her granddaughter was involved with a black man." Abby, I was raised to accept people for who they are, lovingly and with respect, regardless of color or ethnicity. I do not want to be disrespectful of my grandmother or hurt her, but my fiancé and I were married on April 15 and we are very happy. My question is, can old grandmothers be taught new tricks? — OFFENDED IN CARTERVILLE, GA.

**DEAR OFFENDED:** Some can, when they see their grandchild is happy in a stable marriage; others are too firmly entrenched in their biases to change their thinking. Remember, you and she are from different generations, and although mixed marriages are not uncommon these days, they were when your grandmother was growing up.

In your case, I wouldn't count on teaching Granny any new tricks, because her mind appears to be locked tighter than Guantanamo Bay. But hold a good thought.

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

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# Sports



JUSTIN JACKSON

## No way 4th grid group will pass

SOMETIMES A BLAST from the past is all you need. For example, from our archives, we offer you this quote from former Morgantown High football coach Glen McNew:

"It's going to happen eventually. Somebody is going to come up with some idea on how to fix this problem. I wouldn't be surprised if we saw another proposal later this year."

That was June 16, 2001 — just a few days after the state Board of Education rejected a proposal that would have created a Class AAAA in West Virginia high school football.

Well, coach, five years later, you've been proven right.

In just six days, the state BOE will vote on yet another proposal to create a fourth classification in football.

Not only that, but the board will vote on a proposal to segregate ... oops did I say segregate, I meant classify, the private schools into their own group for postseason tournaments.

And then there's the proposal to open up the entire summer to high school workouts, except for July Fourth week and the week before the holiday.

These three proposals could essentially change the face of high school sports as we know it in this state and nobody seems to care.

Or just a select few. A call was put in Thursday to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. The 30-day comment period had ended and it was time for the people to be heard.

"Surprisingly, there were not a lot of comments filed," said SSAC assistant executive director Kelly Geddis. "As controversial as some of the proposals are, I thought they would pour in, but it's not what I would consider a lot."

Maybe saying nobody cares is a little strong. Truth be told, many are waiting to see what happens and hoping for the best — one way or the other.

But these are three proposals that command attention and command some type of reaction, whether they are passed or not. With all seriousness, the only proposal the state BOE could possibly pass is the summer workouts.

The board commented in 2001 there simply aren't enough schools in the state to move to a fourth classification. Well, there are fewer schools in the state now than there were in 2001, thanks to consolidation.

If none of the proposals pass, that doesn't mean there aren't problems. To be sure, more proposals will pop up again, just like McNew predicted in 2001.

The key is coming up with a proposal that makes sense. In the case of the private schools vs. the public schools, there may be no clear-cut answer.

As far as the enrollment gap in Class AAA, Grafton football coach Mike Skinner came up with an excellent idea. His idea was to play the regular season with the same bonus points as always and then, at the end of the season, cut class AAA in half.

Take the top eight schools in the first half and have a playoff and the top eight schools on the bottom half and have a playoff. That's still 16 Class AAA teams in the playoffs, but two schools will be crowned champions.

The only problem is, when do you play the fourth title game? That's to decide another day.

As for the summer workouts, I can't see how many coaches will really want the entire summer open, especially since they aren't being paid. The current three-week system, while not perfect, is a solid system.

In the end, there are some answers out there that will not be found in these proposals. The best scenario is they fail miserably, but get the right people in the same room talking.

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# Ruoff: Freshmen will be fine

## Youngsters get their first taste of teamwork

BY MICHAEL CASAZZA

The Dominion Post

Maybe it's because he's a part of this thing and doesn't want it to go badly. Maybe it's because he has a more intimate knowledge than those on the outside. Whatever the case may be, WVU sophomore Alex Ruoff never thought the men's basketball team was going to fall apart during the coming season.

Others may have disagreed, knowing five seniors and four starters that reached the Elite Eight and Sweet 16 in consecutive seasons had graduated and coach John Beilein was going to have to find the right mix of five veterans, one eligible transfer and seven freshmen to replace the minutes, points, rebounds and assists.

"I'm sure most fans think we're going to be down, but I think we're a lot like some other Big East schools that lost people and have to replace starters," Ruoff said. "I just don't think we're too far behind those other teams."

That optimism was reinforced last week, when Ruoff had a court-side seat to watch the Mountaineers' seven freshmen — Devan Bawinkel, Desean Butler, Jacob Green, Joe Mazzulla, Wellington Smith, Cam Thoroughman and Jonnie West — play together for the first time at

WVU's team camp.

"I'm a lot more confident now than I was before," Ruoff said. "Before, I was kind of hoping it could go that way. Now, I know it's going to happen."

The freshmen team, the Red Oxen, won their championship handily and were barely challenged along the way. That was to be expected, but it also gave the newcomers a sense of accomplishment to build upon and something to ease the transition into WVU's second summer session, which began this week.

"It's something we can use, something to start out with," Thoroughman said. "We want to prove it's not going to be as bad as people think. I think these guys are great. We're real talented and real athletic. It's going to be a fun four years."

That seems to be the new consensus, one that not only encouraged veterans like Ruoff and excited freshmen like Thoroughman, but also thrilled those who aren't a part of the experience.

John Flowers, a 6-foot, 7-inch forward from Leonardtown, Md.,

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### Incoming WVU freshmen

**Devan Bawinkle**  
6-5, 185, Winnebago, Ill.  
Teammates say: "An all-around good player." ... "A good shooter — a great shooter." ... "Great shooter. Pure."

**Desean Butler**  
6-7, 205, Bloomfield, N.J.  
Teammates say: "Really impressed me with his athleticism." ... "He plays really hard and he hustles a lot." ... "Very good scorer."

**Jacob Green**  
6-9, 210, Clinton, Md.  
Teammates say: "Big man with a lot of upside." ... "His potential is through the roof. I saw a lot of good things in his game." ... "Impressive. He was all over the place."

**Joe Mazzulla**  
6-2, 180, Warwick, R.I.  
Teammates say: "You won't know that he's a freshman." ... "He has a very mature game for an incoming freshman." ... "A real strong point guard and a really tough competitor."

**Wellington Smith**  
6-7, 195, Summit, N.J.  
Teammates say: "Really exciting." ... "Super-athletic." ... "He gets to everything."

**Cam Thoroughman**  
6-7, 185, Portsmouth, Ohio  
Teammates say: "A pure shooter with a good stroke." ... "He plays hard and he's really athletic." ... "Versatile, good feel for the game."

**Jonnie West**  
6-3, 170, Memphis, Tenn.  
Teammates say: "Really impressed me with his confidence. He came out firing." ... "He can shoot it." ... "He had a great shot and he knew it."

## Flowers blooms at WVU camp, can't wait to play

Md. prospect plans to join 'Eers in 2007

BY MICHAEL CASAZZA

The Dominion Post

One might think the hard part is over for John Flowers now that the Leonardtown, Md., prospect has committed to play basketball at WVU beginning in 2007 and only has to wait until the early signing period arrives in November to make his decision official.

And, in truth, Flowers used to think along those lines, that the Division I promise awaiting him justified the countless hours in the gym and the weight room, even though his constant drive to improve never lets him relax.

Then last week came and Flowers was at WVU's team basketball camp, sharing space with the Mountaineers' seven incoming freshmen.

"I got to meet all of them," he said. "We chilled a lot, hanging out and playing video games in the dorm rooms. It was a lot of fun."

Then the fun ended as Flowers packed his duffel bag and headed home, knowing he'd have to

wait a year before he could join the party.

"It's hard," Flowers said. "I can't wait. I'm real anxious to get up there and play with them. That's the hard part. But I have to be patient and not rush anything. I can always get better before going to play in college."

Flowers' high school team advanced to the championship game at the camp and he was pleased, though only slightly, with the way he played. Reports from those who watched some of the games were more positive.

"I played all right, but I was really sore from all the games we played and all the weight lifting I'd done the week before," he said. "I thought I could have played better if I wasn't so sore and tired. The first day, the first few games, I was fresh. That was more me than the last day."

Still, Flowers showed his ability. He averaged 18.5 points and 12 rebounds per game last season and was the only player in the formidable Washington Catholic

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## Sports museum celebrates Clemente

Pittsburgh has a host of All-Star activities this week

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Roberto Clemente smashed a few batting helmets in his day — 22 alone in his rookie year.

Clemente's very human temper might surprise people who have known only the myth of the graceful Hall of Fame rightfielder and humanitarian.

But visitors can view an exhibit showcasing both Clemente's public and private sides at the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum that opened in advance of next week's Major League Baseball All-Star game. The exhibit, part of the Sen. John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center, features relics including one of Clemente's cracked helmets and photos by former Pirates photographer Les Banos, whose images helped shape the Clemente myth.

Many of the pictures have never been publicly displayed. They include shots of Clemente teaching his youngest son, Enrique, to bat at a father-son game; portraits of Clemente and his wife, Vera; and photos from inside the locker room as the 1971 Pirates celebrate their World Series victory.

