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Ceremony to honor Bartolo

New building to be dedicated to former sheriff

BY CASSIE SHANER
The Dominion Post

Former Monongalia County Sheriff Joseph C. Bartolo would be proud to have the agency's

THE DEDICATION ceremony will be held from 2-5 p.m. Monday at the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department, 116 Walnut St.

new Walnut Street offices dedicated in his name.

But his brother, Monongalia County Commission President Bill Bartolo, said he would have given others credit for his achievements during 16 years in office. "He always gave the credit and



Joseph Bartolo

accolades to the people who worked with him," he said. "That was just Joe."

A bronze plaque in Bartolo's memory will be unveiled at Monday's dedication ceremony, followed by comments from Sheriff Al Kisner and members of

the Monongalia County Commission.

Tours and refreshments will be available afterward.

"He was here almost 40 years in service," Kisner said of Bartolo. "We thought this dedication would be a nice way to honor his memory."

Bartolo began his career with the sheriff's department in 1967,

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Few know First Amendment rights

Reports: 30% of Americans can't list any

THIS IS ONE in a series of articles marking Sunshine Week.

BY JASON HOWERTON
The Dominion Post

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives every American the right to speak freely without fear and the freedom to practice

any religion without facing persecution.

Not all countries offer the same level of liberty.

These freedoms can be taken for granted if we aren't occasionally reminded just how lucky we are to live in a country estab-

lished on the principles of liberty.

To gain a better understanding of how well West Virginians know their First Amendment rights, *The Dominion Post* conducted an informal survey of 20 people in Morgantown — both by phone and in person on the WVU Evansdale Campus and on High Street.

The First Amendment offers five freedoms: Speech, press, religion, peaceful assembly and petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Of those polled, four people were able to name four of the five freedoms, six were able to name

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UPDATE

Businesses get break on smoke ban

17 firms have until May to comply with law

BY TRACY EDDY
The Dominion Post

Dixie Jean Bucklew's namesake — a bar and grill in Granville — is one of nearly 20 businesses in Monongalia County that can allow smoking until early May.

Bucklew said she and her partner, Jimmy Martin, have plans to knock out some walls and windows in a space overlooking the Monongahela River, to create an outdoor deck for Dixie Jean's smoking customers.

They planned to renovate the space one day anyway, she said, but since the countywide smoking ban went into effect, those plans were pushed up.

Jon Welch, program manager for public health environmental services at the Mon County Health Department, said 17 local businesses were given 60 extra days to comply with the ban.

The businesses can use the two-month period to build an outdoor space for smokers.

Another business — Frank's Hot Spot in Westover — was denied an extension. Attempts to let the owners were unsuccessful.

Welch said the video-lottery establishment basically planned to build an enclosed area for smokers, which isn't allowed under the new law. Indoor smoking spaces are in violation of the ban, which

SEE **BAN**, 4-A

USS Enterprise makes final voyage

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — When the makers of "Top Gun" were filming on board the USS Enterprise, they donated a set of black fuzzy dice to live up the ship's otherwise drab interior.

A quarter-century later, the dice will still be dangling inside the tower of "the Big E" as the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier sets sail on its final voyage today.

The trinket is a reminder of the ship's storied 50-year history that includes action in several wars, a prominent role in the Cuban missile crisis and serving as a spotter ship for John Glenn's historic orbit of the earth.

"To serve on this ship, certainly in this capacity, you certainly have to be a student of the ship's history," said Rear Adm. Walter Carter, commander of the Enterprise strike group. "Fifty



The USS Enterprise sits at the pier as sailors move supplies and equipment at the Norfolk Naval Station.

AP photo

years of service, in our nation's history, we've never had a warship in service that long."

The Enterprise is the longest aircraft carrier in the U.S. fleet. It is also the oldest, a distinction that brings pride as well as plenty of headaches for the ship's more than 4,000 crew members. The ship is effectively a small city that frequently needs repairs because

of its age. It was originally designed to last 25 years, but a major overhaul in 1979 and other improvements have extended its life.

The ship largely looks like any other carrier on the inside and has modern amenities such as gyms, a coffee shop and a television station with dozens of channels. It even produces its own daily newspaper while at sea.

Police: Driver gets 3 speeding tickets in hour

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Traffic officers along Interstate 84 in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge said a lead-footed driver was in such a hurry to make a court date on a meth possession charge that he racked up \$2,000 worth of speeding tickets in an hour.

Police said Jose Romero-Valenzuela, 34, of Las Vegas, Nev., was zooming west Wednesday morning and got pulled over three times — first at 105 mph, then at 98 mph and finally at 92 mph.

Besides fines and penalties, police said his license could be suspended for up to 90 days if he's found guilty on the citation alleging driving in excess of 100 mph.

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Man accused of defacing buildings

Seven warrants have been filed against a Morgantown man, charging him with spray-painting inappropriate words and images on private property, including a church.

Travis Ray Belcher, 22, is free on bond, Morgantown Police Chief Ed Preston said. Warrants were served on Belcher last weekend.

Preston said Belcher is believed to be solely responsible for graffiti found on five buildings on Weaver Street, one on Bergamont Street and the Garrison Avenue First Church of the Nazarene since Jan. 7. He also is suspected of tagging city roads and other

private property.

Search for missing man continues

Star City volunteer firefighters continued to search for the body of a local fisherman who went missing Feb. 28 from the Edith B. Barill Riverfront Park pier.

Fred McCauley, 62, told his family that he was going fishing at Riverfront Park, officials said. His van was found in the parking lot and his tackle box was at the end of the pier.

The weather created problems for searchers. Heavy current prevented divers and a river search from going on too long. Runoff from the heavy rains made it difficult to

see in the water.

Star City Fire Chief John Huber said searchers were walking the riverbank to the community of VanVoorhis regularly, checking for a body.

They aren't the only eyes there. Crew members on the barges traveling the river, along with staff at the Point Marion (Pa.) Lock and Dam, downstream, have been alerted to keep watch.

Smoking ban goes into effect

If you plan to light up that cigarette, you'd better go outside.

Smoking bans in Morgantown and Monongalia County went into effect Friday, prohibiting smoking in

all bars, restaurants and workplaces. Seventeen businesses are exempt so they can modify their facilities.

The only exemptions are hookah lounges and cigar bars that meet the Monongalia County Board of Health's (BOH) definition.

So if you see a sign on a business indicating that they are smoke-free, put those smokes away.

Residents who spot businesses allowing smoking are urged to report the business to the Monongalia County Health Department or the city of Morgantown.

Smokers who light up indoors, and won't extinguish their cigarettes or leave can be charged with trespassing.

An at-a-glance look at the top stories from last week



Jason DeProspero/The Dominion Post file photo

The front half of a Honda Civic sits in the middle of the eastbound lane on W.Va. 7 at the top of Pioneer Rocks after a wreck Thursday afternoon. The back half of the car and a Subaru involved in the accident were about 50 yards up the road.

FOIA helps man create assessment website

Traffic increased since property reappraisal done

BY TRACY EDDY
The Dominion Post

Traffic on David McKain's website — monfairassessments.org — increased after the results of the county-wide reappraisal were released in November, the Morgantown resident said.



When McKain started the website, it got 5-10 new visitors a day, he said. Right after taxpayers got notice of their new property values in November, traffic jumped to about 200 new visitors a day, he said.

"There's a substantial number of people using it as a resource."

The website — which McKain created roughly two years ago — makes it a little easier for Monongalia Coun-



David McKain

ty's taxpayers to get the information the assessor's office uses to value their properties. The data from tax years 2005-'12 can be found there, though the 2012 data aren't finalized.

"People deserve to know what their government is doing," McKain said. "I put [the website] up to show the public what is going on."

He started the website after he noticed the assessor's office was unfairly assessing recently sold homes — including his — based on their sale prices, he said.

Detailed information about a property — including its value, how many bedrooms and whether there's central air-conditioning — are on the website. Anyone can search for the information as long as they know the name of the property owner or the property's tax district, map and

parcel numbers.

McKain obtained the data through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request — the first one he ever wrote, he said. He has filed other requests since, as well as a lawsuit against the county assessor, to get it. The 2011 lawsuit was settled out of court. The assessor gave McKain the data before a scheduled hearing.

County Assessor Rodney Pyles previously said he regretted approving McKain's initial FOIA request and tried to get the website shut down.

Now, Pyles said, "It's a good thing" the property values are posted online for taxpayers to access easily. He still thinks McKain's website gives more specifics about the properties than it should. "It goes a little beyond what it needs to do."

Certain property characteristics — such as the number of rooms, whether there's a basement or the type of heating system — should be kept private in accordance with a Jefferson County judge's 2000 rul-

ing, he said.

According to the court decision, releasing the data used for the assessor's computer-assisted mass appraisal system would be an invasion of taxpayers' privacy.

Taxpayers give out that information expecting it to be confidential, according to the decision, and if that data was released, it could make taxpayers less likely to cooperate with the assessor's office, reducing the assessment process' quality. The information could also be used by criminals or people looking to sell a certain product — such as central air conditioning — or service — such as remodeling work.

McKain said anyone could get the information he puts on his website from a real estate website or driving by the properties. "If I believed the data [were] confidential or actually hurtful, I wouldn't put it up," he said.

Pyles said he had asked McKain to help clarify the difference in the notices taxpayers received in November and January on his website.

The November notices gave the properties' appraised values and the January ones listed the assessed values — which is 60 percent of the appraised value.

Some taxpayers may have seen the numbers and thought their appraisals had been reduced, when they actually weren't, Pyles said. "I don't know the user total for the site, but I thought it would be useful information to get out there."

McKain said he hopes his website can convince other West Virginia counties to post their information online.

A representative from the Kanawha County Assessor's Office said the office typically only releases data on a particular property to the person who owns that property. Other county assessor's offices — such as those in Cabell, Marshall and Pocahontas — post the data online.

McKain said he has no plans to take down the website anytime soon — it costs him about \$60 a year to maintain it.

"It's worth it to make the data accessible."

School to host trivia night

Submitted to The Dominion Post

St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School (Family Service Association) will host Trivia Night at 7 p.m. March 24, in St. John's Parish Hall, 1481 University Avenue, Morgantown.

Ten-person teams can be organized in advance or you can come alone or in a smaller group and be placed on a team that evening. Cost is \$10 per person. Bring your own refreshments and table setup (napkins, plates, etc.).

In addition to a 50/50 raffle and door prizes, the winning team will be awarded \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25. All proceeds go to support the Falcon Fund, a tuition assistance fund for students in need.

Info: Judy Hatcher at dnjhatcher@comcast.net.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UPS

■ All flowers at East Oak Grove and Oak Grove cemeteries are to be removed by March 22 for spring cleanup. Any flowers remaining on the cleanup date will be removed.
■ All flowers must be removed from Pleasant Hill Cemetery, South Pierpont Road, prior to April 6 for spring cleanup.

CLARIFICATIONS

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RIGHTS

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three. Two people named two of the freedoms and five remembered one.

Three people didn't know any of them.

The most popular correct answer was freedom of speech, which 17 people were able to identify, followed by the freedom of religion, answered correctly by 12 people.

In third place was the freedom of the press, which was recited by 10 people.

That was when the numbers started to go downhill.

Only four people remembered the right to peaceful assembly; however it should be noted that one of the participants was given credit for the right to "peaceful protest." No one remembered the right to petition.

Morgantown residents are not alone in finding it difficult to recite the five freedoms in the First Amendment, which is one of the 10 amend-

ments in the Bill of Rights.

According to a July 2011 report by the First Amendment Center, 30 percent of Americans cannot list any of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. In *The Dominion Post* survey, it was 15 percent.

The report also showed that 62 percent of Americans were able to name the freedom of speech, 19 percent could identify the freedom of religion, 17 percent mentioned the freedom of the press, 14 percent said the right to assemble and 3 percent named the right to petition.

"The percent of Americans who can name these five First Amendment rights has generally increased over the years since the project began in 1997," the report said.

The report also reveals that the majority of Americans believe the First Amendment doesn't go too far with the rights it guarantees — 79 percent compared to the 18 percent

SUNSHINE WEEK is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants include news media, civic groups, libraries, nonprofits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know.

SURVEY RESULTS

An informal survey of 20 Morgantown residents asked them to name the five freedoms in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The results were:
■ 17: The number of people who recited freedom of speech
■ 12: The number of

people who recited freedom of religion
■ 10: The number of people who recited freedom of the press
■ 4: The number of people who recited freedom of assembly
■ 0: The number of people who recited freedom to petition

that think it does.

The 2011 First Amendment Center report had a sampling size of 1,006 with a 95 percent level of confidence, which

means that "there is only one chance in 20 that the results ... would differ by more than 3.2 percentage points in either direction."

SUNSHINE WEEK

Monday

■ It's cheaper to get a criminal complaint in person.

Tuesday

■ Researchers, media among those that make information requests at WVU.

Wednesday

■ Review of state legislation.

Thursday

■ How the public can get information.

Friday

■ Most common requests at government agencies, WVU.

LOTTERIES

WEST VIRGINIA

Daily 3: 7-7-7
Daily 4: 4-3-1-5

PENNSYLVANIA (midday)

Daily Number: 5-1-8
Big 4: 0-7-3-9
Cash 5: 04-15-20-27-30

(evening)

Daily Number: 7-5-0
Big 4: 6-7-4-5

MARYLAND (afternoon)

Pick 3: 8-4-7
Pick 4: 5-4-7-2

MEGA MILLIONS

09-10-27-36-42
Mega Ball: 11
Megaplier: x4
Jackpot: \$148 million

DUE TO an early press deadline, not all lottery numbers were available.

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Find out if WVU men's basketball team makes NCAA cut.

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NCAA-bound

WVU women learn destination.

Wednesday

Beer breakdown

The differences between lagers and ales.

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Scott's Run help

North Dakota students work at Settlement House.



Friday

Spring practice

WVU football team hits the field.

Saturday

Pro Day

Former WVU football players show their talents.

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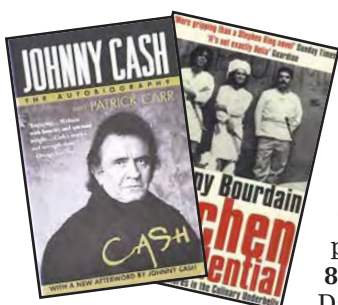
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CITY: Morgantown
OCCUPATION: Co-owner of Black Bear Burritos
EDUCATION: WVU Advertising/School of Journalism degree
FAMILY: Wife, Jessie; and children, Colt (5), Nash (3) and Clay (six months)
HOBBIES: Hiking, fishing, biking (now Hot Wheels, Legos and Nerf guns)

1. **Last book read:** "Kitchen Confidential," by Anthony Bourdain or "Cash: The Autobiography," by Johnny Cash.
2. **Favorite movie:** "Big" (starring Tom Hanks).
3. **Favorite comfort food:** Homemade pizza.
4. **If I were king/queen for the day, I would appoint a new king.**
5. **Striking success:** Creating a family,



- building a "Home" and getting Jessy to marry me — I won her at a carnival.
6. **Striking failure:** I have no patience.
7. **Major pet peeve:** Lack of state pride.
8. **Favorite childhood memory:** Days at "The Lake" with family and friends or coming to WVU football games.
9. **A person who has had a great influence**

- on me: Without a doubt, my parents.
10. **Favorite junk food:** Chex Party Mix.
11. **Favorite subject in school:** (Creative) advertising courses at WVU.
12. **If I could have a meal with one person, living or dead, it would be God, because the conversation would be good.**



BARTOLO

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as a deputy. He served as chief deputy for 16 years before being elected to the first of two consecutive terms as sheriff in 1989.

State election laws forced him to sit out a term, but Bartolo was later re-elected sheriff in 2000 and 2004. He retired Dec. 31, 2008, and died two weeks later, at the age of 71.

During his tenure, Bartolo initiated the DARE program in county schools and civil service in the sheriff's department.

He also helped get the county's funds put in an interest-bearing account, increased officer participation in DMV DUI hearings and obtained county



Bob Gay/The Dominion Post file photo

A canopy extends over the entranceway to the new Mon County Sheriff's Department building.

bomb and drug dogs, among other accomplishments. "He deserves it," Bill

Bartolo said, of the dedication to honor his brother. "People will be reminded

of his memory. There are still people around that know Joe. It'll prompt some discussion."

Bartolo said the \$3,600 plaque is particularly meaningful because it was paid for with private donations from local businesses and community members.

Kisner said Mitch Brozik, owner and president of Secure US, was among those who contributed.

"We were proud to be asked to be a part of this," Brozik said. "Joe was a long-standing member of our community that is sorely missed. Hopefully this plaque will continue his spirit and the work that he did for many years to come."

Help available for benefit application

The Dominion Post

Assistance to applicants for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act will be available from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 28, at the UMWA District office, 310 Gaston Ave., Fairmont. Staff from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Office of Workers' Compensation, Division of Coal Mine Workers Compensation will be available.

The Black Lung Benefits Act provides monthly payments and medical benefits to coal miners totally

disabled from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) arising from their employment in or around the nation's coal mines.

It also provides monthly benefits to a miner's dependent survivors.

The program provides two types of medical services related to black lung disease: Diagnostic testing for all miner-claimants and, for miners entitled to monthly benefits, medical coverage for treatment of black lung disease and disability.

Info: 1-800-347-3751.

BAN

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prohibits smoking in all bars, restaurants and workplaces in the county.

It went into effect Friday. Bucklew said she was glad to have the extension, but she still doesn't agree with the ban. "If people want to smoke, they should be able to do it."

Martin agreed, calling the ban a dictatorship. "I think it's wrong, but we will play by the rules."

Many businesses with extensions have the same blueprint — an outdoor deck.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT about anyone violating the countywide smoking ban, call the Monongalia County Health Department at 304-598-5100 or visit mchdenvironmentalhealth.weebly.com/report-a-problem.html.

Buck's Corner Pub, on Brockway Avenue, also plans to build a deck on the side of the building between Brockway Avenue and Peninsula Boulevard, Manager Kari Turner said. The deck could

eat up some of the pub's parking spaces.

Turner said she's still not really OK with the smoking ban. "That's taking away your freedoms. Business owners should be able to decide for themselves what they want to do."

The Blue Parrot Cabaret, on Mileground Road, could build two separate decks on the side on the gentleman's club, owner Jeff Baron said. One deck would be for the customers, he said, and the other would be for employees.

Baron said the Blue Parrot — and other bars that previously allowed smoking — should be grandfathered in. "We opened our business under a certain set of parameters," he said. "And now one of those is gone."

He also said businesses should have been given at least a year to prepare for the ban's implementation.

Bruce Sidwell, co-owner of LoJak's in Westover, said the bar needs 60 days to build the deck, especially since the construction is happen-

ing in Westover city limits and needs to go through the city's permitting process.

He called the smoking ban unconstitutional. "I don't think that's very fair," he said. "We don't have a choice, but five unelected officials can make a law and we have to follow it."

Big Kahuna's, on Grafton Road, already has a deck, co-owner Pam Bryan said, but she said they will renovate it for the smokers — cleaning it up, putting out ashtrays and installing a cover to protect smokers from the

inclement weather. Bryan said some additional work will be needed to better stabilize the deck, as well.

"The Monongalia County Health Department set the rules," she said. "And we have to abide by them."

Health department staff will inspect the 17 businesses routinely, Welch said. Businesses will have to comply with the ban once the construction is done, he said. Inspectors will also look at the work to make sure it's progressing at a reasonable pace.



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Woman gives birth to 14 lb. son

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A Southern California woman said doctors predicted she would give birth to a big baby boy, but nobody was prepared for just how big.

Jayden Sigler weighed in at 13 pounds, 14 ounces, when the healthy boy was delivered Thursday by cesarean section.

His mother, Cynthia Sigler, of Vista, said that

her immediate reaction was: "How'd he fit?"

Doctors initially estimated that Jayden would weigh about 9 pounds, but that number jumped to 11 by early March, the mother said.

Dr. Jerald White, who delivered the baby at Tri-City Medical Center, said Jayden was the biggest of the 20,000 newborns he has helped usher into the world since he started in 1961.

Norse wants to be 1st to get N.Y. gas permits

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — While New York regulators wrap up a 4-year environmental impact study of shale-gas drilling that has driven most energy companies to other states, a Norwegian company hopes to be first in line if New York starts issuing permits.

Dozens of permit applications for wells in New York's part of the lucrative Marcellus shale were filed in 2008 and 2009 with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Then the DEC said no permits will be issued until the completion of its environmental review of gas production using horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

Companies stopped applying.

The only exception is Norse Energy, which has submitted seven applications since November. The applications are for wells in central New York within 50 miles of the Pennsylvania border, the towns of Smithville, Coventry and Smyrna in Chenango County, and Sanford in Broome County.

That area is considered among the most gas-rich land in New York's share of the Marcellus shale, which underlies southern New York and parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and is estimated to contain 84 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas. That's enough to

supply the nation's gas-burning electrical plants for 11 years, at current rates of use.

Thousands of gas wells have been drilled in the Marcellus in the last five years, the majority in Pennsylvania, bringing new wealth to economically depressed areas, a bonanza of cheap fuel to the energy-hungry Northeast, and a great deal of political conflict arising from environmental and health concerns.

Norse Energy has hundreds of producing natural gas wells in less-rich sandstone formations in central and western New York, but shale gas is the real prize.

"We're incurable optimists," said Dennis Holbrook, executive vice president of

Norse Energy Holdings in Buffalo. "While the big guys vacated the state, we've remained the most active driller in New York state over the last few years, trying to find other formations to pursue while waiting on high volume with shale."

In its fourth-quarter 2011 earnings report released in February, Norse said it had received acknowledgement from DEC that all seven of its shale gas permits have been accepted and are in the queue awaiting final resolution of the environmental review.

"These wells are part of an aggressive development plan targeting early expiring leased acreage," the report said.

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Action urged to stop restraining school students

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of students, most of them disabled, are strapped down or physically restrained in school, and disability advocates hope that a new Education Department report detailing the practice of "seclusion and restraint" will spur federal action to end it.

The report, compiled and made public for the first time by the department's civil rights arm, shows that 70 percent of students subjected to the techniques have disabilities. There are no current federal standards on the use of the techniques in schools.

The American Association of School Administrators said they are a last resort in protecting students and faculty from physical harm and keeping some children with behavioral problems in schools who might otherwise go into residential institutions. Advocates for the disabled say the use of seclusion and restraint is too accepted in schools and has led to abuse. They want Congress or the department to help curtail the practice.

They point to news reports and a Government Accountability Office study in 2009 illustrating cases of children as young as preschool age who were duct-taped to chairs and locked alone for hours. That report by Congress' investigative and auditing arm did not determine whether these types of allegations were widespread, but investigators did find "hundreds of cases of alleged abuse and death related to the use of these methods on schoolchildren during the past two decades."

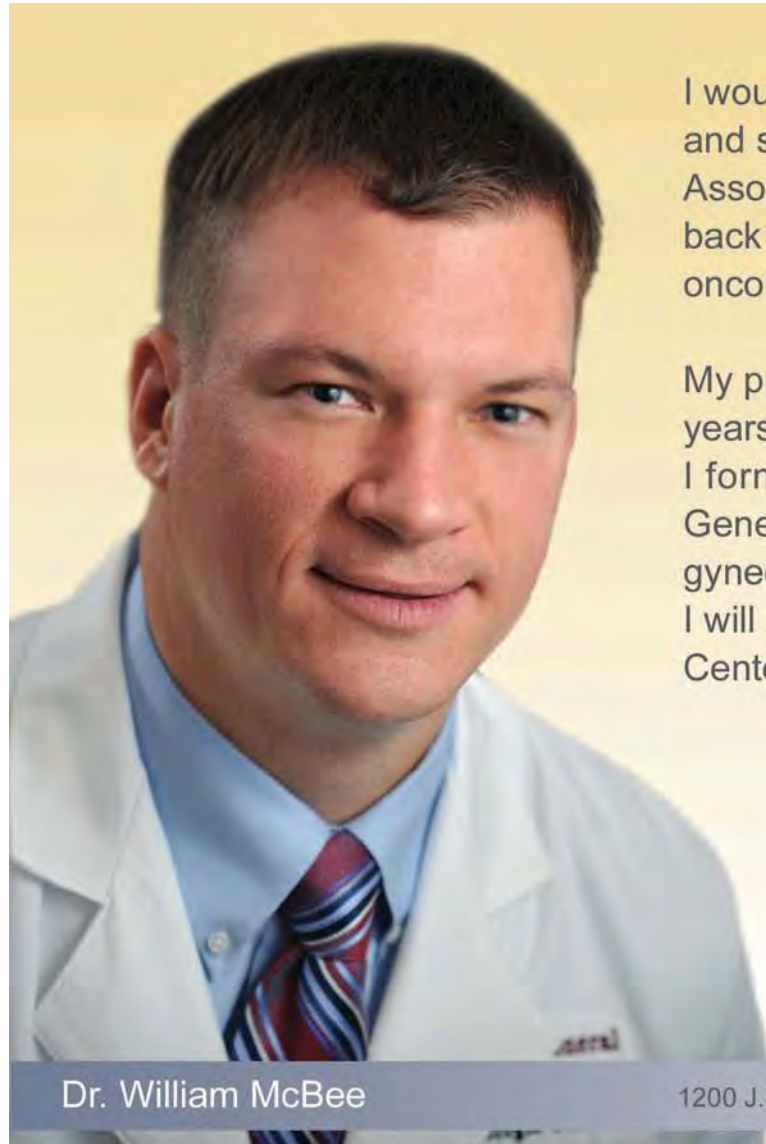
In one recent case, the mother of a Kentucky boy with autism said that when she went to her son's school, she found him stuffed in a canvas duffel bag in the hallway. Connecticut lawmakers are considering a bill that would require the state to report how often special education students are isolated because of emotional outbursts. That follows incidents in Middletown, Conn., where special education students were allegedly isolated in "scream rooms" during outbursts.

Sasha Pudelski, government affairs manager at the school administrators association, said except in rare cases, school workers use seclusion and restraint safely and only when necessary. She said federal action isn't appropriate because the issue should be addressed at the local and state level, which is happening.

"We would never defend the heinous practices that are sometimes highlighted," Pudelski said.

People on both sides of the debate said the new numbers don't show a complete picture.

Because they are based on a survey that relied on self-reporting in about 85 percent of schools, activists said there are likely many more cases. Pudelski said it was the first time that schools were asked to compile the statistics, so there was confusion about how to count some situations, and therefore probably over-reporting.



Dr. William McBee

I would like to thank the tremendous group of physicians and staff at Heiskell King Burns and Tallman Surgical Associates. They were extremely supportive as I moved back to the Morgantown area to start my gynecologic oncology practice in July, 2010.

