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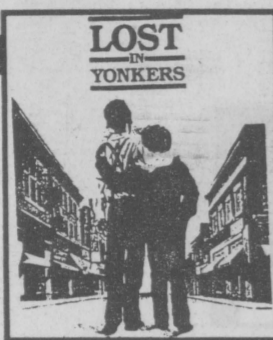
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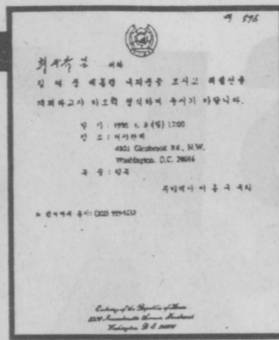
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page edited by Scott Parsons

New computer store in works for student center

by **TONIA HOLBROOK**
news editor

A bigger and better computer store will be coming to Marshall thanks to a contract with Compaq Digital which is expected to be signed this week.

All negotiations are closed, said Bernie Elliott, supervisor of computer sales and recreational services. Compaq acquired Digital during discussion of the project which interrupted process somewhat, he said. "Now we're just waiting for logistics to get into place. It looks like we're ready to go."

The new store will benefit all, Elliott said. "We're bringing in a million dollar company. In the long and short term, the benefits will be profound to the university and its students," he said.

What was once a small, in-house computer store based near the recreation area of the Memorial Student Center will be renovated into a new Marshall University Computer Store, said Karen E. Kirtley, MSC manager.

The commuter lounge in the MSC's basement will be relocated to accommodate the larger store, Kirtley said. "I'd say the new store will be double the size of the old one."

Extra space made available by this renovation isn't the only change which will benefit students, Kirtley said. Because the store will be privatized by Compaq Digital, it will be able to

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— **Karen Kirtley**
Memorial Student Center manager

offer more. Privatization will give store employees the ability to order in quantity, whereas they hadn't before. "This is going to allow us more variety in software. That's what we wanted for the students," she said.

Privatization will also ensure faster turn around, Elliott said. "We're going to offer much faster delivery of products," he said.

The difference will be in the delivery. Purchase orders can take 10-14 days to turn around, but private vendors can have products delivered in two days at the most, Elliott said.

Prices of hardware will remain the same if not better. "Students will save more money and have less headaches," Elliott said.

The computer store will be offering a variety of services as well, Kirtley said. Along with carrying hardware and software, the new store will be offering computer repair and service, 24 hour online and telephone help and installations. "They're trying to make everything easier for the students. It will be like a one-stop shop," she said.

These services will help students maintain their computer systems, said Elliott. "Computers are becoming like VCRs and toasters - they're mainstream items. But they're more difficult to maintain."

No positions will be cut in the change, Elliott said. The store's two employees will not lose their jobs, but their duties will have to change.

Compaq Digital will be providing and paying for the renovation, which is estimated to cost \$60,000 - \$80,000. Renovations will include new carpeting and ceiling. "It will be really nice and open up the area," Kirtley said.

The project shouldn't be a long one, according to Kirtley. "Once they get started, we're looking at 30-35 days after signing the contract. If we started next week, it would be finished sometime in September," she said.

Library with empty shelves

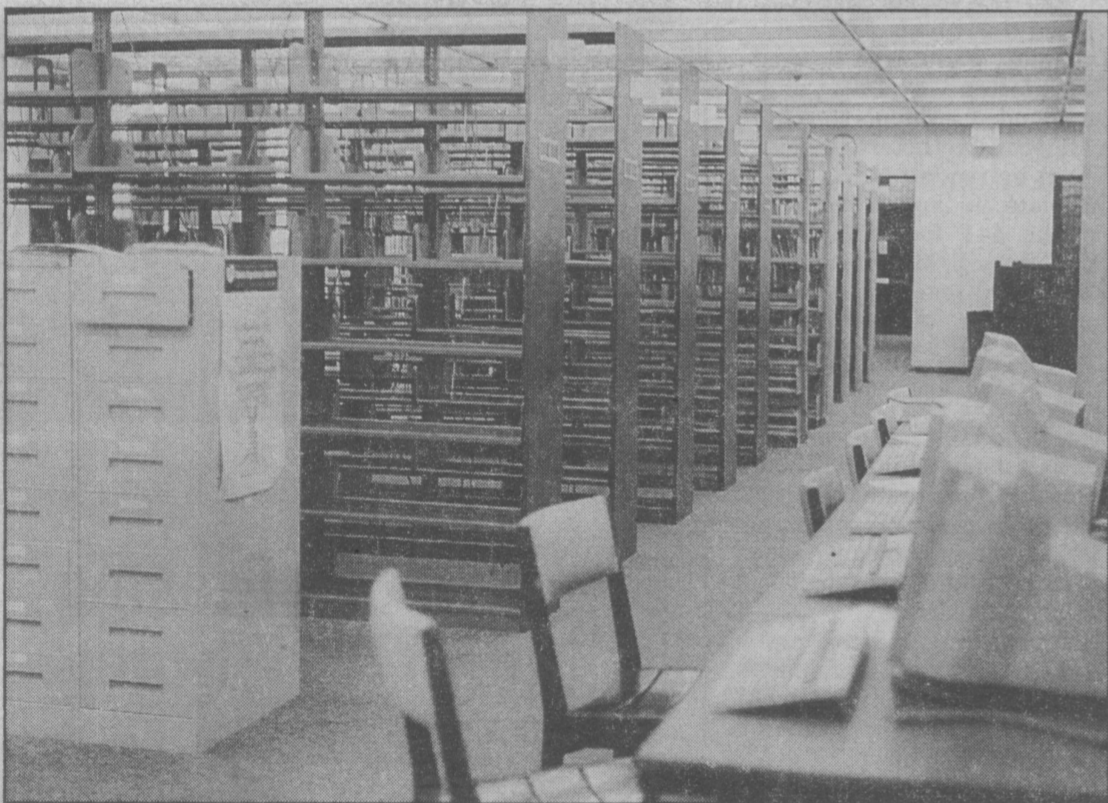


Photo by Makiko Sasanuma

The bare shelves in the Morrow Library are testament to the progress taking place at Marshall. The books that once inhabited these shelves on the second floor have been removed so they may be moved to their new home in the John Deaver Drinko Library. The new library is expected to be completed by October.

