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City recognized by Main Street program, becoming the first in Virginia to reach

\$100 million in private investments

By **VIC BRADSHAW**
The Winchester Star

WINCHESTER — Over the last 25 years, business owners and developers have viewed downtown Winchester as a good place to invest.

How good?

Good enough to invest \$100 million.

In 2010, Winchester became the first city in the Virginia Main Street program to eclipse the \$100 million mark in private investment in its downtown area. The achievement was recognized

March 24 as part of a Main Street awards program in Lynchburg.

Downtown investment has fluctuated over the years. But Karen Helm, executive director of the Old Town Development Board, said the watershed project seems to have been Farmers & Merchants Bank-Winchester's renovation of 9 Court Square in the mid-1990s.

Though less than \$12 million total (without adjustments for inflation) had been invested downtown in the previous

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Karen Helm, executive director of the Old Town Development Board, holds an award from the Virginia Main Street program engraved in granite.

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Nuke alert: Japan crisis may equal Chernobyl

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA**
and **YURI KAGEYAMA**
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's nuclear regulators raised the severity level of the crisis at a stricken nuclear plant Tuesday to rank it on par with the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, citing the amount of radiation released in the accident.

The regulators said the rating was being raised from 5 to 7 — the highest level on an international scale overseen by the International Atomic Energy Agency. However, there was no sign of any significant change at the tsunami-stricken Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

The new ranking signifies a "major accident" with "wider consequences" than the previous level, according to the Vienna-based IAEA.

"We have upgraded the severity level to 7 as the impact of radiation leaks has been widespread from the air, vegetables, tap water and the ocean," said Minoru Oogoda of Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency.

NISA officials said one of the factors behind the decision was that the cumulative amount of radioactive particles released into the atmosphere since the incident had reached levels that apply to a Level 7 incident.

The revision was based on cross-

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Kaine helps celebrate dedication at NW Works

By **REBECCA LAYNE**
The Winchester Star

Ex-Virginia Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine (from left), former state Sen. H. Russell Potts Jr., Winchester Mayor Elizabeth Minor, NW Works project manager Joe Wilder and former Northwestern Workshop director Susan Ireland listen as NW Works worker Nicky Baxter sings during dedication ceremonies for NW Works' new facility on Shawnee Drive in Winchester.

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WINCHESTER — Former Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine took a break from the campaign trail Monday to celebrate the grand opening of the new NW Works building.

The nonprofit, which provides paid and unpaid jobs for people with disabilities, moved into the 58,660-square-foot former Melnor building at 3085 Shawnee Drive on Jan. 3, but Monday's event officially recognized the move — with members of the community arriving to show their support.

Before the move, NW Works was located in a 28,000-square-foot facility at 828 Smithfield Ave.

Kaine, who recently announced he was running for the U.S. Senate in 2012, spoke at the event.

John Brauer, chief executive officer of NW Works, said Kaine was a key cog in helping secure a \$1 million grant to help pay for the renovations at

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House, Senate OK legislative lines; next up, McDonnell

By **BOB LEWIS**
AP Political Writer

RICHMOND — The General Assembly enacted new lines for state legislative districts Monday, opening a politically and possibly racially charged debate over the minority composition of Virginia's 11 congressional districts.

Plans for the Virginia House and Senate both preserve incumbents, give majority parties an edge in this fall's elections and lump some lawmakers into a district together in a political game of musical chairs.

It passed on a party-line vote of 22-17 in the Senate with one Republican absent, and 85-9 in the House. It now awaits review and amendments from Gov. Bob McDonnell.

And when he's done, the bill faces the Justice Department's scrutiny to ensure that the plans don't dilute mi-

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LFCC students extracting lessons in dental program

By **JOEL DANOY**
The Winchester Star

MIDDLETOWN

Dental hygiene student Kyla Roach pulls back her patient's cheek and prepares to snap a few pictures.

Roach uses an intraoral camera to capture four images of the mouth of her case study patient, 21-year-old Travis Smith.

She has been evaluating the Woodstock resident since January to meet her patient care requirement as a student in the two-year dental hy-

giene program at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown.

The intraoral camera is just one of the technological additions that students are being taught to use.

