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State Supreme Court says charges to Copper Beech tenants are legal

BY DAVID BEARD

The Dominion Post

Attorney General Patrick Morrisey suffered a setback Thursday in his case against Copper Beech Townhome Communities, which operates a Morgan-

town student housing complex. Morrisey filed the suit in September 2015, in Kanawha County Circuit Court, alleging State College, Pa.-based Copper Beech charged a variety of excessive and illegal fees to ten-

UPDATE

ants, in violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act (CCPA).

In March 2016, the circuit court denied a motion to dismiss the suit. Copper Beech then submitted a certified question to the state Supreme Court for its consideration. "Does the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Pro-

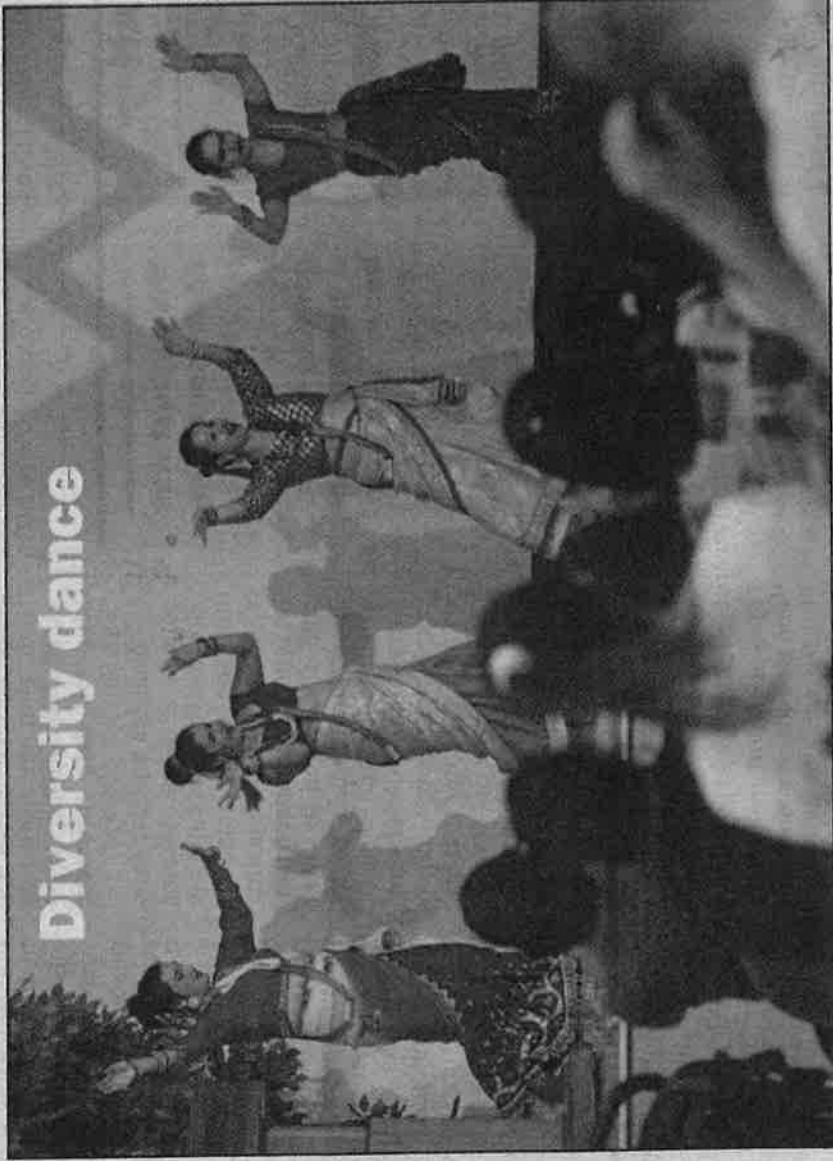
tection Act apply to the relationship between a landlord and tenant under a lease for residential property?"

In its 23-page answer issued Thursday, the court said no.

Copper Beech operates 19 properties in 14 states.

Among the alleged illegal and

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Diversity dance

Kathleen Batten/The Dominion Post, photos

Anita Chhetri (left), Babita Timilsina, Gita Shakya and Sapana Bastola perform during "One Mountaineer" cultural celebration on Thursday.

Students gather to celebrate culture

BY BEN CONLEY

The Dominion Post

Around the world in 80 days? How about two hours — meal included?

That opportunity was on offer Thursday as a steady crowd gathered for the One Mountaineer Cultural Celebration, held in the Mountainlair Blue Ballroom.

The celebration put food, dance, art and culture from various peoples around the globe on display as a part of WVU's ongoing Diversity Week.

Samuel Lopez, assistant vice president for diversity initiatives, said that every student brings a world of experiences to Morgantown and the WVU community.

"We just want the students to celebrate their own cul-



Oluwatosin Oginni (left), with the African Students Association, talks to WVU students Amanda Bennett and Lynsey Soule.

tures, because many of them are international, and, for them, their culture is one of the most important aspects of their identity," Lopez said. "We want the rest of the campus to know how important that is to these students."

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Commission approves site development

Book Exchange official requests space in mall

BY BEN CONLEY

The Dominion Post

A 19,000 square-foot development in the space formerly occupied by Elder-Beerman in the old Mountaineer Mall received site plan approval from the Morgantown Planning Commission on Thursday.