My practice has grown significantly over the past two years and I decided to expand my practice regionally. I formed Mid Atlantic Gynecologic Oncology of Mon General Hospital. I will still care for women with benign gynecologic and gynecologic oncology conditions. I will now see patients in the Zelda Stein Weiss Cancer Center at Mon General Hospital beginning March 5, 2012.


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OBITUARIES

Ottie M. Adkins



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Ottie M. Adkins, 97, a resident of Sundale Nursing Home, formerly of Midkiff, WV, had her prayer to "go home to see Jesus and her husband" answered on March 7, 2012, which would have been their 81st anniversary.

She was born Aug. 29, 1914. She attended Christian & Missionary Alliance Church of Morgantown.

Surviving are four daughters, Darlene (Eddie) McCoy, Jacqueline (Kent) Bowker, Linda (Tom) McNeely and Debra (Dale) Adkins; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by all.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Oval E. Adkins; her parents, Milard & Cordella Clay; a daughter, Regina Delores Johnson; a granddaughter, Stephanie Rene Justice; and several brothers and sisters.

A very special thank you to Linda for all the loving care that she gave, and to the many caregivers of Sundale Nursing Home.

Friends may call at McGhee-Handley Funeral Home, West Hamlin, WV, from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, and from 1 p.m. Monday, March 12, until the 2 p.m. funeral service, with Ottie's grandsons, the Rev. Glen Johnson and the Rev. Dennis Eldon Bills officiating. Burial will follow at Dial Cemetery, Branchland, WV.

Irene B. Reed

Irene B. Reed, of Mt. Juliet, TN, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2012, at Alive Hospice of Nashville.

Irene was born in Morgantown, daughter of Walter and Carmela Nellie (Lemine) Bernoski.

Mrs. Reed was a former member of Church of the Good Shepherd/St. Christopher Episcopal Church. A former member of the Episcopal Church Women's Association, the Altar Guild and Summit Garden Club. Mrs. Reed was an active volunteer for many years in numerous organizations. Irene was well known for the rewards of her gardening talent and for her wonderful baking and cooking ability. Her family and friends always enjoyed a superb meal at her table.

Irene is survived by her children, Kelley E. Reed IV, and Elizabeth "Betsy" Reed (David Singleton); a brother, Walter (Ruth) Bernoski Jr.; two sisters, Theresa (Dan) Graef, and Carmen Adams (Robert DeHoedt); as well as many nephews and nieces and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Mrs. Reed is also survived by Jane Ehman Reed, Sally Reed Snyder, and Nancy Reed.

She was the widow of Kelley E. Reed III of Charleston, where they resided during their 43 years of marriage.

The Reeds would like to thank the many home health care providers for their compassion and devotion as they became part of the extended family. Their dedication to Irene's well-being and their efforts to keep her comfortable were so greatly appreciated by Irene and her entire family.

A memorial service was held at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Nashville, where she was a current member, with the Rev. Vicky Burgess officiating. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at Sunset Memorial Park in Charleston, where her ashes will be interred next to her husband.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Reed's memory to Hospice Odyssey, 1400 Donelson Pike, Suite B-5, Nashville, TN 37217.



Bonita Elaine Rose

Together again, Bonita Elaine Rose, 85, of Morgantown, passed away Friday, March 9, 2012, at Monongalia General Hospital.

Bonita was born in Morgantown on Oct. 13, 1926, the daughter of the late Mongo and Nell Ogden Weimer.

She is survived by two sons & spouses, Joseph A. Rose III & Donna of Lost Creek, and Richard Rose & Berhline of Dover, OH; a daughter, Deborah Adrian of Morgantown; six grandchildren, Jamie Rose & wife Karla, Joseph Rose & wife Amber, Nicole Gautier, Michael Rose & wife Melissa, Angela Bartlett & husband Jason, Paul Gargarella II & wife Jeanna; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Barbara Bowman of Worcester, OH; sisters-in-law, Rose Weimer and Julia Weimer, both of Morgantown; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Joseph A. Rose II, in 1979; and brothers, Donald Weimer and Robert Weimer.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 12, at East Oak Grove Cemetery with the Rev. Richard G. Rose officiating.

Donations may be made in Bonita's memory to St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Condolences: hastingsfuneralhome.com



Patricia A. O'Donnell

Patricia A. O'Donnell, 89, of Redstone Highlands, North Huntingdon, PA, went peacefully to her own reward on Friday, March 9, 2012, following an extended illness.

Born Aug. 16, 1922, in Detroit, she was the daughter of the late James and Nora Cloonan, and wife of the late John Edward O'Donnell.

She is survived by two sons, John E. Esquire & wife Diana of McKeesport, PA, and Dr. James M. & wife Kim of Morgantown; and two granddaughters, Dr. Anne E. of Boston, and Kerry A. of Independence, MO. Her surviving family includes a sister, Mary Ellen of Euliss, TX, and two sisters-in-law, Patricia of Turtle Creek, PA, and Arlene of Monroeville, PA, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by brothers James and Jack.

Friends will be received at James W. Shirley Funeral Home, 176 Clay Pike, North Huntingdon, from 2-8 p.m. Monday. A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, at St. Agnes Church, North Huntingdon, followed by interment in Braddock Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Redstone Highlands, North Huntingdon, Benevolent Fund.

Condolences: shirleyfuneralhome.com

ALL OBITUARIES can be directed to obits@dominionpost.com.

Edward Paul 'Butch' 'Mouse' Willard

Edward Paul "Butch" "Mouse" Willard, 58, of Illinois, passed away Feb. 22, 2012, at his home after a brave and hard-fought battle against pancreatic cancer.



Edward Willard

He was born June 26, 1953, in Waynesburg, PA, one of six children of George and Sharon (Dumire) Willard of Cassville.

He was a graduate of University High School in 1971. He then joined the U.S. Army. Afterwards, he relocated to the Illinois area, where he was a well-known self-employed contractor. He was a beloved son, brother, father, grandfather and friend. Ed thrived on competition, playing in dart leagues, pool leagues and softball teams. He also enjoyed good games of corn hole, especially at family get-togethers.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Jacqueline (Huet) Willard, whom he married Feb. 3, 2012; five children, Brandi Willard of Illinois, Brian Willard-Brennan & partner Ryan Brennan of Missouri, Natalie Willard of Oklahoma, Adam Stanley & fiancée Jamie of Illinois, Joshua Walker of Missouri; two stepchildren, Levi Frazier and Kelsey Frazier, both of Illinois; five grandchildren, Joseph Taylor Ricco of Colorado, Niko Kristopher Brennan of Missouri, Gianna Willard of Oklahoma, Brayden and Christopher Stanley of Illinois.

He is also survived by five brothers and sisters, George Willard Jr. & wife Cheryl of South Amherst, Ohio, Diana Shisler & husband Jim of Laurel Point, Keith Willard of Core, Kim Kirkendall & husband Mike of Cheat Lake, Laura Horton & husband Doug of Bruceon Mills; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jesse Paul & Laura Bell (Varner) Willard, and Freeman Keith & Isabelle (Smith) Dumire.

He was buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Illinois with the Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 conducting military graveside rites. A memorial service will be held in Morgantown at a later date.

If you knew Ed and would like to be notified about memorial, please send a message to laurarn1999@yahoo.com.

Condolences: laurarn1999@yahoo.com

Virginia DeCarlo

Virginia DeCarlo, of Morgantown, passed away Thursday, March 8, 2012, at Ruby Memorial Hospital.

Family and friends will be received at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Star City, from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 12, and Tuesday, March 13, from 11 a.m. until the noon Mass of Christian Burial with Father John V. DiBacco as celebrant. Entombment will follow at St. Mary's Peace Garden Mausoleum.

Hastings Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John Dwight Cole

John Dwight Cole, 65, of Masontown, went to be with the Lord, with his family by his side on March 9, 2012, at Preston Memorial Hospital.

He was born Aug. 31, 1946, in Charleroi, PA.

He was a loving son, father, brother and grandfather. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing and camping. He was a self-employed truck driver and also worked for the Town of Reedsville for several years.

John is survived by his loving mother, Nelma Cole of Masontown; a son, Paul Cole of Masontown; a daughter, Tammy Cole of Morgantown; a stepdaughter, Carrie & husband Rich Cole of Oakland, MD; a stepson, Craig Shaffer of Clarksburg; a brother, "Buck" Jake Cole of Kingwood; grandchildren, Justin Cole, Adreona Cole, Christopher Cole, AJ Pell, Kiley Cole and Devyn Knotts; seven great-grandchildren; and two nephews, Jeffrey and Franklin Cole of Reedsville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Duane Cole of Masontown.

Cremation services provided by Field Funeral Home.

Friends may call Field Funeral Home from 5 p.m. Monday, March 12, until the 8 p.m. memorial service with the Rev. Kelly Gamble officiating.

Condolences: fieldfuneralhome.com



Calif. preacher concedes apocalypse prediction wrong

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A California preacher who convinced thousands of followers that the world would end has posted an online letter conceding he has no evidence of an impending apocalypse and will no longer predict global doom.

In a missive posted Thursday on his independent ministry's site, 90-year-old Harold Camping said he was asking for forgiveness for his sin in predicting Judgment Day, and has stopped trying to pinpoint future dates.

"We realize that many people are hoping they will know the date of Christ's return," Camping wrote. "We humbly acknowledge we were wrong about the timing."

Camping's Family Radio International broadcasts his messages from the nonprofit's headquarters in a squat building near the Oakland airport. In recent years, the organization spent millions of dollars — some of it from listeners' donations — putting up thousands of billboards plastered with his prediction of the Rapture.

Marie Exley, 33, was among those who spent her own money to put up apocalypse-themed billboards in Colorado, and later met her husband while passing out Bible tracts in Japan.

The pair traveled through Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq to pub-

licize Camping's prophecy and spent May 21 holed up in Montana waiting for the end. She said Thursday she was glad that the Christian preacher had acknowledged he didn't know everything about the Rapture.

"Sure, I was looking forward to it, but it's actually a blessing to reconnect with family and friends," said Exley, who is writing a screenplay about her experience. "I think it was good for Mr. Camping to humble himself and admit he was wrong and take the heat for that ... but I should have done more careful studying and been more cautious about what I was proclaiming myself."

Camping, a retired civil engineer, had originally forecast that some 200 million people would be saved when the globe was destroyed, and warned that those left behind would die in earthquakes, plagues and other scourges until Earth was consumed by a fireball.

After May 21 came and went, many listeners were crestfallen, particularly those who had quit their jobs or donated some of their retirement savings or college funds to get out the word. Three days later, Camping revised his prophecy, saying that Earth actually would be obliterated on Oct. 21. He said a mathematical error also prevented an earlier apocalyptic prediction from materializing in 1994.

Suspect arrested in Wash. attack

Associated Press

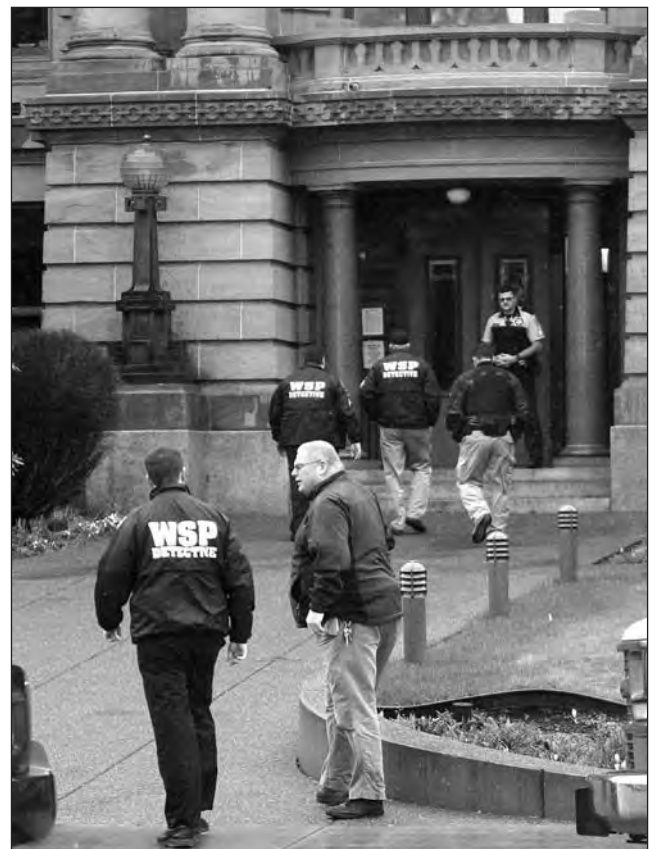
SEATTLE — Police in Washington state have arrested a 34-year-old man accused of stabbing a judge and shooting a sheriff's deputy in a courthouse struggle, ending a manhunt that spanned two counties.

Grays Harbor County Undersheriff Rick Scott says Steven Daniel Kravetz was taken into custody without incident Saturday afternoon by authorities in Olympia. He did not have further details.

Scott identified Kravetz earlier in the day as the lone assailant in Friday's courthouse attack in Montesano, Wash., that wounded Judge David Edwards and Deputy Polly Davin. Investigators believe he called his mother for a ride out of the area after the attack.

Dozens of law enforcement officers searched for the suspected attacker Saturday, before he was located in Olympia.

Olympia Police Lt. Jim Costa said that he gave himself up voluntarily shortly after 1:30 p.m.



AP photo

Washington State Patrol detectives investigate outside the Grays Harbor County courthouse where Superior Court Judge Dave Edwards was stabbed and corrections officer Polly Davin was shot during a confrontation in the courthouse in Montesano, Wash., on Friday.

News pioneer Jay McMullen dies

Associated Press

GREENWICH, Conn. — Jay McMullen, an investigative reporter who was among the first to use hidden cameras and posed as a drug buyer or gambler for months to produce TV and radio documentaries, has died in Connecticut at age 90.

The former CBS Reports writer, reporter, producer and director had blood clots in his lungs and died of natural causes early Saturday in Greenwich Woods Hospice, his daughter, Anne McMullen of Olympia, Wash., said from the family home in Greenwich.

McMullen spent all but two years of his 37-year career at CBS, where he worked with Edward R. Murrow, Walter Cronkite and others in radio and television documentaries, the network said in a statement.

One of McMullen's most outstanding documentaries was "Biography of a Bookie Joint," which he narrated with Cronkite. The 1961 CBS Reports documentary used a surveillance camera to record Boston police officers and other gamblers entering and leaving a betting parlor disguised as a key store.

McMullen went undercover to place bets and get

footage using a camera inside a lunch box. The report triggered the demotion of senior police officers and the resignation of the commissioner of New England's largest police force.

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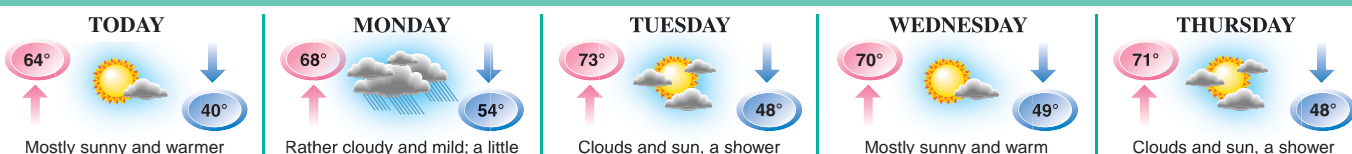
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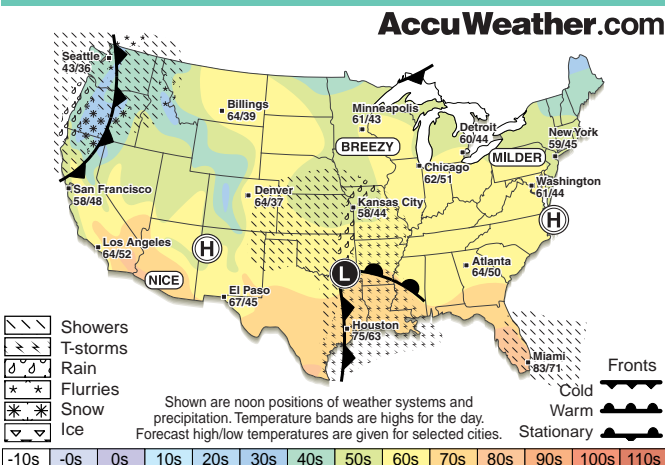
Brookstone Plaza, Green Bag Road; 6 p.m., Woodburn Hall, Room 110, WVU Downtown Campus; 8 p.m., Chestnut Ridge Hospital. Info: aawv.org.
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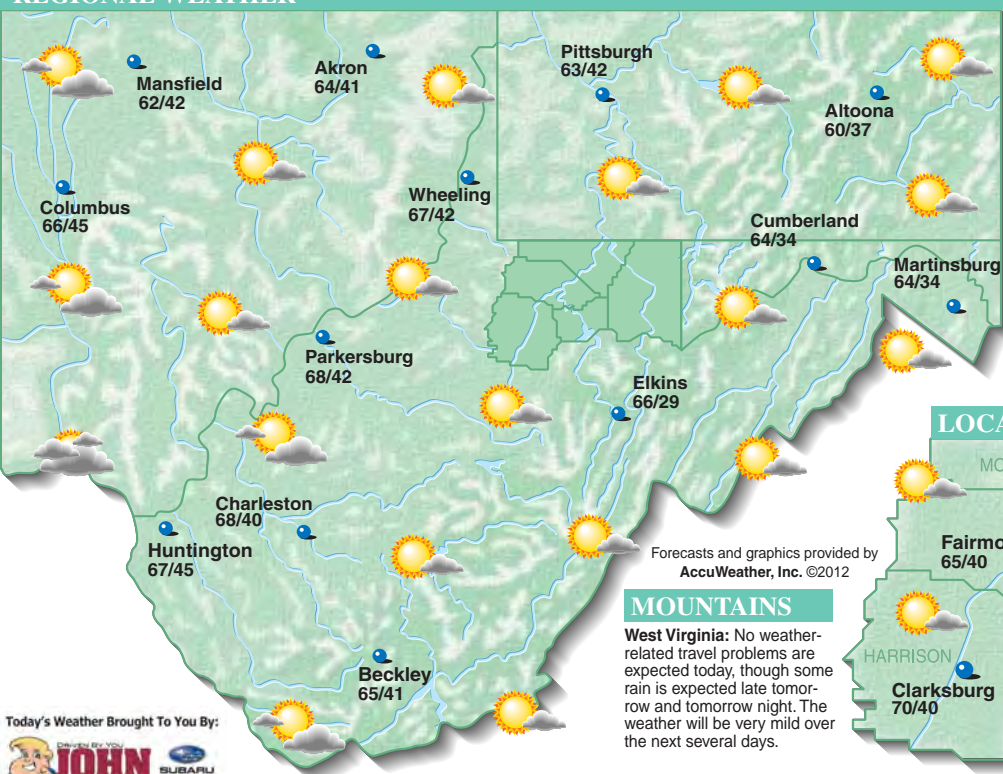
FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR MORGANTOWN



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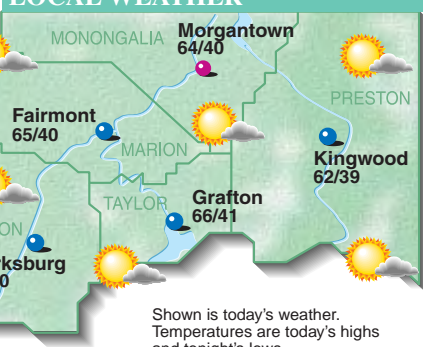
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Sunrise today 7:37 a.m.
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Moonrise today 11:46 p.m.
Moonset today 9:14 a.m.

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SKI CONDITIONS

Ski Area	New snow (in)	Base (in)	Trails Open
Canaan Valley	0	12-24	15
Seven Springs, PA	0	14-22	24
Snowshoe/Silver Creek	0	0-36	52
Timberline Four Seasons	0	17-34	27
Wisp, MD	0	20-20	21

Snow reports provided by OnTheSnow.com

SOLAR TABLES

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

Day	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Sun.	2:36 a.m.	8:51 a.m.	3:05 p.m.	9:20 p.m.
Mon.	3:41 a.m.	9:55 a.m.	4:10 p.m.	10:25 p.m.
Tue.	4:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
Wed.	5:48 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	6:17 p.m.	---
Thu.	6:47 a.m.	12:32 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	1:01 p.m.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Beckley, WV	65/41/s	64/50/c
Charleston, WV	68/40/s	67/53/r
Columbus, OH	66/45/s	62/54/r
Cumberland, MD	64/34/s	69/46/r
Fairmont, WV	65/40/s	68/53/r
Grafton, WV	66/41/s	68/53/r
Huntington, WV	67/45/s	70/55/r
Kingwood, WV	62/39/s	66/54/r
Pittsburgh, PA	63/42/s	59/48/r
Wheeling, WV	67/42/s	63/52/r

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

LAKES AND RIVERS

Lake	7 a.m. Yes.	24-hour Change
Cheat Lake	964.11	+2.81
Deep Creek, MD	2458.93	+0.05
Jennings Randolph	1457.57	+0.11
Stonewall Jackson	1069.98	+0.21
Tygart	1046.01	-0.76
Youghiogheny	1426.77	none

River Stages
Fld: flood stage, Prs: stage in feet at 7 a.m. yesterday, Chg: change in previous 24 hours. M: missing.

Monongahela	Fld.	Prs.	Chg.
Morgantown	22	10.15	+0.05

ALMANAC

Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 11, the 71st day of 2012. There are 295 days left in the year.

HIGHLIGHT:
IN 2011, a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Japan's north-eastern coast, a combined disaster that killed nearly 20,000 people and caused grave damage to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station in the world's worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl.

ON THIS DATE:
IN 1888, the famous Blizzard of '88 began inundating the north-eastern United States, resulting in about 400 deaths.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:
Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 81. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 78. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 62. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 62. Recording executive Jimmy Iovine is 59. Singer Nina Hagen is 57. Country singer Jimmy Fortune (The Statler Brothers) is 57. Actor-director Peter Berg is 50. Singer Lisa Loeb is 44. Actor Johnny Knoxville is 41. Actress Thora Birch is 30. Actor Rob Brown is 28.

Offering your place in line is thoughtful

DEAR ABBY: Whenever I see a pregnant woman or an elderly person in line behind me who seems uncomfortable or tired, I always want to let them go ahead of me. Is this regarded as a nice gesture, or does it make them feel pathetic and helpless? — RACHEL IN TENNESSEE

DEAR RACHEL: It's regarded as a thoughtful gesture. If someone feels that your deference is offensive, then he or she is free to refuse your generous offer. And if that happens — which I doubt will happen frequently — do not blame yourself.

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from me on Sept. 26, 2011. It was signed "Looking for a Date — in the Future." Thank you for printing it, and I'd like to give you an update on my life.

I now realize that men have been approaching me quite frequently, but instead of showing outright interest and asking me for a date, they ask me to "hang out" or if I'm coming over to their place — as if they're confirming plans we never made. Because of this I have been on a few dates that I didn't realize WERE dates until after the fact.

But I have also been on



JEANNE PHILLIPS

several real dates with one particular man I'm now seeing exclusively. When I saw him, I actually took the first step and introduced myself to him instead of waiting for him to notice and approach me. I'm so glad I did because although I always hoped that soul mates exist, I was hesitant to believe that "you just know."

I feel silly and disappointed in myself for having gotten married before without feeling this way, but I'm happily learning from my mistake. I hope you'll print this so it will give others hope when it feels like there is no hope to be had. Thanks again, Abby. — HAPPY READER IN TRIANGLE, VA.

DEAR HAPPY READER: You were sweet to write and give me an update. Not all my readers do, and it's always nice to read about happy endings.

JEANNE PHILLIPS writes "Dear Abby" under the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

TV LISTINGS

3/11/12	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST CHANNELS												
2	KDKA	NCAA Select Show	60 Minutes	The Amazing Race	The Good Wife	Long Way Home	CSI: Miami	Rest in Pieces	KDKA-TV News	Cochran Sports Show-down		
4	WTAE	ABC World News	Channel Action News	Funnies Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	Desp. Housewives	GCB	Hell Hath No Fury	Channel 4 Action News			
5	WDTV	NCAA Select Show	60 Minutes	The Amazing Race (N)	The Good Wife (N)	CSI: Miami (N)	5 News	Insider				
7	WTRF	NCAA Select Show	60 Minutes	The Amazing Race (N)	The Good Wife (N)	CSI: Miami (N)	13 News	Num3rs				
9	WTOV	Golf WGC-Cadillac Championship Final Round Site: TPC Blue Monster at Doral (L)	Dateline NBC Insider lottery wins. (N)	Harry's Law	The Celebrity Apprentice	Failure to Launch	News 9 Tonight	Sports Sunday				
11	WPXI	Golf	Dateline NBC (N)	Harry's Law (N)	Celebrity Apprentice	Failure to Launch	News	CashCb				
12	WBOY	Golf	Dateline NBC (N)	Harry's Law (N)	Celebrity Apprentice	Failure to Launch	12 News	Num3rs				
13	WQED	Under the Streetlamp	Richard Glazier in Concert: From Regime to Reel Time	Apassionata	Peter, Paul and Mary	25th Anniversary Concert	Peter, Paul and Mary	Inspired America	60s Pop, Rock and Soul			
22	WCWB	TMZ	That '70s Show "Baby Fever"	That '70s Show "Eric's Panties"	Old Christine "Crash"	The New Adventures of Old Christine	Friends	Friends	Always Sunny	Paid Program	Paid Program	Ring of Honor Wrestling
24	WNPB	Moyers and Company	Bob Ross: The Happy Painter	Great Performances	Live From the Artists Den	Adele	Bob Ross					
46	WVFX	Backyards Empire	Simpsons	Cleveland	Simps. (N)	BobB (N)	Fam.G (N)	AmerD (N)	Outdoors	Chris	The Unit	
53	WPGH	Paid Program	The Simpsons "The Food Wife"	Cleveland Show "Das Shrimp Boot" (N)	The Simpsons (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	Family Guy "Killer Queen" (N)	American Klausius" (N)	Channel 11 News	The Big Bang	Jack Van Impe	
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Breakout Kings (N)	Breakout Kings		
AMC	** Swordfish '01	John Travolta.	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead (N)	Comic Book Men (N)	The Walking Dead						
BET	Movie	** Ali (2001, Biography)	Mario Van Peebles, Jamie Foxx, Will Smith.	The Game Together	Together	Together						
CNN	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	72 Hours Under Fire	Piers Morgan Tonight	CNN Newsroom	72 Hours Under Fire						
DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced						
DISN	Jessie	Radio Rebel	'12) Debby Ryan.	Austin (N)	Shake (N)	A.N.T.	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	
ESPN	SportsCenter	Bracketology (L)	ESPN Films (N)	SportsCenter								
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing	Gatormationals Site: Gainesville Raceway	Bracketology	ESPN Films (N)								
FAM	Pirates of the Car...	** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	'06) Johnny Depp.	** Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story								
FOOD	Diners	WorstCooks	Cupcake Wars (N)	WorstCooks (N)	Stakeout (N)	Chopped						
FNC	Fox News	Fox Report Weekend	Huckabee	Stossel	Geraldo at Large	Huckabee						
FSN	Sports Unlimited	WPT Poker	WPT Poker	UFC Unleashed	Boxing Oscar De La Hoya's Fight Night Club							
HIST	Restore	Pawn Star	Ax Men	Ax Men	Full Metal Jousting	Top Shot						
LIFE	** Gracie's Choice	** My Sister's Keeper	'09) Abigail Breslin.	Army Wives (N)	Coming Home	My Sister's Keeper						
NICK	Sponge	Sponge	To Be Announced	'70s Show	'70s Show G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Wife Kids	Friends	Friends			
SPIKE	** Walking Tall	** Crank 2: High Voltage	Jason Statham.	** Enter the Dragon	'73) Bruce Lee.							
TNT	** National Treasure	'04) Nicolas Cage.	** Forrest Gump	'94, Com/Dra) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.	Falling Skies							
TVLAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	
USA	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Law & Order: S.V.U.	** Next Friday						
WE	My Fair Wedding	My Fair Wedding	My Fair Wedding	My Fair Wedding (N)	My Fair Wedding	My Fair Wedding						
WGN	Christine	Christine	30 Rock	M-Mother	M-Mother	M-Mother	M-Mother	M-Mother	WGN News/Replay	The Unit		
WTBS	*** Old School	*** The Hangover	'09) Ed Helms.	*** The Hangover	'09) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms.	Movie						
MOVIE CHANNELS												
HBO	The Transporter	Game Change	'11) Woody Harrelson.	Luck (N)	Down (N)	Life (N)	Luck					
MAX	** The Girl Next Door	'04) Emile Hirsch.	** Mercury Rising	'90) Bruce Willis.	** Date Night	'10) Tina Fey.	Guide					
SHOW	Extraordinary Me...	Shameless	Califor.	House Lies	Shameless	House Lies Califor.	Shameless					
TMC	Movie	Mercy	'09) Wendy Glenn.	*** Blue Valentine	'10) Ryan Gosling.	** Finding Amanda	Movie					

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Grid star to be inducted to hometown hall of fame.
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Local



Beer breakdown
The difference between lagers and ales.
Wednesday



MICHELLE WOLFORD
WOLFORD'S WINDOW

Advertising in the age of Jersey Shore

HOW DID WE GET from Rob and Laura Petrie, a married couple sleeping in twin beds, to Viagra ads and “have a nice period” in one lifetime?

