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Crash kills WVU freshman

Todd Smith, 18, fatally hurt in 3-vehicle wreck

BY BRANDY BRUBAKER
The Dominion Post

A three-vehicle crash Halloween night left a WVU freshman dead. Todd A. Smith, 18, of Beckley, died of injuries suffered in the crash on Monongahela Boulevard, Morgantown police said.

Police said Smith was driving a Hyundai Elantra north on Monongahela Boulevard when a Jeep Grand Cherokee, driven by Amber L. Radar, a 20-year-old WVU student from Brandywine, crossed the center line, drove into oncoming traffic and collided head on with Smith's car, which then spun into a Volkswagen Jetta, at 6:51 p.m., police said.

The Jetta, driven by WVU student Christine Salandra, 22, sustained minor damage. Salandra, of a Conellsville, Pa., was not hurt, police said.

Smith was pronounced dead at the scene. Radar was treated at Ruby Memorial Hospital and released Wednesday.

Three other students, Christian

Donharl, 18, Ryan Ruskiewicz, 19, and Daniel Vass, 19, were passengers in Smith's Hyundai. Vass and Donharl suffered minor injuries and were treated at Ruby. Ruskiewicz was not hurt, police said.

The driver of the Jeep was taken to Ruby Memorial for treatment. She reportedly was trapped in her vehicle for more than two hours as Morgantown firefighters and Mon County EMS and Rescue paramedics worked to remove her.

Smith was a WVU freshman enrolled in the pre-accounting program.

UPDATE

Friend Drew Newton called Smith's death "tragic."

He said Smith loved playing sports, weightlifting and exercising.

"He was a really good kid," Newton said — one he and all of Smith's friends will truly miss.

Smith lived on the second floor of Arnold Hall, the same floor where fellow WVU freshman Scott Harley reportedly lived before he died in September. Harley's body was found in Deckers Creek on Sept. 29. His cause of death remains under investigation as Morgantown police officers await the results of an autopsy toxicology screening.

WVU spokeswoman Becky Lofstead said counselors are available for students who need help coping with Smith's unexpected death.

"It's really tragic. It's a sad day for all of us here at WVU," Lofstead said Wednesday. "Our sympathies go out to the Smith family and to Todd's many friends."

The university also plans to provide a bus to transport students to Smith's funeral, once arrangements are complete.

Lofstead referred *The Dominion Post* to WVU's associate director for residential education for additional comment, but that person could not be reached Wednesday.

Mountaineers fans policing themselves

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BY BRANDY BRUBAKER
The Dominion Post

As WVU prepares to enjoy tonight's matchup against Louisville, local law enforcement officials hope fans will have fun without getting out of control.

The WVU vs. Louisville football game is one of the most anticipated pairings on the Mountaineers' schedule.

Even though the No. 3-ranked Mountaineers take on the No. 5-ranked Cardinals away, in Kentucky, police and university officials still expect fans to hold a heavy interest in the game and



West Virginia fans Matt Poe (left), Chris Green, James Simpson, Chad Morris, Erin Harman and Jeff Paquette talk in the lobby of the Louisville Marriott on Wednesday evening.



Warning signs are posted on Grant and McLane avenues to advise residents about parking restrictions during today's game.



WVU fans Dave Whittaker and Francene Cucinello talk Mountaineers football while in the bar at the Louisville Marriott on Wednesday evening.

Kerry sorry for 'botched joke'; Byrd among his critics

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Kerry apologized for "a botched joke" about President Bush's Iraq policies that led Bush and fellow Republicans to accuse him of insulting U.S. troops. Some Democrats in close races assailed Kerry, while others called the flap a ploy by the GOP to improve its chances in next week's midterm elections.

"Of course I'm sorry about a botched joke. You think I love botched jokes?" Kerry said during an appearance Wednesday on Don Imus' nationally syndicated radio program. "I mean, you know, it's pretty stupid."

Kerry, D-Mass., said he meant no offense to troops when he told



John Kerry

a college audience Monday that young people might get "stuck in Iraq" if they don't study hard and do their homework.

On Wednesday, he said, "You cannot get into the military today if you do badly in school." But he also said the White House was purposely twisting his words and asserted that it is Bush who owes troops an apology for a misguided war in Iraq.

"I'm sorry that that's happened," he said of his earlier comment. "But I'm not going to stand back

from the reality here, which is, they're trying to change the subject. It's their campaign of smear and fear."

Kerry said he mangled the delivery of a line aimed at Bush. According to aides, the language was originally written to say that "if you're intellectually lazy, you end up getting us stuck in a war in Iraq — just ask President Bush."

But Republicans seized on it as evidence of troop-bashing by the Democratic Party's 2004 presidential nominee, and the controversy quickly erupted into an issue for races across the country. The Republican National Committee released a Web ad, to be e-mailed to GOP activists and state party officials, called "Apologize."

Said Bush, in an interview with conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh: "Anybody who is in a position to serve this country ought to understand the consequences of words. ... We've got incredible people in our military, and they deserve full praise and full support of this government."

"America's soldiers are from all walks of life, and all parts of our country," said U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., on Wednesday. "West Virginians are proud of each and every one of them. No matter the intention of Sen. Kerry's remarks, he ought to apologize to our troops and their families for any offense that he may have caused to their honor or dignity."

City to add Wal-Mart's land, taxes

Begins process to place superstore on the rolls

MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, in council chambers, at 389 Spruce St.

BY GARY GRAY
The Dominion Post

Morgantown City Council on Tuesday started the ball rolling to officially bring the new Wal-Mart Supercenter off Grafton Road into the city limits. The move opens a substantial stream of tax revenues for the city that should roll in for years to come.

Wal-Mart agreed about two years ago to let the city annex the 55.7 acres in Monongalia County on which the new store sits. But a written request from John Clarke, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. director of real estate, made it official.

Council agreed to review a first reading at its next regular meeting, on Wednesday.

"This is the first step, and I expect the annexation will be complete in the next 30 to 60 days," said Dan Boroff, Morgantown city manager. "They will begin contributing taxes at that time."

And contribute they will.

The most significant contribution will come from business and occupation tax, which is one-half of 1 percent of the store's annual income.

"That's not a one-time deal; that's year after year," Boroff said. "Now that's substantial."

SEE CITY, 2A

Squirrel goes nuts on letter carrier

Associated Press

OIL CITY, Pa. — Letter carriers occasionally have to deal with angry dogs or maybe even a spider's nest in a mailbox, but a mean squirrel?

Barb Dougherty, a 30-year Postal Service employee, said she was attacked and bitten Monday by a squirrel while delivering mail in Oil City, about 75 miles north of Pittsburgh.

The animal ran up her leg and onto her back, she said.

An ambulance took Dougherty to the hospital, where she was treated for cuts and scratches. The squirrel was killed with a BB gun and sent to a lab to be tested for rabies. Dougherty was given the first series of rabies shots as a precaution.

Bush: Rumsfeld, Cheney should stay in office until end

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday he wants Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney to remain in his administration until the end of his presidency, extending a job guarantee to two of the most-criticized members of his team.

Bush, in an interview, also said he was determined that sanctions imposed against North Korea must be applied even though Pyongyang has agreed to return to six-nation nuclear disarmament talks.

And Bush said he did not foresee a change in the immediate future in the number of U.S. troops in Iraq. He said that U.S. generals have assured him that "they've got what they can live with."

The president spoke in the Oval Office, seated in a wing chair in front of a table with a bowl of roses. Six days before midterm elections, Bush steered questions away from politics beyond saying he was confident that Republicans would defy the polls and hold control of the House and Senate. "I understand that the pundits have got the race over, but I don't believe it's over until everybody votes."

He refused to even say whether he could work effectively with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi or Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid if Democrats won either the House or Senate, or both.

Bush took the opportunity to take another poke at Sen. John Kerry, in political hot water for a remark that has been criticized as a slam on U.S. troops in Iraq. Kerry said it was a botched joke about Bush, not the troops.

"It didn't sound like a joke to me," the president said. "More importantly, it didn't sound like a joke to the troops."

Democrats and Republicans alike have called for Rumsfeld's resignation, arguing he has mishandled the war in Iraq, where more than 2,800 members of the U.S. military have died since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003. Cheney has faced sharp criticism for his headline views and is viewed favorably by only about a third of Americans in polls. Bush said that "both those men are doing fantastic jobs and I strongly support them."

He said he valued Cheney's advice and judgment.

Man convicted in genital mutilation of his daughter

Associated Press

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — A jury Wednesday found an Ethiopian immigrant guilty of the genital mutilation of his 2-year-old daughter in what was believed to be the first criminal case in the United States involving the ancient African tradition.

Khalid Adem, 30, was convicted of aggravated battery and cruelty to children. He could get up to 40 years in prison.

Prosecutors said Adem used scissors to remove his daughter's clitoris in his family's Atlanta-area apartment in 2001. The child's mother, Fortunata Adem, said she did not discover it until more than a year later. During her father's trial, the girl, now 7, clutched a teddy bear as she testified on videotape that her father "cut me on my private part."

Federal law specifically bans the practice of genital mutilation, but many states do not have a law addressing it. Georgia lawmakers, with the support of the girl's mother, passed an anti-mutilation law last year. But Adem was not tried under that law since it did not exist when his daughter was cut.

Doctors report success with treatment for heart failure

Associated Press

BOSTON — Doctors are reporting surprising early success with a novel treatment they hope will one day cure congestive heart failure in thousands of dying patients: They shrink the bloated heart with drugs while an artificial pump temporarily takes over the workload.

Though small, the British study more than tripled the usual recovery rate for patients with severe heart failure, a common killer once viewed as unstoppable. Eight of 24 patients seem fully recovered, though their dying hearts had once ballooned up to twice the normal size. And the benefit has lasted at least four years and counting.

"Maybe, in some patients, the failing

heart is not end-stage after all," Drs. Dale Renlund and Abdallah Kfoury of the Utah Transplantation Affiliated Hospitals declared in an accompanying editorial.

The findings were published in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The technique must now be confirmed in larger studies and probably will not spread anytime soon in the United States, since one of the drugs isn't even approved for general use here, doctors say. Also, heart pumps can cost \$200,000, including hospital care. The study was backed by pump maker Thoratec Corp. of Pleasanton, Calif.

Nevertheless, the findings excited doctors, because congestive heart failure afflicts about 5 million Americans

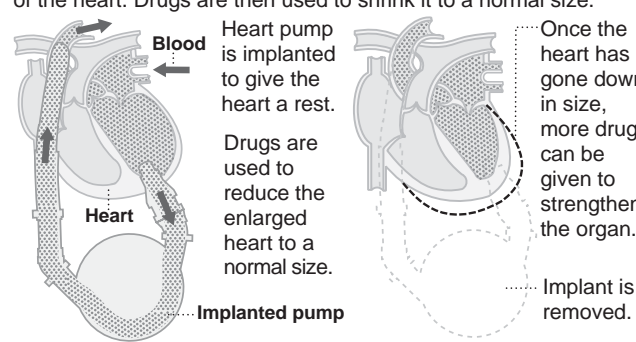
and each year kills about 58,000. Some drugs and pacemakers treat its early forms, but it often gets worse. These damaged or overworked hearts ultimately pump so weakly that sufferers cannot even perform simple daily tasks.

Once that happens, the only solution is either a transplant — and donor hearts are scarce — or an artificial heart pump. These implanted pumps can take over much of the heart's work, but they can cause clots or infections in the long run and bring about recovery in no more than 10 percent of patients. Something else is needed.

The English team at Harefield Hospital in Middlesex got the idea of combining the heart drugs and the implanted pumps.

Calming the heart enough to strengthen it

Doctors have cited success with treatment that could possibly cure congestive heart failure with a device used to ease the workload of the heart. Drugs are then used to shrink it to a normal size.



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Coach, top basketball official kidnapped in Iraq

2 U.S. soldiers killed

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen abducted a top Iraqi basketball official and a blind athletic coach, both Sunnis, on Wednesday, a day after U.S. and Iraqi forces lifted a blockade on Baghdad's Shiite militia stronghold of Sadr City.

The attack took place at a youth club on relatively prosperous Palestine Street in eastern Baghdad near the Sadr City district, which is controlled by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army. The militia has been linked to scores of abductions and torture killings of Sunnis.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered military roadblocks dismantled Tuesday around the sprawling slum of 2.5 million. Al-Maliki acted under pressure from al-Sadr, whose political faction is a key part of the governing coalition.

Athletes and sports officials have increasingly become targets of

threats, kidnappings and assassination attempts, with an Iraqi international soccer referee seized just last month as he left the soccer association's offices. The kidnappers reportedly demanded a \$200,000 ransom.

Wednesday's attack on the coaches began when men in four SUVs drove up to the youth club, said police Lt. Ali Mohsin. They seized basketball federation chief Khalid Nejim, who also was a coach for the national basketball team, and Issam Khalef, who coached blind athletes.

While Nejim, 50, resisted the abductors, Khalef, who is blind and also serves as the captain for his goalball team, went with his captors quietly, said Qahtan al-Namei, chief of Iraq's Paralympics Federation.

Twelve people were in the club at the time — the coaches, seven blind players, a guard who was quickly disarmed, an assistant and a driver, al-Namei said.

He said it appeared only the

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2,259

*Since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003

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2,150

*Since May 1, 2003, the official end of major combat

a ball that has bells inside that is thrown toward goals on a court.

Throughout the country at least 23 people were killed Wednesday. And north of Baghdad, which has become the main battlefield in Iraq's relentless sectarian struggle, police searched for 40 Shiites seized Tuesday on a dangerous stretch of road in a region with a mixed Shiite-Sunni population.

Elsewhere in the capital, a roadside bomb exploded on Iraq's most heavily guarded Tigris River bridge, seriously wounding Judge Naeim al-Equeli, a Shiite who was the top jurist for courts in western Baghdad. Two people in his convoy were killed and two others were wounded.

The U.S. military reported the deaths of two service members on Tuesday in Anbar province, an insurgent stronghold.

A total of 105 American service members died in Iraq in October, the fourth deadliest month since the Iraq war began, in March 2003.

coaches were taken because they were Sunnis, while the rest were Shiites. He said the kidnappers, who carried automatic weapons and wore no masks, had not demanded a ransom or otherwise contacted the federation.

"There is a distinct possibility that this was simply an act of violence targeting Iraqi sports," al-Namei said.

Despite the abductions, al-Namei said the team was determined to participate in a tournament for disabled athletes in Malaysia this month. Goalball is played by blind or visually impaired athletes using

North Korea says it wants to resolve U.S. financial restrictions

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Wednesday it was returning to nuclear disarmament talks to get access to its frozen overseas bank accounts, a vital source of hard currency.

The North's Foreign Ministry made only indirect mention of its underground nuclear test last month. Instead, it focused in an official statement on its desire to end U.S. financial restrictions by going back to six-nation arms talks that it has boycotted for a year.

Confirming other nations' reports of the Tuesday agreement, the Foreign Ministry said Pyongyang decided to return to negotiations "on the premise that the issue of lifting financial sanctions will be discussed and settled between the [North] and the U.S. within the framework of the six-party talks."

In Moscow, South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon said the disarmament talks could resume this month or by the end of December at the latest, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, the top U.S. negotiator, had given a similar time frame Tuesday.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow expects the talks to start shortly, adding that the date was still being discussed.

Ban, the next U.N. secretary-gen-

eral, hailed Pyongyang's move as an "encouraging signal." "I hope that we will find a solution to the nuclear problem on the Korean peninsula," he was quoted by ITAR-Tass as saying.

Washington had banned transactions between American financial institutions and Banco Delta Asia SARL — a bank in the Chinese territory of Macau — saying it was being used by North Korea for money laundering.

The ban is believed to have blocked access to \$24 million for the North's leaders, who indulge their taste for luxury goods like cognac and fine wines while the vast majority of North Koreans live in poverty.

U.S. officials also sought to rally other countries to prevent the North from doing business abroad, saying all transactions involving Pyongyang were suspected of having to do with counterfeiting and money laundering.

In Seoul, South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan said he expects involved countries to discuss the disarmament talks when they gather in Vietnam for an Asia-Pacific summit in mid-November, and that negotiations among China, Japan, Russia, the United States and the two Koreas were expected to take place after that. He did not indicate when.

Bomber strikes NATO convoy, wounding two soldiers in Afghanistan

Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A suicide car bomber struck a NATO convoy Wednesday in southern Afghanistan, wounding two soldiers and damaging a vehicle, while a NATO air strike killed three suspected insurgents in the east.

British Gen. David Richards, NATO's top commander in Afghanistan, told *The Financial Times* in an interview published Wednesday that he doesn't have enough forces to defeat the Taliban within the next six months, but they can still make "sufficient improvements" to keep Afghans confident in the government and international community.

Richards told The Associated Press last month that Afghans would likely switch their allegiance to resurgent Taliban militants if their lives showed no visible improvements in the next six months.

Maj. Luke Knittig, an International Security Assistance Force

spokesman, said NATO's mission was a long-term effort.

"We're not after instant victories here," Knittig said at a news conference in Kabul. But he said Richards "absolutely has enough in a countrywide command now to continue to provide tangible results and progress."

U.S. national security adviser Stephen Hadley, meanwhile, arrived in Afghanistan on Wednesday, after wrapping up two days of meetings in Iraq. Hadley traveled to Kabul for meetings with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and senior military leaders, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said.

The suicide car bombing occurred in the southern city of Kandahar. The nationalities of the two wounded soldiers were not released.

Afghanistan has seen a sharp rise in violence the last several months, particularly in the southern and eastern provinces near the border with Pakistan.

BRIEFS

Associated Press

At least 22 dead in Turkey after rains, flooding

ANKARA, Turkey — Flooding from torrential rains killed 22 people across Turkey, including 14 who died when a minibus carrying wedding guests was swept away, authorities said Wednesday. Dozens of others were missing.

Authorities sent tents, field kitchens and rescue teams to heavily flooded areas in southeastern Turkey, the state-owned Anatolia news agency reported.

The minibus was caught by the floodwaters near the town of Cinar in Diyarbakir province on Tuesday, said Gov. Efkam Ala., of Diyarbakir.

It was heading to a wedding in the town of Savur, in nearby Mardin province, when it got stuck in the mud, and the driver and three passengers left to seek help, the Dogan news agency said. Floodwaters then swept the vehicle away, and the remaining 14 passengers drowned, the report said. Eight other people were killed in Diyarbakir, Sirnak and Hakkari provinces, authorities said.

Oil spill in China river cuts water supplies to 28,000

BEIJING — Water supplies to 28,000 people in northern China have been cut after an overturned truck spilled 33 tons of toxic oil into a river, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

China has faced a series of industrial accidents involving major rivers in the last year. In November 2005, a chemical spill in the Songhua River in northeastern China forced the city of Harbin to shut down its water supply for days and sent toxins flowing into Russia.



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Byrd keeps money edge over Raese

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — With more than eight times the campaign cash as his Republican challenger, U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd has shared more than \$140,000 with his fellow Democrats, the latest Federal Election Commission filings show.

Byrd had nearly \$717,000 on hand as of Oct. 18, while the GOP's John Raese had \$73,589. Since that filing, last-hour contribution filings show Byrd has received another \$22,100, while Raese has landed another \$13,000.

A multimillionaire media owner and industrialist from Morgantown, Raese also loaned his campaign another \$200,000 on Oct. 20, bringing his self-financed total to \$2.2 million.

Raese has also assigned his campaign \$416,870 in debts from his failed 1984 bid against West Virginia's other Democratic senator, Jay Rockefeller. Those debts were money that he loaned to that campaign.

Byrd had raised \$146,727 during the Oct. 1-18 filing period, compared to Raese's \$50,735, and \$5.14 million to date. Not counting his loans, Raese had amassed \$805,000 to date.

Byrd spent \$317,884 during the reporting period. The campaign's bigger costs included \$71,232 for direct mail, and more than \$46,000 on polling.

But Byrd also spread \$40,450 among the state's 55 county Democratic Party committees, as well as \$100,000 to the state party.

Raese spent \$344,394. The campaign devoted \$137,613 to television and \$126,310 to radio ads. At least half the radio spending went to Raese-owned stations and his MetroNews Radio Network. He also reimbursed his company, Greer Industries, \$6,820 for use of the corporate airplane.

The FEC did not list reports for Jesse Johnson, the Mountain Party's Senate candidate.

Byrd, 88, is seeking a record ninth term in the Senate. He became the longest-serving senator in U.S. history earlier this year.

John Raese and David Raese co-own the West Virginia Newspaper Publishing Co., publisher of *The Dominion Post*.

14th Senate District candidates express views on issues

THIS IS part of an occasional series of stories on some of the issues fueling local political races. These stories are in addition to *The Dominion Post's* candidate profiles and reports on candidate meetings with the newspaper's editorial board.

BY EVELYN RYAN
The Dominion Post

Call it tax modernization; call it tax reform.

Either way, the objective is to make the Mountain State more attractive to business and industry.

Tax reform, business growth and other economic issues, including the state's road system, regularly occupy debate at the state Legislature.

This year, Gov. Joe Manchin established the West Virginia Tax Modernization Project, with the mission of identifying workable reforms at all tax levels.

The debate will be new to the winner of the state's 14th Senate District race. Incumbent state Sen. Sarah Meneer, R-Mineral, decided not to run for re-election.

Two Preston County residents are vying to replace her — Democrat Craig Rotruck and Republican David Sypolt. Both are small-businessmen.



David Sypolt

Both support tax reform, and agree that the state needs to evaluate how it handles highway funding. But they differ in the fine points.

"We have to look at who's paying the big part of the taxes right now," Rotruck said, "then find out who is not. We're overburdening a lot of the private sector. The food tax has to be removed, but we have to determine what will replace that income before we do."

He is an advocate of developing plans, which consider impacts, before taking steps to revise the state's tax code or change transportation.

Tax reform isn't all that's needed to improve the state's business climate, Sypolt said. He advocates an increase in the minimum wage and benefits such as health insurance for employees, to keep workers in the state.

Tax reform and business climate

Rotruck: "I feel that over the years as we have grown and the state has changed, we've just patched things together. The only way to do reform



Craig Rotruck

in a sensible manner is go back and rebuild from the foundation. It's taken us years to get here.

"The main thing is, you have to have a full business plan in place, one laying out the structure, then implement it. Because if you go back and just start changing a piece here and piece there, without formal plan, you will have the same thing we have now. It's time for a complete restructuring."

He pointed to the Vision committees established in Morgantown, committees of people with common interests who developed long-term goals in those areas. Those goals have been adopted in a number of areas.

"You have to get input from all ages. Lots of times they have the answers, we just have to listen. Being a state legislator, that's our job. We have to listen to the citizens to solve the problem."

Sypolt: "The fact of the matter is, West Virginia's corporate and franchise taxes are higher than any other in the nation, and higher than



our neighboring states.

"Wealth is created not by government but by the investment of entrepreneurs who create jobs. If an entrepreneur can't get a reasonable return, he won't invest."

"A little bit of tax relief on the corporate and franchise level would help turn the corner and let entrepreneurs realize a little more on their investment."

"Right now, West Virginia is in a position where it can afford to relax the tax and develop just a bit of [an income] gap because of the strong energy economy and a surplus in the general revenues to the tune of \$400 million a year. I would suspect, if there is ever a time we could afford to take a chance on easing the burden on businesses, it would be right now."

"I hope the energy market stays up for a while; we can use those revenues to catch up on what we've been falling behind with for 20 years."

Highways

Rotruck: The majority of the money to pave highways, rebuild highways and replace bridges comes through the federal highway pro-

gram, Rotruck said.

"A lot of our road structure does not qualify for federal highway assistance," he said. "We will never get federal money for that. We will never get money for these roads that go up to 10 houses — these roads are very important, but they don't qualify."

"How can we generate funds that don't exist at this time to take care of those situations? Again, it's the visioning program, the master plan. We have to figure out how to share expenses. That's the tough part. The plan could be done in a relatively short period of time if everyone comes to the table with all the information. One person can't do it."

Sypolt: "I would be in favor of taking a good hard look at the internal policies of the Division of Highways and Department of Transportation in so far as how projects are prioritized."

He advocates being willing to consider alternative methods of dealing with road problems, methods outside standard operating procedures.

Amendments to the local powers act allow local governments to finance infrastructure development, he said. This can be done through Tax Increment Financing for new developments, or asking for voter approval of an excess levy for highway needs.

Minimum-wage proposals to link increases, inflation

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — When residents of Missouri and five other states vote Tuesday on an increase in their minimum wage, they will essentially be deciding whether to raise their pay not once, but again and again and again.

That's because the ballot measures include not only a one-time increase in the minimum wage, but also an automatic annual adjustment to keep up with inflation.

If all of the measures pass, the number of states with minimum wages tied to inflation will reach 10.

Supporters view the automatic cost-of-living adjustments as the best way to get around the political resistance that has kept the federal minimum wage unchanged for nearly a decade.

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EDITORIAL

Kennedy has found his niche

Monongalia County Commission's incumbent has earned second term

The *Dominion Post* endorses Asel Kennedy for a seat on the Monongalia County Commission.

Although Kennedy's history of public service spans everything from the Board of Education to the Planning Commission to the Metropolitan Planning Organization and so on, we think he found his niche on the County Commission.

His practical approach to government and fiscal responsibility does not allow for ill-conceived attempts to simply throw money at problems or programs.

On the contrary, his philosophy demands that any program or initiative undergo the design and development stage long before ever deciding on how much money to spend on them.

The most notable development during Kennedy's first six-year term on the County Commission has been the level of trust built up between the county's municipalities, WVU, many government agencies and to some extent the private sector.

Many point to this level of trust and cooperation as the primary reason for Morgantown and Monongalia County's success, and Kennedy has played a major part in that.

One example of this confidence is displayed in the fact that every police force in the county, municipalities, WVU, etc., all bring everyone arrested to the same transport process center.

Mon County's transport process center is the only one statewide where the county government provides transportation of all prisoners to a regional jail.

Other areas of this cooperation can be seen in a recent donation of land to Morgantown for a new fire station; and working with the city on water service and a new road to the airport.

And although the fruit is not on the vine yet, other projects like the effort to establish a countywide fire fee, also one of a kind in the state, and his efforts on the farmland preservation board are still in focus and are both in a position to move forward.

Kennedy also admits to being more than willing to accept all night meetings or any other time the majority of the commission opts for in the future.

He also is amenable to some offshoots of metro government, although he does not subscribe to some aspects of the current legislation passed in the Legislature last spring.

One proposal he would like to see municipalities and the county hammer out at once is establishing one business office with one purchasing director, one accounts payable person and so on to handle paychecks, payments, etc., of local government.

Admittedly, Kennedy has his own ideas about issues as diverse as planning and traffic, but he's also willing to change his mind. For example, he admits he came on board the MPO thinking the proposed West Run Bypass was still a good idea, but after seeing the modeling and listening to expert advice, he accepts the MPO's current plans — that don't include that road.

We think Kennedy represents a pragmatic approach to government that's often lacking, and we trust he'll continue to serve Monongalia County well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ELECTION 2006

Growing rich at the expense of taxpayers

What does it take to get rich? How much has your bank account increased the past 24 years? Is your home today worth \$1 million, or \$500,000 or even \$100,000?

It's been pretty tough earning a buck in West Virginia, hasn't it? But this is not the case for all West Virginians. One of us who claims to be our congressman has won the lottery, hit the jackpot or just plain struck it rich.

