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Men's basketball team advances in NCAA tourney

FOR COMPLETE coverage of WVU's victory, see Page 1-B.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Tyrone Sally decided a game of high-difficulty 3s with the easiest shot of all — the uncontested dunk.

Sally blocked Nate Funk's 3-point attempt, then raced downcourt for a fast-break dunk with 2.9 seconds to go Thursday night, leading West Virginia to a 63-61 first-round victory over Creighton.

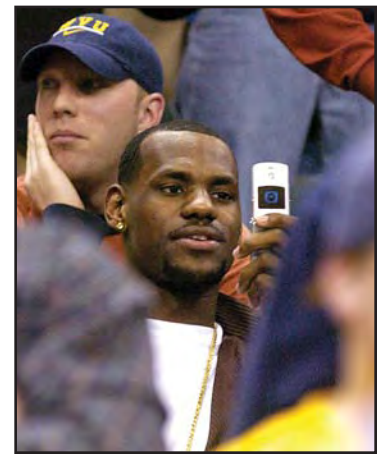
West Virginia (22-10) will play second-seeded Wake Forest on Saturday. The Demon Deacons beat Chattanooga 70-54 to advance to the second round in the Albuquerque Regional.

The Mountaineers knocked off Providence, Boston College and Villanova in the Big East tournament before losing to Syracuse in the title game, earning the Mountaineers a No. 7 seed. After plowing

through some of the nation's best teams, the Mountaineers had trouble with one of its peskiest.

Creighton (23-11) won four games this season on its last possession, and nine of its last 11 that were decided by one point. This time, the final shot had a little too much. Funk caught an inbound pass from midcourt with 1.7 seconds left, turned and fired a 22-foot shot that flew harmlessly over the rim at the buzzer.

The Mountaineers then raised their arms and celebrated career win No. 500 for coach John Beilein, who also has led Canisius and Richmond to NCAA tournament appearances.



LeBron James, of the Cleveland Cavaliers, sits in the crowd during WVU's NCAA tournament game against Creighton on Thursday in Cleveland. James is a friend of WVU player Mike Gansey's family.

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The Dominion Post

Hospital trains for hazardous materials

Mon General prepares for bioterror attacks

BY GARY GRAY
The Dominion Post

When, not if. That was the basic motivation behind Thursday's "Hazmat for Healthcare" course for nonmedical personnel at Monongalia General Hospital: preparation.

Whether it be a gas or chemical spill on Interstate 68, or a full-out bioterrorist attack, hospital employees are being trained to help out when physicians and nurses are overloaded.

About 15 employees decked out in chemical-proof suits and face masks were instructed on how to decontaminate patients in a giant tent called a three-line decontamination shelter.

Rod Kimble, a trainer with the WVU Center for Rural Emergency Medicine, along with several other center members, showed employees how to protect themselves and set up and operate the tent.

"There's a very good cross-section of people here today, and that's what we're looking for," Kimble said. "I hope that when we're done that we've built a team. Second, I hope they're not as afraid of hazardous chemicals. Finally, we're accomplishing something here today that takes us one step further toward preparedness."

The tent included an area where injured patients could be placed on backboards and rolled down the middle of the tent, while being scrubbed and sprayed with warm water.

The tent also utilizes two private paths where, on one side, men discard their clothes and are decontaminated, while women do the same on the opposite side.

Kimble showed employees how to construct the "hot zone" and install equipment that helps wash dangerous chemicals from patients' bodies.

"This is absolutely practical," said Amy Rockis, a Mon General corporate compliance officer. "When all the clinical people are taking in patients during an emergency, we'll be there to help."

After successfully completing the course, employees are assigned different tasks and will practice what they learned Thursday on a regular basis, said Sandy Friedman, Mon General director of safety and security.

"One of our worries is that there may be a chemical spill in which only



Mon General Hospital staff member Amy Rockis (left) gets a helping hand with her mask as she puts on a chemical protective suit during training. Instructor Rod Kimble (below, in gray shirt at left) directs trainees from the hospital staff about how to unfold and erect the collapsible decontamination shelter.

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The Dominion Post
Photos

some of those exposed are taken by ambulance to our emergency department," she said. "But there are others that will get in their cars and drive to the hospital. In a situation like that, you can't just let them walk in."

About 250 people have been trained in the course statewide, and 11 courses have been completed so far in West Virginia.

The West Virginia Office of Emergency Services and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sponsor the courses.

The course is geared toward hospital personnel who may come in contact

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Man released from jail, rearrested for robbery

Morgantown resident charged with second crime on day he is freed

The Dominion Post

A Morgantown man released Wednesday on a \$2,000 bond for two counts of daytime burglary is now being held on a \$100,000 cash bond after getting arrested for another burglary the same day.

Robert Wyckoff Jr., 21, was charged by Morgantown Police with nighttime burglary at Blue Grass Village on Green Bag Road.

Police said the mobile home owner arrived

to find a strange vehicle in his driveway and someone inside. The man fled before police arrived, according to Lt. Ron Snyder.

Officers near South Middle School stopped the car and arrested Wyckoff. Officers obtained search warrants and items from the Blue Grass Village burglary were recovered. A second search warrant on Wyckoff's residence also was served and police recovered additional stolen items.

Wyckoff was arrested along with three other Morgantown residents who police say are responsible for at least 12 burglaries in the Valley View Road area of Morgantown.

The 12 burglaries occurred from January to March. As of Wednesday, more than \$22,000 in stolen items had been recovered.

Wyckoff was charged with two counts of daytime burglary and released after posting \$2,000 bond. Also arrested were Stephen Doll, 21, of Morgantown, one count of receiving stolen property; Debra Smith, 51, of Morgantown, receiving stolen property; and Travis Conrad, 23, of Morgantown, transferring and receiving stolen property.

All charges are felonies. Doll, Smith and Conrad were free on \$5,000 personal recognition bonds.

"From information developed, we obtained a search warrant for 1111 Valley View, Lot 35, (Wyckoff's residence) and found stolen items, including digital cameras, DVDs, games for

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Senate: No cuts in Medicaid

Lawmakers reject deficit reduction plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to strip all proposed Medicaid cuts from the \$2.6 trillion budget for next year, killing the heart of the plan's deficit reduction and dealing an embarrassing setback to President Bush and Republican leaders.

