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A historic day



President-elect Barack Obama, left, his wife Michelle Obama, right, and two daughters, Malia, 7, and Sasha, 10, wave at the election night rally in Chicago, Tuesday.

JAE C. HONG | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama triumphs, will be first black US president

BY DAVID ESPO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Barack Obama swept to victory as the nation's first black president Tuesday night in an electoral college landslide that overcame racial barriers as old as America itself. "Change has come," he told to a huge throng of jubilant supporters.

The son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, the Democratic senator from Illinois sealed his historic triumph by defeating Republican Sen. John McCain in a string of wins in hard-fought battleground states — Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Iowa and more.

On a night for Democrats to savor, they not only elected Obama the nation's 44th president but padded their majorities in the House and Senate, and come January will control both the White House and Congress for the first time since 1994.

Obama's election capped a meteoric rise — from mere state senator to president-elect

in four years.

In his first speech as victor to thousands at Grant Park in Chicago, Obama catalogued the challenges ahead. "The greatest of a lifetime," he said, "two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century."

He added, "There are many who won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president, and we know that government can't solve every problem. But I will always be honest with you about the challenges we face."

McCain called his former rival to concede defeat — and the end of his own 10-year quest for the White House. "The American people have spoken, and spoken clearly," McCain told disappointed supporters in Arizona.

President Bush added his congratulations from the White House, where his tenure runs out on Jan. 20. "May God bless whoever wins tonight," he had told dinner guests earlier.

Obama, in his speech, invoked the words of Lincoln and echoed John F. Kennedy.

"So let us summon a new spirit of patriotism, of service and responsibility where each



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Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is joined on stage by wife Cindy McCain during an election night rally in Phoenix on Tuesday.

of us resolves to pitch in and work harder," he said.

He and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009.

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West Virginia

Winner gains five electoral votes

PRESIDENT, popular vote

McCain 34.7%
Obama 43.5%
Others 1.7%

70.8% of precincts reporting

GOVERNOR

Manchin* 60.7%

Weeks 26.4%

Johnson 4.7%

70.8% of precincts reporting

SENATE

Rockefeller* 64.3%

Wolfe 35.6%

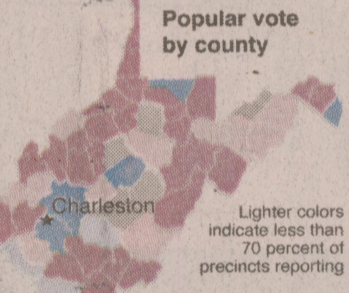
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Unofficial results as of 10:53 p.m. EST

70.9% of precincts reporting

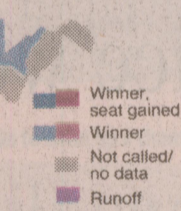
SOURCES: AP Election Research; USGS

Popular vote by county



Lighter colors indicate less than 70 percent of precincts reporting

HOUSE RACES by congressional district



Winner, seat gained
Winner
Not called/no data
Runoff

Felinton's reign ends

Former Cabell County sheriff Kim Wolfe wins mayoral election

BY JENNIFER L. CHAPMAN
THE PARTHENON

There's a new sheriff in town, and the former sheriff now goes by the name Mayor.

Kim Wolfe, 60-year-old Republican, defeated incumbent Democrat David Felinton for Huntington's mayoral seat by 2,052 votes, according to unofficial results from the Cabell County Clerk's Office. Independent Tom McCallister and party-neutral Robin Howell were also on the mayoral ballot.

Wolfe's win kept Felinton from continuing his

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JENNIFER L. CHAPMAN | THE PARTHENON

Kim Wolfe wins mayoral election in upset over incumbent.

Manchin back to state mansion

BY JESSICA WINTZ
THE PARTHENON

West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin secured his re-election bid for a second term as governor Tuesday, defeating Republican candidate Russ Weeks and Mountain party candidate Jesse Johnson.

"I am just so honored and humbled," Manchin said in an interview with The Parthenon Tuesday night. "I am so thankful that the citizens of West Virginia believed in me and I cannot wait for the next four years."

According to unofficial results, Manchin received 69 percent of the vote. Weeks received 25 per-

cent and Johnson received 4 percent.

Manchin said he is honored to serve a second term as governor. He is only the fourth governor in West Virginia history to serve two consecutive terms.

He said that he is "ready to take West Virginia to a new level" and plans to continue his work on creating new jobs and reform healthcare. Manchin also said he



MANCHIN

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EDITORIAL

Election night finally over

As much as we love the pundit holograms on CNN, touch-screen maps that could change color to represent voters making more than \$100,000 and graphs that mean very little at the end of the day, it is a big relief that an election that has gone on for more than a year is finally over.

Tuesday's election brought change to the national spotlight as Democratic senator from Illinois, Barack Obama, was elected president by a huge margin over his Republican competitor Sen. John McCain, who ran a fine campaign and would have been a true leader for the nation, as well. For those who voted for Obama, it was a historic evening as the first African-American will take his place in the White House this January. We hope that everything Obama has said throughout the primaries against Sen. Hillary Clinton and during the final months against McCain hold true.

Compliments should also be in order for the state of West Virginia when it comes to how the election was handled when compared to other states.

According to The Associated Press, only a few counties reported problems, and those were easily fixed by clerks and technicians, said Sarah C. Bailey, spokeswoman for the secretary of state's office. Marion and Hampshire counties were the only real troublesome counties in the state with a two-hour period where scanning machines stopped tabulating votes.

Finally, it was very impressive to see the voter turnout for the 2008 election. Though there were no official numbers released by the time of publication, long lines everywhere signified people hit the polls and decided to take part in the democratic process.

Correction: The Parthenon incorrectly reported that Dr. Paul Ambrose worked as an assistant to the United States Attorney General. He was an assistant to the surgeon general.

