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Death toll passes 22,000



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Business supports taxes for transit

Groups urge increases to raise \$1 billion for Virginia infrastructure

BY JEFF E. SCHAPIRO
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Big business wants Virginia to spend big bucks on transportation. Twenty-one groups, including chambers of commerce, and construction, real estate, insurance and road-building organizations, are urging Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and the General Assembly to finance highways and mass transit with \$1 billion in new sales or gasoline taxes, or a combination of the two.

"We believe the commonwealth's transportation infrastructure is a critical component of its economic success and the quality of life of all Virginians," the groups — joined by four health-care, local government and public-safety associations — said in a letter yesterday to Kaine and lawmakers.

Pressure from the business and professional sector for a remedy to the state's continuing transportation-financing dilemma is expected to intensify in the run-up to next month's special session of the

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Tax options

State gasoline tax: A penny increase would generate about \$50 million a year.

Sales tax: A 1-percentage-point increase in the current 5-percent tax would generate about \$1 billion a year. If food is not subjected to the higher levy, it would bring in about \$900 million, according to the House Appropriations Committee.

Dominion seeks rate increase

Residential electricity monthly bills would increase 18.3 percent

BY GREG EDWARDS
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Dominion Virginia Power asked state regulators yesterday to approve a fuel-rate increase that could raise a typical monthly residential bill 18.3 percent.

The rate increase will cover \$1.1 billion more in anticipated fuel costs at Dominion Virginia Power plants for the 12 months beginning July 1.

Residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month would see bills increase by \$16.61, if the State Corporation Commission approves the full rate request. Their bills would rise from \$90.59 to \$107.20.

The commission typically tries to act on rate requests before their

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Paying more for power

• Rising energy costs and climate-change legislation could affect electricity bills. **Page B9.**

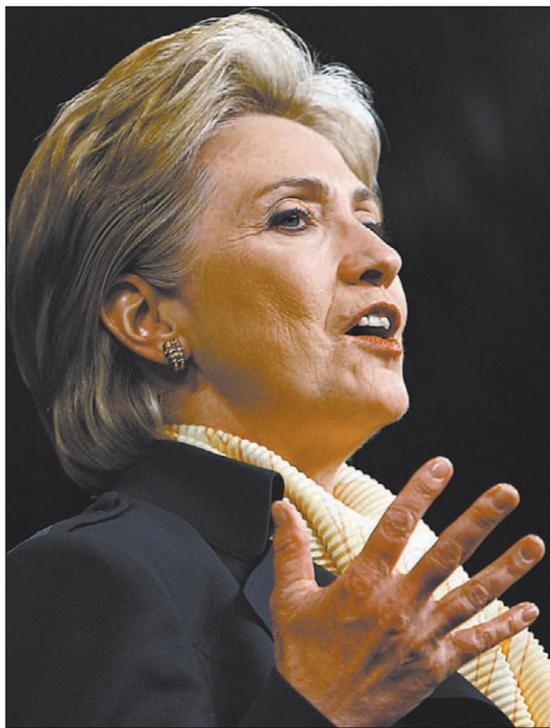
N.C. goes for Obama; Indiana leans to Clinton

He picks up 31 delegates early, she gets 20; race once again a factor



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Barack Obama | **1,776.5** delegates after initial apportioning



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Hillary Rodham Clinton | **1,628** delegates after initial apportioning

The Associated Press

Barack Obama won the North Carolina primary yesterday but fell behind Hillary Rodham Clinton in Indiana, the last big-delegate prizes in their race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Obama won at least 31 delegates in the two primaries, according to an analysis of election returns by The Associated Press, while Clinton won at least 20.

In the overall race for the nomination, Obama leads with 1,776.5 delegates won in primaries. Clinton has

1,628.

Obama's North Carolina win — he was getting 64 percent of the vote — mirrored earlier triumphs in Southern states with large black populations, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and South Carolina among them.

Returns from 49 percent of Indiana precincts showed Clinton with 55 percent of the vote to 45 percent for Obama.

About half the precincts in the Indianapolis area had been counted, but there were no reports from the north-

western region of the state closest to Chicago.

Indiana exit polls showed Obama was gaining more than 90 percent of the black vote there while Clinton was winning an estimated 61 percent of the white vote, running ahead of her rival among white men as well as women.

She also had 51 percent of independents' votes, to 49 for her rival, a statistical tie, and was winning among Democrats, 53-47.

In North Carolina, Clinton won 60 percent of the white vote, but Obama

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No photo, no vote

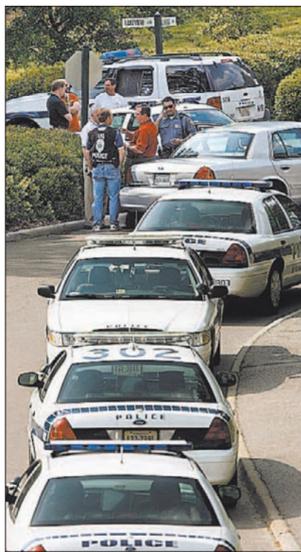
• Indiana nun turns away fellow nuns for lack of identification. **Page A11.**

Supreme Court judges

• Republican John McCain criticizes Obama for vote on chief justice. **Page A11.**

Video from the trail

• Watch Bill Clinton's tour through small-town America at inRich.com. Keyword: politics.



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Police from Richmond, Henrico County and the University of Richmond searched the campus yesterday for a man seen with a gun.

Report of gunman shuts UR campus

Police conduct search but don't find suspect first seen at library

BY BILL MCKELWAY AND LINDA DUNHAM
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Police searched the University of Richmond area last night but were unable to capture a suspected armed man spotted in the afternoon at Boatwright Library.

The university plans to reopen this morning, lifting a lockdown imposed yesterday afternoon, but is asking students, faculty and staff to be vigilant. Extra police patrols were expected overnight and today.

"Police feel the suspect has left

the campus and the area," university spokesman Brian Eckert said.

Officers from the university, the city of Richmond and Henrico County scaled back their searching about 7:30 p.m., satisfied that the suspect was not in the area.

After first checking Boatwright, where the man, thought to be in his early 20s, was reported seen between 2:30 and 2:45 p.m., police using scent dogs inspected other buildings on the locked-down, 300-acre campus and the neighborhood, Richmond Police Chief Rodney Monroe said.

Monroe said officers were checking homeless encampments and that they may be able to

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Online: Watch video from the scene at inRich.com. Keyword: video.

WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy and unseasonably warm.
 High: 84. Low: 61.

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Store's contents up for auction today

Vintage clothing, other items from Harper's Department Store will be sold in Powhatan.

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Pettersen's victory was turning point

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