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Friday's Question

Saturday is the first day of spring: Time to wash the car yet?

81%

19%



Yes

No

Today's question

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Man held in shooting incident

By KEVIN HOWELL

Staff Writer

SALEM — A Ravenna man has been arrested in connection with a weekend shooting incident in the city.

Quinton E. Lewis, 30, was arrested Friday afternoon and charged with misdemeanor charges of aggravated menacing and discharging a firearm on prohibited premises.

The charges stem from a shooting incident early Sunday morning at the Wing Warehouse at 441 S. Ellsworth Ave. in which a man was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. Offi-

cers originally responded to the establishment to investigate a report filed by a man who claimed someone shot at him in the parking lot.

A second shooting occurred outside the police department at 1:40 a.m. that same morning.

No one was injured in either incident.

Detective Dave Talbert said the de-



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partment is still attempting to recover the suspected firearm, but that an investigation led to the warrants for Lewis, who may still face further charges issued by the Columbiana County Grand Jury.

He is being held at the Columbiana County Jail in connection with the first shooting and should face arraignment on Monday, according to Talbert.

Police are still investigating the second shooting.

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Red River rising

An unidentified man holds a dog on the stairs connected to the Moorhead, Minn. parking ramp on Friday as they look at a partially submerged stop sign. The Red River is expected to crest over the weekend. Story, 2A. (AP Photo)

Lisbon council OKs electric discount program

By TOM GIAMBRONI

Staff Writer

LISBON — Sometime this year village residents and businesses should be invited to participate in an electricity discount program.

Village Council voted at this week's meeting to contract with FirstEnergy, the final step needed to be taken by Lisbon to participate in the discount program offered by the electric utility, which is the parent company of Ohio Edison.

Lisbon residents in the November 2009 election approved a ballot issue authorizing council to negotiate a contract with FirstEnergy. The next step was for council to approve the contract.

Now that this is done, FirstEnergy will begin mailing letters to residents and businesses asking if they wish to participate in the program, although officials don't know how soon this would occur. FirstEnergy is offering a locked-in annual discount of 6 percent for households (\$37 a year per

average) and 4 percent for businesses (\$94 a year on average).

All households and businesses are enrolled in the program automatically and don't have to do anything. Only those wishing not to participate are required to return an enclosed postcard saying so.

Participants can remain in the discount program for up to three years at a time and then will be asked if they wish to continue. Anyone wanting to drop out before then would have to pay a \$25 cancellation fee, which may be waived.

Ohio Edison customers enrolled in a budget plan are ineligible to participate.

The vote was 5-0, with Council President Roger Gallo abstaining since he works at a power plant of which FirstEnergy is an owner.

Fiscal Officer Tracey Wanner reported after the meeting the village will receive a \$75,000 grant from FirstEnergy for participating in the program. Mayor Mike Lewis said they are looking at using the money

to purchase equipment to seal cracks in village streets.

In other action, council donated \$1,000 to the Columbiana County Golden Triangle Heritage Tourism for creation of a brochure promoting the Lisbon, Hanoverton and Salem area as a tourist destination by highlighting the area's rich history.

The money will come from the \$7,500 a year the village receives from a bed tax charged hotels, with the only one being the Lisbon Inn on state Route 154.

Council wanted to see one of the brochures before committing money to the effort, and local preservationist Stevie Halvertstadt provided them with copies. Halvertstadt said the Lisbon Area Chamber of Commerce also donated \$1,000 to the effort.

The brochure will be made available to tourism groups and bus tours.

"We feel this is something that will bring tourism dollars to the county," Halvertstadt said.

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Fund raiser aims to help with care of injured Crestview teen

By MATTHEW SCHOMER

Staff Writer

BOARDMAN — The family of a Crestview student who has been in a partial coma for more than two years is asking community members to help defray the cost of his treatments while enjoying a good meal.

Customers who come in for dine-in or carry-out orders all day long Tuesday at the Bob Evans location at 7347 California Ave., Boardman, behind the Southern Park Mall, will see 15 percent of their meal total go toward helping 16-year-old Caleb Cope. In order for the family to receive the money, customers must present the restaurant with a special flyer, which is available at several businesses in Columbiana and Mahoning



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counties.

The fliers are available in Columbiana at Vivian's Antiques and Collectibles, Wellman's Flowers, Ryan's News, Columbiana Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge and the police department; at Vittle Village stores in New Waterford and Unity Township, at Westgate Pizza in Boardman, at the Boardman Police Department and at Steamers Stonewall Tavern and Chalet Premier in North Lima.

Caleb was driving a golf cart on July 25, 2007, at aunt Gloria Golladay's property in Boardman when the cart overturned, pinning him underneath and sending him into cardiac arrest. He suffered traumatic brain injury and is still in a partial coma but has been home from his stays in various hospitals for more than a year.

He recently spent 20 days receiving hyperbaric oxygen treatment at Sara's Garden in

Wauseon, which is near Toledo, but because the treatment is experimental, Golladay said insurance will not cover the cost.

"They just try everything. His parents are not giving up," she said.

Those active in the Crestview community may have seen Caleb, where he is still enrolled on the football roster as number 44.

"The school system's been good to him," Golladay noted.

Those who are unable to attend the fund-raiser may still send donations to Jeff or Terry Cope, P.O. Box 116, New Waterford, OH 44445.

More information on Sara's Garden is available at www.sarasgarden.org. Those wanting to watch Caleb's progress can do so by creating an account at www.caringbridge.org/visit/calebcope.

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Bishop, opponent keep after Wilson

By TOM GIAMBRONI

Staff Writer

LISBON — U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson's support of health care legislation has drawn criticism from a political opponent, while a Catholic bishop urged him to change his vote because of concerns the bill allows for federal funding of abortions.

With a congressional vote on the sweeping health care bill expected to occur this weekend, a flurry of last-minute news releases were received from James Renner, Wilson's Democratic opponent in the May 4 primary election, Bishop George Murry of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, and Wilson's office.

Renner, who is from North Benton, said Wilson plans to vote for a bill opposed by the majority of his constituents in the 12-county Sixth Congressional District. He said the legislation will do more harm than good.

"We're all going to be paying more in taxes. This is bad for everybody. And we're not likely to see any benefit for four years," Renner said.

Describing the bill as being crafted by special interests, Renner said he is worried the full impact won't be known until after it takes effect.

"Nobody has any idea what's really in this bill, including Charlie. We should have at least read it first," he said, in his news release.

Bishop Murry, in his news release, said U.S. bishops have long supported health care reform that protects "the life, conscience, dignity and health of all." He said the bill as currently drafted "fails to meet the minimum moral criteria of protecting life and freedom of conscience of all citizens."

Murry urged Wilson, who is Catholic, to oppose the bill "in its current form due to its expansion of abortion funding. What we need is just health care reform that protects the life, health and dignity of all."

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► NCAA TOURNAMENT



Ohio State's Jon Diebler drives for the basket against UC Santa Barbara's Greg Somogyi, in the second half of an NCAA first-round tournament game in Milwaukee on Friday. (AP Photo)

Diebler leads way to first round win

By CHRIS JENKINS
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Evan Turner took a back seat to slick shooter Jon Diebler and big forward Dallas Lauderdale, and Ohio State outlasted persistent UC Santa Barbara 68-51 in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday night.

Diebler scored 23 points and Lauderdale blocked a career-high eight shots and grabbed 12 rebounds for the second-seeded Buckeyes (28-7), who won without much offense from their top player. Turner was held to nine points while going 2 of 13 from the field — one of the worst shooting performances of his career.

Turner did have 10 rebounds, and William Buford added 16 points for the Buckeyes.

Ohio State advanced to play Sunday against No. 10 seed Georgia Tech, which beat seventh-seeded Oklahoma State 64-59 in Midwest Regional play earlier Friday evening.

Orlando Johnson scored 20 points for No. 15 seed UC Santa Barbara (20-10).

The game was expected to be a showcase for Turner, the Big Ten player of the year and widely regarded as perhaps the best player in the country.

Instead, the most impressive parts of Ohio State's game were a sampling of swatted shots and a couple of big dunks by Lauderdale, and the stellar outside shooting of Diebler, who was 7 of 12 from 3-point range.

Turner, meanwhile, seemed to have a rough night against the Gauchos' matchup zone defense. But he did leave the floor with something he didn't have before: a win in the NCAA tournament.

The Buckeyes didn't make it to the tournament in his freshman year, then lost in the first round last season. Returning to the tournament this year, Ohio State vowed it wouldn't come out flat.

Still, the Buckeyes did allow the Gauchos a few glimmers of hope before Lauderdale and Diebler eventually took over.

