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Attorney General Morrisey: Court Extends Temporary Restraining Order in NCAA Case

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia ordered the 14-day temporary restraining order against the NCAA be extended to allow student-athletes burdened by the association's transfer rule to play through the winter and spring sports seasons.

"This is a great day for student athletes—they will finally be able to compete in the sport they love," Attorney General Morrisey said. "It's the right thing to do and I couldn't be more pleased with the outcome."

Because the temporary restraining order will now remain in place until the court decides on the merits of the case, the district court also vacated the Dec. 27 preliminary injunction hearing.

The order came in Monday (Dec. 18).

The court previously granted a 14-day restraining order against the NCAA, barring the association from enforcing its transfer rule.

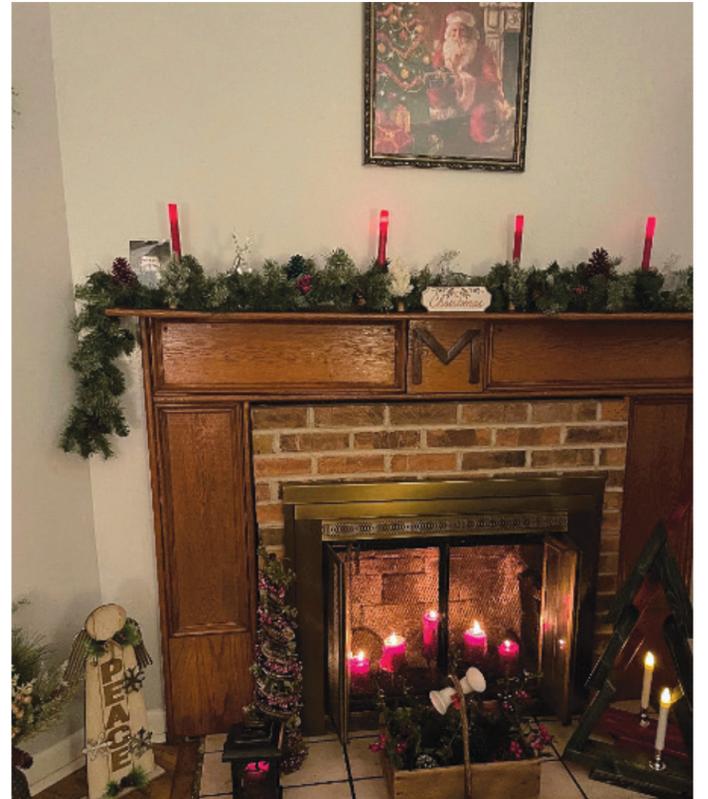
Attorney General Morrisey, working with an Ohio-led bipartisan coalition of seven states, sued the NCAA, challenging its Transfer Eligibility Rule. The lawsuit was filed following the NCAA's decision to deny RaeQuan Battle a transfer waiver so he can play basketball for West Virginia University.

"I hope this is the beginning of real change within the NCAA," Attorney General Morrisey said. "We have to put the well-being of student athletes—physical, mental, academic and emotional—first. The NCAA needs to enact consistent, logical and defensible rules that are fair and equitable for everyone."

Historic Milburn Home decks out for the holidays



An angled view of the Milburn home. Photo by David Milburn



The beautiful original fireplace inside the Milburn home. Photo by David Milburn



The Milburn's antique nativity scene. Photo by David Milburn

Lisa Abshire

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - If you happen to be one of the many people who love driving around looking at the beautiful Christmas decorations this time of year, be sure to check out the David and Sherry Milburn's home located on State Route 12 near the State Road garage in a

historic white two-story house, the decorations are something to behold.

According to Sherry Milburn, she and her husband David have been doing the elaborate displays since moving into the home in 1989. The history with the Milburns doesn't stop there, however. Mamie Milburn built the house, which is



A view of some of the lights outside the Milburn home. Photo by David Milburn

approximately 150 years old, according to Sherry Milburn. That makes three generations of Milburns grace the halls of the beautiful home.

The manger scene you can view while driving by is 60 years old and was purchased by David's mother at the old Montgomery Ward store that used to be in downtown

Hinton.

Not visible to drivers, but a beautiful fireplace resides inside the home decked out for the holidays and is original to the structure, along with the mantle and flooring.

Recently, a community member noted that the Milburn residence and its decorations are a spectacular holiday staple. Sherry

Milburn told Hinton News she was surprised but very pleased someone had nominated her and David's home to be featured and that they were happy to share their decorations and home with everyone.

This house is a treasure to its owners and those fortunate enough to drive by and see the beautiful display.