Football season ticket sales brisk

by **BUTCH BARKER**
wire editor

A "weak" schedule and the loss of key players may have confused or bothered some Marshall University football fans, but those changes have not hampered season ticket sales.

Joe G. Arnone, athletic ticket manger, said if the changes had any affect it would be a season ticket sales increase. Ticket sales currently equal 11,000 and there are still many available, Arnone added.

"Last seasons total sales were 11,960, which we have almost already met," Arnone said. "We hope to have sold 12,600 season tickets before the season begins."

The same confused fans who questioned the 1998 schedule may also wonder how season ticket sales could be up.

Division I-AA foes Troy State University and Wofford College were placed on the 1998 schedule after last season and some fans began wondering why the Mid-American Conference champions and Ford Motor City Bowl contenders were taking that "step down."

"It is ridiculous for Marshall to move to division I-A then be scheduled to play I-AA teams many people have not even heard of," said Chuck A. Adkins, Huntington freshman, during a Jan. 22 informal survey.

The loss of key players such as wide receivers Randy Moss, offensive guard Brian Reed and center John Wade may have changed the football team a bit, but it dose not seem to be hurting the fan support either.

None the less, season ticket sales are up and Arnone said the fan support was not expected to be lower even though there may be a few differences in the 1998 schedule.

"Any time a football team comes off from playing a bowl game season ticket sales increase," Arnone said. "Marshall fans wouldn't give up their support because of the schedule."

There is another possibility that may enable the ticket office to achieve high ticket sales this season. "We are offering unique group packages for the first time this season," he said.

"Marco's bunch" package was designed for groups of 25-49 people at \$15 a ticket. The group would not only receive the discounted price, but also an autographed poster of the football team.

The "Thunder Plan" is for 50-99 people at \$13 per ticket and that group would receive an autographed poster and football.

"Pruett's Pack" is for groups of 100 or more people with tickets priced at \$10 a piece. Pruetts Pack members would get the poster and football in addition to a pregame picture with coach Bob Pruetts.

Old field gets new look

by **SCOTT PARSONS**
managing editor

While the search continues for a closer location for new baseball facilities, the existing University Heights field is getting a face lift.

Improvements of the facility began in June, but work has been hampered by uncooperative weather.

"We had the wettest June on record in, I believe, a hundred years," Lance West, director of athletics at Marshall University said. "In regards to finishing the project, we have a meeting planned next week to discuss the status of the project."

"It would be nice to have the facility complete by this time, but we knew we would run into some weather problems when we began in March. But we are pleased with the progress at this stage and are looking forward to getting on to it as soon as possible."

As for the new baseball complex that has been planned, West said money is still being raised.

"Going for the Gold" [the name of the fund raising project] is part of our initiative to generate a million dollars over the next five years. We

hope we can identify a site and work together with the city, county and state to identify and develop a facility for that," West said.

West said when an area is identified as the new place for the baseball facility, the team will move as soon as the project is completed. But, many things have to fall into place before the move is made.

"First off there has to be the land, then the funding has to be there, then the design is made, construction of the facility and then someone has to maintain it," West said.

In addition to all the above items, scheduling is a factor because the field will house both the Marshall baseball team as well as a minor league team if one is paying in Huntington and youth programs.

The goal is to place the facility closer to campus.

"I think it is beneficial to be as close to the center part of campus to effectively do their studies and to receive support from the Marshall community," West said.

Until a new facility found and completed, the place for Marshall baseball will be the renovated University Heights.

Marshall soccer camp deemed 'huge success'

Close to 200 athletes attend this year's camp

by **ERRIN JEWELL**
staff reporter

Almost 200 young athletes were seen kicking, sliding, heading and scoring goals at Marshall University's fourth annual Soccer camp July 5-10.

Bobby Gray, camp director and men's head coach, said athletes ages five to 18 attended the camp.

"This year's camp was a huge success. We had the largest number of participants come out and play this year," Gray said. "Most of our campers were girls, and they really seemed to enjoy the camp. It was a good opportunity to get all of the kids involved in sports."

Gray said the athletes participated in three seminars every day.

"In the first seminar, they worked on exercises to improve their passing and dribbling skills," Gray said. "During the afternoon session, the kids worked on tactical skills. In the evenings, the kids participated in scrimmage games and used the skills they worked on earlier that day."

Gray said a lot of excellent athletes participated in the camp. "Our main goal was not only to teach the campers about sportsmanship and work on their skills, but also to introduce them to Marshall's teams. We really want them to come out this fall and see our men's and women's teams in action."

Some of the campers resided in Twin Towers during the camp, while local campers commuted to the camps. Coach Gray said he is looking forward to next years camp, and hopes it will be as successful as this year's camp.

Correction:

In a story appearing in the July 9 edition of The Parthenon, the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications was stated to have become a college when it separated from the College of Liberal

Arts. It did not. The SOJMC remains a school.

Also, the COLA reorganization did not remove Dr. Harold C. Shaver as director of the SOJMC.

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odds & ends

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. (AP) — The dog days of summer have taken on new meaning for Laura Taylor.

Ms. Taylor spent four hours in jail for failing to sterilize her poodle, Coco. She was freed on \$2,250 bond Tuesday.

"It's ludicrous this is going on like this over a dog," she said. Animal control officers in Clayton County say Ms. Taylor, 27, agreed to sterilize Coco when she adopted the dog.

They said they warned her repeatedly that they needed proof of the surgery.

"It amazes me how many people say, 'Oh, it's just the government,'" Capt. David Tidwell said.