A legend in Pittsburgh as well as his native Puerto Rico, Clemente played for the Pittsburgh Pirates for his entire career, from 1955 until he died in a plane crash on Dec. 31, 1972, while attempting to take relief supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

"People are beginning to study Latin athletes and the pipeline north," said Anne Madarasz, director of the Sports Museum. "It just seems like it's the right time to re-examine his life and legacy."

Also on display is an interactive digital exhibit about Clemente developed by the Smithsonian Institution. Known on the field for his spectacular defense and his penchant for winning batting titles, Clemente devoted much of his off-field time to humanitarian efforts.

The photos by Banos, dating

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Former Pirates photographer Les Banos points to a photo taken in 1969 at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh with Roberto Clemente (left) and Bob Casey Sr.

### All-Star activities in Pittsburgh

Major League Baseball's All-Star game will be played in Pittsburgh on July 11. Many events are planned for All-Star Weekend:

■ July 7-11: MLB All-Star FanFest at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. FanFest features more

than 40 baseball-themed attractions. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 7-10 and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 11. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 12, senior citizens and those in the military.

■ July 9: All-Star Sunday features the Futures Game, followed by the Legends & Celebrity Softball Game.

■ July 10: All-Star Workout Day is held, followed by the Home Run Derby at 8 p.m.

■ July 11: The All-Star game will be held at 8 p.m.

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## Merciless Mets beat Bucs again

PIERZYNSKI, Garciparra win voting for final All-Star spots. Page 3-B.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cliff Floyd and David Wright each drove in two runs and Steve Trachsel allowed seven hits, working into the seventh inning of the New York Mets' 7-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Thursday night.

Floyd doubled in two runs off Pirates rookie starter Tom Gorzelanny (0-1) in the second

inning. Wright hit his 19th homer, a two-run shot, in the fifth.

Trachsel (8-4) allowed three runs, walked four and struck out four in 6 1-3 innings. Billy Wagner allowed an unearned run the ninth for his 17th save in 21 opportunities.

Gorzelanny allowed a run without a hit in the third. Jose Reyes walked, stole second, took third on a wild pitch and scored on Carlos Delgado's infield out.

Gorzelanny hit Floyd with a pitch to lead off the fourth and then issued a one-out walk to Eli Marrero. Both runners advanced on Trachsel's sacrifice before Reyes singled to

center to score both and make it 5-0.

Both teams scored two runs in the fifth, with the Pirates getting an RBI single from Jason Bay and an RBI double from Joe Randa.

Wright homered in the bottom of the inning off reliever Jonah Bayliss after Delgado walked.

Pittsburgh added a run in the seventh, when Randa greeted reliever Aaron Heilman with an RBI single, and another in the eighth, on Freddie Sanchez's RBI double. Gorzelanny allowed five runs and four hits in four hits, walking four without a strikeout.

## Gyorko hits hand Post 2 win

Morgantown defeats Shinnston; Elkins next

The Dominion Post

SHINNSTON — Jedd Gyorko's lucky number was four Thursday.

The shortstop went 4-for-4 and also scored four runs to lead the Morgantown Post 2 American Legion baseball team to an 8-3 victory over Shinnston.

Gyorko, who had a home run and two doubles, also drove in four runs and Cam Tucker added three RBIs for Morgantown (17-8), which will travel to Elkins for a 7 p.m. game today.

"I thought we could have played a little better, but we played well enough to win a league game," Post 2 manager Ernie Galusky said. "We still have some guys we have to get going."

Michael Richards and Zach Nair added two hits each and Travis Coldsnow pitched five scoreless innings for the victory. Coldsnow ran into some trouble in the sixth, when he allowed two runs to score, but Andy Altemus came in and got the final out of the inning with the bases loaded. "Travis pitched very well,"

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## WVU football season tickets on sale July 11

The Dominion Post

WVU will put a limited number of 2006 football season tickets on sale beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11.

Orders will be limited to four season tickets per customer. Some seat locations may require a Mountaineer Athletic Club annual contribution.

Season tickets for the seven-game home schedule that includes games against Marshall, Eastern Washington, Maryland, Syracuse, Cincinnati, South Florida and Rutgers are \$255 each.

To order season tickets, call 1-800-WVU GAME.





# Wie, Sorenstam win Match Play openers

## Woods struggles at Western Open

### GOLF ROUNDUP

Associated Press

GLADSTONE, N.J. — Michelle Wie overcame a shaky start to win her first match in the HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship, and Annika Sorenstam followed her U.S. Women's Open victory with another solid round.

Wie rallied to beat 63rd-seeded Candy Hannemann 5 and 3 on Thursday, and the top-seeded Sorenstam opened with a 3-and-2 victory over No. 64 Virada Nirapathpongorn on the waterlogged Hamilton Farm course.

With about 200 people following Wie on the hazy, humid day, the 16-year-old star lost the first two holes. She hit her opening drive under a tree in the right rough en route to a bogey, then lost the par-5 second when Hannemann made a 3-footer for birdie.

"I just got off to a rocky start," Wie said. "Obviously, the first hole was not as a I planned, but after that it was really nice."

After halving the par-3 third, the second-seeded Wie won the next six holes.

### Mickelson opens Western at 4 under

LEMONT, Ill. — Phil Mickelson shot 4-under 67 in the first round of the Western Open on Thursday, trying to rebound from his U.S. Open collapse. Tiger Woods wasn't as fortunate.

While Mickelson was one shot out of the lead, Woods struggled to a 1-over 72 in his first tournament since missing the cut at the U.S.

Open last month.

Joe Ogilvie, Lucas Glover, Daniel Chopra and David McKenzie were tied for first after shooting 66 on the 7,326-yard course at Cog Hill. Davis Love III and Vijay Singh joined Mickelson one back. Charles Warren, Stephen Leaney and Robert Allenby were also at 4 under.

Mickelson, starting from the 10th tee, bogeyed his first two holes but ended his round with an eagle on No. 9.

"I bogeyed the first few holes, but I knew I was hitting the ball well," he said. "I hit some good shots coming in to make some birdies and turned at even, and then my last nine holes I was able to make a couple of birdies. It was a fun round today."

### Haas, Barr share U.S. Senior Open lead

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Jay Haas and Dave Barr played early, which helped them play well.

Teeing off Thursday morning well ahead of most of their nearest pursuers, Haas and Barr took advantage of light winds and soft greens and each fired a 3-under 67 to share the first-round lead in the U.S. Senior Open.

As expected, the heavy rough and roly-poly greens proved tough on the over-50 field, especially in the afternoon when winds increased and tightened the short-but-narrow Prairie Dunes course.

"At times it blew a little bit on certain holes," said Haas, who won the Senior PGA this year and is shooting for his second straight senior major title. "It kind of kicked up. But on the difficult holes it seemed like it was mostly helping, or not really too bad. We heard horror stories here if it goes to 20, 25 (mph). So we're pretty fortunate today and I'm thrilled to death to get in with 3-under-par."



**Atlanta Braves'** Chipper Jones beats the tag of Cincinnati Reds catcher David Ross as he scores the winning run on a Jeff Francoeur single in the bottom of the 10th inning Thursday in Atlanta.

AP photo

# Braves break Reds in 10

## Johnson goes late in Yanks' win vs. Indians

### BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jeff Francoeur's two-out single in the 10th inning drove in Chipper Jones with the winning run as the Atlanta Braves recovered from a ninth-inning collapse to beat the Cincinnati Reds 8-7 Thursday night.

Despite rallying with five runs in the ninth, the Reds lost their sixth straight.

### Astros 4, Cardinals 2

HOUSTON — Mike Lamb homered in the first inning and the Houston Astros went on to a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night, their fifth win in six games.

Taylor Buchholz (6-6) pitched six solid innings for Houston and

Brad Lidge got four outs to earn his 21st save and 14th in his last 15 opportunities.

### Padres 5, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA — Instead of getting fatigued, Chan Ho Park says he becomes more focused as the game goes along.

That was evident again on Thursday night.

The veteran right-hander survived a shaky start to log seven impressive innings and help the San Diego Padres win their second straight game with a 5-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

### Nationals 8, Marlins 7, 11 innings

WASHINGTON — Ryan Zimmerman didn't toss his helmet and dive into a pile of teammates. After all, this was only a game-ending single, instead of another game-ending homer.

The Washington Nationals rookie won the game in the last at-bat Thursday for the third time in less than three weeks, hitting a 3-1 fastball sharply up the middle with two outs in the 11th inning in

an 8-7 victory over the Florida Marlins.

### Brewers 2, Cubs 0

MILWAUKEE — Chris Capuano pitched a six-hit shutout to continue his mastery of the Cubs.

Capuano (10-4) struck out six and walked none for his second career shutout and complete game. The left-hander has not allowed a run in 26 innings against the Cubs this season in three starts — all wins. He shut out Chicago in a 9-0 victory on April 30.

### American League

### Yankees 10, Indians 4

CLEVELAND — Old Man Johnson looked like a youngster for seven innings. He didn't show his age until the eighth.

