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## Pro Basketball

The Philadelphia 76ers have their eyes on Ohio State's Evan Turner with the second pick in tonight's NBA Draft.

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### Daily Items in Sports

#### Jackson leans toward retirement

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson says he's leaning toward retirement, but will wait until next week to make his final decision.

The 11-time NBA champion said Wednesday he'll get the results of another battery of medical tests before deciding whether to end his matchless coaching career.

After going through exit interviews with his players at the Lakers' training complex, the 64-year-old Jackson gave the strongest indication yet that he's ready to walk away from the two-time defending champions.

Jackson is the winningest playoff coach in NBA history, and his 11 titles are two more than Boston's Red Auerbach.

He took a break from the Lakers for the 2004-05 season, but returned one year later.

#### Taylor indicted on rape charge

NEW YORK — Pro football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor was indicted by a suburban New York grand jury on charges of rape, criminal sexual act and sexual abuse.

The indictment Wednesday follows his May 6 arrest at a Holiday Inn. Prosecutors say he paid a 16-year-old girl \$300 to have sex with him.

The former New York Giant was also indicted on charges of endangering the welfare of a child and patronizing a prostitute.

Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe says the 16-year-old told investigators that she had been verbally threatened and physically assaulted. She said she was brought to the hotel room by a pimp later arrested by New York City police.

#### Marlins fire manager Gonzalez

BALTIMORE — The Florida Marlins fired manager Fredi Gonzalez and named Edwin Rodriguez to replace him on an interim basis.

Florida moved to 34-36 following Tuesday night's win over the Orioles.

Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria says he's making the change because he believes the team can "do better and be better."

In three-plus seasons as the Marlins' manager, Gonzalez was 276-279.

## WORLD CUP: UNITED STATES 1, ALGERIA 0

# Thru-S-A!



The United States' Landon Donovan celebrates with teammate Edson Buddle, right, after scoring a goal as Algeria goalkeeper Rais M'Bolhi reacts during the World Cup Group C match at the Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria.

## Donovan's strike lifts Yanks in stoppage time

By Ronald Blum  
The Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Over and over, everything seemed to go against them.

A referee took away a win last week, and a linesman disallowed another goal Wednesday.

Now there was just 3½ minutes left in their World Cup, just that much remaining until all the doubts about American soccer would rise again.

But then, in one of the most stunning turnarounds in World Cup history, Landon Donovan scored on a lightning fast counterattack 45 seconds into 4 minutes of injury time. With the most amazing late-game moment in American soccer, the United States beat Algeria 1-0 and reached the World Cup's second round.

"This team embodies what the Ameri-

### What's Next?

- ▶ Round of 16
- ▶ Saturday vs. Ghana
- ▶ ABC, 2 p.m.
- ▶ The USA won Group C with its win over Algeria. The winner of Saturday's game will meet either Uruguay or South Korea in the quarterfinals.



can spirit is about," Donovan said. "We had a goal disallowed the other night. We had another good goal disallowed tonight. But we just keep going. And I think that's what people admire so much about Americans. And I'm damn proud."

Former President Bill Clinton lingered in the locker room for 45 minutes after the game to congratulate the players. When

Donovan scored, raucous cheers erupted on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and even in White House auditoriums in Washington, D.C., according to e-mails sent to U.S. Soccer Federation president Sunil Gulati.

"That's probably going to capture more people's attention than if we won the game 3-0 and it was easy," American goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "That emotion, that passion is what American sports fans thrive on."

The United States won its first World Cup match in eight years and finished atop its first-round group for the first time since the original World Cup in 1930. With a quick turnaround, the Americans play Ghana on Saturday night in Rustenburg for a spot in the quarterfinals. Ghana

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## Local inventor creates jet wing

By Ken Maurer  
For The Daily Item

In recent years, jet-driven outboard motors have become a mainstay for boaters and anglers on the Susquehanna River and other shallow waters.

Instead of a lower unit and a propeller, jet outboards have an intake boot that draws water up into a bowl-shaped unit and shoots it out through a nozzle, providing thrust. The major difference between a jet drive and a propeller-driven outboard is that a jet can run in much shallower water. This is due to the intake boot being about level with the bottom of the boat, as opposed to a lower unit and propeller, which reach well below the bottom of the boat.

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Prop helps control boat

One of the inherent differences between jet and propeller outboards is in how they handle. A propeller is more maneuverable. Jets are harder to steer, and generally must make wider turns.