The amendment, whose chief sponsor was moderate Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., was approved 52-48 after days of heavy lobbying by both sides. It was widely seen as a test of the GOP-run Congress' taste for making even moderate reductions in popular benefit programs that consume two-thirds of the budget and are growing rapidly, even at a time of record federal deficits.

The Medicaid cuts could still be revived when the House and Senate try writing a compromise budget next month. The more conservative House was voting Thursday on a similar budget that would make way for up to \$20 billion in Medicaid savings.

The budget sets overall tax and spending targets to guide Congress as it writes bills later in the year that make actual changes in programs and tax laws.

Psychic casts for clues to dog's torturer

Knight Ridder Newspapers

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Renaissance the Rottweiler knows the person who hurt him.

The dog was tied in a yard, barking as usual, hungry and thirsty. At last, a heavyset man in shabby clothing appeared. "There! Have your water!" said the man, pouring boiling liquid over the dog's hind end, searing his fur and skin.

All this is according to Colleen Nicholson, a professional animal communicator who says she telepathically bonds with abused animals.

"It comes to me in the form of mental pictures, thoughts, feelings," Nicholson said. "Sometimes I get words."

Far out, right? That's debatable. But proponents say that when all leads grow cold and a \$2,000 reward for information has no takers, they're no worse off putting their faith in someone who claims to gab with cats, dogs, horses, birds, iguanas, fish, rabbits — the whole barnyard and then some.

Iraqi government coalescing

Newly sworn in legislators hammer out compromises

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Kurdish and Shiite politicians said Thursday they made headway in solving new disagreements in their deal to form a coalition government, nearly seven weeks after Iraqis took to the polls, but it remained unclear when that new government would be announced.



AP Photo

New Iraqi Army troops take part in training exercises near Basra, Iraq, on Thursday. Two years after the fall of Saddam Hussein, Iraqi legislators were sworn in Wednesday as members of the 275-seat National Assembly, vowing to uphold freedom and democracy.

constitution. "Negotiations were very constructive and the differences in the interim law and peshmerga were solved. We have agreed that some peshmerga will join the Kurdistan police and some will be part of the Iraqi army, with the same equipment and salaries and take orders from the defense ministry in Baghdad," Azad Jundiyan, a spokesman for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, told The Associated Press.

But Jundiyan added that announcing a new government could come after Kurds celebrate their new year next week. "I think that the new government will be announced on March 26 after the end of Nowruz," he said. The interim constitution has no set time limit on forming the government after the National Assembly convenes.

But once it elects a president with a two-thirds majority, a prime minister must be chosen within two weeks. There was no immediate comment on the date from Shiite politicians. Earlier, a member of the Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance said there was agreement on issues such as the peshmerga, and more talks would be held. "The army units in Kurdistan will be mixed and follow the orders of the central government. As for the police force they will be formed from the people of Kurdistan," Ali Dabagh said. On Wednesday, the deputies failed to set a date to reconvene, did not elect a speaker or even nominate a president and vice president — all of which they had hoped to do. Instead, the session was spent celebrating the moment, and the enormous obstacles Iraq has overcome.

U.S. envoy strives to resume N. Korea talks

Pyongyang's absence stalled negotiations about nuclear weapons

SHANGHAI, China — Envoys from the United States, China, Japan and South Korea discussed Thursday how to restart formal talks on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program, officials said, but there was no indication that a Pyongyang representative attended.

U.S. envoy Joseph DeTrani and Chinese Foreign Ministry officials were among those attending the meetings, officials said. Scholars and experts on the region also were there. "We believe this meeting will nurture new opinions and approaches for promoting the resumption of the six-party talks," said a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman. Those talks have been stalled by North Korea's refusal to attend. Since 2003, Beijing has hosted three rounds of talks with the United States, Japan, the two Koreas and Russia to discuss ways to dismantle the North's nuclear weapons program. Pyongyang canceled a planned fourth round in September.

North Korea has demanded more aid and a peace treaty with Washington in exchange for abandoning nuclear arms development. China, as North Korea's last major ally, has been trying to bring the reclusive country back to negotiations. The effort has taken on greater urgency since Pyongyang's unconfirmed declaration in February that it has nuclear weapons. "At present, the six-party talks have stalled and encountered some problems," Liu said. "We hope the various sides will work vigorously and demonstrate flexibility in order to reopen the six-party talks."

Palestinian factions agree to cease-fire until end of year

Militants want Israel to free prisoners, end violence

interim step, and in order for there to be progress in peace efforts, terrorist organizations cannot continue to exist as armed groups, and certainly not as terror organizations," the statement said. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas agreed to a de facto cease-fire at a Feb. 8 summit with Sharon. Militant attacks have dropped considerably since — but a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv in late February prompted Israel to back off some of its promises, and Abbas was eager to get militants on board with a truce to push forward the fragile peace process. "What has been agreed upon is that the period of calm will have an upper time limit, which is the end of the year," said Mohammed Nazzal, a Hamas leader.

CAIRO, Egypt — Palestinian militant groups agreed Thursday to a truce with Israel until the end of this year on condition that Israel halts violence against Palestinians and frees prisoners, participants at a meeting in Cairo said. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called the statement by Palestinians "a positive first step." A statement from Sharon's office said he made the remarks to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. "At the same time the prime minister emphasized that this is only an

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Northview UMC: Homemade Easter eggs
Homemade Easter eggs will be available from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Saturday, at the Meadowbrook Mall Community Booth (close to Sears). Sponsored by Northview United Methodist Women.

St. Francis de Sales Parish: Fish fry
St. Francis de Sales Parish, 1 Guthrie Lane, Friday fish fry dinners will be from 5-7 p.m. today, in the church hall.
Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Menu: Fish, french fries, coleslaw, roll, dessert and beverage. Take-out available.
Everyone is welcome.
Info: 296-5353.

Mount Pleasant UMC: Gospel sing
The Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church gospel sing will be at 6:30 p.m. today, located on the Kingwood Pike.
Food will be served at 4 p.m. All are welcome. Info: 296-1305.

Jews For Jesus "Christ in the Passover"
What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in com-

mon? Garrett Smith, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will answer that question in a presentation called "Christ in the Passover" at 7 p.m. today, at Shady Grove Church of the Brethren, three miles north of Bruceon Mills, on W.Va. 26.