He started out just like most of us: a modest home, a modest income and most likely had our best interests at heart. Now, however, he has \$2 million condominiums in Washington, D.C., takes trips to Biscay, Spain, and receives \$400,000 campaign contributions from \$250 million nonprofit organizations he helped set up.

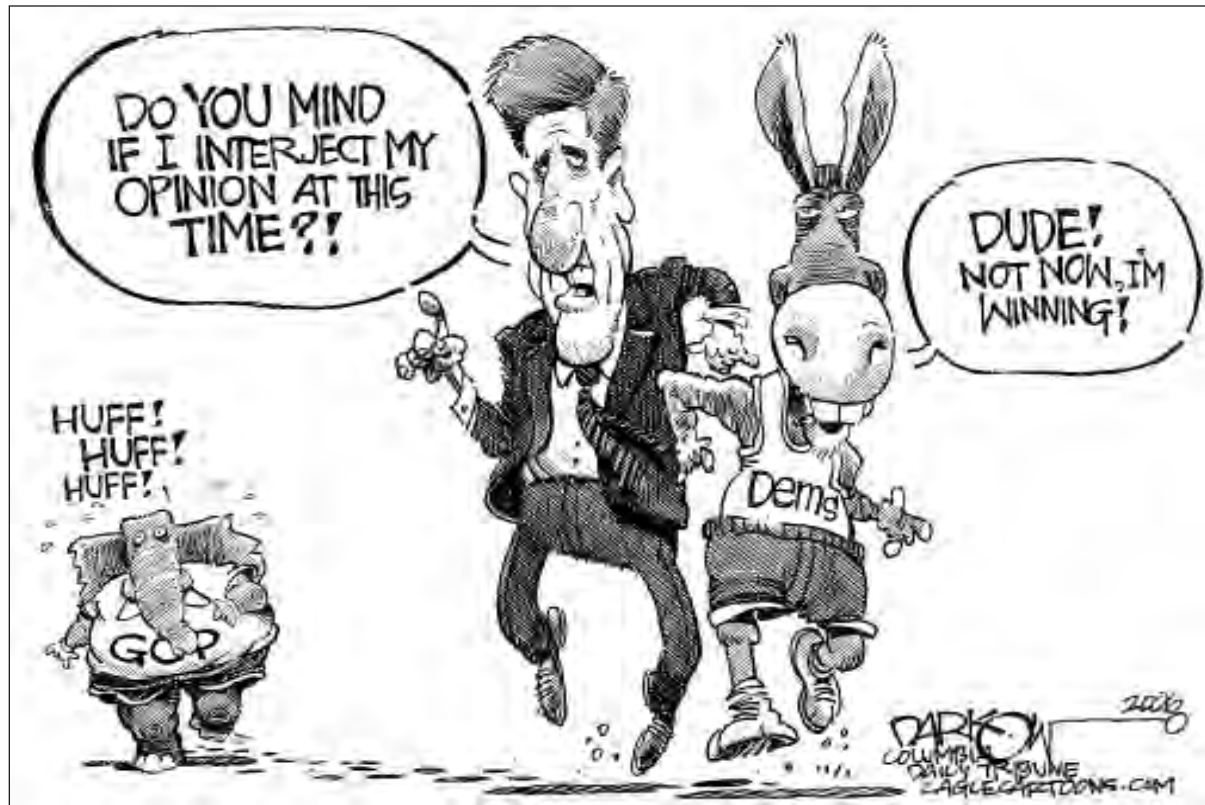
"Our congressman's" own financial disclosure forms in 2000 estimated the value of those condominiums at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Yet he managed a year earlier in 1999 to get a \$2.3 million loan using them as collateral. His explanation of this dramatic increase in wealth was due to a rise in Washington, D.C., real estate values, even though the dates and the numbers just don't seem to make any sense.

Just how much has his property accelerated? His more recent financial disclosure reports indicate the value of his condominiums have increased by more than 6,000 percent in just four years! According to the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, however, Washington, D.C., housing prices rose a comparatively paltry 127 percent between 2000 and 2005.

Wow, our congressman has resoundingly beaten the odds, found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and has realized the American dream in fullest measure. Money seems to shower down on him like raindrops in a thunderstorm. Have we been so lucky since the time he was first elected more than 20 years ago? Did our bank accounts grow fat? How many West Virginians have hit the jackpot in such a dramatic fashion?

Seems like there's a skunk lurking in the wood pile. Ask yourself this question before you cast your vote on Nov. 7: How did our congressman become so rich?

**Gail A. Wickstrom
Newell**



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Vote yes for continuing quality education in Mon

Monongalia County is fortunate to have one of West Virginia's outstanding school systems. Frequent state and national recognition of exceptional Monongalia County teachers and high student achievement makes all of us proud. Not only do our schools have the most Advanced Placement honor students in the state, but graduates of our schools also have the lowest percentage need for remedial coursework when they go on to colleges or universities in West Virginia. A special levy provides support — beyond the minimum funds received via the state aid formula — for many of resources that have built and that sustain our schools.

We are now asked to continue that support. The special levy will allow the county to hire teachers,

other professionals and service employees beyond the number possible from funding that comes from the state aid formula. It will supplement salaries and benefits beyond the state minimum levels. Further, it will provide the additional materials and technology that are necessary to support the level of instruction for our children that we have come to expect in this county.

Many extra-curricular activities are dependent upon the levy. Funds generated by the levy will help to maintain the new classrooms and school buildings being constructed and provide maintenance for older structures.

On Nov. 7, the voters of our county will have the opportunity to continue the almost 50-year tradition of a school levy in Monongalia County. By supporting the levy, we also have the opportunity to continue the tradition of quality educa-

tion in our county that the levy makes possible. Support for the levy is not a vote in favor of additional taxes; instead, it is an extension of the current levy. I urge you to support our schools and teachers by voting yes for the levy.

**Anne H. Nardi
Morgantown**

Fleischauer an advocate for Monongalia's people

Every year we see the issues that are pressing and remain without resolve in this county. They include our needs for transportation funds, health issues, economic development and education. Many have criticized and centered around one issue to misrepresent the record and valuable efforts of Barbara Evans Fleischauer.

As a father of three children and a resident of Morgantown, I urge you to re-elect her to the House of Delegates so that she may represent us. We need the voice of the entire community not of special interests; we need someone with integrity who is not persuaded by campaign contributions. We need someone who cares about our needs regardless of whose toes need to be stepped on. We need an advocate for the people of Monongalia County, we need Barbara Evans Fleischauer.

**Lee Jaen
Morgantown**

'Show me state' should be calling a clone a clone on ballot

"I come from a state that raises corn and cotton and cockleburs and Democrats, and frothy eloquence neither convinces nor satisfies me. I am from Missouri. You have got to show me."
— U.S. Rep. Willard Vandiver, 1899



KATHLEEN PARKER

VANDIVER'S WORDS spoken more than a century ago helped to popularize his home state's unofficial designation as the "Show-Me State." Whether they still hold true will be tested Tuesday when voters decide a stem cell amendment that is long on "frothy eloquence" and short on "show me."

Rush Limbaugh's tasteless attack on Fox, suggesting that the actor was exaggerating his symptoms to gain political traction.

Fox, though he later admitted to not having read the Missouri amendment, wasn't faking his symptoms. But the authors of the initiative seem bent on faking out voters with language that seems deliberately misleading.

To be clear: Approval of "Constitutional Amendment 2" would mean the constitutional right to clone.

Yet, that's not what voters will read on the ballot. Instead, they'll vote on a bullet-point summary of the 2,100-word amendment that reads like a pro-life manifesto blended with progressive compassion.

Among other things, the ballot ensures people in Missouri have access to cures and therapies; to ban human cloning; and prohibit governments from interfering with lawful research.

What's not to love? Never mind that stem cell research of every kind is legal today and happening in Missouri. Or that the people of Missouri are not now, nor will they ever be, denied access to cures and therapies of any sort.

As for cloning, no one should be surprised to hear that it depends on what one's definition is. By using less-familiar scientific language, supporters of the stem cell initiative

effectively have redefined "cloning" to mean only reproductive cloning — that is, implantation of a lab-created embryo in a woman's womb for the purpose of creating a human being.

While the amendment would ban that procedure, it allows "somatic cell nuclear transfer," which is the accepted scientific definition of "cloning."

Whether one clones an embryo for birth, or clones an embryo for research, a clone is a clone is a clone.

Another controversial piece of the amendment, not noted in the ballot summary, concerns the sale and purchase of human eggs for stem cell research. Although the amendment purports to forbid such sales, it includes a loophole: Researchers may obtain eggs from fertility clinics and reimburse for costs that may include thousands paid to egg suppliers for donations.

Bottom line: If the amendment is approved, the Missouri Constitution may protect human egg commerce from future regulation.

Sentient humans are wondering why Missouri needs a constitutional amendment for embryonic stem cell research when it is already legal.

Advocates say they're seeking protection from interference in legal scientific research; critics say the amendment is to prevent future regulation that could impede cloning research.

Given the confusing language of the amendment, one can objectively conclude that whatever the intent, voters aren't being dealt a straight hand.

More easily understood than the amendment's wording is how the initiative got this far. As another actor once said: Show me the money. The driving force behind the amend-

ment is the Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures, which has raised \$30.1 million to push the initiative.

Of that money, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reports that \$29 million has come from James and Virginia Stowers, the billionaire founders of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, a biomedical research firm in Kansas City, Mo., that focuses on finding solutions to gene-based diseases.

Money talks, and \$29 million can buy a lot of frothy eloquence. But what the ballot promises and what the amendment affirms don't match. Maybe voters are smart enough to read between the bullet points, but a Vandiver clone would help about now.

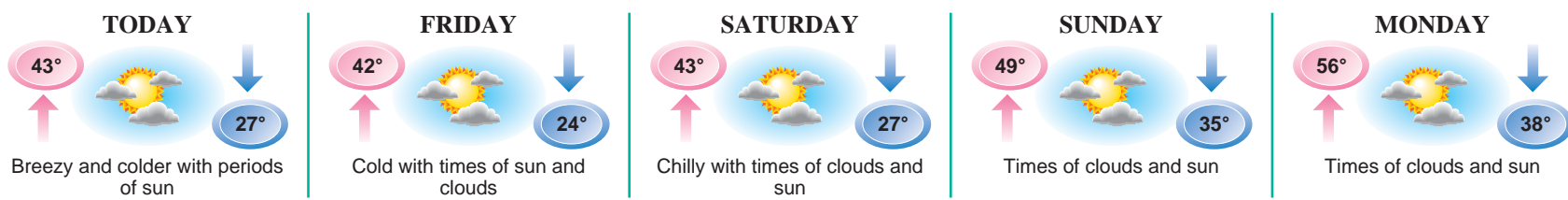
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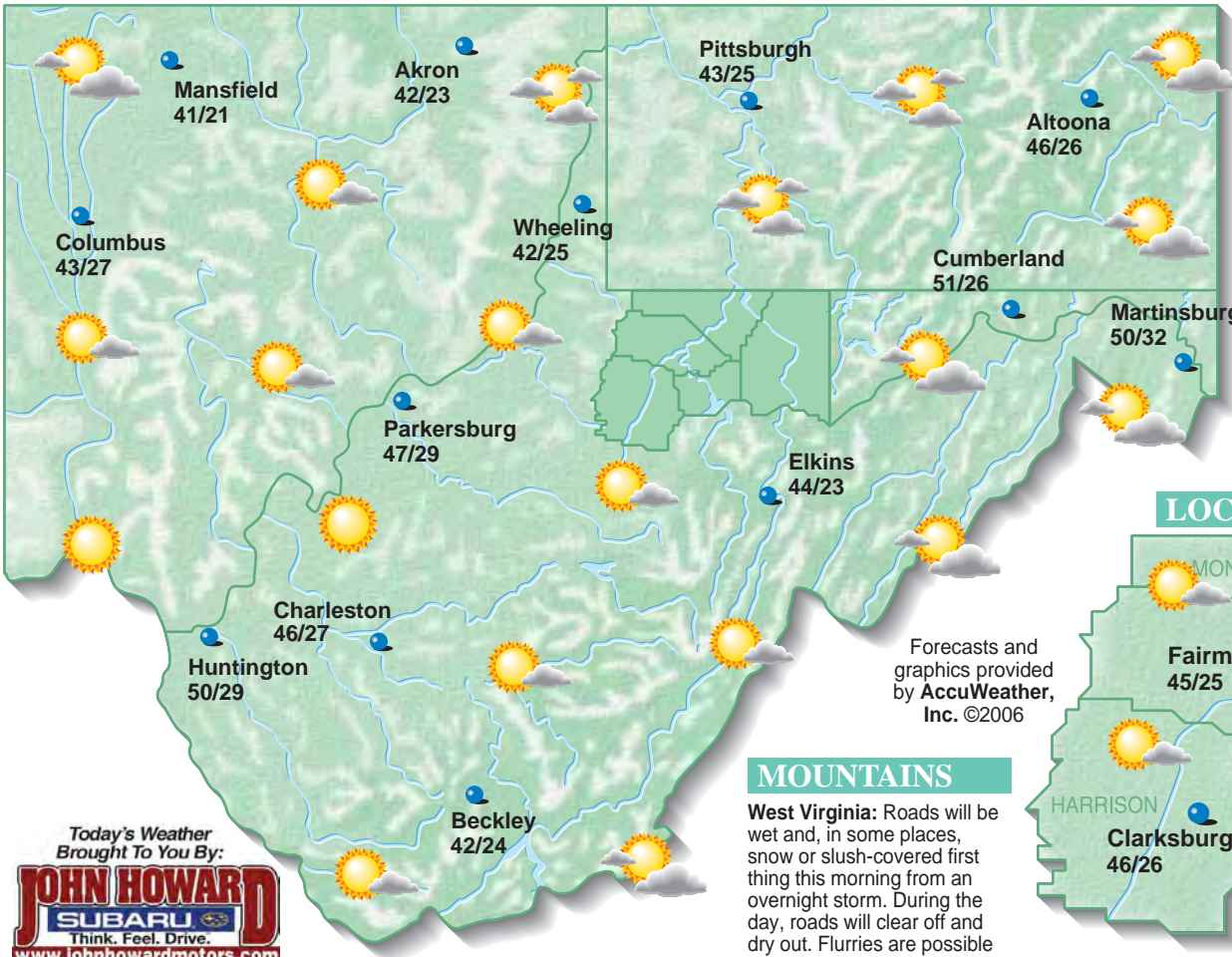
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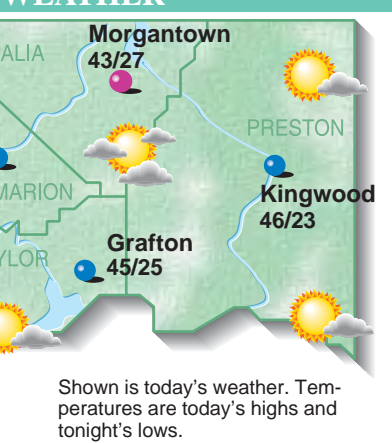
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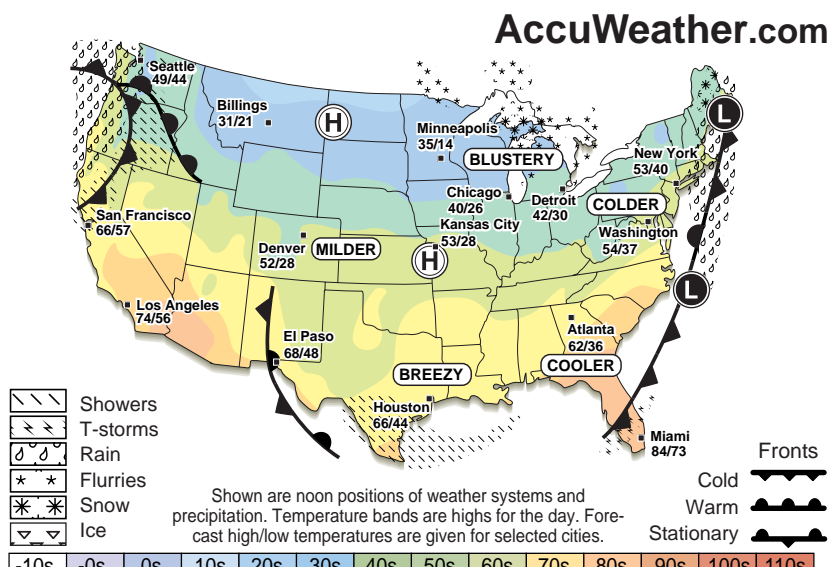
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LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



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Cumberland, MD	51/26/pc	47/24/s
Fairmont, WV	45/25/s	43/23/s
Grafton, WV	45/25/s	43/23/s
Huntington, WV	50/29/s	47/28/s
Kingwood, WV	46/23/s	41/21/pc
Pittsburgh, PA	43/25/pc	40/25/pc
Wheeling, WV	42/25/pc	40/23/pc

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Associated Press
 Today is Thursday, Nov. 2, the 306th day of 2006. There are 59 days left in the year.

HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

IN 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (popularly known as the "Spruce Goose"), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

ON THIS DATE: IN 1783,

Gen. George Washington issued his Farewell Address to the Continental Army near Princeton, N.J.

IN 1889

North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states.

IN 1959

game show contestant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he'd been given questions and answers in advance when he appeared on the NBC TV program "Twenty-One."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Country singer Charlie Walker is 80. Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 68. Actress Stefanie Powers is 64. Rock musician Carter Beauford (The Dave Matthews Band) is 49. Actor David Schwimmer is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alvin Chea (Take 6) is 39.

More readers respond to 'no hugs please'

DEAR READERS: On Tuesday, I shared the responses I received from women to a letter from a lady, "No Hugs Please," (9/13) in Alabama. She asked what could be done about "Uncle Harry," a man in his mid-70s who insists on bear-hugging almost all of the women he meets. The letter generated many responses from male readers. And I thought you might be interested to see how they felt he should be "handled."



JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY: May I offer a method that's fast, effective and creates very little attention: When Uncle Harry approaches with open arms, the woman should hold her upper arms close to her chest and slide her forearms up and in front of her breasts. Clenching her fists will provide strength to her upper arms. This position will protect her breasts from contact with Uncle Harry and increase the circumference for her upper body, making a bear hug more difficult.

While holding this posture, she should make direct eye contact and firmly say, "No!" Nothing more. A wishy-washy response will not be effective. He may object, cajole or question, but regardless of what he says, or how many times he persists, her only response should be to repeat, "I

said, 'No!'" or, "I do not want you to hug me."

In the unlikely event that he gets loud in an attempt to embarrass her, he's the one who will look like the fool. And anyone who observes the scene will look at her in admiration. — AN OLD MAN WHO KNOWS WHAT WORKS

DEAR ABBY: Uncle Harry undoubtedly is a sexually abusive pervert. His wife may be "one of the finest Christians in the area," but you can depend on the fact that she already knows about and tolerates his behavior. The other "Christian women" who do not object when he gropes them simply accept his abuse and support his rationalization of "Christian fellowship."

Don't confuse spirituality with reality. What can be done about Uncle Harry? Go to court for a restraining order, or continue to be victims. — NEIL IN SAN FRANCISCO

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

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High Street crash injures officer; man cited

A motorist collided with a police cruiser Tuesday, injuring a Morgantown police officer.

Officer Marc Jones was traveling through the intersection of High Street and Walnut Street to respond to an emergency call when the accident occurred, at about 10 p.m., according to a report from Morgantown Police.

Hinson M. White, 22, of Belair, Md., was traveling south in a Nissan Sentra on High Street and struck the passenger-side door of the police cruiser, the report stated. Jones was taken by ambulance to Ruby Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries. White told police he heard the cruiser's sirens but did not have time to stop. He was cited for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

Wesley UMC planning Greater Gift Sale

The Wesley United Methodist Church will hold a Greater Gift Sale from 2-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, and from noon-2 p.m. Sunday, in the church gym.

The sale will feature handcrafted items made by disadvantaged artisans and farmers in developing regions of the world and includes home decor, handwoven baskets, kitchen items, jewelry, gifts and holiday items. Proceeds enable the artisans to earn income and better their lives. Catalogs will be available for orders.

Mon Conservation District board to meet

The Monongahela Conservation District will hold its regular monthly board meeting at 9:30 a.m. today, at the USDA Service Center, Steve Lebnick Building, 201 Scott Ave., Morgantown.

Info: Patty Phillips, administrative officer, 296-0081.

Marion Commission OKs \$15,000 for Teen Court

FAIRMONT — The Marion County Commission approved \$15,000 for the Marion County Teen Court program at its meeting Wednesday morning.

The program, which brings teenage offenders to court before a jury of their peers, has 35 youth volunteers and serves 22 youth offenders. Commissioners noted that the program helps youth offenders understand the judicial process without overloading the county's court system.

"It does empower the youth through education and service," Commissioner Randy Elliot said.

Bringing teens before their peers also is more effective than a traditional court, commissioners said.

In addition to the Teen Court funding, the Marion County Commission approved \$3,700 for a stage at Palatine Park and committed to help pay for a Korean War Veterans Memorial at Prickett's Fort.

Deadline noon today for political letters

The Dominion Post will not accept letters to the editor after noon today about political candidates in the Nov. 7 general election.

No letters to the editor about political candidates or the election will be published Nov. 7.

Letters should not exceed 450 words. The Dominion Post maintains exclusive rights to all submitted material and reserves the right to edit any letter or other material submitted for its print or online editions.

Letters to the editor may be submitted by e-mail at opinion@dominionpost.com; by mail at Attn: Letters to editor, The Dominion Post, 1251 Earl Core Road, Morgantown, WV 26505; or can be dropped off at our newspaper office, in the Greer Building, near the intersection of Hartman Run Road and W. Va. 7.

MEETING

Today
MONONGALIA COUNTY ABANDONED AND DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES COMMITTEE, 10 a.m., County Commission chambers, Monongalia County Courthouse.

Preston doc, wife convicted

Tax evaders will face up to 25 years

BY KATHY PLUM
The Dominion Post

CLARKSBURG — A Preston County doctor and his wife each face up to 25 years in prison and fines totaling \$1.25 million after being convicted of tax evasion this week.

A federal jury Tuesday found Dr. Max A. Harned and Regis F. Harned, of 103 Daniel Ave., Kingwood, guilty of all five counts of an indictment charging they hid \$546,401 in income and underpaid their federal income taxes by about \$178,355 between January

1997 and Oct. 17, 2003.

Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

No date has been set for sentencing, and one of the Harneds' attorneys, Hunter Simmons, of Buckhannon, said Wednesday the couple hasn't decided whether to appeal the verdict.

"At this time they have not decided. They needed a day off," Simmons said. "They're tired."

Asked if Max Harned would return to his Bruceon Mills area practice while awaiting sentencing, Simmons said, "It's just up in the air even as far as that."

The seven-day trial was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert H. McWilliams Jr. and investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, Bridgeport Division.

According to the indictment, the Harneds opened bank accounts in Morgantown under the names A&E Asset Management Organization, RMH Global Organization and RMH International Organization, in an attempt to disguise personal income as non-taxable business expenses.

They aren't the only ones to try the scheme, according to the IRS. Morgantown resident Cleveland J. Biller, of 729 Baker's Ridge Road, is charged with four counts of filing false income tax returns and one count of obstructing and impeding the due administration of the tax laws by concealing unreported income.

He had a bench trial several weeks ago. Judge Irene M. Keeley hasn't ruled yet on the case.

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Kingwood PTA not toying with safety

School group seeks funds to fix playground

DOORS WILL open at 6 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Kingwood Community Building for the Kingwood Elementary PTA fundraiser. Tickets are \$40 and admit one couple for dinner, drinks, dessert and a chance to win cash. There will be a silent auction and a live auction of items including a WVU football signed by team members, a shirt signed by the team and a shirt signed by Steve Slaton. Tickets: 329-3315.

BY KATHY PLUM
The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — When Jennifer Loughry was a student at Kingwood Elementary, "the big toy" was a lot of fun.

Now 32, with children of her own in the school, Loughry can see the wear and tear on the wooden school playground equipment. Kingwood Elementary PTA, of which she is secretary, is raising money for equipment repairs.

Replacement would cost \$47,000 and include costly removal of the treated wooden big toy, so they've ruled out that option for now. But the PTA doesn't want to ignore the problem. "Some of the parts are broken, and also bees just bore into the wood," Loughry said.

PTA President Gwen Duckworth noted sections that children climb across are rotting.

"Once we took a long hard look at the equipment, we were scared," she said.

Among the problems they hope to fix is a section where railroad ties and chains formerly made up a ladder for students to clamber up a 4- to 5-foot section. A new plastic ladder is planned. The mining belt that protects children if they drop from the monkey bars is splitting and needs to be redone.

Duckworth has written two grant applications, seeking money to build a cover for part of the playground or to build a covered play pavilion somewhere on school grounds. She should receive word by the end of the year on whether those are approved.



PTA President Gwen Duckworth examines a piece of mining belt that is wearing down.



Gwen Duckworth and Jennifer Loughry look at a broken piece of playground equipment.



A rotting piece of wood supports a set of rings that children cross.

Fed grant to boost recycling

\$160K will add centers, help education efforts

MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION meets in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday, in the commission meeting room, second floor, Mon County Courthouse, High Street.

BY GARY GRAY
The Dominion Post

A stronger network of regional recycling sites is on the way, and education about how to make those sites work is a top priority, according to Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority's Dan Sanschagrin.

The authority hired Sanschagrin to administer a \$160,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Solid Waste Management grant.

Sanschagrin, the authority's new rural recycling project coordinator, updated Monongalia County Commissioners Wednesday on how the one-year grant will be used.

"The grant does not pay for the purchase of any equipment, but it will pay for education, mass mailings, training, and collection and processing of materials," he said.

The grant will be used to expand the number of recycling centers in Mon and Marion counties, as well as Greene County, Pa.

"In order for Mon County to receive this grant, the centers had to cross over state lines," he said. "We are looking to set up three additional sites in Mon, three in Marion, and one in Greene. We'll begin with a massive education campaign."

Potential locations have not been identified, though Sanschagrin said he hopes that can be accomplished in about four months.

"The reason we haven't had any success at getting state grants is because our program has been so successful," Mon County Commission president Bob Bell said. "They tend to give grants to solid waste departments that are struggling."

Sanschagrin said the recent award means the authority is in the federal grant system, and is eligible for similar funding.

"Normally, these grants are given just for education," he said. "But the people in Washington were excited

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Term-limits law to change face of Fairmont Council

22 candidates vie for 6 open seats

BY MARK PATRICK GRANDSTAFF
The Dominion Post

Many of Fairmont's City Council members will not return after the November elections.

This is the first election in which term limits apply. Five members of the nine-member council, including Mayor Nick Fantasia, are unable to run again. One member, Marlene Mitchell, was appointed in January to fill the seat left by the late Robert Allen. Mitchell will defend her seat in the Nov. 7 election.

Twenty-two candidates, divided

WHAT IT MEANS

More than half of Fairmont City Council will be made up of new members, due to term limits, after the November elections. The mayor, Nick Fantasia, is among those who are not eligible to run for another term.

among six districts, are competing to fill the empty seats.

Running for the 1st District seat are Michael K. Foy, John Dahlia, Jeff Kester, Chris Smith and Roger L. Anderson.

