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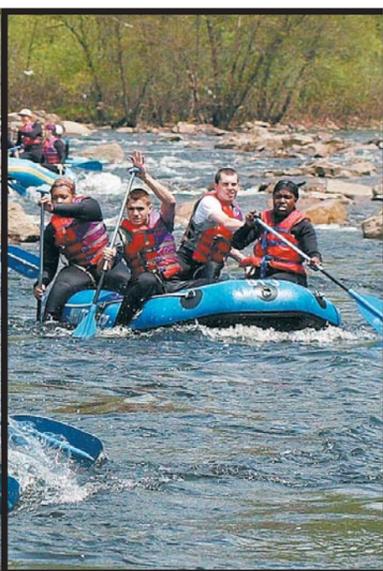
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Authorities have dramatically increased the water supply at the Lehigh River's Francis E. Walter Dam reservoir to enhance whitewater rafting and fishing downstream. But is storing water at near-record levels compromising the ability to mitigate flooding?



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U.N. votes to impose sanctions on North Korea

In a unanimous decision, council bars trade in materials linked to weapons program, luxury goods.

By Colum Lynch and Glenn Kessler
The Washington Post

UNITED NATIONS | The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Saturday to condemn North Korea and impose stiff sanctions on the communist government in response to its suspected nuclear test.

North Korea's ambassador immediately rejected the council's demand to dismantle its nuclear weapons program and threatened to respond to the escalating pressure on the reclusive government with unspecified "physical countermeasures."

The 15-nation council's action highlighted the outrage that followed North Korea's claim of having tested a nuclear bomb Monday.

It also marked a rare willingness by North Korea's council allies, China and Russia, to impose sanctions on Pyongyang.

But to secure their support, the United States was compelled to water down key measures designed to ensure that the sanctions could be enforced. And China — which shares an 880-mile border with North Korea — said after the vote that it would ignore a critical provision that calls on governments to inspect goods entering or leaving North Korea.

Still, President Bush issued a statement welcoming the decision, saying the United Nations has sent a clear message to North Korean leader Kim Jong Il that the world is "united in our opposition to his nuclear weapons plans."

"There's a better way forward for the people of North Korea," Bush said. "If the leader of North Korea were to verifiably end his weapons programs, the United States and other nations would be willing to help the nation recover economically."

John Bolton, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, meanwhile, warned that the United States would pursue additional penalties against North Korea if it fails to abide by the council's demand that it agree to destroy its weapons of mass destruction.

Resolution 1718 bans North Korean trade in materials linked to its weapons of mass destruction program, ballistic missiles, high-end conventional weapons — including war planes and battle tanks — and luxury goods.

It will create a U.N. committee to monitor the sanctions' effectiveness and to draw up a list of individuals and institutions linked to North Korea's weapons programs. They will be prohibited from traveling abroad, and most of their financial assets will be frozen.

But the resolution stops far short of imposing the kind of sweeping trade embargo initially proposed by Japan. It no longer contains a U.S.-proposed provision to give North Korea 30 days to suspend its nuclear program or face "further action."

The text also provides no additional authori-

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Unleashing the Lehigh

More outdoors fun — and more fear of flooding.

By Christian Berg
Of The Morning Call

Many anglers and boaters view the water behind the Lehigh River's Francis E. Walter Dam as a recreational opportunity that can be used wisely or flushed down the drain.

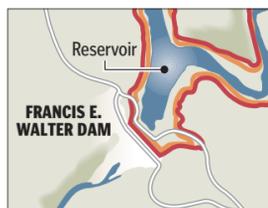
For much of the Carbon County dam's 45-year existence, some say, the Army Corps of Engineers routinely released billions

of gallons that — if properly managed — would create a world-class whitewater rafting and trout fishing destination worth tens of millions of dollars a year.

In 2005 and 2006, the Corps stored billions of gallons of extra water to enhance downstream recreation from May to October. The result has been a dramatic increase in the number of weekend whitewater releases and

higher weekday flows intended to benefit trout — and fishermen — during the hot summer months.