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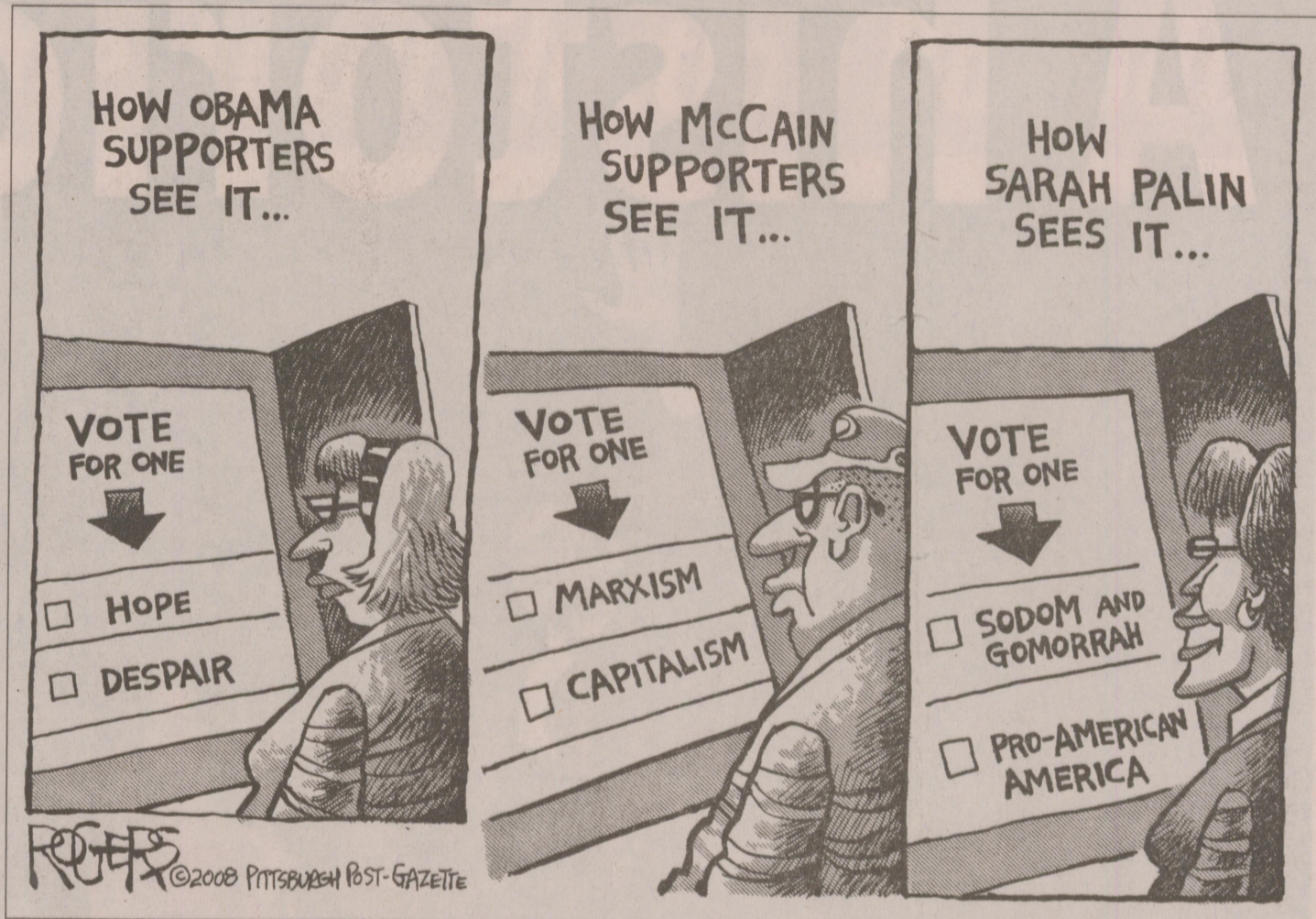
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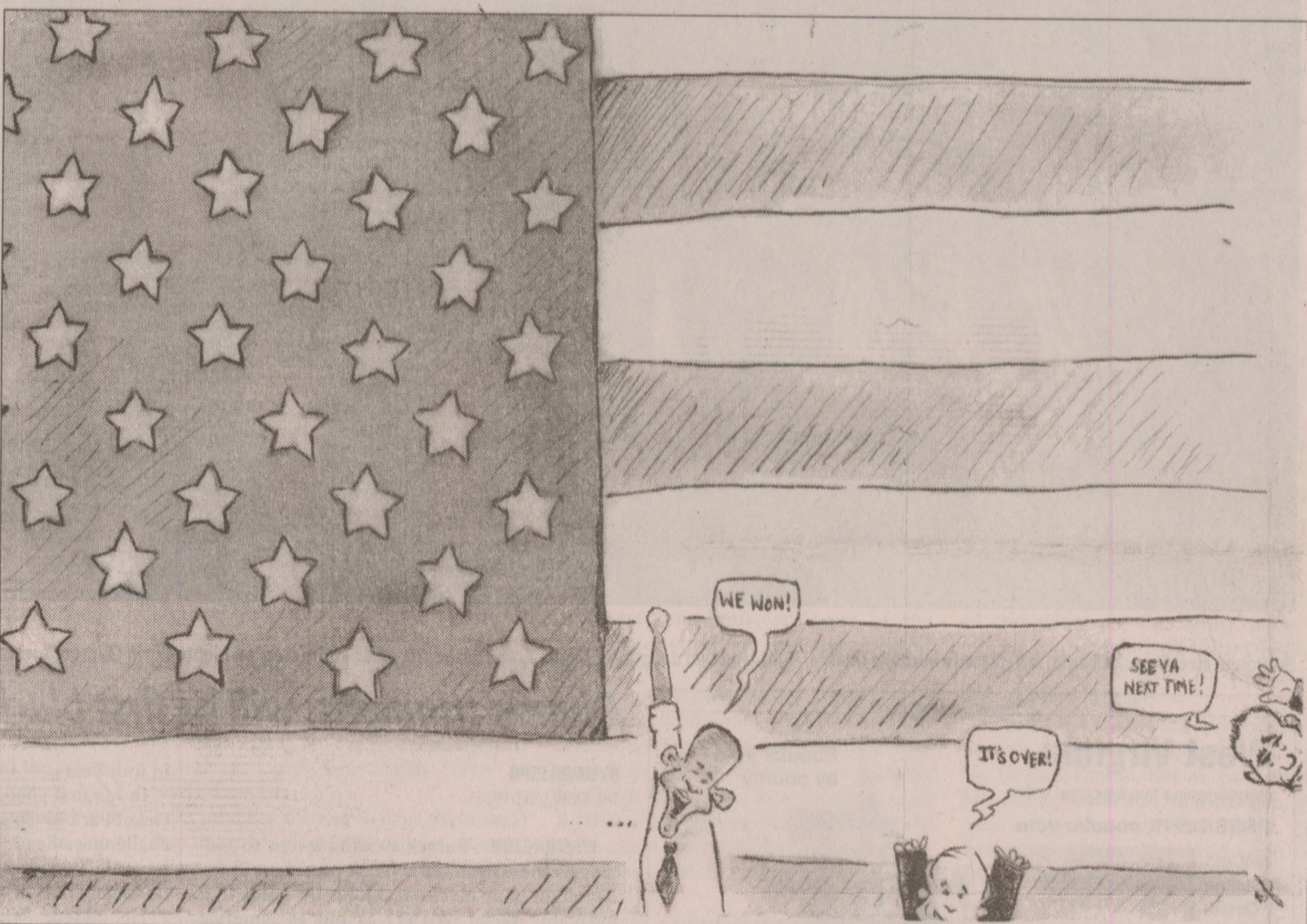
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EMILY AYRES | Insights by Ayres

Take advantage of nice weather, nature

We're more than half way through the semester and I realized I haven't written yet about one of my favorite topics — nature. My major is print journalism, but in my spare time I like to tap into more creative juices and write poems, which are often inspired by the natural world.

