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Kicking off workouts as early as 6 a.m., Marshall football players are conducting voluntary training, both in the weight room and at the stadium.  
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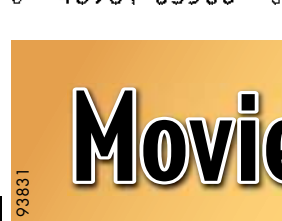
**Park District to manage riverfront**  
Officials signed a lease that transfers management of Harris Riverfront to the Park District on July 1.  
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**Nothing but static**  
Friday marked the final signoff for analog signals in perhaps 1 million homes as stations abandoned the transmission technology.  
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**Reflections on water**  
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## Ohio teacher dies from burn injuries

\$10 million bond set for estranged husband

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CHESAPEAKE, Ohio — Amy Wilcox, a Collins Career Center teacher burned over 90 percent of her body in a domestic vio-

lence incident April 30, died Friday in the burn unit of a Cincinnati hospital, said Lawrence County Sheriff Jeff Lawless.

Her estranged husband, Thomas L. Wilcox was in court Friday morning to face charges

in the case. Bond was set at \$10 million Friday for Tom Wilcox, 38, of Ironton who is charged with setting his estranged wife on fire in a domestic dispute at her home north of Coal Grove. Lawrence County Municipi-

pal Judge Don Capper set the bond for Wilcox on charges of felonious assault, attempted aggravated murder, aggravated burglary and aggravated arson. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 38 years in prison. "There will be new charges,



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T. Wilcox



**"Every day is bad for us. There is no minute of the day that I see any peace."**

— Lana Sharp, mother of Michael Shane Sharp

## Jeffers convicted in baseball coach's death



Chris Jackson/The Herald-Dispatch

Carson Jeffers, center, entered a Kennedy plea Friday in the 2007 death of Michael Shane Sharp.

## Defendant pleads to second-degree murder

By **CURTIS JOHNSON**  
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HUNTINGTON — Carson Scott Jeffers pleaded to second-degree murder Friday in the shooting death of a popular youth baseball coach, following an apparent confrontation over noise in a West Huntington apartment building.

**Photos Online**

For more photos of Michael Shane Sharp and Carson Scott Jeffers, go to [www.herald-dispatch.com](http://www.herald-dispatch.com).

Michael Shane Sharp died Nov. 26, 2007, on the front porch of the apartment building at 1117 17th Street West

near St. Cloud Commons.

Sharp's family was flanked by a crowd of mourners that night, many of whom left homes and jobs to huddle underneath rain-soaked umbrellas at the crime scene.

Most simply called him Shane. The

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## Mining plan may clash with land law

Federal, state regulators conflict on developing reclaimed surface

By **TIM HUBER**  
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CHARLESTON — The Obama administration's plan to tighten regulation of mountaintop removal coal mines may be at odds with a West Virginia land-use law aimed at creating economic opportunity from reclaimed surface mines.

The law passed earlier this month is aimed at creating developable land in West Virginia's coalfields. But Gov. Joe Manchin says that could conflict with the goals of the Environmental Protection Agency, Interior Department and Army Corps of Engineers. The agencies want to reduce environmental impact from mountaintop coal mining, a practice that generates excess material that must be disposed of in valleys atop streambeds.

"There's no plateau, there's nothing flat, there's nothing to build on," Manchin said Friday, adding that creating buildable land is essential to adding renewable energy sources such as crops for making ethanol. "We need some agricultural land, we need wind farms, we need solar."

Persuading the Obama administration, however, figures to be tough. So far, efforts have failed to win approval from federal agencies for a surface mine that would include construction of 5 miles of rough roadbed.

The Obama administration announced Thursday that it will seek to eliminate the expedited reviews that have made it easier to get federal approval for surface mines in Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. The aim is to set clear standards, ensuring that communities in coal-mining regions have clean streams and drinking water.

West Virginia's land use bill is designed to give municipal government a say in how mine lands are reclaimed after the coal has been removed.

"If you have a plan, which in this case will be the county's plan, then the mine plan can comport with the county's land use plan," West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Randy Huffman said.

## Rivals both claim victory in Iran's election

TEHRAN, Iran — After a long day of voting — extended six hours to accommodate a huge turnout — Iran's interior ministry said President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad moved into a strong lead Friday with nearly 70 percent of the more than 10 million votes counted so far.

However, even before voting ended, Mir Hossein Mousavi, the reformist candidate, held a news conference to declare himself "definitely the winner" based on "all indications all over Iran," suggesting he was ready to challenge the final results.

The dispute rose even before polls closed early Saturday, heightening tensions across the capital. **More on 7A**



Ahmadinejad

## Relay for Life gives hope, strength for future

Thousands turn out in support of cancer cure

By **BILL ROSENBERGER**  
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ONA — Carol Meadows and Mary Asbury sat in chairs under a tent around the track at Cabell Midland High School Friday evening at the Cabell County Relay for Life.

The two sisters were planning to walk the survivor lap with their mother, Carol Dennison. Instead, they were wearing shirts in her memory.

"When she was first diagnosed (last April with lung cancer), we took her to the American Cancer Society, and they gave her a wig," said Asbury, who herself is a cancer survivor but had never participated in a Relay for Life event.



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Blake Scarberry, a four-year brain tumor survivor, lights the Flame of Hope as his mother, Sherry, looks on during the Cabell County Relay for Life on Friday at Cabell Midland High School.

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