How did we move from Speedy Alka Seltzer to hate-filled and hate-fueled political ads?

We’ve come a long way from the nice girls on “Petticoat Junction” to “Bad Girls Club.”

I know it was not a quick shift. I know it was done in steps, though those steps are murky to me now.

I very clearly remember **Hawkeye Pierce** calling someone an ass on an episode of “M*A*S*H.” I’m pretty sure my jaw hit the floor. I remember thinking, “Can he say that?”

But no one bleeped him. No one cut to a commercial.

And somehow we’ve evolved to the point that we’re bleeping more conversation than we’re airing.

Granted, I’ve spent more of my adult life with my nose in a book than glued to the TV, so it’s not entirely surprising that I missed a few stages of this drastic transformation. But those that I missed were major leaps from my childhood, when **Barney Fife** and the good people of Mayberry were the norm, not the exception.

Back in my day (which is an older person’s way of saying, “Listen up, kid — I know stuff”), there were things you didn’t talk about in polite company, much less in front of the kids. Among those were menstrual cycles, sex and bodily functions, including both diarrhea and incontinence.

Today, those are all hot topics for TV advertising.

I must confess that not once in my life have I had a problem with toilet tissue sticking to me. Is that because I use a superior product, or because I’m not a bear? And seriously, “We all go. Let’s enjoy the go” is the worst advertising slogan ever written ... or the most brilliant.

To tell the truth, I’m not sure any more.

I’m still reeling from the first time I heard, “Have a nice period.” I pray that was written by a man. Please? Otherwise, my world is completely out of whack and I may never recover.

When did all the things we weren’t talking about become the bulk of our shopping lists?

While I’m ranting about advertising ... or the decline of civilization or whatever it was I started out on, who was the rocket surgeon who decided the name of a supposedly healthy product — BelVita — should rhyme with the scary orange cheese food we call Velveeta. What were you thinking? Of all the made-up words in the world, why did you choose that one? I’m mystified.

And while we’re at it, shouldn’t cheese food be something we feed to cheese? Cheese food? Really?

Advertising is a complicated field. I don’t pretend to understand it, though I did spend a year or so writing advertising copy. (It was not my dream job. I’ll leave it at that.)

But I can assure you that no TP-bearing bear is going to sway my buying decisions.

MICHELLE WOLFORD writes Wolford’s Window, which appears each Sunday in *The Dominion Post*. She can be reached at columns@dominionpost.com.

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Many area murders follow a pattern

28 have been killed over last decade

BY BRANDY BRUBAKER
The Dominion Post

About half of the murders in the past decade in Monongalia and Preston counties were committed with a firearm.

Most victims and perpetrators were males in their 20s at the time of the murder. A vast majority of vic-

tims knew their killers. One murder suspect is on the run, and another fled the country and may have died, although no definitive proof of his death has ever been provided.

Twenty-eight people were murdered in 23 incidents in Monongalia and Preston counties between 2002 and 2012, according to a review of *The Dominion Post* archives. Twenty-three murders occurred in Monongalia County and five in Preston County. The statistics exclude the deaths of two unborn

babies and three murders in which two separate defendants were acquitted of murder.

Gunshot wounds were listed as the causes of death for 13 victims. An additional victim was shot and beaten, although a singular cause of death was not determined. Another victim was both shot and stabbed, both wounds causing his death.

Knife wounds claimed an additional four victims. Blunt force trauma was the cause of death

for four other victims, not including the victim who was both shot and beaten.

Other modes of death included a hanging, an arrow wound, fire and a paralytic drug.

Monongalia County Sheriff Al Kisner said murder by firearm is more impersonal than other modes of murder, which is why it is often the cause of death.

“You don’t have to be up close and personal,” he said.

SEE **MURDER**, 3-B

Good hare day



Petco assistant manager Jacob Ervin clips Sterling’s nails while Bunny Feathers founder **Shelley Poston** holds the rabbit still.

Bunny Feathers holds adoption event

FOR INFORMATION about Bunny Feathers Rabbit Rescue, call 304-692-3325, email bunny.feathers@comcast.net or visit dominionpost.com and click the link. For information about rabbit care, visit rabbit.org.

BY AMANDA DEPROSPERO
The Dominion Post

Twenty-one years ago, Shelley Poston was visiting a friend in the countryside when she was offered a rabbit. The bunny’s name was Emily, and she needed some tender loving care, as she hadn’t been taken care of properly.

“Out of the kindness of my heart, I took this bunny,” said Poston, who, at the time, didn’t know anything about caring for a rabbit. To learn, she went to the library.

“I just fell in love with that rabbit,” Poston said, and so began the organization she dubbed Bunny Feathers Rabbit Rescue. Why include “feathers” in the name? Because rabbit fur, as Poston’s been told, is so soft, it’s like petting feathers. And, she said, because she needed a different and unique name than other bunny rescue programs.



Muffin, a rabbit available for adoption through Bunny Feathers Rabbit Rescue, hangs out in the bunny kissing booth Saturday, at Petco.

Amanda DeProspero/
The Dominion Post

Since Poston first brought home Emily, she now runs the not-for-profit rescue sanctuary out of her home, as well as two foster homes. The rescue organization can take up to 12 rabbits at a time, and the goal is to find good homes for the animals, as well as spread awareness about how to care for these

loving, yet somewhat delicate, creatures.

“The problem for bunnies is, most people don’t know how to take care of them,” Poston said.

That was what Poston wanted to stress the most about rabbit

SEE **BUNNY**, 2-B

Tunnelton rescue truck gets new fire suppression system

Foam lighter, more effective than water

BY MICHELLE WOLFORD
The Dominion Post

TUNNELTON — Tunnelton Volunteer Fire Department’s (TVFD) new rescue truck now has a foam fire suppression system.

TVFD Chief Franklin Schnopp said Rescue 12 is equipped with a TriMax 30 Compressed Air Foam System that produces 600 gallons of firefighting foam from only 29 gallons of water and one gallon of a premixed foam agent.

The foam can be used “on any-

thing from a garbage-can fire to a tire fire,” he said.

Tunnelton has responded to both ends of that spectrum, including a tire fire at a recycling facility in Preston County was called to assist in that one.

The fire company also purchased two 3-gallon units that will travel on the rescue truck.

Schnopp said foam is a better fire suppressant than water.

Kingwood Fire Department Chief Corky Thomas, who also leads the county’s Hazardous Incident Response Team, said foam makes for a quicker knockdown.

“It smothers the fire,” he said. In a fuel fire, the foam suppresses vapors.

It also makes for a lighter hose, Thomas said.

Schnopp said a fire suppressed with foam is less likely to rekindle.

Another advantage the TriMax 30 offers is instant suppression — when the rescue truck arrives at an incident, it’s ready to go. You don’t need a tanker truck or a hydrant to fight the fire.

According to product literature, the foam also reduces black smoke production.

“This results in increased visibility and safety for both fire-

fighters and trapped victims within a burning structure,” it read.

Matthew Johnson, who sells the systems, said the mixture that makes foam — along with water and compressed air — is noncorrosive, nontoxic and biodegradable.

Tunnelton is the first fire department in the area to have the vertical system that’s in the rescue truck, Johnson said. Wheeled units are in use at National Guard units, including Camp Dawson.

Schnopp said the department is grateful to Doris and Larry Williams, owners of W.W. Service Center in Tunnelton, who helped fund the purchase.

SEE **BILL**, 5-B



Autism bill to Tomblin

Legislature works as session closes

BY DAVID BEARD
The Dominion Post

CHARLESTON — The autism insurance bill completed its legislative journey Saturday afternoon and headed to the governor.

The fates of two of the most talked-about bills of the session — the texting/cellphone bill and the governor’s substance abuse bill — were still uncertain as the House took its afternoon break to work on conference reports for the evening session.

The fate of the WVU Shale Research, Education, Policy and Economic Development Center was also being debated Saturday evening. The House disagreed with substantial Senate revisions of HB 4511, so it went to conference committee.

The final day of the regular session is always an ebb and flow. Some bills pass both chambers and go to the governor. Some bills pass both chambers but die for lack of agreement on amendments. Bills that pass both chambers and have a chance of survival go to conference committee, where members of both sides try to hash out a compromise — sometimes that happens, sometime it doesn’t.

Conference reports had to be filed by 9 p.m. and all action had to be completed by midnight.

Here’s a look at where bills stood as of press deadline Saturday. Monday’s edition will update the status of those bills still in the works Saturday evening.

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BUNNY

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ownership at the organization's adoption event Saturday at Petco. Especially, she said, as Easter approaches, a popular time for buying rabbits.

Many families will purchase rabbits without thinking about the nature and care of the animals, she said. For instance, people think they're cuddly creatures, she said. They can be, but you have to be careful about handling them.

"Bunnies do not like to be picked up," she said, as it makes them feel like prey. "They like to be in contact with the ground at all times." Their spines are also fragile, which is something else to think about when holding them, Poston said.

These factors, she said, make rabbits a precarious pet for children. The bunnies can become frightened and scratch kids, and, if aggravated, they can even bite, Poston said.

"Scratching, kicking and biting — that's all they can really do," she said.

The costs associated with keeping a rabbit happy and healthy are comparable to

owning a dog or cat.

The most important thing to remember about rabbit ownership is to have the animal spayed or neutered, Poston said. At Bunny Feathers, all the rabbits that leave the shelter have been fixed. Rabbits that haven't been spayed or neutered can be aggressive, destructive and even spray urine and mark their territory, she said.

It's also crucial as more than 80 percent of rabbits will get reproductive tract cancers, Poston said.

"My goal is to work toward having a spay/neuter fund for rabbits," she said.

"I love what Shelley's organization is doing," said Jacob Ervin, assistant manager at Petco. "She's very passionate about what she does and making sure the rabbit finds the right home."

At Saturday's adoption event, Grace Riegel, a Bunny Feathers volunteer and a Girl Scout cadette with Troop 4529, said she thinks being able to bond with the rabbit is one of the most important aspects of ownership. She has two rabbits of her own at home, Timothy and Alex.

"You do have to really

bond with the rabbit," Riegel said. "I have strong bonds with Timothy and Alex."

Bunny Feathers is one of three rabbit rescues in West Virginia, Poston said, and they receive many of the animals from people who just can't keep them for one reason or another. Also, most of them have originally come from bunny mills.

"You've heard of puppy mills," Poston said. "Bunny mills are just as bad."

To adopt from Bunny Feathers, Poston said considerations include a willingness to learn about rabbit care, stable circumstances and the ability to spend quality time with the pet. It's also preferable to get two bunnies instead of just one so they have companionship.

"Bunnies alone in cages are very sad and lonely and depressed," she said.

But with the right amount of care, they can flourish, often twirling and hopping in an acrobatic fashion that Poston said is amazing to watch.

"They really make wonderful pets," she said, "if you know what they need and you can provide what they need."

MEETINGS

Today

MORGANTOWN YOUTH COMMISSION, 2:30 p.m., Conference Room, old Westover Elementary School, 200 W. Park St., Westover.

Monday

PRESTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 7 p.m., board office, Preston High campus, Kingwood. Info: 304-329-0580.

WVU FACULTY SENATE, 3:15 p.m., A/B confer-

ence rooms, National Research Center for Coal and Energy, Evansdale campus. Info: faculty@wvu.edu.

PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION, 9:30 a.m., commission meeting room, behind the Preston Courthouse Annex, Main Street, Kingwood. Info: 304-329-1805.

MORGANTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Morgantown City Hall.

Food drive set for March 22

Submitted to The Dominion Post

MonPower will sponsor a Harvest for Hunger Community Food Drive. Donations will be accepted from 7 a.m.-noon March 22, at the Greer Building in Sabraton.

Volunteers will collect food, cleaning supplies and personal care items.

Items requested for donation are nonperishable, such as soup, canned fruits and vegetables, beans, peanut butter, pasta, instant oats and baby food items.

Info: 304-284-8400.

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BRIEFS

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Charity to host bingo event at University High

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Morgantown will host their first RMHC Purse Bingo Fundraiser on March 18 at University High School. The event features Coach purses filled with donations from companies such as Cheddars, Hollywood Theater, Moun-

taineer Nation and Zaccagnini's. The doors open at 1 p.m. with some purses raffled off at 1:30 p.m. The event begins at 2 p.m. and will offer 20 purses of all shapes and sizes. Food and beverages will be available for purchase and the RMHC executive director will give a short presentation. Info: MaChal Forbes at 304-598-0050 or mforbes@rmhcmgt.org.

Fairmont council to vote on property buy
Fairmont City Council will vote on buying about 7.8 acres from Norfolk Southern Railway Co. and approve budgets for the upcoming year when it meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, in Council Chambers, 500 Quincy St., Fairmont. It will also have first reading and set public hearings on ordinances granting Time Warner and Comcast cable nonexclusive franchises.

Chick-fil-A to honor Todd May on Friday
The Chick-fil-A restaurant on Patteson Drive is hosting a Spirit Day to honor Todd May, a fallen Monongalia County Sheriff's Department officer, on Friday. That day, the restaurant will donate 10 percent of its sales to the Monongalia County Deputy Sheriff's Association in memory of Sgt. May. Members of the Sher-

iff's Department will be on hand during lunch and dinner hours to sell T-shirts and wristbands to benefit the cause. Cash donations will be accepted. Send donations to: Chick-fil-A at Patteson Drive, ATTN: Shalane Koon, 334 Patteson Drive, Morgantown, WV 26505. **Dr. Reza Aslan set to speak at WVU**
Dr. Reza Aslan will visit WVU as part of the David

C. Hardesty Jr. Festival of Ideas. Aslan will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, at The Erickson Alumni Center. Aslan speaks for a generation of Muslims who eschew the fundamentalist stereotype and want to usher in a new era of Islamic democracy. He addresses the topic of modern Islam, religion and politics in the Middle East, Muslim Americans and the rise of a sophisticated Muslim middle class with authority, wit and an infectious optimism.

MURDER

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In his experience, people in a relationship are more likely to kill in a physical way — with their hands or a knife.

Preston County Sheriff Dallas Wolfe said, since his area is more rural, many people have guns in their homes.

"Most of the homicides in this area are committed in the heat of passion or during an argument and somebody ends up dying," Wolfe said. "It's basically a crime of opportunity."

Local murder victims were more likely to be murdered by someone they knew, 20-to-5. Relationships are unknown for two unsolved murders and one additional murder.

One victim was murdered by a family member, and six were murdered by a current or former romantic partner.

Murder victims were more likely to be male than female, 19-to-9. The perpetrators or the alleged perpetrators, as some have only been charged to date, were also more likely to be male, 21-to-2. All statistics provided for perpetrators include both accused and convicted defendants. No suspects have been named in the two unsolved cases.

Both victims and perpetrators are more likely to be in their 20s than any other age group by decade. Twelve victims and 11 perpetrators were in their 20s at the time the crimes was committed. The other victims fall into the following age groups: Child, one; teens, three; 30s, four; 40s, seven; and 50s, one. The other perpetrators fall into the following age groups: Teens, four; 30s, four; 40s, three; and 50s, one.

Kisner said the numbers for the 20-to-29 age demographic didn't surprise him. People in that age group are more likely to be out drinking or using drugs, he said.

At least nine murders involved at least one party who had been drinking or who had been at a bar. Four of those occurred outside of bars.

A fight or an argument preceded at least eight murders. Two involved suspected drug activity. One man killed his roommate because the roommate was going to kick him out. One man said he killed a fellow inmate because the inmate was an accused child molester.

All but three of the named

A look at murders in Monongalia and Preston counties

The Dominion Post

2011
 ■ Labor Day, Sept. 5: Charles Richardson III, 49; his wife, Karin Richardson, 50; her son, Kevin Hudson, 17; her daughter, Katrina, 22, who was six months pregnant; and Katrina's fiancé, Robert Raber, 30, all of Morgantown, were shot to death in their Sugar Grove Road home. Police said Shayne Riggleman, 22, of Star City, was responsible. He committed suicide before he was apprehended.
 ■ Sept. 25: Lucas Lee, 25, of Morgantown, was shot to death outside of Karma on High Street. Jeron Hawkins, 18, of Dunbar, was charged with first-degree murder and is awaiting trial.
 ■ Oct. 6: Christina Terry, 33, of Fairmont, was found dead near University High School. A medical examiner determined she died of blunt force trauma. Detectives charged 38-year-old Kevin Utter, of Morgantown, with first-degree murder. He is awaiting trial.
 ■ Oct. 8: Walter-Vincent Samuel Hill Jr., 25, of Detroit, died after being shot outside Zen's in Star City. Jamie R. Jones, 19, of Fairmont, is charged with first-degree murder, but has not been apprehended.
 ■ Late November: Quintin Bolden, 23, of Sabraton, was found dead in Cheat Lake. Detectives have not released his cause of death and no one has been charged with his murder.

2010
 ■ Jan. 18: Kimberly Gregory, 45, of Fairmont, was

found unconscious in a parking lot in Morgantown. She died Jan. 29 and her boyfriend, Dallas Davis, then 40, was charged with her murder. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is serving a 30-year sentence.
 ■ March 6: Domenic Wolfe, 25, of Morgantown, was stabbed to death on Peninsula Boulevard in Morgantown, resulting in the arrest of Joshua Hausrath, then 22, of Maryland. Hausrath pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is serving a 40-year sentence.
 ■ March 23: William Mayle, 31, of Virginia, was stabbed to death by his brother, 32-year-old Larry Mayle, of Morgantown, in a trailer on Mileground Road. Larry Mayle was convicted of second-degree murder and is serving a 20-year sentence.
 ■ Sept. 26: Terrance "Matthew" Sands, 22, of Pittsburgh, was stabbed to death on Walnut Street. Marvin Stevenson Jr., 25, of Columbia, Md., pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is awaiting sentencing.
 ■ Oct. 17: Marcus Toothman, 19, of Morgantown, was shot in the leg by an arrow launched by Andrew McIntyre, 19, on Murray Road. McIntyre was convicted of second-degree murder and has not been sentenced.

2009
 ■ April 29: Steve Yarbrough, 48, of Morgantown, was beaten to death with a hammer on Sturgis Avenue, in Sabraton.

Ben Chase Skidmore, then 45, from Mesa, Ariz., was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.
2008
 None
2007
 ■ April 16: Lori Casteel, 25, who was pregnant, and her son, 4-year-old Collin, were killed on Bill Hayes Road in Kingwood. Police said Lori's boyfriend, James DeGasperin, 35, of Pleasantdale, beat both Lori and Collin with a baseball bat and also shot Collin. DeGasperin was convicted of three counts of second-degree murder, along with other charges, and is serving a 92- to 100-year sentence.
 ■ June 30: Marshelle Arnold, 45, was badly burned in a fire at her West Park Avenue home in Westover. She died the next day and police arrested her ex-boyfriend, 51-year-old Ronnie Rorie, of Morgantown. Rorie was convicted of first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence.
 ■ Oct. 27: Luis "Joey" Paige, 25, of Martinsburg, was shot and stabbed to death at The District. Jamar Fortt, then 27, and Kerry Jackson, then 22, both of Philadelphia, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and burglary and are serving 30-year prison sentences.

2006
 ■ Jan. 1: Ebony Nicole Brown, 24, of Morgantown, was shot and killed in the Grant Avenue apartment she shared with her

boyfriend, 27-year-old Hason Cleveland, of Morgantown. Her body was found later that month, hacked in pieces and buried in a shallow grave on Snowy Road. Cleveland and Danielle Hilling, then 23, of Sabraton, were convicted of first-degree murder and are serving life sentences.
 ■ May 27: Julie Hall, 47, of Morgantown, was shot to death at her home on School Street in Morgantown. Her boyfriend, David Coffman, then 46, was indicted for first-degree murder, but fled — allegedly to Mexico. Coffman was reported dead by Mexican officials, but a DNA test of a bone from the body did not match Coffman's DNA.
2005
 ■ July 24: William Bridges, 21, of Fairmont, was shot to death near the Goshen Road exit of Interstate 79. Dwayne E. Jones Jr., then 20, of Fairmont, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. He is still in prison.
 ■ Aug. 3: Timothy Daft, 22, of Independence, was found hanging from a sheet in the Preston County Jail. In 2009, fellow inmate Leonard Earl Wotring III, 25, was indicted for his death. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is serving a 40-year sentence.
 ■ Nov. 29: James Michael, 33, of Morgantown, was found dead inside a fire that destroyed his Killarney Drive home. It was later determined that he had

been killed by a fatal dose of a paralytic drug. His wife, Michelle Michael, 34 at the time of her arrest, was convicted of first-degree murder and first-degree arson and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. She is still in prison.
2004
 ■ March: Gilbert "Frog" Creech, 43, was found dead from a gunshot wound on Little Sandy Road in Bruce-ton Mills. The case has never been solved.
 ■ September: Gene Bradley Phares, 16, of Masontown, was found dead from a gunshot wound along the road to Jenkinsburg. Victor Friend IV, then 24, of Masontown, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is serving a 40-year prison sentence.
2003
 ■ Feb. 7: Rebecca Ann Shaffer, a woman in her 40s, was stabbed to death at Healthy Heights. Her daughter's boyfriend, 17-year-old Robert William Moats Jr., pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. His sentence was not listed, but he is still in prison.
2002
 ■ Feb. 2: Jerry Wilkins, 27, was shot to death at the intersection of Inglewood Boulevard and University Avenue in Morgantown. Brian Bush Ferguson, then 21 and a fellow WVU student, was convicted of first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence.

perpetrators are in jail or prison. One man — a suspect in an October shooting — has never been apprehended. Another is alleged to have fled the country while awaiting trial for the shooting death of his girlfriend. Another killed himself before he was caught.
 All have been convicted, except for the three mentioned above and two others who are still awaiting trial. Of the 18 convicted killers, seven were convicted of first-degree murder and were sentenced to life in prison, although two will one day be eligible for parole. Eleven were convicted

of second-degree murder, which carries a sentence of 10-40 years, with parole eligibility beginning after the inmate has served 10 years, per state code. Of those, one was sentenced to 20 years; three were sentenced to 30 years; three were sentenced to 40 years; and one was sentenced to 92 to 100 years for three counts of second-degree murder and other crimes. Two have yet to be sentenced, and no sentence could be found for one defendant.
 Kisner said a high percentage of area murders are solved because of good detective work and wit-

nesses who provide solid information. From the past 10 years, the only murder in which no suspects have been named occurred late last year and is still an active case.
 Wolfe agreed. He said it helps that most local murders are committed by someone known to the victims, giving police a list of suspects at the start. Wolfe said an unsolved Preston County murder from 2004 may have involved suspect(s) from out of the area.
National statistics
 According to FBI statistics, there were 12,996

murders in the United States in 2010, the most recent year for which data was available. At least 8,775 of those involved firearms. Knives were used in at least 1,704 murders. At least 540 victims were beaten with blunt objects, such as clubs or hammers. At least 540 were beaten by an unarmed person. In 874 cases, the weapon was not specified or a more obscure weapon was used.
 Of 2010 U.S. murder victims, 10,058 were male, 2,198 were female and 20 were unknown, the FBI said. Victims were most likely to be in their 20s — 4,220.
 According to the statistics, 15,094 people commit-

ted murders in 2010. Of those, 9,972 were male, 1,075 were female, and, in 4,047 cases, the suspects were unknown. Murders were also most likely to be committed by 20-to-29-year-olds — 4,188 — in 2010 cases with known suspects.
 Fifty-three percent of victims knew their killers, in cases where relationship was known.
 There were 55 murders in West Virginia in 2010, the FBI said. Twenty-seven of those victims were killed by firearms and 11 were killed by knives.
 The same year, there were five murders in Monongalia County and none in Preston County.

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Honor student program rewards top scholars

The 53rd Honor Student Program, sponsored by *The Dominion Post* and BB&T, has found 30 students at 15 area high schools to compete for \$8,000 in community and leadership-based scholarships. Read about the candidates here each Sunday.

The students, a male and female from schools in Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston and Taylor counties, were chosen by school counselors and principals.

In March, the 30 candidates will be interviewed by a panel of judges and will write an essay. The judges look at leadership ability, school activities, GPA, the interview and the essay to guide them in selecting the top three males and top three females, who will earn scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 each.

A separate honor, the Faltis Scholarship, awards \$1,000 to a male or female senior who has shown outstanding dedication to community service. This scholarship is named after a local couple, John and Kathy Faltis, both strong supporters of education, who died in an airplane crash.