Ms. Taylor said she received notices reminding her to get the spaying done, but her husband took the dog when the couple separated in April.

She said she never received a certified letter about the matter going to court last week.

Ms. Taylor said officers showed up at her door shortly before midnight Sunday to arrest her, but agreed to allow her to turn herself in Monday because she had no one to look after her children.

She must appear in court next month.

MOUNT SHASTA, Calif. (AP) — Braving darkness and high winds and battling nausea, Robert Webb climbed Mount Shasta. And climbed it again. And again.

The 40-year-old scaled the 14,162-foot peak six times in 24 hours.

Webb repeatedly climbed 6,000 feet from a staging area to the summit beginning at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

In all, he ascended 36,000 feet, the equivalent of climbing from sea level to the summit of Mount Everest, plus nearly 7,000 feet.

Webb was a bit weak in the knees but in good spirits when he arrived at his base camp after his final descent just after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

"I'm surprisingly lucid, deceptively normal. I feel normal, but I am probably not normal," he said.

Webb skied down the snow-covered peak after each climb. He had six pairs of skis waiting at the summit for his descent and made each trip down in under an hour.

He also had three support crews at various elevations. Each mini-camp had food, fluids and extra clothing.

Webb became severely nauseous after his first two returns to the staging area, where he downed a cocktail of herbal dietary supplements, carbohydrate drinks and other food.

Webb benefited from largely clear weather, though the summit was shrouded by clouds late Monday and had wind gusts up to 60 mph.

Webb, who works as a mountain guide, owns the record for fastest time from the staging area at Horse Camp to the summit — one hour and 39 minutes in 1985.

For most climbers, the ascent takes six to nine hours.

BURLINGTON, Mass. (AP) — It was a move Cruella De Vil could appreciate.

Town officials canceled a July 25 parade of Disney characters, a gift from the company, after tallying up costs and crowd estimates.

Selectmen voted Monday night 4-1 to cancel the event. Juliet Perdichizzi, a mother of two, was the only one who voted in favor of the parade.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It'll never come this way again," she said. "I felt we do have the ability in this town to handle the issues that came up."

Bob Hogan, parade chairman, said the town became concerned when crowd projections for the 1.3-mile parade reached 70,000 people.

That would mean people packed 16 deep on both sides of the parade route.

"Too many people in too small an area," he said.

Disney offered to pay up to \$60,000 for parade-related costs, but the town estimated it still would have to shell out \$20,000 to \$40,000, Hogan said.

Accused teacher said violence was not his intent

CHARLESTON (AP) — A Wirt County music teacher accused of sending a letter threatening to shoot students has told police his real intent was to increase school safety.

Job safety should be his next concern, the school's principal says.

Bruce Wendelken, a music teacher at the Wirt County Primary Center in Elizabeth for 19 years, has been charged with misdemeanor assault, State Police Sgt. Max Henry said.

On May 26, he allegedly left a sealed, unsigned letter in the secretary's office telling principal Sandra Hunton, "I am going to shoot some of your students sometime before the end of the school year."

Hunton says she would like to see him fired because she fears for her life and for those of her students.

"I showed (the note) to my secretary and it frightened both of us, and I went to the superintendent," she said. "I'd like to see a law in place that says any person threatening anybody on school grounds should be dealt with harshly."

Wendelken has admitted to mailing another letter to Hunton's house about a week after the first incident. She did not open it, but police say it told Hunton she was doing a good job so far, but not good enough, Henry said.

Wendelken told police the motive for the letters was to increase security at the school at a time when several shootings had occurred at other schools nationwide.

Henry said officers patrolled the school until it let out for summer. He said he didn't consider Wendelken a threat, but he did not want to take any chances.

About 820 residents signed a petition calling for Wendelken's dismissal, Hunton

"I didn't want to create hysteria in the community. I'm not going to take a chance on kids' lives."

— Max Henry, State Police Sgt.

said. The school board has not made a decision, but he has been banned from visiting the school this summer, Hunton said.

After the first note was discovered, police asked all of the teachers for their fingerprints. Wendelken then admitted he wrote the note, but before police could question him, he was overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning in his garage, Henry said.

Wendelken was charged in late June after being released from the hospital. He is free on bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 23, Henry said.

Judge rules in favor of man's request for 'HIV POS' license plate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The state can't refuse to issue a license plate reading 'HIV POS' to a man with AIDS, a federal judge ruled.

The state has allowed plates that say CANCER, ALZHEIMER and ADDICTED, as well as END HIV, so denying the HIV POS plate would be discriminatory, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said Tuesday.

"Disease and illness, including those that are terminal, are subjects of wide public discourse," she said. "Unlike racial, ethnic and religious slurs, there is nothing inherently offensive about declaring that one is infected with HIV."

She rejected Kevin Dimmick's claims that the DMV discriminated against him on the basis of a disability or intentionally inflicted emotional distress, the main basis for his \$5 million damage request.

The judge told the attorneys on both sides meet to see if they can come up with some sort of relief. If they can't, the case could still go to trial.

Dimmick, who will get the license plate unless the state appeals, said he still hoped to take the case to a jury.

"I'm pleased to get the plate, but spending as much time as I had to do with these bigots, putting up with crap such as

(DMV Director Sally Reed's) saying HIV POS is the equivalent of an ethnic slur, what I had to do to get a plate that they should have issued in the beginning," said Dimmick, who wants the plate for his motorcycle.

Department of Motor Vehicles spokesman Evan Nossoff declined comment, saying the DMV has not yet reviewed the ruling.

Dimmick, 40, learned he was AIDS-infected in 1991 and later founded a support group for HIV-positive heterosexuals. He said he requested the HIV POS plate in June 1996 and paid the \$41 fee, hoping to reduce the stigma associated with the disease, but was turned down the following month.