A transition dunk by Greg Somogyi cut the Buckeyes' lead to eight early in the

See OSU, 2B

Cornell ousts Temple

12th-seeded Ivy Leaguers top Owls, 78-65

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Cornell lived up to its billing, showing why it's the best team to come out of the Ivy League in more than a decade.

Down to their last chance to experience success on college basketball's biggest stage, seniors Ryan Wittman, Louis Dale and Jeff Foote led the 12th-seeded Big Red to its first win in five NCAA appearances on Friday, a 78-65 upset of No. 5 seed Temple in the East Regional.



Dale scored 21 points, Wittman had 20 and Foote chipped in 16 points and seven rebounds.

This win came in dominant fashion. Cornell (28-4) took the lead early and never looked back.

Temple (29-6) lost in the first round for the third straight year under coach Fran Dunphy, whose former assistant, Steve Donahue, has led Cornell to three straight Ivy League titles

and the winningest season in school history.

Juan Fernandez and Ryan Brooks each had 14 points for Temple. Lavoy Allen added 11.

Having gone through a non-See TOURNEY, 2B

Cornell's Ryan Wittman, rear, and Jeff Foote (1) celebrate after defeating Temple 78-65 in an NCAA first-round college game in Jacksonville, Fla., Friday. (AP Photo)



► PREP SOFTBALL

One step at a time

Lady Quakers return good deal of experience in quest for improvement

By TONY MALUSO
Staff Writer

SALEM — When the Salem Lady Quaker softball team takes the field to begin their season, it will be a young team taking the diamond, but a team that will be greatly improved.

Overall, the team has made a lot of strides according to head coach Bob Purnell leading to expectations for a solid season.

"I feel really good about this year," Purnell said. "Our pitching has gotten better and we have really improved our hitting."

Five sophomores will be starting for Purnell's team including their No. 1 pitcher Becca Devlin who Purnell says has made vast improvements since her freshman season.

"Becca has improved tons," he said. "It's been a 100 percent turnaround. We're looking for a good year out of her. She's gotten faster, has real good ball movement and real good control."

Joining Devlin on the pitching staff will be Tiffany Woods, a transfer from Columbiana who Purnell thinks will really add strength to the staff and brings good off-speed pitches.

Devlin anchors a talented sophomore class that while young, still has a lot of experience from playing a year ago.

"This sophomore class we have, they do a great job," Purnell said. "Five of them will be starting. Most of them played last year, so they're already experienced and they are really good players."

Deanna Walker returns

See SALEM, 2B



Lady Quakers' ace

Salem's Becca Devlin fires a pitch during a contest last season. Devlin, who emerged as Salem's ace on the hill a year ago, returns this season along with a group of other letterwinners looking to make noise in the AAC and beyond. (Salem News file/B.J. Lisko)

► GOLF



Padraig Harrington, of Ireland, waves to the gallery after making his putt on the eighth hole during the second round of the Transitions Championship golf tournament Friday at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor, Fla. (AP Photo)

Harrington races out front in Tampa

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Padraig Harrington, already assured of a memorable week after his trip to the White House, put himself in position to make it even better at the Transitions Championship on Friday.

Harrington picked up a pair of bonus birdies over the last five holes for a 6-under 65, his low score of the year, and built a one-shot lead

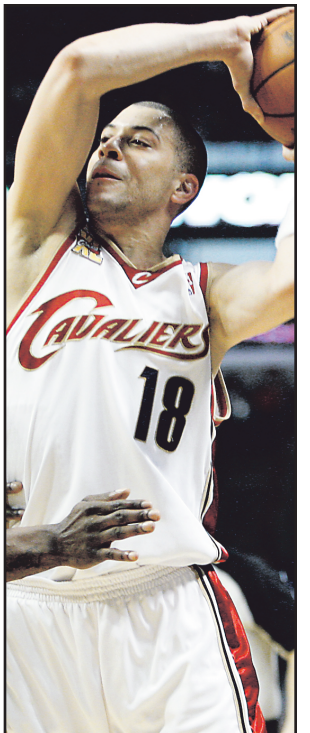
going into the weekend on the tough Copperhead course at Innisbrook.

The Irishman has not won a sanctioned tournament since his PGA Championship victory at Oakland Hills at the end of 2008.

"I'm capable of winning in the form I'm in," said Harrington, who was at 8-under 134. "Am I in my best form? No. Am I getting there? Yes. I'm kind of in the form

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► NBA



Cleveland Cavaliers' Anthony Parker, right, looks to a pass as Chicago Bulls' Ronald Murray guards during the first quarter in Chicago, Friday. (AP Photo)

Cleveland wins in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — If indeed LeBron James decides to leave Cleveland, fans in Chicago would certainly hail The King. They certainly let out enough cheers along with those oohs and aahs as he soared around the United Center on Friday night.

James became the youngest player to score 15,000 career points, breaking Kobe Bryant's mark by more than two years, and the Cavaliers pulled away to beat the Bulls 92-85 for their 12th win in 13 games.

Breaking that record, James said, was "very humbling" and the result of all the time he spends honing his game.

"I was born with a God-given gift," he said. "I take full advantage of it by being able to do what I do on the basketball court. Hopefully, I can continue to stay healthy, and hopefully, I'll continue to break records."

James scored 13 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, giving him 15,026 in his career, and had 11 rebounds. He scored seven in a row late in the game as Cleveland increased its lead to 10, sending the Bulls to their 10th straight loss.

James reached the milestone at 25 years, 79 days, and he did it in his 540th game. Bryant was 27 years, 136 days and playing his 657th game, according to STATS LLC, when he did it for the Los Angeles Lakers.

"There's not a milestone

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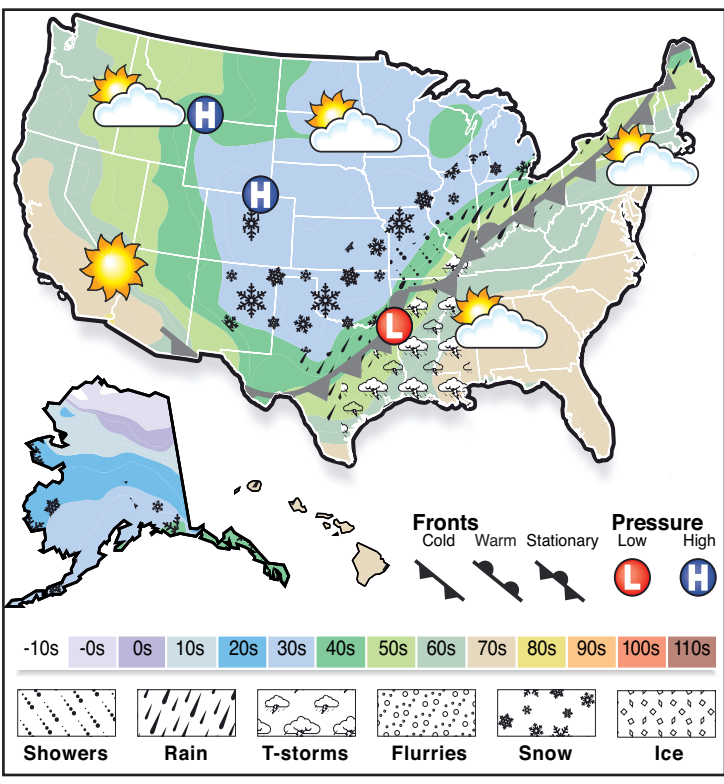


WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Partly sunny. A slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s. Tonight...Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers after midnight. Lows in the lower 40s. Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday night...Showers likely. Lows in the lower 40s. Monday...Showers likely. Highs in the lower 50s. Monday night...Cloudy. Rain showers likely in the evening...Then a chance of rain showers after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers in the morning...Then partly sunny in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s. Tuesday night and Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs around 60. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy in the evening...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Thursday...Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 50s. Thursday night and Friday...Cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 50s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Mostly cloudy. Cooler with highs in the mid 40s near the lake to around 50 inland. Tonight...Cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Sunday...Cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Sunday night...Showers likely. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday...Showers likely. Highs in the upper 40s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.



Today's Forecast

Forecast for Saturday, March 20

City/Region High | Low temps

TOLEDO • 47° 38°	CLEVELAND • 49° 40°
YOUNGSTOWN • 63° 41°	
MANSFIELD • 58° 40°	
DAYTON • 61° 43°	COLUMBUS • 63° 41°
CINCINNATI • 65° 41°	
PORTSMOUTH • 67° 40°	

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Partly Cloudy Cloudy Showers Thunderstorms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

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Today is Saturday, March 20, the 79th day of 2010. There are 286 days left in the year. Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II embarked on a strenuous and spiritual tour of the Holy Land, beginning with a stop in Jordan. President Bill Clinton arrived in Bangladesh on the first such visit by an American president. Five years ago: A visibly frustrated Pope John Paul II made a brief but silent appearance at his Vatican apartment window after missing his first Palm Sunday Mass in 26 years as pontiff.