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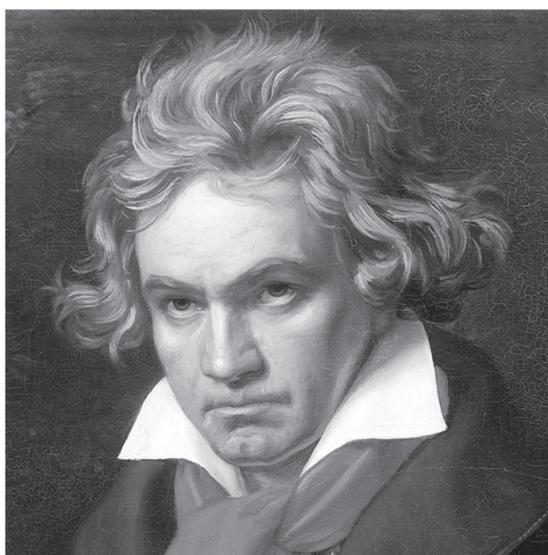
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Carnegie Classics Series continues with “Beethoven, The Great!” with Barbara Nissman and friends Jan. 13

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Carnegie Hall's Classics Series is a three-concert series hosted by Steinway “Legend” and 2023 West Virginia Music Hall of Fame inductee Barbara Nissman, designed to introduce classical music and Carnegie Hall to new audiences, as well as inspire and entertain current classical music enthusiasts. The Classics Series continues with its second concert Beethoven, The Great! on Saturday, January 13, at 7 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium.

Nissman will be joined by five of her musician friends for a premiere performance of Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto, arranged for string quintet and piano. She performed this work with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra this past October, and she will present the first performance of this arrangement of Bee-



Painting of Beethoven

thoven's piano concerto to her Carnegie Hall audience.

Blending great music with informal chat, Barbara shares her love and joy of Beethoven's great music. She has been living

with this composer her entire life and welcomes the chance to introduce the man and his music.

“Beethoven's greatness is undisputed. That's why I called this program, “Beethoven, the Great,”



Barbara Nissman

Nissman states. “He was the ‘master’ who inspired every composer who followed him. This is the composer I always turn to for inspiration and is the guy who keeps me sane and focused!”

She adds, “What a challenge and inspiration he presents for all performers! I can't wait to share this great music with all of you.”

Barbara Nissman is an internationally renowned concert pianist and since 1989 has been a West Virginian “by choice,” residing on a farm in Greenbrier County. Hailed as “one of the last pianists in the grand Romantic tradition of Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Rubinstein,” Nissman has performed as soloist with some of the world's leading orchestras. and has worked with some of the major conductors of our time. In-

ducted into the inaugural class of Steinway Legends chosen from more than a century of Steinway Artists, Nissman is regarded as one of the world's great concert pianists. With a mission to bring her passion and joy to audiences around the world, Nissman continues to inspire and uplift people through her music.

In 2014 she formed her own record label, Three Oranges Recordings (threeorangesrecordings.com) that now includes a discography of over 30 recordings with many more projected for the future. In 2017 the Three Oranges Foundation was established to further its mission of making classical music accessible to a wider audience and to promote Barbara's various educational projects including a series of educational video master classes.

For more information on

Barbara Nissman please visit www.barbaranissman.com.

Tickets are \$25/adults and \$5/students. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, call 304.645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

The Carnegie Classics Series is made possible with support from the James F.B. Peyton Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts and the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Additional funding is also provided by Eugene and Annie Jeffus.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala.

Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages

None.

Fiduciaries

None.

Land Transfers

Violet Louise Adkins to Dirk A. Hughart, Lot Number 5, Green Sulphur District;

Ronald Richard Yarush to Frank J. Jackson and Tammy D. Jackson, 122 acres more or less, Green Sulphur District;

William B. Hoke and John R. Hoke and Linda E. Hoke Kujat and Michael Hoke and Roger Hoke and Cynthia Wil-

son to John R. oke and Rose Hoke, 0.9 acres more or less, Talcott District;

Melanie Lamb Oliver and Rob Oliver and Thomas Zachary Lamb to David Pettry, 14 acres more or less, Pipestem District;

Nolan Calabro and Kathy Calabro to Jacob M. Liveley, 1.395 acres more or less, Jumping Branch District;

William R. Via and Ray B. Via to Sewell Creek Land Management LLC, 3 Tracts, Jumping Branch District; Beachwood Investments

10 LLC to Yamil Davila and Michelle Lee Davila, 0.15 acres, Pipestem District;

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Evelyn F. Turner to Timmy Turner, 44 acres more or less, Frest Hill District;

Betty Lorraine Hughs, A Protected Person, by Mark E. Hughs her Guardian and Conservator to Mohawk Land Holdings LLC, 149.22 acres more or less, Forest Hill District.

