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### Wilder signs pact against gun traffic

Governors cooperate to fight illegal trade

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WILMINGTON, Del. Gov. Doug Wilder signed an agreement Sunday with the governors of Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware to cooperate in efforts to control gun trafficking.

The agreement, signed at the National Governors' Association summer meeting, calls for the states to work together to share information about illegal firearms and to get federal money to help stop the illegal trade.

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Interstate agreement is another step in that direction, and the governors are confident it will help the gun problem.

Under the cooperative plan, state police units in each state would participate in joint investigations to trace illegal firearms to their sources, enforce existing firearms laws and prosecute those involved in gun trafficking.



AVOIDING SURGERY. Radiology supervisor Duane Ayers uses a diagnostic scanner on Marnequin, a llama, recently at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. By purchasing the advanced diagnostic equipment, the hospital can now give animals the same chance of avoiding exploratory surgery as their owners.

### Candidates court 900 state officials

Allen blasts rules; Terry vows support

The Associated Press

Republican George Allen characterized the state government under Democratic leadership as a "maddening rattle" and promised Sunday to end unfunded local government mandates if elected governor.

When it was her turn to speak to about 800 locally elected government officials, Democratic candidate Mary Sue Terry pledged to give them more hands-on help from state government and foster regional cooperation.

Allen said during the past 12 years with Democratic governors, state spending has grown 143 percent and the number of state regulations and other requirements imposed on local governments has increased.

"Where spending couldn't increase, their mandates increased," he said. "During the past two years, 20 new mandates have been imposed on local governments. Only 22 percent of the state requirements now include state funds to carry them out, he said.

### Black family-owned cemetery on landmark register

The Associated Press

BUCKINGHAM The resting place of Nancy Stanton, the first free black to own land in the region, and 30 other family members has been formally dedicated.

The Stanton family cemetery is an important link between the past and the future, not only for the Stanton family, but for all Virginians, as we learn more about free black families and the roles they played in shaping the Commonwealth and the nation," said Hugh C. Miller, director of the Department of Historic Resources.

Black cemeteries may have been developed in rural Virginia since 1839, the Stanton family has retained ownership.

Ingram learned little about black history in school, except for slavery and a few famous names. Her rise to the Buckingham farmstead was tenuous.

But she took an interest in her family's genealogy. In August 1990, she and a cousin presented a docu-drama at a family reunion that went back two generations and talked about slavery.

### Deputy cleared in forceful arrest

The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA A federal jury cleared a Stafford County sheriff's deputy of using excessive force in the arrest of a 20-year-old party goer.

Rose has since been promoted to corporal. Rose testified Wednesday that he "inadvertently" hit Sart on the head with his flashlight when Sart tried to punch him.

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