Using a visual display of traditional Passover accouterments, the "Christ in the Passover" presentation enhances the Christian's understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption, which Christ accomplished at Calvary.

A table is set with the traditional Jewish Passover items, including representative foods, which are explained, but not eaten. The ceremonial seder plate, the three-compartment pouch in which the matzo (unleavened bread) is kept, as well as the traditional cup of Elijah are presented, and new insights to their Christological significance are provided.

Jews for Jesus literature and materials will be available.
Info: The Rev. Barry M. Adkins at 379-3938.

Present Truth Lighthouse: Seminar
The Present Truth Lighthouse will conduct a prophecy code seminar at 7 p.m. today through April 16, on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays,

at the American Legion Post 2, Old Cheat Road.
Biblical mysteries unlocked and scriptural references, questions and answers. Bring your Bible.
Info: 598-8307.

Kingwood Apostolic Church: Easter candy
The Kingwood Apostolic Church Ladies Auxiliary last day to sell Easter candy is today. Choose from cherry nut, coconut or peanut butter eggs. One lb. Easter egg, \$5.75, 1/2 lb. \$3.50; crosses, \$1.75; suckers (white chocolate or regular), 50 cents or three for \$1.25.
Info: 329-0428, 329-1327 or 329-2636 to place orders.

Fellowville Assembly of God: Easter candy
The Fellowville Assembly of God youth will take orders for homemade Easter eggs and chocolate or white chocolate suckers through today. The orders will be delivered the week of Easter.
Egg flavors are coconut, cherry nut and peanut butter. Sizes are 1 lb., \$6, 1/2 lb.; \$3, dozen bite size eggs, 1 lb., \$6. Suckers are 50 cents each. All eggs are decorated and gift boxed.
Info: Angie Travis at 329-0285

Riverside Apostolic Church: Homemade Easter candy
The Riverside Apostolic Church Ladies homemade deco-

rated Easter eggs and candy cross orders must be picked up by March 20. Info: Joyce at 292-4939.

The Upper Room Church: Easter musical
The Upper Room Church will present their annual Easter musical, "O What Love" at 7 p.m. today and Saturday.
This 12 act musical was written and directed by Suzanne Langford to depict the Agape love shown toward mankind by our Lord Jesus Christ as he freely laid down his life on Calvary. The Word of God declares, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

The Upper Room Church is located in the Adamston Addition of Clarksburg. Take the West Pike Street exit off U.S. 50, turn south, go approximately 4/10 of a mile, past the Dairy Mart, turn right on South 24th Street.
Info: 622-7651 or 622-6557. For bus service, 842-4822 or 624-5439. Pastor Frank Shreve invites all to attend.

Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church: Egg hunt
The Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church will host an egg hunt from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, at the church, 802 Green Bag Road. All are welcome. Info: 292-6050.

St. Zita's: Easter bake sale
St. Zita's will hold their annual Easter bake sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, in the social hall, Masontown. A variety of items will be available, including Easter bread, nut rolls, pizzelles, cookies and cakes. There will also be a raffle for an afghan.

Wana and Miracle Run UMC: Craft and bake sale
Craft and Bake sale sponsored by the Spraggs, Wana and Miracle Run United Methodist Churches from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, at the

Blacksville Town Hall.
Lunch will be provided by the Spraggs Church Women.
Something for everyone.

Masontown UMC: Dinners
The Masontown United Methodist Church will be serving buckwheat cakes and sausage dinners from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday.

Jakes Run Assembly of God: Easter candy sale
The women's ministry of Jakes Run Assembly of God Easter candy sale will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, in the Youth and Family Center, at the church, off W.Va. 7, east on Jakes Run Road.
Easter egg flavors will be: Peanut butter, coconut creme, maple nut, cherry nut and butter nut, in three sizes: 1 lb., 6 oz. and 3 oz. Crisp crosses will also be available.
Info: Rebecca Steele at 449-1273.

Morgantown Cooperative Parish: 'The Passion'
The Morgantown West Cooperative Parish of The United Methodist Church will be showing "The Passion" at 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Westover UMC, in the basement fellowship hall.
Refreshments and discussion following. Info: 296-2375.

Ebenezer Baptist Church: Tri-District sing
The Tri-District Sing will be from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Gladesville.
All gospel singers welcome.

Grafton Road Church of God: Still life drama
The Grafton Road Church of God, presents (still life drama) "Scenes of His Life From The Cradle, The Cross" directed by Lorane Hawk at 6 p.m. Sunday, located beside O.J. White Transfer, Morgantown.
Refreshments will be served.
Open to the public.

West Cooperative Parish UMC: Lenten services
The Morgantown West Cooperative Parish of The United Methodist Church Lenten Services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Lynch Chapel, Little Indian Creek Road, 278-5764. Refreshment will be available.

Peoples Baptist Church: New Baptist church
A new Baptist church has begun in Mount Morris, Pa. The People's Baptist Church is an Independent Fundamental Church, with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m., meeting temporarily at the Mason-Dixon Park (Red Barn).
Info: 599-7840 or 685-4075.

First Baptist Church: School of leaders
The First Baptist Church school of leaders, spring semester (9 sessions left), from 6-8 p.m. every Sunday.
(1) The Book of Acts-From Jerusalem to Rome; Section II, the Rev. Chuck Bowers; (2) Foundation of faith, does it matter what we believe?, Pastor Don Ketcham; (3) Homes of honor, impacting the world one family at a time, Pastor Steve Mentzer; (4) How to succeed as a Christian in the 21st Century, Susan Ketcham; (5) Powerhouse (for junior and senior high youth), Pastor Jay Teodoro/George Drennen; (6) Kingdom kids (ages 3 years old through fifth grade), Vicki Mentzer and Patti Varner.
Everyone welcome.
Info: FBC at 292-3323.

First Baptist Church: Home care groups
The First Baptist Church, introduces home care groups meeting throughout the Morgantown area, a 12-week course focusing on the book "Total Forgiveness" by R.T. Kendall. Everyone is welcome.
Info: 292-3323 for time, locations and times, and registration.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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THE MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Most Active (\$1 or more), Most Active (\$1 or more), Most Active (\$1 or more).

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Markets and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Estimated cash value on ex-dividend date.