Extended Forecast

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
62/42	63/44	53/35	52/33

NATION/WORLD

US, international diplomats call on Israel, Palestinians to return to negotiations

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton suggested Friday that the United States and Israel have found a way around the worst disagreement the two allies have faced in years while international diplomats set goals for new U.S.-backed peace talks aimed at establishing an independent Palestinian state.

The so-called Quartet group of Mideast negotiators met in the Russian capital to set the stage for peace talks in which the United States would be a go-between. Those indirect talks would be the first under the Democratic Obama administration and the hawkish Israeli government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

At a news conference after the meeting, Clinton spoke approvingly of indications Netanyahu is ready to address U.S. concerns about new Jewish housing that complicates peace efforts.

“What I heard from the prime minister in response to the requests we made was useful and productive,” she said, “and we are continuing our discussions with him and his government.”

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7 years after invasion Iraqis look to drawdown date with hope, trepidation

BAGHDAD (AP) — Seven years after the first bombs in the war to oust Saddam Hussein, Iraqis went about their business Friday with little observance of the anniversary, looking to the future with a mixture of trepidation and hope.

Perhaps more important in the minds of many was the ongoing wait for final results from the country’s second nationwide parliamentary election. The milestone will determine who will oversee Iraq as U.S. forces go home, but could also point the direction the fragile democracy will take down the road — deeper into the sectarian divide that followed Saddam’s fall, or toward a more secular, inclusive rule.

“Now we have democracy and freedom, but the cost was dire and Iraqis have paid that price,” said Raid Abdul-Zahra, 38, a technician in Najaf.

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Pope’s letter to Ireland over abuse cover-ups faces critical audience in wider Catholic world

DUBLIN (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI addresses Ireland on Saturday in a letter apologizing for the sex abuse scandal here — a message being watched closely by Catholics from Boston to Berlin to see if it also acknowledges decades of Vatican-approved cover-ups.

The church is only beginning to come to terms with decades of child abuse in its parishes and schools. The scandals first emerged in Canada and Australia in the 1980s, followed by Ireland in the 1990s, the United States this decade and, in recent months, Benedict’s German homeland.

Victims’ rights activists say that to begin mending the church’s battered image, Benedict’s message — his first pastoral letter on child abuse in the church — must break his silence on the role of the Catholic hierarchy in shielding pedophile clergy from prosecution.

That includes abuses committed decades ago under the pope’s watch, when he was Archbishop Joseph Ratzinger of Munich, as well as the pontiff’s role in hushing up the scandals. As leader of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Ratzinger was responsible for a 2001 Vatican edict that instructed bishops to report all cases of child abuse to Vatican authorities under strict secrecy; it made no mention of reporting crimes to police.

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Judge orders new talks for ground zero workers suing over WTC illnesses

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge on Friday rejected a legal settlement of more than a half-billion dollars for people sickened by ash and dust from the World Trade Center, saying the deal to compensate 10,000 police officers, firefighters and other laborers didn’t contain enough money for the workers.

“In my judgment, this settlement is not enough,” said U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein.

The judge also said he was concerned too much of the deal would be eaten up by legal fees and that ground zero responders were going to be pressured into signing on before they knew how much they stood to receive.

The settlement proposal would have given the workers \$575 million to \$657 million, but each person’s amount was based on a complicated point system that would give some workers only a few thousand dollars while others might qualify for \$1 million or more.

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Court: Anna Nicole Smith estate to get none of oil baron’s \$300M-plus

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled Friday that Anna Nicole Smith’s estate will get none of the more than \$300 million the late Playboy model claimed a Texas billionaire to whom she was briefly married meant to leave her after he died.

The ruling came in a 15-year legal battle that started in a sleepy Houston probate court and stretched all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

It initially pitted Smith against the son of J. Howard Marshall over the \$1.6 billion estate the oil tycoon left after his 1995 death at age 90. J. Howard Marshall had wed Smith the year before when she was 26.

Marshall’s son E. Pierce Marshall died in 2006 and Smith perished after a drug overdose in 2008. Their heirs and lawyers kept up the legal fight that included one ruling awarding Smith \$474 million.

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Mom of octuplets may lose home to foreclosure

LA HABRA, Calif. (AP) — Octuplets mom Nadya Suleman could be kicked out of her Southern California home.

Mortgage holder Amer Haddadin says he is starting foreclosure proceedings on the \$565,000 La Habra residence because the family hasn’t kept up the payments.

His friend and adviser, Ramsey Masso, said Friday that Haddadin signed over the home to Suleman’s father last year.

Ed Suleman, who leased the home to his daughter, was supposed to pay about \$4,000 a month and a final balloon payment of \$450,000 that was due earlier this month.

Many tools, no guarantees in forecasting flood levels

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A year ago, weather forecasters changed their estimate late in the game of just how high the Red River would rise, stoking an 11th-hour sandbagging flurry in Fargo that proved unnecessary in the end because the new prediction was wrong.

Now, as the Red swells again toward an expected crest on Sunday, tens of thousands of Fargo residents are weighing the latest National Weather Service forecasts, well aware that predicting what happens on the river is anything but an exact science.

Forecasters analyze a numbing array of factors when making their predictions. Hydrologists use computer models that account for soil moisture, frost depth, snowpack, temperatures, rate of snowmelt and more. Then there are the unknowns like how much rain might spill into the river.

All of these play out over thousands of square miles of Red River Valley so flat that the flooding here can best be described as spilling a glass of water on a pool table. On Friday, the weather service changed its crest level prediction again, lowering it a half-foot to 19.5 feet above the flood stage on Sunday.

“I think they do a wonderful job, provided that they’re looking into their crystal ball with all the wisdom they have,” said Fargo resident Richard Thomas, 61.

Thomas — for now — is not too worried about flooding, with a home that sits 2 feet above Sunday’s projected crest. A year ago, he weathered the crest of nearly 23 feet above flood stage thanks to a special water-filled tube. He’s got it on standby if crest predictions go higher this year.

The record high water of 2009 helped forecasters by giving them new data on how the river behaves at those levels, said Greg Gust, warning coordination meteorologist at the weather service in Grand Forks. That makes the weather service more confident this year, he said.

“I wouldn’t say we’re relaxed,” Gust said. “We’re more relaxed, or less hectic than other years, and that’s simply because the planning process has enabled us to get some more things in place.”

Recent history in the Red River Valley has been painful for the weather service.

In 1997, forecasters knew there would be record flooding on the Red River in 80 miles north of Fargo in Grand Forks, but they didn’t realize just how bad it would be in time for the city to build its dikes high enough. The Red swelled to a record 26 feet above flood stage and the defenses failed, forcing most of the area’s 60,000 residents to evacuate.

Last year in Fargo, after forecasters belatedly increased their crest prediction to 25 feet above flood stage, the city raced to pile its sandbags higher. The estimate proved to be about 2 feet too high, though the dikes held when the Red topped off.

Meteorologists and disaster officials sometimes refer to major floods as “500-year” or “100-year” floods, but many argue that the terms should be dropped because they’re often misunderstood to mean such a flood will occur only once in that time period.

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Topless gardener complaints prompt rules

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A woman gardening wearing only a yellow thong and pink gloves has brought neighborhood complaints and new rules from a housing authority in Colorado.

Boulder Housing Partners plans to amend its rules so that tenants cover up when they’re outside. Several passers-by told Boulder police earlier this week that 52-year-old Catharine Pierce was topless while tending to her yard. Last year, she was threatened with eviction for gardening wearing only pasties and a thong.

Police responding to Wednesday’s reports decided Pierce wasn’t breaking any laws.

Robert Pierce said he’ll fight changes that would keep his wife from gardening outside topless, which is legal under state and city law.

“They’re making a big mistake,” he said.

Boulder Housing Partners Executive Director Betsey Martens didn’t return a phone call Friday seeking details on how covered residents would have to be.

She told the Daily Camera newspaper that people have complained for years about the couple often going outside wearing only thong underwear.