The DMV justified the rejection by saying that the advertisement and disclosure of confidential medical information was not a proper state function and that the plate was contrary to good taste in the same way that racial, ethnic and religious slurs are offensive.

Illston's ruling did not prohibit the DMV from enforcing decency standards in other cases but said their application in this case was "viewpoint discrimination" in violation of free speech.

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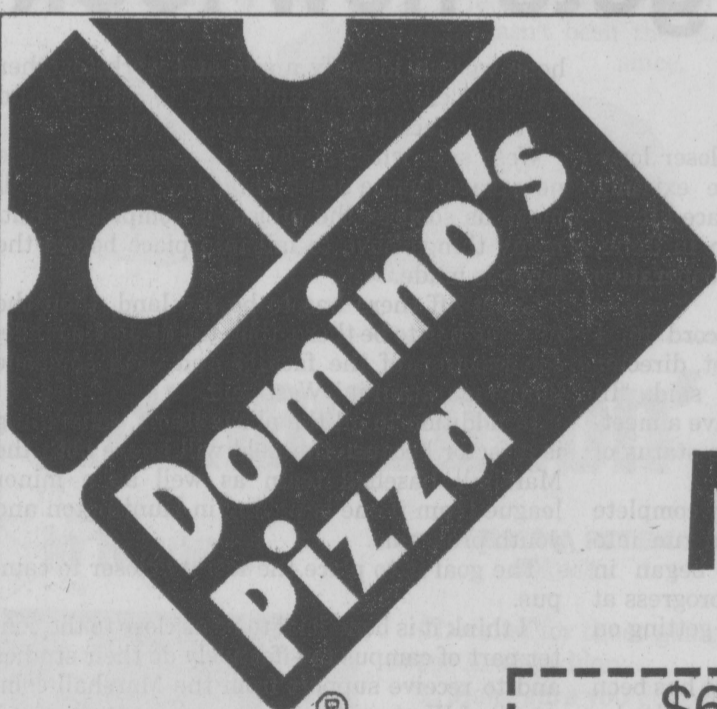


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Kentucky visitors greeted with new logo

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Welcome to Kentucky. And by the way: Education Pays.

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It also is a message that will be borne on state government publications and private industry mailings.

Its logo is a figure in a robe and mortarboard hat, holding a diploma aloft and looking a bit like the Statue of Liberty.

Clinton: 'Millenium bug' could disrupt the Information Age

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the approach of the year 2000, President Clinton is appealing for urgent action to prepare for a "millennium bug" in computers that could disrupt banking, aviation, phone service and nearly every other aspect of life in the Information Age.

"The solution, unfortunately, is massive, painstaking and labor-intensive," Clinton said Tuesday in a speech that marked his most extensive public comments on the subject.

He said there are "gaping holes" in the federal government's and private business's readiness for the Year 2000 computer problem, but that progress is being made.

"Because the difficulty is as far-flung as the billions of microchips that run everything from farm equipment to VCRs, this is not a challenge that is susceptible to a single government program or an easy fix," Clinton said in the speech at the National Academy of Sciences.

Since most computer software programs recognize only the last two digits of a year, the arrival of the year 2000 will cause many to malfunction unless fixes are in place.

Without a remedy, these computers will think Jan. 1, 2000 is the same day a full century earlier.

Computer experts warn that when 2000 arrives, many countries could face widespread power outages, transportation foul-ups and telecommunications failures because of confused computers.

Clinton tempered his call for urgent action on the "Y2K" solution with upbeat assurances that federal agencies will not allow interruptions in customer service.

He noted that all agencies are under orders to have their Y2K

remedies ready by next March.

Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America, which represents computer software and other information companies, said Clinton's speech was on target in pointing out both the progress and problems here and abroad.

"I would have preferred that he had given this speech a year and a half ago," Miller said.

Steve Forbes, a prospective Republican presidential candidate in 2000, issued a statement welcoming Clinton's speech while accusing him of "unconscionable delay" in pressing the issue.

Forbes also warned that lawyers are poised to profit hugely from Y2K computer failures.

"Trial lawyers smell blood in the water," Forbes said. He urged Clinton to back legislation that would protect U.S. businesses from lawsuits resulting from such computer glitches.

Clinton announced he would propose "Good Samaritan" legislation to protect from legal liability those who provide a clearing-house function by sharing Year 2000-related information. But the proposed legislation would not protect them from liability arising from actual Y2K failures in their computer systems.

Clinton also said the administration wants to call out of retirement some civilian and military computer specialists who programmed some of the government's oldest computers.

"I will ask these older Americans to set aside their well-earned rest and help our nation to meet this challenge," Clinton said.

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-- President Clinton

John Koskinen, chairman of the Year 2000 Conversion Council that is overseeing the government's work on the problem, later told reporters that some of the biggest federal agencies are behind schedule in fixing the bug.

These include the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services, Energy, Education and Transportation as well as the U.S. Agency for International Development, he said.

Best prepared are the Social Security Administration, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and NASA.

Koskinen said most of the "mission critical" federal computer systems should be ready by Clinton's target date of March 31, 1999.

Woman could face jail time for faking hate-crime attacks

LANCASTER, S.C. (AP) — A lesbian who used her assault to renew the call for hate-crime legislation in South Carolina has been accused of faking two attacks that left her beaten and bound.

Regan Wolf, 40, could face a month in jail and a \$200 fine if convicted of giving false information to a law enforcement officer, Lancaster County Sheriff John Cauthen said Tuesday.

Wolf, accompanied by her partner, Jenna, and her mother, Jackie Adams, turned herself in this morning at the Lancaster County sheriff's

office. She was later released on a personal recognizance bond.

Last month a friend, whose name was not released, told authorities that Wolf paid him \$50 to beat her Dec. 26.

She had promised him \$350, said Hugh Munn, spokesman for the State Law Enforcement Division.

The pair bought gloves, a belt and spray paint, then returned to Wolf's home where "she laid across the bed and he took a double wide belt and whacked her across her back," Munn said.