Running for the 3rd District seat

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are Alex "Alexo" Laska and Deborah D. Seifrit.

Running for the 4th District seat against Mitchell are Phyllis Mills and Bill Burdick.

Running for the 5th District seat are Elsie Kyle, William A. "Bill" Robison, Barry R. Bledsoe, Chuck Warner, John Six and Victor V. "Vic" Cassella.

Running for the 8th District seat are Robert "Chad" Hager and Robin W. Smith.

Running for the 9th District seat are Jack L. Decker, Matt Delligatti, Nicky Arcure and Dave Shaw.



Ineligible to run again are Tony Talerico, from the 1st District; Fantasia, 3rd; Fran Warner, 5th; Tom Mainella, 8th; and Ron Straight, 9th.

The council approved a two-term limit law in 1996. City Clerk Janet Keller said. The limit did not begin to take effect until the formation of the 1998 city council, Keller said.

"The council members on council at that time thought term limits would be a good idea," Keller said.

After the election, only council members Burley "Butch" Tennant, from the 2nd District, De'Andrea Bussey, from the 6th District, and

Scott Sears, from the 7th District, will remain. Mitchell, from the 4th District, will remain if she defeats her opponents in the election.

City Manager Bruce McDaniel and other city officials will hold an orientation meeting and several work sessions for the new council members after the election, Keller said. The meetings will make the new members ready for their duties when their terms officially begin, in January, she said.

"The first few months are a learning experience no matter what, but it will all fall into place," Keller said.

Tennant said he and the other council members who will remain after the election will help the newcomers get used to their new jobs.

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RECYCLING

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about this project. They liked the fact that further education could expand into aspects such as collection, and more hands-on recycling efforts."

Morgantown and Fairmont are excluded from consideration for this grant because the cities are not rural areas.

Frant funds are not handed out all at once. Invoices will be sent to the USDA, which will review them and make reimbursements to the authority.

In August, the Mon County Commission approved \$25,000 for upgrades for the center.

Those improvements include pouring concrete at the truck dock where haulers unload materials, a ventilation system for the building where materials are stored, reconditioning a baler, expansion of the public drop-off area and a building where a second baler may be placed in the future.

The authority also receives about \$18,000 a year from the state's Solid Waste Management board to pay for the center's operations. It also produces revenues by selling recycled materials to private buyers. Since the authority took over operation of the center, in 2002, it has netted about \$175,000.

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Two years ago, the voters of Monongalia County voted to send Barbara Fleischauer home. One of the key issues in the campaign was Ms. Fleischauer's vocal and aggressive support of abortion-on-demand. More than any other delegate, she used her position in the legislature to work and strategize and speak for abortion rights. She even served as an attorney on the abortionists' side of the landmark 1993 WV Supreme Court case that said our tax dollars must pay for abortions in West Virginia.

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BAZAAR LISTINGS

PLEASE E-MAIL bazaar/craft show information to Diane Beard at dibeard@dominionpost.com or fax 291-2326 (attention Diane). Information must specify what the proceeds benefit and must be submitted by 2 p.m. Wednesdays to run each Thursday through Dec. 21.

Fairview Fire Hall

A craft show sponsored by Fire Department Auxiliary will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday at the Fairview Fire Hall. Pizza and sandwiches will be sold from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Community UMC

A holiday bazaar will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Community United Methodist Church, U.S. 119/Grafton Road (across from Clinton Volunteer Fire Department). The bazaar will feature a wide selection of handmade holiday gifts, crafts, and decorations and baked goods. Food will be served throughout the day. Shoppers can also enjoy a cup of coffee or stop for lunch. There will be door prizes (need not be present to win). Tables are still available for crafters to rent. Info: 291-0028 or 291-0386.

Fairview Fire Department

A fall craft sale by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fairview Fire Department will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, at the Fire Hall. There will be pizza and sandwiches for sale from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 366-5892, 449-1257 or 449-1628.

Goshen Baptist Church

A Holiday Blessing Bazaar will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, at Goshen Baptist Church. Enjoy fall and Christmas decor, gifts, goodies, treats, whimsies, artwork, notions, fun and fellowship. Biscuits and gravy, pies and lunch will be served.

Riverside Apostolic Church

The annual church bazaar of the Riverside Apostolic Church will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday. All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner with homemade meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage will be served from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost: \$7, adults; \$3.50, ages 12 and under; free, ages 5 and under.

Items for sale include holiday candy, apple butter (open kettle, made outside), country store, baked goods including pumpkin rolls and more.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Carry-out orders will be available.

The church is at 336 Dents Run Road, off the I-79 Westover exit, Morgantown. Info: 292-4939.

Social Service League of Waynesburg

The Social Service League of Waynesburg's annual Holiday Extravaganza craft show will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, at Waynesburg (Pa.) Central Elementary School, just off Interstate 79, Exit 14. Follow the signs.

Two rooms will be filled with area crafters selling many unusual gift items. There will be a grand raffle of an item donated by Alice Coptis, in addition to a crafter's raffle of more than 20 donated items. Admission and parking are free.

A supervised activity room is available where children can play while their parents shop. Enjoy a lunch of homemade food and baked goods. Social Service League is a nonprofit women's organization that sponsors several fundraising activities during the year to benefit children in the Central Greene School District.

Westover UMC

The United Methodist Church, 28 North St., Westover, plans a fall holiday bazaar from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, featuring craft items, hardtack candy and bake sale items. The kitchen will be open and lunch available. Tables are available for rent for \$10 each. Info: June, 296-7395.

Brown's Chapel Community Building

Holiday Happenings takes place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 11 at

Brown's Chapel Community Building, off U.S. 119 (Grafton Road) near Paradise Lake Golf Course. It features crafts, vendors and food.

Christmas at the Cabin

"Christmas at the Cabin" will be held from 4-8 p.m. Nov. 9; noon-8 p.m. Nov. 10; and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 11. The Cabin is on Fallen Timbers Road, Point Marion, Pa. Local artists will be featured along with antiques and shabby treasures. Visit the outdoor Faded Rose Cafe, serving soup, desserts and beverages. It is outdoors; dress for the weather.

Directions: from Morgantown, take U.S. 119 through Point Marion. Cross the bridge and turn left on PA 166 north. Travel 3.7 miles, turn right on Fallen Timbers Road. Follow 1.5 miles to the Cabin. Info: (724) 725-9236.

Sabra UMC

The Sabra United Methodist

Church's annual Christmas bazaar will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 11, on Darst Street in Jerome Park. Baked goods and crafts will be available.

Breakfast pastries will served until 11 a.m., and hot dogs and a soup bar from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: 296-2286.

Albert Gallatin Area High School

A holiday craft show will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Albert Gallatin Area High School cafeteria, with more than 40 vendors. Items will include wooden crafts, candles, cosmetics, soap, jewelry, purses, candy, fleece blankets, pottery, bakery items, Albert Gallatin clothing and more. Admission is \$2 with free door prizes and refreshments. Proceeds benefit the class of 2007.

Highland Park UMC

The Highland Park United

Methodist Church, corner of Morgan Street and Ridgeley Road, will hold its Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 18. The bazaar will feature baked goods, homemade hardtack candy and fudge and craft items. A luncheon will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 292-5170 or 599-1127.

Laurel Point Methodist Church

A Harvest Jubilee will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 18 at Laurel Point Methodist Church, U.S. 19, three miles past Morgantown Mall. Homemade vegetable soup will be sold to eat in or take out. Items for sale will include baked goods, arts and crafts, jams, cookbooks, relishes, hardtack candies, fudge, hand-crafted jewelry and more.

Core Community Center

A craft show will be held Nov. 25 at the Core Community Center. Crafters should contact Julie

Eddy, 662-6863.

Hospice Care

Hospice Care will be sponsoring a Holiday Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 25 at Reedsville Fire Hall. Craft tables are available; call 864-0884 Ext. 112.

Pisgah UMC

The Pisgah United Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2, at 2718 Smithtown Road, Morgantown. There will be crafts, food and homemade baked goods. Info: Helena, 292-4211.

Suncrest UMC

Suncrest United Methodist Church's UMW Christmas Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 9, featuring crafters, treasure cove, apple butter, fruitcakes, a variety of homemade cookies and quilts. Frosty's Cafe will be open with a variety of foods.

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At least 10 shot during Halloween street party

Associated Press
 SAN FRANCISCO — Gunfire broke out between two groups at a massive Halloween street party in the city's Castro district, wounding at least 10 people, including innocent bystanders, police said Wednesday.
 The shooting began around 10:40 p.m. Tuesday, as authorities were dispersing thousands of revelers under a curfew aimed at controlling the traditionally raucous party.
 Two people were detained for questioning, but no one had been arrested early Wednesday, police Capt. Al Casciato said. He said two groups of people had gotten into an altercation before the shooting began.

One victim was listed in critical condition at San Francisco General Hospital.
 The once-spontaneous and unsanctioned party was taken over by the city four years ago, after police recorded five stabbings and a number of assaults in a 2002 crowd of 500,000 people and confiscated a chain saw.
 Officials and members of the district's large gay community said the party had started attracting gay bashers along with the usual colorfully costumed characters.
 Tuesday night, city officials ramped up the police presence, reduced the number of entertainment stages from three to one and cut off the festivities at 11 p.m.

"We had the sheriff's department screening people for weapons and alcohol. Obviously you have a major event — a lot of different spots" to patrol, police spokesman Neville Gittens said. "I can't explain how this happened. Unfortunately it did happen, and we are investigating to find out who is the cause of the shooting."
 Ted Morales, 43, said he was working as a volunteer security guard for the event when he "heard someone empty their gun" in the crowd.
 "When the shooting happened, people just dove to the ground like a wall of water," said Morales, who did not see what led up to the shooting. A woman standing near him

was grazed in the neck by a bullet, he said.
 Sophia Vlahiotis, who owns Capri Ristorante Pizza, just yards from the scene, was outside selling pizzas when a crowd of people fleeing the bullets began running in her direction.
 "They pushed the table over, the oven fell and then I realized it was gunshots," she said. "They were trying to get into the restaurant, there were so many people."
 Vlahiotis, who did not see what led up to the shooting, said this year may be her last participating in the Halloween party.
 "I'm still shaking," she said. "I don't know if I want to do this again. It's not worth my life."
 In another Halloween shooting, a gunman opened fire in a crowded Southern California bar early Wednesday, police said. The apparent target of the shooting was hit several times in the chest and legs, and a woman was hit in the buttocks, West Covina Police Lt. Pete Mena said. He said the injuries didn't appear to be life-threatening.
 In downtown Santa Cruz, a man and a 14-year-old boy were stabbed during a Halloween event that attracted about 15,000 revelers, police spokesman Zach Friend said.

McCabe answers metro questions

State senator wrote the bill on government

BY CASSIE SHANER
 The Dominion Post

FAIRMONT — State Sen. Brooks McCabe, D-Kanawha, met with Marion County's Metro Government Charter Review Committee on Wednesday, at the Chamber of Commerce, to clear up a number of issues and examine a successful model of metro government.
 Fairmont City Council and the Marion County Commission have authorized the Review Committee to investigate forming a metro government in Marion County. McCabe is the author of the state Senate bill that permits the creation of metro government areas in West Virginia.
 A metro government system would consolidate Fairmont and the unincorporated areas of Marion County into a single metro area. The meeting followed Monday's public hearing, where about 40 Marion County residents turned out to voice concerns about the idea of metro government. Charter Review Committee members were unable to answer several of the residents' questions.

Wednesday, they got answers. "Taxes, annexation — all that other stuff is still in place," McCabe said.
 According to McCabe, the existing tax structure in Marion County will not change if a metro government is adopted. In addition, municipalities in Marion County that might not be part of the metro government — Farmington and Mannington, for example — would still be able to annex land, pending the approval of the metro government.
 Public service districts, fire departments and school districts are not included in the legislation and will remain the same, he said. McCabe also said the charter for a proposed metro government can specify that unincorporated areas of Marion County will be exempt from the fees and building codes effective in the city of Fairmont, another hot issue at Monday's hearing.
 "These are concerns that people

raise," he said. "They're very natural. You go through the process to alleviate those."
 McCabe brought a presentation that was created by Joan Riehm, deputy mayor of the Louisville-Jefferson County metro government in Kentucky, and presented to West Virginia legislators Oct. 3.
 The presentation outlined how the Louisville area designed its metro government, how it sold the idea to voters, and how well it has worked since it was formed, in 2000.
 According to Riehm's figures, the consolidation of services has saved the area several million dollars.
 "It's pretty interesting in how they structured things," Review Committee President Butch Osborne said after the presentation. Osborne, who wants to see the Louisville metro charter for further discussion, said the primary issues in Marion County will be how the metro government will be structured, how it will be governed, and what it will do for residents.
 The Review Committee, which was appointed in July, has one year from that point to determine whether or not to recommend metro government for Marion County. If it recommends it and city and county officials approve, all Marion County voters will decide on the issue in the May 2008 primary election.

The committee has requested a budget of around \$21,500 for its investigation. Fairmont City Council approved funding of \$7,310 at its Oct. 24 meeting.
 The committee is still waiting to hear from the Marion County Commission regarding the remainder of the budget request.
 Review Committee member Andy Nicely has received an oral commitment from Gov. Joe Manchin's office that the WVU Bureau of Business and Economic Research has agreed to study the geographic and economic details of forming a metro government in Marion County for free.
 Another public hearing, the second of three required, will be held in three months to update residents on the process and further gauge public opinion.

"It's going to be like a roller coaster," Osborne said of the next several months.

Speakers set for Md. 'Our Story' Conference

Submitted to The Dominion Post

The fifth annual "Our Story" Conference is scheduled for noon Friday, in Garrett County, Md., with Dr. Kathy Brittain White delivering the keynote speech on "Rural Sourcing" at Garrett College.
 White's topic will be "Bringing High Tech Jobs to Rural America."
 Dr. Paul Dauphinais, president of Garrett College, will speak on education and business, and Charlie Ross, president and CEO of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, will speak on politics and business.
 Casey Willson, of the Maryland Small Business Development Office, will work his humor and magic on local small businesses that show up to be examined by the "Small Business doctor."

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the conference begins at 9 a.m. Sponsorships are still being accepted.
 Award nominations are being accepted for worthy individuals to be recognized at the conference.
 Awards will be given for a "Mover and Shaker," "Mentor of the Year," "Entrepreneur of the Year" — both for fewer than and more than 20 employees — and "Employee of the Year."
 Conference registrations were sent to members in the October monthly mailer. They will be available at the Chamber or garrettchamber.com. More details will be provided soon.
 The conference fee will include all presentations, panel discussions, lunch and refreshments, and a chance to win door prizes.
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Soldier flees to avoid being sent to unit


Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A U.S. Army soldier who fled to Canada rather than return to Iraq has disap-


peared again, this time just a day after surrendering to the military.
 Pvt. Kyle Snyder, 23, of Colorado Springs, Colo., told The Associated Press he was supposed to return by bus to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Louisville on Tuesday but didn't go. He said he went AWOL after Fort Knox officials told him he would be sent back to his unit, the 94th Engineer Battalion.
 Snyder returned to the United States on Saturday, after his lawyer said he had reached a deal to receive an other-than-honorable discharge.
 "I came back in good faith," Snyder said Wednesday by phone. "I put my trust in them one more time. Why should I put my trust in them again when I can just go back to Canada?"



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**BOB
HERTZEL**

Can't accuse Rod of hyping this ballgame

LOUISVILLE

GAME DAY.

Pardon me if I stifle a yawn. Just another boring game day. West Virginia-Louisville, "The Rematch".

Think this was a big deal? Think again.

Rich Rodriguez has done everything he can to make this into just another game for his players.

Just another Thursday night, nationally televised, game that could mean millions of dollars to the school, the Big East championship and a BCS bid.

Here comes that yawn again. "It was just a good, normal, business-as-usual week of practice," Rodriguez said.

"The closer we get to the game the more excited they get, but I didn't sense anything different than usual.

"Our guys are always more businesslike. We don't have guys who get too emotional one way or the other. I can sense in pregame if there's a little extra intensity in their eyes."

Rodriguez says it has been that way for the players and the coaches.

"There's only so many hours in the day you can squeeze in and I think we're squeezing it in anyway, whether we're playing Louisville or somebody else. Nothing different," he said.

Staying grounded in reality is crucial in preparing for games of such a magnitude. You don't want to spend your energy in practice. You don't want to peak a day early or a day late.

Because of that, even if it's a Thursday game, you run your week as if Thursday were the normal Saturday and do things just as you always would.

"We're working the same way we always do. We're having the same meetings, the same schedule. I'm getting up the same time in the morning, going home the same time at night," Rodriguez said.

But now it's Thursday. There is no practice. Players are cooped up in a hotel and it's a long day.

"What do you do on Thursday, watch Jerry Springer or soap operas?" asked Rodriguez. "There ain't a lot you can watch on TV. We'll have a couple of meetings. Coaches will walk around a little.

"It's a boring day until you play. If it's a Saturday, it's not as bad because you can watch football."

But this isn't Saturday. This game is too big for that. It's on its own national stage, a made-for-television spectacular.

Somehow, the fans don't seem to mind at all.

In a way they're like Rodriguez and his team.

Big game, small game. Saturday game, Thursday game. It's all the same.

Stick with the routine, home and away.

The grills heat up early, the bottle caps are twisted off before lunch.

There's hooting and hollering and a Mountaineer band.

Nothing boring about a big game day for the fans.

Rodriguez knows nothing about that, though.

"I'm sure there will be a lot of excitement around town ... but we won't see it," he said.

"It's a big ball game, it's exciting for our fans, our program. I don't know, is it bigger than the Sugar Bowl? That depends on your opinion, but it's the biggest one we play this week."

And that's important for Rodriguez and his players to realize because each week is a new season.

"If we win this one against Louisville, the one we play next week will be bigger," Rodriguez said.

And it starts all over again.

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Plan for success

Ex-WVU RB followed his dreams

BY **BOB HERTZEL**

The Dominion Post

LOUISVILLE — In many ways little was different back on that September day in 1989 when West Virginia University last came here to play football. The 1989 team had just come off an 11-1 season, as has this year's, and was riding its versatile quarterback to an undefeated season at the time.

That quarterback, of course, was Major Harris.

The Mountaineers knew Louisville would be a tough opponent, just as it does now, and they were right, trailing 21-10 in the third quarter and 21-13 as the fourth quarter began.

But the 1989 Mountaineers had their own version of Steve Slaton that year in Eugene Napoleon, who ran 1 yard to give them the lead at 22-21 and then broke loose for 46 yards to seal the victory.

"I remember that first TD," Napoleon was to say the other day. "A short one, dragging two or three of their defenders. Then I went

about 50 yards up the middle to seal the deal. I had 121 yards, two TDs. Not a bad day at the office."

Not a bad day, indeed, for the Mountaineer running back.

Those who saw him figured he was simply running to glory, but those who knew him knew better.

He was running to something far greater ... a future.

An early start

You wouldn't know what Eugene Napoleon came from today. He's a successful sports agent, CEO of Nap Sports, LLC; the successful CEO of Nap Records, LLC, an independent label that has sold more than 500,000 worldwide; and an author of the book "Dream Real", which tells a story that had to be told.

"Believe it or not, I thought about this my junior year at West Virginia," he said from his home in Rahway, N.J. "I started putting ideas together then."

Not that he had to look very far for his story is one of overcoming

great odds, of escaping the ghetto and making something of himself through sports and through an education.

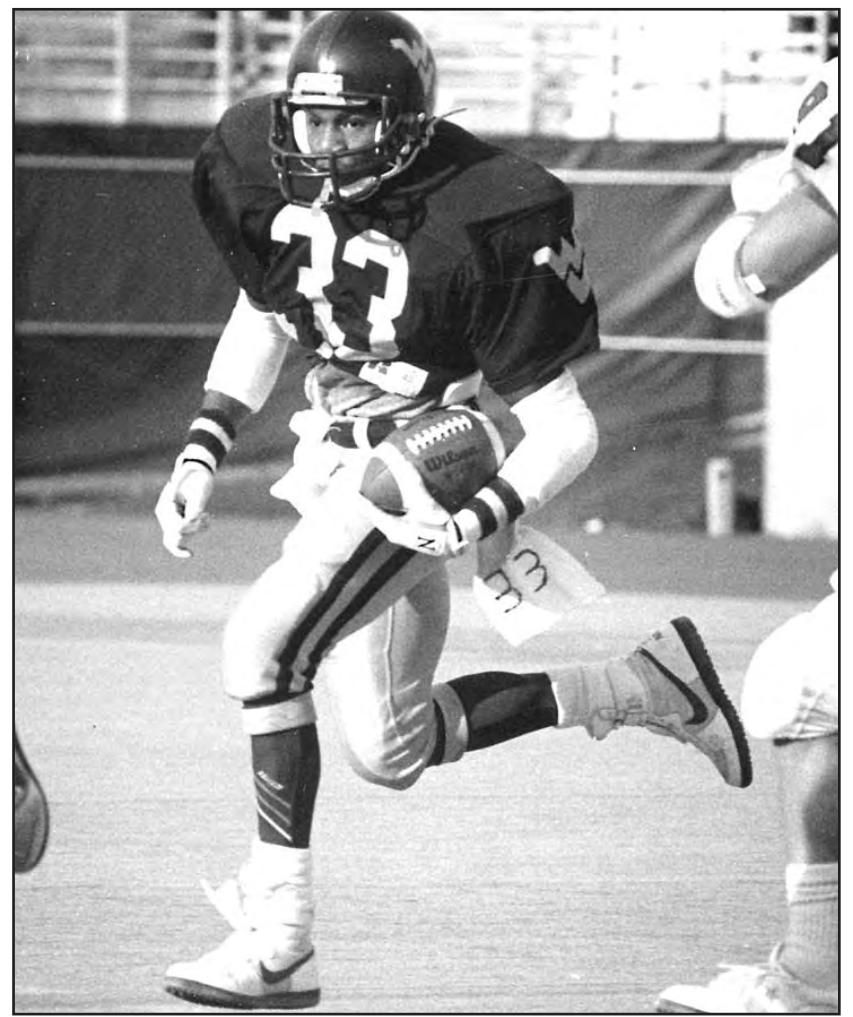
"I grew up with a single parent. I had seven siblings. I was the baby. My mom buried five of those kids. The book is more of an inspiration, a blue print. If I made it out of there, others could. The road is not always easy, but if you follow the guidelines of someone you look up to you will succeed."

In Napoleon's case, that would be his mother.

"I own my own record company. Had it for 14 years. Ny'a is our top recording star (She's also his wife, Tracy). I represent Sheryl Swoopes, the most valuable player in the WNBA. You watch "And 1" on ESPN, I represent Waliyy Dixon ("Main Event"), Shane Woney ("Dribbling Machine") and Taurian Fontenette ("Air Up There").

"At the end of the day, it all comes from my mother's teachings. It does pay off."

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Former WVU running back Eugene Napoleon has forged a successful business career since his playing days ended. WVU photo



WVU tailback Steve Slaton runs past a Louisville defender in the 2005 game at Milan Puskar Stadium. Slaton gained 188 yards and scored six touchdowns in the Mountaineers' 46-44 triple-overtime victory. WVU photo

Spotlight on Slaton

RB knows Cards will key on him

BY **MICHAEL CASAZZA**

The Dominion Post

LOUISVILLE — The target has been on Steve Slaton for quite some time now. As for when it first appeared, every opinion seems to differ, but it was some time between the game he first emerged as a freshman last year with 90 yards against Virginia Tech's vaunted run defense and the night he sped past Georgia defenders again and again in the Sugar Bowl. In between, of course, there were brilliant performances against Louisville, Pitt and others that made people take notice.

By now, the bull's-eye or the X or whatever it is that's branded on Slaton and at which opponents take aim must feel pretty normal. It's never felt like this, though, and it's never been brighter than it will be tonight when Slaton and the rest of the No. 3-ranked Mountaineers take on No. 5 Louisville at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN.

"I'm sure that because of what happened last year, there's a little animosity because of it," Slaton admitted.

It was Oct. 15, 2005, and Slaton ran for 188 yards and scored six touchdowns as WVU took its first noticeable step toward the national spotlight with a 46-44 victory against the Cardinals. The Mountaineers trailed 24-7 with eight minutes to play and won 46-44 in triple overtime.

Yes, resentment is sure to flow once Sla-

ton appears on the turf at Papa John's Stadium.

"I definitely think their guys and their crowd is going to be into it," Slaton said. "It's going to be a loud environment. It's a big stage. It's Thursday night, the only game being played. Everyone's going to be watching. It's time for us to showcase what we're about."

Again — and that might be too much for Louisville to bear.

The Mountaineers (7-0, 2-0 Big East) needed something last year, a spark, a boost to help

them climb out of the well, and they got it from Slaton and quarterback Patrick White. The offense that managed just 57 yards rushing and zero points in the first half exploded after halftime and chugged along to 281 yards rushing. Slaton scored all but one of his touchdowns in the rally and was too much for the Cardinals to handle late in the game.

His scores marked a school and Big East record.

"I was aware of the touchdowns because of the score, but being involved in the game and trying to stay with the team, I didn't know about the yards," Slaton said. "After the game, when you see the scoreboard, that's when it really clicks."

White rushed for 79 yards and passed for 49 more, converted key third- and fourth-down situations and threw a two-point con-

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Hawks win 4th straight title

Mohigans advance to regionals, too

SECTIONAL VOLLEYBALL

BY **JUSTIN JACKSON**

The Dominion Post

Tori Kolar stood and waited for her opportunity, which ended up not being a long wait at all.

With a quick leap in the air and a mighty swing of her right arm, the sophomore sent the volleyball to a place that would have made Wee Willie Keeler smile — where they ain't.

The kill, Kolar's 13th of the night gave the University High volleyball team its fourth consecutive sectional championship Wednesday night with a 3-0 victory over rival Morgantown High, 25-11, 25-20 and 25-23.

The last time UHS (19-13) didn't advance out of its Region I sec-

tional tournament was 2002, when it was Brooke and Morgantown High.

"Four sectional titles feels good, but we know there's still much to accomplish," UHS coach Donnie Godfrey said. "We haven't won a regional title, yet. That was one of our goals coming into the season was to win a regional."

By finishing second, the Mohigans also advanced to Saturday's regional finals, at Preston High.

The tournament will begin at 2 p.m. and it will be a familiar one — it will feature the same four teams from last year's regional. In the first round, Preston will face MHS, while UHS will play East Fairmont.

Winners will play in the Region I finals, but will also advance to next Friday's state tournament, at

the Charleston Civic Center.

"It's obviously going to be tough and Preston would have to be considered the heavy favorite since they went undefeated in the [North Central Athletic Conference]," Godfrey said.

"Our girls know it's going to have to take a lot of work to beat Preston and East Fairmont isn't going to be easy by any means. We split with them during the season."

Both MHS and UHS advanced to the sectional finals with victories over teams from the northern panhandle.

The Mohigans beat John Marshall, 3-2 (25-21, 25-22, 16-25, 6-25 and 15-7), while the Hawks beat Wheeling Park, 3-1 (25-19, 23-25, 25-18 and 25-21).

MHS coach B.J. Campione liked the way his team fought back in the

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University High's **Tori Kolar** (15) finished with 13 kills in helping the Hawks to their fourth consecutive sectional volleyball championship Wednesday. Morgantown High also advanced by taking second. Bob Gay/The Dominion Post

Ben knows he has to play better

Faces test against Denver on Sunday

BY ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger looks at what has occurred in his life since winning the AFC championship game in Denver and almost can't believe it's been less than 10 months.

