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How to have a better-trained pet

Lake Land class offers pet owners tips on having a great companion. **Lifestyles, Page B1**

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GOOD Morning
OUTSIDE
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 Wednesday
 September 19, 2007
 Partly sunny, chance of rain.
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LOCAL

Lake Land to buy undisclosed property

Lake Land College is in the market for some property. But, college officials are not yet disclosing the place, price or purpose. **Page A3**

LOCAL

Tech Fair to take place at Eastern

Thursday's Fifth annual Technology Fair at EIU will give people the chance to see up close the latest technologies available. **Page A3**

SPORTS



Panthers are still contenders

Despite two losses, Eastern's Panthers still rate respect in Ohio Valley Conference. **Page C6**

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Facing Iran

Pentagon's Mideast chief urges Persian Gulf allies to unite against Iran. **Page D2**

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Harvest hazards

National Farm Safety Week focuses on road hazards created by farm machinery. **Page B5**

OPINION

Hair today, gone tomorrow?

Opinions Page editor Harry Reynolds writes about his passion for watching women flounce. **Page A5**

TOP THIS

Slutty T-shirts sell out quickly

SEATTLE (AP) — Officially, it's the South Lake Union Streetcar. But in the neighborhood where the new line runs, it's called the South Lake Union Trolley — or, the SLUT.

At Kapow! Coffee, a shop in the old Cascade neighborhood, 100 T-shirts bearing the words "Ride the SLUT" sold out in days, and another 100 are on order.

"We're welcoming the SLUT into the neighborhood," said Jerry Johnson, 29, a part-time barista.

Some claim — incorrectly, according to representatives of Vulcan Inc., the company that is developing the area — that South Lake Union Trolley was the original name and that it was changed when officials belatedly realized the acronym.

The \$50.5 million project should be completed with streetcars running in December. Underlying the lighthearted opposition, however, is resentment over changes in the old working-class neighborhood.

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THURSDAY



Studying abroad

"Link" looks at college students studying overseas.

Underage drinkers 'will be dealt with'

By **ROB STROUD**
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CHARLESTON — A compliance check resulting in the arrest of 86 minors at the Jerry's Pizza bar was a topic of conversation at Tuesday's city council meeting.

The council also approved proposals that would aid the development of an 18th Street commercial property, two housing sites, and a senior living area.

In regard to the compliance check, discussion began when student journalist Kevin Kenealy asked if the city plans to take action against

Jerry's Pizza, 1508 Fourth St.

"I think it is fair to say 86 underage individuals in a liquor establishment is a problem and will be dealt with," said Mayor John Inyart, the city's liquor commissioner.

City Attorney Brian Bower said he plans to file a complaint early next week once he has reviewed all the police reports from the check that took place at approximately 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Bower said a hearing will then be scheduled before the liquor commissioner at which the liquor license holder will

either admit to or deny the charges in the complaint. If the charges are denied, he said the commissioner will hear evidence at a subsequent hearing and determine if penalties are warranted.

Possible penalties can range from a minimum \$250 fine or three-day license suspension to a maximum \$1,000 fine, 30-day license suspension or license revocation.

Eric Wilber, the EIU student representative to the council, asked if other compliance checks are planned, to which Bower responded this is up to the discretion of the

Charleston Police Department.

Inyart said the police conducted the check at Jerry's based on good evidence of a problem with underage entry to the bar there.

In regard to property development, the council approved Tim Yow's request to subdivide a commercially zoned 2.1-acre tract on the east side of the 1900 block of 18th Street. The east lot will remain in use by the Tull House group home and the other two lots will be avail-

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CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN



Spectators watch from underneath the gaze of a Carson and Barnes trailer side mural as the big top is raised Tuesday morning at the Coles County Fairgrounds in Charleston. **Ken Trevarthan/Staff Photographer**

Fed slashes funds rate half a point

WASHINGTON (AP) — It took more than four years, but borrowers finally got some interest rate relief.

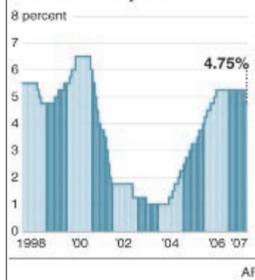
In a bold strike, the Federal Reserve slashed a key interest rate by a half percentage point on Tuesday and left the door open to further rate cuts to prevent a painful housing slump and jarring credit crunch from driving the country into recession.

Wall Street responded enthusiastically, propelling stocks up 335.97 points — its biggest one-day point jump in nearly five years. Politicians, shaken by record-high home foreclosures, also welcomed the move.

In a crucial and anxiously awaited decision, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his central bank colleagues lowered an important interest rate to 4.75 percent. Economic and political pressure has been building on the Fed to act.

Fed rate drops

The Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate Tuesday for the first time in four years.



As a result, commercial banks' prime lending rate charged to millions of borrowers dropped by a corresponding amount to 7.75 percent.

Whether Bernanke can handle the crisis is the biggest challenge he has faced in his 19 months at the Fed helm.

"Today's action is intended to help forestall some of the adverse effects on the broader economy that might otherwise arise from the disruptions in financial markets and to promote moderate growth over time," the Fed said in a statement released after its closed-door meeting.

The last time the Fed cut rates was in late June 2003.

FED/A2

Accountant, lawmaker discuss factors in Neoga tax problems

By **NATHANIEL WEST**
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NEOGA — The difference between the words "shall" and "may" may be spelling big trouble for residents of the Neoga school district.

Property owners, especially in Shelby County's portion of the school district, are fuming over their most recent tax bills, so the school board called in experts Tuesday to

explain how differing interpretations of the misunderstood "tax cap" law and a multimillion-dollar decline in Shelby County property values caused the fiasco facing school district taxpayers, including all seven members of the Neoga school board.

"It is not the intention of this board for someone to

NEOGA/A2

Embarras Valley Film Festival takes look at writers' colony

By **EMILY GRADLE**
For the JG/T/C

CHARLESTON — Kicking off the 2007 Embarras Valley Film Festival, the first official screening of "Inside the Handy Writers' Colony" was viewed at the Marshall public library at noon on Tuesday.

The documentary's focus, the Handy Writers' Colony, was the place where some tal-

Inside

EVFF screening, event schedule.

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James Jones (1921-1977), who wrote "From Here to Eternity" and "The Thin Red Line."

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