

**PASSING OF A CRITIC**

Mr. Blackwell, the acerbic designer who lambasted poorly dressed celebrities for decades, has died. **Lifestyles, C1**

**REACHING FOR TITLE**

Prep sophomore Nicholas Reach is 6 shots off the lead after 1st round of PIAA golf championship. **Sports, B1**

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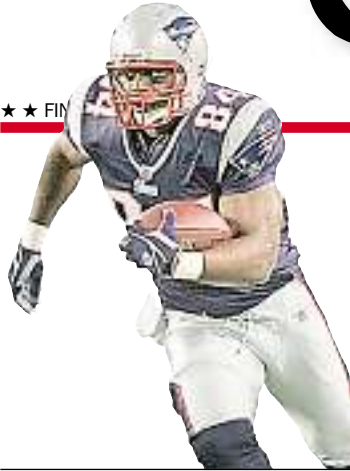


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**Patriots pounce on the Broncos**

Matt Cassel threw three touchdown passes and Sammy Morris rushed for 138 yards as the New England Patriots routed the Denver Broncos 41-7 Monday night. **Sports, B1**

**Tanker truck flips, spills gasoline**

A tanker truck hauling gasoline rolled over on its approach to Interstate 81 in Moosic and leaked about 1,000 gallons of fuel. Environmental officials said only a small amount of the gasoline made its way to the nearby Spring Brook Creek by way of a storm drain. Cleanup crews remained on the scene for several hours. **Local, A3**

**Magnet device used to treat depression**

The first device that beams magnetic pulses through the skull to treat depression has won government approval. The noninvasive brain stimulator, experts say, doesn't cause the risks of surgically implanted electrodes or of electric shock therapy, the treatment of last resort. **Health & Science, C6**

**Senate mourning James Rhoades**

Black crepe lay draped over the mahogany desk of state Sen. James Rhoades, who died Saturday from injuries suffered in a car accident. The century-old tradition was just one of the innumerable ways tribute was paid to Mr. Rhoades, a 28-year veteran legislator, on Monday at the state Capitol. **A9**

**Munchak proposes own budget cuts**

Lackawanna County minority Commissioner A.J. Munchak offered cuts of \$937,200 to the 2009 budget at a public hearing in Archbald. The include getting rid of a Washington lobbyist and the county newsletter, and deferring some pay raises. **A6**

**Suffering for sins of financial 'experts'**

If the nation's businesses had the ethics of Harman, W.Va., car dealer Linda Teter, there would be no economic crisis. Instead, the rural Chevy lot that's been in her family for 79 years is suffering for the sins of big-city tycoons. **Business, D1**

**Senator grilled on witness stand**

Veteran U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens was challenged repeatedly by the prosecution during his third day on the witness stand in his own defense. Mr. Stevens is facing seven felony counts charging that he deliberately concealed on Senate ethics forms some \$250,000 in goods and services he received to remodel his home in Girdwood, Alaska. **A9**

**Good morning**

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# Tax rebate considered

## Bush, Dems, Fed agree on need for economic stimulus

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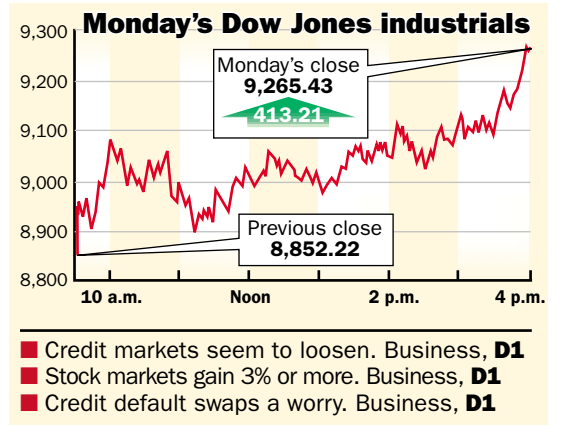
WASHINGTON — Momentum is building for a fresh dose of economic stimulants to boost the country out of the doldrums — perhaps by putting more money in Americans' pockets. The White House said Monday that President Bush was open to some sort of action after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned the slump could drag on without the extra bracing tonic.

The national economy, already wobbling, has been rocked by a trio of hard punches from the housing, credit and financial crises. With a recession widely seen as inevitable, if not already under way, the focus in Washington has shifted to the questions of how bad, how long and how to limit the pain.

There is increasing talk of a post-election special session calling Congress back to the Capitol. But urgency varies greatly according to whom

you talk to — and when. "We're continuing to have conversations with members of Congress, and we're open to ideas that they would put forward ... that would stimulate the economy and help us pull out of this downturn faster," White House press secretary Dana Perino said around noon Monday, shortly after Mr. Bernanke endorsed the need for a fresh and "significant" round of government action.