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THEACTION

AUTO RACING 10 a.m.
SPEED — American Le Mans Series, 12 Hours of Sebring, start of race, at Sebring, Fla.
Noon
SPEED — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, pole qualifying for Scotts Turf Builder 300, at Bristol, Tenn. (same-day tape)
1 p.m.
SPEED — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, "Happy Hour Series," final practice for Food City 500, at Bristol, Tenn.
2 p.m.
SPEED — American Le Mans Series, 12 Hours of Sebring, finish of race, at Sebring, Fla.
2:30 p.m.
ABC — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, Scotts Turf Builder 300, at Bristol, Tenn.
5:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NASCAR, Exhibition, Saturday Night Showdown (retired drivers), at Bristol, Tenn.
BOXING 10 p.m.
FSN — Champion Odanier Solis (15-0-0) vs. Carl Drumond (26-2-0), for WBC international heavyweight title, at Key West, Fla.
COLLEGE WRESTLING 7:30 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Division I, championship match, schools TBD, at Omaha, Neb.
GOLF 10 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Hassan II Trophy, third round, at Rabat, Morocco
3 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour, Transitions Championship, third round, at Tampa, Fla.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 4 p.m.
WGN — Preseason, Chicago White Sox vs. San Diego, at Glendale, Ariz.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Noon
ESPN — NIT, second round, North Carolina at Mississippi State
1 p.m.
CBS — Regional coverage, NCAA Division I tournament, second round, quadrupleheader, Villanova vs. Saint Mary's, Calif. and Ohio vs. Tennessee at Providence, R.I.; Baylor vs. Old Dominion and Kentucky vs. Wake Forest at New Orleans; Kansas vs. Northern Iowa and Kansas State vs. BYU at Oklahoma City; or Murray State vs. Butler and New Mexico vs. Washington at San Jose, Calif.
NBA BASKETBALL 7 p.m.
WGN — Chicago at Philadelphia
NBA DL BASKETBALL 11:30 p.m.
VERSUS — Dakota at Erie (same-day tape)
SOCCER 8:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — Premier League, Aston Villa vs. Wolverhampton, at Birmingham, England
2:55 p.m.
ESPN2 — Spanish Primera Division, Real Madrid vs. Sporting Gijon, at Madrid, Spain
TENNIS 3 p.m.
FSN — ATP/WTA Tour, BNP Paribas Open, men's semifinals, at Indian Wells, Calif.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Noon
ESPN2 — Regional coverage, NCAA Division I tournament, first round, LSU vs. Hartford at Durham, N.C.; Michigan State vs. Bowling Green at Louisville, Ky.; Austin Peay at Tennessee; St. John's vs. Princeton at Tallahassee, Fla.
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — Regional coverage, NCAA Division I tournament, first round, Hampton at Duke; Kentucky vs. Liberty at Louisville, Ky.; Dayton vs. TCU at Knoxville, Tenn.; Louisiana Tech at Florida State.
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Regional coverage, NCAA Division I tournament, first round, Texas A&M vs. Portland State at Seattle; Oklahoma State vs. Chattanooga at Tempe, Ariz.; Iowa vs. Rutgers at Stanford, Calif.; Georgetown vs. Marist at Berkeley, Calif.
10 p.m.
ESPN2 — Regional coverage, NCAA Division I tournament, first round, Gonzaga vs. North Carolina at Seattle; Georgia vs. Tulane at Tempe, Ariz.; UC Riverside at Stanford; Baylor vs. Fresno State at Berkeley, Calif.

APSPORTLIGHT

March 20
1897 — Yale beats Penn 32-10 in New Haven, Conn., in the first men's intercollegiate basketball game.
1954 — La Salle wins the NCAA basketball title by defeating Bradley 92-76 and sets a record for most points in the title game.
1969 — Less than two months after she becomes the first woman to ride in a pari-mutuel race in America, Diane Crump rides her first winner at Gulfstream Park.
1988 — Mike Tyson knocks out Tony Tubbs in the second round to retain his world heavyweight title in Tokyo.
2003 — Shaquille O'Neal becomes the 28th player in NBA history to score 20,000 points during the Los Angeles Lakers' game against Sacramento.
2005 — Liz Johnson becomes the first woman to advance to the championship match of a Professional Bowlers Association tour event, but loses by 27 pins to Tommy Jones in the final of the PBA Banquet Open.
2005 — LeBron James, 20, becomes the youngest player to score 50 points in an NBA game, scoring 56 in the Cavaliers' 105-98 loss to the Raptors.
2006 — Japan beats Cuba 10-6 in the title game of the inaugural World Baseball Classic.

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conference schedule that included games against Kansas, Syracuse, Seton Hall, St. John's and Alabama, Donahue felt the Big Red was better equipped this year to face a tough, physical opening-round opponent such as Temple, one of the nation's stingiest defensive teams.

Cornell lost by 24 to Stanford in 2008 and 19 to Missouri a year ago, and entered this year's tournament determined to make the most of the last opportunity Wittman, Foote, Dale and fellow senior Jon Jaques have to enjoy an NCAA run.

Dunphy, who's been at Temple since 2006, fell to 1-12 in the NCAA tournament and has lost 11 straight.

No. 4 Wisconsin 53, No. 13 Wofford 49

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jon Leuer scored 20 points, including a jumper and two free throws in the final 17 seconds, and fourth-seeded Wisconsin eked out a win over No. 13 seed Wofford.

Trevon Hughes added 19 points for Wisconsin, including 12 of the team's first 21. The Badgers advanced to the second round for the fourth consecutive year and will play Cornell on Sunday.

The Badgers (24-8) slowed it down early, playing their typical plodding style, then turned things up when the Terriers (26-9) opened the second half with a flurry of points.

Jamar Diggs scored 11 of his 13 points in the first five minutes after the break, helping Wofford overcome an eight-point deficit in its NCAA tournament debut. The Southern Conference champions, who made just seven of 25 shots in the first half, hit their first eight baskets to start the second and took a 38-37 lead.

No. 2 West Virginia 77, No. 15 Morgan State 50

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Kevin Jones scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half to lead second-seeded West Virginia over No. 15 seed Morgan State.

Despite the margin of victory, it wasn't an easy start for the Big East tournament champs after West Virginia missed its first 11 shots and trailed 10-0 before the game was five minutes old.

With leading scorer Da'Sean Butler handcuffed by a double-teaming Bears defense, Jones proved to be the difference. The sophomore forward went 4 for 4 for nine points during a decisive 21-4 run over a 6-minute stretch in the first half. Devin Ebanks had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Mountaineers (28-6).

Reggie Holmes scored 12 for Morgan State (27-10), the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champ, which followed up its first tournament appear-

ance last year with another bid this season.

No. 10 Missouri 86, No. 7 Clemson 78

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Kim English and Keith Ramsey each scored 20 points, and Missouri's swarming defense lived up to its reputation against Clemson.

Missouri (23-10), the 10th seed in the East Regional, has won five straight opening-round games and will play West Virginia in the second round Sunday.

No. 7 seed Clemson (21-11) goes home for the third straight year after a first-round loss to a lower-seeded team. Tigers coach Oliver Purnell is winless in six trips to the NCAA tournament with three schools.

Missouri's defense, small, swift and smart, played at a high level. It forced 20 turnovers, nabbed 15 steals and stifled Clemson star Trevor Booker for 35 minutes. Booker finished with 11 points, eight coming in a late 3-minute span, and pulled down 11 rebounds in the final game of his stellar career.

WEST REGIONAL

No. 6 Xavier 65, No. 11 Minnesota 54

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jordan Crawford scored 17 of his 28 points in the second half and Xavier kept up its run of tournament success by beating Minnesota.

Xavier (25-8) advanced to the second round for the fourth straight year, this time under first-year coach Chris Mack. Mack has a star in Crawford, the Indiana transfer playing in his first NCAA tournament game in two years. But it was far from a one-man show.

Dante Jackson smothered the Gophers' best shooters on defense. Jamel McLean had 14 rebounds and Crawford provided the highlight plays for the sixth-seeded Musketeers.

Lawrence Westbrook scored 19 points for Minnesota (21-14), but coach Tubby Smith's 11th-seeded Gophers went cold from 3-point range late.

No. 3 Pittsburgh 89, No. 14 Oakland 66

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jermaine Dixon and Gilbert Brown scored 17 points apiece and Pittsburgh avoided becoming the latest Big East powerhouse to get knocked off in the first round, overcoming a slow start to rout Oakland.

Brown's strong performance off the bench was a boost for the third-seeded Panthers (25-8), who are making their ninth straight NCAA appearance and have advanced to the round of 16 in five of the previous eight. They'll try to continue that streak Sunday against Xavier.

Big center Keith Benson scored 28 points for the 14th-seeded Golden Grizzlies (26-9), who played much of the first half without starting for-

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second half. But Diebler hit a 3-pointer and Lauderdale briefly asserted himself on the offensive end, scoring on powerful dunks on back-to-back posses-

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that I think he's going to attain that would shock me at all," coach Mike Brown said.

The question is: Whose uniform will he be wearing when he reaches them? James, who can opt out of his contract after the season, would be the top attraction in a star-studded free-agent class if he decides to leave, and the Bulls will have the salary-cap room to offer a maximum deal.

James praised the Chicago fans, saying, "To respect the way I play the game when they've seen the greatest bas-

ketball player of all time, with tonight it's real humbling."