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'Ring 2' looks good, but is hollow at its core

BY PHILIP WUNTCH
The Dallas Morning News

Back in 2002, "The Ring" was successful enough to make Hollywood assume that audiences were

screaming for more. But this week's sequel will leave audiences ready to bay at the moon. The new movie's special effects offer scant compensation for its negligible plot, dreary

pace and slim characterization. Verbinski's "Ring" had snappy dialogue, strong characters, a couple of genuinely creepy scenes and a refreshingly clever storyline in which watching a certain video damned the watcher to an unpleasant demise. The new film jettisons the murderous-video routine after 20 minutes and focuses on the first "Ring's" least exciting data.

Journalist Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) and son Aidan (David Dorfman) are again at the center of things. Following their horrific misadventures in Seattle, Rachel and son move to the small coastal community of Astoria, Ore. But trouble follows them in the form of evil spirit Samara, actually the ghost of a murdered child. Samara just won't leave Aidan alone and wants to co-habit his body.

"The Ring Two" looks good, with the Pacific Northwest serving as an enticing locale. But once past the surface, it's hollow at the core. Grade: D+.

'RING 2' opens Friday at Carmike Cinema Morgantown Mall 8. Showtimes through the weekends are: 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

'Ice Princess' scores well

'ICE PRINCESS' opens Friday at The Warner Theatre, High Street. Showtimes are 5:10 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8:50 p.m.

BY ROGER MOORE
The Orlando Sentinel

As figure-skating movies go, "Ice Princess" is a solid silver medal winner. It doesn't score high in degree of difficulty. But it is technically flawless, and artistically it sticks the landing. Here's a G-rated movie that isn't embarrassed to wear that label and show just how challenging and worthwhile "wholesome" can be.

The fakery is utterly hidden. You'll believe the former "Harriet the Spy"/"Buffy" underling Michelle Trachtenberg is a serious skater. As Casey, she's the fresh-faced flavor of the month, a pretty

girl the filmmakers want to pass off as a school wallflower ("the science nerd"). Skating brings her out of her shell.

Trachtenberg is real and appropriately girlish, not quite the cover girl that these movies are usually built around. And somebody was very smart to cast two strong and exceptional actresses in the major supporting roles.

Joan Cusack plays Casey's single mom, a feminist English teacher who is living out her fantasy through her soon-to-be-a-Harvard-physics-major daughter. Casey seems to share that dream, forgoing a social life to do a project for a big physics scholarship that



AP Photo

Kim Cattrall (left) and Michelle Trachtenberg star in "Ice Princess."

will put her in the best college and launch her in life.

But in doing that project — she uncovers the physics of great skating technique, the jumps, spins, etc. — she comes under the influence of tough Tina, a skating coach played without a hint of sentiment by the terrific Kim Cattrall of TV's "Sex and the City."

"You have to want it," she growls at Casey. "You have to want it more than anything else. It's not something you do on a whim."

What plays out amid Casey's new social interaction with her fellow skaters and her accidental discovery of her graceful and beautiful side on the ice is nothing less than a struggle for the girl's mortal soul, between her intense and uncompromising mom and her

equally intense and ruthless coach. One, who grew up a plain Jane, is dismissive of the sexy sport and its "cute little outfits." The other has hints of Tonya Harding in her past. Catfight!

Seriously, director Tim Fywell looked at his script and at his dream cast, and threw in one terrific mother-daughter or mother-vs.-coach or coach-student scene after another. Cusack and Cattrall are so good that they make Trachtenberg better.

There are funny bits about "skating parents" pushing their kids toward the fame and big money that an Olympic career can mean, and the head games of the various "mean girl" competitors (real skater Juliana Cannarozzo, a Goth-girl skater and a stitch). The more generic teen stuff, the high-school flirting bit — Trevor Blumas is a pretty-boy Zamboni driver — doesn't get in the way of the main story.

This is really about the ways that a kid who's already learned how to focus on something can turn that intensity on a new passion, and the rewards of trying something new.

And the life lessons of "Ice Princess" — about betrayal, gamesmanship, the hard bargains that you strike to get what you want, and the pressure of making decisions at 17 that will change your life forever — are worth their weight in Olympic gold.

Forget "The Pacifier." This is Disney's niche, a good movie with positive messages, a G rating and no Vin Diesel. About time they found it again.

ICE PRINCESS
Three of five stars
Cast: Michelle Trachtenberg, Joan Cusack, Kim Cattrall.
Director: Tim Fywell.
Running time: 1 hour, 38 minutes.
Industry rating: G, general audiences.