Randy Johnson, at times as dominant as he has been all season, worked into the eighth and Jason Giambi and Derek Jeter both had three RBIs, leading the New York Yankees to a 10-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Johnson (10-7) allowed three runs and seven hits in 7-2-3 innings.

The five-time Cy Young Award winner picked up his 273rd career win, moving him into a tie for 30th place with Red Ruffing.

### White Sox 11, Orioles 8

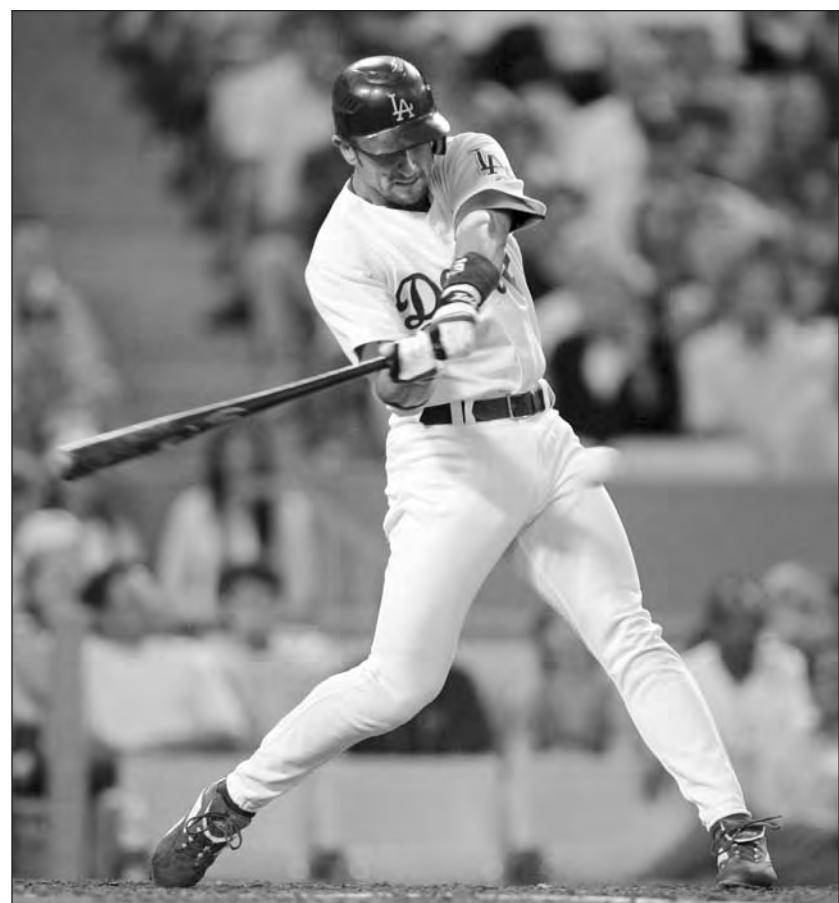
CHICAGO — Jim Thome hit two homers and matched his career high with six RBIs to lead the Chicago White Sox to an 11-8 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday night.

### Royals 6, Blue Jays 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mark Redman, Kansas City's lone selection to the All-Star game, allowed five hits in eight-plus innings and Mark Teahen homered and doubled in the Royals' 6-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday night.

### Red Sox 12, Devil Rays 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — David Ortiz hit his AL-leading 28th and 29th home runs, the latter a ninth-inning grand slam that broke open a close game and helped the Boston Red Sox avoid a four-game sweep by Tampa Bay with a 12-5 victory over the Devil Rays on Thursday night.



AP photo

**Los Angeles Dodgers'** Nomar Garciaparra scores Rafael Furcal on an infield single against the San Francisco Giants on Thursday in Los Angeles.

# Pierzynski, Garciaparra win final All-Star spots

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A.J. Pierzynski got his ticket punched to Pittsburgh.

A magnet for mayhem, the White Sox catcher beat out Minnesota rookie pitcher Francisco Liriano for the final AL All-Star spot in Internet voting Thursday. NL batting leader Nomar Garciaparra breezed to the last NL slot in the fan ballot.

Final totals were not announced. Pierzynski got about 3.6 million votes to hold off a late push by Liriano.

"Maybe it was the wrestling vote that got me over the top," Pierzynski said.

The World Series champion White Sox will send seven players to Tuesday night's game at PNC Park. Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen will guide the AL team in Pittsburgh.

Pierzynski made it after the White Sox launched a "Punch A.J." campaign this week, printing T-shirts with the catchphrase and a check mark. Team owner Jerry Reinsdorf wore one as he strolled around the batting cage earlier this week.

"The PR department did a great job of getting me out there and coming up with a good slogan and everything," Pierzynski said.

Pierzynski was punched this year by Cubs catcher Michael Barrett after a collision at the plate, setting off a brawl. Pierzynski found himself in the middle of several controversial plays in the 2005 postseason.

White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle, already on the AL team, grabbed a microphone and addressed the crowd earlier this week and asked fans to vote for Pierzynski, often a target of boobies in opposing parks.

# NCAA reports drop in positive steroids tests

## Number fell 47% from 2000-2005

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The number of U.S. college athletes testing positive for steroids dropped 47 percent from 2000 to 2005, the NCAA said Thursday.

The figures were released in a report by the NCAA's Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, whose most recent survey included results of more than 10,000 athletes who were tested during the 2004-05 year-round program and

more than 1,500 during postseason competition.

"These results are really encouraging and are the direct result of an ongoing partnership between the NCAA and member institutions to continue to strengthen drug testing efforts by providing education and awareness programs," said Jerry Koloskie, the committee chairman and athletic director at UNLV.

"The education and awareness programs warn student-athletes of the potential negative consequences of using performance enhancing drugs and nutritional supplements that may be contam-

inated," Koloskie said.

In the year-round program, the NCAA found 92 positive tests for steroids in 1999-2000, compared with 49 in 2004-05. Last year's figure was a slight increase from 46 in 2003-04, but it nevertheless reflected a lower percentage of positives because of a larger number of athletes tested.

In the postseason, only two tested positive for steroids in 2004-05, down from an all-time high of eight in 1996-97. There were no positives in postseason tests in 2003-04.

The committee's report also showed an increase in positive

postseason results for stimulants — from 10 in 2002-03 to 14 in 2004-05 — but some of those may have involved prescribed medication, the NCAA said.

Among other findings for 2004-05 were 17 positive postseason results for street drugs, including one for cocaine and one for cocaine and THC, and 17 athletes who failed to show up for tests, resulting in one-year suspensions from competition.

The NCAA conducts postseason testing in all divisions and year-round testing in Divisions I and II. The association also began random summer drug testing for select sports this year.

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**COMMENTARY**

## Brian France says NASCAR still on track

BY MIKE MULHERN

**LAST WEEK IN DAYTONA BEACH,** NASCAR chairman Brian France held his first major news conference of the season and discussed his controversial Car of Tomorrow, his family's struggles to launch the \$600 million New York City Speedway and his view on the general state of NASCAR. And he repeated his view that his sport, while such a TV darling, still isn't getting its fair share of coverage from the nation's newspapers, which he blames for the problems his family's International Speedway Corp. has had in trying to build tracks in New York and Seattle.

France said he has much to be pleased with. "A lot of the things we put into play a year ago, two years ago, three years ago, are really starting to pay off for us," France said. "Things like the single-engine rule, like our testing policy and the gear [limiting] rule. You've got 10 winners now in 16 races [before the Pepsi 400]. It's pretty balanced."

"I love what happened in Kentucky a couple of weeks ago [David Gilliland's surprise win]. Who would have thought that would have happened?" France deferred to his sister Lesa, the head of the ISC, when journalists asked specifics about the fate of the New York City Speedway on Staten Island, but he said that part of the problem there and in Seattle has been the resistance of the media to covering NASCAR.

France said that the resistance is surprisingly widespread across the country, despite his fervent contention that the sport is second only to the National Football League in popularity and that it has about 75 million fans. A number of newspapers in the South, the heartland of the sport, are even cutting coverage.

"This is the most under-covered sport in the country, and you've heard me say this before," France said. "When I say that, that doesn't mean the motor-sports media, because I happen to think the motor-sports media works as hard or harder than anybody in sports. You have to be at our events longer, the events are over multiple days, the season is 10 months. ... There's no harder working group than this group."

"For the size of fan base, last week or this week, any week, we're the largest sporting event in the country usually. We're either first or second, and until the fall we're usually first. But you just wouldn't know that by going around and looking at a lot of media outlets."

"We are going to do a lot of things," France said. "One is, we are going to work as closely as we can with the motor-sports media. We are also going to look at emerging media, the Internet, all of the different outlets where people are getting their news."

"That will help when we're working in Seattle to get a track built, or certainly New York — to help change some hearts and minds, or at least make people aware of how big this sport is all over the country."

And looking ahead to 2007, France says he has big changes to promote.

"Toyota, the Car of Tomorrow, a brand-new television package with a brand new partner ... A lot of changes, and that's why we've tried to have a 'moderate' year, knowing a lot of things are going to move around in '07."

For example, France said he is considering tweaking the Chase for the Championship in 2007, perhaps to add wild-card spots to keep stars such as Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. from being eliminated from championship contention by early September.