The winners will be announced at a banquet in May at Lakeview Conference Center.

JIM BISSETT, a staff writer for *The Dominion Post*, prepares this weekly column.



East Fairmont High School Allison Fansler

Every senior year in high school has a soundtrack, full of all the requisite tunes that fit the moment.

Dance mixes, power ballads, three-chord rockers, breakup songs — all shuffling around a playlist constantly shifting in response to whatever it was that happened that day.

Allison Fansler has one of those too, except the offering that tops the playlist of this East Fairmont High School senior isn't technically a "song" — even if it does keep her moving.

There's no singer, guitar player, keyboard guy or drummer (although the thing is pretty percussive). What Allison is hearing is the solitary ticking of a clock, as she counts down to graduation.

Don't get her wrong: She's had a great time at East High. She's a 4.0-plus in the classroom. She's a star athlete. And she holds ranking positions in the National Honor Society, and other honorary organizations for science, math and social science.

The ticking clock gets a lot of the credit, she said.

"I am all about time management," said the senior, who is planning on a career as a physical therapist. "A lot of times after games and things, I'm up until midnight doing homework."

A share of the credit also has to go to her DNA.

Her grandmother, Rosemary Reese, was an elementary school counselor for several years, Allison said. And Grandma took her professional role personally.



ALLISON FANSLER
GPA: 4.100
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, soccer, National Honor Society, English Honorary, Science Honorary, Social Science Honorary, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club leadership roles: National Honor Society vice president, Marion County Youth Leadership Program, Guides Organization

son said. And Grandma took her professional role personally.

"She really helped me work through all the stages of school," Allison said.

Allison, as a senior leader in basketball, volleyball and soccer, returns the favor. She imparts a little academic wisdom to the freshmen coming in.

"Everything you do in school is equally important," she said. "It's all about your future."

East Fairmont High School Todd Anthony Rundle II

Leverage. If there's anything a wrestler (of the Greco-Roman variety, not the WWF kind), knows about, it's that.

Leverage is what you employ, by way of your reflexes and brain power, to make sure your opponent, not you, hits the mat first.

When you use leverage, you're maximizing the potential of the moment. That's exactly what future Army officer Todd Rundle II has done over his past four years at East Fairmont High School.

Todd, who enters the U.S. Military Academy at West Point next fall, has excelled in academics and athletics at East, including wrestling, where he tears up the 145-pound weight class.

That's where leverage is king, he said.

"I do a lot of escapes," he said. "I'm kind of known as the 'finesse' guy."

Ten years from now, he plans on putting the finishing touches on the tour of duty that will fulfill his military obligation as an Army officer trained at West Point. When he hits the Hudson River Valley after East High to start that journey, and for every milestone to come after, he knows he'll be thinking about two people back home.

He knows he'll be thanking them, every day.

From his father, he learned the importance of staying focused, along with having values and a work ethic.



TODD RUNDLE II
GPA: 4.06
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Wrestling, football, track, National Honor Society, English Honorary, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Honorary, Social Science Honorary, Key Club, FCA leadership roles: West Point recruit, senior class president, varsity captain of wrestling, football and track

"He has pushed me to do my very best in everything," Todd II says, of Todd I. "Without his guidance and support, I wouldn't be the same person I am today."

Scott Hage, his assistant wrestling coach who starred in that sport in high school and college, is on that same roster.

"He tells us to be our best, all the time," Scott said. "If we want to be great, we can't lag behind." If you like, call that "leverage."

Report: Unpaid Alzheimer's care prevalent in W.Va.

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — A new report says the unpaid care that West Virginia families provide for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease is worth an estimated \$1.5 billion.

The recent report from the Alzheimer's Association says West Virginia has 48,000 patients and more than 108,000 unpaid caregivers.

Patients' families choose unpaid care for several reasons, said Laurel Kirksey,

director of constituent relations for the West Virginia Alzheimer's Association.

Long-term paid care is expensive and access is often limited in rural areas. Some relatives simply don't want to leave their loved ones with paid caretakers.

"Imagine if this is your wife or mom," Kirksey said. "You have this overwhelming sense of, 'I can provide her the best care. Nobody else can do it.'"

But as the patient's disease progresses, so does the demand for care, eventually reaching 24 hours a day.

"It reflects how overwhelming it is to care for someone with Alzheimer's," she said. "It literally takes a village to care for someone with Alzheimer's."

The association provides a 24-hour helpline for family members and support groups for caregivers, who often develop stress-related diseases such as depression, anxiety or cardiovascular disease.

The association estimates that 63 percent of Alzheimer's caregivers will die before their non-caregiver peers.

Brenda Haydon has been

caregiving for her 61-year-old husband, Kenneth, since he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2003. Today, she has hypertension, arthritis, fibromyalgia, depression and anxiety.

"We've been married 40 years, and for a fourth of those years I've been taking care of someone who's no longer a husband to me," she said. "... He is very much like a child."

She also cared for her mother for more than two years before losing her to the same disease.

Still, Haydon wants to care for her husband as long as possible.

"I don't want to ever put him in a home," she said.

STATE BRIEFS

Associated Press

Judge: MSHA right to deny info to Massey

CHARLESTON — The Mine Safety and Health Administration doesn't have to turn over some information it gathered during the investigation of the Upper Big Branch mine explosion to the mine's former operator.

Shortly after the 2010 blast that killed 29 men, Massey Energy subsidiary Performance Coal Co. filed Freedom of Information Act requests for what it called "potentially critical" material. A judge in Washing-

ton, D.C., ruled Thursday that the U.S. Department of Labor properly denied the request.

W.Va. AG sues two Encore subsidiaries

CHARLESTON — The West Virginia Attorney General's Office is suing two subsidiaries of debt buyer Encore Capital Group, Inc. over their business practices.

Attorney General Darrell McGraw says Midland Funding, LLC and Midland Credit Management used false affidavits to obtain default judgments against consumers in West Virginia.

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The House concurred with Senate changes to HB 4260 — the autism insurance bill to fix last year's autism insurance bill — and passed it 98-0 and sent it to the governor. The bill clarifies the cap for mandated insurance coverage of applied behavior analysis — the accepted form of intensive treatment for autism spectrum disorder — is \$30,000 per year for the first three years after diagnosis and \$2,000 per month thereafter until age 18.

"It's sort of hard to believe it's finally over," lead sponsor Barbara Evans Fleischauer, D-Monongalia, said after the afternoon session. There were battles to get the original bill passed last year. "This year it seemed like such a simple thing to fix it, but it became very, very complicated. But I'm thrilled that it will finally come into effect and help families that really desperately need this."

The bill to make texting and hand-held cellphone use while driving, SB 211, went to conference committee. Its fate was uncertain.

The House had taken no

action on SB 437, the substance abuse bill. While the bill covers a broad range of topics, including private pain and methadone clinics, controversy has hovered around the amount of pseudoephedrine decongestant that should be available to consumers over the counter without a prescription. Over-the-counter pseudoephedrine is used to make illegal methamphetamine.

State code now allows consumers to purchase up to 3.6 grams per day — a 15-day supply — or 9 grams total per month. A federal mail-order limit for Canadian pseudoephedrine is 7.5 grams per month. The governor's original bill dropped the limit to 3.6 grams per day or 7.5 per month — amounting to an annual limit of 90 grams. The House reduced the limit to 7.5 grams per month or 24 grams per year, with no limit on prescription pseudoephedrine.

The House had the bill on its morning calendar, but deferred action on it. Speaker Rick Thompson, D-Wayne, said negotiations were ongoing. It was expected to come up for a vote sometime Saturday evening.

Other bill action

Here is a look at some bills of interest, with their status as of press deadline Saturday.

■ SB 75 — Creates the Equine Rescue Facilities Rescue Act to permit and regulate shelters for unwanted horses. Legislative rules will be developed for licensing and shelter standards. Passed the House 98-1 and goes to the governor.

■ SB 161 — This emerged from the Penn State football team sex abuse scandal. It adds people to the list of those who must report required to report child abuse or neglect: A youth camp administrator or counselor, employee, coach or volunteer of an entity that provides organized activities for children, or commercial film or photographic print processor. Adds that anyone over 18 who has actual knowledge of or observes any sexual abuse or sexual assault of a child must report it to the police within 48 hours. Delegate Meshea Poore, D-Kanawha, said afterward, "When something like that happens in another state you have to make sure your laws

are as concrete as possible to protect our kids." Passed 99-0 and sent back to the Senate for amendment concurrence.

■ SB 212 — Makes it a felony to disrupt communications or public utility services through theft or intentional damage. The House amended it Saturday to substitute 2,000 hours of community service for the maximum 10-year prison sentence. Also carries a fine up to \$10,000. Passed 91-9 and sent back to the Senate, which refused concurrence.

■ SB 477 — This was a response to the wild animals escaping from a preserve in Ohio. Suspends the permitting requirement for anyone wanting to keep a wild bird or animal as a pet. Requires

the Division of Natural Resources to create emergency rules for a new biennial permitting process and then give the animal owners 180 days to comply with the new rules. Creates the Wild and Exotic Animal Act to regulate ownership and establishes criminal penalties for noncompliance.

Delegate Larry Kump, R-Berkeley, spoke against it, saying he received calls from people with no confidence in agency rule making. "It's bad enough the government tells them what to do with their lives. Now they want to regulate their pets. ... It shouldn't take a village to raise a ferret." It passed 73-27, split along party lines, and returned

to the Senate for concurrence. Delegate Amanda Pasdon, R-Monongalia, was among the opposition.

■ SB 478 — Creates four classes of apprentice hunting and trapping licenses that exempt the apprentice from hunter safety training courses. The apprentice must be accompanied by a licensed adult age 18 or older. Passed 99-1 and goes to the governor.

■ SB 501 — Requires private insurance companies to cover hearing aids for children under 18. The Public Employee Insurance Agency is exempted because it offers optional hearing aid coverage. Passed 100-0 and returned to the Senate which refused concurrence.

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Dr. Hodder earned his Doctor of Osteopathy degree at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internal medicine residency and fellowship at West Virginia University.

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Santorum takes Kan., Romney strong in Wyo.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rick Santorum won the Kansas caucuses in a rout Saturday and Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney showed strength in Wyoming, a weekend prelude to suddenly pivotal Southern showdowns in the week ahead.

"Things have an amazing way of working out," Santorum told supporters in Missouri, where he

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traced his campaign through a series of highs and lows. He called his showing in Kansas a "comfortable win" that would give him the vast majority of the 40 delegates at stake.

Returns from 94 percent of the state's precincts showed Santorum with 51 percent support, far outpacing Romney, who had 21 percent. Newt Gingrich

had 14 percent and Ron Paul trailed with 13 percent.

Santorum picked up at least 30 of the state's 40 delegates at stake, cutting slightly into Romney's overwhelming's advantage.

Santorum's triumph, coupled with Romney's early advantage in Wyoming, came as the candidates pointed toward Tuesday's primaries in Alabama and Mississippi that loom as unexpectedly

important in the race to pick an opponent to President Barack Obama in the fall. Polls show a close race in both states, particularly Alabama, and Romney, Gingrich and Santorum all added to their television advertising overnight for the race's final days.

Romney, the front-runner by far in the delegate competition, padded his lead overnight when he won all nine delegates on

the island of Guam and then again in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Romney had 440 delegates in the AP's count, more than all his rivals combined. Santorum had 213, while Gingrich had 107 and Paul had 46.

A candidate must win 1,144 to clinch the Republican presidential nomination at the national convention in Tampa next August.

Union leaders seek to mend divisions over oil pipeline

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unions may be united in working to re-elect President Barack Obama, but their leaders also are trying to repair bitter divisions over his rejection of an oil pipeline from Canada to Texas.

Trade unions representing workers who stand to benefit from thousands of new construction jobs from the Keystone XL pipeline are furious at other unions that joined environmentalists in opposing the project.

AFL-CIO leaders hope to

smooth tensions at their executive council's annual winter meeting that starts Monday in Orlando, Fla.

The issue reflects a decades-old conflict between union leaders who believe creating jobs is paramount and others who are more strongly aligned with progressive groups on environmental and social causes.

After the White House blocked the pipeline in January, Laborers union president Terry O'Sullivan said he was "repulsed by some of our supposed brothers and sisters

lining up with job killers like the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council to destroy the lives of working men and women."

His harsh words were directed at groups such as the Transport Workers Union and the Amalgamated Transit Union, which said the risk of possible oil spills and environmental contamination outweighed the benefit of new jobs.

Several larger unions, including the Communications Workers and Auto Workers, also jumped in

with praise for Obama, agreeing with his administration's arguments that a quick deadline forced by Republicans didn't provide enough time for a fair review.

O'Sullivan was livid that unions whose members had no jobs to gain or lose from the project would make their opposition public while construction unions struggling with 17 percent unemployment in the industry are desperate for any jobs.

The split led the AFL-CIO to take no public position on the pipeline. Leaders

are expected to discuss the need for solidarity and how to tone down tensions when unions can't agree.

"I think discussion is always good," said Larry Cohen, the Communications Workers' president. "You have to treat disagreements with respect. You have to work hard for unity."

Cohen has no regrets about siding with Obama. He said his union was not specifically against the pipeline, but merely opposed to the Republican "ultimatum" to shorten the timeline.

Pa. woman loses 2 children to fatal shootings

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mary Schaab's only daughter was fatally shot 17 months ago, so she understood the horror and pain of losing a child,

even before a Pennsylvania state trooper knocked at her door late Thursday to tell her the same thing had happened again — this time to her son.

Up until then, Schaab had not been especially worried as she watched the television news coverage that day about a gunman who killed one person and shot several others at the Pittsburgh psychiatric hospital where Michael Schaab worked.

Police believe Michael Schaab was returning from a

lunch break and was in the lobby when police say John Shick, 30, opened fire. University of Pittsburgh police shot and killed Shick, but not before the gunman wounded six others.

Nancy Schaab, her 26-year-old daughter, was fatally shot Oct. 23, 2010, at the residence she shared with a man named Jordan Just.

WORLD BRIEFS

Associated Press

Syrian forces launch assault on rebel area

BEIRUT — Syria launched a long-anticipated assault to crush the opposition in the rebellious north on Saturday, bombarding its main city with tank shells from all sides and clashing with rebel fighters struggling to hold back an invasion.

President Bashar Assad rejected any immediate negotiations with the opposition, striking a further blow to already staggering international efforts for talks to end to the conflict. Assad told U.N. envoy Kofi Annan that a political solution is impossible as long as "terrorist groups" threaten the country.

The opposition's political leadership has also rejected dialogue, saying talk is impossible after a yearlong crackdown that the U.N. estimates has killed more than 7,500 people. That makes it likely that the conflict will continue to edge toward civil war.

Saturday morning, troops blasted Idlib for hours with dozens of tank shells as the forces moved to encircle the town, an Associated Press team in Idlib reported.

Israeli airstrikes kill 15 militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel pounded Gaza for the second day in a row Saturday, trading airstrikes and rocket fire with Palestinian militants and killing 15 of them as the deadliest Gaza violence in over a year showed no signs of abating.

Despite Egyptian efforts to mediate a cease-fire, Palestinians fired more than 100 rockets, some striking major cities in southern Israel and seriously wounding an Israeli civilian. The military responded with more than a dozen airstrikes and the targeted killings of Palestinian militants from various Gaza organizations.

Israel's lauded Iron Dome missile defense system intercepted more than 25 projectiles. Still, residents were told to stay close to home and the cities of Beersheba, Ashdod and Ashkelon called off school for Sunday.

Tit-for-tat exchanges between Israel and Palestinians have been routine since the 2009 war, but a flare-up of this intensity is rare. The Arab League called the Israeli attacks a "massacre." The United Nations and the State Department condemned the violence and called on both sides to exercise restraint.

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Dr. Steadman earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia. He completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and a fellowship in vascular and interventional radiology at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center.

He is a member of the Society of Interventional Radiology, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Radiology.

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DAILY REPORT

Alcohol-related incidents

GREESON, Brian David, 45, of Morgantown, public intoxication and disorderly conduct, Feb. 28; Morgantown Police Department, Officer Poremba.

HUDSON, Wayne Thomas, 22, of Morgantown, public intoxication, disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer, Feb. 26; Morgantown Police Department, Officer Smith.

IMAN, Ayub Mohammad, 29, of Morgantown, public intoxication and obstructing an officer, Feb. 25; Morgantown Police Department, Officer Judy.

MERRILL, Dennis Shane, 43, Daisytown, Pa., public intoxication, disorderly conduct and malicious burning, Feb. 28; Morgantown Police Department, Officer Williams.

PARRA-LUCKERT, Luis Carlos, 22, of Montgomery, public intoxication, disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer, Feb. 26; Morgantown Police Department, Officer Williams.

TUREK, Bryan Andreas, 19, of Harpers Ferry, underage consumption and obstructing an officer, Feb. 25; Morgantown Police Department, Officer Viola.

VAGLIA, Nicholas Michael, 23, no address listed, public intoxication and obstructing an officer, March 9; Morgantown Police Department, Officer Smith.

DOUGLAS, Jason E., 42, no address listed, public intoxication and obstructing an officer, March 9; Morgantown Police Department, Officer Holder.

Monongalia County Magistrate Court Alcohol-related dispositions

FORTNEY, Daniel Lynn Jr., 21, of Morgantown, pleaded no contest to underage consumption and fined \$265.80 in fees and costs, March 7.

BEUTELL, Brendan O., 20, of Morgantown, agreed to enter deferral agreement for underage consumption and public intoxication, fined \$356.60 in fees and costs, March 7.

GILLIAN, Jon David, 21, of Morgantown, pleaded no contest to public intoxication and fined \$190.80 in fees and costs, March 7.

MCDUGAL, Stephanie Michelle, no birthdate listed, of Morgantown, pleaded no contest to underage consumption and fined \$190.80 in fees and costs, March 7.

SHUDE, Jessica Caitlin, no birthdate listed, of Morgantown, pleaded no contest to underage consumption and fined \$190.80 in fees and costs, March 7.

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WINEBARDNER, Rebecca Lynn, no birthdate listed, of Morgantown, pleaded no contest to underage consumption and fined \$190.80 in fees and costs, March 7.

TORPEY, Katie Ann, no birthdate listed, of Holland, Pa., agreed to enter deferral agreement for underage consumption and public intoxication, fined \$356.60 in fees and costs, March 7.

BUFORD, Samantha Dawn, no birthdate listed, of Canton, Mich., pleaded no contest to underage consumption and fined \$190.80 in fees and costs, March 7.

ISLER, Neil R., no birthdate listed, of Morgantown, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct and fined \$265.80 in fees and costs; underage consumption dismissed, Feb. 1.

DILLOW, Brent Samuel, 43, of Point Marion, Pa., driving on a license suspended or revoked for DUI dismissed by state, Feb. 1.

BOLESTA, Mason Joseph, no birthdate listed, of Frederick, Md., pleaded guilty to underage consumption and fined \$190.80 in fees and costs, March 9.

CHARNOPLISKY, Anthony William, 24, of Bridgeport, pleaded guilty to destruction of property and public intoxication, fined \$481.60 in fees and costs; obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct dismissed, Feb. 2.

FIKE, Zachary Lee, 26, of Fairmont, pleaded guilty to public intoxication and fined \$342.39 in fees and costs; fleeing an officer dismissed, Feb. 2.

PEREZ, Fidel Garcia, 25, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty to DUI and fined \$460.80 in fees and costs; no license and improper lane change dismissed, Feb. 2.

AMBROSE, David G., 29, of Jacksonville, Fla., pleaded no contest to selling alcohol to persons under 21, fined \$215.80 in fees and costs, Feb. 1.

MILLER, Benjamin L., 19, no address listed, pleaded guilty to underage consumption, sentenced to 24 hours community service within 30 days and fined \$342.39 in fees and costs; unlawful use of a license and obstructing an officer dismissed, Feb. 3.

MOWERY, Logan Clark, 20, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty to public intoxication and fined \$265.80 in fees and costs; underage consumption and unlawful use of a license dismissed, Feb. 3.

BROWN, Eric, no birthdate listed, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty to

aggravated DUI, sentenced to 24 hours in jail with credit for time served, fined \$531.18 in fees and costs; inspection violation and failure to maintain control dismissed, Feb. 3.

Other dispositions

JUVENILE, pleaded no contest to use of tobacco in certain areas of certain public schools and fined \$190.80 in fees and costs, March 7.

SABATINO, Anthony J., 48, of Morgantown, obstructing an officer dismissed, Feb. 1.

ALASHI, Ahmad A., 21, of Morgantown, hazing dismissed according to the terms of a pre-trial diversion, Feb. 1.

HAMPLE, Jessica Elizabeth, 23, of Waynesburg, Pa., possession of a controlled substance dismissed and fined \$165.80 in fees and costs, Feb. 1.

SHAFFER, Edward James Jr., 26, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess a controlled substance, sentenced to six months in jail suspended and placed on unsupervised probation for one year, fined \$165.80 in fees and costs; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver dismissed, Feb. 1.

MURRAY, Chad Everett, 27, of Dellslow, pleaded guilty to failure to maintain control and fined \$265.80 in fees and costs; leaving the scene of an accident involving damage to a vehicle dismissed, Feb. 2.

BROOKS, Ryan M., 25, of Morgantown, pleaded no contest to leaving the scene of an accident involving damage to a vehicle, fined \$278.05 in fees and costs, Feb. 2.

TACIAS, Jose Luis, 26, of Morgantown, domestic battery, sentenced to six months in jail suspended and placed on unsupervised probation for one year; another domestic battery charge dismissed, Feb. 2.

GRINNAN, Keith Alan, 33, of Grafton, pleaded

guilty to obstructing an officer and fined \$265.80 in fees and costs, Feb. 2.

BRENNAN, Loida Garcia, 48, of Laurel, Md., pleaded no contest to domestic battery, sentenced to six months in jail suspended and placed on unsupervised probation for one year, fined \$175.80 in fees and costs, Feb. 2.

PENICK, Parris A., 23, of Fairmont, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and fined \$215.80 in fees and costs; obstructing an officer dismissed, Feb. 2.

MALVITO, Samuel A., 20, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty to shoplifting and fined \$392.39 in fees and costs; fleeing an officer dismissed, Feb. 2.

LOUK, Stanley, no birthdate listed, of Kingwood, pleaded no contest to destruction of property, sentenced to 30 days in jail suspended and placed on one year of unsupervised probation, fined \$739.99 in fees and costs, Feb. 3.

DIAS, James A., 42, no address listed, pleaded guilty to obstructing an officer, sentenced to one year in jail suspended and placed on one year of unsupervised probation, fined \$127.30 in fees and costs; domestic battery and disorderly consumption dismissed, Feb. 3.

TEMPLE, French Howard, 50, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty to domestic battery-2nd offense and domestic assault, sentenced to 60 days in jail for each charge, fined \$408.19 in fees and costs; brandishing a deadly weapon, Feb. 27.

CULTON, Dean, 52, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty to violation of a protective order, sentenced to 24 hours in jail, fined \$415.80 in fees and costs; pleaded guilty to domestic battery and violation of a protective order, sentenced to six months in jail with all but five days suspended for each charge, placed on two years of unsuper-

vised probation and required to complete 33 weeks of classes at RDVIC; fined a total of \$1,085.49, Feb. 3.

Morgantown Police Department Arrests

JUVENILE, possession of marijuana less than 15 grams, March 8; Officer Ball.

MATTSON, Matthew C., 23, no address listed, disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer, March 8; Officer Melan.

Citation

BARCROFT, Cody Richard, 19, of Morgantown, possession of a controlled substance, March 7; Officer Behm.

DUI-related arrests

LEVIN, Laura Marie, 22, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., DUI and speeding, March 8; Monongalia County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Thomas.

RUSH, Raina Jean, 45, of Wana, DUI and speeding, March 7; Monongalia County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Hunn.

FICHTEL, Kathleen Joan, 29, of Morgantown, aggravated DUI, March 8; Morgantown Police Department, Lt. Sperringer.

ROGERS, Jordan Nicole, 20, of Weirton, aggravated DUI, underage consumption and failure to maintain control, March 9; Monongalia County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Snider.

DAWSON, Tara Noelle, 22, of Morgantown, DUI and speeding, March 9; Monongalia County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Thomas.

WOJNOWSKI, Jeffrey Stephen, 23, no address listed, driving on a license suspended or revoked for DUI, March 8; Officer Montague.

Get free tax help

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Free tax preparation sites staffed by VITA volunteers are opening in Morgantown and Kingwood. Anyone wishing to utilize the volunteer help must call for an appointment, and bring the necessary papers with them. The sites are at:

- Morgantown Public Library, 373 Spruce St., Morgantown, second floor meeting room, Wednesdays only.
- North Central WV Community Action, 104 E. Main St., Suite 2, Kingwood.

To make an appointment for either site: 304-329-1028. This year, the tax filing deadline is April 17. VITA volunteers can help prepare basic tax returns for low-to-moderate income working families, disabled and seniors at no cost.

Both federal and state return can be prepared and filed electronically, with refund and credits electronically deposited in taxpayer's bank account within 7-10 days. Bring the following information for your appointment: Social Security card of the filer, spouse and children; a picture ID; federal IRS tax forms for 2011; wage and earning statements (W-2 forms) from each 2011 employer; other tax forms or receipts of income, interest, dividends; child and dependent care information; and a copy of last year's tax return, if available.

Taxpayers will receive help in determining their eligibility for the earned income tax credit and any other credits or deductions that may be appropriate. The earned income tax credit is a special tax credit amounting to \$2-\$5,751 which may be overlooked. This year, many people have qualified for the EITC for the first time. Info: www.wveitc.com or call Linda Brown, North Central Community Action, 304-265-3200.

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Campus Buzz



ABRA SITLER

WVU wise to watch waste in dining halls

IMAGINE HOW MUCH food 30,000 students eat every day.

A walk through WVU's Mountainlair, dining halls, library facilities, classrooms, laboratories and everywhere else on campus will give you a sense of how hungry students are. Everywhere you go on campus, WVU students are eating something somewhere at some time.

Alternatively, a look at the Dumpsters and garbage bins throughout WVU's campus will give you a sense of how much food is thrown away every single day. This past week, the WVU Office of Sustainability, in partnership with the Center for Civic Engagement, the Davis College of Agriculture, and Dining Services, started an initiative to address this issue of food waste. A week-long audit commenced to measure food waste generated at WVU's dining halls. The ultimate goal of the initiative is simple: To reduce excessive landfill waste that could otherwise be composted. In addition to being environmentally friendly, solutions may help WVU financially by trimming unnecessary costs.

Everywhere you go on campus, WVU students are eating something somewhere at some time.

The first step in the initiative is figuring out how much waste is generated. The second is to develop, search for, and implement sensible, sustainable solutions to reduce food waste normally sent to the landfill that could otherwise be put to use.