Summers County Humane Society searching for sponsors for several dogs

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Humane Society is search for sponsors to help with the vet costs for some of the dogs they have available for adoption. Stacy McBride, the Foster Coordinator with the Summers County Humane Society said, “We spend about

\$200 on vet care for each dog. If I can get a few businesses and friends to sponsor, then we can cover these costs and get these dogs into loving homes. They've been in our care for several months. We have an Adoption Event on [Dec.] 27 and I hope to be able to assist with our adoption process.

Please help us continue to be able to help the County by offering foster care, vet care and love. If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated by not only me and all of our volunteers but our sweet dogs and pups! If you wish to help, our PayPal and mailing information is included below. Thank you

so much for your time and I hope to hear back from you!”

Here are ways to donate: Acwp@acwp-wv.org OR <http://acwp-wv.org/donate>

Checks can be made out to ACWP or Summers County Humane Society and mailed to PO Box 236 Hinton, WV 25951

Summers County Courthouse announces New Year's closure

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Courthouse has announced that all offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, in observance of New Year's Day.

Hinton News will provide any further closure announcements. Be sure to check hintonnews.com and Hinton News on Facebook for all of the latest information.

A.A. meetings in Hinton adds new schedule

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group has adopted a new schedule. Beginning immediately, there will be meetings held on Wednesdays at noon and Fridays at 8 p.m. in the lower level of Ascension Episcopal Church. Both are open meetings.

The entrance to the meeting area is through

the rear of the church, which is located at the corner of Temple Street and 5th Avenue (222 5th Avenue). The format of the meeting will be an open discussion of a weekly topic related to alcohol use/abuse.

For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or call the toll free number at 1-800-333-5051.

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A Peek into Summers County's Past: Rare view of local depot



A rare look inside the Pence Springs Train Depot. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Editor's Note: Each week, local history collector William Jones discusses items from his collection and their historical significance. In this edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past, Jones reveals a rare photo of the interior of a local train depot during its prime.

I am going to start throwing in a photograph like the one you see of the interior of the Pence Springs Depot.

I don't know a great deal about these photographs, other than some basic facts like this rare view of inside a local depot that is historically significant due to it being such an unusual photo of the time.

In all of my years of collecting Summers County historical items, I have never seen another photo of the interior of a local depot other than the Hinton Depot. I have seen numerous photos of the depots in Talcott, Lowell and others but never an interior view.

This particular photo depicts an unidentified railroad employee and Andrew Gormley. Andrew is the gentleman to the right and has ties to Dennis and Francis Lahey, who had the Lahey Boarding House that sat close to the train station in Pence Springs. Suzann Humphrey allowed me to scan her early photos of Pence Springs many years ago, and this was one of them.

Her mother, Margaret (Gormley) Tolley, and her parents, Andrew (the gen-



An old photo believed to depict two Lahey sisters. Photo provided by William Jones

tleman in this photo) and Pauline (Lahey) Gormley. Pauline's parents were the aforementioned Dennis and Francis Lahey. They had six other children, and the family would stay at the boarding house when they were in Pence Springs visiting.

Margaret's parents died during the Spanish Flu between 1918 and 1919. Her mother died first, and Margaret was raised by her Lahey family and lived in the boarding house. Her father died of the flu close to the end of the pandemic. Based

on these facts, we can deduce that this photo of him was taken in the 1910s or, better said, "pre-pandemic," while they were in Pence Springs visiting their Lahey family.

The photo of the two unidentified ladies is in the front yard of the boarding house. They are most likely two of the Lahey sisters. The large two-story building in the right corner of the photo is the Rhodes Store and Post Office, which I have discussed in one of my previous pieces. The small-

er house you see to its left is the old toll house. It was here where fees to cross the bridge that first spanned the Greenbrier River ca. 1905 were collected. The house still stands today, has been restored, and is used as a summer camp. The depot is out of view in this photo to the right.

Be sure to check back next week for another edition of A Peek into Summers County's Past. If you have a story from the area's past to share, send an email to news@hintonnews.com.

OP-Ed: The Old Hinton CSX Yard



The railways. Photo provided by David Ratliff

David Ratliff

All grown up now but just a few years back it was one of the hottest little railyards in the country. We switched cars 24 hours a day, seven days a week, couldn't seem to get the work done. Today, as I look around, I see nothing but weeds, It's a ghost Yard. It has been completely dismantled.