Wolf had told police she heard someone walking on the front porch of her mobile home and when she opened the door, she saw a stocky red-haired man with a scruffy beard. She said she was hit on the back of the head and blacked out.

Wolf was found with several abrasions across her back, and her hands and feet were tied.

On the porch steps, in red spray paint, was the warning: "Jesus weren't born for you, faggot."

Forensic experts studied photographs of Wolf's injuries and decided they were "consistent with her being a willing participant."

Authorities had not interviewed Wolf about a possible motive, but they believe she was "deliberately trying to have a hate crime reported when there was none," Munn said.

Wolf's attorney, Joe McCulloch, said she stands by her story.

"She's a victim twice of two serious, really offensive crimes resulting in serious injuries to her and, in a sense, this is a third injury to her," McCulloch said.

On May 13, Wolf reported she again was

assaulted, struck from behind and tied up on her back porch. Police do not believe the same friend was involved, but they think the second attack also was a hoax, Cauthen said.

Munn, who said the investigation remains open, said he was unsure whether her partner or mother was involved in either incident.

Gay rights groups have called her a symbol of persecution. They held a Statehouse rally this spring to support hate-crime legislation that got buried in a state Senate subcommittee last year.

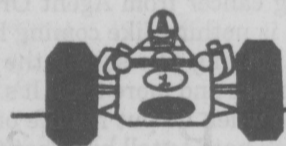
They also blasted authorities for dragging their feet.

"Law enforcement has spent more time and resources investigating the victim than in tracking down suspects," said Steven Bates, executive director of the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Tony Snell, co-chairman of the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement, said he was not ready to buy into the allegations against Wolf.

He said if they were true, it would give gay rights opponents "more fuel for their fire."

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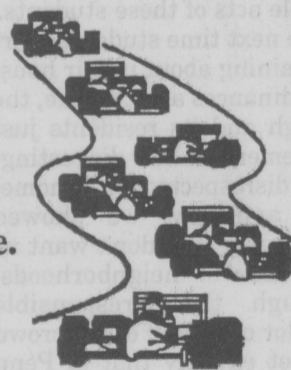
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Unemployment rate up for West Virginia by 4,100

CHARLESTON (AP) — West Virginia's unemployment rate rose from 6.1 percent to 6.5 percent in June, the Bureau of Employment Programs said Wednesday.

The number of unemployed state residents rose 4,100 to 53,700, the bureau said.

"There wasn't any particular reason for it to go up," said Ed Merrifield, assistant director of the Office of Labor and Economic Research. The increase could be a "statistical blip," he said.

The June rate was the same as June 1997. Over the past year, West Virginia has had its lowest monthly unemployment rates since 1979, the bureau said.

The state's seasonally adjusted rate was 6.9 percent, compared with a national rate of 4.5 percent.

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Sometimes money makes the choice

Gary Hale
editor

A new generation of vending machines is making its way to campus. If you want a Coke, go to the bookstore. If you are tired, then just go thirsty.

The message is simple: Money makes the world go 'round. And Marshall will soon be lining its pocket with green stuff, all the while making Pepsi the unofficial drink of the university.

If Parker Brothers were here they would break out a board game and cry "Monopoly!" Now President Gilley may not be the banker with the cigar but someone is sure glad the Boardwalk and Parkplace of soda products came knocking.

Indeed, with Pepsi agreeing to funnel back a high percentage of its profits off the machines, the company gains access to campus and leaves students with one choice for a soda.

Some may not like these types of business dealings, especially when their taste buds and stomachs come calling. But time has come that people realize this university is about making money.

Making money? Well, making money so we can do more to further education. Striking a deal with Pepsi and not allowing competition in is not necessarily evil. It may not be necessarily good. Sure, we would like a choice. But would you stay with a low interest bank account if the next bank offered you more return? You would go where the money is not where the choice is.

Let's not be sympathetic to Coke. They rather enjoy monopolizing areas for their products, just like Pepsi. They are in it for the money just like Marshall and the rest of us. Money talks and it doesn't grow on trees. So when it comes, people reach out and grab it.

So, let's not be condescending on those who made the final decision. In the real world, it is money that keeps the lights on and pays the bills, gives you some safety net and allows you to give to charitable organizations. It is money that allows some to get a free ride in college.

Welcome to the real world where money motivates, separates and dictates the choice given. Catch the wave.



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Right to burn flags must be protected

The Oracle
staff editorial

(U-WIRE) University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla. -- Citizens, actors and senators discussed a proposed amendment to the Constitution that would give Congress the "power to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag."

As offensive as flag burning is, restricting the practice would trample the very fabric of what the United States stands for: freedom of speech.

Supporters of the amendment say the flag represents the United States. Its desecration is one of the most profound insults to the nation and its people.

Burning any symbol of this country is a strong statement. Sens. Bob Graham, D-Fl., and Connie Mack, R-Fl., reflect the popular anti-desecration opinion held by most Americans.

But if this proposal comes to fruition, it will be the first constitutional alteration to the first amendment. Outlawing flag burning is an arguably worse offense than the act itself.

Burning a flag attacks a symbol of this nation. The proposed amendment would destroy a defining principle of it: freedom of expression.

The only laws flag burning violates are municipal fire codes. If the proposal becomes reality, it makes the practice illegal under the U.S. Constitution. It would devote too much governmental attention to a simple act of expression.

The Bill of Rights was created to protect any and all schools of thought, no matter how extreme or against the mainstream. The Supreme Court ruled in 1989 that flag desecration is protected as a form of free speech.

That's the way it should stay.

Burning flags not same as speaking

Gary Hale
editor

It goes against grandma and apple pie. For some, it is about as unAmerican as one can possibly become. For others, it is being a true patriot — standing up for the country's best interests. No matter what the view, flag burning has touched off some passionate feelings.