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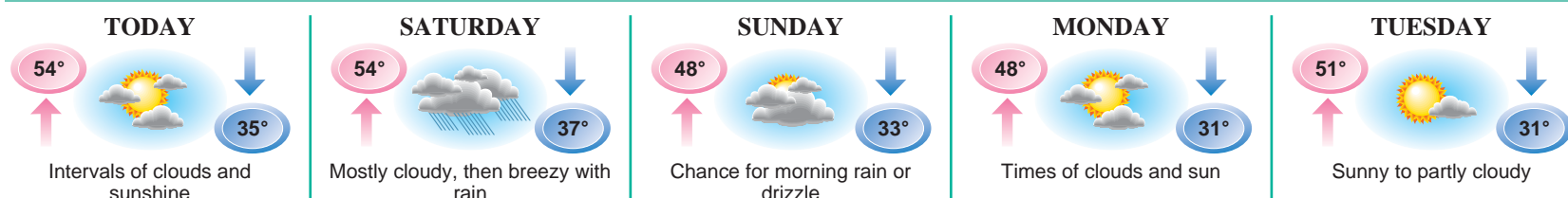
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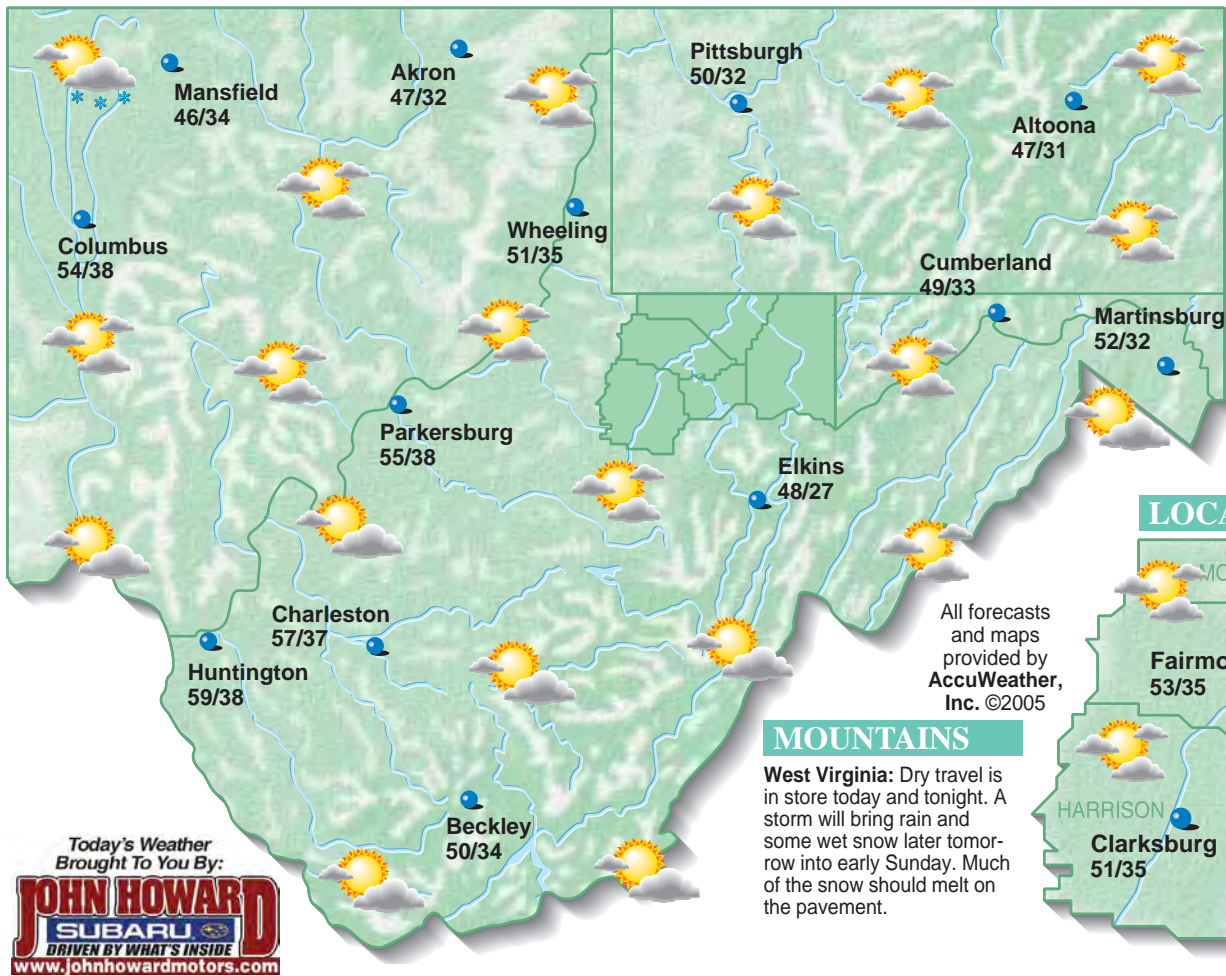
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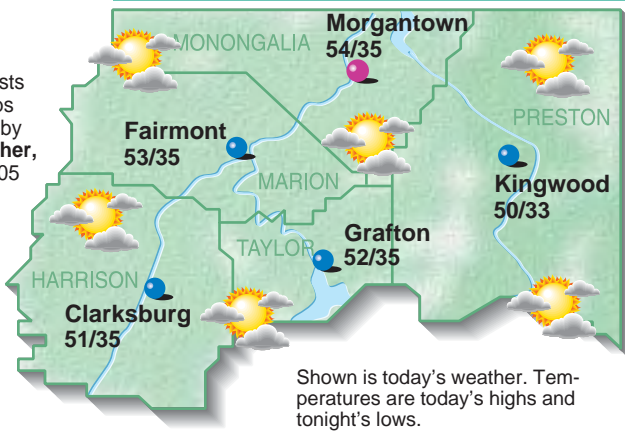
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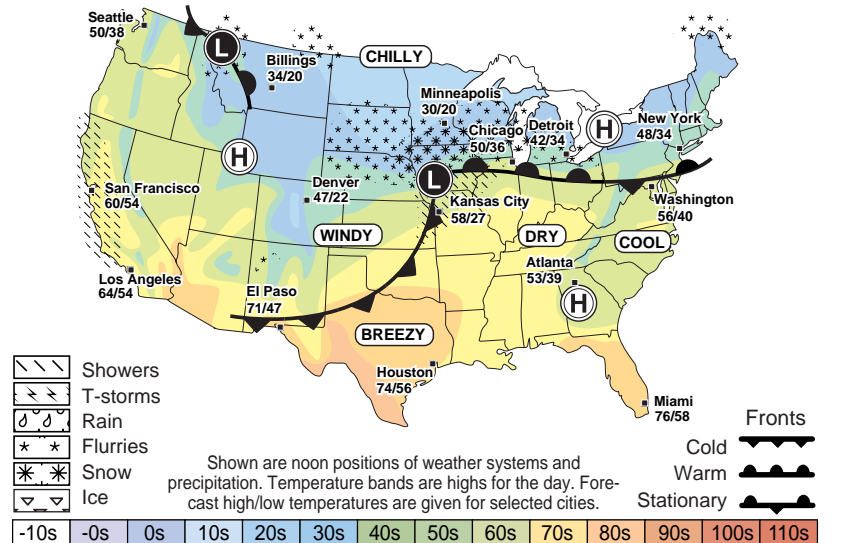
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Sunrise today 6:27 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:30 p.m.
 Moonrise today 11:25 a.m.
 Moonset today 2:38 a.m.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY AccuWeather.com



SKI CONDITIONS

Ski Area	New snow (in)	Base (in)	Trails Open
Canaan Valley	18-56	37	
Seven Springs, PA	40-72	27	
Snowshoe/Silver Creek	70-90	52	
Timberline Four Seasons	52-82	35	
Wisps, MD	36-72	22	

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Fri: 5:56 a.m.	12:09 p.m.	6:21 p.m.	—
Sat: 6:44 a.m.	12:32 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	12:57 p.m.
Sun: 7:30 a.m.	1:18 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	1:42 p.m.
Mon: 8:13 a.m.	2:01 a.m.	8:36 p.m.	2:25 p.m.
Tue: 8:54 a.m.	2:43 a.m.	9:16 p.m.	3:05 p.m.