I drove down to the old West Yard late last September just to look it over, It was the first time I had been down there since I retired. I was hoping to recover an old memory, or maybe just see how much it had changed. I wasn't surprised that I found what looked to be a large field with nothing that even resembled a railroad. It was cold out with a little drizzle, and the wind was blowing rather hard. It was sad to look over what used to be a busy yard full of tracks, rail cars, engines, yard speakers blasting out, and radios buzzing with yard chatter.

The moon was full, and parts of where the old yard stood could be plainly seen. I was pretty satisfied that I wasn't going to see anything that resembled the old yard. As I was about to leave, I heard faint noises coming from the area where old Grand Central once stood. I walked toward the noise and as I got closer, the sounds seemed to be coming from where the loudspeakers once roared with instructions from the yard master. As I got

even closer, I saw what looked to be an old yard engine resting on the lead waiting on the crew to put her to work. I was spellbound, I didn't know what to think. My imagination was running wild. Plain as day, I heard Yard Master Charlie Cales giving instructions to a crew to round up

the cars in #7 track and shove them in #9. "Come back to the yard office when you finish with that, and we'll talk about switching the Rock Train. I got a man that's gonna be here in about an hour and I want him cabbled and on his way to Handy by midnight." "Ok Charlie, we'll take care of it."

"You finished your minutes, didn't you?" "Yes, we're ready to go to work." And just like that, everything disappeared from my sight. With both my hands, I wiped the tears from my eyes and yelled out, "Is anyone here?" I ran over to where the Hill Track Switch used to be and turned quickly toward the roundhouse. Realizing this was all going on in

my mind, I bowed my head and slowly walked back over to my car. I turned to take one last look, and there was nothing. For the first time in my life, I felt like an old man that had been beaten down by the changing times.

Railroading was a way of life for most of us old yardmen. It was all that most of us knew and really all we cared to

know. As I drove off in my car I thought, my era has gone. Railroading as I knew it has vanished and a new era has taken form, one that I know nothing of.

I miss the railroad at times, but I knew when I retired that it was time for me to move on and allow my son and other young men to carry on and keep the railroad moving.

Last week we looked at the need to repent. We will continue those thoughts this week.

Opening The Door: Repentance

(Part 2)

by Gene Taylor

How Genuine Repentance Is Brought About

Repentance is brought about through the hearing of the gospel (Luke 24:44-47). When people hear the gospel and truly believe its message, repentance, a change of life, takes place. The word causes one to come face to face with his true identity. "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (Jas. 1:22-25).

Hearing the gospel brings about repentance because when the word is received into a good and honest heart, it produces godly sorrow which leads to repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). Godly sorrow makes one become repulsed at sin. It makes him desire to become a servant of righteousness (Rom. 6:17-18).

Motivating Factors

The motivation to repent, as presented in Scripture, is, at least, threefold. One motivating factor is the goodness of God. "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" (Rom. 2:4). The goodness of God includes such things as the gift of life (Acts 17:28); the gift of His Son as a sacrifice for sin (John 3:16); and access to His grace (Eph. 2:8-9).

The second motivating factor is that one must repent or he will perish (Luke 13:3, 5). "But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 'who will render to each one according to his deeds': eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek" (Rom. 2:5-9).

The third motivating factor is that repentance allows one to receive eternal blessings and honor from our God and Father: "Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ...but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 2:7, 10).

The Difficulty of Repentance

Repentance has often been called the most difficult command in the Bible. As we have seen, though, it is not difficult to understand what it is, what brings it about and why it is necessary. So its difficulty does not lie in those areas.

What is difficult is getting people to do it! Brother J.W. McGarvey once wrote, "When you look through the record of the Savior's earthly ministry, you find that he induced a great many to believe in Him... But when you search for those who repented under the Lord's preaching, you will find but few ...When you go out preaching among the people of this country, you will not find it at all difficult to induce your hearers to believe the truth concerning Christ, and, when they are prepared in mind and heart for baptism, you will not find it very difficult to persuade them to submit to that... You will find no difficulty, provided they have repented and desire to obey the Lord; but how difficult it is to induce men to repent! Sinners outside the church and sinners inside the church cling to their sins, and it appears impossible in many instances to bring them to repentance" (*Chapel Talks*, pp. 71-72).

Conclusion

All people need to realize that the opportunity to repent is a blessing (Acts 11:18). Every person must heed God's call to repent by reading and hearing His word, allowing it to produce godly sorrow in their heart and by living their life in obedience to the will of God. If you need to repent, though it may be difficult to do so, do it today.