Since mid-July when I arrived at Marshall, I have only written a handful of poems; usually I write 100 times that amount in that span of time. College has made my life so busy with schoolwork, friends and events that in this chaos I have lost the awareness I normally have with life around me, and my inspiration to write poems has dried up. Poetry is still a great passion of mine and I am sad I have let myself get caught up in other things and have pushed it to the side.

However, I don't think I'm alone, with the exception of the poetry part. I have yet to find one person who consid-



Emily Ayres
COLUMNIST

subjects.

For example, with the presidential campaign, sure it's an important issue, but I feel in the past months I have been forced to eat, sleep, dream and think it every single minute. My criminal justice teacher even came into class yesterday morning and announced that after that day his life could return to normalcy and all the craziness would be over; I couldn't agree more.

But the election is not the only thing to blame. Even as the president is being announced, my friends will still be anguish-

ers poetry a hobby. If you do, e-mail me! Anyway, I think it is very easy in today's world to get sidetracked away from our leisure pursuits in all the goings-on and media attention of certain

"I dare you and myself to break the constraints and ponder over nature's wonders again, or anything else that you once had the time to love."

ing over tests, worrying about balancing a job with school and me, personally, trying to find time to spend with that special someone with all the homework I have to do. The bombardment of our brains never ends, and we have no room to reflect about anything else, let alone the places we walk through every day.

To counter this almost inhibition of our brains to think on a limited level with narrow subjects of whatever is going on in the media or around us, I dare you and myself to break over nature's wonders again, or anything else that you once had the time to love.

Let's go back to the days of simplicity and live like the cavemen. Those guys had it good because Mother Nature is beautiful. The mountains are flecked with a rainbow of warm colors and the leaves fall in great whooshes from the trees on campus. One of my favorite things to do is to stomp on the dry leaves and hear them crunch under my shoes.

So, in lieu of this exceptionally nice weather, get out and spend some time with nature.

Switch it up, feel the peace, get lost in the loveliness and forget about the rest of life.

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Homecoming ballot includes vote on \$5 semester green fee

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The presidential election may be over, but for students on campus it is almost time to hit the polls again. This time it is for the homecoming vote.

Mr. and Ms. Marshall are not all that are being chosen, though. This year, students are being asked to decide if they want to pay more tuition money in an effort to help Marshall go green.

The vote in question is the green fee, and Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, said if the vote passes, an additional \$5 per student per semester fee will be added to the cost of tuition. The money would be directed to the recycling and energy efficiency program.

Hensley said that it was student government's decision to make the green fee part of the homecoming vote because members wanted to get students' opinions as fast as possible.

"Looking at other colleges, (homecoming voter turnout at Marshall) is quite a high percentage," Hensley said.

The percentage of voters may be high comparatively, but mathematically that is not the case.

Hensley estimates there are 10,000 fee-paying students at Marshall, and only about 1,000 of those will vote in the homecoming election. That means that the decision of whether or not students will have another \$10 tacked on to their yearly tuition is decided by roughly 10 percent of the student body.

Matt James, president of the Student Government Association, is hoping more students will log on this year to vote.

"Voting in the homecoming election this year is a reflection of our students," James

By the numbers

\$5 x **10,000** = **\$50,000**
fee per semester estimated fee-paying students from students to go green

Fees will cover:

- recycling containers
- energy efficient light bulbs
- a part-time employee to overlook the program

10% of students expected to vote on the issue

+ **\$65,000**
grant approved for going green

\$115,000
to begin going green

said. "The green fee is something that is not just for us, it's for future generations."

If the green fee vote is passed, James said it would be effective immediately.

Because students at Marshall pay tuition by the semester, \$5 would be added as early as spring 2009. That would mean in the first semester Marshall would have about \$50,000 to start out.

James said the green initiative has also been approved for a \$65,000 grant. In total, there would be about \$115,000 to make Marshall's campus green.

James said the money would go to things such as recycling containers, energy efficient light bulbs and a part time employee on cam-

pus to be in charge of the whole program.

He said he knows this program has to start small, but he hopes it will have the sustaining power to grow for years.

"Being green and white already, we should be a green campus," James said. "We should lead this cause for the rest of the colleges in the nation."

The vote for the green fee and homecoming court will be Nov. 10 and 11. To vote, log on to www.marshall.edu/myMU, click on the Student tab and follow the homecoming vote link.

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Tutoring positions available at HEART

BY BRITTANY EVANS
THE PARTHENON

Students at Marshall can earn money and gain experience working with children through a tutoring program called HEART.

HEART is an acronym for Hedrick, Enterprise, America Reads and tutors representing the funding sources for the program. Kathy Seelinger, director of HEART, said the program receives donations from Charles and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick, Marshall alumni. The Cabell County Board of Education donates Enterprise funding to the program. Seelinger said America Reads, a federal organization, also donates to the program.

Todd Parks, graduate director of HEART, said although education majors are encouraged to become tutors for HEART, anyone with a 3.0 grade-point average and experience working with children can apply.

"Really getting in there and experiencing the classroom setting is a lot more helpful than reading it out of a textbook," said Kaci Evans, junior secondary education major and tutor for HEART.

Evans is a tutor at Nichols Elementary School in Barboursville, W.Va. She assists children in learning English and math in first through fifth grade. Evans said she has gained valuable experience on how to manage children in a classroom and simplifying information so that it is easier for them to learn.

There are 22 tutors in the program. Tutors work 10 to 20 hours each week and are paid \$7.25 per hour. Tutors are recruited and interviewed the first eight

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KACI EVANS
TUTOR FOR HEART

weeks of each semester. Parks said tutors do not work when Marshall University or Cabell County schools are closed. Tutors are also given the option to choose where they work.

"We encourage people to come in early for an application," Parks said. "This is a really great opportunity."

The tutors assist children at 13 schools in Cabell County. The tutors help children who were absent when material was taught or are having trouble learning a skill.

Parks said the program has helped create professional relationships between Marshall and local public schools.

Linda Howard, special education teacher at Guyandotte Elementary School in Guyandotte, W.Va., said tutors from HEART have helped at the school since last year. Howard said since the tutors have been assisting in her classroom, students have shown improvement in the areas in which they have received help.

"It has been a big help to our students," Howard said. "I think it's a valuable service, and I'm glad to have it."

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High school works to begin Young Life chapter

BY ASHLEY ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

A group of Marshall University students is working with directors to bring the Young Life organization to Huntington High School.

Ben Tuel, area director for Young Life in West Virginia, has been working to get the program in Huntington for over two years. Tuel's job as an area director consists of establishing clubs, hiring trained staff and leaders and raising money for the organization. His job as a leader for Young Life urges him to learn about the students and spend time with them on their own turf.

The program in Huntington will consist of eight to 10 adults on a committee and up to four students from Marshall to be leaders for Young Life. The club meets once a week for an hour. During club there is music, skits, games and a message about Jesus Christ. The club has sometimes been described as "organized chaos."

"One of my passions is to have Young Life in every high school in the state," said Tuel.

Information from the organization's Web site states that Young Life is located in more than 800 communities in the U.S. and over 50 countries.