Enter Dan Griffin. A boater since age 12, the 59-year-old grew up in Georgia and settled in Bloomsburg after a stint in the military where he met his wife Dolly, a Bloomsburg native. A veteran of southern fishing, including in Florida and Texas, it didn't take Griffin long to realize that jet outboards were the way to go for anglers on the shallow Susquehanna.

In the early 1990s, Dan bought his first jet boat, and immediately realized that the handling and maneuverability was completely different compared to a prop.

"Low-speed situations, such as idling through a no-wake area, trolling and loading the boat onto the trailer are more difficult with a jet," said Griffin.

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## Marathon match goes on

By Howard Fendrich  
The Associated Press

### WIMBLEDON

Record-breaking duel

WIMBLEDON, England — Even the scoreboard couldn't keep up.

The electronic sign keeping track courtside as the points passed and the game totals rose went blank while 23rd-seeded John Isner of Tampa, Fla., and qualifier Nicolas Mahut of France played — and played and played — the longest match in tennis history, until action was suspended because

of darkness at 59-59 in the fifth set Wednesday night at Wimbledon.

"Nothing like this will ever happen again. Ever," Isner said in a court-side TV interview.

The first-round match already had been suspended because of fading light Tuesday night after the fourth set.

They have been playing each other for exactly 10 hours — 7 hours, 6 minutes in the fifth set alone, enough to break the full-match record of 6:33, set at the 2004 French Open.

Never before in the history of Wimbledon, which first was contested in 1877, had any match — singles or doubles, men or women — lasted more than 112 games, a mark set in 1969.

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The Associated Press

John Isner gestures during his epic men's singles match against Nicolas Mahut at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon on Wednesday.

### Longest tennis matches in history

- ▶ **10 hours** — John Isner vs. Nicolas Mahut, 2010 Wimbledon 1R (in progress)
- ▶ **6:33** — Fabrice Santoro def. Arnaud Clement, 2004 French Open 1R
- ▶ **6:22** — John McEnroe def. Mats Wilander, 1982 Davis Cup, World Group QF

**TODAY'S TICKET**

**Baseball**



Featuring outdoor advice from trusted experts



# Great Outdoors

Send us your comments, favorite outdoors photo, wildlife recipe or outdoors question to [greatoutdoors@dailyitem.com](mailto:greatoutdoors@dailyitem.com)**Ken Hunter displays a bobber-rigged bluegill.**

## Panfish on a bobber

Catching panfish while using a bobber is nothing new.

After all, just about every one of us as youngsters went fishing with a bobber and a worm. It is usually the method of choice when taking your own young ones or the grandchildren to the local lake for a fishing outing. The reason for the popularity of this technique is that it is simple and it's effective.

Unfortunately, panfishing, especially with a bobber, has often been relegated to an outing with the kids and is not often looked upon as a serious approach for some "older, more accomplished fishermen."

Fortunately for me, I have not fallen victim to that line of thinking and neither has Paul Swanson. Paul is a retired Fish and Boat Commission regional supervisor for the Northcentral district and he has remained faithful to the bobber technique, although with a few added twists of his own.

I first heard about Paul and his angling method over a dozen years ago when I read about his bobber fishing technique in Nick Sisley's book "Panfish USA." Several years later, I had the opportunity to meet Paul at the Harrisburg Sports Show, and the meeting rekindled my interest in his panfishing methods. I even managed to pry away a few samples of his special "secret bait."

Paul is a serious panfish enthusiast. In fact, he and a number of his friends have made it a tradition to go to "Panfish Camp" at least once a year.

A number of them will also meet again in the winter to pursue the tasty little critters through the ice. The dozen or so friends rent a couple of cabins at one of our state parks and fish for a couple of days for nothing but panfish — no bass, no pike and no walleye — just panfish.

Imagine that, grown men, experienced fishermen even, pursuing bluegills, crappies and perch with the same zeal you would expect to find in a professional bass tournament.

The final evening at camp is topped off with a big fish fry and all the trimmings — and trust me, the taste is equal to or better than anything you'll find in a fine restaurant.

Somehow, I was able to win over Paul's confidence — or maybe he just felt sorry for me — but either way, I was invited to join the gang at camp a few years ago, and they have allowed me to come back each year since.

For the most part, the entire crew uses Paul's "secret method," and the resulting full livewells at the end of each day's fishing speaks well of its effectiveness. While I have been warned that revealing too much of the "secret method" to too many people could result in my mysterious disappearance, it's just too good not to pass along to my readers.