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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023:

You are a sturdy, strong hero, always willing to help others, to the point of self-sacrifice. You are kind, thoughtful and compassionate. This year has been one of exciting beginnings. In 2024, life will be slower paced. Take time to seek out relationships that are supportive to you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

4★ You look marvelous in the eyes of others today! People see you as successful, affluent, friendly and a bit bigger than life. Because of this blessing, you will easily get your way in things. You will also be convincing in matters related to politics and religion. Travel will appeal to you! Tonight: Stock the fridge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

5★ This is the perfect day to travel or do anything to expand your horizons. You'll enjoy studying and learning something new. This is also a great day to explain your beliefs and ideas to others. In disputes about shared property or inheritances, you win! Tonight: Sur-

prising news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ Choose today to defend your best interests in discussions about shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt, because whatever the situation, things will very likely be settled in your favor. When dealing with partners and close friends, you'll be convincing! (Mind you, so will they.) Expect a lively exchange! Tonight: Check your belongings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

5★ You can accomplish a lot today because you're motivated and energetic. Meanwhile, dealings with those who are close to you will be upbeat and friendly. You're attracted to doing differ-

ent things today. Your relations with members of the general public are successful because you see the big picture. Tonight: You're energetic!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

4★ You feel healthy and vigorous today! Work-related travel is favored. Actually, any task that you set for yourself related to your job or your personal life will be done with enthusiasm and effectiveness. Discussions with kids will be convincing. This is a powerful day to deal with entertainment and the arts! Tonight: Solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

5★ Enjoy schmoozing with others today. Take time to socialize with children, romantic partners and loved ones. Meanwhile, you might make major changes at home because you're eager to tackle home repairs. Family discussions will be lively! Tonight: New faces.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

5★ It's a great day to entertain at home! Gatherings and meetings will be upbeat and energetic. Meanwhile, you'll be convincing and persuasive in stating your case. You also might enjoy a short trip today. You're full of energy! You will love to shop for pretty things.

Tonight: Show respect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

5★ This is a rewarding day to travel because you're enthusiastic about life and eager for adventure! You'll enjoy seeing new places and meeting new faces. You're also ready to work hard today. Meanwhile, some of you are spending money. (Avoid buying ground transportation, cellphones and computers due to Mercury retrograde.) Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ Business and commerce are favored today. Trust your moneymaking ideas. Your ability to negotiate with others is top-notch, which is why you will persuade others to go along with your agenda. This is a winning day for you! Work-related travel is also likely. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

5★ This is a fabulous day because the Sun is in your sign dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. Be open to financial speculation. Meanwhile, vacations, entertaining outings, sports events and fun times with kids will please you. Behind-the-scenes research will pay off as well. Tonight: Pa-

ience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ This is a pleasant day to enjoy your privacy and reflect on your life. You feel optimistic and grateful. Nevertheless, physical competition with friends, teams and groups might take place today. Possibly, this is a repeat performance or a chance to even the score. Tonight: Change.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

5★ This is a popular day! Enjoy schmoozing with friends! Interactions with groups and organizations will be upbeat. You might be in contact with people who can help you or broaden your horizons in some way. Travel opportunities in particular will appeal to you. Meanwhile, you're ambitious about going after what you want! Tonight: Change of plans.

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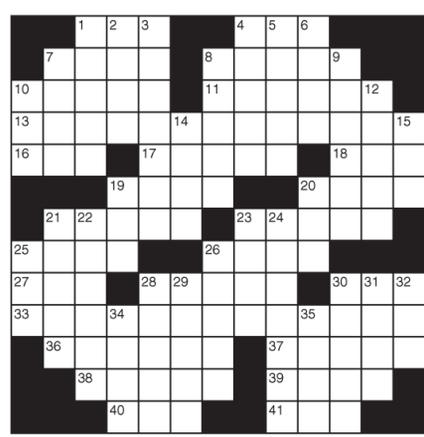
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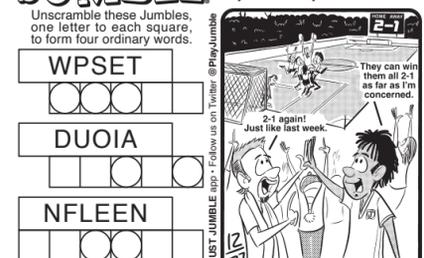
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DOWN 1 Scalawag a CEO, 2 One-named super-model, 3 Work week starters, for many, 4 Critic Roger, 5 Mea - sheets, 6 Director Premiering, 7 Corp. kingpins, 8 Worship, 9 Cup holder, 10 They may report to a CEO, 12 Nosh at midnight, 14 Garrison, 15 ER workers, 19 "Nova" channel, 20 Bud, 21 Glazier's sheets, 22 Esoteric, 23 Litigant, 24 Dior product, 25 Cave mammal, 26 Metal waste, 28 Colorado music festival town, 29 -Pretty', 30 Paces, 31 Man of war?, 32 Designer monogram, 34 Splits, 35 Eventful periods



JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. WPSET, DUOIA, NFLEEN, GAAMED. (Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku puzzle grid and instructions. Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box. (Today's Answers Next Wednesday) Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle: 6 5 4 3 1 9 7 2 8, 3 2 7 6 5 8 1 9 4, 1 8 9 7 2 4 3 6 5, 9 4 6 2 8 7 5 1 3, 7 1 2 5 9 3 8 4 6, 5 3 8 1 4 6 2 7 9, 8 7 3 9 6 2 4 5 1, 4 6 1 8 7 5 9 3 2, 2 9 5 4 3 1 6 8 7. Difficulty: ★★★ 12/27



Last Wednesday's Answers: Jumbles: SKIMP, SKULL, CACKLE, IRONIC. Answer: His 1966 Ford Shelby GT350 convertible was the bodybuilder's favorite - MUSCLE CAR



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE INTEREST OF: SERENITY DAWN MEADOR PETITIONER.

Child Abuse and Neglect Number 23-JA-30 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Hinton Daily News
210 2ND Ave.
Hinton, West Virginia
25951
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The purpose of this action is to determine the guardianship of Serenity Dawn Meador. Petitioner, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, is seeking continued legal and physical custody of said child and Termination of Parental Rights of any unknown father.

It appearing that the whereabouts of any unknown father claiming paternity to said child, may presently be in the Summers County, West Virginia area, it is ORDERED that any unknown father claiming paternity of said child shall appear, in person, at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Child Protective Services Division, 320 Summers Street, Suite A, Hinton, West Virginia, 25951, on or before **January 5, 2024**, and/or claim paternity to said children and/or object or make other defense to the Petitioner. Otherwise, guardianship of the child may be granted to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the parental rights of any unknown father to said child may be terminated.

Further, it is hereby ORDERED that anyone claiming paternity of said child be advised of his or their rights to have counsel at every stage of these proceedings, and that counsel will be appointed if they cannot pay for the services of counsel and that such proceedings may result in the severance of parental rights and the transfer of custody of said child to the Petitioner.

Entered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, on the 15th day of December, 2023.
/s/ Stacy D. Ford
STACY FORD, CLERK
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WVU research merges virtual reality and artificial intelligence to reveal and analyze gigantic images in stunning detail

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Created by a West Virginia University faculty member and his former graduate student, syGlass — virtual reality software that displays scientific images in immersive 3D — will soon offer AI analysis and cloud-based streaming for extremely large datasets required by scientists like structural biologists.

Two related National Institutes of Health grants support the newest stage of the research collaboration between Gianfranco Doretto, a professor in the Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, and Michael Morehead, an alumnus of the WVU Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, where he worked with Doretto as a student.

Over the past 15 years, new microscope technologies and imaging methods have revolutionized the possibilities for three-dimensional images, Doretto said. However, the immense file sizes of those now incredibly detailed images pose analysis challenges. The new iteration of syGlass will leverage virtual reality to transform those challenges through abilities like stereoscopic vision and pattern recognition by building AI that can count and track objects.

"Biologists and neuroscientists can capture data at a speed and resolution such that they can end up with hundreds of gigabytes of data that quickly become terabytes — even petabyte-sized data in the case of electron microscope scans of the brain," Doretto said. "With mindboggling data like that, you don't even think about observing it. You write a computer program to analyze it and tell you something about it."

Doretto offered the example of a neuroscientist attempting to find all the neurons present in a brain and map how those neurons connect and how the various circuits function.

"To do that, the person is working with such a large network of data that no observational tool will be helpful," he said. "There have to be AI algorithms that help



Gianfranco Doretto, a computer scientist at West Virginia University, views an enormous, highly detailed scientific image in immersive 3D using syGlass, the virtual reality software he developed. (WVU Photo/Paige Nesbit)

them understand the functions a certain area or circuit of the brain is attempting to perform, because the complexity is beyond our ability to observe and pinpoint. We need automated tools, AI models, that help us get there."

When the idea of syGlass first emerged, Doretto said the motivation "was to build a tool that would allow scientists to navigate and observe very large amounts of data in three-dimensional form. We felt, if the data is in 3D, we should enable scientists to look at it in 3D just like humans observe the world in 3D, because that will allow them to make better connections and formulate more meaningful questions."