This past week, volunteers were sent to dining halls throughout the WVU campus. Volunteers labeled containers "compostable" and "landfill," and helped students put their food waste in the appropriate containers after they had finished eating. Following this, employees and volunteers at the dining halls will begin to record and weigh each bag of food waste. This information will be sent to the Office of Sustainability. After the numerical data is analyzed, new solutions and forms of waste management will ideally be developed and implemented across the WVU campus.

Thilanka Munasinghe, WVU graduate engineering and math student who hails from Sri Lanka, said he couldn't believe how much food students threw away in dining halls.

"Sometimes I sit in the dining hall and watch tray after tray of food being thrown away," he said. "I think of all the people in the world that are hungry and don't have food to eat. I think of all the energy and time that goes into growing and preparing the food. It doesn't make sense to just throw it away — it makes me sad."

Potential changes in WVU's dining halls' future could be the gradual removal of trays, and the elimination of certain prepared foods and materials. Looking at pre- and post-consumer waste and recyclables will allow the Office of Sustainability to potentially justify the implementation of a biodigester on campus, which converts organic wastes to a nutrient rich liquid fertilizer as well as biogas, a renewable source of heat and electrical energy.

While WVU already has a rapidly growing recycling program, this is another building block towards a smarter, more sustainable, green, conscious and sensible WVU — the key to a world-class research academic institution's future.

ABRA SITLER is a WVU senior. She can be reached at columns@dominionpost.com.

Undiscovered country



The Al Shammari family — Talal (left), Aziz and Youssef — take in one of their first scenes of West Virginia together at Coopers Rock.

Undergraduate tackles cultural shock, higher education at WVU

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Aziz Al Shammari's journey began Dec. 28, 2006, with the winter evening air gnawing through layers of sweaters and jackets coiled around him as, more than 7,000 miles from his Saudi Arabian homeland, he inhaled his first breath of American air.

No direction. No English. No friends.

Just goose flesh.

"The worst thing was the cold," said Al Shammari, now 24 and an industrial engineering student at WVU. "I didn't know what to do. I felt my heart shaking."

At 19, Al Shammari envisioned living the American Dream. As a young adult in Saudi Arabia, he wanted to come to the United States to earn an education. His elders, particularly a late grandfather, weren't so keen on his decision to leave home.

Al Shammari originally had his eyes set on Arizona, but a friend of his father's urged him to give WVU a try. That

It took some time, but Al Shammari carved a niche in the WVU community.

friend called West Virginia the "perfect location."

"I kept thinking about how Morgantown would look," Al Shammari said. "I was excited to see what the morning there would look like."

Al Shammari enrolled in the Intensive English Program at WVU to hone his proficiency in English before choosing an academic course of study. He also acquainted himself with members of the Saudi Students' Association and lived in an apartment with fellow Saudis.

Still, Morgantown didn't seem like home to Al Shammari. He struggled socially through his first semester.

"I didn't like it here that much," he said. "I didn't speak English. I didn't know how to make friends. So when we went on break, I went to California."

A cousin suggested he move

out there with him, but Al Shammari wasn't about to give up on WVU. He told his cousin he needed time to think. He returned to Morgantown and graduated from the Intensive English Program.

Al Shammari said there wasn't any particular "gotcha" moment that made him realize he wanted to be a Mountaineer; it was a gradual immersion into the WVU community that hooked him.

"I felt I had already built myself as a Mountaineer," Al Shammari said. "I went to football and basketball games, enjoyed the green mountains in the summer and the snow in the winter."

It took some time, but Al Shammari carved a niche in the WVU community. He no longer lacked direction or stumbled over the English language. Just as important, he was no longer alone.

He became president of the

Saudi Students' Association and serves as an international student liaison for the Student Government Association.

His progression has not gone unnoticed. Michael Wilhelm, director of the WVU Office of International Studies and Scholars, remembers meeting Al Shammari not long after he arrived in Morgantown. At the time, Wilhelm was an instructor in the Intensive English Program.

"It was clear from the first meeting that he was a great kid who was very motivated to improve his English, but he really had a long way to go," Wilhelm said. "His progress over the years at WVU has been simply amazing, and I don't mean only in terms of his language skills."

"I have always appreciated the desire that Aziz has to put himself out there, to get to know new people both inside and outside of the international student community, and to simply get involved in a full student life here at WVU."

Blueprint for Student Success helps smooth pathway to degree

Submitted to The Dominion Post

All blueprints lead to a finished product.

At WVU, that finished product is a successful Mountaineer, complete with a college degree. To help students reach that goal, the university has created the Blueprint for Student Success, an initiative begun by President Jim Clements upon his arrival in 2009 and maintained as part of the university's 2020 Strategic Plan for the Future.

Clements charged key administrators with developing the blueprint after recognizing a need to improve retention and graduation rates among students. University officials hope to unveil a final comprehensive plan this fall.

Provost Michele Wheatly and Associate Provost Elizabeth Doolley brought together a team representing both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs to explore, design and implement a student success plan.

The goal is simple, said Bernadette Jungblut, director of assessment and retention at WVU: "We want students to stay at WVU and earn their degrees at WVU."

Nationally, fewer than 75 percent of first-year students at public, four-year institutions return for their second year, and only about four in 10 earn a degree within five years. Getting that degree makes a big difference: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the median annual salary for college graduates is almost twice as much as high school graduates, and the employment rate for college graduates is significantly higher.

Jungblut is just one of dozens of campus officials crafting the Blueprint. So far, they have identified five areas that shape the project:

■ **Enhancing the first-year experience:** Students must feel a sense of belonging the first second they set foot onto campus. This is why

strengthening their first-year experience at WVU is crucial.

■ **At-risk intervention:** The blueprint provides an early intervention component to catch students who might not be adjusting well to the college experience.

■ **Focus on students of color:** Resident faculty leaders work with students on the Our WVU Communities initiative, which hosts events focusing on diversity, inclusion and promoting increased access to educational opportunities for first generation students and students of color. One recent event brought ESPN SportsCenter anchor Jay Harris to campus to discuss the importance of education in achieving success.

■ **Advising and course scheduling:** The blueprint tries to establish and implement the best practices for advising of, and course scheduling for, students. This involves connecting pre-majors and General Studies students to col-

leges and departments.

■ **Service excellence:** Officials review student surveys such as the Student Satisfaction Inventory and the Graduating Senior Survey to identify any barriers between students and the faculty.

Graduate student Evan Widney has seen the Blueprint shape academic lives already. As a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Success and Retention Programs, Widney has worked with some students who were in danger of falling through the cracks.

"The outreach efforts that have been created, or re-energized, through the blueprint are certainly, I believe, helping the WVU student population to be more successful," said Widney, who's studying educational leadership.

For a list of groups working on the blueprint, visit strategic plan.wvu.edu/the_map/work_group_reports/tudent_success.

WVU STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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EDITORIAL

Self-governed, not governed

Public's right to know essential to our form of government

Like much else in government, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is a vestige of the past.

This federal law was established in 1966, when America's population was about half that of today's. Data trickled and flowed through clunky phone receivers, three television channels, AM radio, Western Union and — by and large — newspapers.

Today *The Dominion Post*, hundreds of other newspapers, broadcast and online media, libraries, civic groups, nonprofits, schools and other groups are kicking off Sunshine Week.

This celebration of the public's right to know fittingly began 10 years ago in, where else, the Sunshine State, Florida, when lawmakers tried to introduce more than 300 new exemptions and exceptions to its open records laws.

Though the power and potential of today's technology has landed not only journalism, but every facet of information and society a new dimension where data moves instantaneously, we oppose measures that hinder the public's right to know.

FOIA laws continue to be narrowly interpreted by many government agencies and courts in response to requests.

For instance, according to a review by *The Associated Press* in 2007, our state's FOIA laws, adopted in 1977, have been tweaked more than 75 times, with about a dozen exemptions added to the original eight.

But don't strain your eyes looking for any tweaks expanding FOIA statutes. You won't find them.

Just last week, for the second year in a row, the Senate Judiciary Committee rejected an effort to redefine our state's open records laws, defeating a proposal submitted by a local legislator since 2010.

The bill aimed to subject emails from government accounts to FOIA laws based not only on their content, but also the context they were created.

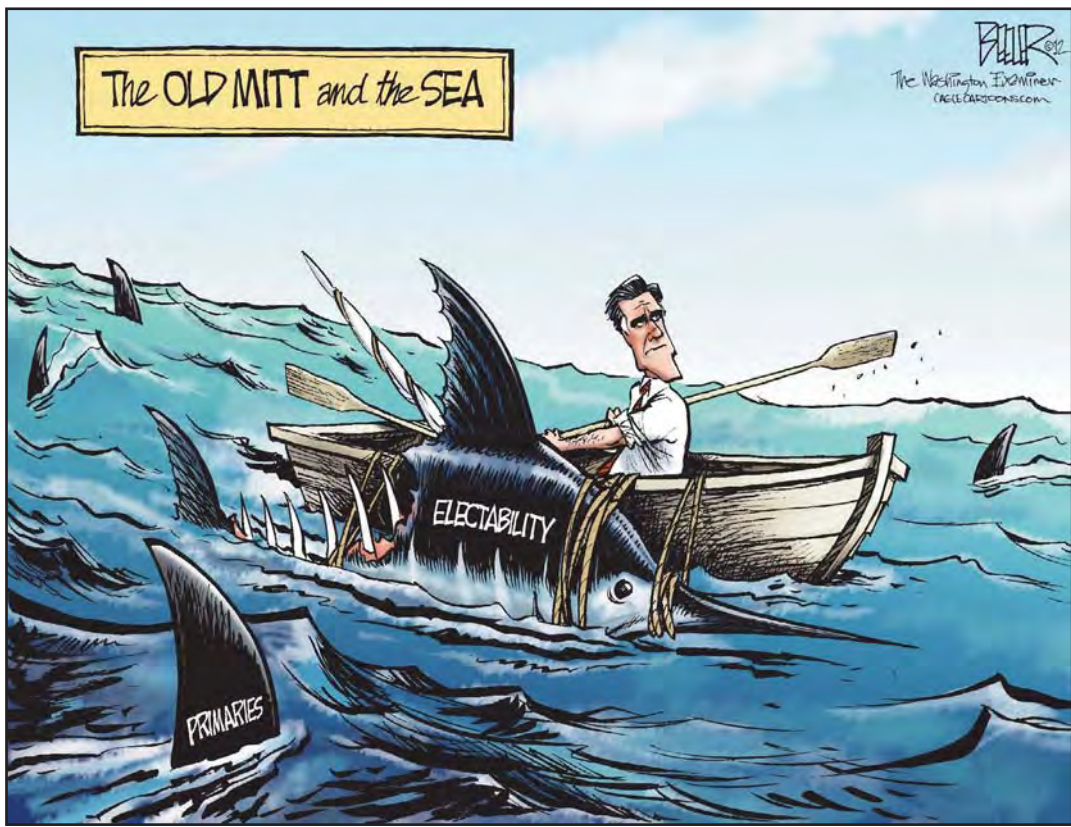
In other words, make public records produced by public officials in public offices on public equipment on the public dime public. Right? Wrong.

No one is suggesting that exempt records be held up to public scrutiny.

But what of the FOIA requests our newspaper files yearly for everything from coaches' contracts to the Division of Highways payments for vehicle repairs because of road conditions.

Throughout this week, our newspaper will be promoting a dialogue about what open government and freedom of information means to all of us.

Our first point of reference in this discussion must be: We are self-governed, not governed — in the past and in the future.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Expanding recycling program encouraged

I was happy to read Allied Waste has proposed improvements to Morgantown's recycling program (DP-March 4) and city officials were receptive to the idea. We moved from Oregon three years ago and were disappointed to find that recycling here is literally 20 years behind the communities we came from. Those communities had excellent recycling programs, and Allied Waste was the waste and recycling provider there as well.

The program in Oregon went something like this: We were supplied free of charge, three carts with wheels. For recycling, the cart was tan and 65 gallons. For yard waste you had a choice of a gray 65-gallon cart or a composting bin. For trash we had a choice of a

green 32-gallon or 65-gallon cart. We were also given an 18-gallon bin for recycling glass. Recyclables and yard waste were picked up on alternating weeks, usually in the afternoon while trash was picked up in the morning once a week. All of these wheeled carts were picked up at the curb by a truck with an arm that grabbed the cart and hoisted it up, spilling the contents into the truck. One man could handle a typical route.

All recyclable items were placed into the recycle cart without need for sorting, except for glass, which went into the 18-gallon bin. They didn't want broken glass mixed with other recyclables. The list of recyclables was far greater than what we have here. The list included all plastics — Nos. 1-6 — and office paper, among other items.

In the yard waste cart, you could put yard trimmings, lumber and food waste. The truck hauling these items would go to a place near the landfill, where its contents would be dumped into a large machine that chewed everything up, creating good compost that was sold to landscapers and the public.

I have often wished we had a similar program here, and now it looks like we will.

I want to encourage the Solid Waste Advisory Board, the Morgantown City Council and the city manager to do all in their power to make Allied Waste's proposal a reality.

Now that everything will go into one large cart, the question is what do I do with the shelves I built in my basement as a recycling center?

**Kevin Burton
Morgantown**

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CHARLES C. HAYNES
Inside the First Amendment

Conscience matters for acts of faith

LEST WE FORGET, our Framers put religious liberty, or freedom of conscience, first on the list of fundamental rights protected by the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof —"

Why first? In his famous "Memorial and Remonstrance," James Madison put it this way:

"The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate. This right is in its nature an unalienable right."

But today, 220 years after the ratification of the Bill of Rights, claims of conscience seeking religious exemptions from government laws and regulations are frequently the last to be heard — if they are heard at all — in debates over public policy.

Has our "first freedom" become an afterthought — or, worse yet, an annoyance? Consider the current battle over whether religiously affiliated institutions must provide coverage for contraception in their health-insurance plans. In the initial federal regulations, nothing was done to address the inevitable conflicts that would arise by mandating that religiously affiliated institutions do what they cannot do as a matter of conscience.

Politics of appeasement

No quit in these presidential candidates

POOR MITT ROMNEY. He won six of 10 states Super Tuesday. He lengthened his lead in the count of delegates who will choose the GOP's presidential nominee. But he's still a long way from claiming victory.

Why? Because there's no compelling reason for Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich or Ron Paul to drop out of the race. Each has a



reason to keep fighting at least through April — and maybe all the way to the convention in August.

The elongated GOP primary race is partly a product of new party rules that aimed deliberately to produce a longer campaign, mostly by

allowing losing candidates to win more of the delegates through proportional allocation. "The dumbest idea anybody ever had," in the assessment of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Romney backer. And the marathon is partly because of "super PACs," the new fundraising vehicles that allow billionaires to keep a favorite campaign on life support.

But it's also a product of the individual circumstances of Romney's rivals. Santorum is the most straightforward case. He's in second place in the delegate chase, and stands at least a theoretical chance of winning if Romney were somehow to collapse. But even more important, Santorum, 53, is the youngest of the four candidates; if he runs an impressive race and finishes second (or, as he put it on Tuesday, with "silver medals"), he would be a logical candidate for vice president this year — or president in 2016. "He'll go all the way to the convention," a Romney adviser predicted.

Paul is a little more complicated. The Texas congressman hasn't won a single primary — not even in Alaska, a libertarian hotbed. But he's running to promote a cause, not to win the nomination. He's the oldest candidate at 76, but he has an heir — Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., 49 — who can pick up the banner next time. So Paul too has good reasons to stay in the race long enough to win as many delegates as he can — the better to get some libertarian themes into the GOP platform and claim a prime-time speaking role at the convention in Tampa, Fla.

Then there's Gingrich, the most complicated of all. At 68, this is probably his one and only run for the presidency. And it's increasingly clear he doesn't have a shot. But of all the candidates, he's the one who appears to be enjoying himself the most. He's



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"There's no rulebook to turn to for many of journalism's tough calls."
Rem Rieder
editor, *American Journalism Review*, 2006

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MarketPulse

MAISON Investors are pouring into all kinds of risky investments — except for European stock funds. Mutual funds that invest in Mexican stocks, for example, attracted more investment during the last week of February than in any week since the summer of 2011, fund tracker EPFR Global says.



NOT SO TAXING Dividends may get less lucrative next year. President Obama has called for tax rates on dividends to rise for many taxpayers. That has raised worries that companies will pull back on dividends.



STILL DOUBTING Stocks have had a mostly smooth climb upwards since early October. Not everyone is buying it. John Hussman, who runs the \$5.4 billion Hussman Strategic Growth fund (HSGFX) and other mutual funds, says that this is a 'Who's Who of awful times to invest.'



OneYearAgo

March 11, 2011 — The earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on Friday forced multinational companies to close factories, fight fires and move workers, inflicting at least short-term damage on that nation's fragile economy.

StocksRecap



Table with columns: 52-WEEK HIGH, 52-WEEK LOW, INDEX, HIGH, LOW, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, MO, QTR, YTD, 1YR. Lists various indices like Dow Jones Industrial Average, NYSE Comp, S&P 500, etc.

Local Stocks

Table listing local stocks: Consol Energy CNX, Huntgrn Bankshs HBAN, Mylan Inc MYL with their respective price changes.

Large table listing various companies with columns for TICKER, 52-WK RANGE, FRIDAY CLOSE, SCHG, %CHG, RANK, %RTN, PE, YLD. Includes companies like Air Products, Allstate Corp, Alpha Nat Rescues, etc.

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Source: FactSet Data through March 8 Alex Veiga, Jenni Sohn • AP

FundFocus

Nuveen Santa Barbara Dividend Growth (NSBX)

Mutual funds specializing in dividend strategies were strong performers in 2011, and they continue to attract investors. Manager Jim Boothe of Nuveen Santa Barbara Dividend Growth doesn't believe the recent popularity of dividends will hurt his ability to find good investments.



Jim Boothe

last year. Do you still see value there? The dividend growth story is still intact for tobacco. For example, sales at Philip Morris International are entirely overseas, so they're participating in the emerging markets growth.

What has changed this year for dividend investors? We're still seeing a wave of interest and money flowing into equity income funds. But the sectors that had the best performance last year — utilities, telecommunications, and health care — are near the bottom this year.

What about health care? Many pharmaceutical stocks now have attractive dividend yields of around 4 percent. I don't see strong prospects for growth in the pharmaceutical sector.

Chart titled 'Morningstar Category: Large Blend' showing asset size, expense ratio, and return. Includes a 'Top 5 Holdings' list with companies like Philip Morris Int'l and Microchip Tech.

Tobacco stocks performed well

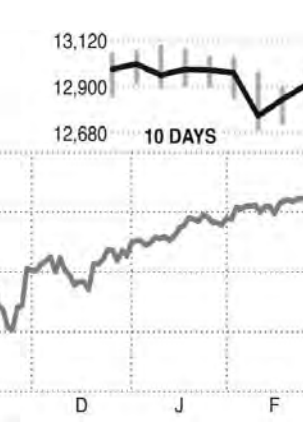
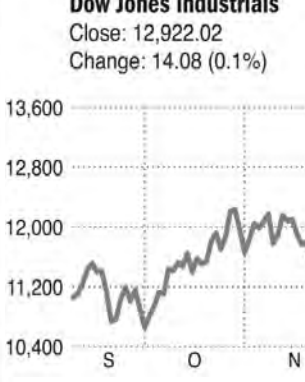
Market bottom then & now

It's been a harrowing ride, even though the stock market has more than doubled since hitting a low on March 9, 2009. The economy, too, has recovered considerably despite stalling through some difficult periods since the financial crisis.



Advertisement for '30 Biggest Funds' featuring a 'First Place' ribbon and listing top-performing funds like American Funds, Dodge & Cox, Fidelity, etc.

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See anyone you know?



Morgantown Rotary

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What we do:

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Morgantown, WV

Fairmont Rotary Club
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Fairmont Field Club Country Club Road
Fairmont, WV

Newburg Rotary Club
Meetings: Monday, 6:15 P.M.
Newburg United Methodist Church
Newburg, WV

South Fairmont Rotary Club
Meetings: Wednesday, 7:30 A.M.
Poky Dot Restaurant
Fairmont Avenue
Fairmont, WV

Cheat Lake Rotary Club
Meetings: Tuesday, 7:30 A.M.
Lakeview Scanticon Resorts
1 Lakeview Drive Morgantown
Cheat Lake, WV

Kingwood Rotary Club
Meetings: Tuesday, 7:30 A.M.
Monroe's Deli and Restaurant
Main Street
Kingwood, WV

Rotary Club of Morgantown
Meetings: Thursday, Noon
Madeleine's Restaurant
140 High Street
Morgantown, WV

Westover Rotary Club
Meetings: Wednesday, Noon
Aquarium Lounge
Westover, WV

Boy Scouts licensing meetings scheduled

Submitted to The Dominion Post
The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Retail Business Development and Licensing Team will host two information sessions for West Virginia companies interested in creating products using BSAs logos, words and phrases.

This includes those items associated with the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve and the 2013 National Jamboree.

The sessions target companies interested in applying for a license to produce BSA-branded merchandise.

The two sessions run 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and will be: Tuesday at the Charleston Marriott Town Center, and Thursday at The Resort at

Glade Springs, Daniels.

Both sessions are free and open to the public, but advance online registration is required because seating is limited.

Register online for the Charleston session: conta.cc/chasinfo.

Register online for the Glade Springs session: conta.cc/beckleyinfo.

The information sessions not only will provide manufacturers and distributors the opportunity to learn more about the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve and 2013 National Jamboree, but will offer information on how to sell West Virginia-made products directly to the BSA.

Coal company fined for collapse

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The operator of a Utah coal mine where a 2007 collapse led to the deaths of nine people agreed on Friday to plead guilty to two misdemeanor criminal charges and pay a \$500,000 fine.

Six miners died at Crandall Canyon in central Utah in the August 2007 collapse so powerful that it initially registered as a 3.9-magnitude earthquake. Another cave-in 10 days later killed two rescuers and a

federal inspector. The operation was eventually called off after drilling into the mountain found no sign of the trapped men. Their bodies remain deep in the mine's catacombs.

In documents filed in federal court in Salt Lake City Friday, attorneys for Genwal Resources Inc. noted that while it agreed to plead guilty to two counts of violating mandatory health and safety standards and pay the fine, the company can withdraw the agree-

ment should the court not accept the plea.

The company still maintains its mine was safe but said the plea agreement "avoids Genwal putting its former employees, their families, and members of the community at large through the ordeal of reliving the tragic events," according to a statement Friday from company lawyers.

"Significantly, the agreement reflects the lack of evidence that any conduct by the company caused the acci-

dents," the statement said.

Genwal, based in Pepper Pike, Ohio, is an affiliate of Murray Energy Corp.

U.S. Attorney David B. Barlow said the charges support their case. According to the two counts filed Friday, Genwal "willfully violated a mandatory health and safety standard" by failing to report the initial accident to federal authorities within 15 minutes. The second charges the company violated approved roof control plans.

Little Creek granted loan

Submitted to The Dominion Post
A federal Water and Waste Disposal Loan in the amount of \$1,730,000 was granted to Little Creek Public Service District (PSD) in Marion County, USDA Rural Development State Director Bobby Lewis announced Tuesday.

The Little Creek PSD maintains a water distribution system for about 841 customers in Marion and Monongalia Counties. The system maintains water distribution lines and six water storage tanks.

Rural Development funds will be used to improve stor-

age and future reliability of the water distribution system. The existing lines are undersized, and there is not adequate storage capacity for the present customers being served. Existing waterlines will be upgraded with larger pipe and two new storage tanks will be installed.

"Without improvements, the customer base cannot be increased or extended," Lewis said. "Some areas have experienced water outages because of inadequate storage capacity to meet customer demands."



Submitted photo

Nissan dealership to open this year

Tri-Star motors recently broke ground on a new \$3 million Nissan dealership on Superior Way in Uniontown, Pa. The company will hire 10 to 15 new employees for the store. The 16,000-square-foot building should be open by the end of the year. Present to mark the start of construction are Debbie Hull (from left), Fayette Chamber of Commerce; Louis Incardona, Tri-Star executive manager; Michael Gannon, M&T Bank; Kevin Sergent, Tri-Star owner; Jack Bartko, Tri-Star director of operations; and Kevin Fuelling, Nissan North America.

Workshop to help establish business online

Submitted to The Dominion Post
A one-day workshop will offer tools designed to help small businesses in West Virginia establish an online presence.

This Google-led program, called "West Virginia Get Your Business Online," is dedicated to providing West Virginia businesses with the tools and resources to get online and grow. It will give businesses access to a free and easy-to-build professional website from Intuit; a free customized domain name and hosting service for one year; and a local business listing.

The workshop is 10 a.m. March 19, at the Clay Center's Walker Theater, Charleston.

Info: WestVirginiaGetOnline.com

Pa. rail projects find funding

Submitted to The Dominion Post
HARRISBURG, Pa. — A \$23 million state investment will fund 16 freight-rail improvement projects statewide, Gov. Tom Corbett said.

Among the projects is the Fay-Penn Industrial in Fayette County. It will receive \$1.5 million for the second phase of track construction for the rail/truck transload

facility in Smithfield, Pa. The grants leverage local investments and are administered by PennDOT's Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways.

"These investments will help businesses expand and improve their operations, paying dividends through economic activity," Corbett said.

BRIEFS

Submitted to The Dominion Post
Glyptis added to law firm's Wheeling office
Steptoe & Johnson PLLC announced that Phillip T. Glyptis, of counsel, has joined the firm's Wheeling office. Glyptis

focuses his practice in the areas of complex litigation, energy litigation and professional liability, including defense of medical professionals and long-term care facilities. Glyptis is admitted to practice in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Glyptis is a graduate of

WVU (B.S. and J.D.). He joins Steptoe & Johnson from the law firm of Flaherty, Sensabaugh and Bonasso PLLC.

TechConnect adds three to board
TechConnect West Virginia, a statewide economic development organiza-

tion working to foster and promote innovation-based businesses and entrepreneurial activities across West Virginia, announced the addition of three new members to the organization's board of directors.

■ Dr. Phillip Halstead, executive director and CEO, WV Regional Technology Park.

■ Deana Keener, president, I-79 Development Council.

■ Scott Rotruck, vice president of corporate development and state government relations, Chesapeake Energy Corp.

"Deana, Scott and Phil bring unique experience, perspective and resources to the TechConnectWV Board, and we're excited to have them engaged," said Anne Barth, executive director of TechConnectWV.



Phillip Halstead



Deana Keener



Scott Rotruck



Steve Spiker

providers of building products and services. The association promotes the home building industry through member and consumer education, advocating members' interests in the legislative and regulatory process, fostering business opportunities among members, and promoting ethical and quality business practices.

Spiker and his brother, Randy Spiker, both of Bruceton Mills, own and operate Horizon Construction Inc., which specializes in commercial and custom home building.

