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Six months ago, **snowstorms** buried us. We swore we'd give anything for the **warmth** of summer.



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THEN: Six months ago, Steve Converse of Springettsbury Township was cross-country skiing on East Market Street to his fiancée's house in Spring Garden Township to shovel out her property. His fiancée — now wife — Karen Wishart, is seen in the background. 'It was a little too much snow for having fun,' Converse said. 'You couldn't ski — except in the street.'

NOW: Newlyweds Converse and Wishart (under bridge) re-enact their trek Tuesday on a much hotter and busier East Market Street. Recently married in June, the couple have been playing tennis and working in their garden this summer. 'It's a distant memory at this point,' Converse said of the harsh winter.



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Manhunt

Pursuit yields suspect

A York man was arrested in connection with a carjacking, bank robbery and crash.

By KATHARINE HARMON
For the Daily Record/Sunday News

A York man wanted for two robberies in Springettsbury Township was arrested Tuesday after he carjacked a man in York County, robbed a bank in Gettysburg and then crashed the car he stole, leading to a manhunt in Adams County, according to police.

More than 50 law enforcement officers spent much of Tuesday afternoon calling through what officials called a "heavily-wooded area" in Adams County as they searched for 31-year-old Alexander Cruz.



Cruz

Officers first started tracking Cruz after he carjacked a man at gunpoint in the North Gate Shopping Center at Route 30 and North George Street in Manchester Township, according to Northern York County Regional Police.

The carjacker followed the victim from a store, police said, then pushed a 9 mm handgun into his ribs and demanded the keys to his car. The victim gave the carjacker the keys to his 2003 Hyundai Sonata, and the carjacker drove onto 11th Avenue, police said.

From there, Cruz headed to Gettysburg, where he robbed the PNC Bank at 245 Breckenridge Street shortly before 1:30 p.m., according to police.

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How 'bout now?

A year of weather extremes

By TERESA ANN BOECKEL
Daily Record/Sunday News

Six months ago today, nearly 4 feet of snow covered parts of York County after two monster storms pummeled the area within a week.

"Now we're sweating," said Matt Reed, who recalls digging out of snow in Emigsville in February. "The humidity is what gets you. It's like living in Florida."

Tuesday marked another scorcher, part of a fifth heat wave this summer. The temperature reached 93 degrees, but with the humidity, it felt like 97, said Mike Pigott, a meteorologist with AccuWeather.com.

On Feb. 10, Jeff Stumpf of Springettsbury Township was digging out his snowplow after it slid down an embankment on Route 30 near Wrightsville.

A York Daily Record photographer snapped his picture, which Stumpf has hanging on a bulletin board. "It's nice not to be stuck in the snow," he said.

Stumpf and his family have been spending the summer weekends at their cabin near the Susquehanna River. They boat on the river and go jet skiing.

"It's quite a change from the winter when I'm snowplowing," he said.

It's expected to remain humid for the next few days, but a more potent cold front expected next week could mean below-normal temperatures, Pigott said.



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THEN: Jessica and Matt Reed were shoveling out in Emigsville, trying to get a jump on last winter's snowfall. The couple recently joked about being up to their knees in it six months ago. 'Cold weather doesn't bother me, but the snow does — that much snow anyway,' Matt said.



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NOW: The Reeds have been enjoying the lazy summer days with their children. They have traveled to the beach and taken some day trips, such as a visit Tuesday to Gettysburg. 'Other than that, we're ready for fall to come,' Matt said. 'Bring back the 70s.'



DAILY RECORD / SUNDAY NEWS — FILE

THEN: Hearty souls trudge up Jackson Street near York College with barren trees behind them. It was Feb. 10. The low temperature was 20 degrees.



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NOW: Leaves fill the trees and the sun bakes Jackson Street on Tuesday, when the high reached 93 degrees.

Expo show heads home

The Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association HOMExpo will return next spring.

By SEAN ADKINS
Daily Record/Sunday News

After an eight year absence, the Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association HOMExpo will return to York County.

During that absence, the association has held the show at the Giant Center in Hershey, said Ray Broderick, association president.

The group's decision to shift the show south to the Memorial Hall at the York Expo Center was, in part, based on the county's proximity to Maryland and most of the Northeast region, he said.

"The York Expo Center can accommodate both the exhibitors and the numerous visitors we expect at the event," said Dee Eisenhart, former president of the association and a housing consultant with Schaff's Home Center in Paradise Township.

More than 30,000 visitors are expected to attend the show, April 26 through May 1, said Anne Druck, president of the York County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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