The closest Young Life Clubs for students to attend or volunteer at are located at George Washington High School, Capital High School and Herbert Hoover High School in Charleston.

Young Life in Huntington is still in the early developmental stages and should be completed by next fall.

"Mainly it's an outreach ministry to high school kids," said Tuel about the organization.

The organization was founded by Jim Rayburn in 1941. Rayburn wanted an organization that reached out to children and teenagers to get them involved and interested in church, said Tuel.

Tuel said Huntington is the perfect area for Young Life. There is easy access to students from Marshall University who will be great leaders.

There is also Young Life Campers that is led by the same leaders as the club. Campers is a more in-depth, personal Bible study. The organization also offers various camps throughout the year where children and teenagers get to experience different adventures such as rope courses and horseback riding. At camp they also have a chance to open up to their leaders.

With help and encouragement from Tuel and other directors for the organization,

Staci Standiford, sophomore print journalism major from New Martinsville, W.Va., is paving the way for the new Young Life addition in Huntington.

Rylee Genseal, sophomore English major from Gatlinburg, Tenn., said Standiford has taken a step up in the program and taken on the initiative to bring an important organization to the community.

Standiford sets up various meetings and makes frequent visits to Huntington High School to learn about and interact with students. She has also attended banquets and meetings with local churches and area directors of the Young Life organization in order to get the community more involved.

"We want to love kids like Christ loves us," Standiford said.

She said the message of Young Life is to teach kids about Jesus Christ in a way they understand.

Leaders and Marshall University students are currently trying to generate interest in Young Life to gain other members that may be interested in helping. For more information about Young Life in Huntington contact Standiford at standiford1@marshall.edu.

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DEMELEY SMITH | THE PARTHENON

The 35th Civil Support Team from St. Albans, W.Va., prepares to clean up a chemical leak that occurred while workers demolished a building on Artisan Avenue.

Sulfuric acid spill causes block evacuation

BY DEMELEY SMITH
THE PARTHENON

One worker was injured in a chemical leak that prompted the evacuation of a city block in Huntington on Tuesday.

Capt. David Bias, fire marshal for the city of Huntington, said a demolition crew was inside a building on the 2000 block of Artisan Avenue working on cleaning it up and getting ready to demol-

ish the building.

"One of the individuals operating a piece of machinery bumped into a 5-gallon container of what we now know to be 96 percent sulfuric acid — very strong acid," Bias said. "He received substantial burns from the splashing of it."

Chief Greg Fuller of the Huntington Fire Department said the injured worker was working inside the plant on Artisan Avenue

when a container was punctured. Evacuees were taken to the Salvation Army. Fuller said the worker drove himself to Cabell Huntington Hospital.

The Huntington Police Department also responded to the evacuation. The civil support team through the West Virginia National Guard came in to help with the identification of the chemical, and the state fire marshals' office provided rapid response to clean

up the area.

The owner of the building was contacted a mitigation company to come in and clean up the spill and take care of the truck that was contaminated, Bias said.

It took around five hours to get the building cleaned properly after the spill happened around 11 a.m.

"We were just right here and we have our own resources to help," Bias said. "Luckily they were doing a training exercise at the civic center."

The Salvation Army was on the scene to provide food and drinks to the workers and evacuated residents.

"When there is a disaster, local or national, we go out and set up what we call rehydration, in doing that we make sure the fireman and policemen have plenty to eat or drink," said Capt. Bob Mullins of Salvation Army. "To make sure that they are comfortable so that they can do their job."

Everyone worked together and the process went smoothly, Bias said. "I was very pleased with how things went," Bias said. "We went from not being busy to being very busy in just a matter of time."

The TTA picked up evacuees and drove them to the Salvation Army, Mullins said.



DEMELEY SMITH | THE PARTHENON

Captain Bob Mullins of the Salvation Army hands out food and drinks to workers as they clean up the spill.

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A real piece of work

Vibrant colors give life to graphic design student's pieces



PHOTO BY KAYLA QUEEN | THE PARTHENON | ART BY KATELYN YOUNG
Titled "Kaleidoscope," Young's magazine ad/poster details a new nail polish line.

BY KAYLA QUEEN
THE PARTHENON

Using bright colors as her main inspiration, Katelyn Young, 22, graphic design student from Cross Lanes, W.Va., is one of three student designers featured in the third capstone exhibition in the Birke Art Gallery.

Young included 11 pieces for the show, which included themes such as music, literature and advertising.

As a high school student, Young wanted to be an accountant, but turned her career choice completely around when she took a publishing class.

"It wasn't even that advanced, really," Young said. "I was just making fliers and postcards, I had always liked art but I never did anything major, just little things here and there. Maybe a greeting card or something."

Young said she enjoyed the basic design class so much that she spoke with one of her professors about a career

in graphic design. "I really didn't like accounting that much, anyway," Young said.

Using a lot of colors was important to Young when creating pieces for the capstone exhibit.

"I try to incorporate a lot of color in my artwork," Young said. "I think it can determine how people see something."

Young created a personal logo, posters, packaging for a CD and nail polish, business cards and brochures, magazine ads and a book cover for the exhibit.

Graphic design professor Hayson Harrison said Young was a wonderful student to have in class.

"She's such a sweetheart and has a can-do personality," Harrison said. "She works so hard and gives her best in everything she does."

Harrison also said Young always had a smile on her face, even when things got tough in class.

"I am considered to be one of the hardest teachers, and I don't sugarcoat things," Harrison said. "She's just gold to have in class."

Young said her use of color makes her artwork stand out.

"A lot of people are shy about using color, but it gets people's attention," Young said.

Using color also allowed Young to bring some innovative ideas

to life. "For a corporate company, I like to do something more bright and fun but still clean," Young said.

Her friends' thoughts and opinions also play into Young's artistic inspiration. Harrison said she approved all the work Young used for the exhibition and has watched her grow as a designer and a person.

"She's got a lot

to learn as a student designer, but with her kind of attitude, she will be successful."

Harrison said when she started working at Marshall about two years ago, Young was her first graphic design student.

"She made such an impression on me," Harrison said. She doesn't need much pushing. She will push herself. She has such an enthusiasm for graphic design."

With her keenness for design, Young said she hopes people will enjoy looking at her upbeat pieces. She also said she hopes the work will impress audiences.

"I just want people to look at my artwork and maybe see more color in their own lives," Young said. "I want people to look at it and it inspire them in their own way."

Young said her piece, "Untitled," is her favorite in the exhibit.

"The different shapes are kind of a combination of my different artworks," Young said. "It's like taking a close-up look at each one. It draws people into the artwork."

Harrison said Young's work ethic made her a pleasure to work with.

"It makes things so much easier to be around her and work with her," Harrison said. "She's grown so much and she will continue to grow. I feel very excited for her and her future."

Bridget Nesselrotte and Caitlin Ressmeyer are also included in the capstone exhibit.

The show will be open in the Birke Art Gallery through Friday, Nov. 7 with a reception Thursday, Nov. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Birke Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday evenings.