"It would be nice to see some wild-card teams jump in — that would add to the drama," France said.

NASCAR executives are pushing ahead with plans for their proposed Car of Tomorrow, with a major test planned for Aug. 21-22 at Michigan International Speedway. France said that the Car of Tomorrow is on track.

MIKE MULHERN has covered NASCAR for 33 years at the Winston-Salem Journal in North Carolina.

# Facing challenges

Kevin Harvick's racing stats are encouraging for now, but will he make it to the Chase?

BY TONY FABRIZIO

LapbyLap

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** — Would the late Dale Earnhardt Sr. approve of how his old No. 3 race team has performed? Well, Kevin Harvick's overall performance in the renumbered No. 29 Chevy would not have met Earnhardt's standard. Harvick has yet to qualify for the Chase for the Championship, and he has won only two races since 2003.

On the other hand, Earnhardt would be encouraged by what Harvick and Richard Childress Racing have shown in 2006.

Harvick has stayed in the top 10 since early April, and one of his two teammates, Jeff Burton, is seventh.

The challenge for Harvick is to at least hold his position through the nine remaining regular-season races, which would get him into the Chase.

The next track, at least, bodes well for him: Harvick has won twice at Chicago. "It's a matter of not making any mistakes," Harvick said. "I really feel like we should be fourth or fifth in the points, but that's not the way it is. I don't think there's anybody who can beat us week in and week out. Like I said, it's all going to boil down to mistakes."

Before his death in 2001, Earnhardt won six championships between 1986 and 1994 driving RCR's black No. 3 Chevy. He finished second in the 2000 standings and looked like a threat for the 2001 title.

Harvick was called up from the Busch Series to replace Earnhardt, and he performed admirably, winning in his third start (Atlanta) and finishing ninth in points while winning the Busch Series championship.

It looked too easy, because it was.

Over the next few years, Harvick picked up a reputation as a hothead — he was suspended for rough driving after a Craftsman Truck Series race at Martinsville in 2002 and was placed on probation after a near brawl at Richmond in 2003 — and RCR fell behind in technology.

Harvick finished fifth in points in 2003, winning the Brickyard 400 along the way, but he won only one race combined in 2004 and 2005 and finished 14th in points both years.

At times, Harvick was critical of RCR's engines, and team members sniped about him behind his back. Harvick's crew chief, Todd Berrier, was suspended twice in 2005 for rules violations.

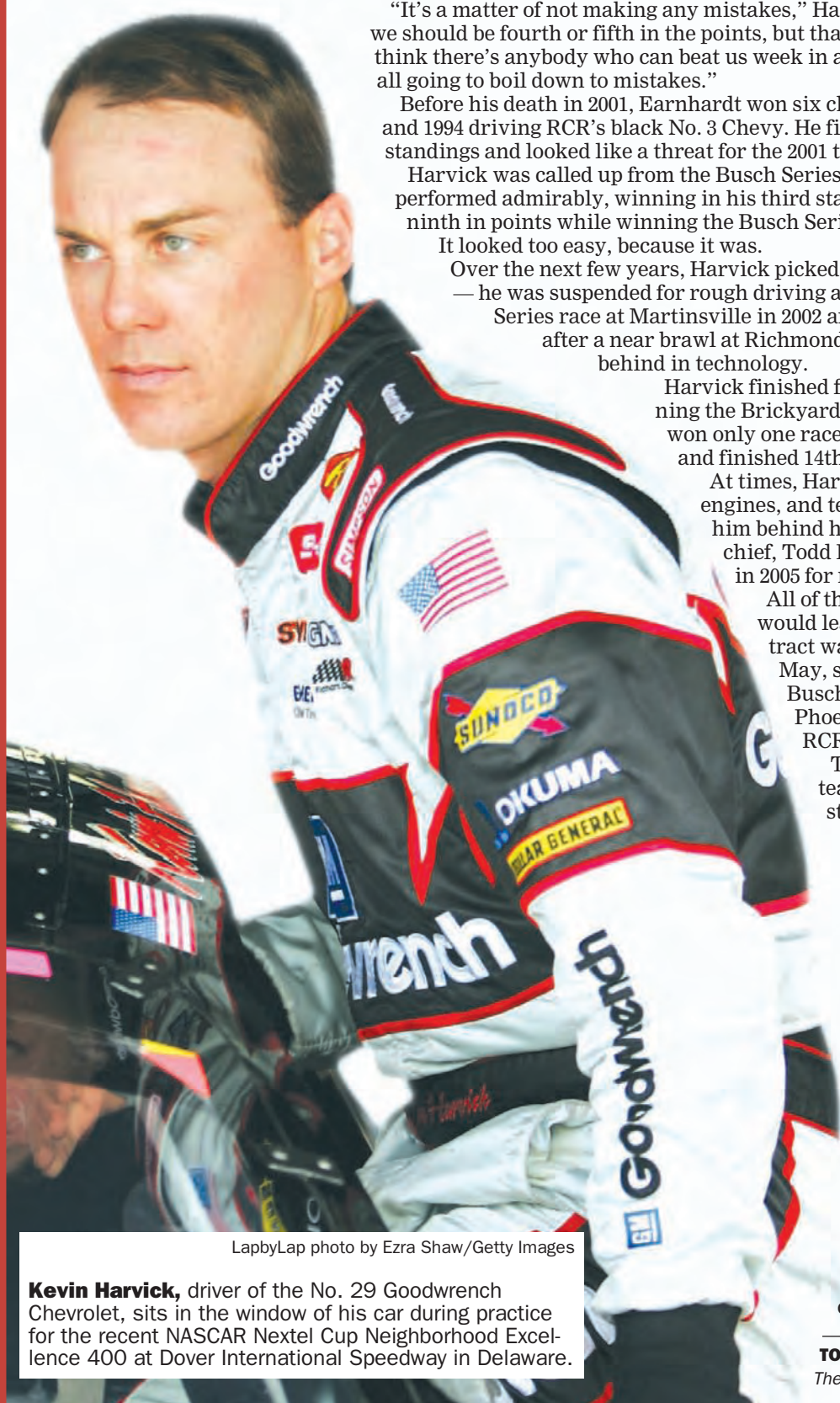
All of that led to speculation Harvick would leave after 2006, when his contract was set to expire. But in early May, shortly after sweeping the Busch and Nextel Cup races at Phoenix, Harvick recommitted to RCR with a new three-year deal.

That decision by Harvick and team owner Richard Childress still looks pretty good.

No organization in NASCAR has taken a bigger step forward than RCR has this year. Besides Harvick and Burton ranking in the top 10 of the Nextel Cup standings, Harvick leads in Busch Series points, and teammate Clint Bowyer is fourth.

"We have had a lot of things go wrong on the Cup car with just circumstances and situations, but the performance of our cars has been good week in and out," Harvick said. "And the Busch car obviously has been really good all year." The driver of the old No. 3 car would be encouraged.

TONY FABRIZIO is a staff writer for The Tampa Tribune in Florida.



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**Kevin Harvick**, driver of the No. 29 Goodwrench Chevrolet, sits in the window of his car during practice for the recent NASCAR Nextel Cup Neighborhood Excellence 400 at Dover International Speedway in Delaware.

## Just the Stats

**NASCAR points leaders**



Johnson



Harvick

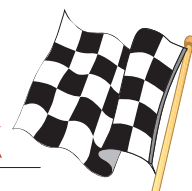
**Nextel Cup**

1. Jimmie Johnson	2,501
2. Matt Kenseth	2,493
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2,234
4. Kasey Kahne	2,209
5. Tony Stewart	2,202
6. Mark Martin	2,177
7. Jeff Burton	2,152
8. Kyle Busch	2,095
9. Kevin Harvick	2,088
10. Denny Hamlin	2,048
11. Greg Biffle	2,042
12. Jeff Gordon	2,034
13. Kurt Busch	1,945
14. Carl Edwards	1,923
15. Casey Mears	1,903
16. Jamie McMurray	1,875
17. Ryan Newman	1,860
18. Clint Bowyer	1,799
19. Elliott Sadler	1,794
20. Brian Vickers	1,733
21. Dale Jarrett	1,677
22. Martin Truex Jr.	1,659
23. Scott Riggs	1,653
24. Reed Sorenson	1,650
25. Jeff Green	1,571
26. Bobby Labonte	1,549
27. Joe Nemechek	1,510
28. Robby Gordon	1,497
29. J.J. Yeley	1,475
30. Kyle Petty	1,413
31. Ken Schrader	1,408
32. Jeremy Mayfield	1,388
33. Dave Blaney	1,385
34. Sterling Marlin	1,356
35. Michael Waltrip	1,238
36. David Stremme	1,190
37. Travis Kvapil	1,142
38. Tony Raines	983
39. Scott Wimmer	965
40. Terry Labonte	857