Becoming the youngest quarterback to win the Super Bowl. The motorcycle accident that left him with a surgically repaired face. The two concussions. The emergency appendectomy that kept him out of the Pittsburgh Steelers' opener. His five losses in six starts this season — or one more loss than in his first two NFL seasons combined.

"It's tough because you set the bar so high the first two years that you'll forget you won the Super Bowl last season," Roethlisberger said as he looked to Sunday's rematch in Pittsburgh with the Broncos. "But, hey, that's the way it goes. You've got to start playing better. I've got to start playing better."

He also needs to stay healthy, and he knows it. Maybe that's why he disclosed Wednesday for the first time that he's not riding a motorcycle any longer. Previously, he said only that he would put on a helmet when doing so.

Roethlisberger's motorcycle crash June 12 left him with the first of two concussions he's had this year, a battered face that required seven hours of surgery and other more minor injuries. He returned for training camp, but his season has been disrupted by the appendicitis attack and a second concussion, this one on the field, Oct. 22 in Atlanta.

Asked if he wishes he hadn't gotten on a motorcycle, especially without a helmet, the 24-year-old said, "Not at all. I'm not going to sit there and regret things that I've done. That was a decision I made and I'm not going to look back and regret it."

Roethlisberger was cleared to play last weekend in Oakland, but responded by throwing four interceptions — two for touchdowns — in a 20-13 loss to a team widely considered the AFC's worst. It also was the worst game of his three-season career, and coach Bill Cowher said Tuesday that three interceptions were preventable.

Roethlisberger agreed he must make better decisions, but doesn't sound like someone who regrets taking some risks on the field, either.

"You just go out there and play the game the way you know how to play it," he said. "That's how I play and I'm not going to change. That's how I play football. It's worked for me and hopefully we'll turn it around."

Roethlisberger is going against a Denver defense that allowed only two touchdowns in six games before giving up three, all by Colts receiver Reggie Wayne, in a 34-31 loss Sunday to Indianapolis.

That Denver defense has undergone some schematic adjustments since losing 34-17 in the AFC championship game, when Roethlisberger threw two touchdowns passes while leading Pittsburgh to a 24-3 half-time lead. He was 21-of-29 for 275 yards, the kind of accuracy and production a quarterback needs to win a big game.

The Steelers (2-5) might need a similar game Sunday by Roethlisberger to turn around a season that couldn't have gone much worse so far, either for the team or the quarterback.

"Teams are kind of gunning for you a little harder because you are the champs," Roethlisberger said. "And so we are definitely getting everybody's best shot, and I think that we definitely need to step up and start playing better football."

Tennessee suspends 'Pacman' for 1 game

Jones also faces NFL punishment

BY TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans suspended cornerback and former WVU star Adam "Pacman" Jones on Wednesday for one game as punishment for his long list of off-field incidents. Jones won't play Sunday against Jacksonville.

Coach Jeff Fisher said after practice that Jones also will be fined what he called "significant financial ... considerations." The loss of one

game check would be \$49,558, and Jones also faces potential punishment from the NFL for violating its personal conduct policy.

Fisher said Jones was very concerned and will make a statement later this week.

"This is the defining moment in his career," Fisher said.

Fisher, who has said owner Bud Adams supported any punishment handed down, also told Jones what would happen if there is another such incident.

"And that obviously is between the organization and him," Fisher said.

Jones' agent, Michael Huyghue,

said they hadn't been officially notified and had no immediate comment.

The latest police problem for Jones, the Titans' top draft pick in 2005 and the sixth choice overall, occurred before last week's 28-22 victory over Houston in which he intercepted his first pass and returned a punt 53 yards for a touchdown.

He wasn't cited for misdemeanor assault until the day before the game, and Fisher, who called the incident "very disturbing," took extra time to discuss how to punish Jones. Fisher already had suspended linebacker Robert Reynolds from

last week's game for a domestic violence incident.

Krystal Webb, 21, had Jones cited for an incident at a private party last Thursday at a nightclub. The police report states that Jones became verbally abusive and "spit a huge amount of mucus on Ms. Webb's face and hair, which she preserved for evidence."

Jones is scheduled to be booked Nov. 17 on the charge. Fans have been calling for the Titans to suspend Jones before now or even release him.

"From a discipline standpoint, we're doing every single thing we can," Fisher said. "I'm hopeful from

Pac's standpoint that these issues get resolved, that it is what he says it was this past week. But if it is not, then the league's personal conduct policy will (resolve it)."

This is the second time Jones has been accused of spitting on a woman at a club this year. He was arrested at a Murfreesboro nightclub on misdemeanor charges of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct hours after the Titans broke camp, and Fisher did not play him in an exhibition.

He is due in court on Jan. 11 on those charges. Charges Jones faced from a July 2005 incident at a club were dismissed earlier this year.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning screams out a play change at the line of scrimmage in the first quarter of a game against the Denver Broncos this past Sunday. The Colts won, 34-31, as Manning passed for 345 yards and three touchdowns.



Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo (right) and Terrell Owens watch the final moments of their 35-14 win over the Carolina Panthers on Sunday night.

Manning's at best with game on line

Foes can't contain him

BY MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning has faced almost every conceivable NFL defense and figured out routinely how to beat most of them. He outwits them.

Yes, the NFL's prized pupil has earned his graduate degree by carving up secondaries with uncanny accuracy, brilliant last-second audibles, a propensity for keeping everyone involved in the offense, and his ability to exploit even the most subtle weakness in a defense.

And don't dare try confounding the two-time MVP; it's a futile effort.

"There's only so much confusion you can have because, basically, he's seen everything," New England safety Rodney Harrison said. "So you try to mix things up and what it comes down to is one-on-one matchups and who makes the plays when it counts."

In Manning's case, the long study sessions have paid the highest dividends when it matters most.

Twenty-six times Manning has produced winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime, including three in the past four games.

He's also refining old tricks and finding new ways to win.

Manning beat Jacksonville and the New York Jets with his feet, Denver and Washington with his arm. He used pure shrewdness to beat Tennessee and the New York Giants.

The message to opponents is simple: Give Manning a chance to beat you in the last two minutes at your own peril.

"We just sit on the bench and watch the offense work its magic on the big screen," cornerback Jason David said. "When you have the best two-minute offense in the NFL, you have full confidence they're going to score."

Manning's resume is long on records, milestones and awards, but the nine-year veteran insists he's still improving.

Although he's unlikely to challenge his own NFL mark for touchdown passes in a season (49) this year, Manning's stats look like something out of a fantasy player's dream.

In seven games, he's thrown 15 touchdowns and two interceptions, a pace that could make him the most error-free quarterback in league history.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Kansas City's Steve DeBerg in 1990 finished a season with the fewest interceptions (four) of any quarterback with more than 400 attempts.

He's also on pace for another 4,000-yard season, has a completion percentage of 66.1 and leads the NFL with a quarterback rating of 108.0. St. Louis' Marc Bulger and Kansas City's Damon Huard are the only other players with a rating of 100 or better.

To Manning, though, success never has been defined by numbers; it's measured in victories.

"I'm pretty critical of myself and make notes about how I can be better," he said. "I'm still trying to find ways to get better. But ultimately your job is to win games and we've done a pretty good job of that."

Thanks in large part to Manning's mastery, Indy is only the second team in league history to start two straight seasons 7-0. The other was the Green Bay Packers, who did it three straight years from 1929-31.

Colts record books reveal a similar story.

Only Hall of Famer John Unitas (118) won more often as a starting quarterback than Manning (87). Another win Sunday at New England would make Manning and Tony Dungy the most successful pairing in franchise history, too. Manning is 55-16 since Dungy replaced Jim Mora as coach in 2002, and the victory total is tied with Unitas, who was 55-20-3 under Don Shula.

Martin's ailing knee puts career in jeopardy

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.
AP Sports Writer

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Curtis Martin tried to outrun the inevitable.

After months of rehabilitation and countless hours working to get back on the field for the New York

Jets, reality finally caught up to the NFL's No. 4 career rusher.

"I think this is as good as my knee gets, where it is right now," Martin said Wednesday at a news conference.

The Jets placed the 33-year-old Martin on the reserve physically-unable-to-perform list with a bone-on-bone condition in his right knee, ending his season before it ever got started and jeopardizing his career.

"I usually deal with things the way they are now, and with the infor-

mation that I know about my future, it doesn't look like it's too bright as far as me having a further career," Martin said. "And if that happens, great."

It took a few months for Martin, always classy and often overshadowed as a player, to reach the point where he could accept the idea his brilliant career might be over.

"I don't know if it's even possible," Martin said of playing again. "It hasn't been possible up to this point, so I'm not looking forward to saying

I'll definitely be back next year. It's a long stretch, I'll put it that way. And that's the most honest answer I can give you."

This wasn't an official retirement announcement, but it sure sounded and looked like one, with cameras flashing every few seconds and at least two dozen reporters packed into the small media room.

"I'm officially not playing this year," Martin said. "Retirement — that may be the inevitable result. I just haven't gotten there yet."

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'Producers' is a chance to laugh loud

FOOTBALL, SCHMOOTBALL.

You can watch a game any-time. How many chances will you have to see a gen-u-ine Broadway production in Morgantown?

Seriously, I know this game is important, but I also know the constraints of booking entertainment in Morgantown. It's often a case of take it when you can get it. I suspect the folks at WVU find that to be a challenge at times — like when a HUGE football game or Halloween conflicts with a stellar play. You book the show and hope for the best.

I'm not a huge fan of musical theater, but I am a fan of Mel Brooks. So I couldn't miss "The Producers." I've seen the film, which stars Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder, about a dozen times. I always find something new to laugh at.

If you've been living under a rock these many years and don't know the plot, here it is: Unsuccessful Broadway producer Max Bialystock and his innocent, nervous accountant Leo Bloom hatch a get-rich scheme. They'll raise more money than they need to put on the world's worst play and when it closes in one night, they'll take the rest of the money and head to Rio.

Sounds simple, right? All they need are some investors and a really, really bad play. Bialystock finds the investors (little old ladies with thick checkbooks) and he and Bloom find what they're sure will be an awful play: "Springtime for Hitler," written by a Nazi who adores Adolf Hitler.

If you've seen any version of "The Producers," you know those lead roles are some big shoes to fill. Mostel and Wilder are the ultimate, but Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick managed to make more than a go of it.

Enter the touring company. Low expectations, right?

Well, you'll be surprised. Jason Simon's Bialystock is downright adorable. Austin Owen's Leo Bloom brings to mind a young Danny Kaye (or maybe Donald O'Connor), singing and dancing and twitching up a storm. These guys are good.

The unexpected treat in this cast is John West as Carmen Ghia, the over-the-top limp-wristed assistant to director Roger De Bris. His hissing speech and flighty ways had the audience doubled over with laughter.

Jesse Coleman, who plays playwright Franz Liebkind, is also a treat. The rooftop scene with the pigeons is worth the price of admission, and this young actor has a bright future.

You have one more chance to see "The Producers" — tonight at 7:30 — at the Creative Arts Center. WVU's Arts and Entertainment folks will gladly sell you a ticket to this University Arts Series production. Just call 293-SHOW (that's 7469, folks).

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A celebration of West Virginia culture

Mountaineer Week 2006

BY MICHELLE WOLFORD
The Dominion Post

WVU's annual celebration of tradition has become a tradition, dating back 59 years.

Mountaineer Week, which begins Friday and runs through Nov. 12, began in 1947. Harry Truman was president and the United States was two years out of World War II. The Oscar for best picture went to "The Best Years of Our Lives," a film that dealt with soldiers returning home after the war.

That year, WVU launched Mountaineer Week, an effort to rally school spirit. A dance was held and students were invited to wear mountaineer costumes.

The beard-growing contest originated in 1949.

The craft fair originated in the 1970s, and the festivities have continued to evolve. The university has worked to keep the festival geared to students — Mountaineer Idol, the pizza-making competition and a student photo contest — and also to the community, with new vendors coming in each year, and activities that mirror not only Appalachian but also American Indian culture.

Mountaineer Idol, which held its first elimination competition in September and has had five others, has narrowed the search to three contestants. On Nov. 12, Justin Johnson, Karrah Smith or Kasey Hott will be chosen as the 2006 Mountaineer Idol.

Male students are dutifully not shaving for the beard-growing contest. Musicians from around the region have been practicing for the fiddle contest. And the crafters are ready to load in.

Mountaineer Week brings to campus a wealth of sights, sounds and smells that bring to mind a simpler time — before technology and commitments left us little time to grow our own food, handcraft quilts and play music with family and friends. This week brings that all back for us.

Sonja Wilson, who coordinates Mountaineer Week activities for the university, said it's all about remembering the way it used to be.

"Our society is so fast-paced anymore," she said. "I think we forget all these things — eating

The three finalists in the Mountaineer Idol competition are, from left, Justin Johnson, Kasey Hott and Karrah Smith. The winner will be selected at 3 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Mountainlair ballrooms.



together, storytelling, playing music and clogging. It's good for students — whether they're from West Virginia or from out of state — to realize what a great state we have and what our ancestors did. We just don't want this to be forgotten."

Chris Haddox, executive director of Mon County Habitat for Humanity and a local musician, said he's a big fan of the fiddle contest. "When I came here from Logan (to attend WVU), the fiddle contest was huge," he said.

"I remember it was at the Coliseum, and that was the first time I heard Bobby Taylor play. The fiddle competition was where I first heard a good fiddle player."

Haddox said the fiddle competition was dying out when he offered to organize it — "I guess it was eight or nine years ago." Now the master of ceremonies, Haddox said the competition now sees between 20-25 local and regional fiddlers. This year a youth category has been added, where players under 16 can compete. There's also a junior category, for ages 16-59, and senior bracket for those 60 and older. The competition begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Mountainlair's Gluck Theatre.

Among the other events to look forward to during Mountaineer Week — nearly all in or near the Mountainlair — are the craft and quilt shows, festival foods (including funnel cake and kettle corn), clogging demonstrations, and dulcimer music. The craft fair, normally held the

NOT EVERY vendor and display will be on hand every day of Mountaineer Week. See the complete day-by-day schedule at wvu.edu/mountaineer_week/calendar1.html.

weekend of a home football game, is being held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday brings Family Fun Day, from noon-5 p.m., with free popcorn and soda, face painting, kid's crafts and a Stuffed bear workshop (cost is \$10 to make your own teddy bear). West Virginia Marble Shooters Association will be on hand to teach children to play marbles. Representatives from Pricketts Fort and Jackson's Mill attend. A ghosthunters display will be featured, and the FBI will do fingerprinting. A storyteller, with puppets, will entertain, and Woodsy Owl, Smoky Bear and guests from the Raptor Rehabilitation Center will visit.

Other events and activities:

Friday:

- Corn roast, funnel cakes, kettle corn, outside the Mountainlair
- Apple butter demonstration and sale, front of Mountainlair
- Craft fair, 1-9 p.m. ballrooms and hallways
- Quilt show, 1-9 p.m. Mountaineer Room and ballrooms
- Country vittles dinner, 5-7:30 p.m., Hatfields
- WhiteWolf, a Native American performer, 7:30 p.m., Gluck Theatre
- WVU All Night (students only), featuring music by 85 Flood at 9:30 p.m. and by Tanglewood at 11:30 p.m.

Saturday:

- Corn roast, funnel cakes, kettle corn, outside the 'Lair
- Craft fair, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., ballrooms and adjacent hallways
- Quilt show, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Mountaineer Room and ballrooms
- Family Fun Day, noon-5 p.m., 'Lair
- Fiddle contest, 7:30 p.m., Gluck Theatre
- WVU Mountaineer Mascots through history display, first floor, Mountainlair
- Train display, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Mountainlair Shenandoah Room

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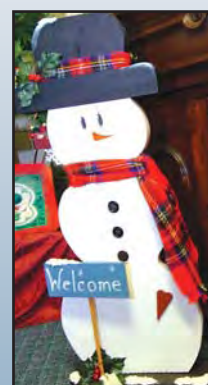
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Help the needy and shop for the holidays at Old Stone House



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Well, it may be a bit difficult to believe, but with Halloween behind us, we truly have entered into the "holiday season." And if the decorations, Christmas wrap and cards filling the aisles of all the superstores aren't enough to convince you, there's this: It's time for the annual Old Stone House Gift Shop's Holiday Open House. During the open house, Friday through Sunday, the shop will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Hours after the open house are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Now in its 42nd year, the open house, hosted by members of the Service League of Morgantown, gives members of the Morgantown community a chance to get a head start on their holiday shopping — while helping fellow, less fortunate residents enjoy a better quality of life.

During the open house, shoppers can sip warm, winter-spiced tea and enjoy homemade baked treats while browsing the store's stock of WVU-licensed items, West Virginia products, children's scarves and mittens sets, holiday snacks and other hand-crafted items, said publicity chair Joan Bissett.

But the gifts and the delightful holiday decor — the 211-year-old house is filled to the brim with Christmas trees, holiday baubles,

snowmen, candy canes, Santa Clausen and more — aren't the greatest reason to visit the open house. Staffed entirely by volunteers from the Service League, proceeds from the gift shop's sales are used to fund community service projects. According to the Service League, about \$6,000 was donated last year to help area residents with the cost of utility bills, rent and medical fees.

The Service League also offers, through special contributions, assistance in providing scholarships for SummerFEST Academic Camp and Camp Mountain Milestones. Money is also given to the Bartlett House homeless shelter, CASA for Kids (an children's advocacy program), Christian Help, Mon County Literacy Volunteers, Morgantown HealthRight and more.

Funds were also recently used, Bissett said, to purchase books for the libraries at Arnettsville Elementary, South Middle, Suncrest Middle and Westwood Middle schools.

According to Service League numbers, more than \$310,000 has been given back to the community since the league was formed in 1935. It breaks down a little something like this: more than \$25,000 to the Morgantown Public Library, \$71,000 toward books for school libraries and more than \$200,000 in charitable donations and emergency financial assistance to residents.



Bob Gay/The Dominion Post photos

Marva Graff (above) poses with a selection of holiday wares at the Old Stone House Gift Shop. The Service League of Morgantown hosts a holiday open house every year and returns a portion of the proceeds to the community.



Local artist's work on display at Appalachian Gallery

Submitted to The Dominion Post

The work of Morgantown artist Penelyn Peterson will be on view at the Appalachian Gallery through January.

Peterson's works combine elements from the Mexican celebration of the Day of the Dead, Mayan and other Latin American art, combined with a sure sense of line and color. The Day of the Dead celebration in Mexico, which culminates in the cleaning and decoration of family graves on All Souls Day, today, is a means to commemorate members of the family who are deceased. It is a festive celebration, combining special foods, music and an altar to the deceased in Mexican homes.

Her work often appears to be an "easy read" because of the simplicity of the combination of elements she uses in her work — but viewer beware, her work is not as simplistic as it seems. The artist employs humor and political and social commentary, couched in a vocabulary of bright color and subtly modeled lines.

Although the titles reveal the subject of the works, the viewer should think carefully about the relationship of that subject to the words of the title; seldom is there only one way to read them.

The world that Peterson creates in her works is not necessarily a narrative one, despite obvious snippets of storytelling. But it is a world inhabited by one figure, sometimes multiplied, but always the actor in the small dramas presented in each image. One may begin the observation of the figure at any point in the exhibition, but all of the pictures are related, figuratively and contextually. Peterson has created an ongoing play, scene by scene. It is simultaneously existential and traditional. Enter anywhere; exit anywhere; modernism and post-modernism play with and against one another in the pictures.



Works to pay particular attention to are "Coloring Race," populated by skeletons-cum-Crayons with attitude; "Chant," an environmental comment particularly relevant to today's debate about global warming, and "Epitaph," which gives the viewer something to consider about the nature of contemporary language.

Also on display are Peterson's lino prints and fabric art. On the lower level are examples of her jewelry.

The Appalachian Gallery is located at 44 High St. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Info: 296-0163.



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Morgantown artist
Penelyn Peterson has several works on display through January at the Appalachian Gallery. "Chant" (above) is described as an environmental comment relevant to today's debate about global warming; "Epitaph" (left) gives the viewer something to consider about the nature of contemporary language.

Echeverria to give lecture at Creative Arts Center today

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Pittsburgh-based installation artist Patricia Villalobos Echeverria will present a visiting artist lecture at 5 p.m. today at the WVU Creative Arts Center in the Bloch Learning and Performance Hall (200A).

An exhibit of Echeverria's work is on view in the Laura Mesaros Gallery through Dec. 8. An exhibition by WVU art professor Gerald Harbarth is in the Paul Mesaros Gallery. The opening reception for the exhibitions will follow Echeverria's lecture, beginning at 6 p.m. at the galleries.

Echeverria was born in Tennessee of Salvadorian parents and raised in Nicaragua and the United States. Her work is conceptually based in issues involving transcultural identity, gender and the body. Her installations, videos, prints and photos are exhibited nationally and internationally. Her recent works

include printing photo-based images through large screens onto various surfaces, including large-scale black and white photographs and canvas. Echeverria is professor of art at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She received her master of fine arts degree in printmaking and painting from WVU in 1990 and her bachelor of fine arts degree in printmaking and drawing from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 1988. More information can be found at patriciavillalobos.com.

All Mesaros Galleries events, including art lectures, exhibitions and receptions are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are noon-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; noon-9 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m.-9 p.m. Saturday. The galleries are closed Sundays and University holidays. Special individual or group viewing times may be arranged upon request. Info: Curator Robert Bridges, 293-4841, Ext. 3210, or 293-2312.

WVU art exhibition celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Artists from throughout the region have been invited to submit their Native-American themed artwork for display in a juried art exhibition in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

"The Earth Our Mother — The Foundation of Our Existence" is the theme for this 16th Annual Art Exhibition, which is cosponsored by the Native American Studies program in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at WVU, the Monongalia Arts Center and the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board Native American Heritage Committee.

The exhibit will be on display from Nov. 9-Dec. 16 at the Benedum Gallery in the Monongalia Arts Center, 107 High St. An awards presentation and opening reception will be from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Monog-

galia Arts Center.

Entries focus on the 2006 program theme and on the historic or contemporary life of a specific Native American Indian tribe, band or nation.

Awards of \$250 will be presented to the best of show entry in each of three categories — sculpture/3-D; 2-D; and wearable art.

"This exhibition not only promises to visually delight the viewer, but it is also very educational. I encourage the residents of this region to stop by and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity," said Ro Brooks, executive director of the Monongalia Arts Center.

Info: wvu.edu/~nas or contact Bonnie Brown, coordinator of the Native American Studies program, at 293-4626 or at BonnieM.Brown@mail.wvu.edu.

Pittsburgh arts and crafts show features wide variety of works

Submitted to The Dominion Post

The ninth annual Greater Pittsburgh Arts and Crafts Holiday Spectacular will be Nov. 10-12 at the former Ames Department Store in Baden (Beaver County), Pa.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Nov. 10, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 11-12. Shoppers will find an abundance of original and one-of-a-kind work including jewelry, tote painting, collectible folk art, quilted fabrics, dried floral and swag arrangements, ceramics, dolls, scented candles, stained glass, applique and embroidered clothing and functional and decorative wood.

Guests will be able to make unlimited trips to their vehicles with merchandise by getting a hand stamp at

the door. There will be food at a large eat-in food court in the heart of the craft booths. Entertainment includes Santa and clowns Glitter-Dot and Dapper doing face-painting and balloon animals, and the Ambridge (Pa.) Area High School Choir will perform from noon-12:40 p.m. and from 1-1:40 p.m.

Take Interstate 79 North to Route 65. Cross over the Ohio River. Take Exit 66 to Sewickley. Take 65 North past Sewickley and Ambridge. The Northern Lights Shopping Center is on the right side of the road, behind Burger King in the shopping center.

Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4.50 for seniors, and \$1 for children 6-12. Info: (724) 863-4577.

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Local artists' works on display at ZENCLAY through November

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ZENCLAY is displaying the artwork of Sharon T. Goeres, Maria Rajewski and Amanda Alkire through Nov. 30. The artists' reception is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday.

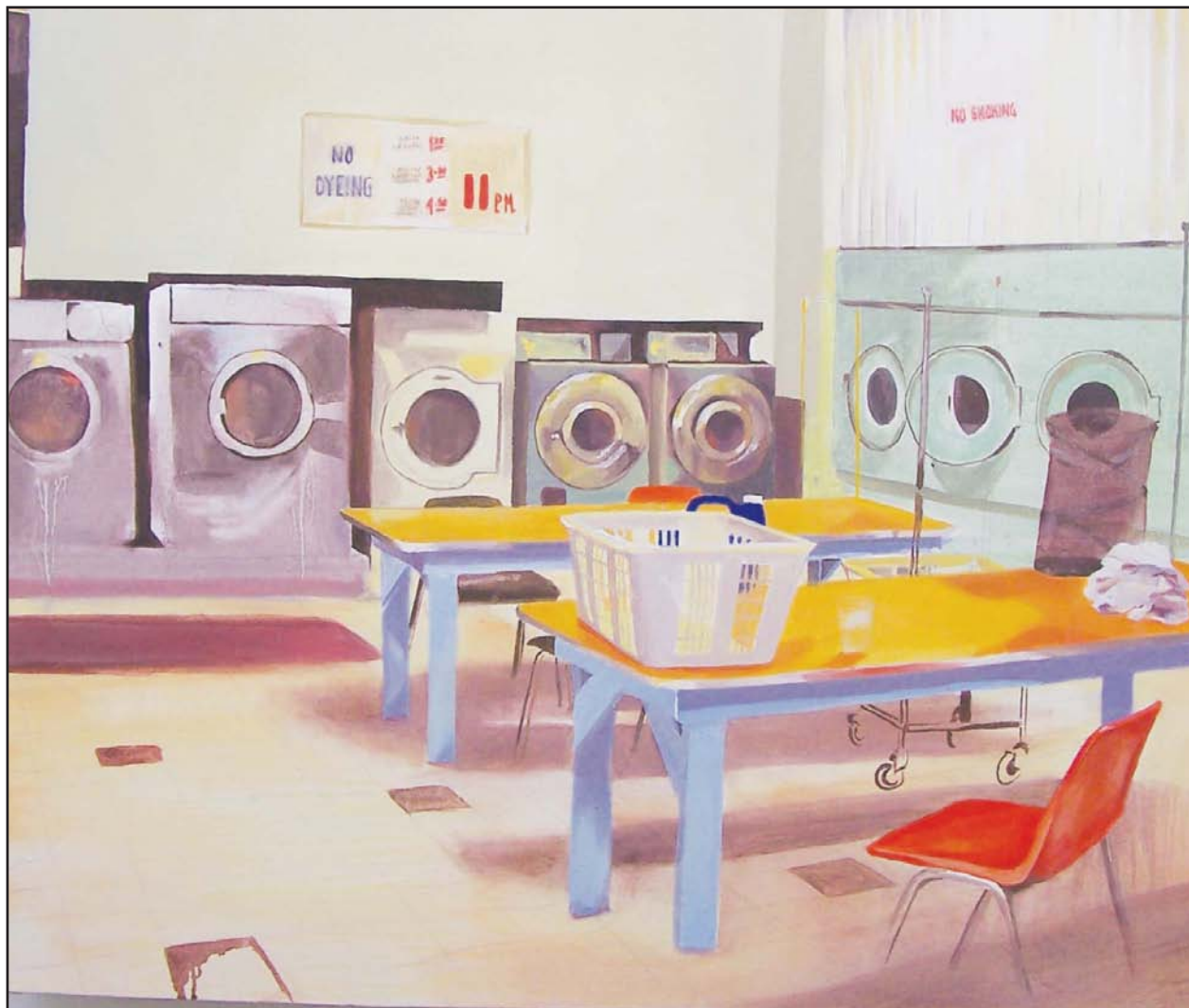
Goeres makes felt hats and wearable art. Rajewski paints still, empty scenes somewhat reminiscent of Edward Hopper. Alkire creates prints with overlaying blue dots.