The business end of the



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line is rigged with a bobber set at the desired depth depending on the situation.

The bobber of choice is a bright orange and white Styrofoam material with a lead peg that holds the line in place and provides weight for more precise casting and greater distance. I suppose most any bobber would work, though, providing you don't go overboard with size.

Instead of a worm or some other live bait, though, Paul uses an artificial lure of his own making — a tiny 1/32-ounce lead head jig with a gold hook and a 1-inch split-tail yellow plastic grub.

On occasion, yellow is switched out for brown or chartreuse. I have substituted other small grubs like the 2-inch Berkley Power grubs and also done well, with white being a favorite choice of mine. Medium to light open-faced spinning gear with 4- to 6-pound test monofilament line round out the rig.

A slight chop on the water is desirable because it keeps the jig and the grub moving up and down slightly and likely makes the offering more enticing.

Fish the rig over sunken islands, weed tops that are a few feet beneath the surface, around stumps, and in shallow bays where bluegills move in to spawn. While some fishermen prefer to tip the jig with a waxworm or a mealworm, it's generally not necessary.

Paul seldom uses added bait, and he often leads the pack in number of fish caught. If fishing is slow, however, the added bait may increase your chances of success.

There is no one fishing method or technique that will work all the time — this one included — but it's a technique that certainly should be added to your arsenal. The more versatile one becomes, the less likely you are to go fishless.

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## Questions remain at Walker Lake

Curiosity may have killed the cat, as the saying goes, but what killed the fish at Walker's Lake?

As both a journalist and outdoorsman, it was hard to ignore the vague reports received early last week at the Daily Item's office — that "thousands" of fish were found floating belly-up and along the shores of the 239-acre Snyder County lake.

In the midst of major water quality concerns and alleged smallmouth intersexing along the Susquehanna River, coupled with the growing oil spill tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico, it is hard not to be curious about what may or may not have happened at Walker Lake.

Drawn by the topic, my daughter and I decided to check out the scene firsthand. Armed with a camera and driven by curiosity, we spent several hours checking things out along the shore and back on an old logging road that runs parallel with the lake.

A couple things surprised me during the trek. First, the number of dead fish along the shore near the lake's only boat dock were less massive than I first expected, although it was several days after first reports were called into The Daily Item. After a short hike along a ridge overlooking the lake, however, we noticed what looked like white floating circles peppered across the lake. These were all dead fish, and the total number of dead fish could easily be in the upper



John Zaktansky/The Daily Item

**Dead black crappies, and a smattering of other panfish, line the shores of Walker Lake in Snyder County last week.**

hundreds (if not a little more) when factoring the long, thin water surface presented by Walker Lake.

It was also interesting that the dead fish were predominantly black crappies, although we did find several yellow perch and bluegill among the carcasses along the shore.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission stated in a followup story that the fish kill was due to a combination of factors, including a rapid water warm-up this spring, increase in bacteria within the water, and the timing of the black crappie's annual spawn.

The high concentration of black crappies among the dead fish may support that theory. But what about the other species sprinkled along

the shore? What about the excessive numbers of crappies considering the size of the lake? Is it possible that so many crappies in a relatively small lake could have been scratched/bruised during spawning and fatally infected by bacteria?

According to PPL naturalist Jon Beam, "Crappies are more sensitive to elevated turbidity (cloudiness in water) than bluegills." Was that a factor in some way?

Is it possible that crappies are more easily affected by potential contaminants? While it may seem far-fetched that a fuel spill several miles downstream from the lake may have been involved in the incident, can we be 100 percent sure that some sort of contaminant from that incident didn't

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somehow leach into the groundwater and find its way into the lake? Crazy theory? Probably.

While the situation leaves us with more questions than answers, the local outdoor community is abuzz about the topic.