**Busch Series**

1. Kevin Harvick	2,812
2. Carl Edwards	2,424
3. Clint Bowyer	2,389
4. Denny Hamlin	2,381
5. J.J. Yeley	2,360
6. Greg Biffle	2,173
7. Paul Menard	2,167
8. Kyle Busch	2,154
9. Kenny Wallace	1,982
10. Johnny Sauter	1,958
11. Jason Leffler	1,848
12. John Andretti	1,845
13. Ashton Lewis	1,816
14. Burney Lamar	1,807
15. Jon Wood	1,772
16. Todd Kluever	1,718
17. David Green	1,714
18. Danny O'Quinn Jr.	1,682
19. Stacy Compton	1,667
20. Reed Sorenson	1,664
21. Regan Smith	1,591
22. Mark McFarland	1,530
23. Matt Kenseth	1,410
24. Tim Sauter	1,387
25. Jamie McMurray	1,344
26. Jay Sauter	1,321
27. Michael Waltrip	1,306
28. Jeff Burton	1,093
29. Mike Wallace	1,053
30. Kasey Kahne	1,007
31. Mark Green	934
32. Aaron Fike	931
33. Jason Keller	871
34. Brian Vickers	818
35. Scott Wimmer	805
36. Joel Kauffman	716
37. Stephen Leicht	713
38. Kurt Busch	700
39. Ron Hornaday	695
40. David Reutimann	660

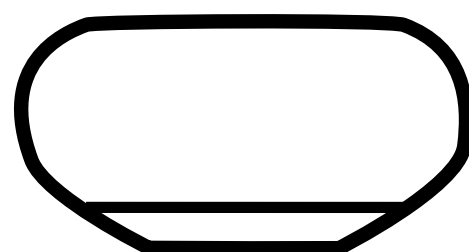
## Racing this week



### USG Sheetrock 400

- **Where:** Chicagoland Speedway (Joliet, Ill.)
- **When:** July 9, 3 p.m. EST
- **On the air:** TNT
- **Distance:** 267 laps, 400 miles
- **Track qualifying record:** Jimmie Johnson, 188.147 mph, July 2005
- **2005 winner:** Dale Earnhardt Jr.

### Chicagoland Speedway



- **Track:** 1.5-mile tri-oval

### Busch Series

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## Jordan explosive in race

The Dominion Post

MARKLEYSBURG, Pa. — Wayne Jordan ignited the crowd for the breathtaking fireworks display that followed by soaring to a dazzling win in the 25-lap Garry's Auto Sales Late Model special at Roaring Knob Motor-sports Complex on Saturday evening.

The start of the 25-lap special for the Garry's Auto Sales Late Model feature saw Troy Shields take a short-lived lead. Shields' car never came up to speed on a lap-two restart putting Jim Byers out front. Byers led until lap 11 when he pushed up in the turn as Jordan flew by for the lead. Jordan ran and hid from the field on his way to scoring his second feature of the year.

Mike Duritsky took the lead at the start of the GNH Trucking Street Stock feature. Duritsky was looking for his first win and led for 13 laps until third place runner, Tom Newman, of Uniontown, made a spectacular pass to take the lead. Newman led the final two laps to score his second feature of the season.

Jeff Ferguson used his outside pole starting spot to jump into the lead in the 25-lap Davies Ford Super Late Model feature. Ferguson felt heavy pressure from Doug Horton the first 14 laps before pulling away to his second feature win of the season.

Dennis Perigo has led the points for most of the season with consistent finishes but no wins in the 15-lap Jack's Auto Crushing AMRA Modifieds. That all changed as Perigo took advantage of a slight miscue by Vic Vandergrift on lap 12 to take the lead. Perigo then held off Vandergrift to score his first ever win at Roaring Knob.

Don Miller started on the pole of the Fort Necessity Garage Charger feature and that was all she wrote. Miller led all 12 laps to score his third win of the season.

### Hole-in-one

Greg Deussenberry scored a hole-in-one at the Palmer Course at Stonewall Jackson Resort, aceing the 129-yard, par 3, No. 6 hole with a seven iron.

He was playing with Jordan Feathers when he recorded his first hole-in-one.

■ Dan Harris, of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Bill Beddington both recorded a hole-in-one Thursday, at Lakeview.

Harris used a 7-iron on No. 4, a 159-yard par 3, for his ace, while Beddington used a 9-wood on the No. 8 hole, a 153-yard par 3. Beddington's shot was witnessed by Marshall Beddington, Ron Sealy and Mike Aleprete.

## Quick hits

### Cheerleading

**KIDS 2 CAMP**, Little Tykes cheerleading, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 12-15, Aug. 2-5, \$35. Scholarships available. Info: 319-PHIL.

### Basketball

**8TH ANNUAL WARREN BAKER'S CENTERS OF ATTENTION** camp, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 10-13, East Fairmont High, for boys and girls, grades 7-12. Info: 367-4130.

**JEREMY BODKIN BASKETBALL CAMP**, 6-9 p.m., July 10-14, Westwood Middle School. Info: jbodkinjjevs@hotmail.com or (304) 983-2762.

### Baseball

**WVU MOUNTAINEER SUMMER CAMPS**, July 10-14, ages 10-12; July 24-25, Aug. 7-8, ages 13-18. Info: Pat Sherald, 293-2300 ext. 5558; email: wvubaseball@mail.wvu.edu.

### Golf

**TRI-STATE PGA SECTION JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**, July 12, Fox Run Golf Club, Beaver Falls, Pa. Winners advance to PGA of America's Westfield Junior PGA Championship, Aug. 10-13, in Ohio. For applications: (724) 774-2224.

## Preston rifle team in national tourney

### Ault qualifies as top shooter

The Dominion Post

The Preston High School JROTC Rifle Team qualified to represent West Virginia in the NRA National Sporter Championships in Redmond, Ore., by capturing the school's fifth consecutive West Virginia State Championship.

In the JROTC category, the Preston High School Knights Brigade team is seeded second among 40 teams nationally.

The 2006 NRA National Sporter Championship Qualifiers are made up of the winners of separate sectional championships, one of which is the West Virginia State Championship. Final results of these sectional championships were released in June. The team's score



**Preston High School JROTC Rifle Team** members Rustin Ault (from left), Amanda Garlita, Alex Noss and Brandon Caratello leave Kingwood early Tuesday for the NRA National Sporter Championships in Redmond, Ore.

Submitted photo

earned it the high seeding.

Also, team captain Rustin Ault qualified as the top shooter coming into the national tournament, competing against 192 shooters nationwide, with a score of 533; Amanda Garlitz was 18th with a 504; Alex Noss was 28th with 497

and Brandon Caratello was 36th with a 488.

Competition began Thursday at the National Championship Tournament and continues Saturday, with the national champion shooters being crowned Sunday.



Bob Gay/The Dominion Post

## Kids hit the gridiron

**Hunter Miller (from left)**, Mikey Cottrell and Jordan Thorn run a play at the Kids 2 Camp football camp at Mountainview Elementary.

## Team in the spotlight: 1957 MHS golf team



Bob Gay/The Dominion Post

**Morgantown High 1957** golf team members Buddy Baker (from left), Jack Forbes, Edgar Heiskell, Jerry Stone, John Lynch and Gary Loring

display the plaques they received at the recent MHS Alumni Golf Outing at The Pines Country Club.



Nathan Morgan/The Dominion Post

## Red, white and blue on the green

**Eral McGettigan**, of Morgantown, pitches his ball onto the green during the Red, White and Blue golf tournament Tuesday at Meadow Ponds.

## Clark first West Virginian to cross triathlon finish line

**Albright native placed third in Olympic division**

BY EMILY WRIGHT

The Dominion Post

Derek Clark, originally from Albright, was the first West Virginian to cross the finish line in the June 25 MedExpress Mountaineer Triathlon, Olympic division. His finishing time, 2:21:00.5, was just 12-minutes shy of first place.

The Olympic division included a .93-mile swim, 25-mile bike course and a six-mile run.

Clark trained for six to seven days a week for about an hour a day preparing for the event. "During the offseason, I'll play basketball or something like that," said Clark, who also is working on a doctorate in physical therapy at WVU.

Finishing third qualifies Clark for a race in Minnesota, but he doesn't plan to participate.

He also has been involved in

other triathlons and races. Clark said one of his bigger accomplishments was a four-hour long race. He said he's been building from there.

Those coming in ahead of Clark in the Mountaineer Triathlon were Damian Walsh (2:09:05.89), 31, an amateur from Arlington, Va. and Daniel Pierce (2:16:15.18), 28, from Erie, Pa.

According to Clark, West Virginia doesn't have many triathletes.

"Hopefully I can influence other people to get into this thing," he said.

The interest in having serious competition has been gradually growing in Morgantown, Clark said.

But running a triathlon isn't always about competition. "The thing to do is have goals for yourself and work toward those — it's the competition in yourself," Clark said.



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## Special olympians at national meet

**Special Olympics competitors** Kendra Parsons (left) and Angela Mick, along with their coach, Shawn Sessa, are in Ames, Iowa, this week for their first Special Olympics Nationals. Parsons and Mick will swim in the 50-backstroke, 100-meter freestyle and 50-meter breaststroke. They competed at the local, regional and state levels to reach the nationals.