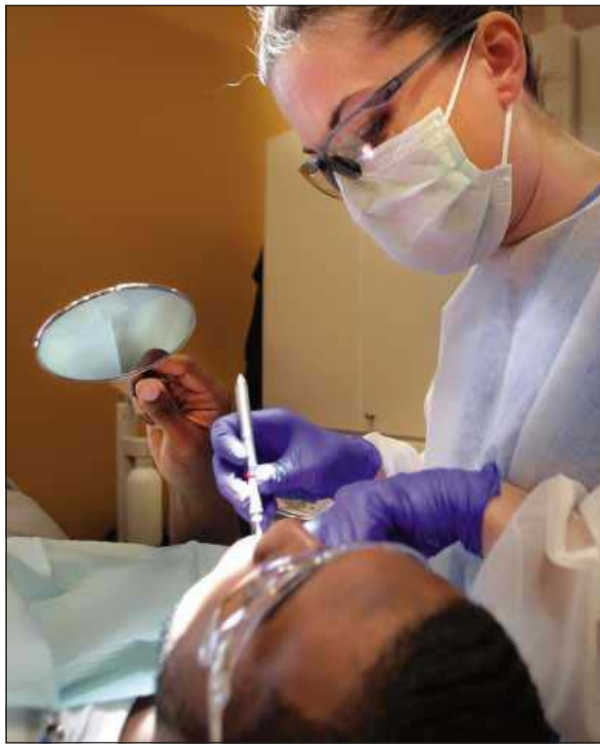
"We have to turn the pictures in with our case study paper explaining all the steps and treatments we went through with this client," said Roach, of McGaheysville. "The pictures let me track his progress, and I'll turn them in to my teacher as something else I can use to back up what I've been finding."

According to Linda Gill, associate

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Darius Thompson of Winchester holds a mirror as dental hygiene student Sherri Schulte of Culpeper describes what she is doing while cleaning Thompson's teeth at Lord Fairfax Community College.

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Illegal bath salts seized from Stephens City smoke shop

By **MONTY TAYLOR**
The Winchester Star

STEPHENS CITY — Investigators raided a town business Saturday and seized numerous items of drug paraphernalia and large quantities of two synthetic narcotics that were only recently banned by the General Assembly.

Deputy S.M. Kahle of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force had originally received information that The Smoke Shop at 210 Centre Drive in Stephens City was selling "meth" (methamphetamine), according to a search warrant filed Monday in Frederick County Circuit Court.

However, the warrant states that the substance in question turned out to be "Stairway to Heaven" bath salts,

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DEATH NOTICES

GLADYS MARIE BRICKHOUSE BRUMBACK, 90, of Winchester, died Sunday, April 10, 2011, at her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Milton Brumback.

Arrangements are by Jones Funeral Home of Winchester.

JUAN CABRERA-SANTIAGO, 51, of Winchester, died Monday, April 11, 2011, at his home.

Arrangements are by Omps Funeral Home, Amherst Chapel, of Winchester.

MITCHELL GARDINER CARROLL, 78, of Berryville, died Sunday, April 10, 2011, at Winchester Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Elizabeth Carroll.

Arrangements are by Enders & Shirley Funeral Home of Berryville.

COURTNEY LEE LOWE, 88, of Frederick County, died Monday, April 11, 2011, at Winchester Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Lowe.

Arrangements are by Omps Funeral Home, Amherst Chapel, of Winchester.

W. CODY NICHOLSON, 32, of White Post, died Sunday, April 10, 2011, at his home.

Arrangements are by Giffin Funeral Home of Capon Bridge, W.Va.

W. Cody Nicholson

W. Cody Nicholson, 32, of White Post, VA, died on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at his home.

Cody was born on July 3, 1978 in Winchester, VA, a son of Louise Richmond Nicholson of White Post, VA and the late Patrick H. Nicholson. He was an Artist. Cody was a member of the Macedonia United Methodist Church in White Post, VA and attended James Wood High School in Winchester, VA.

Surviving with his mother are two brothers, Thomas E. Nicholson of Chester, PA; Scott E. Nicholson of Middletown, VA; two sisters, Tracey Nicholson of Stephens City, VA; Angie Nicholson of White Post, VA; maternal grandmother, Marie Richmond of Baker, WV; and a nephew, Kyle P. Nicholson of Stephens City, VA.

Funeral services will be held at the Giffin Funeral Home in Capon Bridge, WV on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 2 p.m. Officiating will be Rev. Ron Bowyer. Interment will be in the Central Cemetery near Capon Bridge, WV.

Family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 from 7-9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nicholson Family, C/O Giffin Funeral Home, PO Box 100, Capon Bridge, WV 26711.

To sign an online guest book, please visit www.giffinfuneralhome.com.

Gladys Marie Brickhouse Brumback

Gladys Marie Brickhouse Brumback, 90, of Winchester, VA, died Sunday, April 10, 2011, at her home.

