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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Size, contents of bond package a mystery

McAuliffe made a \$2.4B splash last fall with a proposal for state parks and juvenile justice

BY MICHAEL MARTZ

As the General Assembly lumbers toward adoption of a new two-year budget, a related set of

negotiations is about to begin over a bond package that could exceed \$2 billion.

But no one knows quite what to expect in the final package, not

even Gov. Terry McAuliffe, who made a \$2.4 billion splash last fall with a bond proposal that promised huge capital investments in state parks, juvenile justice, and research and development for new industries.

"It's probably the biggest mystery of the budget," McAuliffe

spokesman Brian Coy said Friday.

The same House and Senate budget leaders who are directing conference committee negotiations on the budget also are running talks to reconcile the bills approved by both chambers to determine what capital projects will be funded by new bond is-

suces and under what terms.

"The capital projects will be part of the budget conference process," said House Appropriations Chairman S. Chris Jones, R-Suffolk, who will be negotiating with Senate Finance Co-Chairmen

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SCHOLA CANTORUM



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Members of Schola Cantorum rehearse their program "There Is Song," at First Baptist in Waynesboro, Tuesday.

Painting with music

Local choir to perform 'Love is Song, March 13

BY MICHELLE MITCHELL

WAYNESBORO
Struggle, love, hate and happiness: these are just a few emotions a local choir plans to paint with music. Schola Cantorum of

Waynesboro is to perform "Love Is Song" March 13 as they celebrate their anniversary. With the celebration comes a special performance.

"This is a group that's been in existence for 20 years," Conductor Jesse Hopkins said.

"It's made up of people largely from Waynesboro, but there are members from Staunton, Crozet and Bridgewater; a good span."

From those just out of college to 70-year-olds, the group is multigenerational.

There are about 55 members. In order to become a member, a person has to go through an audition and also be able to read music. Music or rather the love of it, is a trait all of the

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OBITUARY

Former first lady's mission was backing 'Ronnie'



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Nancy Reagan, the helpmate, backstage adviser and fierce protector of Ronald Reagan in his journey from actor to president — and finally during his 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease — has died. She was 94.

Nancy Reagan dies in Bel-Air, Calif. home at 94

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LOS ANGELES — Nancy Reagan, the helpmate, backstage adviser and fierce protector of Ronald Reagan in his journey from actor to president — and finally during his 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease — has died. She was 94.

The former first lady died Sunday at her home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles of congestive heart failure, assistant Allison Borio told The Associated Press.

Her best-known project as first lady

was the "Just Say No" campaign to help kids and teens stay off drugs.

When she swept into the White House in 1981, the former Hollywood actress partial to designer gowns and pricey china was widely dismissed as a pre-feminist throwback, concerned only with fashion, decorating and entertaining. By the time she moved out eight years later, Mrs. Reagan was fending off accusations that she was a behind-the-scenes "dragon lady" wielding unchecked power over the Reagan administration — and doing it based on astrology to boot.

All along she maintained that her only mission was to back her "Ronnie"

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DOMINION POWER

Coal ash debate centers on treatment

Opposition concerned that plants won't get rid of waste properly

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — Dominion Virginia Power's plan to release millions of gallons of coal ash waste water into state waterways has sparked a protest by hundreds at the Capitol, the arrest of eight and court action to block the utility's plan. The opposition stems from concerns that water at former coal-burning power plants will not be properly treated before it is discharged into public waters. Dominion contends it will be. Following is a look at what is pushing this issue to the forefront, how the power company plans to treat the waste

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