Biologists, for example, often observe biological tissue samples to differentiate between and count various types of cells in the tissue.

"Doing something like counting cells is a lot less time-consuming and a lot more fun in virtual reality than it is in 2D," Doretto said. "It's also a lot less prone to error, so originally we focused on tools for helping the user count in virtual reality."

Soon, however, he and Morehead began to ask, "Why not help the user do even less work?"

"This is where AI comes in. If you're counting things, the AI can learn what you're counting and try to help you count more quickly by predicting how many there are," Doretto said. "If you find the answer satisfactory, you can begin to rely on the AI. Otherwise, you can improve it and make it better as you keep using the tool."

In addition to incorporating AI capabilities for quantitative analysis, Doretto said the new version of syGlass will "lift the burden of data storage and data processing" by enabling users to stream images in virtual reality directly from the cloud.

"Right now, to visualize a large amount of data, you need to have a big, powerful computer next to you that can load that data and render it in virtual reality. But it has become possible to take that big fat computer and put it in the cloud, so virtual reality can be streamed to you."

While syGlass' early adopters were mainly neuroscientists and structural biologists, other kinds of scientists are now onboard, such as geologists "who look at data in 3D in order to make predictions about different soil characteristics," Doretto said. Even Proctor and Gamble has used syGlass in pharmaceutical research.

But, he added, "This thing is not going to be locked into laboratories. With high schools around the country already using syGlass, now we're going to enhance our tools for allowing teachers to produce lectures and narra-

tions in virtual reality. When students look at a drawing of something like a biological organ in a book versus experiencing it in virtual reality, it's the moving 3D version that sticks in their minds."

The syGlass technology was licensed by WVU in 2017 to IstoVisio, Inc., a company founded by Doretto, Morehead and former WVU neuroscience faculty member George Spiro.

Morehead, IstoVisio's CEO, recalled that "when we came up with the idea for syGlass, the Spiro and Doretto labs were already working together on advanced 3D visualization systems. In general, the data was all three-dimensional, but we could only explore it on two-dimensional computer monitors, which was very frustrating. We hypothesized that seeing this data in 3D would unlock the mind's inherent capabilities for understanding relationships in structure, and years later that has been validated as many of our customers report finding things previously unseen."

For the past two years, spyglass has been deployed in schools.

"Students love seeing the real data in VR, saying they can finally focus on their lessons when isolated in the headsets," Morehead said. "With student engagement nationally at an all-time low, I'm very excited to bring these wonderful datasets into classrooms and nurture the spark of curiosity in the next generation of scientists."

Recycle Lady: Ribbons, bows, wrapping paper and more

Dear Recycle Lady,
I have received several Christmas cards this year that have red envelopes. Are these red envelopes recyclable?

Red is a Christmas Color
Dear Red is a Christmas Color,

Red definitely is a Christmas color, but it isn't a recyclable color unless when torn it has white paper in the middle. This is true for all dark colors such as black, brown and chartreuse. Make a tear in your red paper and you probably will see that it is red all the way through. This indicates that the fibers are red and only white fibers are recyclable. If you see white in the middle of the paper, then its fibers are white, and it is recyclable. When recycled paper is processed it must have white fibers in order to make new paper. Bright fluorescent colors are not recyclable either for the same reason. However, fluorescent paper is now undergoing a change. According to link.springer.com, a highly stable recyclable fluorescent paper is being developed into an environmentally friendly cellulose-based paper derived from waste bagasse, and to be used for anticounterfeiting and security. Bagasse is also known as sugar care pulp. When the juice is squeezed from the sugar cane stalks, the waste that remains is fibrous and is being proposed

as a means of making environmentally friendly fluorescent paper.

Dear Recycle Lady,
After all the packages are opened on Christmas day there is always a pile of ribbons and bows left. Are ribbons and bows recyclable?
Love Christmas

Dear Love Christmas,
Ribbons and bows make packages festive and pretty, but they are definitely a no-no for recycling. If ribbons get into any of the baling equipment, they can bring everything to a halt. Bows are less hazardous to equipment than ribbons, but they usually have a plastic component and glue that sticks the bows to the packages. Both of these components make bows non-recyclable. Please do not take any ribbons, bows, twine or anything long and stringy to a recycling center. Whenever you are opening packages, keep a bag or a box handy for the bows and ribbons. They will then be ready for use the next time you wrap a package.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Most wrapping paper comes on a long roll. Can the roll be recycled with cardboard?
Dear Wrapper,

Yes, the wrapping paper tube can be recycled with cardboard. All those gift boxes you find under the tree after opening packages can also

be recycled with cardboard. Just be sure they are clean, dry, and empty. Besides recycling, the empty wrapping paper tube can be reused to store used wrapping paper on for safe keeping until it's next use.