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Cumberland, MD	49/33/pc	45/35/r
Fairmont, WV	53/35/pc	52/37/r
Grafton, WV	52/35/pc	50/37/r
Huntington, WV	59/38/pc	52/37/r
Kingwood, WV	50/33/pc	48/35/r
Pittsburgh, PA	50/32/pc	52/37/r
Wheeling, WV	51/35/pc	52/36/r

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Lake	7 a.m. Yest.	24-hour Change
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Associated Press
 Today is Friday, March 18, the 77th day of 2005. There are 288 days left in the year.
HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:
IN 1965, the first space-walk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov left his "Voskhod 2" capsule, secured by a tether.
ON THIS DATE:
IN 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. He was released after serving two years.
IN 1937, more than 400 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.
IN 1979, Iranian authorities detained American feminist Kate Millett, a day before deporting her and a companion for what were termed "provocations."
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:
 Composer John Kander ("Chicago") is 78. Country singer Charley Pride is 67. Singer Wilson Pickett is 64. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 54. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 43. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 42. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 39. Rapper-actress Queen Latifah is 35.

Men will be boys during holiday wrestling match

DEAR ABBY: Every holiday or special occasion that's celebrated in our home involves "horseplay" between the men — my two adult stepsons and stepsons-in-law. Their ages range from 38 to 40. When these supposed grown-ups come to visit, open gifts, etc., they wind up wrestling in our living room. The base of one of my lamps has been chipped, and once, my granddaughter (then 10) was pushed into a glass table and her back was scraped through her shirt. I have asked them nicely to stop or to go downstairs. They'll never happen. At the very least, the "boys" should pay for the items they have damaged. Alcohol isn't "involved"; alcohol is the problem.
DEAR ABBY: I invite my best friend, "Lara," out for lunch about twice a month, so we can sit down

and catch up on our lives in person. I look forward to it, and consider it female bonding time. Because Lara currently has a low-paying job, I foot the bill for these outings. Lara's husband, "Nicky," is out of work, and frankly, he's not looking very hard to find another job. My problem is that Lara usually asks me if Nicky can come along with her to lunch. Paying for Nicky drains my budget pretty quickly. He orders the most expensive items on the menu, and a \$30 luncheon becomes a \$50 or \$60 tab. Is there a nice way of telling Lara that her husband's presence interferes with my one-on-one time with her without offending her or embarrassing me? — **FRUSTRATED IN RAINY CALIFORNIA**
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7:30	NBC	News 9741
8:00	NBC	News 2857
8:30	NBC	News 6429
9:00	PBS	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC) 22654
9:30	WBN	The Simpsons (S) 4644437
10:00	PBS	BBC World 22654
10:30	FOX	Seinfeld (S) 4644437
11:00	FOX	Friends (S) (CC) 29963
11:30	ABC	News (S) (CC) 25128
12:00	ABC	World News Tonight (CC) 437
12:30	NBC	Jeopardy! (N) (CC) 1741
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Leg angina requires investigation



DR. PETER GOTT

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is "leg angina?" I get severe cramps in my calves when I walk. I am 78 and suspect arthritis but cannot see my rheumatologist until June.

DEAR READER: I recommend that you see your primary care physician first because, from your brief report, I doubt that arthritis is your problem.

When the heart is called upon to beat more efficiently during exercise, it may not be up to the task because of coronary artery blockages, from arteriosclerosis, that prevent an adequate supply of oxygen to reach the heart muscle. The result is chest pain that disappears during rest. This is called angina pectoris, and is a serious warning of disastrous consequences if not treated.

The same phenomenon is also present when, during exercise, the leg muscles cramp. Sometimes the cramps disappear if the exercise continues — so-called "walk-through claudication." In any case, the pattern of leg muscle pain during exercise may reflect significant arteriosclerotic blockages in the arteries leading to the extremities.

In my opinion, your PCP should order a test called "arteriography," which will show the position of the blockages and how advanced they are. If there is a significant prob-

lem, you may be a candidate for aggressive therapy — either a balloon angioplasty or bypass surgery.

If I am wrong and the arterial study is normal, you can always keep your appointment with your arthritis specialist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with oral cancer and have undergone surgery eight times on my tongue. What information can you share on my diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma?

DEAR READER: Squamous cell carcinoma is a type of malignancy arising from the cells of the skin and the lining of body cavities. As with any cancer, it will spread uncontrollably unless treated. Symptoms depend on the site of the tumor, as well as the extent of the metastases (spread) at the time of diagnosis.

For example, squamous cell carcinoma of the oral cavity is usually diagnosed early while a similar tumor in the lung may not be recognized until it has grown large enough to cause cough, blood-tinged sputum, weight loss and a shadow on chest X-ray. The treatment for a malignancy depends largely on its size and location. Surgery, radiation, chemotherapy or a combination of these methods is usually employed, with varying results.

Friday, March 18, 2005

Keep plugging along making those small gains in the year ahead, even if it looks like you're not making much progress. By this time next year you'll be surprised at how much you have accumulated and how substantial it is.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be mindful of all big and small expenditures you make today. It will be the trivial amounts that you spend that will add up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Strive to be patient in your dealings with others today. Take the time to find out what's behind their actions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do not broadcast another's business today. If you let the cat out of the bag, even when you didn't mean to, it could cause problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you rush through a job without considering all the contingencies, you could end up costing yourself or an employer a bundle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although your initial impression with someone could be excellent, if you stay too long you could negate what you had going for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your friends won't appreciate it today



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if you get haughty and try to impose your opinions on them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — To many others, this may be a day of winding down the week, but you may not feel fulfilled unless you continue to go at full speed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Do what you believe to be right today, and not only that which is the most expedient. If you ignore your high standards, it will lead to regrets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Before opening your mouth and giving commands, think about how your words may come across.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Keep in mind the team's game plan if you are a participant in a competitive sport today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Even if it causes you a degree of inconvenience today, keep your word regarding a commitment you made to someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Do not begin a complicated task today if you are pressed for time. Thinking you can rush through the job will cause mishaps and mistakes.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Luxuriant tresses
 - Mind reader's gift
 - Kind of helmet
 - Final word
 - Extinct bird
 - Weaver's frame
 - Distant past
 - Conclusion
 - Lepton's home
 - Candle or legion
 - Union branch
 - be an honor
 - Lyric poem
 - Buying frenzy
 - Like lemon juice
 - Geologic divisions
 - Do a fall chore
 - Musical notes
 - Outscored
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- DOWN**
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 - Love, to Claudius Wolfe
 - Orchid-loving
 - Bad guys
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THEY HADN'T USED THE MUTE BUTTONS.