To provide this summer's extra releases, the Corps had to store about 10 times as much water in the reservoir as it usually does. That worries some, who say the higher water level increases the odds that water

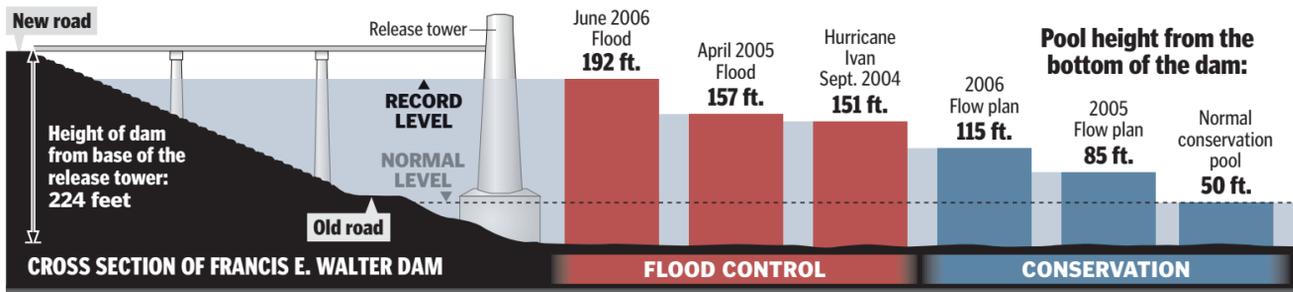


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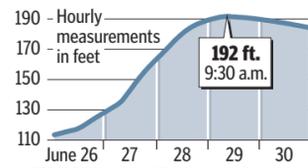
A detailed look at flood control, whitewater recreation and fisheries enhancement on the Lehigh River **A19**

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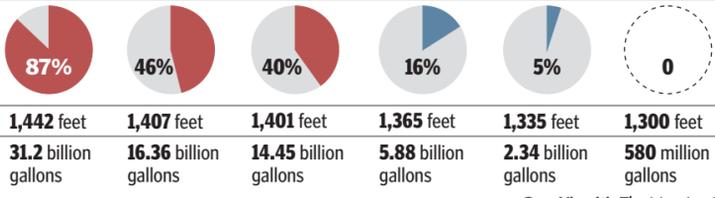
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RECORD POOL HEIGHT IN 2006



Flood storage:



Elevation above sea level: 1,442 feet

1,407 feet

1,401 feet

1,365 feet

1,335 feet

1,300 feet

Water storage: 31.2 billion gallons

16.36 billion gallons

14.45 billion gallons

5.88 billion gallons

2.34 billion gallons

580 million gallons

Gary Visgaitis The Morning Call

Rendell, Swann talk tough on crime, but with differences

They part company on gun control, funding for additional police.

By John L. Micek
Call Harrisburg Bureau

HARRISBURG | Ed Rendell and Lynn Swann both want more cops on the streets to catch drug dealers, child molesters and others who do Pennsylvania harm.

But when it comes to clamping down on access to the guns that are often used to commit such crimes — that's where the

agreement ends in their gubernatorial race.

Republican Swann says he'd impose harsher penalties on gun traffickers. But he also believes addressing the root causes of crime, along with tougher enforcement of existing gun laws, is the best way to combat

the problem. "If you have more hope, you have less crime," he said.

Democrat Rendell, a former Philadelphia district attorney, also believes in addressing the reasons people turn to crime. But he says that new laws, such as one that would limit people to one gun purchase per month, are also needed. That way, he argued, the state can take guns out of the hands of

criminals without infringing on the rights of legal gun owners.

"We need sensible laws to control the distribution of guns," said Rendell, who recently called on Swann to help win legislative approval for "common-sense

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gun laws." Swann declined, telling Rendell: "It's not the actual gun. It's the person who has the gun."

So far, their sparring over crime has seemingly focused on a single issue: cracking down on so-called "straw purchasers," or those who buy large quantities of guns and then resell them to people,

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