Good News: Four species of large animals in Asia - tigers, elephants, wild boars and clouded leopards - are showing signs that their populations have grown in areas near humans. Typically, the populations of these larger animals decline when humans are close by.

Dear Readers,
The Greenbrier Recycling Center, Greenworks, and I send you best wishes and much joy for this holiday season. We greatly appreciate all your questions, comments, and encouragement. Please keep them coming in 2024.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

Job Posting: Camp Summers Director

The Summers County Commission is seeking qualified candidates for a **full-time Camp Summers Director**. Interested candidates must provide a resume and cover letter in a sealed proposal labeled "Camp Summers Director Application" no later than January 5, 2024, to the Summers County Administrator, 120 Ballengee Street, Hinton, WV 25951.

The duties of this position include but are not limited to: Effective communication and logistics management skills; Strong organization skills to support camp activities, including maintenance activities that will be coordinated by others; Ability to establish and maintain an annual schedule of camp registrations using a web-based registration system like Campsite; Ability to schedule food and supplies deliveries consistent with camp needs; And a work ethic that is success-focused. This position reports directly to the Summers County Commission. Compensation includes a competitive salary and benefits package. Though the state of WV designates official holidays, this position may require the candidate to work on those days to ensure a successful and positive experience for those individuals or groups at Camp Summers.

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Brightening Spirits: Annual Parade of Lights Illuminates the Community



Engine 511 decorated with Christmas lights at John Henry Park after the parade. Photo by Lisa Abshire



The front of Rescue 512 decorated for the parade. Photo by Lisa Abshire

Lisa Abshire TALCOTT W.Va. (Hinton News) - The communities of Talcott, Hilldale and surrounding areas have come to look forward to a tradition started by Talcott Fire Department Chief Bill

Costomiris as a way for people to have something to enjoy during the COVID period of 2020 that included being quarantined. Now, it's become a beloved community tradition.

Fire departments throughout the county and multiple private vehicles participated in this year's parade. Santa and the Grinch also made an appearance.

Chief Costomiris said he couldn't adequately express how happy he and all the members of Talcott Fire Department are at the turnout of this year's parade. He calls this year's event a huge success. Costomiris went on to thank all the fire departments and private vehicles that participated, along with Dean Adkins for the music and Mike Cales for all his help. Additionally, Cosomiris also told Hinton News he greatly appreciated everyone who attended the parade and went to John Henry Park afterward for hot chocolate and cookies because the annual event would not be possible without all the support.

Costomiris also announced the date for next year's parade as Dec. 21, 2024, at 6 p.m.

The community looks forward to seeing what next year has in store for this heartfelt family event.

A husband and wife team have opened Jessie's Market in Alderson



Darren and Jessie Hannah

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nah asked themselves what Alderson needed the most when they decided to open a business. Spot on, the market is a hit providing fresh choices in deli meats, Amish cheeses and salads, sandwiches galore made with delectable meats and 'Flavor Mutt's' delicious breads, homemade cheese balls, charcuterie, party trays and more. Fresh seasonal produce is also available and more will come next summer. A market bag is a neat deal, with hand-picked items, pre-packaged and filled with milk, produce, bread or other goodies.

Jessie Hannah spent 22 years in the healthcare field and her husband is an Alderson police officer, so caring for people is in their blood. Offering only the freshest choices sourced locally and supporting other small businesses, while creating scrumptious food, is the goal. Jessie's heart lies in caring for the elderly and offers delivery services (within town limits) to those who may be shut-in, unable to drive or who are differently-abled. If you are in need of delivery due to circumstances such as these, just call the market and they will be glad to help. The couple is also making beautiful party trays or charcuterie for the holidays with your choice of fine deli meats and cheeses or vegetables and are available daily. The sandwiches, paninis, and hoagies stand alone, piled high and are made to order. She also sells her own soups and baked goods and has a local supplier who stocks the market with fresh baked breads such as banana nut, lemon blueberry or cranberry.

Jessie Hannah mentions The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation's help with The U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Microloan program, in helping them start the business. She credits the organization with superior service and care in helping West Virginians like them get their businesses up and running.

"It isn't easy and the help they gave us really made all the difference," said Jessie Hannah.

To order from the market, simply call 304-445-4003 or stop in to say hi and welcome them at 147 Davis St., Alderson. The business hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Follow them on Facebook and jessiesmarket.com to see daily specials and offerings.

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