Goeres has participated in workshops and studied with internationally known textile artists, learning and exploring various felting techniques to enhance and create textures. Working with fiber and textiles as the academic lab supervisor of the costume shop, the WVU Division of Theatre and Dance at WVU has furthered this interest in texture.

For Goeres's hats based on a vegetation theme, she said, "I find the world around me to be all the inspiration I need. Simply walking my dogs and seeing a cluster of mushrooms might jumpstart me to create."

Goeres has been involved in the world of art her entire life. With bachelors and master of fine art degrees in fine arts and theater, she has taught painting, ceramics, sculpture and surface design to students at all levels. She has been in many exhibits and has won several awards for her felt art. Her work is currently being exhibited with the Contemporary Fiber Arts in Pittsburgh, Pa., and in Wild Wonderful Fibers at Hurricane.

Rajewski, from Baltimore, Md.,



Laundromat by Maria Rajewski

is in her fourth year as a painting major at WVU. For the works being exhibited at ZENCLAY, she has focused on personalizing the interiors and exteriors of her everyday life in Morgantown. She has treated these spaces as if they

were portraits of people.

Rajewski juxtaposes fully rendered areas next to pencil drawings and plays with spots of cool colors in warm compositions to create contrast.

Alkire is from Albuquerque,

N.M., and is a senior printmaking student at WVU. She learned several new printing techniques while studying at a Landfall Press workshop in Santa Fe, N.M., this past summer. Currently, her favorite way of working is to



Trees by Amanda Alkire



Wearable art by Sharon T. Goeres

Submitted photos

blend different art forms with printmaking. This includes photography and painting with emphasis on the human figure and realism.

A blue dot appears in many of the prints that Alkire is exhibiting. She uses this dot as a symbol for an idea in order to create a narrative. Yet the narrative is

not meant to be obvious to the viewer, but to allow for the viewer's own interpretation. Also in this series of prints are self-portraits with personal images and stories.

Alkire stated, "I don't like to add unnecessary 'filler' to any of my pieces; I want them to be clear and to the point."

Copeland to sign copies of new book Saturday

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Deborah Copeland, motivational speaker and author of "Attitude Therapy," will read from and sign copies of her book from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble University Town Centre.

In Copeland's new book she writes, "Attitude is not about what happened to you, but rather how you responded to what happened." President and CEO of Work Smart Business Consultants, Copeland wrote the self-help book to advise readers how to make a goal to overcome personal challenges.

"For me, it started as a business support book to my seminars," she

said. "As life went on and different things occurred, suddenly there was a way to share and to validate the teachings I had and put it to the test."

Throughout her life, Copeland, 52, has suffered many setbacks: decades battling illness, including an immune system disorder and a brain tumor, and the loss of her mother as a teenager.

"I started writing this book 16 years ago," she said. "But it has evolved into more than a workbook. There are chapters of personal tragedy, not just illnesses but childhood as well."

Copeland said she wanted to share

with readers that they can survive personal challenges if they realize the importance of a positive attitude.

"I didn't know what a lifetime of disappointments it had been," she said. "I am not wired that way. If I was somebody listening to this story, I would say, 'Oh, my gosh, it can't be. There is no way somebody has that kind of life.'"

"For me, it is survival. If this book encourages one person sitting on a sofa one night who was just diagnosed with a disease or dealing with the loss of a close friend and this motivates them and illustrates that there is survival, my job is done."



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Nico Hair hosting art exhibit

This photo of dancers flying through the air in Italy was taken by Nicholas Romanoli and is part of an exhibit being held at his salon, Nico Hair. The exhibit will also feature jewelry by Ruth DeAngelis, exotic handbags from South Africa created by designer Lillian Peri and paintings by Michael Green, Judy Raese and students from the WVU art department. Many more of Romanoli's photographs will also be featured. There will be an artists' reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the salon on South Pierpont Road. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Google announces first sponsorship deal

BY ALEX WOODSON
The Hollywood Reporter

NEW YORK — Google unveiled its first sponsorship deal for a user-generated video recently.

The three-minute Google Video exclusive, titled "Extreme Diet Coke & Mentos Experiments II: The Domino Effect," is a sequel of sorts to the popular viral video from EpeyBird.com.

EpeyBird producers Fritz Grobe and Stephen Voltz set off a chain reaction in which more than 1,500

Mentos mints are dropped into 251 bottles of Diet Coke, resulting in soda fountains reminiscent of the Bellagio in Las Vegas.

At the end of the clip, which has been viewed more than 90,000 times, Grobe and Voltz announce a user-generated video contest hosted on Coca-Cola's Web site.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but Grobe and Voltz will share in the revenue created from the video. "We're excited to help com-

pensate these independent producers for their creativity, and we can't wait to see who the next stars will be," Google executive George Stropoulos wrote on the Web portal's official blog.

EpeyBird came to prominence last summer with a similar Coke and Mentos project that typified the viral-video phenomenon. Internet video site Rever eventually hosted the clip, which netted the producers a reported \$30,000.

BRIEFS

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Enjoy fine dining and many wines at fundraiser

The 10th annual Science of Wine & Art of Food fundraiser will be held at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Clay Center in Charleston.

Silent and live auctions will take place throughout the evening. Guests will be able to participate in a silent auction before and during dinner.

Seating is limited for this event and reservations are required by Monday. Tickets are \$100 per person. Reservations can be made online at theclaycenter.org or by calling 561-3552.

For more information about Science of Wine & Art of Food and other Clay Center events, visit theclaycenter.org.

Arts and crafts show at East Fairmont High

The Arts and Crafts Extravaganza will be held from 9

a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 18 at East Fairmont High School. Over 80 crafters will be featured from as far away as Pittsburgh, Pa., New Martinsville and Charleston, as well as local area crafters.

A concession stand will offer hot dogs, pepperoni rolls, soft drinks and hot drinks. The Thespians will be offering a child-watching service this year in the auditorium, offering games and refreshments for children while their parents shop. Info: Brad Six, 363-9132.

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Limited tickets remain for Bowfire show

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Bowfire brings the "total violin experience" to WVU's Creative Arts Center when the company's master fiddlers perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12.

Bowfire brings the violin to a whole new level in a musical theatrical production that has critics raving and audiences leaping to their feet again and again. The show features virtuoso violinists and fiddlers, together in one performance. The Bowfire artists showcase styles such as classical, rock, bluegrass, jazz, gypsy, Texas-style, country, Celtic and electric in a seamless musical journey. The performers are also step and tap dancers and combine their talents with sound, choreography, dramatic lighting, set design and



Web photo

Bowfire performs at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the WVU Creative Arts Center.

costumes to create a musical event.

Founder Lenny Solomon is an internationally recognized jazz vio-

linist for both his performance and writing/arranging. He has six CDs to his credit and has been lauded with top honors including The National

Jazz Awards' "Violinist of the Year" award, which he has claimed three times.

Don't miss your chance to see the performance *The Washington Post* has called "a show that will knock the socks off of instrumental music fans everywhere."

Tickets are \$33 and \$35, depending on seat location, and may be purchased now at the Mountainlair and Creative Arts Center box offices, online at ticketmaster.com or through the Ticketmaster Phone Center at 292-0220. Tickets may also be purchased at Giant Eagle at the Mountaineer Mall and FYE in the Meadowbrook Mall.

The University Art Series is produced by WVU Arts & Entertainment. Info: 293-SHOW or online at events.wvu.edu.



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Throttlerod rocks 123 tonight

Richmond, Va.'s Throttlerod will perform tonight at 123 Pleasant Street. The hard rock group, formed in Columbia, S.C., and now living in Richmond has received good reviews for "Nail," the group's latest release, including this from rockworld.com: "A mix of songwriting and production, this cohesion makes listening to 'Nail' an experience that feels too brief. This record is all the heaviness and explosion of modern rock without the whining self-righteousness you'll hear from most bands actually getting radio airtime." Hovel, Treasure Cat and Admiral Browning open. Showtime is 10:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. Info: throttlerod.net or 123pleasantstreet.com.

McCalla plays house concert next weekend

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Robert and Leslie Tower will present a Morgantown house concert starring Deidre McCalla at 8 p.m. Nov. 10. Doors open at 7:30.

A \$12 donation is requested. All proceeds go to the performer. Reservations are required. Contact tower@toweringideas.com or call 296-7607.

"Deidre McCalla is an engaging and enthusiastic performer with a voice that delicately conveys both strength and vulnerability," Robert Tower said. "Her music is an eclectic blend of folk, rock, country and pop. Her shows are a melodic workout of tender ballads, politically progressive thought and heart-warming humor. A dedicated, lifelong advocate for peace and social justice, McCalla's unique perspective as a working-class, Ivy League-educated, African-American, lesbian feminist, homeschooling single-parent-by-choice, self-employed, singer-songwriter, performer and businesswoman celebrates the multidimensional nature of identity and creativity."

McCalla has been a full-time performer for more than 20 years and has shared stages with many notable performers, including Tracy Chapman and Suzanne Vega. Info: deidre mcalla.com.

Hannah tops Billboard 200 this week

BY KATIE HASTY
Billboard.com

NEW YORK — The soundtrack to Disney's "Hannah Montana" storms onto The Billboard 200 at No. 1 this week, marking the fourth top 10 debut from the movie/television giant. The set sold 281,000 copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan, notching the biggest start for a soundtrack since November 2005, when "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" bowed with 317,000.

Other top-selling Disney titles from this year include "Cars," "The Cheetah Girls 2" and the immensely popular "High School Musical," which is the only album to sell more than 3 million copies so far in 2006.

My Chemical Romance checks in at No. 2 with "The Black Parade," the follow-up to its 2004 breakthrough album "Three Cheers For Sweet Revenge." Fueled by the lead single "Welcome To The Black Parade," the Reprise set sold 240,000 copies, dwarfing the 38,000-unit debut week for "Three Cheers."

John Legend's sophomore album, "Once Again" (G.O.O.D. Music/Columbia) starts at No. 3 with 231,000. Legend, who won the Grammy for best new artist earlier this year, surpasses the No. 4 peak of his debut set, "Get Lifted." That album debuted at No. 7 in



Web photo

the week after Christmas 2005 and then rose to No. 4 the following week. It has sold 1.8 million copies to date.

Justin Timberlake's "FutureSex/LoveSounds" (Jive), which topped the chart for two weeks in October, keeps the No. 4 spot warm for a second week with 89,000, a 10 percent sales decrease. Evanescence's "Wind-Up" effort "The Open Door" falls from 2 to 5 with 78,000 copies, a 30 percent sales decline.

Despite a sales hit of 9 percent, Hinder's Universal Republic effort "Extreme Behavior" continues to prosper in its 39th week on the chart, ascending from 7 to 6 with 69,000. After earning his first No. 1 album since 1997 last week, Diddy's "Press Play" (Bad Boy/Atlantic) is knocked to No. 7 with 60,000 (65

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Submitted to The Dominion Post

The Fabulous Hubcaps, one of the nation's most sought-after oldies show bands, will be in Morgantown at 8 p.m. Friday at the National Guard Armory on the Mileground. This is a bring-your-own-food and beverage event.

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The Fabulous Hubcaps perform at 8 p.m. Friday at the National Guard Armory on the Mileground.



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Associated Press

Congo government welcomes U.S. sanctions

KINSHASA, Congo — Congo's government on Wednesday welcomed a decision by the United States to impose sanctions on seven warlords and businessmen who are accused of fueling instability in this vast country's lawless east.

Meanwhile, a revote in the northeast town of Fataki was postponed for a day to allow more time to organize it, electoral officials said. Rioters had destroyed ballots from Congo's landmark presidential runoff in the town earlier this week.

President Bush issued the sanctions in an executive order Tuesday, freezing the assets of the seven warlords and businessmen and barring Americans from doing business with them. The seven are accused of violating international laws involving targeting of children or violating a ban on sales of military equipment to Congo.

It was not known what assets the group had in the United States, if any.

"They may or they may not, that's really not the point or the object," U.S. Embassy spokesman Christopher Davis said in Kinshasa.

Hezbollah threatens street protests

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hezbollah is threatening street protests to force early elections in Lebanon if its demands are not met for a "national unity" Cabinet that would give the Islamic militants and their allies veto power over key decisions.

The bold move reflects the Shiite group's push to consolidate the political power it gained following its self-proclaimed victory in its punishing summer war with Israel. The effort seems certain to further exacerbate an already tense political situation in Lebanon, where the Western-backed government of Prime Minister Fuad Saniora refused earlier Hezbollah calls to step down and allow the formation of a new Cabinet.

British court releases 2 charged in alleged bomb plot

Associated Press

LONDON — Two brothers charged in an alleged plot to blow up U.S.-bound airliners were released Wednesday. After a British court ruled the evidence against them was insufficient to warrant a trial.

Umair Hussain, 25, and Mehran Hussain, 23, had been charged with failing to disclose information about an act of terrorism in connection with the plot, which police said they foiled in August.

District Judge Quentin Purdy

discharged the brothers during a hearing at the City of Westminster Magistrates Court, meaning they no longer face any charges.

The two had been accused of withholding information about their brother, Nabeel Hussain, 22, who is one of 11 people charged with conspiracy to murder and preparing acts of terrorism.

Nabeel Hussain was granted bail Friday, along with a 17-year-old suspect who cannot be named because he is under age.

"His family are delighted ... that the case against Mehran and Umair has been discharged," said lawyer Christopher Harding, who represented Mehran Hussain. "They were advised from the outset that the evidence the prosecution said they were using was not strong, and it's a testament to the fact that British justice does work that they didn't need to [wait for] a jury trial."

Mehran Hussain was charged Aug. 21, and his brother Umair three days later. They were released

directly by Purdy from the central London courtroom where Wednesday's hearing was held.

"The court decided today that there is no case to answer; we respect the court's decision," the Crown Prosecution Service said.

Police arrested 25 people in raids across Britain on Aug. 9-10 and charged 17 of them, after uncovering a suspected plot to assemble and detonate improvised explosives on board as many as 10 U.S.-bound planes. With the dropping of the

case against Mehran and Umair Hussain, a total of 15 people remain charged in the plot, and 13 remain in custody.

A drastic crackdown on security following the arrests snarled air traffic across the Atlantic and caused frustrating delays for thousands of passengers.

The alleged plot was described by investigators as having the potential to be on a similar scale to the Sept. 11 attacks. The trial is tentatively set to open early in 2008.

8 Palestinians killed in Gaza in large Israeli strike

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops, backed by tanks and helicopter gunships, killed at least eight Palestinian militants early Wednesday in one of the military's largest strikes since re-entering the Gaza Strip over the summer.

An Israeli soldier also was killed in the operation against rocket launchers in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, the army said.

Despite its large-scale action in Beit Hanoun, Israel decided Wednesday not to expand its 4-month-old offensive in Gaza, even though Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert had said earlier in the week that a broader operation was in the works.

Infantry, tanks and aircraft pummeled Beit Hanoun, which the military said was a staging ground for launching 300 rockets at Israel since the beginning of the year. Two homemade rockets fired from elsewhere in Gaza fell Wednesday in the southern Israeli town of Sderot, slightly injuring one person, the army said.

At least six of the dead were militants, and the other two were not immediately identified, hospital officials said. In the latest incident, Palestinians said an Israeli aircraft fired a missile after sundown, killing one person and wounding another in Beit Hanoun. The military had no immediate comment.

Palestinian hospital officials reported 44 wounded, most of them gunmen, but including a woman

and an 11-year-old boy. Dr. Jamil Suleiman, director of the Beit Hanoun hospital, said all of the facility's blood supplies had been used up.

Israel, which evacuated Gaza in September 2005, re-entered the coastal strip to try to recover a soldier captured in June by militants linked to the Palestinians' ruling Hamas party. The soldier remains in captivity, but the military has since broadened its objectives in Gaza to crush militants' rocket-launching capabilities.

Even as the offensive in Beit Hanoun continued, six homemade rockets fired from northern Gaza landed in Israel, the army said. No one was seriously injured. Hamas' military wing said it had no intention of stopping the attacks.

An army spokesman said Wednesday's operation was one of the largest in Gaza since the offensive began, in late June.

Capt. Avital Leibovitz, a military spokeswoman, said Beit Hanoun was targeted because 300 rockets had been fired from the town since the beginning of the year, of a total of 800 launched from Gaza.

She described the operation in Beit Hanoun as a pinpoint strike, and not a jumping-off point for a broader military campaign in Gaza.

Israel's Security Cabinet, a group of senior ministers, on Wednesday rejected proposals for a major escalation against rocket launchers and arms smuggling operations along the Egypt-Gaza border.

Colombian rebels kill at least 16 officers in an attack on remote police station

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — Hundreds of leftist rebels bombarded a remote police station with makeshift mortars in a pre-dawn attack Wednesday and ambushed a column of police reinforcements, killing at least 16 officers, authorities said.

The six-hour assault in the village of Tierradentro, 230 miles northwest of Bogota, was the bloodiest since President Alvaro Uribe was re-elected in May in a landslide that endorsed his get-tough policy with the rebels.

Authorities blamed the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, better known as the FARC. At least 10 police officers were missing and four civilians wounded, said Jairo Lopez, the top security official for Cordoba state, where the attack occurred.

Analysts said the attack was part of a broader campaign by the rebel group.

"This is a nationally coordinated offensive by the FARC," said political analyst Leon Valencia. "The FARC is looking to reclaim territory that was once held by the [far-right] paramilitaries."

He said about 450 rebels took part in the attack. It comes two weeks after Uribe called off talks with the FARC over a possible prisoner swap, blaming the rebels for a car bombing that wounded 23 at a military base in Bogota.

Guerrillas attacked the Tierradentro police post about 2:30 a.m. with cylinder bombs, killing two officers, said national police spokesman Alberto Cantillo. The besieged officers radioed for rein-

forcements, and 14 officers dispatched from Montelibano, about an hour away by road, were ambushed and killed, he added.

Attack helicopters and warplanes were called in, said Gen. Jorge Ballesteros, commander of the air force. The Defense Ministry said army troops recovered the bodies of three guerrillas as the rebel column withdrew.

The army and police commanders flew to the combat zone. Troops barred journalists from the area at midday, saying fighting was persisting.

Colombia's military and its U.S. backers had contended that they had weakened the FARC to the point where it was down to about 12,000 fighters and was no longer able to launch large-scale assaults.

International labor union launched to withstand globalization

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Delegates from trade unions worldwide launched a new global labor federation Wednesday aimed at ensuring workers' rights are not forgotten in the rush toward economic globalization.

Organizers said the International Trade Union Confederation — formerly known as the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions — would reinvent and mod-

ernize itself to better tackle fresh challenges to the rights of unionized workers and to strengthen its efforts to stamp out forced and child labor.

"The strong tradition of solidarity will continue," said Guy Ryder, appointed Wednesday to head the ITUC after the old union and the World Confederation of Labor were formally dissolved.

"Trade union unity at the international level is now essential to ensuring more effective representation

of the rights and interests of workers in the global economy," he said.

Officials said the new umbrella group, touted as the world's largest dedicated to workers' rights, would represent more than 150 million members from 241 affiliated organizations in 156 countries.

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Justices skeptical of clean-air enforcement program



AP Photo
Attorney Mark Carter Phillips, representing Duke Energy Corp., talks to reporters outside the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Several Supreme Court justices reacted skeptically Wednesday to a Clinton-era clean-air plan that is costing the electric power industry billions of dollars for installation of pollution control equipment at aging coal-fired plants.

The government reluctantly joined environmental groups in the fight against Duke Energy Corp. over the interpretation of 26-year-old federal rules that the Bush administration has proposed relaxing.

The outcome of the Duke case could affect power plants in 10 states, including West Virginia, where utility companies are being sued under the New Source Review program. The plants are the remaining targets of what had been more than a dozen lawsuits brought by the government.

Federal regulators suddenly switched their interpretation of the 1980 rules and sued Duke in 2000, Carter Phillips, a lawyer for Duke, told justices.

Lawyers for the environmental groups and the government said Duke and other utilities always have understood federal requirements and chose not to comply with them, an assertion that prompted extended scrutiny from the justices.

Justice Antonin Scalia said it is "a little bit of an exaggeration" to argue that the regulations always had been interpreted the same way by the government. He pointed to a federal regulator who long ago gave a different interpretation that favors Duke.

"Companies can get whipsawed," Scalia said in suggesting the Environmental Protection Agency might

have changed the way it applies the rules.

Lawyer Sean Donahue, representing Environmental Defense and two other groups opposing Duke, said a court challenge to the rule in the early 1980s went against industry, with the decision spelling out what the regulation requires.

"If they are so clear," Justice Samuel Alito asked, why did an EPA official in the 1980s interpret the rule in favor of the position Duke is taking?

Donahue said the official "misapplied" the rule in what Donahue called "an anomalous circumstance."

"I know you say he's wrong," Alito replied. "But if somebody in his position with his expertise can interpret the regulations in that way, doesn't that show that they're not clear on their face?"

At the start of his argument,

Donahue got exactly three sentences out before Chief Justice John Roberts interrupted. He noted that Donahue's statement, which the lawyer was presenting as fact, was disputed by Duke.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg focused on a recent EPA rule-making that would adopt Duke's position on how to measure pollution emissions.

That is "only a proposal," replied Deputy Solicitor General Thomas Hungar, struggling to address a point that has put the Bush administration in a difficult position in the case.

A few months after Duke won in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., the Bush administration proposed an industry-friendly rule that is along the lines of what Duke and other utilities always have wanted.

BRIEFS

Associated Press

DOH concerned about shrinking work force

CHARLESTON — An aging work force and difficulty attracting and keeping young employees could force the Division of Highways to outsource design work in the future, which highways officials say will cost the state more money.

Within five years, the DOH could lose about 40 percent of its engineers and technicians to retirement. At the same time, fewer young people are entering the engineering and science fields and those who do are lured by higher pay in neighboring states, said Jeff Black, DOH human resources director.

"It's kind of a double whammy for us," Black said.

The DOH employs about 300 engineers and more than 600 technicians.

"We are at a fairly critical point," Black said. "If we can't find ways to get more people to come to us, we would probably find ourselves outsourcing more design work and contract inspection services, which we believe will come at a higher cost."

Transportation Secretary Paul Mattox said the DOH must maintain existing staffing levels to fill key construction roles with trained and seasoned personnel as older workers retire.

"Having in-house engineers and technicians will result in cost savings for the agency and the taxpayer in the end," Mattox said.

The Rahall Appalachian Transportation Institute at Marshall University is examining the staffing problem "to define where we are and what we're facing" and offer possible recommendations, Black said.

State postpones release of Aracoma mine fire report

Associated Press
CHARLESTON — State mine safety officials still plan to provide to families of two miners killed in a fire at a Massey Energy Co. mine copies of a report on the investigation, despite delaying public release of the findings amid charges the timing was chosen to influence Tuesday's general election.

Massey also will receive a copy of the report, said Caryn Gresham, spokeswoman for the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training.

The agency had planned to release the report today, during a meeting of the Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety, but it failed to file proper notice of the meeting as required by state law.

The Secretary of State's office received notice of the meeting Tuesday, said Chief of Staff Ben Beakes. State law requires meetings to be advertised five days in advance.

"We will still meet with the families and the company to give them the report, as promised," Gresham said Wednesday.

The Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety's next regular meeting is Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Gresham said the agency is considering whether it must brief the board or simply provide copies of the report. "We'll plan to post the report [on the agency's Web site] as soon as we can," she said.

Massey's ownership of the Aracoma Alma No. 1 Mine added political overtones to the report that addresses the Jan. 19 fire that killed miners Don I. Bragg, 33, and Ellery Elvis Hatfield, 47. They died after they were separated from their crew in the smoke-filled Logan County mine and could not escape.

Massey Chief Executive Don Blankenship told The Associated Press the scheduling was a calculated move intended to influence voters.

"They've already achieved what they wanted to achieve, which is to create negative and false publicity in advance of the election," Blankenship said. "It's inappropriate for them to be using state agencies to influence elections."

Manchin's tax plan gets mixed grades

Associated Press
CHARLESTON — Gov. Joe Manchin's proposals for changing West Virginia's tax system would do little to improve the state's mediocre standing in a recent national analysis of business tax climates, the study's co-author said Wednesday.

As he touts his plan across the state, the governor has stressed that the legislation he will introduce at a Nov. 9 special session is the first of several steps.

"It's more like a first half-step," said Curtis Dubay, economist with The Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C.

But an administration official said Manchin deserves credit for also proposing ways to improve collection rates and enforcement. Rob Alsop, Revenue Department counsel, said the governor also agrees with Dubay's overriding view: A fair tax system should apply broadly to a state's businesses, so its rates can stay low.

"We hope to look at some sort of alternative tax structure that would broaden our tax base without hurting business," Alsop said Wednesday.

Dubay helped compile the non-partisan research group's latest review of state business tax cli-



Gov. Joe Manchin

mates. Released last month, it ranked West Virginia 34th for its overall climate. Among the components considered for the analysis, the Mountain State got its best ranking, 19th, for property taxes. West Virginia ranked 41st for the personal income tax component, its worst showing in the study.

Among neighboring states, Virginia fared best in the review, ranking 13th overall. Pennsylvania and Maryland also ranked ahead of West Virginia, while Kentucky followed at 39th and Ohio, 49th. Wyoming received the highest rating, while Rhode Island was at the bottom.

West Virginia ranked 26th in the corporate tax component. Manchin has proposed lowering the corporate net income tax from 9 percent to 8.75 percent, and the business franchise tax from .70 percent to .55 percent.

Solely in terms of tax rates, West Virginia would jump ahead of only Maine and California for corporate income taxes, Dubay

said. The franchise tax cut would have a similarly minimal effect.

"That's a tax that states all across the county have eliminated," Dubay said. "West Virginia is living in the past by still having that kind of tax."

But Dubay saw promise in Manchin's plan to exempt contractors from the sales tax when they buy goods applied directly to manufacturing.

"Sound tax policy should exempt business-to-business transactions," or else the tax gets passed along to consumers, Dubay said. "Any move to further exempt such transactions is a good step."

Manchin drew most of his proposals from the 262-page report, released Monday, of a study of the state's tax system he commissioned earlier this year.

The Tax Modernization Project recommends dozens of changes. It also warns against a number of other options, such as taxing gross business receipts. Dubay advises the same.

Dubay also praised Manchin for not adopting the report's recommendation to increase cigarette and tobacco taxes.

"Differing rates on different products is the hallmark of bad tax policy," Dubay said.

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Large developments prompt call for zoning review

Associated Press
FAYETTEVILLE — Fayette County commissioners are seeking a review of the county's zoning code as conservationists battle developers over large housing projects in the New River Gorge.