# Mauresmo silences Sharapova

## No. 1 seed nearly collapsed vs. Russian

Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Amelie Mauresmo could sense another Wimbledon semifinal slipping away with each of Maria Sharapova's piercing shrieks and powerful shots.



8 a.m. ESPN2

And then, slightly out of character, Mauresmo won a key point and let out a scream of her own, a bit of a bellow to release the tension.

It sure worked. The top-seeded Mauresmo gave away a big lead Thursday before collecting herself to pull out a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 victory over 2004 Wimbledon champion Sharapova and reach her first final at the All England Club.

"It was not perfect," said Mauresmo, who entered the day 0-3 in Wimbledon semifinals, "but it still was a win."

Her opponent Saturday will be No. 3 Justine Henin-Hardenne, who overcame problems with her serve and trademark backhand to beat No. 2 Kim Clijsters 6-4, 7-6 (4), moving within one win of a career Grand Slam.

"I don't have anything to prove to anyone anymore," said Henin-Hardenne, trying to become the first woman in the Open era to win the French Open and Wimbledon back-to-back without dropping a set at either.

"I proved enough on the tennis court: the fighter I am, how much I can compete."

Mauresmo's always had an easier time with the physical demands of top-level tennis than the mental demands, and she appeared to be collapsing Thursday. Up a set and leading 3-1 in the second, the Frenchwoman got to love-40 on Sharapova's serve: That meant three chances to go up 4-1.

But after Sharapova erased one break point with a swinging forehand volley, Mauresmo made consecutive forehand errors to let the occasion slip. And then it got worse: Mauresmo double-faulted twice in each of her next two service games, part of a five-game run that handed Sharapova the set.

"Maybe," Mauresmo acknowledged, "I was thinking too much."

Late in the troublesome second set, she saved a break point with a service winner and responded with that cathartic yell of celebration, at least as loud as the grunts that accompany so many of Sharapova's groundstrokes.

"I probably felt I needed to let it go, let it out a little bit," Mauresmo said. "I just felt that I needed to do that at that moment of the match. Didn't help me win the second set, but maybe helped me a little bit in that third."

Mixing speeds and tapping back returns, Mauresmo broke for a 2-0 lead in the final set, and soon it was 4-0. Still, Mauresmo had one last rough patch.

Sharapova got to 4-2, then earned a break point that would have made it 4-3. But Mauresmo gathered herself and drilled an ace at 112 mph, then broke in the next game to end the 2-hour, 13-minute match.

"This is an important step for me. I found myself in a tense situation and was able to turn it around. I'm especially proud of that," Mauresmo said. "It's probably one of my most important victories. There have been few — or no — occasions when I was able to turn around the situation like that."

Remarkably, she made only one unforced error in the first set (a double-fault) and then limited her mistakes to five in the third; her 11 miscues in the middle set helped Sharapova immensely. The Russian was wild through-



Amelie Mauresmo returns a shot to Maria Sharapova during their semifinal match on Wimbledon's Centre Court on Thursday.

AP photo

out, committing 40 unforced errors.

"Especially in the third set, after having the momentum," Sharapova said, "there was no reason for it to just go the other way all of a sudden, you know?"

But Mauresmo displayed the sort of fortitude that's escaped her at critical moments in the past. In 2004 and 2005, she won the first set of her semifinals here before losing; she's 0-1 in U.S. Open semifinals; and she's attributed her failure to go beyond the quarterfinals at the French Open to succumbing to the pressure of playing before her compatriots.

Rafael Nadal is a two-time French Open champion who's quite quickly become adept on grass, reaching his first Wimbledon semifinal by eliminating No. 22 Jarkko Nieminen 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in a postponed quarterfinal Thursday. Nadal plays Australian Open

runner-up Marcos Baghdatis on Friday, while three-time champion Roger Federer faces unseeded Jonas Bjorkman for a spot in Sunday's final.

The women's title match will be a rematch of January's Australian Open final, where Mauresmo collected her first Grand Slam trophy but was denied a chance to feel what it's like to win championship point at a major: Henin-Hardenne quit in the second set, citing an upset stomach from pain medicine she took for a shoulder injury.

"She probably feels very happy about it — the opportunity to have revenge," Mauresmo said.

Henin-Hardenne didn't want to talk about what happened in Melbourne, or what her thoughts are on the possibility of becoming the 10th woman to have won each of the four Grand Slam tournaments at least once.

She did say she'll be thinking

Saturday about her grandfather who died on July 8, 2001 — the day Henin-Hardenne lost to Venus Williams at Wimbledon in the Belgian's first major final.

"I was very young and not mature at all at that time," said Henin-Hardenne, who's since won five Slam titles.

Playing her 20th tour match against Clijsters (each won 10), Henin-Hardenne figured out a way to win despite putting in only 49 percent of her first serves, making more unforced errors (17-13) and repeatedly missing backhands.

In a match of streaks, Henin-Hardenne was steadier. She trailed 4-3 in the first set, but reeled off 11 straight points and 14 of 15. Henin-Hardenne also fell behind 3-1 and 6-5 in the second set, but came back each time.

"She played well when she had to," U.S. Open champion Clijsters said. "That's what she's good at."

### Wimbledon at a glance

**Weather:** Sunny after light rain delayed the start of play on outside courts. High temperature of 77.  
**Attendance:** 29,302; Last year's Day 10: 28,744.

**Women's Semifinals:** No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo of France beat No. 4 Maria Sharapova of Russia 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; No. 3 Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium beat No. 2 Kim Clijsters of Belgium 6-4, 7-6 (4).

**Men's Quarterfinal:** No. 2 Rafael Nadal of Spain beat No. 22 Jarkko Nieminen of Finland 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.  
**On Court Friday:** Men's semifinals, with No. 1 Roger Federer vs. Jonas Bjorkman, Nadal vs. No. 18 Marcos Baghdatis.

**Stat of the Day:** 13 — Number of consecutive straight-set victories for Henin-Hardenne in Grand Slam play. She's trying to become the only woman in the Open era (which began in 1968) to win the French Open and Wimbledon back-to-back without dropping a set at either tournament.

**Quote of the Day:** "You know, I'm not the only one here on the tour that is getting nervous or tight or whatever." — Mauresmo, on the mental side of tennis.

# Boonen keeps overall lead at Tour de France

## Belgian champ strained by stress of yellow jersey

Associated Press

CAEN, France — Tom Boonen built his overall lead in the Tour de France by finishing second in the fifth stage

Thursday, although the Belgian world champion is feeling the strain of wearing the yellow jersey.

He was runner-up to Spain's Oscar Freire, the three-time former world champion who prevailed in a closing sprint.

Boonen increased his lead by earning bonus time, and he will be the front-runner for the third straight day during Friday's sixth stage. But the yellow jersey, he said, felt "more heavy" because "I'm not supposed to wear it."

Freire also benefited from bonus time, jumping from 20th to third overall. World time-trial champion Michael Rogers of Australia is still second, 13 seconds behind Boonen, with Freire another four seconds back. George Hincapie of the United States slipped from third to fourth, also 17 seconds behind Boonen.

Freire, of the Rabobank squad, accelerated sharply in the last 300 yards, sprinting up the right side of the finishing straightaway for his second stage victory in three Tours.

"It wasn't the way that I'm used to sprinting. I usually stay in other riders' wheels and wait until the last second," he said. But this time "what I needed to do was to take the initiative. ... That is what I did."

All 172 remaining riders started the mostly flat, 140-mile route from Beauvais, north of Paris. There were several crashes along



Oscar Freire (left), reacts as he crosses the finish line ahead of overall leader Tom Boonen (center) to win the 5th stage of the 93rd Tour de France on Thursday.

AP photo

### Tour de France at a glance

**Stage:** The fifth stage took riders on another mostly flat course covering 139.8 miles from Beauvais, north of Paris, to Caen in Normandy.

**Winner:** Oscar Freire, a Spaniard on the Rabobank team, in 5 hours, 18 minutes, 50 seconds. World champion Tom Boonen, a Belgian with Quick Step, was second, and Spain's Inaki Isasi of Euskaltel was third.

**Yellow Jersey:** Boonen retained the leader's shirt for a third straight day.

**Quote of the Day:** "I haven't killed anyone and I don't consider myself a criminal." — Eufemiano Fuentes, the doctor at the center of a doping investigation in Spain that led to the ouster of nine cyclists from this year's Tour after they were implicated, speaking on Spanish radio.

**Next Stage:** Friday's sixth stage is a 117-mile ride from the town of Lisieux across Normandy and into the town of Vitre, on the edge of Brittany in north-west France.

the route, but all riders finished. After several hot days of racing, the weather cooled slightly, with rain on the route.

Inaki Isasi of the Basque team Euskaltel placed third in the sprint finish at the Normandy town of Caen. McEwen, winner of two stages this Tour and 10 overall, was fifth.

For all his success so far, Boonen has not displayed the explosive form he showed on the past two Tours, when he won four stages.