Book Exchange Holdings Inc. owner Jonathan Fleming requested the significant impact site plan review.

He said that the space will be used to support the online retail portion of Book Exchange's business.

"We started this side of our business about five years ago and we've been selling things online more and more," Fleming said. "We started with 6,000 feet. We went up to 11,000 [feet] and this year we need to go up to 19,000 [feet]. This is really the only space in Morgantown we could find that kind of fit the bill."

The request was unanimously approved with the condition that parking include a minimum number of long-term and short-term bicycle storage areas.

In other news, the commission tabled a discussion about adding a separate definition for "hostels" in the city's planning and zoning code.

While a set definition is difficult to find, hostels are a type of lodging — typically short-term — that can include communal amenities like restrooms or a kitchen and may or may not have a manager or caretaker on site.

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BRIDGE

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North
 ♠ 6 5 3 2
 ♥ A K
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A K 7 4 3

East
 ♠ A 9 8 4
 ♥ Q 5 3 2
 ♦ J 10 6 2
 ♣ 6

South
 ♠ K Q J 10 7
 ♥ J 6 4
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ J 2

Dealer: South
 Vulnerable: Both

West North East
 1♠ Pass 2NT Pass
 4♣ Pass 4NT Pass
 5♣ Pass 6♣ All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Avoid being trapped in the wrong hand

By Phillip Alder

Steven Wright said, "Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island, what book would I bring... 'How to Build a Boat.'"

In bridge, one occasionally gets stranded on a desert island — the wrong hand. In this deal, South was in six spades, and West led the heart 10. What happened?

North's response of two no-trump was the Jacoby Forcing Raise. South's four-spade rebid indicated a minimum with no side-suit singleton or void. North used Roman Key Card Blackwood to learn that his partner had two key cards (an ace and the trump king, or two aces) and the trump queen.

It is easy to get careless on this deal. South seems to have 12 tricks: four spades, two hearts, three diamonds, two clubs and a heart ruff in the dummy.

That is exactly what the original declarer thought. He led a trump from the board at trick two ... and could no longer make the contract! After taking this trick, South played a heart to dummy's ace and led another trump. However, East won with his ace and exited with a trump. South ruffed his heart jack with dummy's last trump, but was stranded on the board. When he tried to take the club ace and club king, East inconsiderately ruffed to defeat the slam.

At trick two, South should cash the heart ace. Then he plays a trump. Assuming he wins that in hand, he ruffs the heart jack and leads another trump, which East does best to duck. Now, though, declarer plays a club to the ace and cashes the diamond king-queen before leading dummy's last trump. East has no defense.

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Chicago receives grant for green transportation

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago's effort to increase electric transportation received a \$15.5 million federal grant.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced Wednesday that the money was awarded by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

The grant will fund charging stations and nearly 200 electric vehicles — including six electric buses to serve passengers at the city's two airports.

Emanuel's office said the "Drive Electric Chicago" additions will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 10,000 tons.

The money comes from the federal Conges-

Associated Press

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They expect Samsung to outdo its annual financial results for the next few years, thanks to its position as the world's largest maker of the semiconductor group known as memory chips that are used for mobile devices and computer servers.

Prices of memory chips

Samsung predicts another record-high quarterly profit

have skyrocketed globally due to the growing use of social media, mobile data, cloud computing and the emerging internet of things, combined with a tight supply situation. The boom allowed Samsung to dethrone Intel Corp., the long-time global chip leader, in the second quarter and has helped its smaller chip rivals such as SK Hynix to report its record earnings as well.

Samsung's stellar financial performance has coincided with an unprecedented crisis in the South Korean company's leadership.

Its de facto chief, Lee Jae-yong, a vice chairman at the company and the only son of its ailing chairman, was convicted in August and sentenced to five years in prison for crimes related to the corruption scandal that took down South Korea's president. The appeals cases of Lee and four other convicted Samsung executives began Thursday.

Samsung did not give its forecast on its net profit. The company is due to announce its net profit and breakdown figures among its business divisions at the end of this month.

RULING

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Cash 25: 1-2-8-9-16-18

MARYLAND

(afternoon)

Pick 3: 9-2-5

Pick 4: 2-0-8-4

(evening)

Pick 3: 5-8-7

Pick 4: 5-9-9-0

Bonus Match 5: 10-13-19-22-27

Bonus: 9

5 Card Cash: JS-2D-4H-8S-9S

PENNSYLVANIA

(afternoon)

Pick 2: 8-4

Pick 3: 9-2-2

Pick 4: 0-8-4-3

Pick 5: 8-9-4-5-7

(evening)

Pick 2: 9-3

Pick 3: 2-2-4

Pick 4: 2-6-8-2

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On August 1, 2017 Peoples Gas WV LLC ("Peoples"), a public utility, filed its Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment with the West Virginia Public Service Commission at Docket No. 17-1075-G-30C. Peoples filed supplemental information on August 18, 2017 amending the requested rate.

Notice is hereby given that Peoples has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia an application containing increased purchased gas rates for furnishing natural gas service to 12,761 customers in the Counties of Northwestern Braxton, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ritchie, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, and Wetzel.

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