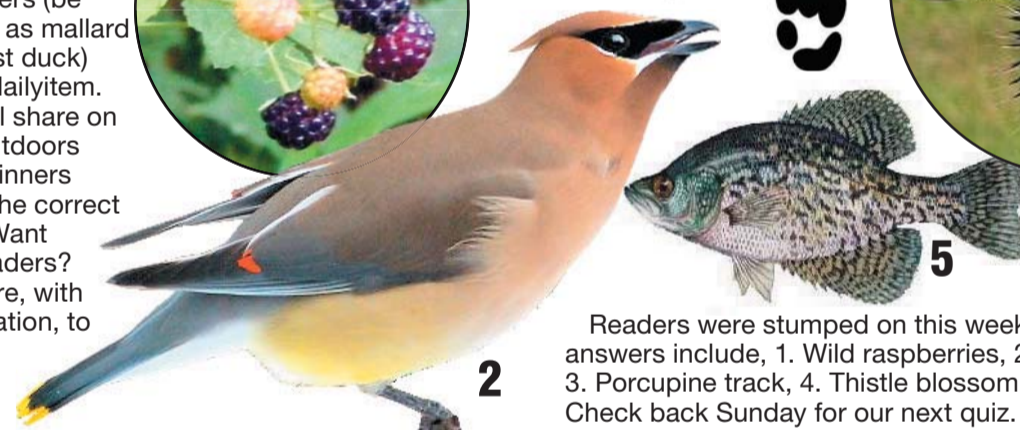
Anonymous comments from readers and people in the community question whether local agricultural practices are up to snuff. Others agree that a combination of water temperature and spawning practices could cause such an event. Another report came from someone who was at Walker Lake several weeks ago and allegedly saw representatives doing a crappie population survey with large nets ... if true, could this have caused extra stress for crappies already dealing with a stressful situation?

Curiosity is a natural response to an unknown, and while the Walker Lake fish die-off is likely due to a variety of natural factors, it still is a reminder of how fragile our natural ecosystem can be ... and highlights the importance of being cautious stewards of our outdoor resources.

■ E-mail comments about the Walker Lake situation or this article to [zaktansky@dailyitem.com](mailto:zaktansky@dailyitem.com)

## WEEKLY OUTDOOR QUIZ

Each week, we will test your outdoors know-how by asking you to identify various outdoors-related items found in the area. Send your answers (be specific — such as mallard duck and not just duck) to [zaktansky@dailyitem.com](mailto:zaktansky@dailyitem.com), and we will share on our Thursday outdoors page who our winners were and what the correct answers were. Want to stump our readers? Send your picture, with correct identification, to [zaktansky@dailyitem.com](mailto:zaktansky@dailyitem.com)



Readers were stumped on this week's quiz. Correct answers include, 1. Wild raspberries, 2. Cedar waxwing, 3. Porcupine track, 4. Thistle blossom, 5. Black crappie. Check back Sunday for our next quiz.

## Local inventor creates jet wing

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"At low speed, you are constantly going back and forth with the steering wheel to keep in a straight line."

In 2009, Griffin started working on a system for better control of jet outboards, especially at low speed.

"Initial designs were very complicated," said Griffin. "I was starting to lose sleep over the whole project, then I woke up in the middle of the night and a new design, the present one, came to me."

The new design did exactly what Griffin wanted it to do, provide easy straight-line tracking at low speed, and a bonus was better turning ability when on plane.

"The JetWing acts as a rudder to help control steering, and it is a simple, bolt-on package," said Griffin.

Working with several friends, Griffin went through several prototypes until the present field-tested model was adopted. Griffin went as far as covering the device with a bag while field testing so no one would copy his design.

Knowing he had something worthwhile, Griffin sought out a patent attorney and applied for a patent pending status for his invention. This allows him to produce and market his invention for one year with his design protected against copying. Griffin is planning to go



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**Inventor Dan Griffin shows off the bolt-on jet wing attachment he created.**

ahead with the patent after the patent pending stage.

The first public showing of the JetWing occurred at the Bloomsburg Early Bird Expo in January.

"Some people were a little skeptical at first, but the product works, and if jet owners have a chance to experience it, they will understand," said Griffin. "The video we will be adding to our website will help to show the effects of the JetWing."

When the final design was in place, production, packaging, marketing and sales followed. Griffin approached marine dealers and sport-

ing goods stores, selling the product personally.

Griffin's JetWing website, [www.jetwingllc.com](http://www.jetwingllc.com), has a list of dealers and all the pertinent information for jet boaters interested in improving their jets' performance.

JetWings are produced by Griffin, his wife and son, John, in their own shop. The first models were made with polypropylene, which worked, but Griffin opted to upgrade materials to marine applicable ABS plastic.

The JetWing comes in an easy-to-assemble kit, with all hardware included. Simple instructions allow for easy

installation, and there are three sizes available to fit all outboard jets.

With a growing number of dealers and satisfied customers in the northeast, JetWings are here to stay, and will likely be a common sight in years to come.

This company is solid proof that American ingenuity and entrepreneurship is still alive and well, and you can still buy something that is made in the U.S.

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