The lines of battle on this issue seem to be drawn between absolutes and freedom of speech. To play devil's advocate and tell the other side as many journalists will not do, I am going to argue for the flag burning amendment.

For you see, my father is battling cancer from Agent Orange due to his service in Vietnam. There is nothing like coming home and seeing your dad bald. There is nothing like seeing the very life of him sucked out as he becomes more and more frail. It's hard to defend "free speech" of this nature when he put his life on the line for the freedom of others. Yeah, it's hard to tell him that those who spat on him were just using freedom of speech. It's hard to tell him burning is in essence speaking.

So if I want to burn a hillside because I am mad should that be OK? The fire department wouldn't think so. What about someone's car? Somewhere in there burning is not thought of as an expression of speech. Can we send threats to President Clinton? Nope. Can we send verbal threats to each other? Nope.

Many veterans view flag-burning as something far from freedom of speech. They feel like there are still some absolutes — the right and wrong thing. They feel like the flag is something paid for by blood and should not be desecrated.

It may not be the most popular side in the newsroom. But isn't it great that people are still willing to SPEAK out, not BURN, for what they believe is right and wrong?

Riot embarrassment to Penn State

Daily Collegian
staff editorial

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Penn. -- Thousands of people came together and rioted without a cause Sunday morning, achieving nothing except destruction, vandalism and injuries.

With every item that was added to the fire, with every piece of property that was damaged and with every street light that was knocked down, the students of this university lost their respectability. We can

only hope that the residents of State College can forgive the juvenile acts of these students.

The next time students start complaining about unfair housing ordinances and the like, the borough and its residents just may remember how disgustingly we disrespected their hometown and how we showed exactly why they don't want us in their neighborhoods. Although the irresponsible behavior on behalf of the crowd was not entirely that of Penn State students, it is important to remember that the majority of the blame falls squarely on the shoulders of the students of

this university.

The chants of "We are Penn State" and "Let's Go Lions" were particularly disgusting. What these cheers did is help incite the disorder that took place on Beaver Avenue. No one should have been proud to be a Penn Stater early Sunday morning. For those who were on the side, cheering or egging on the rioters, they are just as guilty as those who physically did the damage.

However, perhaps something could have been done earlier that may have nipped this catastrophe in the bud. It is incomprehensible how this

event grew into the total anarchy that it became. This riot was an embarrassment to the university and the borough, and it is unfortunate that these students tarnished what Penn State is all about. For it is the families and businesses of this area that are going to have to foot the massive bill for the rampage that occurred downtown, not the students.

We suspect there are many people today who are ashamed to say they are Penn Staters. And with good reason; we should all be ashamed by what happened on Beaver Avenue early Sunday morning.

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LOST IN YONKERS



'Lost in Yonkers' offers mix of humor and drama

by SCOTT PARSONS
managing editor

A part of New York is coming to Huntington in the form of Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers." Winner of the 1991 Pulitzer Prize as well as four Tony Awards, including Best Play, "Lost in Yonkers" is the story of two young brothers who are left in the care of their grandmother while their father looks for work in the South. Grandma Kurnitz rules her house with an iron fist, which has turned all of her children into misfits, weaklings and even a mobster.

The story is told through the eyes of the brothers who find humor in their dysfunctional family members. The source of unhappiness in the family stems from the grandmother's childhood in Germany. "Lost in Yonkers" is directed by Eugene Anthony and features a cast that includes Broadway actor Jack Cirillo with Linda Reynolds, Nick Reynolds, Justin McElroy, Tressa Preston, Frank Devono and Vivian Smith. The play is opening tonight at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Marv Albert finds new job

Sportscaster hired for sports show and play-by-play duties

by DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — An apologetic Marv Albert, whose career collapsed 10 months ago because of a sex scandal, was rehired Wednesday by the Madison Square Garden Network to anchor a nightly sports show and do radio play-by-play on New York Knicks games. "What I did was wrong," Albert said at a news conference. He apologized for his role in the scandal that cost him his job telecasting NBA basketball games and NFL football for NBC. "I hurt many people, including my fiancée, my family, my friends and my

employers. For that, I am sorry." Albert had resigned from MSG last September and was fired by NBC after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor assault charge. He was accused of throwing his former girlfriend on a bed in a Virginia hotel room in February 1997, biting her on the back more than a dozen times and forcing her to perform oral sex. Albert was criticized following a series of interviews granted last November for lashing out at his victim and making only a grudging apology. Albert's new job takes him full circle; he began his career in the 1960s broadcasting New York Knicks and Rangers games on the radio and was the Knicks' TV voice for MSG at the time of his downfall. In addition to calling about half the Knicks games on radio, Albert will anchor "MSG Sports Desk," a half-hour nightly roundup of local sports. He debuts Sept. 14. "This is a day for me to look forward and turn the page on what has been a difficult time in my life," he said. Dave Checketts, president and CEO of Madison Square Garden, said that he had consulted with Garden shareholders and advertisers before deciding to bring Albert back. Garden officials even talked to the therapist Albert has been seeing since last September. "I think people are going to rally around him," Checketts said. After stopping his lurid trial last September to plead guilty to assault and battery, Albert was spared jail time if he stays out of trouble for a year. He said he must continue to see his therapist as a condition of his probation. Albert said he had no control over how people would react to him coming back. "I think I will be taken seriously in time," he said.