Commission President Matt Wender said the issue of the code's wording has been raised several times in the past 1 1/2 years as

developers have sought approval for several projects in the gorge.

Commissioners approved a resolution Tuesday asking the county's Planning Commission for the review. Wender said the code may need clarification or other modifications.

Cal Hite, superintendent of the New River Gorge National River, said the commission's action was a positive step.

"This might help preserve the things people want preserved," Hite said.

Wender said future litigation could be forestalled if the planning commission agrees to change or clarify the code.

Last week, two conservation groups filed a second appeal over Roaring River, an upscale subdivision that they say would spoil scenic views in the New River Gorge National River. The National Parks Conservation Association and the Plateau Action Network claim the county Board of Zoning Appeals erred in approving 485 home sites in the first phase of Roaring River.

Land Resources Cos. plan to build up to 2,000 home sites in Roaring River, making it the largest housing development planned for the gorge. Mike Basile, a lawyer for the developer, said the groups' appeal was frivolous.

Pharmacy employee admits stealing drugs

CHARLESTON — A Charleston pharmacy employee faces up to four years in prison and a \$250,000 fine after pleading guilty to a federal charge of drug theft.

Helen C. Boswell, 37, admitted Tuesday that she stole 300 pills of the painkiller oxycodone, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Boswell was a pharmacy technician in Kanawha City when the drugs were stolen. She was arrested in June and is to be sentenced in February.

Putnam officers who care for dogs will get overtime

CHARLESTON — Feeding Fido could now mean more money in the pockets of police officers in West Virginia.

In response to a recent U.S. Department of Labor audit, the Putnam County Commission agreed Tuesday to start paying sheriff's deputies for the time they spend caring for police dogs at home.

While Sheriff Mark Smith said his office is probably the only West Virginia police agency to pay for the roughly 30 minutes of off-duty animal care his deputies provide each day, he expects others will follow suit.

Four of his deputies will each receive more than \$5,000 in overtime pay for volunteering to feed and care for their canine partners over the past two years.

Smith said he will decide future compensation for those officers who take the animals home with them.

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Numb hands may signify carpal tunnel



DR. PETER GOTT

DEAR DR. GOTT: Have any of your readers experienced numbness in their hands from time to time?

Mine occurs when I sleep at night. If I lay on either side, numbness appears in my hands. The only remedy is to sleep on my back with my arms down along my body, but this constant position interferes with my sleep and eventually becomes very uncomfortable.

Lately, it sometimes occurs while I am in the sitting position. I have tried a medical collar for my neck, with very little help.

A very tired reader of yours would appreciate some help.

DEAR READER: You might have a common ailment called carpal tunnel syndrome, which is marked by hand pain and tingling, especially at night. In patients with the syndrome, the diagnosis is confirmed by a nerve-conduction study, which shows which nerve is affected and where. This is sort of like having your leg "fall asleep."

Although carpal tunnel is often treated with nonsurgical means, such as splinting, acupuncture and physical therapy, an operation to relieve the tissue pressure is usually the permanent cure.

I suggest that your primary care physician refer you to a neurologist (for the nerve study) and,

perhaps, to an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in hand problems.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I tried Certo with grape juice for joint problems, and, like with many of your readers, it definitely helped, but I found it also greatly improved another problem I had for a number of years. Five years ago, I was diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome, and none of the prescribed or over-the-counter medicines helped at all. Some of the prescribed medicines only made matters worse.

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The Certo seems to work as a binding agent, so I suspect that it may worsen constipation, but I hope that some of your readers with IBS who suffer from diarrhea will find the Certo helpful. I take 1 teaspoon with grape juice each morning.

DEAR READER: Your experience with Certo and IBS is new to me, but I am publishing your letter for other readers' benefit. If Certo is a valid treatment for conditions other than arthritis, people should know this.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006

Opportunities to accomplish your aims may be far more prevalent than they usually are, so don't waste this beneficial period.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — No grass is likely to grow under your feet. You'll quickly figure out exactly what needs to be done and you will get right down to it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your popularity is likely to be at a high point, which will lead to great receptions wherever you go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If an opportunity presents itself to finalize an important project, don't complicate matters by nit-picking about minuscule matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — By all means use your splendid mental faculties and logic, but don't discount that inner voice whispering in your head, either.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — For unrelated reasons, business matters are likely to be far less complicated than they will be tomorrow. So when setting up appointments or laying out your schedule, keep this in mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may need a bit more wiggle room to function effectively. But



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it shouldn't be any trouble for you to act independently of others because that's the way you prefer things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Should something you check out not seem to make sense, take the time to straighten it out before proceeding, even if it is the work of another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — In a group involvement, you may be destined to play a key role whether you seek it or not.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're entering a brief span where you may find yourself far more ambitious than usual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're placed in a position of having to make a critical decision, trade on past experiences for the answer.

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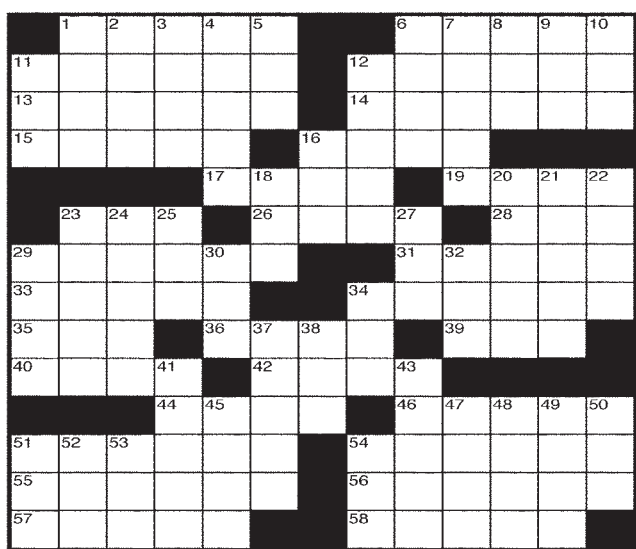
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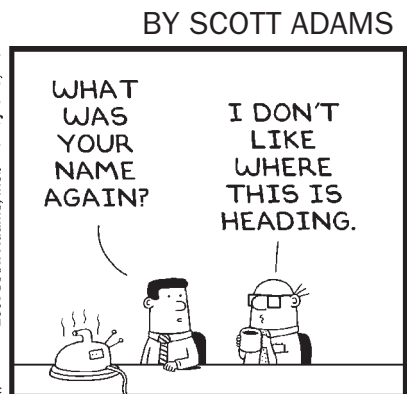
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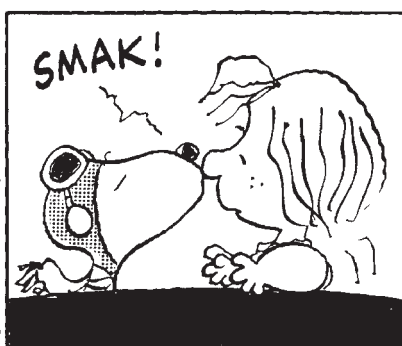


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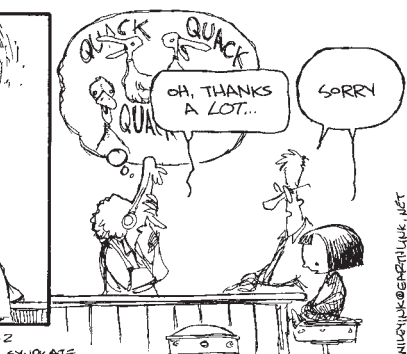
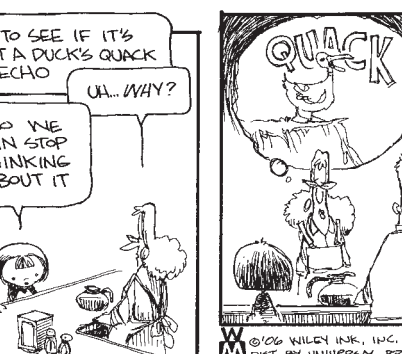
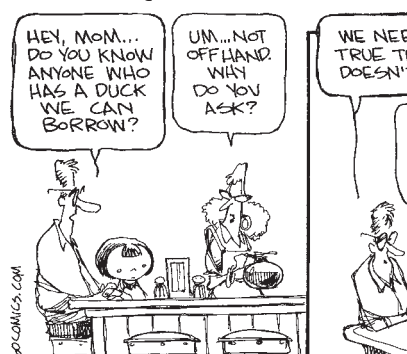
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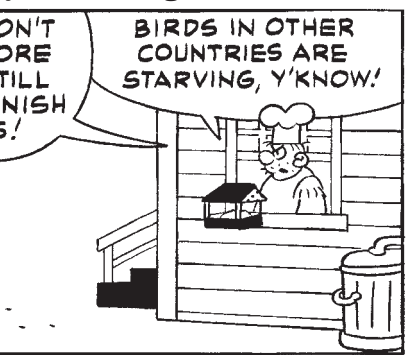
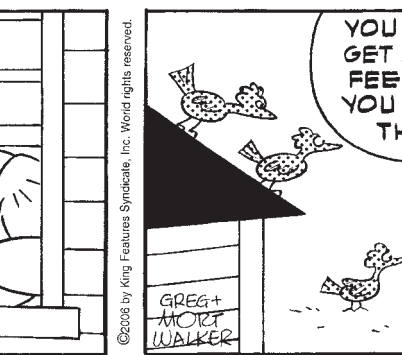
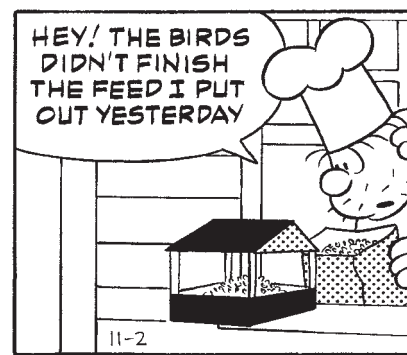
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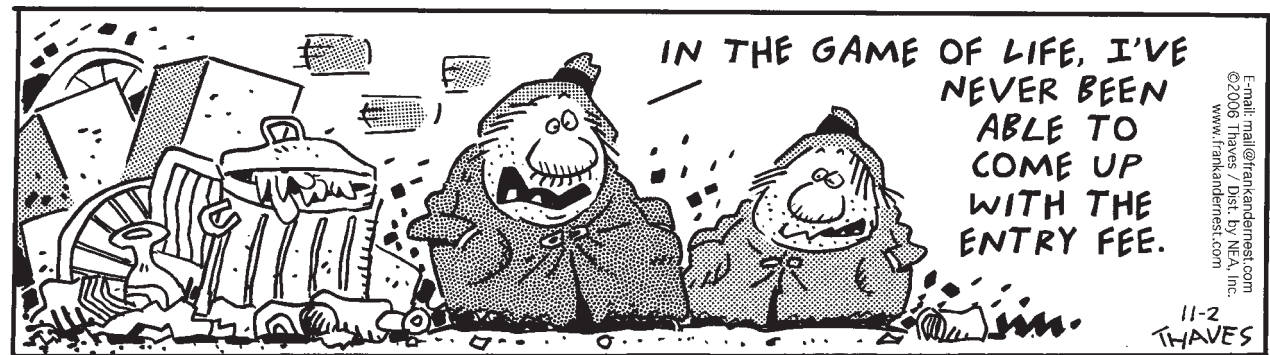
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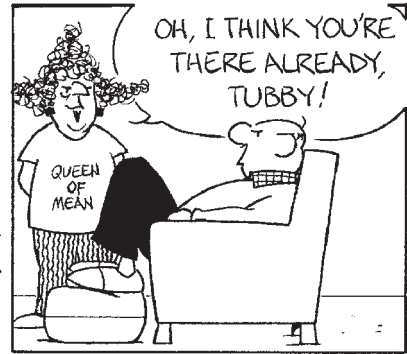
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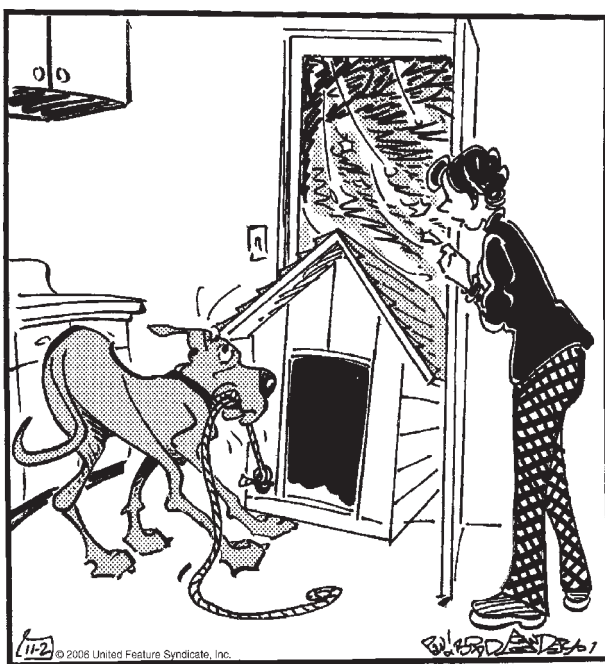
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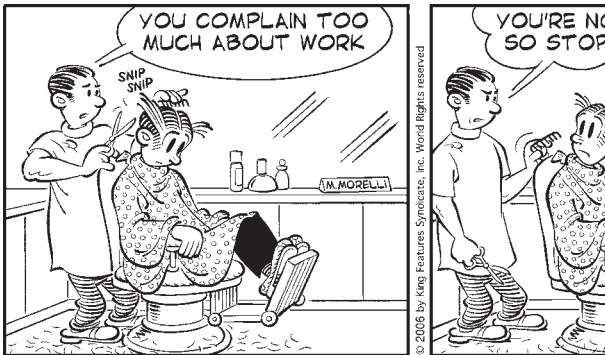
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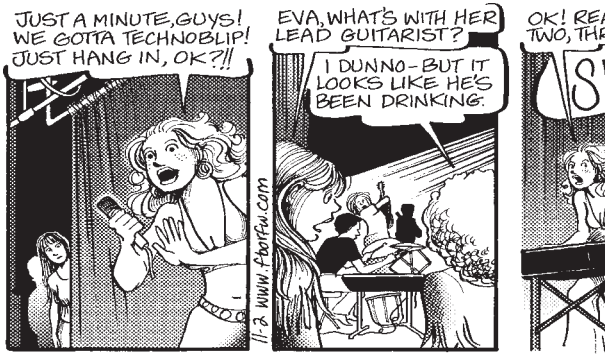
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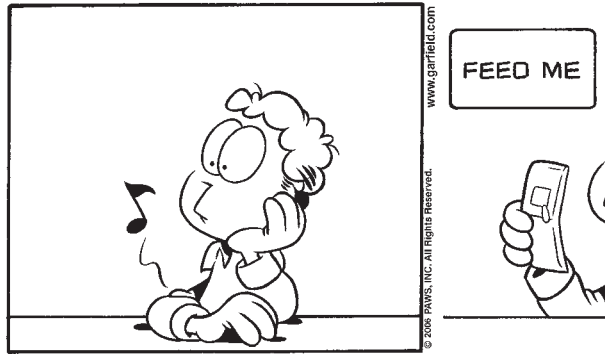
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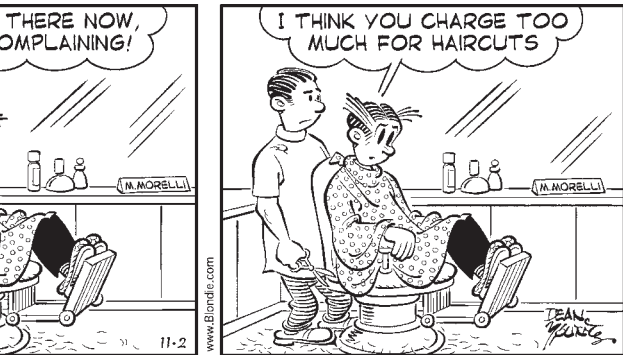
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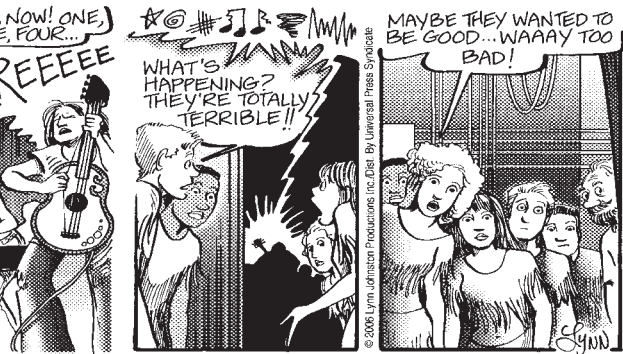
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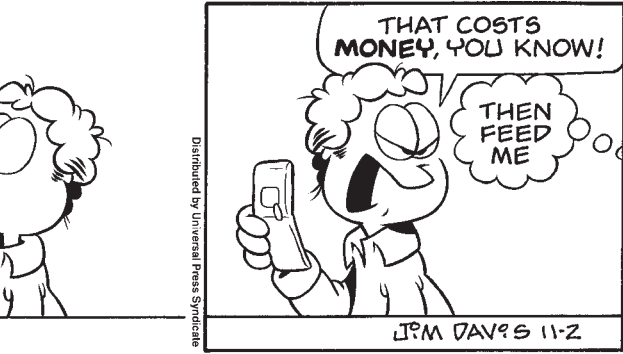
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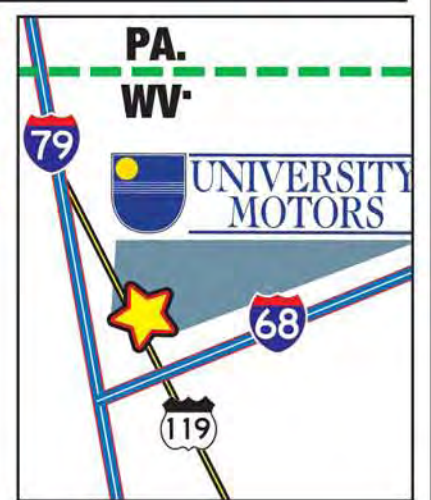
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America, it's WVU-Louisville time

Unbeatens clash in season's top game

BY MICHAEL CASAZZA

The Dominion Post

The eyes of the college football nation descend down upon Papa John's Stadium tonight as ESPN features what might be the most significant game of the season to date in terms of impact on the national championship game.

It is, of course, a very, very big game when WVU takes on Louisville at 7:30 p.m.

"It's as big as it can be at this point," WVU coach Rich Rodriguez said. "It's made bigger by the fact we both got here undefeated. A lot of people talked about this game in August. I said back then, 'If we get there 7-0, we'll all be happy.' And I'm sure [Louisville] would tell you same the thing. They've done a good job handling it, too. We've both done our part to make the game bigger."

Both teams are unbeaten in seven games and 2-0 in Big East play. The only difference, really, is that WVU is No. 3 in both polls and the BCS, Louisville No. 5.

"The more you win, the more you have at stake," Rodriguez said. "That's always the case, so when you're undefeated this late, that makes the stakes even higher."

The coaches for both teams say their players are accustomed to big games, particularly WVU, which has won a BCS game and has been exposed to national television three times already this season. In Rodriguez's six seasons, his teams are 18-4 in night



WVU photo

Patrick White ... making tracks and records.

games, 9-4 on the road.

These Mountaineers have also set the school record with 14 consecutive victories, second-best in the nation right now, and matched another school record with nine straight road wins. They feel comfortable in this environment.

"I just hope we play well," Rodriguez said. "Any coach will tell you they hope their guys give their

best effort. I know we're going to make some mistakes, but let's make sure Louisville gets our 'A' game. If we do that, we'll see what happens."

There will be pressure. The first wave will come from the Cardinals' sold-out, dressed-in-black audience eager for their team to take the victory and a major step toward several significant goals.

"The hardest thing in playing a road game in a tough environment is trying to make a few plays early on so their crowd can't get into it," Rodriguez said. "Then if you let them make big plays, the crowd becomes tougher and tougher to deal with, so it becomes even more of a challenge."

Louisville's defense will provide the second wave. The Cardinals lead the country in sacks at 4.14 per game. Eight players have at least two and defensive lineman Amobi Okoye and linebacker Malik Jackson both lead the team with four.

However, the speed and elusiveness displayed repeatedly by WVU quarterback Patrick White might negate that aspect of the game. Navy's Brian Hampton is the only quarterback in the country with more yards and touchdowns rushing than White's 619 and nine. Hampton, though, runs the option while White has thrown nearly twice as many passes as has Hampton. WVU is No. 3 nationally in sacks allowed, giving up just five all season.

"We don't get blitzed as much as other teams because our quarterback can run," Rodriguez said. "That's an X-factor. If the quarterback can get out of trouble, you're less likely to do as much blitzing as you might normally do. You're less likely to blitz a fast quarterback because if you miss him, you might be in trouble. If the guy back there isn't as mobile, you'll probably see more pressure."

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OCT. 7: at Mississippi State, W 42-14 (5-0)
OCT. 14: Syracuse, W 41-17 (6-0)
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LOUISVILLE SCHEDULE

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SEPT. 9: Temple, W 62-0 (2-0)
SEPT. 16: Miami, W 31-7 (3-0)
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LOUISVILLE — You've waited a year for it, now it's here.

West Virginia at Louisville, a matchup of unbeatens, WVU ranked No. 4, Louisville No. 6.

Many believe the winner will be the Big east champion, although Rutgers lingers in the background and may have some say about that.

Kickoff in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium is 7:30 p.m.

The game has been sold out for a long time.

ESPN will televise the game with Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit and Erin Andrews doing the commentary.



The coaches

Rich Rodriguez is in his sixth season and possesses a 91-58-2 career record, having coached at Salem and Glenville State before returning to his alma mater in 2001, where he is 46-22.

Rodriguez now has won more games at WVU than he won at Glenville.

Last year Rodriguez led the Mountaineers to their third straight Big East conference title with an 11-1 record

GAME FACTS

that included a victory over Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

Louisville coach Bobby Petrino has been head coach at the school since 2003 and owns a 36-8 record. Under Petrino, the Cardinals have won at least nine games each season.

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West Virginia has won six of seven meetings with Louisville.

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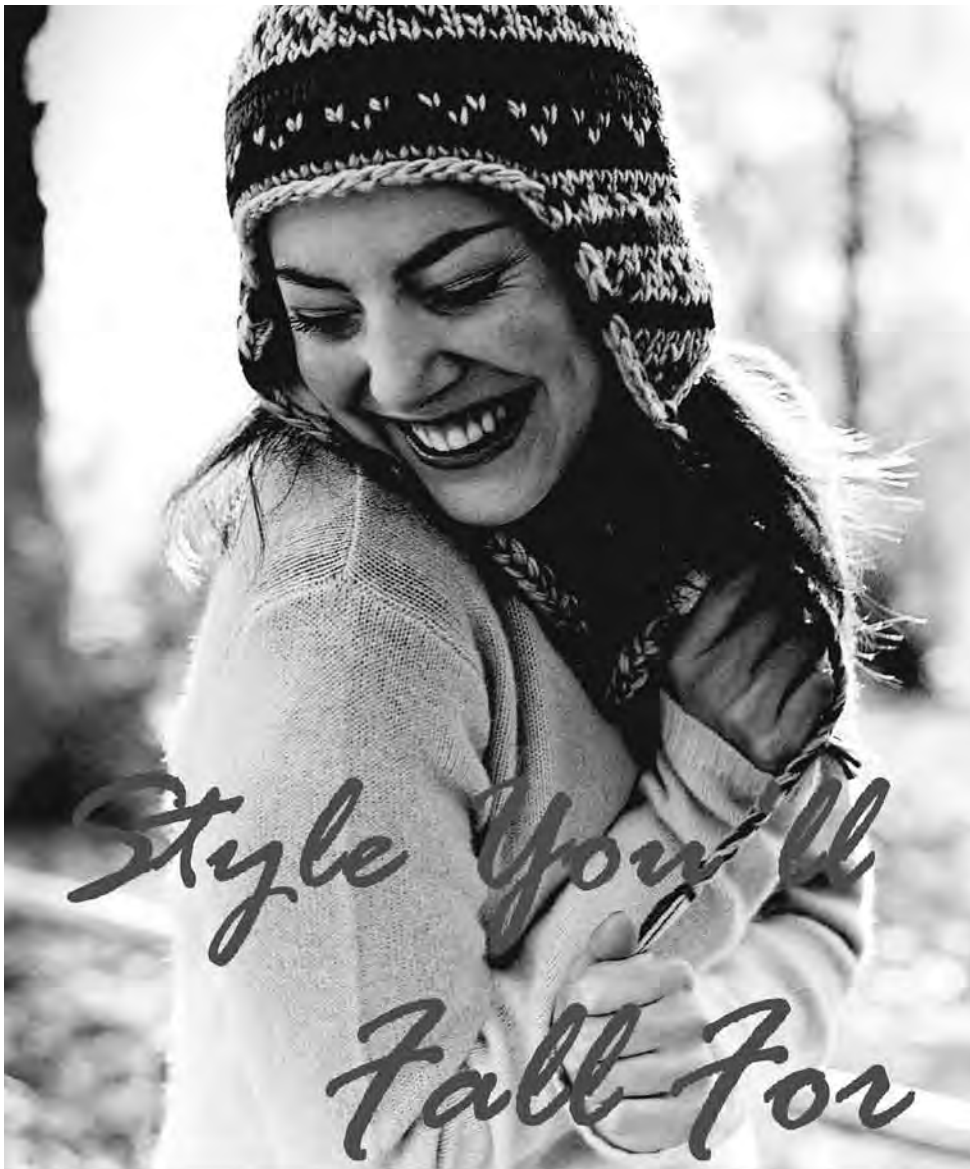
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BCS furor continues as WVU and Louisville try to remain undefeated

Staff, wire reports

All of a sudden the big debate in college football is whether an undefeated Big East team — and today there are three: West Virginia, Louisville and Rutgers — should play in the national championship game over a team with one loss from the Southeastern Conference.

“To be honest, we don’t think about it a lot,” said Bobby Petrino, the Louisville coach. “I personally felt the rules have been set, the BCS works. We’re trying to teach our young men to go by the rules and deal with the things you don’t like and not complain. I’m not going to complain about it.”

The reason behind the debate is because, entering the season, it was thought that Big East teams were playing a weaker schedule. West Virginia’s Rich Rodriguez says that’s not to be judged at this moment.

“I think, because there’s so many more games left, I don’t know how you can compare strength of schedule until the end of the year,” he said. “Look at what Maryland is doing now. The strength of schedule will change by the end of the year.”

Rodriguez has maintained that everything will work out with the BCS and there’s no reason to argue about it now.

“I believe, if two teams are undefeated at the end of the year, they will play for it,” he said.

Former WVU coach Don Nehlen, a voter in the Master Coaches poll that has WVU No. 3 behind Ohio State and Michigan, also believes that if the winner of the West Virginia-Louisville game goes unbeaten it should play in the championship game.