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KATELYN YOUNG
MARSHALL GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR



PHOTO BY KAYLA QUEEN | THE PARTHENON | ART BY KATELYN YOUNG
This personal logo blends black, white and blue to express Young's initials.



PHOTO BY KAYLA QUEEN | THE PARTHENON | ART BY KATELYN YOUNG
This print piece is Young's interpretation for the cover of Natasha Bedingfield's new CD.

UWIRE TOP 10

1. Texas
2. Alabama
3. Penn State
4. Oklahoma
5. Texas Tech
6. Florida
7. USC
8. Georgia
9. Oklahoma State
10. Utah

UWIRE HEISMAN POLL

1. Graham Harrell
Quarterback — Texas Tech
2. Colt McCoy
Quarterback — Texas
3. Sam Bradford
Quarterback — Oklahoma
4. Tim Tebow
Quarterback — Florida
5. Michael Crabtree
Wide Receiver — Texas Tech

SPORTS BRIEFS

DeSumma makes Conference USA All-Freshman Team

IRVING, Texas—Marshall University's freshman forward Angela DeSumma was selected to the 2008 Conference USA All-Freshman Team, as announced by the league office Tuesday.

The 2008 women's soccer awards were voted upon by the head coaches from each member institution.

The 2008 C-USA postseason honor is the first for the Thundering Herd since 2006. Junior forward Molly Snead represented Marshall on the 2006 C-USA All-Freshman Team.

"It's great to have a player earning conference postseason honors," Marshall's interim head coach Kevin Long said. "This award was the result of her teammates and Angela's diligence, as well as her on-and-off the field dedication."

DeSumma ended the season tied for 15th in the nation for assists per game and as the league's assists per game leader (.58/game). Her 11 total assists ranked her first for the Herd and tied as the C-USA assists leader.

The freshman scored her first collegiate goal against East Carolina in the final match of the 2008 campaign.

DeSumma concluded 2008 with 11 points, 32 shots, with 18 being on goal in her 15 starts. In conference play, DeSumma notched six assists, eight points, 16 shots, with nine being on net in 11 matches played.

"As a freshman, she is excited for what she has to offer in the years to come," Coach Long added.



DeSUMMA

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10 for extensive
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Herd hoops.

Schuurman leads Herd in pool

BY ASHLEY BUSZ
THE PARTHENON

A member of Marshall University's swimming and diving team is a positive leader for her teammates four years after leaving big-city life.

Siobhan Schuurman said she discovered Marshall by searching online and contacted recruiters in hopes of a response when looking to continue her diving career in college.

When Schuurman heard back from recruiters, she decided to visit Huntington.

Schuurman said she chose Marshall because she wanted a change.

"Part of the attraction was trying something new," Schuurman said. "I'm from a really big city, and this is a small town and really different part of the world. It's so different than what I'm used to. I wanted to try a small town."

Schuurman is a senior psychology major from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Beginning as a gymnast at age 2, Schuurman decided to try diving when she was 12.

"It's almost a natural progression for a lot of athletes who are gymnasts to try diving," Schuurman said.

During her career at Marshall, Schuurman has set the school record for both the 1-meter and the platform events. Her 1-meter score of 280.72 during her junior year bested former record

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SIOBHAN SCHUURMAN
THUNDERING HERD DIVER

holder Casey Mulholland's score of 271.65 in 2005. Schuurman set the school record for platform diving at the 2008 Conference USA Championship with a score of 145.75.

"The 1-meter was a big accomplishment for me because the score that was set before me was pretty high," Schuurman said.

Schuurman's coach, Lori Meierbachtol, sees her as an asset to the team.

"She's just such a hard worker," Meierbachtol said. "She never complains, and she's always really excited to be at practice. She's always pushing herself to dive better and be a good competitor. She's come a long way over the last four years, and I'm so proud of all she's accomplished."

Schuurman has set high hopes for herself this season.

"I want the 3-meter record so much," Schuurman said. "I also want to qualify for zones again, since I did last year. I want to do really well and final at conference."

Schuurman said she does not find it difficult to balance her time between aca-

demics and diving.

"I like to be busy," she said. "When you wake up in the morning and you have your day planned out and you have scheduled times, I think it makes it easier. It pushes me more."

Rachel Hannum, senior athletic training major from Point Pleasant, W.Va., is one of Schuurman's teammates. Hannum described Schuurman as a strong teammate.

"She's a good team player," Hannum said. "She's always cheering us on in practice." She's a leader. I see her as the backbone of the divers."

Hannum also said because Schuurman is from Canada, it adds a cultural influence to the team.

While Schuurman said she did not have any set plans after graduation, she wants to return to Canada.

The next swimming and diving meet is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium.

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MU senior diver Siobhan Schuurman readies to go off the diving board.

Snyder, Marshall await November showdown



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Herd head coach Mark Snyder shouts instructions to his team at UAB.

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER
THE PARTHENON

The weather conditions Saturday in Greenville, N.C., call for light rain showers and temperature highs approaching the 70s.

It sounds like a forecast reserved for a late September showdown between a pair of teams off to hot starts, but don't be fooled — when Marshall and East Carolina tee it up at 3:30 p.m., the date will be Nov. 8, and the storyline runs deeper than two teams trying to keep their momentum going after a strong start.

The Thundering Herd and the Pirates will be playing for first place in Conference USA's East Division.

"That's what it's all about,"

Marshall head coach Mark Snyder said Tuesday at his weekly news conference. "November is for contenders, September is for pretenders — that's been a mantra at a lot of places that I have been. To be right in the thick of it, we're excited."

That excitement level is a tribute to how Marshall bounced back last week from a three-game losing streak with a resounding 37-23 victory over Houston, vaulting the Herd to the top of the C-USA standings at 3-1.

"I like the way our kids responded in the last week, it's been very businesslike," Snyder said. "There's a look in their eye. That was a very good win we had, much needed, and it looks like we have that confidence back."

ECU has taken a different route to the East Division summit.

The Pirates were media darlings after kicking off their season with a pair of wins over nationally ranked opponents, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

Skip Holtz's crew came back down to earth over the next month.

East Carolina lost three of four games — dropping from No. 14 in the country to completely out of the picture for a BCS at-large bid.

During its downward spiral ECU lost two skills players, leading rusher Jonathan Williams and top receiver Jamar Bryant, to suspension.

Snyder said Holtz had done a good job of keeping the Pirates'

ship sailing despite the setbacks.

ECU has won back-to-back games, including a gutsy 13-10 overtime win at UCF on Sunday.

"As I look at Coach Holtz's program, guys have the opportunity and they are stepping up and taking advantage," Snyder said. "They are finding ways to win, and that's what a good program is supposed to do."

No matter what Pirate team shows up Saturday, Snyder said the Herd has to go to Greenville expecting a stiff challenge.

"We feel good about the situation we are in right now, but talk is cheap," he said. "We have to go down there and play."