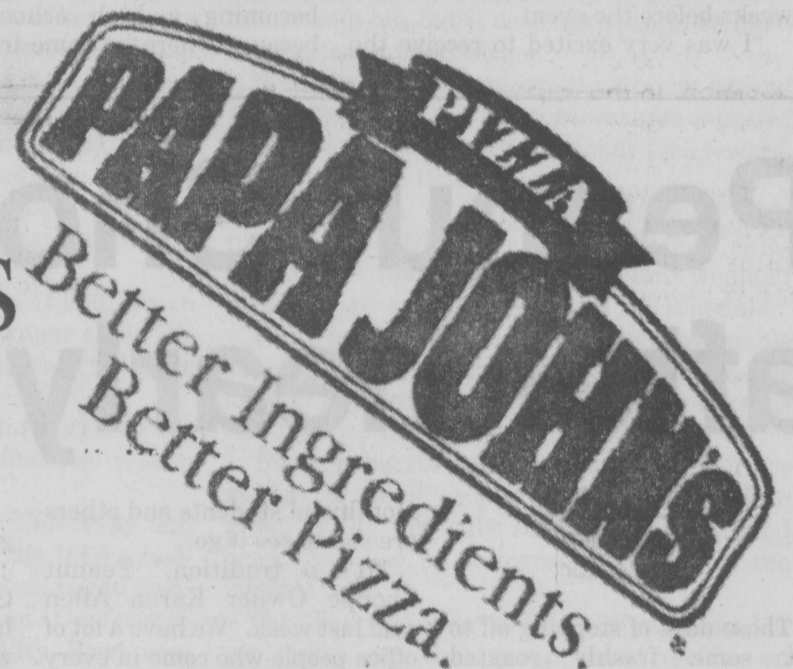
Prisoners scanning paper to seek young, female pen pals

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Apparently prisoners are looking for pen pals in the police blotter. Three women whose addresses were published in the Tribune-Review of Greensburg have received letters from inmates at Pennsylvania state prisons. The women, each of whom is younger than 25, were placed on probation following drunken driving charges. "One young lady was frightened of what might happen if someone followed up on this,"

said Tim Merlin, executive director of Comprehensive Substance Abuse Services. The agency runs a highway safety school that drunken-driving defendants, including the women, have been ordered to attend. The prisoners wrote that they obtained the women's addresses from stories in the Tribune-Review. "Our readers depend on us to tell them about crime and the courts," Editor Tom Stewart said. "Whenever we report that someone has been arrested,

tried or sentenced we have to be very, very specific in identifying that person. We can't just say, 'John Smith of Greensburg' because there may be two John Smiths in the city." Westmoreland County Judge John Blahovec said the letters amount to a double sentence for the women — they get probation, then get harassed. "Who knows what might happen? A relationship starts and then someone shows up on the doorstep. It scares some people," Blahovec said.

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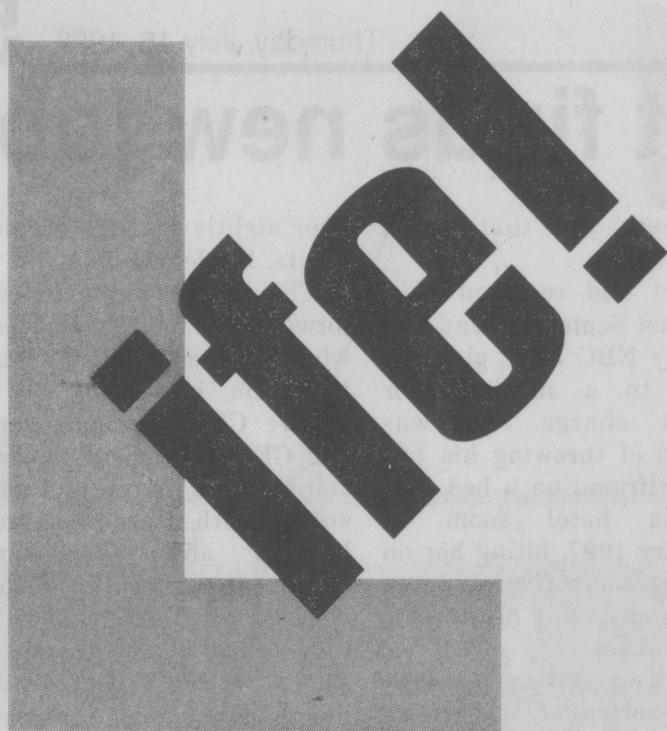
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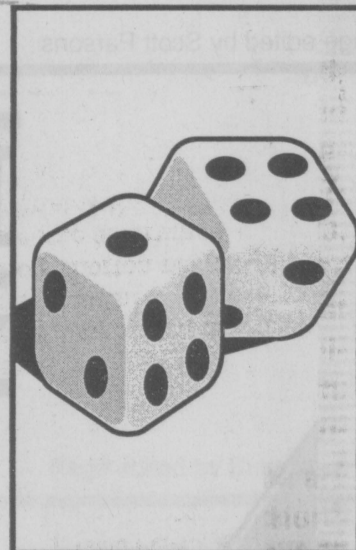


Theatre in the park

Marshall students take part in Huntington Outdoor Theatre's Guys and Dolls

The summer's performance of Guys and Dolls include well-known names around Marshall such as Jeremy Richter, Michele Goodson-Burnett, Kerri Easter and Cliff Ross. Combined with the talents of others in the tri-state the show has persevered despite the heat and the rain

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Professor emeritus helps welcome Korean president to the White House

by SCOTT PARSONS
managing editor

What would happen if you were invited to the White House for a reception welcoming the new president of your home country? You would go, right?

That's exactly what Dr. Soo Bock Choi, distinguished professor emeritus of international politics at Marshall, and his wife Chin did.

Choi received an invitation to welcome Korean President and Mrs. Kim Dae Jung to Washington last month. Kim's first state visit to the United States since taking office on February 25.

The invitation came directly from the Korean embassy in Washington.

Choi is a native of President Kim's hometown and attended his high school alma mater. Choi was informed of Kim's nine day visit weeks before the event.

"I was very excited to receive the

"Now that President Kim is in office, people ask me if I am going to return to Korea to help in politics. I tell them 'no.' If my help is needed I'll do it, but my home is here in Huntington."

— Dr. Soo Bock Choi
professor emeritus
of international studies

invitation," Choi said. "It was an extreme honor to be included in the reception with President Clinton and President Kim."