He said defending the lead has drained him. His goal is not to succeed seven-time champion Lance Armstrong as the winner when the race ends in Paris on July 23. Rather, he wants to win more stages and the green jersey, which goes to Tour's best sprinter.

In that category, Boonen is one point behind Australia's Robbie McEwen, who won the green jersey in 2002 and 2004.

Although Boonen has won smaller stage races and the treacherous Paris-Roubaix, the "queen of the classics" that dates to 1896. But he still sees himself as a sprint stage winner at the Tour, not a contender for the overall title.

"It's something I have to work for very hard because I'm not the kind of rider to wear yellow," he said. "It's been causing a lot of strain but I'm close to the green and I'm wearing the yellow. ... I am happy with my start to the Tour."

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# Heart rate worries reader



**DR. PETER GOTT**

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am a 75-year-old male in fairly good health. I have been an asthmatic since birth, but it is well controlled since I started Advair 100/50 a few years ago. I use Alphan P eye drops twice daily to prevent glaucoma. I take 20 milligrams of Pravachol, and my cholesterol was 147 when checked last. I also take 20 milligrams of omeprazole for gastric reflux and Lotrel 5/10 for hypertension. Both are well controlled.

I am 5 feet 11 inches and weigh 185 pounds. I usually walk a mile in 20 minutes on my treadmill, three times a week. A year and a half ago I wore a heart monitor because my heartbeats were fluctuating. My doctor first ran an EKG, which was normal. He explained to me that sometimes the heart will receive a signal to beat before it has filled with blood. Therefore, the next regular beat will be much stronger. This is what appears to be happening. Sometimes I will feel two or three strong beats, spaced by other regular beats. Then I will feel these strong, slow beats for minutes at a time. I usually feel this when I am a rest, sitting down quietly. This may happen for several days in a row and not recur for a month or more. I have no chest pain when I exer-

cise and otherwise feel pretty good for an old geezer. My son, 49, and a female cousin have reported they have the same symptoms. My doctor has indicated this is nothing to worry about, and there is nothing I should do about it. I would like your opinion. I'm not the nervous type and not under a lot of stress.

**DEAR READER:** You are probably suffering from a common disorder of the heart rate, called premature atrial extra systoles. The heart is momentarily beating out of rhythm and, as your doctor explained, this causes palpitations. Although I am sure your doctor is correct in reassuring you that you needn't worry, it is important to make sure that a more ominous situation isn't developing. For example, extra beats arising from the high-pressure ventricular chambers can be potentially dangerous and in need of treatment.

Even though you are active and in good shape, I'd advise you to have a stress test to make sure that the heart muscle is receiving an adequate blood supply. If not, the issue needs to be addressed aggressively. Otherwise, you can sit tight and avoid caffeinated beverages, which are often the cause of extra systoles.

# Friday, July 7, 2006

In the year ahead, do not get discouraged when pursuing an objective, especially if it takes more time building up the momentum than it does to achieve it. Some things need nurturing before they can develop.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — A second source for increasing your income can be found, if you really give some thought to it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — It will do you a world of good if you find some form of pleasurable outlet. However, try to select an activity weighted more to the mental side of life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — There are indications you may be pleasantly surprised by the congeniality of someone you didn't think you'd like.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Chances are you are apt to be far more comfortable dealing with small groups, as opposed to being lost in a crowd.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Acting on your own initiative, you could realize a modest return from something no one else thought of.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — To your surprise, someone you never thought listened to



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you will follow your instructions to the letter.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — In order to gain the assistance of others who can fulfill your needs, you will first have to convince them that your project is a worthy one.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — If you are getting a group of friends together for a social outing, think about inviting someone who has been kind to you lately.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — An ambitious goal you've been harboring is attainable, especially if you first think things out and then follow a game plan one step at a time.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Some pleasant news could be in the offing for you, via someone you know quite well on a social basis.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Take some time to look into an unproductive idea that isn't going anywhere. Give vent to your imagination.

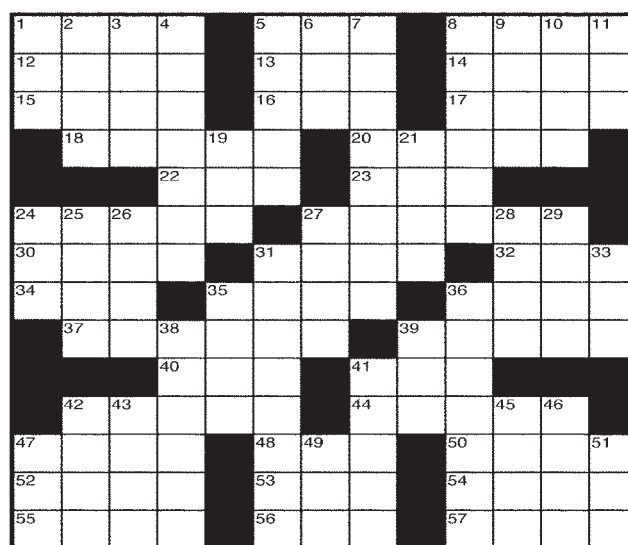
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Sharing some social time with persons whose company you truly enjoy will have a revitalizing effect on your outlook.