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# Marywood making strides



Sister Anne Munley, I.H.M., Ph.D., president of Marywood University, speaks Monday about the new Marywood University School of Architecture during a press conference at the Shields Center for Visual Arts on campus.

## School of architecture scheduled to open next fall

BY SARAH HOFIUS HALL  
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Marywood University has a plan for its future, and wants its students to draw it.

The region's first architecture school will open next fall, as the university builds its curriculum — and students build their careers.

Marywood's School of Architecture will eventually enroll 300 students, and will feature an emphasis in environmental

stewardship and green design — in both the structure of the building, and the curriculum taught to students, officials announced Monday.

Organizers believe it will be one of the only programs in the U.S. that focuses on green design and requires students to become professionally certified in LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a green building rating system.

"These future professionals

will assume major responsibility for the creation of green spaces ... in the nation, country, world," university President Sister Anne Munley, I.H.M., Ph.D., said at a news conference Monday. The announcement was attended by school officials, students, community leaders and area architects.

The School of Architecture is now the region's third new professional school scheduled to open in the next two years.

Commonwealth Medical College will also open next fall, and Wilkes University's law school is scheduled to open in fall 2010.

Renovations at Marywood will begin immediately on the university's Health and Physical Education building, which is unoccupied.

The gymnasium will become a two-story commons, a flexible space for discussions, displays and project critiques.

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# McCain has \$47M for month

The Republican is at a clear disadvantage in the spending war.

BY JIM KUHNHENN  
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WASHINGTON — With Democrat Barack Obama holding a clear financial advantage, Republican John McCain is fine-tuning his advertising message and increasing his television spots going into the final two weeks of a presidential contest that is shattering spending records.

Mr. McCain spent \$37 million in September, leaving him \$47 million for October. His monthly financial report filed with the Federal Election Commission shows he spent nearly two-thirds of his money, \$22.5 million, on advertising as he tried to keep up with Mr. Obama's ad blitz in battleground states.

Mr. McCain is seeking to narrow that gap. He spent about \$9.4 million on ads in key battlegrounds last week, according to the political ad monitoring firm TNS/CMAG, and is expected to spend more this week. The Republican National Committee is set to spend \$1 million a day over the next two weeks on ads helping Mr. McCain.

"For McCain this has always been about threading the needle down the stretch," said Evan Tracey, the head of TNS/CMAG.

But Mr. Obama, who reported raising \$150 million in September, retains the upper hand.

A schedule of anticipated Obama ad buys obtained by The Associated Press show that Mr. Obama plans to spend about \$30 million in contested states during the next two weeks.

# Researcher testing Viagra on athletes

BY DANIEL AXELROD  
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Marywood University professor Ken Rundell, Ph.D., spread contact gel on sophomore George Downey's chest and moved a sonography wand over it to view images of his heart during an echocardiogram Monday.

Then Dr. Rundell dropped a pill — either a placebo or Viagra — in the 19-year-old's hand and led the lacrosse mid-

fielder to an exercise bike.

Mr. Downey was among a group of Marywood lacrosse players and others participating in Dr. Rundell's study to see if athletes can cheat using Viagra to enhance athletic performance in polluted air.

Blood vessels narrow when athletes inhale the small particles in air pollution. So, some are using Pfizer's erectile-dysfunction drug to gain an edge because

it relaxes the pulmonary artery, improves circulation and raises blood oxygen levels.

The World Anti-Doping Agency is sponsoring Dr. Rundell's work with a \$90,000 grant. WADA will use the research to determine whether to ban Viagra use among athletes.

Dr. Rundell, director of Marywood's Respiratory Research and Human Physiology Lab, will record the participants'

results after taking Viagra or a placebo as they ride in a room with clean air and a space full of air dirtied by engine fumes.

And on Monday, a national television crew was in Scranton capturing it all — for once not here to follow a presidential candidate or spotlight the sentiments of the coveted blue-collar voter.

"It's the ultimate water

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# In 'Sad Sack Series,' one of these losers has to break with tradition

BY DAN GELSTON  
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PHILADELPHIA — Welcome to World Series, 2008. Let's meet our contestants. From Philadelphia, the losingest team in pro sports history. From Tampa Bay, a club that on opening day could have made a strong case for worst expansion franchise ever. Call it the Sad Sack

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Series, when one of these teams finally has to shed its tradition of futility and become the big winner.

The Rays started with 10 straight losing seasons.

But that's a blip compared to the 16 straight years of losing endured by the Phillies from 1933 to 1948. In fact, the Phillies have done worse than that twice. They were also under .500 for each season from 1918-31. From 1918-1948, a span of

31 seasons, the Phillies had one winning record — a 78-76 season in 1932.

At least the Phillies boast Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, Pete Rose, Richie Ashburn and Robin Roberts as all-time greats. Heck, they had four Cy Young Award winners in the 1980s, and home run champ Ryan Howard (2006) and All-Star shortstop Jimmy Rollins (2007) have won the last two NL MVP awards.

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