Would James want to keep playing here?

"I'm here," he said. "They can see me until I catch the plane."

Mo Williams added 18 points for the Cavaliers, who continued to roll without the injured Shaquille O'Neal. They're 10-1 with their big man recovering from a thumb injury.

The Bulls hung close without the injured Derrick Rose, Luol Deng and Joakim Noah, but matched their longest losing streak since November 2001 despite strong efforts by rookies Taj Gibson (20 points,

ward Derick Nelson after an elbow from Panthers center Gary McGhee opened a cut over his left eye.

No. 8 Gonzaga 67, No. 9 Florida State 60

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Matt Bouldin and eighth-seeded Gonzaga showed Florida State it still has a way to go in its quest to be considered a basketball power.

Bouldin scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half in helping the Bulldogs close out a victory over the ninth-seeded Seminoles. Steven Gray scored 15 points while Robert Sacre added 13 points and nine rebounds for the 'Zags (27-6), who nearly squandered an 18-point lead.

Devidas Dulkys scored 14 points and Solomon Alabi had 13 for the Seminoles (22-10), who didn't have enough offense to dig themselves out of their big hole.

No. 1 Syracuse 79, No. 16 Vermont 56

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Wes Johnson had 18 points to lead five Syracuse players in double figures, and the top-seeded Orange beat Vermont 79-56 on Friday night in the first round of NCAA tournament.

Syracuse (29-4), playing without injured center Arinze Onuaku, avenged a stunning overtime loss to Vermont (25-10) in the 2005 tournament. The Orange will play eighth-seeded Gonzaga in the second round on Sunday. The Zags beat Florida State 67-60 on Friday night. arqus Blakely led Vermont with 17 points and Evan Fjeld had 13.

SOUTH REGIONAL

No. 4 Purdue 72, No. 13 Siena 64

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Keaton Grant ignited a decisive 20-3 run with 11 points to begin the second half, and Purdue rallied past giant-killer Siena despite playing without do-it-all forward Robbie Hummel.

Grant, the senior who became a starter after Hummel injured his knee three weeks ago, opened up the inside for teammate JuJuan Johnson's 23 points. Johnson, the tallest player on either team at 6-foot-10, tied his career high with 15 rebounds.

E'Twaun Moore added 12 points for the fourth-seeded Boilermakers (28-5). They were steamed that even President Barack Obama had joined a national chorus predicting the 13th-seeded Saints (27-7) would pull a first-round upset in the third consecutive NCAA tournament.

Take that, Mr. President!

No. 5 Texas A&M 69, No. 12 Utah State 53

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) —

with 7:26 left.

Turner even got back into the scoring act late, hitting a driving layup with 3:42 left — then running back down the court shaking his head.

The Gauchos began the game a miserable 1 of 9 from the field and 1 of 6 from 3-point range, falling behind 13-3. Then came a rally, albeit a

13 rebounds) and James Johnson (16 points).

"It's really frustrating right now," veteran Kirk Hinrich said. "I don't know how else to explain it."

James, who reached the 15,000-point mark in the opening minutes, put away the Bulls in the closing minutes.

He checked back into the game with just over 7 minutes left and Chicago up 75-74 and immediately delivered a two-handed alley-oop dunk, hanging on the rim. He hit back-to-back jumpers before a 3-pointer by Anthony Parker gave Cleveland an 83-78 lead with about 4 minutes left, and James scored seven straight

nell said. "Katlyn Kibler is a four-year letter winner. Shay Pittman is a really good player and has a great attitude, all the girls look up to her and respect her. Rachel Winn will be a two-year letter winner and provide us with some good depth."

For Salem to have success this year, a lot will depend on how much the team improves on plate disciple. Last year,

First-round victories in the NCAA tournament are becoming routine for Texas A&M, although this time it took freshman Khris Middleton to make it happen.

Middleton scored a career-high 19 points and fifth-seeded Texas A&M (24-9) beat No. 12 Utah State to advance to the second round for the fifth consecutive year. The Aggies will face Purdue on Sunday.

David Loubeau added 12 points for Texas A&M, which disrupted Utah State into one of its worst shooting performances of the season and dominated the rebounding.

Utah State (27-8) lost its fifth consecutive first-round game. Its last win came in 2001 over Ohio State. The Aggies shot 38 percent, well below their season average of 49 percent, and scored 20 points below their season average.

No. 1 Duke 73, No. 16 Arkansas-Pine Bluff 44

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Kyle Singler had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Jon Scheyer scored 13 and No. 1 seed Duke rolled past Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Lance Thomas added 12 points and Nolan Smith 10 as the Blue Devils began their quest for a fourth national championship in dominating fashion.

Duke (30-5) jumped out to an early lead, never trailed and reached 30 wins for the 11th time under coach Mike Krzyzewski.

The 16th-seeded Golden Lions (18-16), who beat Winthrop 61-44 in the opening round Tuesday to earn a date with Duke, turned in a respectable defensive performance. But they struggled to score against Duke's bigger, more physical frontcourt.

Tavaris Washington led Pine Bluff with nine points.

No. 8 California 77, No. 9 Louisville 62

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jerome Randle and Theo Robertson scored 21 points apiece and eighth-seeded California squandered most of a seemingly comfortable lead before pulling away to 77-62 victory over ninth-seeded Louisville on Friday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Golden Bears (24-10), who played without suspended starting forward Omondi Amoke, advanced to the second round Sunday against top-seeded Duke, a 73-44 winner over 16th-seeded Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Friday night.

Cal led by as many as 18 points in the first half. Louisville trimmed the deficit to 62-58 with just over 7 minutes to go, but Robertson's 3-pointer steadied the Golden Bears and the Pac-10 champions were able to finish the job with 7-for-7 free throw shooting over the final 6 minutes.

Cal closed the game on a

short-lived one.

A 10-1 spurt cut the lead to one. The effort got a rise out of the Gauchos' small but vocal cheering section, along with leftover Georgia Tech and Oklahoma State fans looking for an upset.

But Ohio State answered with a 13-0 run of its own ignited by four blocked shots by

after a dunk by the Bulls' Taj Gibson to make it 90-80 with 50 seconds left.

At one point after he checked back in, James turned toward the Chicago bench and asked: "Do you want to shoot it? I'll shoot the ball."

The loss simply added to the misery for the Bulls.

Deng could miss two to three more weeks because of a strained right calf, putting his status for the rest of the season in question. Rose has now missed four straight because of a sprained left wrist he sustained in a collision with Orlando's Dwight Howard. He is a gametime decision for Saturday at Philadelphia, as is center

strikeouts were a problem for Salem and Purnell would like to see that taken care of this year.

"We need to put the ball in play more," he said. "We need to focus on just making good choices when batting and not look at so many third strikes."

When it comes down to the simplest of terms, fundamentals will be the key to the Lady

15-4 run.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

No. 10 Georgia Tech 64, No. 7 Ok. State 59

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Gani Lawal scored 14 points, Derrick Favors came within a rebound of a double-double and the free throw-challenged Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets scored their last 13 points at the line to hold off Oklahoma State.

It was a disappointing finish for James Anderson and the seventh-seeded Cowboys (22-11), who never seemed to find their rhythm. Anderson, the nation's third-leading scorer, was just 3 of 12 for 11 points, half his average. Obi Muonelo was held to 10 points and the Cowboys, one of the nation's best from beyond the arc, were just 6 of 22 from 3-point range.

No. 10 seed Georgia Tech moved to 5-0 in NCAA tournament games at the Bradley Center.

The Yellow Jackets (23-12) had struggled at the foul line all year, coming in shooting less than 65 percent. But they made them when it counted. Held without a field goal the last 8 minutes of the game, Georgia Tech finished 24 of 25 from the line.

No. 5 Michigan State 70, No. 12 N.M. State 67

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Kalin Lucas scored a career-high 25 points and Raymar Morgan emerged from a quiet night by hitting key shots down the stretch as fifth-seeded Michigan State edged No. 12 New Mexico State.

Morgan broke a late tie with four straight points, then made two free throws with 18.6 seconds remaining with the aid of a lane-violation call.

Still, it was an uneven game for the Spartans (25-8), a microcosm of their at-times daz-zling, other times dumbfounding season following a loss to North Carolina in last year's national championship game.

Troy Gillenwater scored 17 points, including a 3-pointer with 20 seconds left that got New Mexico State (22-12) within 68-67. Jonathan Gibson added 16.

No. 4 Maryland 89, No. 13 Houston 77

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Freshman Jordan Williams set career highs with 21 points and 17 rebounds, and Maryland beat Houston 89-77 on Friday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament's Midwest Regional.

Maryland (24-8) overcame an off night by ACC player of the year Greivis Vasquez, who had a quiet 16 points. The fourth-seeded Terrapins will play Sunday against fifth-seeded Michigan State (25-8), a 70-67 winner over New Mexico State.