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Sports figures look for victory on election night

BY FRED LIEF
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Basketball's Kevin Johnson, football's Sam Wyche and Heath Shuler and boxing's Joe Mesi were trying to score victories of a different sort Tuesday, looking to win elections on a night when about a dozen sports figures ran for office.

Craig Robinson wasn't listed on any ballot, but depending on the night's results the first-year Oregon State basketball coach could soon be a frequent White House visitor. Robinson was in Chicago awaiting the outcome of the presidential race with his family, which includes brother-in-law Barack Obama.

Johnson, a former NBA All-Star, was running for mayor of Sacramento, Calif. The one-time point guard of the Phoenix Suns is trying to raise the profile of his hometown in this run-off election and become the city's first black mayor.

The 42-year-old Democrat with conservative social views was facing two-term incumbent

Heather Fargo and has gotten the backing of basketball celebrities Shaquille O'Neal, Magic Johnson and Charles Barkley.

"We should be a destination place," Johnson said leading to the election, bemoaning his city's image beside the likes of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Wyche coached in the NFL with Cincinnati and Tampa Bay and made it to the Super Bowl with the Bengals after the 1988 season. He was trying to win a seat on the Pickens County Council in South Carolina, an area that includes Clemson University.

Mesi has never been beaten in the ring and was once a top heavyweight contender. At one time, the 34-year-old New Yorker had to stop fighting for two years because of bleeding in his brain. He was running as a Democrat for the state Senate in New York and had the support of Buffalo Sabres owner B. Thomas Golisano.

Shuler, a Heisman Trophy runner-up at Tennessee who went on to play quarterback for

the Washington Redskins and New Orleans Saints, is a North Carolina congressman running for re-election.

Others in the House up for re-election were Rep. Baron Hill, a former Furman basketball player, and Rep. Norm Dicks, an ex-linebacker at the University of Washington.

Sports was on the sidelines for the U.S. Senate races.

The only ones with jock connections were not up for election — Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky, a Hall of Fame pitcher, and Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, owner of the Milwaukee Bucks.

Joey Browner, once a Pro Bowl safety with the Minnesota Vikings, sought a place on the City Council in the Minneapolis suburb of Eagan.

In state legislative races, Peter Boulware, a former star linebacker at Florida State, was seeking a seat in Florida. Bob Heaton, who played with Larry Bird at Indiana State, was on the ballot in Indiana.

Former major league base-

ball player Randy Bass was bidding for the Oklahoma Legislature as were two former college football players — Todd Thomson at Oklahoma and Tad Jones at Tulsa. Anton Gunn, a former lineman at South Carolina, was going after a seat in the state where he played in college.

In Hawaii, Mufi Hannemann, a 6-foot-7 former Harvard basketball player, was eyeing another term as Honolulu's

mayor.

Sports and family were not limited to the Obamas on Tuesday night. Connie Mack, the great grandson of the legendary manager, was running for re-election as a Florida congressman.

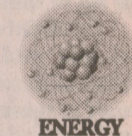
George Unseld, the brother of NBA great Wes Unseld, scored a lopsided victory for a Metro Council spot in Louisville, Ky.

RECESSION-BUSTING INDUSTRIES

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to be worried about
in today's economic
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Women's golf finishes 12th

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GULF SHORES, Ala.—The Thundering Herd women's golf team dropped two spots in the second and final round of the UAB Fall Beach Blast, finishing 12th in the event.

Marshall shot a 318 in the opening round and followed that

up with a 324 on Tuesday.

Larie Lynch continued her strong play, following up her opening day round of 74 with a 78 on Tuesday. Her 36-hole total of 152 put her in a tie for 14th place.

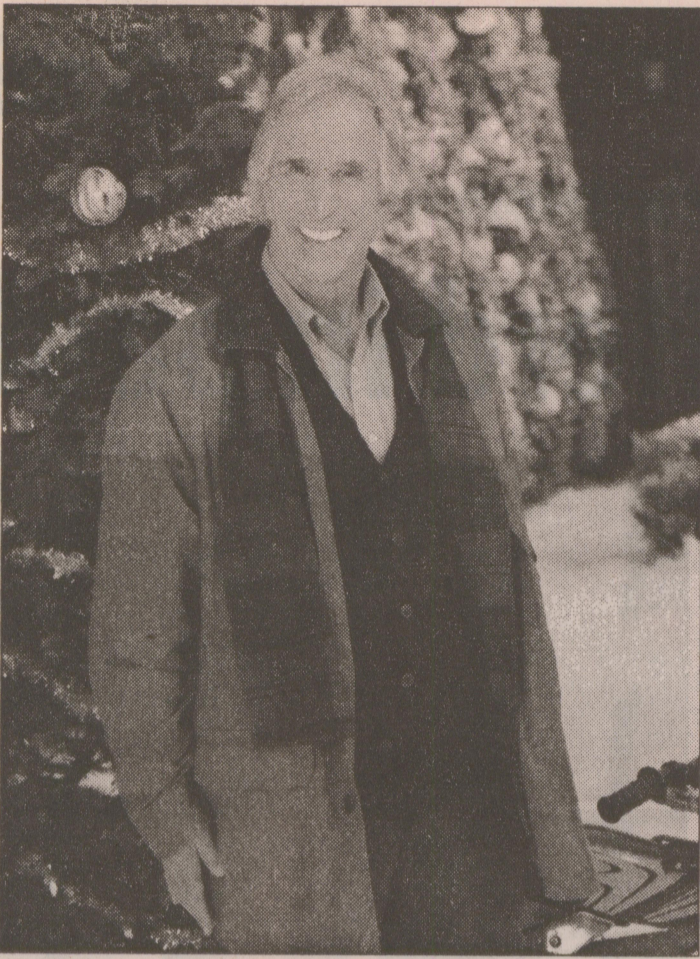
Finishing in a tie for 30th was Maria Battaglia, who shot rounds of 77 and 81, respectively to finish with a 158.

Molly Ginger tied for 46th place, shooting a 163 while Rachel Halloran's 169 and Mary Ol-

iver's 175 rounded out the Herd lineup.

Columbia, who led after day one, finished up the job, taking the team championship on Tuesday with a team total of 597. Columbia shot a 297 on day one, followed by a 300 on day two.

The tournament marked the final one of the fall season for the Herd. The team will be out of action until February 22, 2009 when it travels to the Kiawah Island Intercollegiate.



CHRIS LARGE | 2008 CROWN MEDIA

Henry Winkler as Uncle Ralph, an eccentric former NYPD officer.

Heyyyy ... Fonz back for holidays

Winkler talks life of faith, films, politics

BY STEPHANIE BARTRAM
THE PARTHENON

Henry Winkler is adding another project to his list of accomplishments by starring in the upcoming Hallmark Channel Original Movie, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

A Parthenon reporter spoke with Winkler about the upcoming project.

According to a Hallmark Channel issued release, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," is about a "snowbound stranger, a crafty uncle and a precocious boy who may just have what it takes to remind one crazed woman what the holiday season is all about."