“If they’re not good enough to be in the championship game, why should they be in the BCS?” asked Nehlen. “West Virginia had an easy schedule last year and beat the SEC champ (Georgia) in the Sugar Bowl to show



NOTEBOOK

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Rutgers	3	0	66	43	8	0	234	73
Louisville	2	0	51	30	7	0	271	88
West Virginia	2	0	78	28	7	0	286	89
Pittsburgh	2	1	64	46	6	2	273	113
Cincinnati	2	2	72	65	5	4	167	155
South Florida	1	2	64	61	5	3	194	141
Connecticut	0	3	40	99	3	5	157	185
Syracuse	0	4	44	107	3	6	172	216

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 17, Syracuse 3

Sunday's Games

Rutgers 24, Connecticut 13

Thursday's Games

West Virginia at Louisville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4

Pittsburgh at South Florida, Noon

that they can play with the big boys.”

Hitting the books

Randy Edsall says he can’t recruit the same type of kids he did just eight years ago to play football at the University of Connecticut, because many of them would never make it academically.

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Countdown to the big game

It is **SUNDAY EVENING**, L-Day minus 5, L, of course, standing for Louisville.

The day's practice is over and West Virginia players are slowly making their way out of the Puskar Center. The mood is loose, the atmosphere not really what you might expect on the week of the biggest game of the year.

Offensive lineman Jeremy Sheffey wanders through the room, wearing a pair of jeans, huge rips at the knee.

"These aren't those designer jeans that come this way," he assures a listen. "I wear these hunting and get them caught on fences all the time.

He'd been hunting on Saturday. Not Cardinals, deer.

"I got a doe," he said. "I'm going right now to skin a deer."

And off he went.

Louisville? A thousand miles from his mind at the moment.

Downstairs in the study center sits rugged fullback Owen Schmitt. It's Sunday before Louisville and he's in the midst of taking an on-line computer science test.

First things first.

Just what is it like, these final days before you go out and play a game you've been waiting all season to play, a red-circle game that could mean millions of dollars to the school and convince untold future players to play at West Virginia?

"It's the same thing as we've been doing all year, taking the same preparations, maybe watching a little more film, spending a little more time here," Schmitt said after taking his test.

No one is bug-eyed, hyperventilating.

"That's what Thursday is for. That's game day. That's when we put all our nuts in one bucket," he said. "Before that we all have class and other obligations."

Louisville will just have to wait and Schmitt says it's a good thing that there are so many other obligations.

"I'm kind of glad I have other things to do. If I just worried about the game my head would be all over the place," he said.

Practice, class, film, meetings ... it all takes place on Louisville week, just like any other week.

And then comes Wednesday, L-Day minus 1.

The anticipation because, although Schmitt says he still isn't gearing up yet.

"We go to meetings, get on the plane. I'll listen to some music, fall asleep. We get there, start preparing. We eat dinner, then meetings," he explained.

For Schmitt that means being with the skill position players — the quarterback, the backs and the wide receivers.

They go over what they will do in the game, sort of like being told a bedtime story because that's what comes next, bed.

Getting to sleep the night before a game is much different than falling asleep the night of the game.

"After the game, I pretty much pass out," Schmitt admitted.

All of him has been spent on the playing field.



**BOB
HERTZEL**

"The night before the game, it depends," he said. "Usually Max (roommate Maxwell Anderson) falls asleep before me, so I turn the TV on. I don't like to think about the game too much because then you almost can't sleep."

It was that way at the Sugar Bowl, Schmitt recalls.

"The night before the Sugar Bowl I had trouble getting to sleep. I told myself, like I always do, 'Forget about it and worry about it in the morning. There's nothing you can do about it now.'"

Sleep or no sleep, morning comes.

There's breakfast and meetings and, in the case of L-Day, which is a Thursday night game on ESPN, time to kill.

Some of the players get taped at the hotel. Schmitt waits until he gets to the stadium.

"I don't even know that it's really a game until we leave the hotel and get on the bus to go to the stadium," he said.

It isn't until he gets on the team bus to ride with the police escort to the stadium that what this day is about begins to really sink in.

"The bus ride is when I throw everything else out. I visualize what I think is going to happen," he said.

Much of that visualization comes from film study. A year ago Schmitt played a big role in beating Louisville in triple overtime, running 23 yards to the 2 to set up one of Steve Slaton's six touchdowns and catching a 20-yard pass to set up the final touchdown.

"I've watched some old film of some of that stuff, but obviously it's a new game and a new year. Still, some of those things come to mind when you play a team. Ultimately, they're in the past so it's best just to forget it," Schmitt said.

The team arrives at the stadium, goes through its pregame routine and then, out of nowhere, game time arrives. As they tee up the ball, Schmitt says he's still pretty calm.

"I haven't been nervous since the Syracuse game last year. If anything, if I am nervous, the first hit I kind of zone out and I'm into the game," he said.

The kicker moves forward. The ball is hit and ...

Then it's over. It's time to come down from whatever high you've been on for the past three and a half hours.

"I probably get back to normal on the flight home," he said. "I remember in high school I had a really big game. I was talking to my buddy, Greg Cavanaugh. We were out late at this place called 'Glory Days'. I said, 'Man, I'm so alert.' I was so wired I couldn't go to sleep. But I haven't been like that since then."

You wonder how it will be tonight.



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Owen Schmitt ... goes through a calm before the storm every week.

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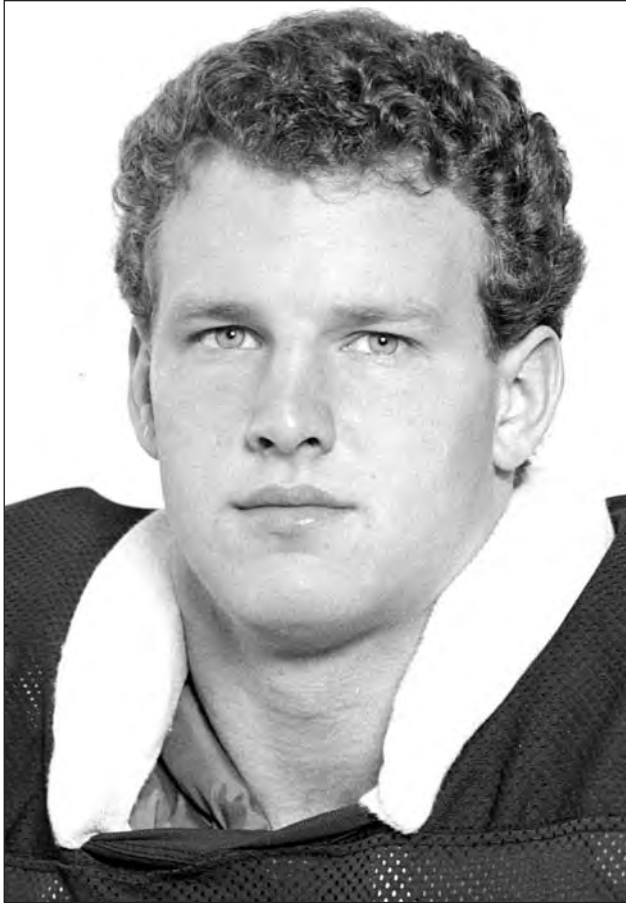
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?: TIM AGEE

Agee paved the way for McAfee's tackles



WVU photo

Tim Agee ... now an investment real estate broker

BY MICHAEL CASAZZA

The Dominion Post

Should this whole Pat-McAfee-making-tackles phenomenon continue at WVU to the unlikely extent that head coach Rich Rodriguez is forced to at least consider moving his kicker to defense, he need not worry about breaking any barriers. A pretty good precedent was set years ago by Don Nehlen and it produced one of the finer tacklers the Mountaineers have seen, Tim Agee.

"I was a punter originally," Agee, a star at WVU from 1980-83, said this week from his home in Marina del Ray, Calif.

It all changed, though, when the Mountaineers' junior varsity team was to take on Ohio State's and WVU was thin in the secondary.

"I got to play at free safety and I made a couple nice hits and Coach Nehlen took notice," Agee said. "I traveled and I got to play a little on special teams on the kick-off and punt teams as a freshman. I won the starting job the next spring."

Agee ultimately finished with 327 tackles - 325 more than McAfee - and was voted to the all-1980s team. Of his tackles, 180 were solo.

"I'd like to say I'm humble and it wasn't me, but it really wasn't," he said. "The front seven we played with, guy like Darryl Talley, Dennis Fowlkes and Todd Campbell, made my job easy. Free safeties usually don't get that many tackles."

Or 15 interceptions.

"Again, I wish I could say I was so good," Agee continued, "but because of that front seven, I'd say half were floaters, like punt returns."

That transition was one of many Agee has made in his life. Born and raised in Bethesda, Md., Agee was a

very good, very decorated option quarterback in high school and was actually headed to Tennessee on a scholarship.

"Then Johnny Majors came out and said we was an alcoholic and his coaching staff left," Agee said. "Then I was going to N.C. State, but Bo Rein, their coach, died in a plane crash. I took trips to Virginia Tech, VMI and West Virginia, but nobody wanted me."

He knew why.

"I'm sure they weren't really excited about a small option quarterback," he said.

He punted his way onto WVU's roster and when given a chance at free safety, he would excel and was invited to the East-West Shrine game in 1984.

"I picked up defense pretty quick," Agee said. "It was easy for me because I'd played quarterback so long. That and I kind of liked the contact. That was fun for me."

After closing his career at WVU with 122 and 116 tackles his final two seasons, Agee went undrafted by the NFL before hooking on with the Cleveland Browns, but was cut after about seven weeks with the team. He then headed west, acting on a desire he'd had for a long time.

"It really was the sun," he said. "When I was with the Browns and I got cut I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I got in my car and drove around and one of my teammates, Mike Durette, was actually playing with the Raiders then. I ended up staying with him for about two months and I made up my mind this was where I wanted to be."

Agee then worked as an actor - and a successful one - for about 15 years, getting gigs in television shows and movies alike. He convinced his brother and father to

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Stancheck: Cincinnati's gift to WVU

BY BOB HERTZEL

The Dominion Post

Early last season, West Virginia football coach Rich Rodriguez made a daring move.

He had an all-Big East guard in Dan Mozes but felt that his offensive line might be better if he moved Mozes into the center's spot and put redshirt freshman Ryan Stancheck in at guard for the Virginia Tech game.

The move, it turned out, was almost as important as when Rodriguez put running back Steve Slaton into the starting lineup as it solidified the Mountaineers up front.

A product of Cincinnati, Stancheck spent the rest of the season in that spot and helped WVU become one of America's most feared running offenses.

This year, with Rodriguez looking to replace a pair of tackles on his offensive line, he again turned to the versatile Stancheck and asked him to move to tackle.

Again, the move worked to perfection as Stancheck has fit in their perfectly.

And so it is, as WVU gets ready to face Louisville in the most important game of the season, *The Dominion Post* went "One-On-One" with Ryan Stancheck.

DOMINION POST: You are from Cincinnati? It's always been a great sports town. Tell us what comes to mind when you think about The Queen City.

RYAN STANCHEK: I'm from the western side of Cincinnati. When I think of

One on One



WVU Photo

Ryan Stancheck ... One-on-One

home, I think about sports. High school sports are so big there.

DP: The western side of Cincinnati is where Pete Rose was from. He went to Western Hills High. When you think of him, do you think of the problems he's had or just as a ball player?

RS: I have a signed picture of him in my room. Pete Rose was a hard-working guy. The people of Cincinnati love him. He's Charlie Hustle.

DP: A lot of West Virginians have migrated to Cincinnati over the years and most of them have settled on the western side of town. I've heard they take a lot of ribbing from the locals there about being from West Virginia?

RS: We're pretty successful as a football team. I don't know what they can say now.

DP: Are you seeing an increase in the interest in WVU around the area there when you go home?

RS: My parents own a little restaurant, Abby's Pub and Grill. It's on Madison Avenue. It used to be the Water Mill, which was a popular place. My mom used to work there and now she took it over.

There's this group of West Virginia graduates. Whenever WVU plays, they meet there and watch the game. It's a pretty big gathering. My mom says when she can't get to the game she watches it there and it's pretty wild.

DP: And you were a big sports fan in Cincinnati?

RS: I loved the Reds. I loved the University of Cincinnati Bearcat basketball team.

DP: You were a Bob Huggins fan?

RS: A big Bob Huggins fan.

DP: And the Bengals?

RS: Oh, yeah But I couldn't really go.

We didn't have tickets. I think I was there just a couple of times.

DP: How about the University of Cincinnati football? Nobody seems to go to those games.

RS: No comment. But I did get to some of those games, too.

DP: This is a pretty good location for a kid from Cincinnati to attend college. It's not so close that you feel you're home, but not so far away that you can't get back or your folks can't come here to see you play.

RS: For me, coming here was kind of fun. They were in the Big East. I knew they'd wind up playing Cincinnati so I could go home every other year and play. That added another aspect to it.

Still, it's five hours away so it's like being away from home.

DP: A lot changed for the offensive line here at West Virginia when they moved Dan Mozes to center and you started playing. You were only a red-shirt freshman, yet they took you right in.

RS: I had a lot of help, especially from Mozes., being next to him last year. [Jeremy] Sheffey has helped me out a lot, too. I give them a lot of credit for bringing me in and getting me better.

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Suddenly, it's good to be Rutgers

BY ADITI KINKHABWALA

The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — For nine years, it's been the same. Athletic director Bob Mulcahy's desk was the general Rutgers repository for headaches and hassles, never quite clearing and never even easing.

Then this season opened with a football team that's now 7-0 and carrying a No. 16 national ranking. And Mulcahy still has problems. Only this time, he said, "They're the kinds of problems you dream about."

It's truly a new world for Mulcahy this fall as interest in Greg Schiano's program rockets to an all-time high. All of a sudden, figuring out how to cajole bodies into his stadium has given way to figuring out how to squeeze in a few more. Instead of pleading with athletic directors to travel to Rutgers, Mulcahy's fending off offers from big-time schools hungry to visit.

These days, Mulcahy's facing problems he wouldn't previously have dared admit he fantasized about.

"You want to say you plan for success when it happens, and that you've made sure you're ready," he said. "But I don't know if I thought we'd need to be ready this year."

Not that Rutgers has been caught flat-footed. When deputy athletic director Kevin MacConnell heard murmurs that the Nov. 9 Louisville game was threatening to be the hottest ticket in school his-

tory, Mulcahy checked safety codes and then said the open end zone hill would be opened to 750 students.

The two men also came up with on-field rafters for the band and temporary bleachers — that could seat another 1,500 — in the open end zone to further "expand" 41,500-seat Rutgers Stadium.

While Mulcahy thinks these creative measures are because of a special event, and isn't yet planning the same for the sold-out Syracuse game, the need has somewhat accelerated what had been vague talk of club seats and luxury suites.

Mulcahy said expansion plans won't move to his front burner until Rutgers doubles its current season-ticket tally of 11,600. And if the stadium should prove small next year, he said, he has plans "that we could implement rather quickly."

Of course, the Meadowlands is just up the road and the Scarlet Knights will be going there in 2012 when they "host" Notre Dame. The two schools last summer signed a home-and-home six-year deal, with Rutgers agreeing to substitute the Meadowlands for its "home."

The deal begins in 2011 (though Rutgers will play at South Bend in 2010, too) and Mulcahy said he agreed to the alternate New Jersey site only because of the tremendous gate the Irish guarantee.

Outside of that agreement, he said, the Meadowlands will not be a Rutgers



Jason DeProspero/The Dominion Post

Rutgers once always went head over heels, as Justin Leonard does here.

venue.

"No, no, no," Mulcahy said. "I'm going to play every home game at home that I can. People want to come home to campus and Rutgers Stadium lends itself to a great Saturday experience. Besides, I would much rather have a stadium that's packed than one with empty seats."

Then again, it may not be that impossible for the Scarlet Knights to one day attract an opponent whose matchup New Jerseyans would fill the pro stadium for.

Rutgers' non-conference schedule is largely set for the next five years, save for the changing I-AA team Mulcahy said he'd like to play annually.

Buffalo's on the schedule the next three years, he's set three more games with North Carolina and a home-and-away set with Maryland, and the two Eastern service academies are fixtures.

He and Schiano drew the schedule in concert and Mulcahy promised they were happy with the philosophy that drove it, but he acknowledged that yearly lower-division foes may become negotiable.

"I think we can always find an opening if the right opportunity presents itself," he said. Big Ten and SEC schools already have called, he said, and while he hasn't committed to anything yet, he teased, "You never know."

Hey, he didn't know having problems could be this much fun.

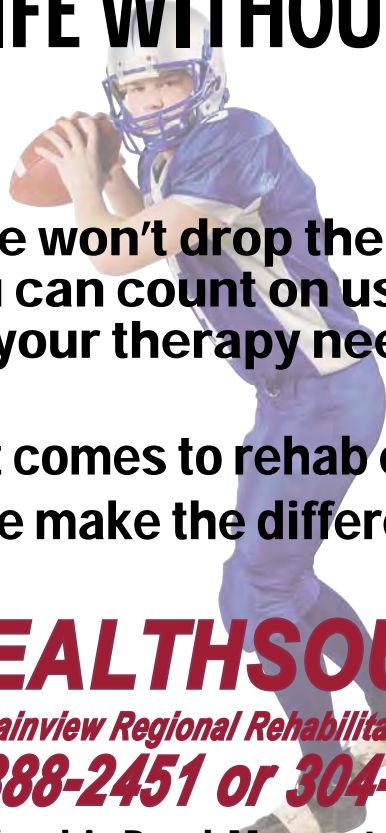
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WVU vs. Louisville

TEAM MATCHUPS



WVU rushing game vs. Louisville rush defense

No one, not even Louisville, can stop WVU's running game. The Mountaineers are the only team in the country to be rushing for more than 300 yards a game. Louisville, however, will offer a challenge as it gives up only 74.4 yards a game on the ground. The battle in the trenches should be classic stuff.

WVU rush defense vs. Louisville running game

Louisville has done a marvelous job of covering up the loss of Michael Bush with Kolby Smith, George Stripling and Anthony Allen, who have averaged 5.7 yards a carry. The Cardinals try to balance their attack but WVU's strong run defense could force them to throw more than they want.

WVU passing game vs. Louisville pass defense

This may be the game WVU has awaited to open up the passing game. Louisville gives up more than 200 yards a game through the air and has allowed seven TD passes. Combine that with its stingy run defense and WVU may decide to use the pass to set up the run.

WVU pass defense vs. Louisville passing game

No one has been able to stop Brian Brohm's passing and WVU doesn't figure to be able to do it. The only hope is that Brohm's thumb injury is not fully healed. WVU will try to get as much pressure as possible on Brohm, to cut down on the long game as he has a pair of dangerous receivers in Harry Douglas and Mario Urrutia.

Special Teams

Special teams play will be critical. Louisville has given up two kickoff returns for touchdowns already this year and if the Louisville offense is all its cracked up to be, WVU will get some shots at returning kickoffs with its dangerous returners. Art Carmody of Louisville is one of the best in the game and has hit 11 of 12 field goals from as deep as 51 yards.

Intangibles

How important is revenge as a motivating factor. That could be key to tonight's game. Louisville has been waiting a year for this game, feeling it was robbed by a wrong call by the officials on an onside kick that was given to WVU. The Cardinals also were embarrassed by blowing a 17-point lead with a little more than eight minutes to play. Louisville also has a huge home field advantage and WVU will be playing its for the first time.



WVU keys to the game

Stop the run

WVU's defensive philosophy begins with stopping the running game and it is vital that they do it against Louisville's high-powered offense. If the Cardinals can run and pass, WVU will be off balance all game.

Throw the ball early

By the same token, WVU will go nowhere if it doesn't loosen up a Louisville defense giving up just 74.4 yards rushing a game. The Mountaineers must make Louisville know that they will throw the ball if given the opportunity.

Drive the ball

Louisville's offense is so explosive that they are best kept off the field. Long drives, mixing short passes and runs, are necessary if WVU is to control the clock, the game and, as important, the crowd, which is always a factor at Louisville.

Use Own Schmitt

Louisville will be out to stop Steve Slaton at all costs in this game after he scored six touchdowns on the Cardinals last year. It must be remembered that Schmitt played a big part in last year's victory both running and catching the ball and shouldn't be overlooked in the offense.



Louisville keys to the game

Use the home field advantage

Early success, like the Cardinals had last year at WVU, will go much further this year as their home crowd will be really revved up. Louisville hasn't lost at home in some time and the crowd is one of the major reasons.

Take the passes that are given

Obviously, anyone who looks at the statistics realizes it is easier to move the ball through the air than on the ground against WVU, but you can't be bomb crazy. WVU gives up a lot of short stuff and Louisville can keep the WVU offense on the sidelines and control the game with its short passes.

Forget the sacks

Louisville has an awesome pass rush. The Cardinals have 28 sacks in the first seven games, four per game, for 177 negative yards. But WVU will burn them with Pat White's legs, screens and draws if they sell out to get to the quarterback.

Take Reynaud out of the game

Louisville has to concentrate on Darius Reynaud, take him out of the game as a receiver and as a kick returner. Considering that the Cardinals have given up two TD returns on kickoffs, they must kick away from Reynaud and maybe even double team him as often as possible on passing downs.

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Saturday, Nov. 4

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Yale at Brown, Noon
Northeastern at Maine, Noon
Massachusetts at New Hampshire, Noon
Columbia at Harvard, 12:30 p.m.
Bucknell at Holy Cross, 12:30 p.m.
Colgate at Lehigh, 12:30 p.m.
Cent. Connecticut St. at Sacred Heart, 12:30 p.m.
Kent St. at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dartmouth at Cornell, 1 p.m.
Lafayette at Fordham, 1 p.m.
Marist at Georgetown, D.C., 1 p.m.
Rhode Island at Hofstra, 1 p.m.
St. Peter's at Iona, 1 p.m.
St. Francis, Pa. at Monmouth, N.J., 1 p.m.
Penn at Princeton, 1 p.m.
Albany, N.Y. at Robert Morris, 1 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at Temple, 1 p.m.

William & Mary at Towson, 1 p.m.
Stony Brook at Wagner, 1 p.m.
Duquesne at La Salle, 6 p.m.
Richmond at Villanova, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Maryland at Clemson, Noon
Virginia at Florida St., Noon
Wofford at Georgia Southern, Noon
Pittsburgh at South Florida, Noon
Mississippi St. at Alabama, 12:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Coastal Carolina, 12:30 p.m.
San Diego at Jacksonville, 12:30 p.m.
Florida at Vanderbilt, 12:30 p.m.
Concord at Delaware St., 1 p.m.
Navy at Duke, 1 p.m.
Murray St. at E. Kentucky, 1 p.m.
Georgia at Kentucky, 1 p.m.
W. Carolina at Liberty, 1 p.m.
Morgan St. at Norfolk St., 1 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at Charleston Southern, 1:30 p.m.
Howard at S. Carolina St., 1:30 p.m.
St. Augustine's at Winston-Salem, 1:30 p.m.
Furman at Elon, 2 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Mississippi, 2 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Samford, 2 p.m.
Arkansas St. at Auburn, 2:30 p.m.
North Greenville at Austin Peay, 3 p.m.
Alcorn St. at MVSU, 3 p.m.
The Citadel at Appalachian St., 3:30 p.m.
Florida Atlantic at Middle Tennessee, 3:30 p.m.
LSU at Tennessee, 3:30 p.m.
Alabama St. at Grambling St., 4 p.m.

Florida A&M at N. Carolina A&T, 4 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette at Troy, 4 p.m.
East Carolina at UCF, 4 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
Delaware at James Madison, 6 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Jackson St., 7 p.m.
Georgia Tech at N.C. State, 7 p.m.
Boston College at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
Tulane at Marshall, 7:30 p.m.
Texas Southern at Southern U., 7:30 p.m.
Arkansas at South Carolina, 7:45 p.m.
SE Louisiana at McNeese St., 8 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Miami, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Missouri at Nebraska, Noon or 8 p.m.
Ball St. at Michigan, Noon
Indiana at Minnesota, Noon
Penn St. at Wisconsin, Noon
Northwestern at Iowa, 12:10 p.m.
Bowling Green at Akron, 1 p.m.
Morehead St. at Butler, 1 p.m.
Valparaiso at Dayton, 1 p.m.
Ohio at E. Michigan, 1 p.m.
S. Illinois at Youngstown St., 1 p.m.
Davidson at Drake, 2 p.m.
Kansas at Iowa St., 2 p.m.
William Penn at S. Dakota St., 2 p.m.
Indiana St. at W. Illinois, 2:05 p.m.
Tennessee St. at E. Illinois, 2:30 p.m.
Missouri St. at Illinois St., 2:30 p.m.
North Carolina at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
Ohio St. at Illinois, 3:30 p.m.

Purdue at Michigan St., 3:30 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at W. Michigan, 3:30 p.m.
Tenn.-Martin at SE Missouri, 7 p.m.

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma at Texas A&M, Noon or 8 p.m.
Baylor at Texas Tech, Noon
Tulsa at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
S. Arkansas at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at North Texas, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Texas, 7 p.m.
Rice at UTEP, 9 p.m.

FAR WEST

TCU at UNLV, 3 p.m.
E. Washington at Weber St., 3 p.m.
San Diego St. at Wyoming, 3 p.m.
Hawaii at Utah St., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas St. at Colorado, 3:30 p.m.
Washington at Oregon, 3:30 p.m.
Arizona St. at Oregon St., 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Washington St., 5 p.m.
Nevada at Idaho, 5:05 p.m.
BYU at Colorado St., 6:30 p.m.
Southern Cal at Stanford, 7 p.m.
UCLA at California, 8 p.m.
San Jose St. at New Mexico St., 8 p.m.

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Avg. yds. rushing per game

319.0

Avg. yds. rushing allowed per game

89.3

Avg. yds. passing per game

140.3

Avg. yds. passing allowed per game

182.3

Total offensive avg. yards per game

459.3

Total avg. yds. allowed per game

271.4

Avg. points per game

40.9

Avg. points allowed per game

13.0

First downs per game

22.8

First downs allowed per game

17.3

Fumbles per game

1.3

Fumbles lost per game

0.7

Interceptions thrown per game

0.7

Interceptions taken per game

1.4

offense



WR - #83
Tito Gonzales



RB - #10
Steve Slaton



QB - #5
Pat White



RT - #73
Jake Figner



RG - #65
Jeremy Sheffey



C - #
Dan M



CB - #21
William Gay



DE - #57
Earl Heyman



DT - #91
Amobi Okoye



SS - #35
Brandon Sharp



SLB - #11
Malik Jackson



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defense



Z - #85
Harry Douglas



RB - #33
Kolby Smith



QB - #12
Brian Brohm



RT - #79
Renardo Foster



RG - #76
Kurt Quarterman



C -
Eric V



CB - #3
Larry Williams



MLB - #42
Jay Henry



DT - #96
Keilen Dykes



SS - #22
Ridwan Malik



SLB - #55
Bobby Hathaway



WLB -
Kevin M




FB - #35
Owen Schmitt

WR - #2
Darius Reynaud

WR - #7
Brandon

#76
Mozes

LG - #79
Greg Isdaner

LT - #62
Ryan Stanchek

DT - #92
Willie Williams

DE - #88
Brandon Cox

CB - #27
Gavin Smart

FS - #30
Latarrius Thomas

- #22
r Myles

WLB - #6
Preston Smith

defense

FB - #32
Brock Bolen

X - #7
Mario Urrutia

TE - #82
Gary Barnidge

#77
Wood

LG - #63
Danny Barlowe

LT - #68
George Bussey

NT - #66
Craig Wilson

DE - #95
James Ingram

CB - #19
Vaughn Rivers

FS - #8
Quinton Andrews

#43
McLee

BS - #41
Eric Wicks

offense

Louisville STATS

Avg. yds. rushing per game	216.0
Avg. yds. rushing allowed per game	74.9
Avg. yds. passing per game	280.1
Avg. yds. passing allowed per game	209.7
Total offensive avg. yards per game	496.1
Total avg. yds. allowed per game	284.6
Avg. points per game	38.7
Avg. points allowed per game	12.7
First downs per game	24.5
First downs allowed per game	17.0
Fumbles per game	1.7
Fumbles lost per game	1.3
Interceptions thrown per game	0.7
Interceptions taken per game	0.7

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Something big is brewing in Cincinnati with the Bearcats

BY MICHAEL CASAZZA
The Dominion Post

Don't look now, but the Cincinnati Bearcats have won back-to-back games — four out of five overall — and if not for coming out on the wrong end of a tight tussle with Louisville, there would be a much more popular story emanating from the Big East than the one describing them at present.