BY SCOTT ADAMS

PEANUTS

CHARLIE BROWN? IS THAT YOU? I'M GLAD YOU CALLED..

YOUR DOG? OH, HE'S FINE..

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING TO HIM? HE'S RIGHT HERE..

"WOOF"? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ

NON SEQUITUR

DADDY... DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL BACK IN TIME?

SEEMS TO ME, PEOPLE ONLY PONDER THAT AFTER THEY'VE MADE A REALLY BAD DECISION...

...AND THE BIGGER THE MESS THEY'VE MADE, THE FURTHER BACK IN TIME THEY WISH THEY COULD TRAVEL TO AVOID IT

SO HOW FAR BACK WOULD YOU WANT TO GO?

THAT DEPENDS... WHAT YEAR WERE YOU BORN?

I SEE A LOONG GROUNDING IN YOUR FUTURE...

BY WILEY

BEEBLE BAILEY

THAT'S MY MOTTO! WAKE UP EVERY MORNING WITH A BIG SMILE!

BUT MAKE SURE NOBODY SEES IT!

BY MORT WALKER

FRANK & ERNEST

PERSONNEL DEPT.

THE NICE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB IS THERE WILL BE NO WAY TO GET A DEMOTION.

BY BOB THAVES

BORN LOSER

YOU KNOW, GLADYS...

I NEVER REALIZED HOW DULL OUR LIVES WERE...

UNTIL AN HOUR AGO, WHEN THE TV TUBE BLEW OUT!

BY ART & CHIP SANSON

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

HELGA, I'M BACK FROM ITALY... BUT THEY WERE OUT OF THAT COOKBOOK YOU ASKED FOR!

DARN! I WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO COOK ITALIAN!

NOT TO WORRY...

BY DIK BROWNE

MARMADUKE

"He loves to run in the snow."

BY BRAD ANDERSON

CATHY

DOES ALL THIS GO IN MY HOUSE OR BACK TO YOURS?

NEITHER, IT JUST STAYS IN THERE.

IT STAYS IN THERE ??

I CAN'T RETURN IT... CAN'T USE IT... CAN'T STAND TO GET RID OF IT....

I FINALLY DECIDED TO LOVINGLY ACCEPT THE FACT THAT IT JUST RIDES AROUND IN MY TRUNK !!

WHAT ??

SOME BRIDES COME WITH A TROUSSEAU. I CAME WITH A TRUNK-EAU.

BY CATHY GUISEWITE

BLONDIE

I COULD USE A FEW T-SHIRTS

THE VERY LATEST IN T-SHIRTS

THIS IS THE MOST POPULAR ONE WITH TEENS TODAY!

BOY, MOM AND POP STORES SURE AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE

THE VERY LATEST IN SLIDTS

BY DEAN YOUNG & STAN DRAKE

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

SHANNON? IS THAT YOU?

APRIL... OH... I AM SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! I AM... SO... HAPPY!

WHAT'S WRONG?

I... WAS... WITH MY MOM AND... I STOPPED TO LOOK AT THE... PARTY STUFF... AND... SHE'S GONE! I... DON'T KNOW WHERE... SHE IS!

DON'T BE SCARED, OK? I'LL HELP YOU FIND YOUR MOM. WHAT DOES SHE LOOK LIKE?

PROBLY... LIKE SOMEONE WHO'S LOOKING FOR... FOR... ME.

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

GARFIELD

BOY, SNAILS HAVE IT GOOD

THEY CAN RETREAT INTO THEIR SHELLS, SHUT OUT THE WORLD, AND SLEEP AWAY

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

BY JIM DAVIS

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"I'm okay with my p's and q's, but I have to mind my b's and d's."

BY BIL KEANE

Suspect arrested in Dallas shooting

Warrant issued for second man

Associated Press
 UNIVERSITY PARK, Texas — The man who police say was at the wheel of a Jaguar when a passenger stood up through the sunroof and opened fire with an assault rifle, killing three people, was arrested on suspicion of murder. Authorities continued to search for the gunman.



AP Photo

Jimmy Aristides Velasquez, 20, was taken into custody Wednesday. A warrant was issued for the alleged gunman, Israel Barretero, 21, police said.

The shooting took place early Tuesday on a road near Southern Methodist University.

Police believe the attack stemmed from a bar fight earlier in the evening between one of the shooting victims and the owner of the Jaguar, who was wounded in the fight.

Police believe friends took the Jaguar owner to the hospital, then returned to the bar and waited for the group involved in the fight to leave, police said. Then the friends

Tonya Hernandez (left) and friend Marcela Castillo console each other at the site of a multiple homicide in Dallas on Tuesday. Police arrested one man Tuesday and issued a warrant for a second suspect in the shooting.

followed them, opened fire on their vehicle, and sped away, police said.

“Apparently, they were just two people who went on a vendetta for a friend,” Capt. Leon Holman said.

Bush picks Portman for trade representative post

Ohio congressman will negotiate U.S. trade deals



Rob Portman

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — President Bush chose congressman Rob Portman on Thursday to be U.S. trade representative — America’s top salesman for free-trade agreements around the world — saying the Ohio Republican has shown a deep dedication to free and fair trade.

“As an Ohioan, Rob knows firsthand that millions of American jobs depend on exports, including one in every five factory jobs,” Bush said.

America is home to about 5 percent of the world’s population, which means 95 percent of the nation’s potential customers are abroad, Bush said at a White House ceremony in the Roosevelt Room.

“To keep our economy growing and creating jobs we need to continue opening foreign markets to American products,” he said. “Rob knows that America’s farmers and workers can compete with anybody, anytime anywhere in the world so long as the rules are

fair.”
 Appearing with his wife and children, Portman said his daughter, a fourth-grader, admitted that she had never heard of the U.S. trade representative, but told him, “Dad, it sounds like a really neat job.”