Info: horizonconstructioninc.com.

Kolar to join realty firm as part time
Dr. Maria Kolar at WVU's Medical Center has joined Pat Stewart, Realtors firm on a part-time basis.

Kolar is originally from Weirton and has resided in the Morgantown area since 1981. She is a graduate of WVU with degrees in biology and medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency training program at WVU, as well, and has served as a faculty member of the School of medicine for more than 20 years. She has worked the past 10 years at the Clarksburg VA Medical Center.

She lives in Morgantown with her husband, Barry, a music teacher, and has two children, Elizabeth, a freshman in college and John, a freshman in high school.

Spiker president of home builders group
Steve Spiker has been elected president of the Northern West Virginia Home Builders Association for 2012.

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Birthday celebration

Brownie Troop 4138 celebrates the 100th year of Girl Scouts. Attending are Shirley Rogers (back row, from left), Sherry Newcome, leader, Jessica Newcome (front row, from left), Kacie Gallardo, Laelah Stevenson and Harley Rae Rogers.



Submitted photo

Tea time

On Feb. 20, The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution hosts a President's Day Tea at Friendship Manor. The residents of Friendship Manor and members of the CZM Chapter were entertained by skits performed by Joyce Poago's third-grade class at Trinity Christian School. Grace Bedell portrayed by Joyce Poago's third-grade class at Trinity Christian School. Grace Bedell portrayed by Joyce Poago's third-grade class at Trinity Christian School. Lincoln was portrayed by Crystal Smith, and Betsy Ross by Miranda Wotring. After the program, refreshments were served, including two cakes: One was Col. Andrew Jackson's Blackberry Jam Cake, the other was a Lancaster Cake, baked by treasurer Rebecca Davis.

Bring books, brownie mixes to AAUW meeting

Submitted to The Dominion Post

Members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Heritage Point. The program will be presented by AAUW member Kate Clark and will feature information on how to protect yourself from identity theft. Kate is a WVU associate professor emeritus.

Attendees are asked to bring an item(s) for the basket for the state convention. Proceeds from the basket auction will go to the AAUW Action Fund. The Morgantown branch's theme is "Books and Brownies," so attendees are asked to bring a book(s) and/or boxes of brownie mix. The books can be gently read, either

hardcover or paperback, and of interest to adults. Any type of brownie mix is welcome. Those who are unable to attend the March meeting and want to donate something for the basket, call Kate Clark at 304-599-0538 and she will arrange to pick up the donation.

The state convention will be April 13-14.



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On President's Day, Dorcas Davis (right), chaplain for the Col. Zackquill Morgan Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution presents Barbara Tuttle (left), a history teacher at Clay-Battelle High School with a certificate of merit for using news items as a way to teach civics. Dorcas Davis, along with Becky Davis, treasurer, made the presentation in front of the staff at Clay-Battelle High School.

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Troop 65 names 100th Eagle Scout

Submitted to The Dominion Post

In the centennial year of the first Eagle Scout rank awarded, Boy Scout Troop 65 recognizes Cory Johns as its 100th Eagle Scout. Johns completed the Eagle Scout rank in February. To complete Eagle Scout, Johns said he made a commitment to himself, his community and the Boy Scouting program. Since joining Troop 65 in June 2005, he has earned 30 merit badges, fulfilled various leadership responsibilities, provided community service and was active in the scouting program.



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Cory Johns

Johns' final objective was his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project where he coordinated an effort to improve the trails at the West Virginia Botanic Garden. For the project, Johns planned and led a group of volunteers in the construction of a persistently muddy section of trail and in the removal of fallen trees and other debris obstructing the flow of Jones Run Creek. With the assistance of volunteers and the support of 84 Lumber, Johns' project contributed almost 200 hours of service to the botanic garden.

Johns will graduate from University High School (UHS) in May 2012. At UHS, He is involved in Young Life and has been a member of the UHS Boy's Varsity Soccer team. He plans to attend WVU and major in computer engineering and biometric systems.

Nationwide, only 4 percent of all boys who enter the Boy Scouting program achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Boy Scout Troop 65 is sponsored by Suncrest United Methodist Church in Morgantown. For more information about Troop 65, visit troop65.macbsa.org or facebook.com/troop65wv.

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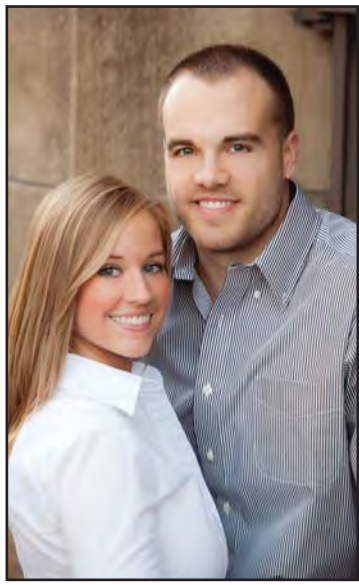
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Edwards-Policastro

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards Jr. of Morgantown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn, to Mr. Christopher Douglas Policastro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Policastro, of Toms River, N.J.



Stephanie Lynn Edwards and Christopher Douglas Policastro

Stephanie is a 2003 graduate of Morgantown High School and a 2007 graduate of West Virginia University where she received a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Public Relations. She is employed in the Public Relations department at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in Philadelphia.

Chris is a 2003 graduate of Toms River High School North, a 2007 graduate of West Virginia University, and a 2009 graduate of West Chester University where he received his Master's degree in Sport and Athletic Administration. He is employed in the Department of Recreation and Inter-collegiate Athletics at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. A summer wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

Almasy-Kraus

Sara Elizabeth Almasy, formerly of Morgantown, and Michael Kraus, formerly of Cleveland, were united in marriage on New Year's Eve 2011, in Loxahatchee, Fla.



Sara Elizabeth Almasy and Michael Kraus

Performing the ceremony were the bride's father, Dr. Rudolph P. Almasy, and the bride's uncle, Dr. Daniel Borsay. Participating in the wedding party were the bride's mother, Helen Almasy of Morgantown, and Calvin Hetherington, son of the bride. Also present were Emma and Amanda Kraus, the daughters of the groom. Sara Almasy, a graduate of Morgantown High School and WVU, is affiliated with the John W. Henry Company of Boca Raton. Michael Kraus, an Ohio State graduate, is affiliated with the Nievera Williams Design Group of Palm Beach, Fla.

The couple are residing in Lake Worth, Fla.

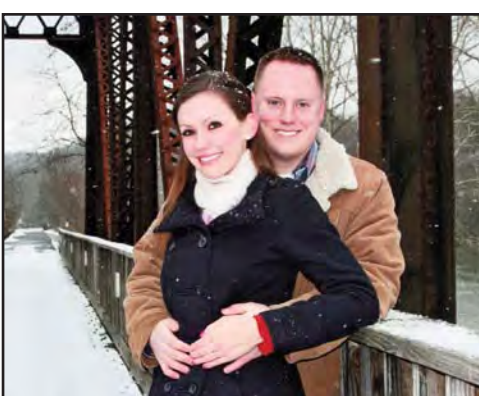
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Gallagher-Little

Samantha Lynn Gallagher and Andrew Jason Little, both of Morgantown, announce their engagement. The wedding is planned for Aug. 4, 2012, in St. Mary's, W.Va.



Samantha is the daughter of Michael and Sarah Gallagher of Morgantown. She is a student at WVU studying elementary education. Andrew is the son of Clyde and Leslie Little of St. Mary's. He graduated from WVU in 2009.

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Anniversary announce-

Territorialism over phone is not putting children first

Q: I bought a cell phone for my oldest son about a year ago. I pay the bill. When my kids go to their dad's, he takes away the phone and tightly controls how often the kids can call me. The kids are supposed to have "unlimited and unrestricted phone access" to each parent. My ex tells my son that I don't pay for the phone, HE does because he pays me child support so my son gets very indignant when he comes home, and I try to ground him by taking the phone away. What's good ex-etiquette?

EX-ETIQUETTE

A: There are so many red flags waving here that they're distracting you from the primary problem — and that is that you and dad have lost sight of what's really important — your children — and put them right in the middle. By disagreeing in this manner you force them to take sides and check their allegiance every time they leave each parent's home.

done as a way to improve communication with the children as much as it is a way to avoid dealing with their other parent. When supplying a phone only complicates the issue, the parent who bought the phone starts getting territorial — I pay for this phone and you can't control its use — and that's when you have kids sneaking into the back bedroom to call mom or dad.

Your court order probably does say, "unlimited and unrestricted phone access," however, most parents and children find that one or two calls a day is enough. More than that often feels intrusive to the other parent. Decide among yourselves (the parents) the time that the non-custodial parent should call and stick by it. And, when the phone call comes through, answer it and let the child have their privacy.

There are lots of good reasons why kids should have cell phones, but it sounds like this one was purchased with the express purpose of talking to the kids when they are not with you. That may not have been

Whose kids are these, anyway?

Dear Mr. Dad: My son has two young children and a few years ago married a woman who has two children of her own. My son and his wife are having some financial troubles, and my wife and I have volunteered to help them out with babysitting whenever they need it, which is quite often.

My son's children are pretty well-behaved when they come to my house. They help set and clear the table, say "please" and "thank you," participate in mealtime conversations, and so on. They're not perfect, but who is? My daughter-in-law's kids are a different story. They're rude, disrespectful, refuse to help out, criticize the food we prepare for them and generally act like they're living in a hotel. It's gotten so bad that I'm about to tell my daughter-in-law that her children are no longer welcome in my house, but I'm afraid that might end up hurting my son's marriage. His wife truly believes her children can do no wrong. What should we do?

A: Ah, welcome to the wonderful world of grandparenting in the age of blended families. You're absolutely right to worry about throwing a wrench into your son's marriage. But you also need to be concerned about how his stepchildren's behavior might affect your relationship with him.

Do NOT talk directly to your daughter-in-law, at least not alone. From your description, she'll just get defensive and will end up painting you as the bad guy.

Treat all four children the same. If anything you do comes even remotely close to favoritism, again, you'll be branded as the bad guy.

Talk directly to all four kids at once. Tell them — without singling anyone out — that there are some behaviors going on that are simply not acceptable and that if things don't change in a hurry, you'll make a report to their parents.

Call a family meeting; you, your wife, son, daughter-in-law, and all four kids. Tell them that you have certain rules in your house and that rude, disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

Talk with your son and his wife. Tell them that you often have trouble with the kids and that you need their help establishing some rules.

This one is hard but it has to be done. Tell your son and daughter-in-law that if the behavior doesn't stop, they will have to make other childcare arrangements.

ASK MR. DAD is written by Armin Brott. Reach him at armin@askmrdad.com or visit mrdad.com.

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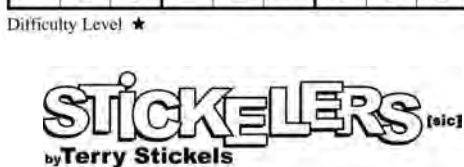
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Answers to puzzles from the Amusement page

A grid for a crossword puzzle with numbers indicating starting positions for words.



The answer is 9. 9 + 8 = 17, 17 x 4 = 68, 9 + 59 = 68, 68 x 4 = 272, 9 + 263 = 272. One way to solve this: 263 + 4/59 + X = 59 + X/8 + X. (X + 8)(X + 263) = (X + 59)². X² + 271X + 2104 = X² + 118X + 3481. 153X = 1377. X = 9.

Answer to Sunday Crossword Puzzle No. 1,559 published today.

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Clean out your closets and cabinets and consider storing some of your furniture. Have a friend or neighbor walk through your home and tell it to you straight. Whatever distracts them will distract a buyer. Start with your front porch and clear away everything in your path until you reach your attic; buyers look there, too. Don't just shift your stuff around from one place to another. Sort through everything and take the opportunity to get rid of those items you forgot you had.

The next step is the kitchen. It is undoubtedly one of the most important rooms in your house. You don't have to spend a small fortune remodeling your cabinets and counters to make an impact on a buyer. If your cabinets are dated or scratched, buy some paint and lighten them up. And don't forget the hardware and drawer pulls. But please, avoid the flashy ones that have flowers or birds on them. Keep the hardware tasteful and neutral in style. Even though you use your coffee pot, toaster, and can opener daily, clean off your kitchen counters. Buyers want to see the counters and not the stuff on them.

After you've cleaned out and cleared off your extra stuff, now it's time to look at your walls. Paint will do wonders to freshen up your home. You will want to avoid colors that are too bright or too dark. Bright colors can distract a buyer and dark colors can make a room look small. Neutral paint colors such as eggshell or taupe tints are recommended. Once you've given your walls a fresh look, don't rehang all of those old photos you love. Keep your walls picture free and clear of personal items. Buyers want to envision their pictures and prints on your walls. Don't distract them.

And finally, remember your floors. If you have drab carpets, rent a steam cleaner. If you have dated vinyl flooring in your kitchen or bathrooms consider putting down stick on vinyl squares in light colors to minimize any distraction. Selling your home and neutralizing the clutter and color is one of the most cost effective ways to attract buyers. All it takes is some weekend work and a little sweat equity.

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AP photo

A bathroom by Atlanta-area designer Mallory Mathison.

Simple works better when choosing window treatments

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
For The Associated Press

With Daylight Savings and springtime weather upon us, we'll soon be opening windows and letting the sun shine in. As breezes set curtains fluttering, it's the perfect time to consider the way your windows are decorated.

"Dressing windows is one of the most impactful ways to give any space a designer edge," said Brian Patrick Flynn, an interior designer and founder of decordeemon.com.

The freshest looks now, according to Flynn and interior designers Betsy Burnham and Mallory Mathison, are all about simplicity, softness and fuss-free design.

Simple hardware

"The skinnier the rod, the fresher the room will look," said Burnham, founder of Burnham Design in Los Angeles. "Just a skinny rod with tiny rings is all you need. It's very graceful. ... When I see 2-inch and 3-inch wooden rods and clunky rings now, it looks so dated."

Mathison, who is based in Atlanta, agrees: "People are moving away from window treatments with cornices and valances." With a basic curtain or Roman shade, she said, you don't need to worry about "anything collecting dust or dirt, or kids wrapping themselves up in bunches of fabric."



AP photo

Interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn designed this living room with textured pillows and drapes.

Sheers and naturals

Mathison increasingly prefers to use sheer curtains on their own, rather than pairing them with thicker draperies.

Adding a thin, organic cotton lining to a sheer curtain panel adds a bit of privacy, but keeps "that sort of flowy, gauzy look," she said. "It's a soft little frame for the window and there's no distraction with it being a heavy fabric."

Custom look for less

It's increasingly easy to get the look of made-to-order window treatments without the cost. All three designers suggest buying pre-packaged curtain panels, then having them custom lined and hemmed to fit your windows.

"I stick with linen and cotton," said Flynn, "then drop them off to a seamstress to be lined so they hang nicely. Next, I have the tops sewn 'soft top' style, which is a straight stitch that gives a casual, relaxed look. Then drapery hooks are added. The cost is anywhere from \$25 to \$125 per panel, depending on the type of pleat and liner used."

Subtle patterns

Patterns aren't out of style, but these designers suggest deploying them strategically. One approach is using a pattern done all in one color.

"There are a lot of sheers now that have a subtle pattern in them, a tone-on-tone stripe or wavy design that adds a little bit of interest," Mathison said, but still "looks simple and light."

Burnham sometimes favors that approach, bringing in pattern through texture rather than color: "It's nice to find a rougher linen, just not a plain flat cotton," she said.

Don't forget strategy

For all their decorating value, window treatments of course have practical purposes.

Draperies and shades can mask old windows that look weathered, buying time before you need to replace the windows.

They can also block excess light, keep warmth from escaping through drafty windows and block sound from outdoors. In spaces where you want quiet, such as a home office or baby's bedroom, Flynn said the right window treatment can make all the difference.

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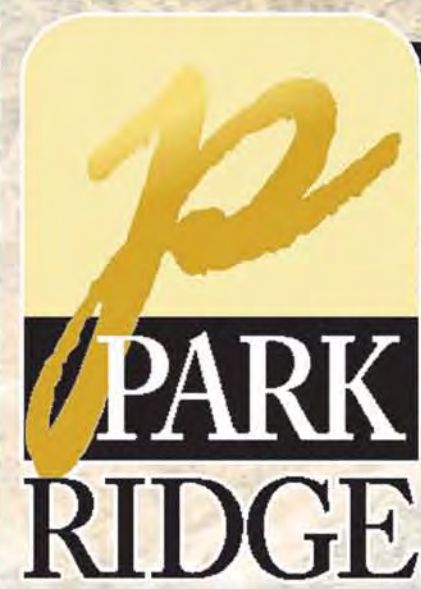
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Spreading rock can help feed soil

BY LEE REICH For The Associated Press

If you feel like getting out in the garden, now is as good a time as any to spread rock on the ground.

Or not (more on that later). You say your ground already has enough rocks in it? True enough, but the rock I'm talking about is a powder, and is likely a different kind of rock from what you already have.

But why put down more rock of any kind? The reason is that rock powders sold for garden use are particularly high in minerals.

For example, rock phosphate is, as the name implies, rich in phosphorous, one of the "big three" nutrients needed by plants. In fact, rock phosphate is the stuff, after being treated with sulfuric acid, that becomes the phosphorous in synthetic fertilizers.

Colloidal phosphate, also known as soft phosphate, is a similar product, this one ground up finer than rock phosphate.

Two other commonly used rock powders — granite and glauconite — are rich sources of potassium, another of the "big three" nutrients needed by plants.

Glauconite is also called greensand, or Jersey greensand if that's where it was mined.



Jersey greensand fertilizer (left), and rock phosphate in New Paltz, N.Y. Rock powders sold for garden use are particularly high in minerals.

And it is greenish.

Besides the major nutrients phosphorous and potassium, these rock powders are also sources of micronutrients. Micronutrients are needed in only minuscule amounts by plants, but nonetheless are essential to their health.

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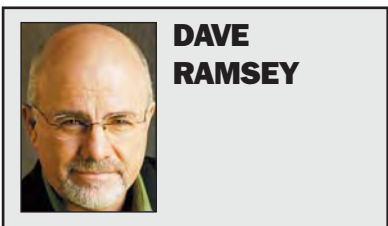
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Q: We keep getting offers in the mail from a law firm that offers to protest the assessed value of our home for property tax purposes. They say that we'll pay them nothing if they can't save us money, but if they do the fee is 50 percent of the property tax savings. Do you think it's ethical to dispute these findings, and are these services legitimate? — Kristen

A: There's no real problem with this, so long as there are no up-front fees. The real question, though, is whether your assessment is accurate.

First, there would have to be some kind of basis for the protest — like if your assessment is really out of line compared to similar homes in the neighborhood. Usually, they aren't assessed at 100 percent. But if you discovered that a comparable home was assessed at 73 percent and yours was based on 82 percent, then you'd have both an ethical and legal right to protest the assessment.

If you talk to this firm, you're either going to find out that there's something going on with the tax base that makes them think they can actually reduce the numbers, or they're going to try and hit you with a "processing fee" or some other kind of garbage.

I think one of two things will happen. If you talk to this firm, you're either going to find out that there's something going on with the tax base that makes them think they can actually reduce the numbers, or they're going to try and hit you with a "processing fee" or some other kind of garbage. If this is the case, you should just walk away.

Q: The job I have currently is about to be phased out, and I'm looking at two other offers. The pay for both is the same. One is short-term, nine months to a year, and it has a per diem so I wouldn't have to move. The other job would last much longer, but I'd have to move and that would throw me about \$3,500 further into debt. This company acts like it doesn't want to help with the moving expenses, but I think I'd like the job better. What do you think I should do? — Michael

A: I'd move. And I'd also try to negotiate the heck out of this company and get them to foot some of the bill for the move.

If you're valuable enough, and they like you enough to want you on their team, then I'd use that as a negotiating point before accepting the position. Tell them that you really want the job and you're excited about it, but the only thing holding you back is \$3,500 in moving costs.

You never know until you ask. And at that point they may see the wisdom of kicking in some cash to make it easier for you to decide.

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The spark of knowledge



Daniel Blake uses an electric welder at the Monongalia County Technical Education Center (MTEC), located at 1000 Mississippi St.

Ron Rittenhouse/The Dominion Post

MTEC trains students for career opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION about MTEC, visit boe.mono.k12.wv.us/mtec/ or call 304-291-9240.

BY KATE MALONGOWSKI
For The Dominion Post

With subjects varying from automotive technology and health careers to welding, the Monongalia County Technical Education Center (MTEC) has lots of programs to choose from.

The center teaches both high school and adult classes. John George, MTEC principal, said surgery technician, pharmacy technician, licensed practical nurse and medical office programs are specifically adult programs, while other health-related programs — such as the dental assistant program, air conditioning, computer systems, electrical technician and welding programs — are offered to both high school students and adults.

Some of the programs are also flexible. George said there are about 400 students enrolled in daytime classes, and about 400 more students enrolled in night classes.

Darby Phillips enrolled in the surgical technician program at MTEC in August. He also has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from WVU.

"This program allows me to have options," he said. He said he wanted job security, and this program will allow him to have that.

In addition to taking classes this semester, he's gaining hands-on experience in his field as a sterile processing technician at Ruby Memorial Hospital. He'll graduate from the nine-month program this spring. Best of all, the program was affordable, costing about \$4,000 to complete.

Amanda Parry, also a surgical technician student at MTEC, said the affordability was a big



Cynthia Zawojki (standing, from left), computer instructor at MTEC, and John George, principal, watch students Justin Rose (sitting, from left), Amber John and Ethan Thornburg work in the computer room.

Ron Rittenhouse/The Dominion Post

factor in her decision to attend. She previously worked at Washington Hospital as a medical assistant, but decided to go back to school because there's more money in working as a surgery technician. Also, being from Pennsylvania, she looked into other schools in the area, but the surgical technician programs there were mostly two-year schools and more than triple the price of the program at MTEC.

And, she said the classes don't take away quality, either. "It's nice only having 11 people in my class," Parry said, stressing the individualized attention.

Another big plus to the program is having the same schedule as her 12-year-old son, so she can spend time with him on her

days off. When she graduates in the spring, she hopes to find work at either Mon General or Ruby Memorial hospitals.

According to the 2010 Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are about 1,950 jobs in "Healthcare Support Occupations" just in the Morgantown metropolitan area.

Doug Bennett, a senior at University High School, has been enrolled in the welding program at MTEC since his sophomore year, after becoming interested in the trade while helping at his uncle's transmission shop. Although high school students typically cannot enroll in MTEC until their junior year, an exception was made for Bennett. And like most MTEC students in high school, his days

are split between traditional high school classes such as English and history and his hands-on training in welding. Not only that, but MTEC offers a welding certification, which would allow him to work as a professional in the field.

When he graduates this spring, he said he plans to "go wherever the work is," but doesn't expect his job hunt to be very difficult.

"There are always a lot of job opportunities in welding," Bennett said, adding that welding jobs aren't hard to find in Morgantown with all of the city's recent building expansions. He said there are job options for welders at coal mines and as plumbers and pipefitters, too.

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Nissan Quest van has unusual touches

BY ANN M. JOB
 For The Associated Press

Do buyers know there is a mini-van again at Nissan?

The Nissan Quest, which had been dropped for a couple years and re-emerged as a fourth-generation 2011 model, is back for 2012 with several touches.

Seats have special padding and front-seat heaters that arguably are the fastest-acting in the business. An odor-avoidance system goes high-tech with grape polyphenol filtering.

There's no tugging or fighting with electronic sliding side doors in this minivan, because they work without fuss. Nissan says the sliding door entryways also are lower than in other vans, which helps youngsters get inside and out. And no one risks a hernia taking a Quest seat out to make room for cargo. The seats are designed to stow in place and can't be removed on a whim.

The Quest even looks a bit different from other minivans. It has a noticeably flat roof and styling that makes it look larger than it is.

The step inside the Quest is accommodatingly low for elderly and younger passengers, and fixed grab handles at the sliding door entryways are positioned just right to help steady passengers getting in



Wheelbase Communications photo

2012's Nissan Quest has several peculiar features, including an odor-avoidance system.

and out.

Nissan's tried-and-true 3.5-liter, double overhead cam V-6 delivers capable power for this 4,300-plus-pound vehicle. Drivers won't compare the Quest to a sports car, but the vehicle isn't slow and stodgy, either, as the engine delivers a good 240 foot-pounds of torque at 4,400 rpm. In fact, the test Quest merged with vigor into traffic and maintained its pace without fuss. Throt-

tle response was quick.

The Quest's torque compares with 245 foot-pounds at a higher 4,700 rpm in the V-6-powered Sienna and 260 foot-pounds at 4,400 rpm in the Grand Caravan.

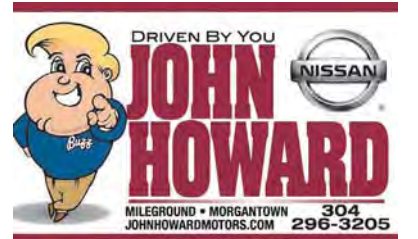
Nissan only offers the Quest with front-wheel drive, and during some startups, the strong engine power hit the front wheels with force. Drivers should keep both hands on the steering wheel at

these times, because the wheel can feel as if it's tugging to one side or the other.

The test Quest, a top LE, impressed with its airy and spacious feel inside. It rode nicely on virtually all road surfaces. The front independent strut suspension and rear multi-link kept bumps away from passengers, with some vibration coming through now and then.

SPECS

2012 Nissan Quest
BASE PRICE: \$27,750
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TYPE: Front-engine, front-wheel-drive, seven-passenger minivan
ENGINE: 3.5-liter, double overhead cam V-6 with CVTC
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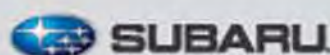
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Cover Story

Judd do it

'Missing' brings big-screen action on the small screen

By Kyla Brewer
TV Media

The line between big screen and small screen is blurring. More and more series these days feature big budget special effects and a cast of Hollywood heavyweights. ABC has snagged some serious Hollywood cred for its latest series as Golden Globe nominee Ashley Judd brings her talents to the alphanetwork in "Missing," premiering Thursday, March 15.

Judd stars as Becca Winstone, an American mother who realizes it's time to let go of her son, Michael (Nick Eversman), when he's offered the opportunity to study abroad. It's particularly hard for Winstone, considering she's been raising Michael alone since he witnessed his father's murder as a boy. When he goes missing just a few weeks into his studies, she aims to find out what's happened to him.

Intrigue and action abound as it's revealed that Becca was once a dangerous CIA operative, and it becomes clear she's willing to do whatever it takes to find her son. Her journey forces her to confront old wounds and rely on old friends if she has any hope of getting Michael back alive.