Two-time Golden Globe winner and five-time Emmy Award nominee Henry Winkler ("Happy Days"), Brooke Burns ("Miss Guided") and Warren Christie ("October Road") star in the

family film, which reminds viewers that you're never too old to act like a kid again."

Winkler said he never had the chance to celebrate Christmas as a child but likes experiencing the emotions of the holidays.

"My parents escaped Nazi Germany, so there was probably not a shot that I was going to (celebrate Christmas) in my home in New York City," Winkler said.

"Here in L.A., we don't have a Christmas tree because we light candles on the Menorah, but we do have a pine garland that goes down the staircase that fills the house with the smell of Christmas."

"It doesn't matter what we do or where we come from or what our religious beliefs are," Winkler said. "At the core of our emotions you can identify and empathize with those glorious and uplifting emotions that people have about the holidays."

Not having to tackle many

obstacles for the film, Winkler revealed the biggest challenge of the project.

"Usually you make a television movie in 25 days," Winkler said. "This one, we made in 15 days. The biggest challenge is the concentration of doing so many pages in one day in order to get it done."

"We had a terrific leader in Michael Scott, who was our director," Winkler said. "None of the actors had an attitude, the crew worked at lightning speed, and we were able to do it and I am proud of the finished product."

Winkler recently appeared in an Internet video along with Ron Howard, urging the importance of this year's election.

The video was centered on Howard poking fun at the shows "Andy Griffith" and "Happy Days."

"Ron Howard called me up and said, 'Look I've got this whacked idea. Here it is, just tell me, are you in or not?'" Winkler said. "I said, 'Ron, I am in your

canoe. If we are ever going to play these characters again, this is the moment."

"We got dressed up in the trailer, and it was so emotional because when I turned around and he was Richie and we started talking to each other when we were shooting it. It was if we had done the show yesterday," Winkler said.

"There was not a beat missing. He walked up and I said, 'Hey Cunningham, you finish your homework?' It was phenomenal."

Even though Winkler has worked on many projects in his lifetime, there are people like Doug Wiley who never want to see him as anything but "The Fonz."

"I liked him as 'The Fonz' and how he could pound on stuff and get it fixed," Wiley said. "He was smooth, he was a ladies man and he was a pretty cool guy."

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FCC probes cable pricing

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PHILADELPHIA—The Federal Communications Commission has opened an investigation into the pricing policies of major cable operators and Verizon Communications Inc.

The agency wants to ensure that customers are being treated fairly, FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I'm certainly concerned with the increasing cable prices that consumers are facing," Martin said. "They are getting less and being charged the same or more."

The FCC wrote to Verizon and 11 cable companies last month about their practice of moving analog channels into digital tiers to free up bandwidth for other uses, such as

high-definition channels.

To watch channels that have been moved, subscribers to analog service must either subscribe to a more expensive digital tier, rent a digital set-top box or use an adapter, which service providers are starting to offer for free.

The FCC's Oct. 30 letter went to Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc., Cox Communications Inc., Charter Communications Inc., Cablevision Systems Corp., Bright House Networks, Suddenlink Communications, Bend Cable Communications, GCI Company, Harro Entertainment, a unit of Harro Communications, RCN Corp. and Verizon. Verizon was included because it offers pay-TV through its FiOS service.

Cable providers are in a race with satellite TV and phone

companies to offer the most high-definition channels. About half of the nation's 65 million cable households buy only the analog basic or "enhanced basic" tiers.

The agency also will investigate whether providers are misleading customers into thinking that when analog television channels move to the digital tier of service the shift is related to the federal government's mandate that all broadcasts be digital by February, Martin said.

The two moves are unrelated. Linking the two in customers' minds could prompt more people to opt for digital video services.

The FCC has asked companies being probed to submit information about their pricing and channel switching practices within two weeks.

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National, State, Local Election Roundup

U.S. President	W.Va. Secretary of State	W.Va. House of Delegates	Cabell Magistrate (7)	District 4
Barack Obama, D-Ill. 338	Natalie Tennant, D-Kanawha 279,623	Kevin J. Craig, D-Cabell* 10,395	Amy Walker Daugherty (D) 9,296	Brenda Adams (D) 959
John McCain, R-Ariz. 141	Charles Minimah, R-Kanawha 145,961	Carl L. Eastham, D-Cabell 7,232	Betty J. Wolford (D)* 17,188	Nate Randolph (R) 1,153
Ralph Nader, U-Conn. 0		Jim Morgan, D-Cabell* 9,271	Darrell Black (D)* 19,185	Curt McHaffie (I) 105
<i>Numbers represent Electoral College</i>				
U.S. Senate	W.Va. Commissioner of Agriculture	Huntington Mayor	Huntington City Council	District 5
Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va.* 287,862	Gus Douglass, D-Mason* 228,845	David Felinton (D)* 6,282	Jim Ritter (D) 198	Sandra Clements (D)* 1,701
Jay Wolfe, R-W.Va. 158,891	J. Michael Teets, R-Hardy 192,554	Kim Wolfe (R) 8,334	District 2	Ray Browning (D) 1,380
U.S. House of Representatives	W.Va. Attorney General	Cabell Sheriff	District 3	District 6
Nick Joe Rahall, D-Raleigh* 74,524	Darrell McGraw, D-Kanawha* 218,526	Thomas W. McComas (D) 19,784	Teresa Loudermilk (D)* 691	Mark Bates (R) 1,839
Marty Gearheart, R-Mercer 36,136	Dan Greear, R-Kanawha 214,195	Jim Scheidler (R) 13,285	D. Everett Fullerton (R) 490	Scott Marshall Caserta (D)* 1,176
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				Levi Lovett (R) 359
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				Steve Williams (D) 8,851
				Alex Vence (R) 5,930
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All poll numbers are unofficial at the time of publication
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PRESIDENT

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Obama will move into the Oval Office as leader of a country that is almost certainly in recession, and fighting two long wars, one in Iraq, the other in Afghanistan.

The popular vote was close — 51.3 percent to 47.5 percent with 73 percent of all U.S. precincts counted — but not the count in the Electoral College, where it mattered most.

There, Obama's audacious decision to contest McCain in states that hadn't gone Democratic in years paid rich dividends.

Obama has said his first order of presidential business will be to tackle the economy. He has also pledged to withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months.

A survey of voters leaving polling places on Tuesday showed the economy was by far the top Election Day issue. Six in 10 voters said so, and none of the other top issues — energy, Iraq, terrorism and health care — was picked by more than one in 10.

In Washington, the Democratic leaders of Congress celebrated.

"It is not a mandate for a party or ideology but a mandate for change," said Senate Majority leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Said Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California: "Tonight the American people have called for a new direction. They have called for change in America."

Shortly after midnight in the East, The Associated Press count showed Obama with 338 electoral votes, well over the 270 needed for victory. McCain had 141 after winning states that comprised the normal Republican base.

Interviews with voters suggested that almost six in 10 women were backing Obama nationwide, while men leaned his way by a narrow margin. Just over half of whites supported McCain, giving him a slim advantage in a group that Bush carried overwhelmingly in 2004.