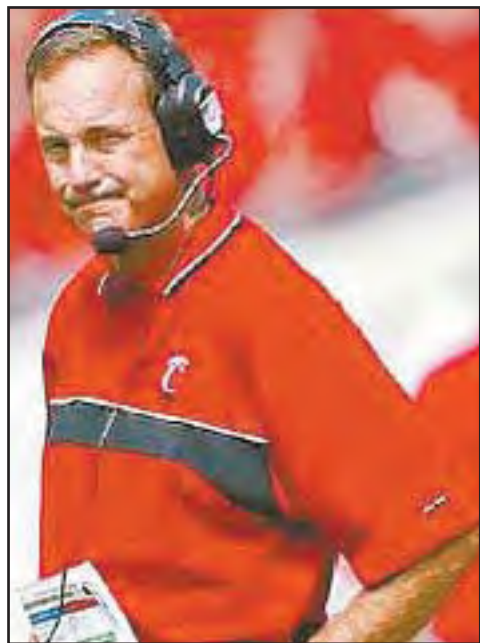
As it stands, though, the defensive-minded Bearcats are a win away from bowl eligibility with a 5-4 record and a 2-2 mark in the Big East. They were 2-5 in conference play last season. U.C. just cleared the most important and perhaps most challenging portion of the schedule, beating South Florida and Syracuse at home and with just five days between the conference games.

"I thought we came out focused and ready to play," head coach Mark Dantonio said. "We had a TV game with South Florida on Sunday and had to come back on a short week and get prepared mentally to play. That's the toughest thing, to come back with the same amount of energy and focus that we had in the previous two games."

Cincinnati is now on a bye before traveling to Morgantown to take on WVU at noon Nov. 11 at Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium.

"We're exactly where we want to be,"

COMING UP



Mark Dantonio ... turning things around.

Dantonio said. "We've got two weeks to get ready for West Virginia. It will be an exciting opportunity for us. It's nice to go into the off week with a smile on our face."

A win would make the Bearcats bowl

eligible for the second time in Dantonio's three seasons and for the first time since 2004, when they beat Marshall, 32-14, in the Fort Worth Bowl. U.C. finishes up at home against Rutgers and then at Connecticut.

It is, as Dantonio said, a "fun time" now because last year was not. In 2005, the school's first season in the Big East, U.C. played 10 true freshmen, six as starters, five on defense. In all 30 on the two-deep on offense and defense had a year or less of Division I experience. The result was a 4-7 record and some bad losses, including the 38-0 defeat at home against WVU, the first shutout since 1998.

Now, though, the coach is starting to see the results he envisioned when he came to the Bearcats as the defensive coordinator and top assistant for Jim Tressel at Ohio State.

"We now have two full recruiting classes and we are seeing daily the positive effects of our new facilities, our membership in the Big East and our BCS affiliation," Dantonio said. "We were a very young and inexperienced football team in 2005 and it showed. This is not the case this year. We have experienced depth at just about every position."

After some waffling early on, Dantonio has settled with sophomore Dustin Grutza at quarterback over senior Nick Davila. Two and sometimes three different running backs contribute to the 142 yards per game rushing.

Defense, though, is where U.C. makes its living because that is where its made the the greatest strides. A year ago, the defense was No. 78 overall (401.6 yards per game), No. 96 in scoring (31.4 points per game) and No. 90 against the run (180.4 yards per game).

This year, the Bearcats are No. 33 overall (295.2), No. 28 in scoring (17.2) and, most importantly, No. 17 against the run (89.3). They've allowed only two players and three teams to top 100 yards rushing.

"When you stop the run and make the game one-dimensional, then you will be able to stop the pass," Dantonio said. "Good things are going to happen."

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know?

West Virginia has won Big East championships in 1993, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Did you know?

West Virginia's 14-game winning streak is second in the nation behind Ohio State, which has won 15.

Did you know?

WVU has won 32 of its last 36 regular season games.

Did you know?

West Virginia has scored 52 rushing touchdowns in its last 13 games, an average of four rushing TDs a game.

Did you know?

Steve Slaton 26 rushing TDs in his last 14 games.

Did you know?

Rich Rodriguez is WVU's 31st football coach and the 10th to coach at his alma mater.

Did you know?

WVU has outscored its opposition 84-14 in the first quarter this year.

Did you know?

WVU is 39-0 when scoring 30 or more points in a game since 2000 and 41-0 going back into 1999.

Did you know?

Rich Rodriguez will be coaching in the this year's Aloha Bowl in Honolulu.

Did you know?

West Virginia has 40 players who have started at least one game at the school.

Did you know?

WVU is 25-4 in the Big East since 2002.

Did you know?

Steve Slaton ranks fourth in the nation in rushing with an average of 151.3 yards a game.

Did you know?

WVU is 14-5 during November under Rodriguez.

Did you know?

WVU is 18-4 in night games under Rodriguez, 9-4 on the road.

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GAME

FROM PAGE 3

force overtime.

The running of Michael Bush and passing of quarterback Brian Brohm dominated play the first half, taking a 17-0 lead.

WVU received a spark when Patrick White replaced injured quarterback Adam Bednarik.

At the 8:16 mark of the fourth quarter, Slaton scored his second touchdown of the game — he would finish with a school record six — from 4 yards out.

After a Pat McAfee field goal, Slaton scored from a yard out to force overtime.

In the first overtime, WVU scored in two plays — a 23-yard run by Owen Schmitt and a 2-yard Slaton run — but Brohm threw a touchdown to Mario Urrutia to tie it at 31-31.

Louisville scored on its second possession of overtime on Bush's 14-yard run but two plays later Slaton went 23 yards to score to make it 38-38.

In the third overtime, White converted a third and 8 with a 20-yard pass to Owen Schmitt to set up a Slaton TD from a yard out. White then hit Dorrell Jallow for the two-point conversion, which teams must go for in the third overtime.

Louisville came back to score on Bush's 3-yard run, but Brohm had to scramble on the conversion and was stopped at the 1 by Eric Wicks to clinch the victory for WVU.

The last time at Louisville

On Sept. 28, 1989, WVU beat Louisville,

30-21, again with a late rally, scoring 17 points in the fourth quarter to pull it out.

Louisville quarterback Browning Nagle, who transferred from WVU, hit Fred Jones with a 34-yard pass to put Louisville ahead and then, in the third quarter, threw a 16-yard scoring pass to Tony Cummings for a 21-10 lead.

Brad Carroll got WVU back into contention with a pair of field goals from 49 and 25 yards and then Eugene Napoleon gave WVU a 22-21 lead with a 1-yard run, then put the game away with a 46-yard touchdown run. A two-point conversion from Major Harris to Reggie Rembert sealed the victory.

By the numbers

West Virginia has won 32 of its last 36 regular season games and 33 of its last 39 games overall.

Since his first year, Rich Rodriguez is 25-4 in his last 29 Big East games.

The trio of Pat White, Steve Slaton and Owen Schmitt account for 83.3 percent of WVU's rushing yards.

WVU has 52 rushing touchdowns in its last 13 games.

The streak

WVU has the second longest winning streak in the nation at 14 games. Only Ohio State, which has won 15 in a row, has a longer streak.

This is the longest winning streak in school history. The 1952-53 teams won 13 in a row.

The night time is the right time

Under Rich Rodriguez, WVU has won 18 and lost only 4 night games and is 9-0

on its home field. Since 1940, WVU is 54-40-3 under the lights.

Going like 1,000

With 128 rushing yards against Connecticut, Steve Slaton became a 1,000-yard rusher, pushing his total to 1,059. He averages 7.0 yards a carry.

Slaton has rushed for 105 or more yards in every game this season but East Carolina and has scored a rushing touchdown in every game but the ECU game.

Slaton now has 11 100-yard games, tying him with Robert Alexander (1977-80) and Robert Walker (1992-95) for fourth in that category in school history.

Even though he is only slightly more than halfway through his sophomore season, Slaton has 2,187 rushing yards, which ranks eighth all-time at WVU. During the Connecticut game Slaton passed Adrian Murrell (2,097), Major Harris (2,161), Garrett Ford Sr. (2,166) and Bob Gresham (2,181).

Running QBs

Patrick White has rushed for 1,571 yards in his career, to put him third behind Major Harris and Rasheed Marshall among WVU quarterbacks.

Harris is tops with 2,161 yards while Marshall gained 2,040 yards.

However, White's 7.7-yard average dwarfs the 5.0 of Harris and 4.1 of Marshall.

White holds the school and Big East record for most rushing yards in a game by a quarterback, gaining 247 in this year's Syracuse victory.



WVU Photo

Steve Slaton ... toting the mail.




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The Other Locker Room

by Eric J. Tomlinson
11-02-2006

Panel 1: A hunter in a brown coat and hat crouches with a rifle. **Be very, very quiet. I'm huntin' cardinal.**

Panel 2: A red cardinal sits on a nest of sticks. **Get a load of this guy, would ya?**

Panel 3: A close-up of the hunter's face. **Come out little birdie, wherever you are.**

Panel 4: The cardinal looks nervous. **Anhh, What's up paps?**

Panel 5: The hunter aims his rifle. **Say, are you a cardinal?** **Shhh! I'm huntin' cardinal.** **What a maroon!** **Yeah, it just so happens I am a ...**

Panel 6: The cardinal is on fire, holding a sign that says "OW". **... cardinal** **KABAM** **Be very, very quiet. I'm huntin' bearcat..**

by Eric J. Tomlinson
11-02-2006

The Other Locker Room

Panel 1: A man in a brown coat and hat stands at a counter. **Hello sir! Welcome to Papa John's Stadium.** **May I take your order?**

Panel 2: A close-up of the man. **Yes, miss. I would like a large cheese pizza with Brohm, some Strickling with half Petrino and half just Urrutia.**

Panel 3: A blonde woman asks for wings. **O.K., would you like to try some of our famous wings?** **Are they fresh?** **As fresh as they can be.** **O.K. then, sounds good.** **Will this be dine-in or carry-out?**

Panel 4: The man runs away with a pizza box. **Definitely carry-out.** **But I like my wings.** **BLACKED OUT OF THE BCS** **PAPPA HAWW'S**

The Other Locker Room

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11-02-2006

The Other Locker Room presents ...

Good idea (with smiley face icon)

Bad idea (with angry face icon)

Good idea Running for 500 yards against Louisville

Bad idea Mowing 500 yards in West Virginia

2006-07 COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL SCHEDULE

Dec. 19 Poinsettia Bowl

at San Diego, MWC vs. At large, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Dec. 21 Las Vegas Bowl,

MWC No. 2 vs. Pac-10 No. 4/5, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 22 New Orleans Bowl,

Sun Belt champion vs. CUSA No.4, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Dec. 23 Fort Worth Bowl

CUSA No. 6 vs. MWC No. 3, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl

at Honolulu, Pac 10 vs. WAC, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 26 Motor City Bowl

at Detroit, MAC vs. Big Ten No. 7, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 27 Emerald Bowl

at San Francisco, ACC No. 5 vs. Pac-10, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 28 Holiday Bowl

at San Diego, Pac-10 No. 2 vs. Big 12 No. 3, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 28 Independence Bowl

at Shreveport, La., Big 12 vs. SEC, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 29 Music City Bowl

at Nashville, Tenn., SEC vs. SEC No. 6, 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 29 Sun Bowl

at El Paso, Texas, Big East or Notre Dame vs. Pac-10 No. 3, 2 p.m. (CBS)

Dec. 29 Champ Sports Bowl

at Orlando, Fla., ACC No. 4 vs. Big 10, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 29 Insight Bowl

at Phoenix, Big 10 No.6 vs. Big 12 No. 6, 7:30 p.m. (NFL Network)

Dec. 29 Liberty Bowl

at Memphis, Tenn., SEC vs. CUSA champion, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 30 Alamo Bowl

at San Antonio, Big Ten No. 4 vs. Big 12 No. 4, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 30 Chic-fil-A Bowl

at Atlanta, ACC No. 2 vs. SEC No. 5, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 30 Meineke Bowl

at Charlotte, N.C., Big East No. 3 or Navy vs. Big 12 No. 4/5, 1 p.m. (ESPN2)

Dec. 31 MPC Computers Bowl

at Boise, Idaho, WAC vs. ACC No. 6, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 31 Houston Bowl

SEC vs. Big 12, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl

at Dallas, SEC vs Big 12 No. 2, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)

Jan. 1 Outback Bowl

at Tampa, Fla., Big Ten No. 3 vs. SEC No. 3, 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Jan. 1 Rose Bowl

at Pasadena, Calif., BCS (PAC-10 champion) vs. BCS (Big Ten champion), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Jan. 1 Gator Bowl

at Jacksonville, Fla., ACC No. 3 vs. Big 12, Big East or Notre Dame, 1 p.m. (NBC)

Jan. 1 Capital One Bowl

at Orlando, Fla., Big Ten vs. SEC, 1 p.m. (ABC)

Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl

at Tempe, Ariz., BCS vs. BCS, 8:30 p.m. (FOX)

Jan. 2 Orange Bowl

at Miami, BCS vs. BCS, 8 p.m. (FOX)

Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl

at New Orleans, BCS vs. BCS, 8 p.m. (FOX)

Jan. 6 International Bowl

at Toronto, Big East 4/5 vs. MAC 2/3, Noon (ESPN2)

Jan. 7 GMAC Bowl at Mobile, Ala.,

CUSA No. 2 vs. MAC, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

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WVU PROFILE

Steve Slaton



My favorite Rich Rodriguez quote ...
 "Oh my God, men."

What crazy thing would you like to do? ...I've done it all.

Describe yourself in a word....Fast

My favorite sports movie is ... "The Program".

What song gets you most pumped up before a game ... Any Jay-Z song.

What non-football player would you most like to meet ... Michael Jordan

The most famous person you've ever met is ... Pat White

What's the one TV show you never miss ... "Family Guy".

I'm the best on the team when it comes to ... creating some momentum

What's your favorite video game ... "Super Mario Brothers"

If I could change one thing about football it would be ...Nothing

Q & A

Golf or Tennis



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5. Louisville	7-0	1,278	6
6. Auburn	8-1	1,250	7
7. Florida	7-1	1,243	9
8. Tennessee	7-1	1,232	8
9. Southern Cal	6-1	1,059	3
10. California	7-1	1,040	12
11. Notre Dame	7-1	1,037	11
12. Arkansas	7-1	935	13
13. LSU	6-2	842	14
14. Boise St.	8-0	688	15
15. Rutgers	7-0	644	16
16. Boston College	7-1	624	18
17. Wisconsin	8-1	617	17
18. Oklahoma	6-2	589	19
19. Clemson	7-2	435	10
20. Georgia Tech	6-2	402	21
21. Texas A&M	8-1	353	22
22. Wake Forest	7-1	246	24
23. Virginia Tech	6-2	188	—
24. Oregon	6-2	167	25
25. Washington St.	6-3	40	—

Others receiving votes: Tulsa 38, BYU 30, Missouri 25, Nebraska 17, Maryland 13, Oregon St. 9, Penn St. 8, Pittsburgh 6, Iowa 3, Alabama 2, Hawaii 2, Oklahoma St. 2.

USA Today Top 25 Poll

	RECORD	PTS	PVS
1. Ohio State (63)	9-0	1,575	1
2. Michigan	9-0	1,500	3
3. West Virginia	7-0	1,437	4
4. Texas	8-1	1,347	5
5. Louisville	7-0	1,271	6
6. Auburn	8-1	1,235	7
7. Florida	7-1	1,167	8
8. Tennessee	7-1	1,118	9
9. Southern California	6-1	1,049	2
10. Notre Dame	7-1	1,030	10
11. California	7-1	980	12
12. Arkansas	7-1	816	14
13. LSU	6-2	775	13
14. Boise State	8-0	694	15
15. Rutgers	7-0	662	16
16. Boston College	7-1	639	17
17. Wisconsin	8-1	584	18
18. Oklahoma	6-2	515	19
19. Clemson	7-2	458	11
20. Georgia Tech	6-2	363	21
21. Texas A&M	8-1	335	22
22. Oregon	6-2	262	24
23. Wake Forest	7-1	214	NR
24. Virginia Tech	6-2	141	NR
25. Missouri	7-2	64	23

Others receiving votes: Iowa 42; Tulsa 42; Nebraska 38; Georgia 26; Washington State 21; Brigham Young 19; Hawaii 18; Penn State 15; Maryland 9; Pittsburgh 9; Oregon State 4; TCU 1.

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WVU ... BY THE NUMBERS

TEAM STATISTICS

	OPP	WVU
First downs	128	160
by rushing	45	99
by passing	62	50
by penalty	21	11

Rushing offense

Attempts	217	326
Net yards	625	2233

Passing offense

Attempts	236	115
Completed	114	80
Had intercepted	10	5
Net yards	1275	982

Offense totals

Offensive plays	453	441
Total net yards	1900	3215
Gain per play	4.2	7.3
Fumbles-lost	16-5	9-4
Penalties-yds.	44-430	54-562
3rd down conv.	39-97	38-74
4th down conv.	8-14	3-4
Time of poss.	30:18	29:42

Kicking

No of punts	35	15
Punt yards	1337	613
Average yds.	38.2	40.9
Return yards	546	621

Sacks by

No.-Yds. loss	5-19	6-45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

WVU	Att.	Net.	Lg.	TD
Slaton	151	1059	59	9
White	73	619	69	9
Schmitt	38	181	18	5
Reynaud	8	112	25	0
Brown	8	84	29	2
Davis	15	65	20	0
Harrison	5	33	11	1
Bruce	4	16	13	0
Colson	15	28	14	0
Sowers	2	15	8	1
Morrone	2	12	6	0
Anderson	2	9	6	0
Collington	2	1	1	0

Pass receiving

WVU	No.	Net	Lg.	TD
Reynaud	25	299	60	2
Myles	14	184	27	3
Schmitt	10	88	19	1
Slaton	9	87	17	0
Bolden	5	106	52	1
Gonzalez	4	75	45	0
Lyons	4	39	12	0
Bruce	3	66	31	0
Brownlee	2	14	7	0
Jalloh	1	10	10	0
Anderson	1	5	5	0
Connolly	1	3	3	0

Passing

WVU	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yd.	TD
White	93	64	5	822	6
Brown	17	13	0	140	1
Harrison	3	3	0	20	0
Sowers	1	0	0	0	0

Punt Returns

WVU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.
Rivers	11	141	12.8	50
Lewis	6	23	3.8	14

Kick Returns

WVU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.
Reynaud	9	277	30.8	96
Lewis	2	49	24.5	27
Rivers	5	117	23.4	39
Schmitt	1	14	14.0	14

Interception Returns

WVU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.
Andrews	2	45	25.5	31
Lewis	2	0	0.0	0
Wicks	2	9	4.5	0
Hathaway	1	29	29.0	0
Henry	1	0	0.0	0

Scoring

WVU	TD	FG	EP	TP
McAfee	0	9	37	64
Slaton	9	0	0	54
White	9	0	0	54
Schmitt	6	0	0	36
Myles	3	0	0	18
Reynaud	3	0	0	18
Brown	2	0	0	12
Rivers	1	0	0	6
Harrison	1	0	0	6
Palmer	1	0	0	6



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Owen Schmitt ... up the middle



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Game

Total offense: 424 yards, Marc Bulger vs. Missouri, 1998
 Rushing yards: 337, Kay-Jay Harris vs. East Carolina, 2004
 Carries: 45, George Allen vs. Georgetown, 1933
 Yards per carry: 18.9, Eddie Williams vs. Pitt, 1969
 All-purpose yards: 356, Garrett Ford Sr. vs. Pitt, 1965
 Passing yards: 429, Bulger vs. Missouri, 1998
 Completions: 34, Oliver Luck vs. Syracuse, 1981; Bulger vs. Missouri, 1998
 Attempts: 57, Gerry Fisher vs. Maryland, 1951
 Touchdown passes: 6, Bulger vs. Pitt, 1998
 Completion percentage: .900, Mike Sherwood vs. Richmond (9-of-10), 1970
 Interceptions thrown: 6, Dutch Hoffman vs. Colorado State, 1978
 Receiving yards: 209, Chris Henry vs. Syracuse, 2003.
 Receptions: 12, shared by four players, last matched by David Saunders vs. Miami, 1998.
 Touchdowns: 6, Steve Slaton vs. Louisville (3OTs), 2005.
 Touchdown receptions: 3, Herbert Barna vs. Cincinnati, 1936; Cedric Thomas vs. Villanova, 1977
 Scoring: 37, Rodgers vs. Marietta, 1919
 Field goals: 6, Frank Nester vs. Villanova, 1972
 Punting average: 60.1 yards, Todd Sauerbrun vs. Nebraska, 1994
 Interceptions: three tied with four
 Sacks: three tied with four.

Season

Total offense: 3,515 yards, Marc Bulger, 1998
 Rushing yards: 1,710, Avon Cobourne, 2002
 QB rushing yards: 952, Pat White, 2005
 Carries: 335, Cobourne, 2002
 Yards per carry: 8.2, Bob Moss, 1955

All-purpose yards: 1,856, Cobourne, 2002
 Passing yardage: 3,607, Bulger, 1998
 Completions: 274, Bulger, 1998
 Touchdown passes: 31, Bulger, 1998
 Completion percentage: 65.4, Bulger, 1998
 Interceptions thrown: 21, Dutch Hoffman, 1978
 Receiving yards: 1,043, David Saunders, 1996
 Receptions: 77, Shawn Foreman, 1997; Saunders, 1998
 Touchdowns: 19, Ira Errett Rodgers, 1919; Steve Slaton, 2005.
 Touchdown receptions: 12, Chris Henry, 2004
 Scoring: 147, Rodgers, 1919
 Field goals: 28, Paul Woodside, 1982
 Punting average: 48.6, Todd Sauerbrun, 1994
 Interceptions: 10, Aaron Beasley, 1994
 Sacks: 16.5, Canute Curtis, 1996

Career

Total offense: 7,890 yards, Marc Bulger, 1996-99
 Rushing yards: 5,164, Avon Cobourne, 1999-2002
 Carries: 1,050, Cobourne
 Yards per carry: 7.8, Bob Moss, 1952-55
 All-purpose yards: 5,623, Cobourne
 Passing: 8,153 yards, Bulger
 Completions: 630, Bulger
 Attempts: 1,023, Bulger
 Completion percentage: .606, Bulger
 Touchdown passes: 59, Bulger
 Interceptions thrown: 47, Dan Kendra, 1974-77
 Receiving yardage: 2,608, David Saunders, 1995-98
 Receptions: 191, Saunders
 Touchdown receptions: 23, Cedric Thomas, 1976-80
 Scoring: 313, Ira Errett Rodgers, 1915-19
 Touchdowns: 42, Rodgers, Amos Zereoue
 Field goals: 72, Paul Woodside, 1981-84



Memories of a comeback

A year ago WVU came roaring from behind to beat Louisville. (Top) Steve Slaton scores his second of six TDs. (Center) WVU defense swarms Michael Bush and (bottom) it ends with WVU winning in triple overtime.

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BIG EAST

FROM PAGE 1-A

“There are more demands. The competition in the classroom is a lot higher. We’ve had to change our focus because our university has changed.”

The school has undergone an academic shift in recent years, said school spokeswoman Karen Grava.

■ SAT scores for an incoming student at UConn are 82 points higher than they were a decade ago, she said.

■ Applications are up 100 percent.

■ Acceptance rates have dropped from 70 percent of applicants to 50 percent.

■ Thirty-eight percent of incoming students were in the top 10 percent of their high-school, up from 21 percent in 1997.

All that, Edsall said, has made it harder for the football player to compete off the field.

“They are in the classroom with kids with 1,200 SATs,” he said. “It makes a difference.”

Grava said it’s hard to say whether classes have gotten tougher, but the school has improved facilities, with it’s \$2.3 billion UConn 2000 and 21st Century renovation programs, and attracted new professors.

“It used to be known as a party school,” said defensive tackle Rhema Fuller, who chose Connecticut over Harvard. “I think they are trying to get away from that stigma and bring in more quality students that are more concerned about academics.”

Rice is nice

It’s funny how the firing of a coach at

one school can have such a domino affect as it has.

Consider how Rutgers benefitted when Paul Pasqualoni was fired by Syracuse two years ago, which caused running back Ray Rice to change his mind and attend Rutgers, where he has become the Big East’s leading rusher.

“I think the world of Coach Pasqualoni,” said Greg Schiano, Rutgers coach. “He is what college football is about. We pattern a lot of what we do off what he did at Syracuse and when he was let go, I did not think that was right for college football.”

But ...

“When it happened, I called Ray and said if he had an interest in us, we still had an interest in him,” Schiano said.

Rice had an interest.

“It was a blessing for us,” Schiano concluded.

Thursday night follies

There remains much talk about having to play midweek night games. Connecticut’s Edsall, who was forced to play against Rutgers this past Sunday night, has strong feelings on the matter.

“Personally, I’d rather play on Saturday all the time,” he said. “We played this Sunday and got back at 3:30 in the morning. Our kids are supposed to get up and go to class on Monday,” he said.

“Maybe if they leave it Thursday and Saturday night’s, that should be it. If it is going to be what’s best for student athletes there has to be a line drawn somewhere.”



AP Photo

Darius Reynaud ... ready to make his cut.

ONE-ON-ONE

FROM PAGE 7

DP: This year you were moved to tackle. That obviously has worked out, considering that WVU is rushing for more than 300 yards a game.

RS: I’m learning more about the system at tackle. I like it better than guard. I like being in a two-point stance. My stance isn’t very good anyway because of my flexibility.

Tackle was something different for me.

I never played it in my life. But, like I said, I like it better.

DP: The offensive line seems to be getting better and better as the year goes on.

RS: It’s just a credit to how hard we practice. Coach [Rick] Trickett is just awesome at preparing us. When you get into games, that’s the easy part. It’s not easy but it’s easier than practice.

WHERE

FROM PAGE 6

move out to California. Agee and his father live in the same condominium building today and his brother is only a few miles away.

Agee’s final transition may be the most successful. A month away from his 44th birthday, he’s is an investment real estate broker, working with buyers and sellers of apartment buildings, shopping centers

and all sorts of profitable properties. He’s doing well enough that he hopes to retire in a year.

“I’ll get my season tickets for the Mountaineers, watch ESPN, travel the world, get back in shape and enjoy the sun,” he said. “It’s funny, but there’s a lot of money made in my business and a lot of people already have my idea and they ask me what I would do. Well, that’s the problem right there. You just have to keep going and make it work.”

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