The fact that a network series, as opposed to a cable show, has attracted the likes of Judd is a huge triumph. While cable channels have been wooing film stars with hard-hitting plots and well-written scripts for years now, the networks haven't fared quite as well. With a few exceptions, notably Kiefer Sutherland in Fox's "24" a few years back, networks haven't snagged the big names like cable giants HBO or Showtime, but "Missing" appears to have a big-screen quality lacking in many network series.

With exotic locales, high-speed chases, explosions and hand-to-hand combat, the series trailer looks more like the latest Hollywood action flick than a network prime-time series. But Judd's presence promises more than just flashy fight sequences and fireballs. "Missing" combines drama and intrigue as well, two things the multi-faceted actress has tackled before.

She got her first real break when she was cast as Reed in the NBC drama "Sisters," and from there, left television behind for feature films. Judd earned critical acclaim for her role in the independent hit "Ruby in Paradise" (1993), which also earned her an Inde-

pendent Spirit Award. Her star continued to climb in such hits as "Smoke" and "Heat" (both 1995), as well as "Kiss the Girls" (1997). Judd showed off her tough-girl chops as another scorned mother in "Double Jeopardy" (1999) opposite Tommy Lee Jones. Her role in the 2004 Cole Porter biopic "De-Lovely" netted her a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress.

More recently, Judd took a break from acting to focus on her education. From 2009 to 2010, she was enrolled in Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government to pursue a master's degree in public administration.

Her return to acting, and especially her involvement in "Missing," has the industry hopping, and critics and bloggers everywhere are wondering if the show will live up to the hype.

It will if Judd has anything to say about it. The hard-working actress did many of her own stunts, reportedly using yoga to prepare for the physically demanding role. During this year's Winter Press Tour, the actress talked about filming a scene in which she falls into the Seine in Paris. For those watching at home, that isn't a stunt double, though she admitted to using one in some scenes.

She wasn't the only one who faced dangerous situations. Sean Bean, who plays her husband Paul, is killed off in a huge explosion.

sion in the very first episode, though he's supposedly seen in flashbacks throughout the series.

The English actor hasn't had much luck staying alive on TV. His recent turn on the hit fantasy series "Game of Thrones" ended with his character being beheaded. Bean's other big claim to fame, his role as Boromir in Peter Jackson's "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, also ended with his character's death.

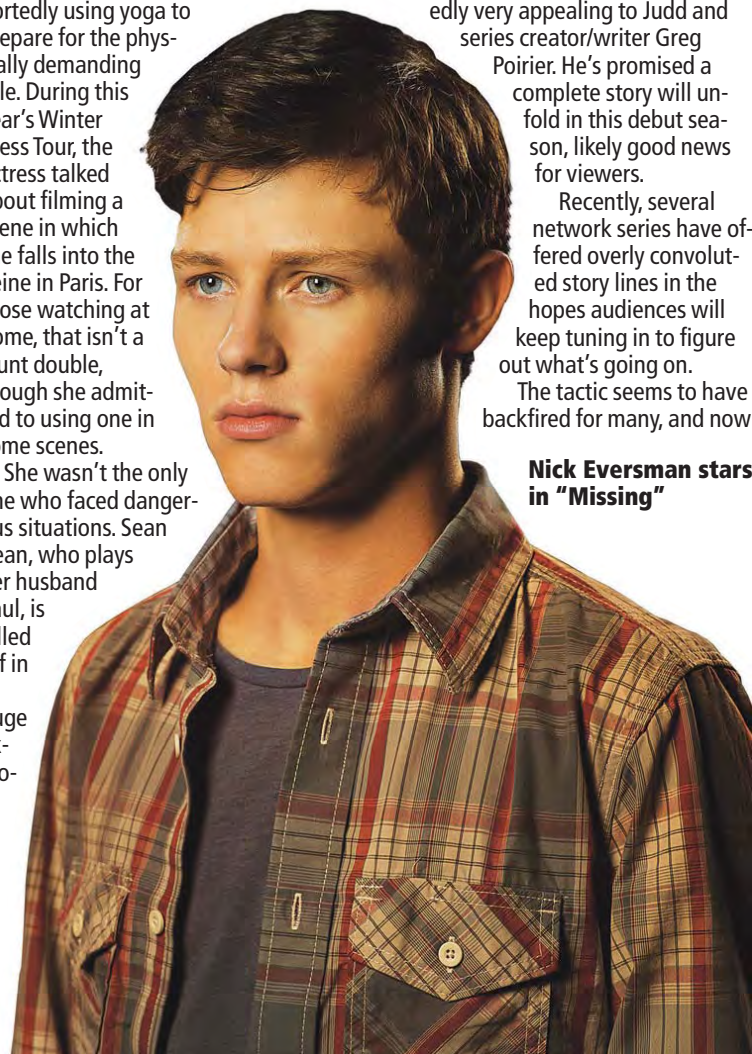
"Missing" also stars Cliff Curtis, Adriano Giannini and Tereza Voriskova.

Filmed on location in Europe, the show boasts some amazing scenery. Traveling across the pond for prime time is a big budget move, uncommon for network series.

The show's 10-episode first season is also unusual. Often, networks want the option to milk a successful series a little more, but the story has been laid out for a limited run, something reportedly very appealing to Judd and series creator/writer Greg Poirier. He's promised a complete story will unfold in this debut season, likely good news for viewers.

Recently, several network series have offered overly convoluted story lines in the hopes audiences will keep tuning in to figure out what's going on.

The tactic seems to have backfired for many, and now



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audiences are looking for a plot that pays off. At least that seems to be what Poirier is banking on, and he knows a little something about what works. He's a big screen player as well, having penned screenplays for "Rosewood" (1997), "Tomcats" (2001) and "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007).

Led by Judd and featuring a bevy of big screen talent "Missing" has must-see potential. Tune in Thursday, March 15, to find out whether or not the thriller holds up.

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Feature Story

What's in stores

Designers share passion for fashion in new series

By Andrew Sawyer
TV Media

Runway models don fantastical costumes and strut their stuff on the catwalk in extravagant fashion shows. Specials and series abound that offer a dramatic behind-the-scenes look into this world. But you wouldn't see these clothes worn around the office or during a trip to the mall. A new fashion-based reality show headed by super-model Elle Macpherson offers something a little different and closer to home.

In "Fashion Star," premiering Tuesday, March 13, on NBC, 14 aspiring designers compete for the chance to get their designs from the sketch pad to store shelves.

With her considerable experience both on and off the runway, Macpherson serves as host and executive producer. She is joined by an eclectic crew of fashion-forward celebrity mentors, who bring their unique senses of style to the series. Nicole Richie, Jessica Simpson and John Varvatos guide the designers on their quests to complete their challenges. Each weekly challenge culminates in an exciting fashion show featuring models, music and dancers. The groundbreaking twist is that the winning designs from each show will be available for order online immediately after the episode airs and will hit department store racks the very next day.

Setting it apart from Heidi Klum's "Project Runway" (and similarly-themed shows) is its unprecedented partnership with three of the largest retailers in America: H&M, Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue. Plus, while "Runway" centered more on high fashion and provocative works, "Fashion Star" promises to be a little more down-to-



Elle Macpherson in "Fashion Star"

earth. The focus is on designing real clothes to be bought off department store racks by the viewing audience themselves.

A buyer from each of the three retailers will be on-hand to judge the designs on the spot and make decisions about which products they like enough to sell in their stores — and which ones they don't. The designers who fail to sell anything by the end of the episode will be up for elimination. This is where the mentors can step in to save one of them from the chopping block. In the end, the winning designer's collection will be carried by all three stores, with orders totaling \$6 million.

Though well-known worldwide as a model and occasional actress, Macpherson's true calling seems to be on the design side of the fashion world. In 1990, she launched Elle Macpherson

Intimates, a line of lingerie apparel that she was heavily involved in designing. In 2005, she expanded into bath and beauty products and her lines continue to enjoy global success.

Growing up in Los Angeles with a famous father, Richie was surrounded by high fashion and is certainly no stranger to style. Perhaps best known for her antics in "The Simple Life" alongside fellow celebubante Paris Hilton, Richie also has her own line of fashion products under the Winter Kate House of Harlow 1960 company. It includes products ranging from apparel to sunglasses and jewelry.

Songstress Simpson brings her multifaceted talent to the table as well. She blazed on to the music scene in the late 1990s and later established herself as an actress in such movies as "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005) and "Employee of the Month" (2006). She launched the Jessica Simpson Collection in 2005, which has grown from high-heels and handbags to include an array of clothing, fragrances and accessories.

Least well-known among the mentors, but perhaps the most fashion-intensive, is designer Varvatos. He's worked for Polo Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein, and, in 2000, he launched his own premiere men's collection, which netted him the Perry Ellis Award for New Menswear Designer that year and the next.

Hollywood Q&A

By Adam Thomlison
TV Media

Q: On the British sitcom "Keeping up Appearances," Patricia Routledge, who plays Hyacinth Bucket, is portrayed as having an awful singing voice. However I have heard that she really has a beautiful voice. Is this true? Also can she be seen in any other TV shows in America?

A: It's true: Routledge's grating, falsetto voice as Hyacinth Bucket (pronounced "Bouquet") masked an award-winning singing voice.

In a recent interview with Britain's esteemed Guardian newspaper, Patricia Routledge refers to Hyacinth Bucket, the most famous role of her long acting career, as "the dreadful Mrs. B."

"What Mrs. B's fans may not know," the article says, "is that Routledge has had an acclaimed career in musical Theatre." She even won an Olivier Award in 1988 for her lead role in the operetta "Candide," written by theatrical great Leonard Bernstein.

In fact, Routledge laments the fact that "the dreaded monster" of television took her away from the stage.

It was "Keeping Up Appearances" that did it, at first anyway. She had a long career on television, dating back to a five-episode run on the venerable British soap "Coronation Street" in 1961, but she wasn't a full-time TV actress until she donned the floral-printed dresses and booming voice of Mrs. Bucket.

However, when that series ended in 1995 she stuck with TV, taking on the title role in the mystery comedy "Hetty Wainthropp Investigates." That series still pops up from time to time on North American TV, usually on PBS.

She also had a fairly sizeable role in a 1977 BBC production of the Charles Dickens story "Nicholas Nickleby," which pops up on TV rarely these days, but is available on DVD.

Q: The second "Ninja Turtles" movie has a message that dedicates it to Jim Henson. Was he involved in the Turtles franchise?

A: Not directly, but his son was.

Brian Henson worked at the production house his father built, Jim Henson's Creature Shop, which supplied the animatronic turtle suits for the first two live-action "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" films. Brian is credited as the chief puppeteer and second-unit director for the first film, released in 1990.

His famous father died in 1990, during the production of the second Turtles film, which is why, when it was released a year later, it was dedicated to Jim Henson.

Brian only received a "special thanks" credit on that one, with the chief-puppeteer gig going to Creature Shop staffer Mak Wilson.

That's not the only Muppet-Turtle link, however. The turtles mutant-rat mentor and sensei, Splinter, was voiced by Kevin Clash, best known as the voice of Elmo (and about a dozen other characters) on "Sesame Street."

Q: Laura Prepon and Ashton Kutcher are back on TV, but where's Topher Grace nowadays?

A: Topher Grace, who played the show's central character, Eric Forman, mostly left TV behind when "That '70s Show" ended in 2006.

His fellow "'70s" stars mostly stuck to the small screen, with Ashton Kutcher making a name for himself with the prank show "Punk'd," and more recently with his role on the hit sitcom "Two and a Half Men," and now Laura Prepon returning in the comedy "Are You There, Chelsea."

Grace returned to TV to do a voice in an episode of "The Simpsons" in 2008, and again to do the star-studded 2011 HBO telefilm "Too Big to Fail," but other than that it's been big-screen ever since.

His biggest role came right out of the gate. The year after "That '70s Show" ended Grace appeared in the 2007 blockbuster "Spider-Man 3" as Spidey's nemesis, Venom.

Indeed, he seems to be building a career as an unlikely action star, having also appeared in the 2010 big-budget hit "Predators," and last year's spy drama "The Double" opposite Richard Gere.

He's returning to more familiar territory this year, however, with a role in the superstar-laden romantic comedy "The Wedding," alongside such legendary names as Robert De Niro, Susan Sarandon, Robin Williams and Diane Keaton.

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Soap Opera Updates

By Dee Wright
TV Media

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The Bold and the Beautiful

Liam and Hope are intimate for the first time, but things don't go as planned and both parties are left disappointed. Later, Hope visits Dr. Barton to discuss her negative feelings towards sex and she has a breakthrough regarding her future with Liam. Liam, meanwhile, tells his father about his night with Hope and Bill uses the opportunity to tell Liam that he should be with Steffy. Taylor and Stephanie finally agree on something when they talk about Liam and Steffy's divorce. Brooke and Ridge try to be creative when planning Eric and Stephanie's anniversary, while Eric and Stephanie meet one of Sally's former business partners (guest star Phyllis Diller.) An unexpected couple exchange vows with hilarious results.

Days of Our Lives

Bo and Roman are assaulted in an alley, and Bo slips into a coma. In Alamainia, Hope gets word of Bo's condition, but when she calls his room at the hospital, it's Billie who answers. Before she can find out what's going on, Bo flatlines. Meanwhile, Madison fears that Ian will go after Brady so she tries to convince Brady that she wants to be with Ian. Abigail arranges for her and Melanie to visit the same resort where Austin and Carrie are staying. Later, Abigail tells Carrie that she and Austin slept together and Carrie is heartbroken. Lucas returns to Salem and tries to help Sami untangle the web of lies she's made, but Kate warns her son to stay away from Sami.

General Hospital

Former residents of Llanview arrive in Port Charles. Starr has a run-in with Michael, who quickly gets in over his head, and Blair isn't exactly welcomed with open arms. Holly and Robert also show up after hearing of Robin's death, but Mac doesn't think

that Robert will be of any help to the grieving family and friends. Jason has another neurological episode, and it's up to a grief-stricken Patrick to keep him alive. Meanwhile, Kate's odd behavior has Sonny wondering what she's up to, but even he is unprepared for the reason. Dante searches for Anthony while investigating the shooting.

The Young and the Restless

Paul breaks Sharon's heart when he tells her that Adam was the one responsible for Patty's escape. She confronts Adam and tells him that he is responsible for Jack's handicap and she wants nothing to do with him. Lauren catches Daisy in her apartment building and accuses her of following her, but Daisy assures her that she lives in the building. Later, Daniel tells Daisy that he is fighting for custody of Lucy, and Daisy suggests that they share custody and raise the baby together. Jack tells Genevieve that he can never forgive her for buying Beauty of Nature out from under him, and he later hires Avery as his lawyer.



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Stars on Screen

Going 'Wild'

McCarthy joins dating series as new host

By Sheila Busted
TV Media

GOING 'WILD': Jenny McCarthy is adding more 'wild' to NBC's "Love in the Wild" as the reality show's new host.

The former Playboy Playmate joined the crew and group of new contestants in the Dominican Republic last month to start production of the adventure-dating show's second season, which will pre-



Jenny McCarthy has been named the new host of "Love in the Wild"

miere later this year.

McCarthy helped popularize the matchmaker show genre in the '90s as host of MTV's "Singed Out." After her 2005 divorce from John Mallory Asher, she began dating comic actor Jim Carrey soon afterward. She split from Carrey in 2010. Since then, she has appeared on several dating series, including Bravo's "The Millionaire Matchmaker."

"Everyone knows I've looked just about everywhere — except the jungle — for love," said McCarthy. "I wanted to apply as a contestant and ended up with a job."

In addition to her Playboy spreads and previous hosting experience, McCarthy is recognized most for her iconic American image and her slapstick humor. Her NBC sitcom, "Jenny," only lasted one season, but it was enough to give her exposure and land her a lead role in the Trey Parker-Matt Stone feature film, "BASEketball" (1998). Viewers may also remember her for the multiple arcs she did as

Courtney on "Two and a Half Men," as well as guest appearances on "Chuck," "My Name is Earl," "Hope & Faith," "The Drew Carey Show" and "Just Shoot Me!" She's also known for her starring role in the two "Santa Baby" TV movies.

ANIMAL FARM: One man has helped create dramas for the small screen that have become monstrously successful. The other man has made a killing at the box office as a producer of many hit films. Now, the two Hollywood titans are joining forces to let the beasts from Capitol Hill off their leashes.

USA recently announced it has picked up the six-hour dramatic miniseries "Political Animals," which will be helmed by acclaimed producers Greg Berlanti and Laurence Mark. It's scheduled to debut this summer on the top-rated cable network.

"We're ecstatic to collaborate with Greg and Larry, a writing and producing dream team of this magnitude," said USA co-president Chris McCumber.

The programming event will draw a great deal of inspiration from real-life drama in recent American politics. The story Centre on Elaine Barrish, the current secretary of state who is also a divorced former First Lady. Her home life is struggling as she tries to juggle its drama with that of federal politics.

The miniseries shows a dark, behind-the-scenes look at work in the White House, and Elaine manages to find an ally in the oddest of places. Washington journalist Susan Berg ends up lending support to the secretary after years of criticizing her in the media.

Berlanti broke in to the TV scene in 1998 as a writer and executive producer for "Dawson's Creek." He's since earned similar credits with "Eli Stone," "Everwood," "No Ordinary Family" and "Brothers & Sisters." He was also an executive producer of "Dirty Sexy Money."

Late Laughs

Conan: Conan O'Brien

Paramount Pictures just announced they're going to come out with "Transformers 4." You might like it: in the new movie, "Transformers 3" transforms itself into a good movie.



basketball player on your Japanese TV beat a team from Canada?

The vice-president of China showed up at the White House today. That's what happens when you get behind on the rent — the landlord shows up and starts looking around.

President Obama is in Los Angeles hoping to raise \$3 million — which may be why I saw him in the audience line this morning at "The Price Is Right."

The Late Show: David Letterman

Fashion Week is just winding up, but for a 10-day period there were supermodels everywhere in New York City. You could not get celery or crackers anywhere!

The Tonight Show: Jay Leno

The new sports phenom, New York Knicks' player Jeremy Lin, came off the bench and helped win six games, including a last-second shot to defeat the Toronto Raptors. Where else but America can you drink a German beer and watch a Taiwanese

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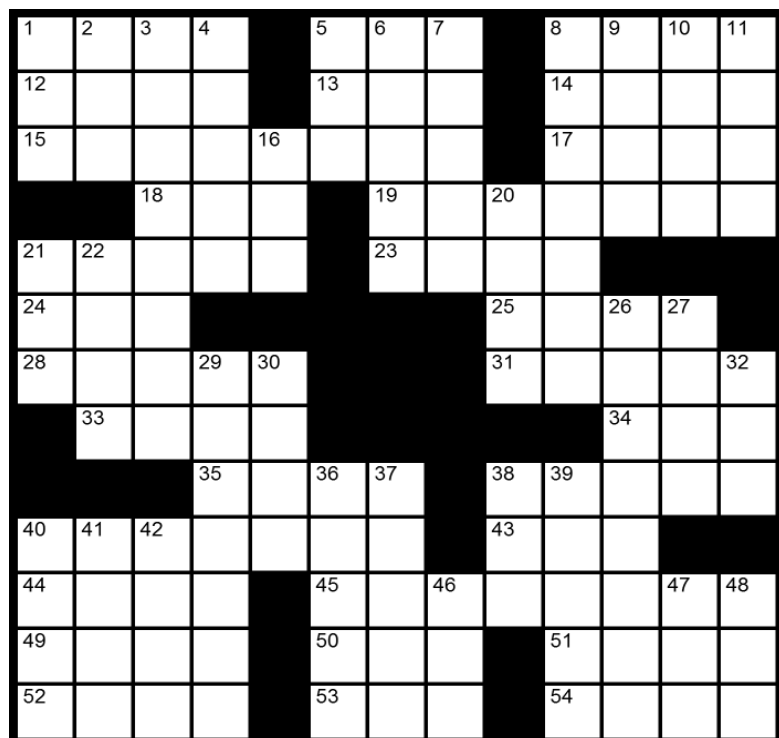
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Television Crossword



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- 1 Ireland
- 5 Son of Atticus in "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- 8 "Chip 'n ___: Rescue Rangers"
- 12 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
- 13 "Heroes" actress Ms. Larter
- 14 Celebrity from the current 2012 edition of "The Celebrity Apprentice", Aubrey ___
- 15 Mid-'90s drama for Claire Danes, "My ___-___ Life"
- 17 "The Way We ___" (1973)
- 18 Garlic, in a Paris restaurant
- 19 "NCAA March ___"
- 21 "As the ___ Turns"
- 23 "You go not till ___ you up a glass..." - Hamlet in Shakespeare's "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark," Act 3, Scene 4
- 24 Gave the go-ahead, for short
- 25 Bausch + ___ (Big name in contact lens products)
- 28 TV teaser
- 31 Disguised, informally
- 33 "___ sure you already

- know...": 2 wds.
- 34 Type of antelope
- 35 Ginger cookie
- 38 Tom Petty song: "___ Back Down"
- 40 Celebrity mentor on NBC's new design competition series "Fashion Star", ___ Simpson
- 43 104 in ancient Rome
- 44 "Able was I ___ saw Elba." (Famous palindrome)
- 45 1998 to 2002 family sitcom, "The ___"
- 49 Custard-filled pastry
- 50 Grand ___ Opry
- 51 Three: German
- 52 ___ shui
- 53 Olive of comics
- 54 ___'acte (Play interlude)

DOWN

- 1 'Count' suffix (The character played by 26-Down is one)
- 2 John Wayne war movie, "Sands of ___ Jima" (1949)
- 3 The ___ (Family on "I Love Lucy")
- 4 Internet commerce, _-___
- 5 Flier to Narita Intl. Airport

- 6 Fragrant resin
- 7 King with a golden touch
- 8 Period drama series on PBS, "___ Abbey"
- 9 Suffix with 'Chick'
- 10 Husband of Mary's neighbor Phyllis
- 11 "For Your ___ Only" (1981)
- 16 Honorary legal deg.
- 20 The 'Carnegie', e.g., on RLTV's "Family Pickle"
- 21 Jukebox music, Doo-___
- 22 Ingredient in Cajun cooking
- 26 Actress Elizabeth of the show at 8-Down
- 27 City where Beethoven was born
- 29 New ABC series starring Ashley Judd
- 30 Prefix to 'potent' (All-powerful)
- 32 ___ feeling
- 36 Sound heard ahead of "Bless you!"
- 37 Comic actor Mr. Shore
- 38 German 'I'
- 39 Actress Olivia
- 40 New on Bravo, "Interior Therapy With ___ Lewis"
- 41 Perry Mason creator, ___ Stanley Gardner (b.1889 - d.1970)
- 42 British actor Mr. Bean of the new show at 29-Down
- 46 Product to style hair
- 47 Bryan Adams song: "The Best Was ___ to Come"
- 48 "My dear fellow."

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SHO2 *The Wild Thornberrys Movie* ★★ (Ani, '02) Voices of Lacey Chabert, Tim Curry. A girl meets a shaman in Africa, where she tries to stop poachers from hunting elephants. (1h30)

TCM *One Way Passage* ★★ (Rom, '32) Kay Francis, William Powell. A condemned murderer and a dying woman fall in love aboard a luxury liner. (2h15)

6:30 a.m. MAX *House of Sand and Fog* ★★ (Dra, '03) Ben Kingsley, Jennifer Connelly. An Iranian immigrant buys a house and finds himself in a battle against the former owner. (2h05)

7 a.m. FAM *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* ★★ (Fant, '05) Liam Neeson, Georgie Henley. Four siblings find a wardrobe leading to a bewitched land of talking animals. (3h30)

HBO *How to Train Your Dragon* ★★ (Adv, '10) Gerard Butler, Jonah Hill. A young Viking forms a friendship with a dragon that he initially attempted to slay. (1h45)

7:45 a.m. FLIX *Death Watch* ★★ (Sci-Fi, '81) Harvey Keitel, Romy Schneider. A man with a camera implant in his brain must probe the mind of a woman. (2h15)

9:30 a.m. HBO *Independence Day* ★★ (Sci-Fi, '96) Bill Pullman, Will Smith. A group of people race against time to try to save the world from alien invaders. (2h30)

10 a.m. TCM *Desert Song* ★★ (Mus, '52) Gordon MacRae, Kathryn Grayson. A French professor secretly leads a band of desert freedom fighters. (2h)

10:30 a.m. FAM *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* ★★ (Fant, '08) Georgie Henley, Ben Barnes. Four children help fight to restore a kingdom to its rightful heir. (3h)

MAX *Boogie Nights* ★★ (Dra, '97) Burt Reynolds, Mark Wahlberg. A man finds fame and fortune in the flashy adult entertainment industry of the 1970s. (2h40)

10:45 a.m. SHO2 *Hotel Rwanda* ★★ (Dra, '04) Don Cheadle, Nick Nolte. During the genocide in Rwanda, a hotel manager gives shelter to Tutsi refugees. (2h15)

11 a.m. AMC *Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior* ★★ (Sci-Fi, '81) Bruce Spence, Mel Gibson. A former cop reluctantly helps an oil-producing community defend itself against bandits. (2h)

LIFE *Homeless To Harvard: The Liz Murray Story* ★★ (True, '03) Kelly Lynch, Thora Birch. A young woman rises above poverty to attend Harvard University. (2h)

11:20 a.m. MMAX *Say Anything* ★★ (Dra, '89) Lone Skye, John Cusack. A loner tries to win the girl of his dreams, in spite of her father's objections. (1h40)

11:30 a.m. TMC *Cry, The Beloved Country* ★★ (Dra, '95) James Earl Jones, Richard Harris. A minister travels to Johannesburg in 1946 to be with his son, who is accused of murder. (2h)

Noon HALL *The Nanny Express* ★★ (Fam, '08) Brennan Elliott, Vanessa Marcil. Two kids will stop at nothing to get rid of their new nanny.