Choi came to Huntington in 1963 to teach at Marshall. When he began college in Korea he had aspirations of becoming a high school teacher because where he came from a high

school diploma was a sign of a VIP.

Choi also served in the Korean Army during the Korean War. He reached the rank of Captain.

Choi's connection with the Korean president is more than just being from the same town, Choi made him a resident of his new town.

Choi was instrumental in making President Kim an honorary citizen of Huntington.

In a speech to the mayor and town council of Huntington, Choi pointed out that President Kim was the first opposition candidate to win the presidency since the country was founded in 1948 in the southern half of the divided peninsula.

"Now that President Kim is in office, people ask me if I am going to return to Korea to help in politics," Choi said. "I tell them 'no'. If my help is needed I'll do it, but my home is here in Huntington."

Peanut Shoppe to close after nearly 70 years

by CHRISTINA REDEKOPP
life editor

Those days of stopping off to get some freshly roasted peanuts during lunch break will soon be over. The days of taking a long walk down Fourth Avenue from the university and stopping to get chocolate covered pretzels are coming to an end.

The Peanut Shoppe at Fourth Avenue will be closing its doors at the end of the

month and students and others are sad to see it go.

"It's a tradition," Peanut Shoppe Owner Karen Allen said last week. "We have a lot of office people who come in every day for their snacks."

She said many people have come by and said "Just wanted to pop in and say I'm sorry that you're closing."

She said the Peanut Shoppe has been around since the late 1920s. She said it really took off in the 1950s when it was called Planter's Peanuts and it hasn't been the same since.

"It's really more of a nostalgic thing," she said.

Allen, who is from Chesapeake, said her father-in-law bought the shop in 1975. "It was good during the '70s before the mall," Allen said.

"It thrived when it was my father-in-law and mother-in-law working it together."

About closing the Peanut Shoppe Allen said, "It's been in the family so long it's a sentimental decision." She said she and her husband took it over four years ago.

"It's hard to stay in business downtown," Allen said. "I don't have the time it takes to run it properly."

Over the years the shop has only seen a few changes. "They make it harder nowadays with all the restrictions," she said. She gave the example of ensur-

ing proper ventilation and fans for roasting the peanuts. But she said they have never encountered any problems with any of that.

Many aspects of the shop add to the nostalgia of the place. Allen said the cases holding the candies and nuts date back to the 1950s but the company who made the cases have no record of them. "They're pretty original," Allen said.

She said the Planter's peanuts roaster is original and even the wallpaper with its rows of peanuts dates to the 1950s. She said at one time peanuts were strung from the ceiling.

She said their most popular item was the jumbo cashews. She said they were about the size of jumbo shrimp. Old standbys like chocolate covered



peanuts were popular as well.

Allen is offering 20 percent off nuts and candies and will remain open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. while she has business.

She said she knows of one prospective buyer for the shop but he has not confirmed yet.

She said many Marshall students came in and she found out about how many because she offered a discount to students. "We got a lot of regulars from that," Allen said.

"It was a hard decision to make," Allen said about closing the shop.

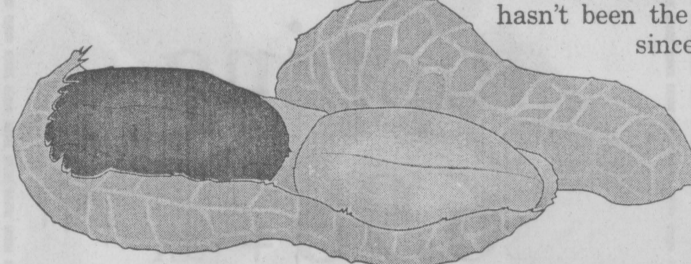
"If I were able to stay open until 7:30 it would work out."

The smash Broadway hit "Guys and Dolls" will be presented July 16, 17, 18, 19 and July 23, 24, 25, 26.

The show will be at Ritter Park Amphitheatre at 8:30 p.m. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at The Huntington Civic Arena Box Office or prior to the shows at the gate.

The Amphitheatre Box Office opens at 6 p.m. More information is available by calling 523-8080.



'Armageddon' explodes with non-stop action

In Review

by CHRISTINA REDEKOPP
life editor



Bruce Willis, Will Duncan and Ben Affleck are among the oil drillers who leave the planet in "Armageddon."

Checklist for those going to see Armageddon:

1. Make sure you go to a theatre with a humongous screen so you do not miss out on the awesome special effects.

2. Pick a theatre with really comfortable seats because although you'll be sitting on the edge most of the time you'll need to sit back after awhile because this action-packed movie is

pleasantly exhausting.

3. Bring some Kleenex not necessarily because this is a sad movie but because you will be taken on an emotional roller coaster ride.

This are just some suggestions for this must-see action movie.

Right from the start meteoroids shower on Earth. Minutes later NASA learns they have only 18 days to stop a Texas-sized asteroid from destroying Earth.

NASA has decided the best way to stop the asteroid is to drill through its core and deposit an explosive the split the asteroid causing it to miss the planet.

NASA has qualified astronauts but they are not educated in drilling.

Bruce Willis plays Harry who is chosen to step onto the asteroid because he is apparently the best oil driller.

However, he says he must know his crew so

instead of teaching astronauts he chooses the misfit characters who comprise his oil drilling crew to accompany him.

A cowboy played by Owen Wilson, a womanizer and gambler played by Steve Buscemi, a muscle-bound but sensitive Michael Duncan and A.J. (Ben Affleck), the man who wants to marry Harry's daughter Grace (Liv Tyler) are among his crew.

The first hour of the movie is preparing the crew

who know absolutely nothing about surviving in space. Much comic relief is provided especially at the beginning by Affleck, Willis and Buscemi.

Billy Bob Thornton plays an intense role as Truman who coordinates the expedition and helps to keep the crew alive.

★★★★
'Armageddon,' rated PG-13, is now playing at the Huntington Mall and Keith-Albee 4.