Lauderdale — including a demoralizing two swats against James Nunnally on one possession.

The Gauchos had one more first-half highlight left in them — a transition alley-oop slam by Nunnally off a pass by Johnson — but the Buckeyes took a 30-17 lead into halftime.

Joakim Noah, who has missed the past 10 games with planter fasciitis in his left foot.

The injuries came at a bad time for the Bulls, who just wrapped up a stretch of nine straight against contenders, yet they hung in against the team with the league's best record.

James soared in for a hard right-handed dunk on a break about 4:40 into the game and hit two free throws about 40 seconds later, giving him 15,001 career points. Otherwise, he was rather quiet until the fourth.

"I was trying to make him a shooter, not let him drive whenever he wanted to," Johnson said.

Quaker season.

"We have to do well in the basics," Purnell said. "We need to keep errors down and don't make any mental or unforced mistakes." The Salem Lady Quaker softball team will play their home games at Salem Memorial Park. They are scheduled to open their season on Monday, March 29 against Newton Falls.

DEATHS

Lois Pauline Hall Schmul

SALEM — Lois Pauline Hall Schmul, 88, died Thursday morning.

Mrs. Schmul was born Aug. 15, 1921, in Conneaut, a daughter of Leon and Cora Winifred (Ayers) Hall.

She was a third generation Wesleyan Methodist and a faithful communicant of the Salem Bible Methodist Church where her husband Rev. Dr. Harold Schmul was pastor for 29 years. She was a resident of Salem since 1961.



Mrs. Schmul worked in her younger days as secretary of The Schmul Publishing Company and office manager for the Inter-Church Holiness Convention, both of which her husband founded.

Her husband Harold, whom she married on June 28, 1941, preceded her in death on June 26, 1998.

She is survived by two sons, Rev. Dr. Harold (Caroline) Schmul II of Madison, Miss., and Bradly (Marianna) Eugene Schmul of Salem; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27 at The Bible Methodist Church, 1647 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, Ohio. Calling hours will be held from 10 until 11 a.m. at the church prior to the worship service. Internment will follow at Grandview Cemetery, 1399 Franklin Avenue, Salem, Ohio. Join

the Schmul family for the graveside committal service at the Grandview Cemetery, followed by refreshments to be announced. Arrangements are being conducted by Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Schmul Memorial Scholarship Fund, God’s Bible School & College, Cincinnati, Ohio, or to Hobe Sound Bible School, Hobe Sound, Fla.

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Richard L. “Knobby” Greene

SALEM — Richard L. “Knobby” Greene, 84, of Salem, died at 4:09 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2010, at the Salem Community Hospital.



He was born Aug. 30, 1925, in Salem, the son of the late Arnold and Verna (Fults) Greene.

Before his retirement, Mr. Greene had served as vice president of Consumers Bank in Salem. He had previously worked at the Peoples Bank in Youngstown from 1971 to 1973 and prior to that had worked at the Farmers Bank in Salem as a loan officer. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Salem and a 1944 graduate of Salem High School. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, bowling and golf. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Knobby was a member of the Salem Hunting Club, AMVETS Post 45, VFW Post 892, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Elks Lodge #305, Free and Accepted Masons - Perry Lodge 185, Salem Independent Hose Club and a life member of the Western Reserve Motorcycle Club. He was past president of the Salem Shrine Club, a member of both the Youngstown Shrine Club and the Al Koran Shrine Club in Cleveland. He also was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters - Court 14.

His wife, June (Chappell) Stone Greene, whom he married in 1986, preceded him in death in 1999. A son, David Greene; a brother, Carroll Greene; two sisters, Dorothy Hanner and Janice Melitschka, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Richard J. “Demon” (Kathy) Greene of Centerville, Ohio; a daughter, Susan (William) Pritchard of Salem; two stepdaughters, Peg (Ken) Siemer of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Mary (Gary) Miller of Salem; two stepsons, James Stone and Edward (Beckie) Stone all of Salem; seven grandchildren, four step grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday at the First Christian Church in Salem with the Rev. Leonard Moore officiating. Full military honors provided by the Salem VFW Post 892 and the Salem AMVETS Post 45 will follow the services at the church.

Calling hours will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Monday at the church prior to the services with a Masonic service at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital, 1645 W. Eighth St., Erie, Pa. 16505.

Arrangements were handled by Stark Memorial.

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(Paid obituary)

MUNICIPAL

LISBON -- In County Municipal Court on Friday two men found inside a Howard Street home both pleaded no contest. Donald Weyand, 41, Mapletree Street, East Liverpool, and Charles Weyand Jr, 34, West Wilson Street, Salem, each pleaded no contest to criminal trespassing. Each man was ordered to serve 30 days in jail, fined \$50 and ordered to perform 20 hours of community service. An April 20 hearing was set to determine the amount of restitution to be paid to the owner of the home.

- Christine Wilson, 42, Waddell Road, Hanoverton, was ordered to pay costs only after she pleaded no contest to failure to control.
- An April 8 pretrial was set for John Dubiecki, 49, Youngstown, cited with failing to stop for a stopped school bus.
- An April 26 court trial was set for Joseph Lambert, 45, Chester, W. Va., cited with a stop sign violation.

SHERIFF

- Steven Riesen, Meadowood Apartments, Salem, reported Friday he had an agreement with a Damascus-area man to take his Dodge Durango to Maine for a job and then pay him for the SUV. That was two months ago and Riesen, who never signed over the title, has yet to receive any compensation from the person, so he was filing a stolen vehicle report.



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Donna J. Sedzmak

YOUNGSTOWN — Donna J. Sedzmak of Youngstown died at 1:03 a.m. Thursday.

Born June 5, 1941, she was the daughter of John and Mildred (Alacia) Holesko.

Mrs. Sedzmak had been employed by the Isaly Dairy Company as a payroll clerk, rising to the position of secretary to the vice president of finance.



She was a member of Saint Michael’s Church of Canfield.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph P., whom she married on Oct. 12, 1968; a daughter, who came to her in 1996 as a Rotary Exchange student from Slovakia, Zuzana Tomkova of Washington, D.C.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday at St. Michael’s Church. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday by Father Terry Hazel. Entombment will take place at Immaculate Conception Mausoleum in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi and Santucci Funeral Home, 4700 Market St., Boardman.
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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Columbiana

County Sheriff (Tim and Lorelei Chaffin) to Huntington National Bank, home on South Middle Street; \$24,000.

County Sheriff (Tim and Lorelei Chaffin) to Huntington National Bank, home on Union Street; \$22,000.

Lisbon

David Brown to David Brown, Jackie Hersman and Ryan Hillman, commercial property on East Lincoln Way (The Caboose); \$23,500.

Estate of Wilbur Hawthorne to Joanne Hawthorne, home on West High Street; \$60,000.

Wellsville

Joseph and Ruby Stock to Earl Lamp, home on 10th Street; \$5,800.

Hanover Township

Carolyn Smith to RLC Real Estate, home on Eastlake Road; \$143,250.

James Cooper Trust to Craig Cozza, 8.3 acres on Schneider Road; \$47,765.

Unity Township

Belle Vista Inc. to Dale and Marcia Webber, 1 acre on Kayann Lane; \$18,000.

Jeff McCurdy, etc to James Kent, 7 acres; \$29,000.

Virginia Smith to Brian and Amber Neff, home on Waterford; \$133,000.

East Palestine

Nancy Macioce to Bradley Lansberry, home on Wallace Avenue; \$83,300.

Gary Mort to Jonathan Hall, home on West Main Street; \$53,300.

Krista Figley to Matt Edwards, home on East Main Street; \$89,900.

Fannie Mae (Ken Thomas) to Jeffrey Rupert, home on Pinetree Circle; \$22,500.

Elkrun Township

Ferris Coal Co. to *CDDB LLC, 339 acres on Pine Hollow Road; \$194,982.

St. Clair Township

Earl and Wayne Hickman to Zhen and Chang Lin, 1 acre on Hickman Road; \$18,000.

U.S. Bank (Mike and Melissa Thayer) to Ken Cain, home on Greenfield Drive; \$40,000.

East Liverpool

Marilyn Young to Laura Jackson, etc; home on Beechwood Street; \$6,160.

St. Aloysius Catholic Church to Charles and Patrice Brown, property on West Fifth Street; \$7,000.

Salem

Erin Thomas to Robert Stallsmith, home on Fairview Avenue; \$93,800.

Winifred Reed to Victoria Heaver, home on East Fourth Street; \$45,000.

Yellow Creek Township

Tracy Malone to Gary and Shelba Malone, partial interest in home on Idaho Avenue; \$39,875.