She was born February 27, 1921 in Elizabeth City, NC, the daughter of Emmett and Gertie Mae Scott Brickhouse. She was asst. secretary, treasurer and part owner for her family business, Woodbine Farms, Inc. and had also been a substitute teacher for James Wood High School. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, past president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Virginia State Horticulture Society, past president of the Quota Club and a volunteer for the Red Cross. Gladys was a devoted advocate for agriculture and she touched many lives.

She married Henry Milton Brumback on April 29, 1942 in Woodstock, VA. He died on November 4, 2004.

Gladys is survived by a son, Harman M. Brumback of Frederick County, VA; four daughters, Susan B. Whitacre of Cross Junction, VA, Amy B. Gentry of Winchester, Holly B. Dillender of Winchester and Carol B. Swanson of Strasburg, VA; a sister, Virginia B. White of Elizabeth City; two brothers, Norman W. Brickhouse of Sanford, NC and Leon E. Brickhouse of Elizabeth City; eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A daughter, Cathie S. Brumback, a sister, Audrey B. Nash and a brother, George "Harold" Brickhouse preceded her in death.

The family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Jones Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 15, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Jones Funeral Home Chapel with Doug Rinker officiating. Burial will be private.

Pallbearers will be Harman Brumback, Sam Dillender, Robert Swanson, David Whitacre, Hunter Swanson and Shawn Whitacre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry and Gladys Brumback FFA Scholarship Fund, c/o Frederick County Education Foundation, P. O. Box 3887, Winchester, VA 22604.

Online condolences may be left at www.jonesfuneralhomes.com.

Ivory Coast standoff ends with strongman's capture

By MARCO CHOWN OVED
Associated Press

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST — The elected president of this West African nation heralded "the dawn of a new era of hope" Monday when a bloody, four-month standoff ended with the capture of his rival, the longtime strongman who lost the vote but refused to give up power.

Video of former President Laurent Gbagbo being led into a room in a white undershirt was broadcast on television as proof of his detention. He would not sign a statement formally ceding power after losing a Nov. 28

election to economist Alassane Ouattara. More than 1 million civilians fled their homes and untold numbers were killed in the power struggle between the two rivals that threatened to re-ignite a civil war in the world's largest cocoa producer. Gbagbo's security forces have been accused of using cannons, 60 mm mortars and 50-caliber machine guns to mow down opponents during the standoff.

"After more than four months of post-electoral crisis, marked by so many human lives lost, we are finally at the dawn of a new era of hope," Ouattara said in an address to the nation on radio and television.

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which allegedly contain chemicals that can mimic the effects of cocaine, LSD and ecstasy if the substance is injected, smoked or snorted.

The bath salts, along with a synthetic version of marijuana that was also allegedly found in The Smoke Shop, have been illegal to possess or sell since Gov. Bob McDonnell signed a bill into law banning them on March 23. Before the law went into effect, both items were sold by many area retailers.

"This is the first bath salt [investigation] we've dealt with in our area," said Lt. Allen Sibert, team leader of the drug task force.

No one has been charged in the investigation, and Sibert said that his investigators will wait until the seized items can be tested for the banned substances before pressing charges.

"The law's only been in place two and a half weeks, so we want to make sure we've got our ducks in a row," he said.

According to the search warrant, Kahle was tipped off that David Ruby of 480 Meadow Mills Lane, Middletown, had purchased "meth" at The Smoke Shop recently.

Ruby told investigators that he had purchased "white meth" or "natural meth" at the business twice last week — once trading boxes of cigarettes and rolling papers for the substance.

However, the warrant states that after Kahle searched Ruby's home, he learned that the "meth" — which Ruby believed was

worth \$125 to \$150 on the street— was actually illegal bath salts.

Later that day, deputies executed the search warrant on The Smoke Shop and seized more than 48 items, including several boxes and bags of synthetic narcotics — among them the "Stairway to Heaven" and "Black Magic" brands of bath salts — as well as numerous items that Sibert said he believes are drug paraphernalia. These include synthetic urine, numerous smoking devices, ashtrays with marijuana insignia, digital scales, pill grinders and "Detox" drinks.

According to Virginia law, items like grinders, scales, pipes and even balloons, spoons and envelopes can be considered drug paraphernalia.

However, the law calls for the items' context to be considered, including "whether the accused is a legitimate supplier of like or related items to the community, such as a licensed distributor or dealer of tobacco products."