“And it is,” Portman said. “Open markets and better trade relations are key components to a more peaceful and more stable and more prosperous world,” he said. “Here at home, trade policy opens markets to create jobs, a higher standard of living and greater economic growth.”

If confirmed by the Senate, the 49-year-old Republican congressman from the Cincinnati area would replace Robert Zoellick, who has become Condoleezza Rice’s top deputy at the State Department. As one of Bush’s chief links to Congress on trade, tax and other issues, Portman has been a strong advocate of free trade even though he comes from a state that has been hit hard by job losses.

Sex offender questioned about missing girl’s disappearance

9-year-old vanished from bedroom Feb. 23



AP Photo

Associated Press
 HOMOSASSA, Fla. — A registered sex offender being sought for questioning in the disappearance of a 9-year-old girl was taken into custody in Georgia on Thursday.

John Evander Couey was picked near a Salvation Army shelter in Augusta, Ga., and held for failing to notify Florida officials that he was leaving the state, a requirement for sex offenders.

Detectives in Citrus County, Fla., focused on the 46-year-old Couey as a “person of interest” in the disappearance of Jessica Lunsford because he lived near the girl’s home and had an arrest on his record that involved grabbing a young girl in her bedroom. But officials emphasized there is nothing that ties him directly to the Lunsford case.

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said his detectives and FBI agents would question Couey on Thursday

about the missing girl and either name him as a suspect or “take him out of mix” entirely. The girl’s father, Mark Lunsford, said Thursday that he had never seen Couey before and didn’t know he was staying nearby.

Atlanta courthouse shooting victims remembered

Thousands pack funerals

Associated Press
 COLLEGE PARK, Ga. — Tears mixed with laughter at the funeral for courthouse shooting victim Judge Rowland Barnes, who was remembered by 3,000 mourners Thursday as a fair, fun-loving jurist who wasn’t above poking fun at himself.

A barbershop quartet broke the tension by belting out a tongue-in-cheek song about law and justice called “Old and Wise” to the tune of “Edelweiss.” It was one Barnes once performed at an annual bar association fund-raiser while wearing a bathrobe, boxers and his favorite T-shirt that read “Real men don’t need Viagra.”

“Everybody thought they were Rowland’s best friend,” H. Clay Collins said in one eulogy. “There was nothing phony about Rowland, he was as real as they come. For a man who was such a great judge, he was the least judgmental person.”

Barnes, a 64-year-old Fulton County Superior Court judge, was shot to death Friday in his Atlanta courtroom, along with his court reporter, allegedly by rape defendant Brian Nichols. The suspect also is accused of killing a deputy outside the courthouse and later a federal agent, whose funeral was also Thursday.

The courthouse where the shootings happened closed early Thursday so employees could attend Barnes’ funeral held in a convention center in this Atlanta suburb.

Hundreds of people — including judges wearing their black robes — cried and smiled as speakers talked about a respected colleague who could also be an impish prankster.

John Stuckey Jr., who was a friend of Barnes for the last 45 years, pointed to the judge’s photo projected on a big screen, saying that smile summed up the man more than anything else.



AP Photo

A color guard salutes as Claudia Barnes is presented a flag during the memorial service of her husband, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes, on Thursday in College Park, Ga. Rowland Barnes, 64, was shot to death Friday in his Atlanta courtroom, allegedly by rape defendant Brian Nichols.

“Rowland, in the end, measured up to the most exacting of all standards — a loyal constant friend and decent loving human being,” he said.

The bald, gray-bearded judge also was praised for his ethics and fairness to all who appeared in his courtroom. Fulton County Superior Court Chief Judge Doris Downs said Barnes was the judge all judges aspired to be.

“He was one who ultimately gave his life on the front lines of justice,” she said.

Earlier Thursday, in Salisbury, N.C., others said goodbye to federal Immigration and Customs Agent David Wilhelm, who was found shot to death in his unfinished Atlanta

home Saturday. Authorities believe he was killed by Nichols, who had broken out of the Atlanta courthouse the day before.

About 1,000 mourners, including fellow federal agents wearing black armbands, packed a chapel on the campus of Catawba College to remember the 40-year-old as a relentless investigator, loving husband and generous friend.

Wilhelm’s widow, Candee, spoke of her husband’s integrity and generosity.

“Often he would make eye contact with the homeless, broken, or needy individual on the corner, roll down the window and offer an encouraging

word and a few dollars from his pocket,” she said, her voice breaking.

Patrick Wilhelm, also a federal agent in Atlanta, said his brother had a good sense of humor. “In the Wilhelm family, just like in his law enforcement family, David liked to get into some picking and name-calling, but there was always a strong bond of love,” he said.

Others remembered Wilhelm’s patriotism. “The United States lost a hero last Friday night,” said friend Todd Elmoro.

A procession of more than 200 vehicles had accompanied the transporting of Wilhelm’s body from Georgia to Salisbury on Monday.

Florida House passes bill to keep Schiavo alive

Law would stop removal of feeding tube from brain-damaged woman

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The state House passed a bill Thursday that could keep Terri Schiavo alive, less than 24 hours before the severely brain-damaged woman’s feeding tube is scheduled to be removed.

The Senate began debating a more limited version of the bill as lawmakers rushed to beat the scheduled removal of Schiavo’s feeding tube.

The legislative action was part of a last-minute flurry of attempts to save Schiavo’s life. Congress was also considering legislation to move

the case to the federal courts, Schiavo’s parents appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, and Florida Circuit Judge George Greer scheduled a hearing Thursday to consider a request from the state to halt the removal of the tube.

The House bill would block the withholding of food and water from patients in a persistent vegetative state who didn’t leave specific instructions refusing the artificial measure. It passed 78-37.

“This provides a safety net where the government stands up for the vulnerable who don’t otherwise have a voice,” said Republican Rep. Kevin Ambler.

Gov. Jeb Bush has strongly urged the Legislature to pass a bill that would save Schiavo, as it did in 2003.



AP Photo

A truck with a pro-Terri Schiavo signs painted on it drives by the Woodside Hospice, where Terri is a patient, Thursday in Pinellas Park, Fla. Terri Schiavo has been in a coma-like state for 15 years and Pinellas County Circuit Judge George Greer has set today as the date her husband, Michael Schiavo, can have her feeding tube removed.

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