G. Michael Malone to Gary and Shelba Malone, partial interest in home on Idaho Avenue; \$39,875.

Christina and Ray Parrish Jr. to Tracy Huff, manufactured home on Nicholson Road; \$33,500.

Fairfield Township

Home Savings & Loan (former owner Maxime Holma) to Dorothy and Ernest Bean, home on Woodville Road; \$67,000.

Middleton Township

County Sheriff (Frank Fleger) to Wells Fargo Bank, home on Waterford Road; \$14,000.



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Calling Hours: Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.
Stark Memorial

GREENE, RICHARD L. “KNOBBY” (84)
Services: Monday 2:30 p.m.
First Christian Church
Calling Hours: Monday noon to 2:30 p.m.
First Christian Church

SCHMUL, LOIS P. (88)
Services: Saturday, March 27 11 a.m.
The Bible Methodist Church
Calling Hours: Saturday, March 27 10 to 11 a.m.
The Bible Methodist Church

School district lifts classroom movie ban

MARYSVILLE (AP) — An Ohio school board has lifted its temporary ban on showing PG-13 and R-rated movies such as “Schindler’s List” in high school classes. But parents of Marysville students will now have to give permission before their children see a more mature film at school. The movies also will have to be cleared by administrators, and officials are urging teachers to show relevant clips instead of whole films.

COMMON PLEAS

New Cases

Darryl M. Folkenson of New Castle, Pa., v. Harris Masonry of Pittsburgh and Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation; appeal of claim denial.

Kimberly S. Jarvis, 49, of East Liverpool v. Paul E. Jarvis Jr., 52, of Hanoverton; divorce sought.

Cheryl R. Williams, 45, of Sandusky v. Kevin Williams, 50, of Salem; collection sought of child support.

Misty R. Swiger of East Liverpool v. Ronald E. Swiger of Chester, W.Va.; divorce sought.

Community Reinvestment Fund v. Robert J. Holmes of Columbiana and Buckeye Components LLC of Columbiana; collection sought of \$759,152 debt.

BAC Home Loan Servicing v. Mark D. Simmons, etc; foreclosure sought against property on Spruce Street, Columbiana.

Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration v. Hugh Johnston, doing business as Johnston Autobody Repair of Wellsville, Bill Shinton, doing business as Bill’s Autobody of Lisbon, William Stewart, doing business as FrameWorx of Lisbon, and Randal Smith, doing business as D & R Auto of Salem; all are accused of operating without registering with the state; court order sought to shut them down.

Discover Bank v. Robert A. Kunkle of East Palestine; collection sought of \$16,064 debt.

Home Savings & Loan v. Ronald and Joan Givens, etc; foreclosure sought against property on Susan Drive, East Liverpool.

FIA Card Services v. Lori A. Rosensteel of East Palestine; collection sought of \$27,121 debt.

Citimortgage Inc. v. Keith E. Mueller, etc; foreclosure sought against property on North Beaver Street, Lisbon.

Docket Entries

Flagstar Bank v. Michael L. Woodyard, etc; lawsuit dismissed by Flagstar.

Chase Home Finance v. Daric K. Wise Jr., etc; bankruptcy stay lifted, lawsuit reactivated.

BAC Home Loans v. Bruce A. Johns Jr., etc; foreclosure ordered against property on Elberon Avenue, Salem.

U.S. Bank v. Amber N. Vincent, etc; defendants filed bankruptcy, so foreclosure action against them put on hold.

Seven Seventeen Credit Union v. Arthur L. Talbert, etc; foreclosure ordered against property on Pleasant Valley Road, Wellsville.

Marriage Licenses

James E. Reich, 37, of East Palestine, mechanic; and Martha K. Huff, 45, of East Palestine, waitress.

Dustin T. Athey, 21, of East Liverpool, personal care assistant; and Amanda E. Benitz, 22, of East Liverpool, personal care assistant.

POLICE REPORTS

SALEM
Open container

Charles E. Bonzo, 40, of 672 N. Lincoln Ave., Salem, was cited for open container at 2:27 a.m. Thursday after a patrolling officer observed him walking in the 500 block of East Pershing Street holding two beer bottles.

Theft

Officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of North Lincoln Avenue at 7:24 a.m. Thursday where a man reported someone had entered his wife’s locked vehicle within the past day and removed several items.

Failure to control

Debora A. Dowdell, 56, of 8255 Richey School Road, Hanoverton, was cited for failure to control following a one-vehicle crash in the 300 block of West State Street at 1:54 p.m. Thursday in which she attempted to back into a parking space at a business and struck the side of an adjacent building. She was transported to the Salem Community Hospital for medical treatment.

Assault

An anonymous caller reported at 6:03 p.m. Thursday having been assaulted by a known woman while in the 600 block of Jennings Avenue.

Criminal damaging

Officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of Rose Avenue at 8:11 p.m. Thursday where a man reported his ex-girlfriend had broken his front window during an argument. Officers spoke with the ex-girlfriend, who denied the claim.

Theft

Officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of Vine Avenue at 1:46 a.m. Friday where a man claimed that his neighbor had been entering his apartment without permission and now personal belongings were missing.

Shoplifting

James N. Gross, 31, of Warren, was arrested at 12:59 p.m. Friday for theft after he allegedly attempted to remove a \$292 CD player from Walmart without paying for it.

PERRY TOWNSHIP
Failure to yield

Eugene F. Harrow of Warren was cited for failure to yield following a two-vehicle crash at U.S. Route 62 and state Route 45 at 1:46 p.m. Thursday in which he attempted to turn

north onto 45 and pulled in front of a vehicle driven by Carrie J. Barton, of 1190 Franklin Ave., Salem, who was traveling west on 62. No injuries were reported.

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Criminal damaging

A man from the 200 block of Ridge Street reported at 10:33 a.m. March 6 that someone egged his vehicle overnight.

Stolen vehicle

Officers responded to a business in the 200 block of Front Street at 12:38 a.m. March 9 for a report of a stolen vehicle, described as a 1994 Ford Explorer. The keys were left in the vehicle, according to police.

Phone harassment

An officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Main Street at 7:46 p.m. March 9 to investigate a claim of phone harassment of a juvenile by an adult man.

OVI

Cari Davis, 20, of Main Street, Leetonia, was arrested for operating a vehicle intoxicated and cited for failure to control following a one-vehicle crash on Main Street at Center Street at 8:34 p.m. March 13.

Theft

A man from the 200 block of Main Street reported at 7:43 p.m. March 14 a theft from the residence. Officers responded to the same home at 2:58 a.m. Thursday for a reported possible break-in.

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► **NASCAR**

Edwards defends character after crash

Some drivers wonder about his ability to control his anger

By **JENNA FRYER**
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Carl Edwards is personable and polite, always approachable. When he talks on camera, he makes sure to take his sunglasses off so the audience can see him clearly.



Edwards attributes it to being raised right.

Others have doubted his motives, and Tony Stewart once even described Edwards as the Eddie Haskell of NASCAR.

A deliberate accident with Brad Keselowski two weeks ago at Atlanta has Edwards once again being scrutinized. For all the talk about Keselowski being too aggressive and making too many enemies, there are just as many accusations that Edwards is a phony who suffers from anger management issues.

Edwards, somewhat silent since the March 7 incident, vigorously defended his character Friday.

“That’s all they can say about me because it’s hard for them to accept that I am a decent guy,” Edwards said moments before climbing into his car at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Edwards found himself back in the spotlight because of the Atlanta wreck with Keselowski. Publicly, Kevin Harvick called Edwards “fake as hell” this week in a radio inter-

view, while others have privately wondered about the veteran driver’s ability to control his anger.

Harvick feuded with Edwards two seasons ago and didn’t back off his “fake” assessment of Edwards when asked about it on Friday.

“As far as the fake comment,” he began, “you can’t be the nice guy, you can’t be the bad guy, and you can’t be the bully. So, I mean, that’s just how I feel about that.”

Edwards quickly fired back when asked about Harvick’s remark. “I have absolutely no respect for Kevin Harvick,” he said. “I think he’s a bad person. That’s my opinion. I’ve told him that. We’ve had our deal before and his actions through that interaction were so devious and underhanded and cowardly that, it’s like, I just have no respect for him.

“When people like that question me, it makes me feel better because if those people were lined up patting me on the back I’d be on the wrong side of what’s right and wrong. And I truly believe that.”

And just like that, the feud between Edwards and Keselowski became overshadowed by the mutual dislike between Edwards and Harvick. Their rivalry dates to October 2008, when both were in the thick of the championship race.

Harvick criticized Edwards on national TV after Edwards triggered an accident at Talladega, and Edwards responded by leaving a sarcastic note on Harvick’s airplane. A week later, Edwards confronted Harvick in the garage at Charlotte, and it quickly turned physical. Photographs of the incident showed Edwards grabbing Harvick around the throat, and the two had to be separated by Harvick’s crew members.