"Charges are pending consultation with the Commonwealth Attorney," Sibert stated in a press release on Monday.

Under the new law governing the synthetic narcotics, possession and distribution of synthetic marijuana is treated the same as the real drug. The law treats possession of the bath salts more seriously, classifying them as a Schedule I drug similar to heroin.

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Dental

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professor and coordinator for dental hygiene program at LFCC, a scheduled expansion of lab space in the Alson Smith Building recently doubled to 10 learning stations — at a total cost of more than \$100,000.

Formed in 2000, the program is a satellite program associated with Western Virginia Community College in Roanoke. Up to 18 students are accepted into the program every two years.

"When it was first built, it was a retrofit into a classroom with only five chairs," she said. "It was very small and very cramped — we were all on top of each other. It never was a facility designed for dental hygiene, so this expansion was in the plans."

Updated equipment, including a digital X-ray scanner costing \$20,000, a \$12,000 digital X-ray machine that reduces radiation exposure to patients by 50 percent and two intraoral cameras costing \$3,000 each were also installed.

"The resources available here are great," said 26-year-old student Lyndsay Green. "When I leave here, I can walk into any [dental] office and feel confident that I'll be ready to handle anything."

Gill said nearly 85 percent of the private dental practices in Northern Virginia operate using digital equipment.

"One of the very first things they will ask [prospective new employees] is if you are familiar with any kind of dental software," she said. "It reflects poorly on our program if we aren't preparing our students with what is being used in private practices."

Despite the upgrade in technology, Gill will continue to educate her students in the traditional methods of dentistry.

"It's my philosophy that they may go to an office that has traditional films or they may go to an office that has digital equipment," she said. "So as an educational institute, we should teach them both. When our students are looking for jobs, they are going to stand

out more if they can handle doing things both ways."

Students will have plenty of opportunities to handle the new equipment when treating patients, Gill said. Graduates of the last two-year program — who graduated in May 2010 — completed an estimated \$300,000 of dental work on 783 patients, she said.

Students practice on each other or with mannequins during the first semester, before moving on to live patients. Typically, patients are referred to the program through social services and free dental clinics in the area. The work is done free of charge to the patient.

"Patients have to understand that we aren't set up to give care," Gill said. "We are set up to educate the students and a by-product of that is that the patient gets the care."

Though learning space in the lab has increased, Gill said class sizes and the number of patients being seen will remain the same.

"One of the reasons we haven't increased the size of the class is because of the economic atmosphere out here is not conducive to putting more dental hygienists out there," she said. "When you have a situation when the economy is slow and insurance benefits start getting cut, the demand for dental hygienist services also gets cut."

Still, Gill doesn't see the overall need for hygienists fading anytime soon.

"People are getting older and they are keeping their teeth longer than before," she said. "Our whole population is aging, and we have more older people with a full set of teeth, so the profession isn't going anywhere for now."



Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment with with the program should call 540-868-7062 or toll free 800-906-5322, ext. 7062.

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Kaine

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the new site.

"Had he not stepped in, we would not have gotten stimulus dollars," Brauer said.

In 2009, NW Works was preparing to construct a 45,000-square-foot building on 17 acres along Shady Elm Road in Frederick County,

but when the larger and less expensive option became available on Shawnee Drive, officials couldn't resist.

There was one hitch, though.

The nonprofit, which dates to 1970, had already applied for stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for their proposed site in Frederick County.

Now, the funds would have to be transferred to Winchester.

At first the answer was "no."

With the help of Kaine, the funds finally got transferred, and in a rare partnership, Frederick County officially oversaw a project in Winchester.

"I decided the project was a worthy one to do," Kaine said, who credited former Sen. H. Russell Potts Jr. for getting in his ear about the project's importance.

Potts told the crowd of about 100 packed in the NW Works warehouse that the nonprofit "will be the crown jewel in Virginia to address

the mentally challenged, the autistic and the Down syndrome . . ."

During his speech, Kaine spoke on the unlikely odds that NW Works, or any other nonprofit, would still be standing after 40 years, crediting its mission to help the disabled for the reason it has stood up through the test of time.

"Working is a way we feel good about who we are because we all have something to give," he said.

On a side note, Kaine said his campaign for U.S. senator, which commenced last week, was already "good so far," with stops already in Loudoun County, Williamsburg and Winchester.

He could square off against former Sen. George Allen, who must first defeat Virginia tea party leader Jamie Radtke in a spring 2012 Republican primary.

"There's a lot of time, but I'm very excited about it," he said.

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