(2h)
SHO *Maxed Out: Hard Times, Easy Credit and the Era of Predatory Lenders* ★★ (Doc, '06) Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter. A look at the American financial industry and consumer debt. (1h30)

TCM *The West Point Story* ★★ (Mus, '50) James Cagney, Virginia Mayo. An unemployed Broadway director is offered the chance to produce a show at West Point. (2h)

1 p.m. 22 *Antz* ★★ (Com, '98) Voices of Sharon Stone, Woody Allen. A worker ant breaks away from his colony while trying to win a princess' affection. (2h)

BET *The Express* ★★ (Dra, '08) Dennis Quaid, Rob Brown. A biopic focusing on a gifted African-American athlete and his coach in the '50s and '60s. (3h)

USA *Friday* ★★ (Com, '95) Chris Tucker, Ice Cube. Two friends must come up with \$200, to pay drug dealer Big Worm for marijuana they smoked. (2h)

2 p.m. FLIX *Mona Lisa* ★★ (Dra, '86) Bob Hoskins, Cathy Tyson. A vulnerable ex-con deliv-

ers porn videos and acts as chauffeur to a high class prostitute. (2h)
TCM *Splendor in the Grass* ★★ (Dra, '61) Natalie Wood, Warren Beatty. The social mores of the 1920s jeopardize the love between two high school sweethearts. (2h15)

2:50 p.m. MMAX *Quiz Show* ★★ (Dra, '94) John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes. A lawyer discovers that the most popular intellectual game show of 1958 is fixed. (2h10)

3 p.m. LIFE *The Brooke Ellison Story* ★★ (True, '04) Lacey Chabert, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. The inspiring story of a quadriplegic woman who completes high school and goes to Harvard. (2h)

3:15 p.m. TBS *Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle* ★★ (Com, '04) John Cho, Kal Penn. Two roommates spend a night in New Jersey searching for White Castle hamburgers. (1h45)

3:30 p.m. AMC *The Chronicles of Riddick* ★★ (Sci-Fi, '04) Judi Dench, Vin Diesel. An escaped convict searches for the secrets of his past while on an intergalactic crusade. (2h30)

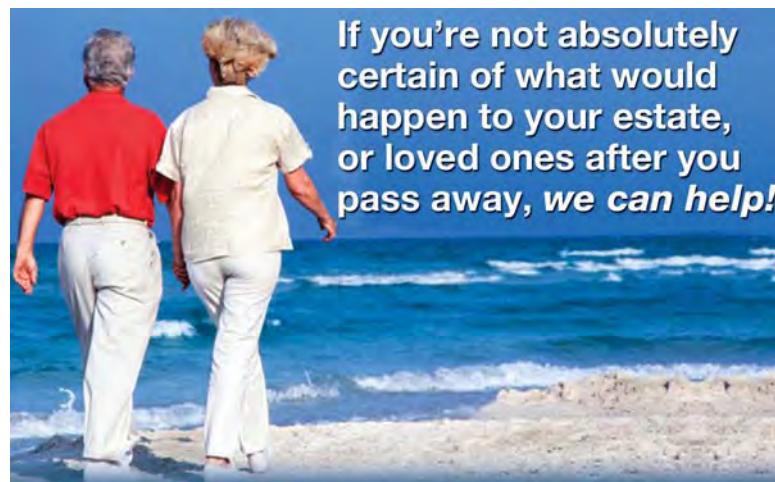
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Historic houses, hotels are locations for photo shoots

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This year's Wedding Planner has a bit of an antique feel. *The Dominion Post* lifestyles staff purposely chose several historic locations for the photo shoots, with each space lending something unique to the special section.

First up is the Marion County Historical Society & Museum. Located on Adams Street in Fairmont, this space featured many antiques and historic pieces that went well with the dresses and gowns brought to the photo shoot from The Fashion Scene in Fairmont.

Models from Classic Bridal in Star City wore intricate wedding gowns and colorful formal dresses during their photo shoot at Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa, a popular spot for local brides to hold weddings and receptions. The hotel offers spaces for indoor and outdoor weddings, and spaces for both larger or more intimate gatherings.

Two bridal shops, Oliverio's Bridal out of Bridgeport and Coni & Franc in Morgantown, had photo shoots at the historic Lake Manor Bed and Breakfast on Fairchance Road. Lake Manor offered an array of different rooms, all with varying themes from Victorian to Caribbean beach house to the Far East. The bed and breakfast can accommodate up to 45 guests during a fully

catered indoor wedding.

Lavish Boutique and Queen's Choice, the two solely prom/formal shops in *The Dominion Post's* photo shoot, brought their models to the Clarion Hotel Morgan to shoot photos in the ballroom area and upstairs at the Montmartre Restaurant. A familiar historic location, the hotel offers 3,000 square feet of space in its ballroom for fully catered weddings.

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Dresses for the whole bridal party



Above: Carly Humphreys is in a stretch satin Casablanca gown in ivory. This fitted mermaid gown has ruched stretch satin featuring Swarovski crystal and pearl embellishments on the front and back of the skirt. Jozy Cress (right) is wearing an Alfred Angelo bridesmaid's dress. Laura Sarapa is wearing a mother of the bride gown by Mary's Fashions. Savannah Lofton (right) and Liz Henderson (left) are wearing flower girl dresses from Jordan's Sweet Beginnings Collection. These dresses are available at Classic Bridal. Top right photo: Ali Sansalone is modeling a white chiffon wedding gown from the Unspoken Romance Collection by Mary's Bridal. It has a strapless, fitted bodice, has a sweetheart neckline and is accented with bugle beads and tiny pearls. Angela Spatafore is wearing a purple, taffeta, empire-style bridesmaid gown from Bella Formals with a halter neckline and an A-line skirt. The gowns, shoes, tiaras, veils and jewelry are all from The Fashion Scene.



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Amanda Maczko (right) is wearing a short white wedding gown by Jordan Fashions. Jennifer Meier (left) is wearing an Alfred Angelo bridesmaids dress. Jozy Cress (center) is featured in a Jordan Fashions bridesmaid dress. Ryleigh Henderson is wearing a flower girl dress by Jordan's Sweet Beginnings Collection. All are available at Classic Bridal.

Ali Sansalone is modeling a white wedding gown of satin and lace, designed by Alfred Angelo. The strapless gown is mermaid style with a semi-cathedral train. The lace of the gown is entirely embellished with crystal beads, pearls and clear sequins. Angela Spatafore is wearing a turquoise gown of silk taffeta. The fitted bodice has thin straps, and the flared skirt has a sweep train. Both dresses are available at The Fashion Scene in historic downtown Fairmont.



Danielle Eddy (from left) wears a black cocktail dress with rhinestone twist on one shoulder. Francie Snyder models a Jade Couture black taffeta mother's dress with jacket. Samantha Patsy wears a Lux organza sweetheart gown with ruching and smoke stones, and it also has a tiffany train with smoke stones. Adrianna Lindsay models a black one-shoulder chiffon gown with crystal accents at the shoulder.

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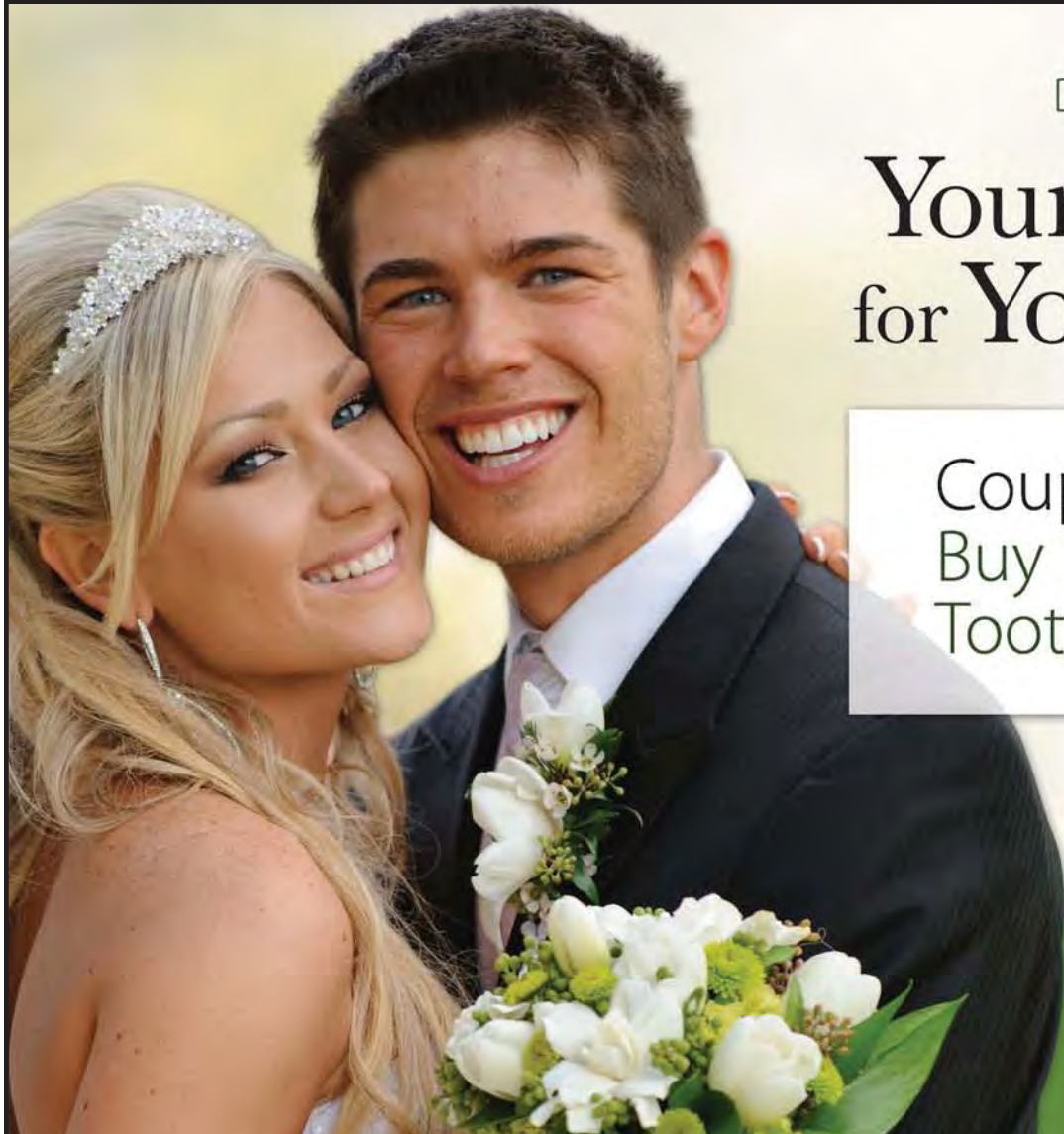


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Danielle Eddy models a romantic ballgown featuring a sweetheart neckline fitted bodice adorned with delicate embroidery and encrusted with Swarovski crystals. It's available at Oliverio's Bridal.



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Countdown to the big day

The Dominion Post

You're getting married. You have everything planned out: The number of bridesmaids and the exact dresses they will wear, how your hair will look, where the reception will be and how it's all going to fall right into place with no troubles or hassles. Yeah, right. Getting married takes some serious planning, but sticking to a timetable and recruiting friends and family members to help can take away some of the headaches.

Six months to one year before the wedding

- Decide the style of the wedding: Formal or casual, theme or traditional, etc.
- Decide on the time of day for your wedding: Morning, sunset, afternoon.
- Decide on a location for the event: A church, a park, a private home.
- Set a budget and stick to it.
- Plan a color scheme: Will the ushers' accessories match or complement the bridesmaids' colors, or will there be multiple colors used?
- Select and order a bridal gown, headpiece and shoes. Do this as soon as possible after setting the date to allow plenty of time for alterations, if needed.
- Order attendants' gowns.
- Select a bridal gift registry and sign up. Include this information in

any invitations for showers.

- Start compiling the guest list.
- Select a caterer, musicians or a DJ, a florist and a photographer.
- Announce the engagement either through a notice in the local newspaper or mail notices to friends and family.
- Start planning the reception, including where it will take place. Be sure to check that the site can comfortably seat the number of guests invited. Make reservations for the site as far in advance as possible.
- Plan to attend premarriage counseling sessions at church, if applicable.
- Select and order a cake.

Three months before the wedding

- Complete the guest list.
- Make doctors appointments for blood tests if needed or for any shots or check ups needed if the honeymoon is out of the country.
- Plan to have the mothers of the couple select their attire.
- Select and order invitations. Do this on time, in case there are mistakes on the printed invitations. Ask the printer for a proof to try to catch mistakes as early as possible.
- Finalize reception items, includ-

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■ Confirm the wedding and reception date and times with the florist, the caterer, the photographer, the musicians or DJ, and church or park office.

■ Make your honeymoon reservations.

■ Confirm delivery of the bridal gown and bridesmaids' dresses.

■ Discuss transportation to the ceremony and reception for all parties involved, including the wedding couple, bridesmaids and ushers, parents of the bride and groom, and out-of-town guests.

■ Select and order the attire for the ushers and the groom.

■ Schedule dress and shoe fittings for the bridesmaids.

Two months before the wedding

■ Mail all of the invitations to allow enough time for RSVPs.

■ Confirm the delivery of the wedding cake.

■ Arrange to apply for the marriage license.

■ Finalize the honeymoon arrangements.

One month before the wedding

■ Schedule a bridal portrait appointment.

■ Reserve room accommodations for out-of-town guests.

■ Begin recording gifts received and send prompt thank-you notes.

■ Plan the rehearsal and the rehearsal dinner.

■ Purchase gifts for the bridal party.

■ Purchase a gift for your fiancée(e).

■ Schedule final fittings.

■ Schedule beauty salon appointments for the attendants.

■ Schedule a luncheon or party for your bridesmaids.

■ Arrange for placement of a guest book.

■ Gather and prepare all of the props needed for the ceremony and reception, e.g. a pillow for the ring bearer, candles, etc.

Two weeks before the wedding

■ Send the bridal portrait with the announcement to the local newspaper.

■ Finalize transportation.

■ If the bride is changing her name, she must arrange to change it on her license, social security card, credit cards, etc.

■ Confirm room accommodations for guests.

■ Pick up the marriage license.

One week before the wedding

■ Pack for the honeymoon.

■ Finalize the number of guests with the caterer.

■ Check once again with professional services (photographer, musicians, etc.)

■ Finalize the seating arrangements.

■ Style your hair with the headpiece.

■ Practice applying cosmetics in the proper light.

■ Arrange for one last fitting of the wedding attire.

■ Make sure rings are picked up and fit properly.

■ Hold the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner one to two days before the ceremony.

The day of the wedding

■ Take time to relax and pamper yourself: Take a long bath, get a manicure.

■ Eat at least one small meal.

■ Have hair and makeup done a few hours before the ceremony.

■ Start dressing one to two hours before the ceremony.

■ Have the photographer arrive one to two hours before the ceremony for pre-wedding photos.

■ Have music start 30 minutes prior to the ceremony.

■ Have the mother of the groom seated five minutes before the start of the ceremony.

■ Have the mother of the bride seated immediately before the processional.



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Gabriella Constable models a white satin ballroom-style gown with a heavily beaded bodice with a dropped waist and a cathedral train. It's available at The Fashion Scene.

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Annual bridal show planned for March 18 at Morgantown Mall

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The show will allow future brides a

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On the cover

Modeling for Coni & Franc, Stephanie Morris Lorenze wears a romantic high-neck banded-lace halter gown with swirl train by Pronovias. Her feather hair accent and pearl-and-crystal jewelry are by Sposa Bella.

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For the flower girls

Liz Henderson models a flower girl dress by Mary's Fashions. This ivory dress features a full tulle skirt with hand-sewn flowers on the skirt and shoulders, and is available at Classic Bridal.



Ryleigh Henderson models a flower girl dress from Jordan's Sweet Beginnings Collection. This organza dress features a satin band with flower accent and a ruffled tiered skirt. It is available at Classic Bridal.



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Mary Jo Thomas and Mary Jo Roman wear gowns from The Fashion Scene. Thomas wears a seafoam-colored gown by Montage. It has a suit-type jacket with a shawl collar accented with crystals and silver beading. Roman is wearing a plum- and olive-colored gown of silk chiffon. The bolero jacket with long sleeves is heavily beaded, and the straight skirt is softly tiered. All of their accessories are also available at The Fashion Scene. Far left: Ladotta Taylor is radiant in a peacock silk dupioni strapless gown with bolero jacket with double-layered, adjustable collar, detachable floral detail and 3/4-length sleeves, available at Coni & Franc. Her jewelry is by Liza Kim.

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Mary Jo Roman shows a stunning, formal, pewter-colored gown of taffeta. This one-shoulder gown has a pleated bodice and a short bolero jacket with ruffles around the neckline. The straight skirt has a sweep train and is gathered on one side with a cluster of crystals and beads. Gabriella Constable is modeling a lovely, white, organza ballroom gown. The fitted bodice is entirely decorated with embroidered lace. The full skirt is also accented with cascading embroidery. Both of these gowns and accessories are available at The Fashion Scene.



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Kayla Taylor wears a light ivory layered chiffon V-neck gown by Pronovias. The custom-designed cathedral-length veiling complements the ruffles of the gown. Her jewelry is by Felicia. With her, Ladotta Taylor wears a champagne-colored mother-of-the-bride dress by Nicole Miller and jewelry by Doncaster. All available at Coni & Franc.

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Laura Sarapa wears a mother's gown by Mary's Bridal. This gown features a halter neckline with racer-back detail, central vertical pleats and a beaded brooch at the neckline. It is available at Classic Bridal.



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Pretty in pink

Savannah Lofton is featured in a pageant gown designed by Mary's Bridal. This hot pink organza gown has a ruffled top accented with AB crystals and a full pick-up skirt embellished with flowers and sequins. The dress comes with a matching crop jacket in organza and is available at Classic Bridal.

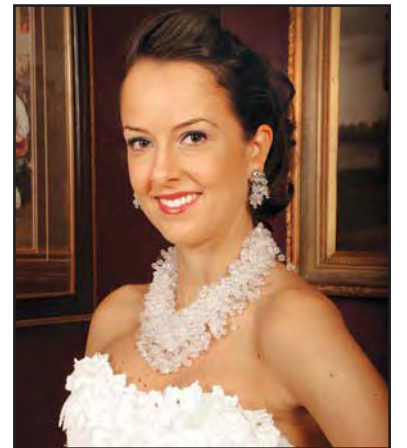
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Blushing bride

Stephanie Morris Lorenze models a Pronovias strapless gown with clipped petals surrounding the bodice. All-over lace torso drops to a sweeping spiral-layered skirt and train. She also wears a multiple-crystal collar and waterfall crystal earrings, all available at Coni & Franc.



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Adrianna Lindsay wears a Casablanca beaded-lace-on-point Despirit over luxe-satin gown, accented with Swarovski crystals, pearls and beads. Beaded spaghetti straps and a fit in flair silhouette complete the look, available at Oliverio's Bridal.

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All Summers wears a Venus wedding gown of Italian satin done in a rich ice-cappuccino color. The fitted bodice has a wide scoop neckline, straps off the tip of the shoulders and a dropped waist. The full skirt has a cathedral train. This entire gown is delicately accented with gold and mocha bugle beads and crystals. Ali's gown and accessories are from The Fashion Scene in downtown Fairmont.



Modeling for Coni & Franc, Kayla Taylor poses in a strapless Pronovias Ivory matte satin gown with fitted bodice and sculpted waist. The detailed beading is complemented by her beaded tiara and filmy net veiling by Once Upon A Dream.



Danielle Eddy (from left) wears an orchid luxe chiffon cowneck floor-length gown while Samantha Patsy models a modern rendition of the traditional ball gown. This layered hank-cut tulle skirt is light and airy, creating dramatic contrast to the fitted ruched bodice. It is also adorned with a Swarovski crystal belt featuring hand-sewn floral embellishment, and the gown is finished with a corset back closure. Adrianna Lindsay wears an orchid luxe chiffon on shoulder drape with floor-length skirt. Available at Oliverio's Bridal.



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alone models for The Scene in historic downtown She is wearing a white gown of satin and lace, by Alfred Angelo. The gown is mermaid style with a cathedral train. The gown is entirely covered with crystal beads, and clear sequins.



Jennifer Meier (left) models a fitted chiffon gown by Casablanca for Classic Bridal. The gown features a ruched bodice with beaded floral appliques featuring Swarovski crystals and pearls. The floral appliques continue onto the back of the gown which is finished with a zipper closure and covered buttons. Jozy Cress (center) and Carly Humphreys (right) are both wearing bridesmaid dresses by Alfred Angelo. Ryleigh Henderson is modeling a flower girl dress by Mary's Fashions.



Modeling for Coni & Franc, Kathryn Robinson wears a couture Pronovias gown with antique-fashioned lace-on-net and feather accents. A detachable, multi-layered net train completes the look, as does the crystal-accented sash belt. Her headpiece is a double-feather blossom from Erica Roeslav. Her earrings and necklace are by Jim Ball.



Jozy Cress is seen in a gown by Casablanca Bridal. The gown has a fitted empire waistline bodice encrusted with Swarovski crystal embellishments and a satin band. The full A-line skirt in tulle also features Swarovski crystal embellishments that detail the bottom of the tulle. Available at Classic Bridal.



Pastels continue to be a popular trend for Prom 2012. Lauren Gower (from left), Paige Tuttle, Leah Wiesner, Jordan Simpson, Taylor Ewart, Morgan Yoney and Taylor Everett model this trend in many different colors and silhouettes. These dresses can be found at The Queen's Choice new location in Morgantown.

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Second-wedding dresses

Mary Jo Roman models a very elegant, champagne-colored gown of silk and lace. This straight, formal gown has a beaded lace bodice and a short beaded lace jacket with long sleeves.

Mary Jo Thomas wears an ivory chiffon two-piece gown. The tunic top has a scoop neckline, split short sleeves and is accented with ivory bugle beads. The A-line skirt has three diagonal tiers of ruffles. Both of these gowns and accessories are from The Fashion Scene.



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Lovely in lace

Carly Humphreys is featured in a Casablanca gown with a vintage twist. This fitted lace gown has beaded lace appliques sewn onto netting over an ivory satin lining. The gown features a sweetheart neckline with an off-the-shoulder lace overlay. The gown features a completely see-through lace back with a sweep train and is available at Classic Bridal.



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Skirt details

Danielle Eddy wears a Claires Collection ivory fitted satin bodice with layered organza skirt and a Swarovski crystal bow at waist. The dress is available at Oliverio's Bridal.



Stephanie Morris Lorenze reclines in a white multi-pleated matte taffeta gown from White One, with dropped waist and pick-up skirt. Her jewelry is from White Diamond and her veiling is custom-made by Coni & Franc. With her, Ladotta Taylor wears a red charmeuse gown by Jade Couture. Her jewelry is from Elegant Moments.



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Kick it up a notch

Samantha Patsy wears a Jasmine couture knee-length organza dress with a detachable court train and a crystal belt. The ensemble is accented with ivory sequined cowboy boots. Everything is available at Oliverio's Bridal.



Samantha Patsy wears a gown by Jasmine Couture in luxe organza with layers of ruffles and black platform boots encrusted with jet black stones.



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Designs for every formal event



Maggie Williams (from left) models a MacDuggal interwoven, lattice-back multicolor gown with crystal detail and jewelry by Crystal Collections. Mary Beth Selby wears a Mediterranean-blue stretch crinkle taffeta one-shoulder ruched gown with a trumpet skirt of roses. Kelsy Rees wears a watercolor-print strapless sweetheart gown with a bias-cut movement skirt with cut-out back and crystal details and jewelry by Jim Ball. Giovanna Bonasso wears a lilac silk strapless gown by Partytime Formals. The sweetheart gown features a crystal-and-beaded bodice, high slit, side drape and competition train. Her jewelry is by Impossible Dreams. All gowns and jewelry are available at Coni & Franc.



Ali Summers models an orange, strapless, mermaid-style prom gown accented with diagonal pleating, beads and sequins. Mary Jo Roman wears a multi-colored silk-beaded formal with a short bolero jacket with long sleeves. Gabriella Constable models a beautiful print prom gown in shades of blue and green designed by BG. All of these gowns and accessories are from The Fashion Scene in downtown Fairmont.



Angela Spatafore models a red gown with a fitted bodice accented with multi-colored beading. The soft, semi-full skirt has a tulle overlay. Ali Sansalone is wearing a ballroom gown in a red and black print, designed by Jovani. The bodice is embellished with multi-colored beads and sequins. Both of these gowns and accessories are available at The Fashion Scene in downtown Fairmont.



Danielle Eddy (from left) wears a royal blue sequined romper with a printed chiffon wrap skirt by Alyce Designs while Adrianna Lindsay has on a gold sequined Sherri Hill slim-fit gown with a portrait wrap-shoulder. Samantha Patsy wears a hot pink dress with encrusted beading at the top, white bitted ruched bodice and layered hot pink and white organza ruffles. All are available at Oliverio's Bridal.



Danielle Eddy models a strapless black lace fitted gown with a black satin sash and a floor-length tulle lace skirt adorned with lace appliques available at Oliverio's Bridal.

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Blue hues



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Above: Rich, bold colors

are available in every silhouette this season. Taylor Ewart (left), Taylor Everett, Hailey Rogers, Alexis Hoffman and Lauren Gower model a set of modern dresses. Visit The Queen's Choice in Morgantown to see these and thousands of other gowns. Right: For Classic Bridal, Amanda Maczko models a full A-line prom gown with a fitted bodice from Mary's Fashions. This peacock-blue-and-green gown has embroidered peacock feathers and a split embroidered overlay. Below: Lauren Cole is looks beautiful wearing a Jovani royal blue, one-sleeved long gown; accessorized by Jim Ball earrings and Jonathan Kayne shoes.



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Modeling for Coni & Franc, Giovanna Bonasso checks her reflection in a turquoise sequin-on-net halter dress by Jovani. Her jewelry is by Felicia.



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Prom night



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Clockwise from top left: Alexis Lorenze wears a hot pink Panoply high-low dress. Lauren Cole models an Alyce Designs high-low dress as well. Alyssa Fairbanks wears a Jovani dress, and Jacob Estep and Brandon Wiseman model tuxedos from Jim's Formal Wear. "Anything Goes" is a great way to describe the most current wave of fashion for prom. From prints, cut outs, and high-low hemlines to bright colors, ballgown and short dresses, it's about finding the look that best fits your personality, matched with what works best for your body type. These orange and yellow designs are available at The Queen's Choice, which has more than 2,000 dresses, up to a size 30. Lavish Boutique's own Meredith Murdock models one of the store's top designers, Jovani. She is paired with Brandon Wiseman, who sports a white/black tuxedo from Jim's Formal Wear. The Queen's Choice GLAM girls look bright and fun in these sparkly prom dresses from exclusive designers. Shades of green and fuchsia can be hard to find, but are eye catching. Ruffles and petals add a nice touch to soften such vibrant colors and beading. These green and fuchsia gowns can be found at The Queen's Choice new location behind Burger King in Sabraton.

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Clockwise from above left: Lauren Cole wears a high-low Alyce Designs gown available at Lavish Boutique, and she is escorted by Jacob Estep in a Jim's Tuxedo. The Queen's Choice GLAM girls, Taylor Everett, Jordan Simpson and Hailey Rogers model these deep, vibrant shades of purple and blue. The dresses are by designers Tony Bowls and Sherri Hill and are available at The Queen's Choice. Eve Leombruno (from left), Meredith Murdock, Joanna Twist and Ariana Pinn all model MacDuggal dresses one of Lavish Boutique's top designers. The tuxedo modeled by Tyler Nagy is by Jim's Formal Wear. Classic colors such as red and gold will never go out of style. Feel like a Hollywood starlet or even a little sassy in an amped-up take on this classic look. Models Taylor Ewart (from left), Alexis Zawelensky, Leah Wiesner, Paige Tuttle, and Isabella Leon model these dresses available at The Queen's Choice in Morgantown.

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