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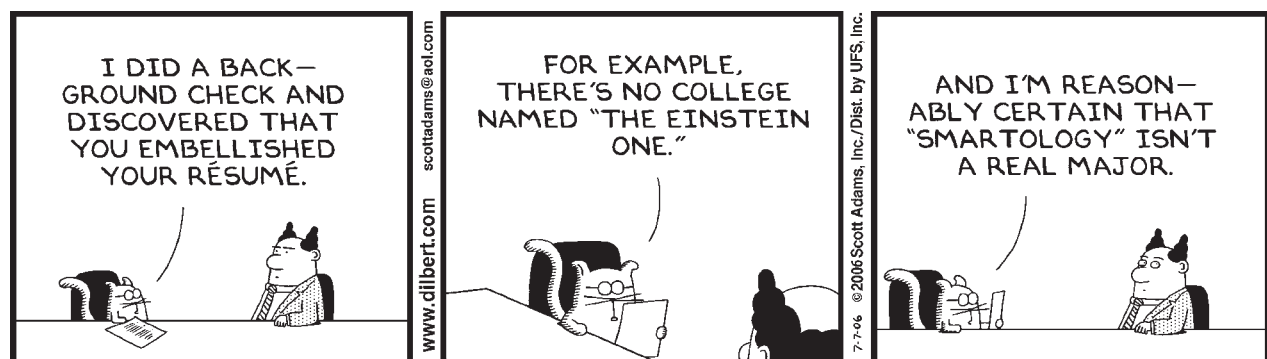
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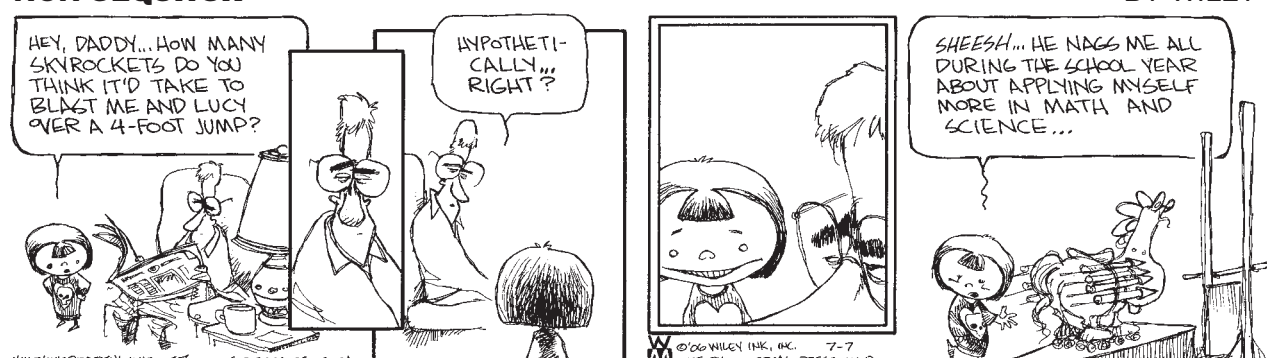
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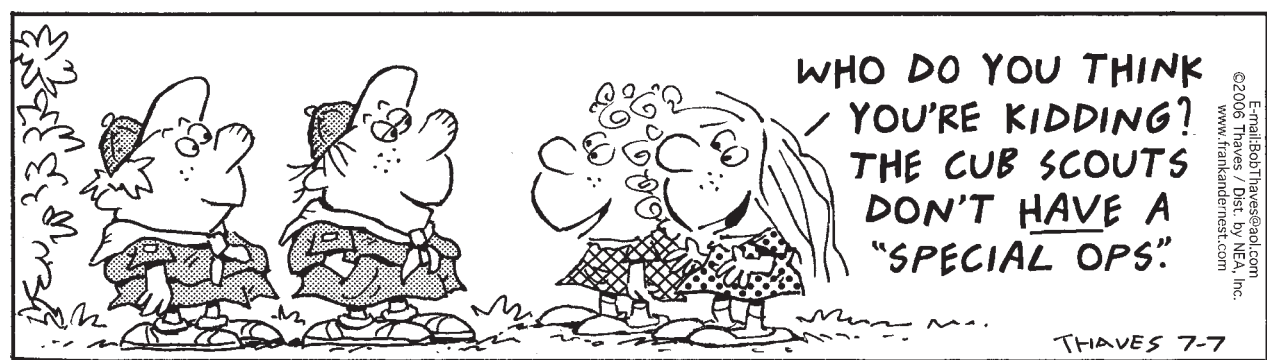
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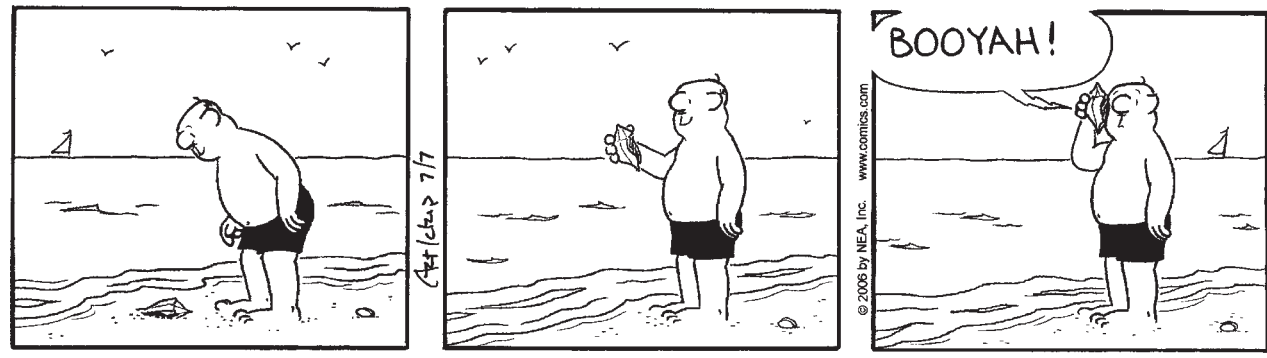
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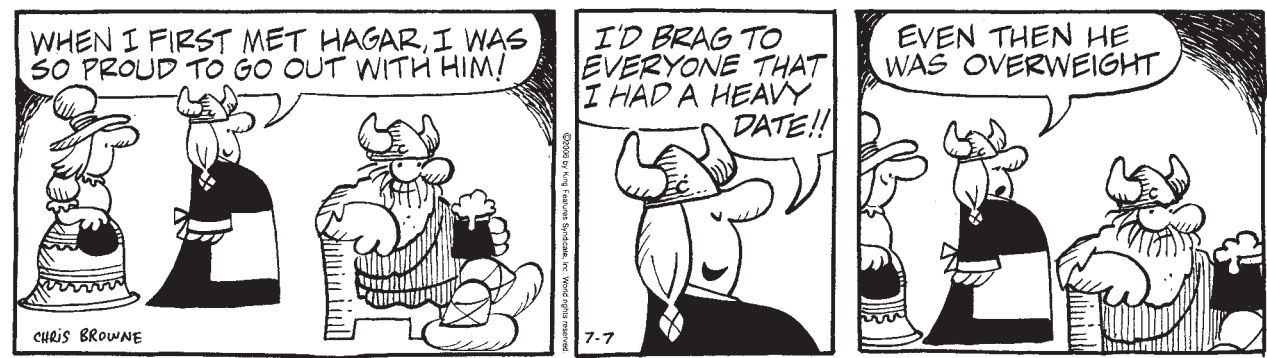
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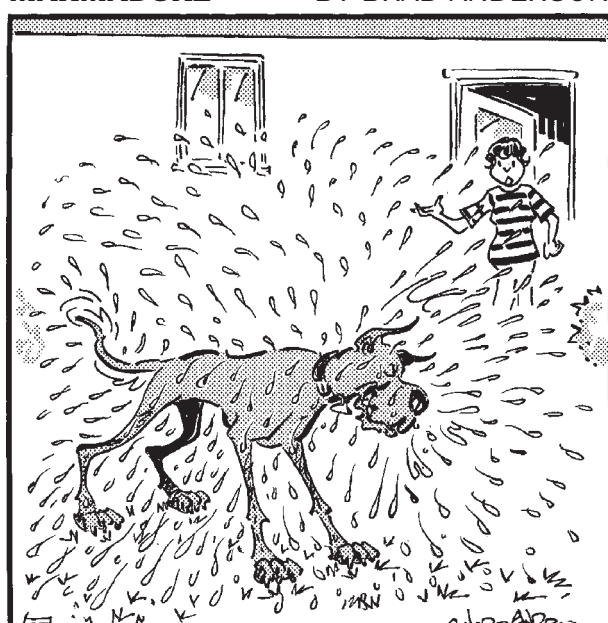
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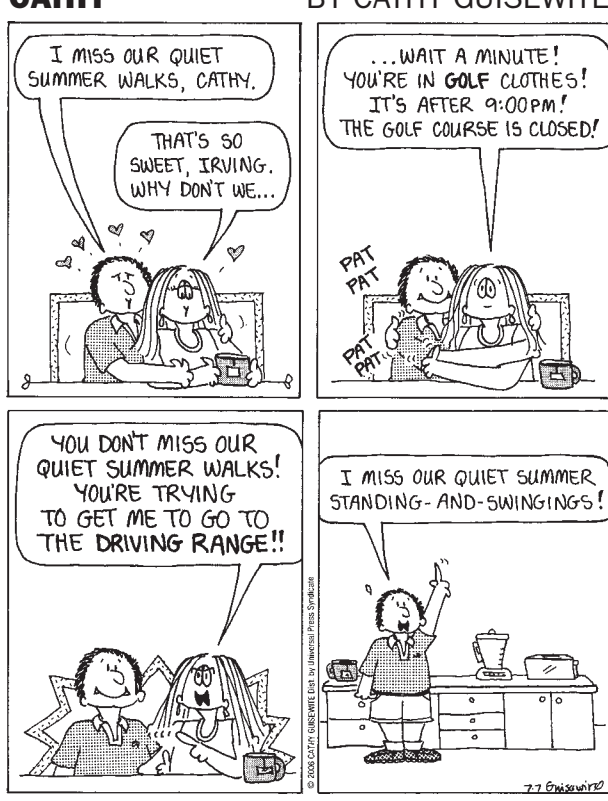
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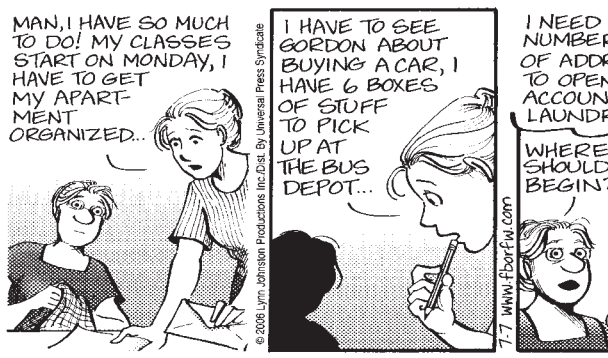
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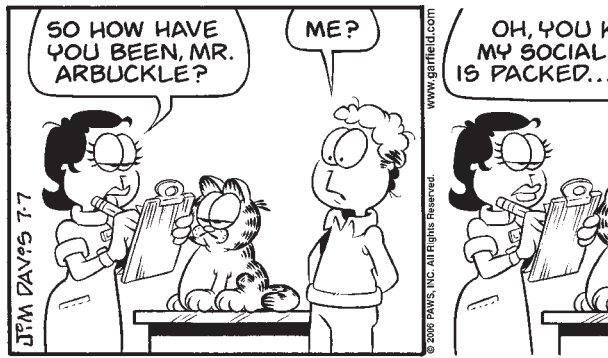
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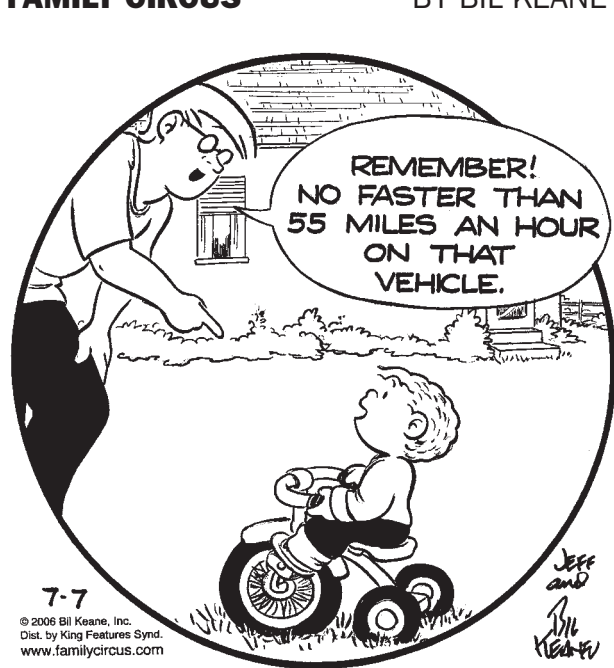
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