The results of the AP survey were based on a preliminary partial sample of nearly 10,000 voters in Election Day polls and in telephone interviews over the past week for early voters.

Democrats also acclaimed Senate suc-

cesses by former Gov. Mark Warner in Virginia, Rep. Tom Udall in New Mexico and Rep. Mark Udall in Colorado. All won seats left open by Republican retirements.

In New Hampshire, former Gov. Jeanne Shaheen defeated Republican Sen. John Sununu in a rematch of their 2002 race, and Sen. Elizabeth Dole fell to Democrat Kay Hagan in North Carolina.

The Democrats also looked for gains in the House. They defeated Republican incumbents Rep. Tom Feeney and Ric Keller in Florida, 22-year veteran Chris Shays in Connecticut and Rep. Robin Hayes in North Carolina.

At least two Democrats lost their seats. Rep. Tim Mahoney fell after admitting to two extramarital affairs while serving his first term in Florida. In Louisiana, Democratic Rep. Don Cazayoux lost the seat he had won in a special election six months ago.

The resurgent Democrats also elected a governor in one of the nation's traditional bellwether states when Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon won his race.

A dozen states elected governors, and ballots across the country were dotted with

issues ranging from taxes to gay rights.

An estimated 187 million voters were registered, and in an indication of interest in the battle for the White House, 40 million or so had already voted as Election Day dawned.

Obama sought election as one of the youngest presidents, and one of the least experienced in national political affairs.

That wasn't what set the Illinois senator apart, though — neither from his rivals nor from the other men who had served as president since the nation's founding more than two centuries ago. A black man, he confronted a previously unbreakable barrier as he campaigned on twin themes of change and hope in uncertain times.

McCain, a prisoner of war during Vietnam, a generation older than his rival at 72, was making his second try for the White House, following his defeat in the battle for the GOP nomination in 2000.

A conservative, he stressed his maverick's streak. And although a Republican, he did what he could to separate himself from an unpopular president.

For the most part, the two presidential candidates and their running mates, Biden and Republican Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska, spent weeks campaigning in states that went for Bush four years ago.

McCain and Obama each won contested nominations — the Democrat outdistancing former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton — and promptly set out to claim the mantle of change.

Obama won California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

McCain had Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

He also won at least 3 of Nebraska's five electoral votes, with the other two in doubt.

WOLFE

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administration into a third consecutive and final term.

"I just got a call from the mayor; he conceded," Wolfe said as he briskly walked down Fourth Avenue en route to a television interview. "He's a great guy, and I appreciate the effort he's given. We agreed to run an issue-oriented campaign, and we did. It was a gentlemen's agreement."

Wolfe led with 55 percent of the vote during the first two intervals of released precincts. He rounded out the election with a final total of 53.95 percent of the votes among the 36 Cabell County precincts. Felinton ended with 40.67 percent of the votes.

"I want to congratulate Sheriff Wolfe," Felinton said during his concession. "I would certainly be glad to help in any way that I can."

Advice and guidance from Felinton will be welcomed during the new administration, Wolfe said.

"He's got a good quality

team with Brandi (Jacobs) Jones," Wolfe said. "I think we need to bring the team together. We've got good people there: (Huntington Police) Chief (Skip) Holbrook, Brandi Jacobs-Jones, (Huntington Fire) Chief (Greg) Fuller. We'll probably sit down as a transition team before Jan. 1."

Wolfe was born and raised in Huntington and, with the exception of two tours in Vietnam, has spent his life in the city.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1971 and earned the National Defense and Vietnam Service Medals, among other awards.

Wolfe joined the Huntington Police Department in 1974 where he served for the next 26 years. During his time at the department, his achievements included president and chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Police and president of the West Virginia Sheriff's Association.

The mayor-elect graduated from Marshall University in 1982 with a Board of Regents degree and a focus in crimi-

nal justice. He also attended Northwestern University in Chicago, the FBI Law Enforcement Officers' Training School in Quantico, Va., the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Academy in Ottawa, and the United States Park Police Equestrian Training Academy in Washington, D.C., according to Wolfe's Web site.

Wolfe retired from the Huntington Police Department in 2000 and has held the title of Cabell County Sheriff since he first took office in 2001.

Many institutions offered endorsements for Wolfe throughout the campaign season, including the Herald-Dispatch, the Fraternal Order of Police Gold Star Lounge No. 65, the West Virginia Sheriff's Association and the Huntington Fire Fighters Political Action Committee.

Wolfe and his wife, Debbie, have eight children between the ages of 8 and 39. They also have nine grandchildren.

Wolfe will take office Jan. 1, 2009.

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MANCHIN

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plans to launch a new energy plan that would "make West Virginia a world leader in cleaner coal technology."

Manchin had record-breaking budget surpluses and paid down an estimated \$1 billion in state debts in his first term. He also privatized the state's workers compensation system and helped boost West Virginia's job market with a 4.1 percent unemployment rate.

HOUSE

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and Republicans Jim Carden and Paula Stewart. Stewart only won 10 percent of the unofficial vote count, but said she would probably run for the position again in the future.

"If I run again, I will probably change my strategy," Stewart said. "If I had raised more money, I may have been more successful. If you look at the finance reports, I virtually didn't raise anything. Personally, I am disappointed in the fact that name recognition and finances determine the race, regardless of the quality of the candidate."

Eastham and Carden could not be reached for comment.

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"I have been saying that this is a new West Virginia," Manchin said. "People truly understand how good they are, and how good their state is."

Weeks challenged Manchin and tried to make an issue out of Manchin's daughter, who unfairly received a business degree from West Virginia University. He also argued that Manchin failed to make enough economic progress in the last four years.

"My number one issue is tax reform because so much of what is going on in the state right now

hinge on improving our business climate in getting businesses and people to come back to West Virginia.

"We have got to do something about this or we're going to cease to exist as a state," Weeks said in an earlier interview with The Parthenon.

Johnson ran against Manchin on the promise to end mountain top removal and to provide free education to all West Virginians.

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MSC

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speeches with random outbursts of jumping, screaming and chanting. Some Obama supporters began to cry. Other students ran around the student center plaza with an Obama sign.

"We're excited," Smith said. "I definitely feel confident with Senator Obama being our next president."

Becca Moore, a freshman education major and McCain supporter from Richmond, Va., had a different opinion of the results. "I'm horrified for our country," she said. "It's scary to imagine what the next four years will be like."

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Ketchum wins seat

CHARLESTON (AP)—Democrat Menis Ketchum won one of two seats on the state Supreme Court.

Former justice Margaret Workman, also a Democrat, was running second with 33 percent of the vote with 87 percent of precincts reporting.

"It's been person-to-person campaigning throughout, and I think that's what made the difference," Ketchum said.

"People said they appreciated that the ads weren't negative at all."

Voters also chose Democrat Natalie Tennant as their next secretary of state, just the second woman to hold that statewide office.