It wasn’t the first time Edwards was caught in an unflattering moment. TV cameras were present in 2007 when he confronted Matt Kenseth after a race in Martinsville. After brief words, Edwards raised his fist as if he was going to punch his Roush Fenway Racing teammate.

It’s those flashes that have created a stir about Edwards’ ability to manage his anger.

Asked if he had an anger issue Friday, he chuckled and said “No.”

“It’s really simple: I treat everyone the best way I can possibly treat them, that’s the way I was raised, but I stand up for myself,” he said. “I am not trying to be a good guy or a bad guy, that’s just who I am.

“All those people that say whatever they say, know that if I have an issue with them, I go speak to them. I don’t run around behind their back and talk like little girls. That’s what a lot of them do. I learned that

wasn’t cool in about fifth grade.”

Edwards has his share of supporters in the garage.

“I’m not Dr. Phil. I don’t know what you think about Carl,” said former Roush teammate Mark Martin. “I think Carl is a standup guy and a really, really fine young man. I think that he sure didn’t mean for that to happen.”

Martin was referring to Keselowski’s car going airborne in the Atlanta wreck. It was a spectacular flip that brought a crush of attention to what otherwise might have been routine bumping-and-banging between rival drivers.

Instead, there was a cry from Keselowski and others for NASCAR to swiftly punish Edwards. The sanctioning body, which is promoting a “boys, have at it” attitude of self-policing this season, instead placed Edwards on probation for three races.

He’s scheduled to meet with NASCAR officials, Keselowski and their respective car owners Saturday at Bristol, and declined to discuss the accident until after they talk.

But team owner Jack Roush is clearly on Edwards’ side.

“I do not condone what Carl did, but I do understand it,” he said. “Brad Keselowski wrecked Carl three times if anybody was watching. If my driver had wrecked somebody three times, I would have had issue with that from my side.”

► **NCAA TOURNAMENT**

14th seed Ohio hoping to extend NCAA run

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Ohio coach John Groce majored in math and taught it in high school and likes to use numbers when he’s preparing his team or analyzing opponents.



So how do the Bobcats explain this:

They lost 14 games in the regular season, finishing below .500 in the mid-major Mid-America Conference to earn a No. 14 seed in the NCAA tournament. Then knocked off third-seeded Georgetown — the biggest upset in a first day full of them — by, you guessed it, 14 points.

“I think that’s why you come to a mid-major school: the challenge of getting into the tournament. And then to win, to advance in a tournament, is another big thing,” Ohio guard Armon Bassett said Friday. “I think people are starting to like us and starting to follow us. But we’ve just got to keep a level head, a narrow path and stay humble. And keep trying to string these W’s together.”

Ohio, which was only the ninth seed in its conference tournament, knocked off No. 3 NCAA seed Georgetown 97-83 on Thursday night. With a victory over sixth-seeded Tennessee (26-8) on Saturday, the Bobcats (22-14) would be-



Ohio's Armon Bassett smiles during a news conference at the NCAA college basketball tournament in Providence, R.I. Friday. Ohio face Tennessee in a second-round game on Saturday. (AP Photo)

come just the third No. 14 seed to advance to the round of 16 since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

“It’s always something you have to worry about when you play somebody seeded lower than you, that they’ll come in with a chip on their shoulder,” Vols guard Melvin Goins said. “But we have a chip on our shoulders, too.”

Cleveland State in 1986 and Chattanooga in ’97 are the only No. 14 seeds to reach the regional semifinals, and it’s never been done by a No. 15 or

16 seed.

And it’s all of no consequence to Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl.

“I have no idea what seed they are. It doesn’t matter what seed they are,” said Pearl, who has advanced to the second weekend of the NCAAs twice in the previous three years. “They’re the MAC champions and they’re standing in our way of advancing to the Sweet 16. They don’t care if it’s Tennessee or the SEC. They know we have one shot at a bright shining moment and doing

something very special for that school.

“I think if you asked our guys, they won’t know what seed Ohio is. But they can tell you they beat Georgetown last night by double-digits. And they can tell you how many points their kids had. And how many points their team scored and what they’re capable of.”

Here are the numbers Pearl does care about: Ohio point guard D.J. Cooper is a 5-foot-11, 165-pound freshman who led the conference in minutes played and steals and assists per game. After watching 20 minutes of film on Friday morning Pearl turned to his staff and said, “Who is this kid? Where is he from? And why didn’t we know about him?”

“It didn’t take long at all for our guys to have their eyes completely wide opened,” Pearl said. “The teams that are left have all been through the grind of a regular season. They’ve all gone on the road, had their backs up against the wall, won games they weren’t supposed to win, developed some toughness and chemistry.

“Do you understand that these kids don’t want to stop playing? They desperately want this thing to continue. And so they do things that maybe they’ve not done before,” Pearl said. “And sometimes it brings out the best in you.”

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that I was in at the end of last year. I’m right in the midst of it.”

And he had lots of company. Jim Furyk, whose last victory against a full field came in the 2007 Canadian Open, was atop the leaderboard with Harrington until missing a 6-foot par putt on the final hole. It wasn’t enough to take away from an otherwise solid round of 68 to put him one shot behind.

Also at 7-under 135 were Carl Pettersson (68), a past winner at Innisbrook who is feeling much better after regaining some girth; Bubba Watson, who missed a 4-foot birdie putt on his final hole and had 65; and defending champion Retief Goosen after a 68.

Steve Stricker played the final eight holes in even par and still shot a 66, putting him in the group two shots behind. Stricker, the highest-ranked player at Innisbrook at No. 2 in

the world, was poised to catch Harrington until he hit driver on the 16th hole to make sure he cleared the water, went too far and had his ball land next to a tree, leading to bogey.

Still, he accomplished his goal of getting into the hunt, especially since he was seven shots behind when he started. “Today was a key round to get back in the tournament,” he said.

David Toms had the best turnaround, an 8-under 63 that was 11 shots better than his opening round. The former PGA champion then revealed he had a shoulder injury that could keep him out between the Masters and U.S. Open if he chose to have surgery.

Geoff Ogilvy, Lucas Glover and Trevor Immelman were among the 86 players who made the cut on the number at 2-over 144

Harrington spent so much of last year trying to find a swing key that he was rarely in contention until August. He started this year with a stronger focus on scoring, and this is his best

opportunity yet.

He doesn’t know the Copperhead course as well as others, but so far that hasn’t hurt him.

As for the pins he’ll see on the weekend?

“I’ll take the attitude I’ve been taking for the first two days, which is fire away and not worry about it until I get up there,” he said. “It has not cost me too badly so far, so I’ll kind of stick with that for two more days.”

Harrington allowed himself a distraction by taking a whirlwind trip to Washington on Wednesday to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with President Barack Obama and Ireland’s prime minister.

Harrington wouldn’t trade the experience, even though he didn’t greet the president.

“If I thought going to the White House was going to detrimentally affect my performance, one or the other would have to be given up, either the tournament or the White House,” he said. “I felt that it certainly may put a little

bit more risk into the performance, but I didn’t think it would detrimentally affect it, and it hasn’t, obviously.”

Furyk was leading this tournament after the first round a year ago, only to follow with a 78. The same questions he faced a year ago have not left him: When is he going to win again?

He did win the Chevron World Challenge in December against a world-class field of 18 that moved him back into the top 10. Despite not winning on the PGA Tour since 2007, Furyk has done enough right to still be in the top 10.

Still, not winning and taking that trip to Kapalua with other PGA Tour winners gnaws at him.

“I’m bothered by it because it’s my fault,” Furyk said. “So I would really like to change that.”

Justin Leonard had a hole-in-one with a 7-iron on the 13th hole, while Adam Scott got back in the game with four birdies on the opening six holes on his way to a 66.

Around *the* HORN

A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation

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Indians option Santana to Triple-A

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Hard-hitting catcher Carlos Santana is among seven players optioned by the Cleveland Indians.

Santana, considered the top prospect in Cleveland’s system, was sent to Triple-A Columbus along with right-handers Hector Rondon, Jeanmar Gomez and outfielder Jordan Brown.

The Indians also sent infielder Carlos Rivero and outfielder Nick Weglarz to Double-A Akron. Infielder Beau Mills was reassigned to minor league camp.

Santana needs to work on his receiving skills to get ready for the majors. He’s already a seasoned hitter as the switch-hitting 23-year-old batted .352 at Kingston (A) and .290 at Akron last season. He was named the Eastern League’s MVP after leading the Aeros to the title.

Santana was acquired in a 2008 trade from the Los Angeles Dodgers for third baseman Casey Blake.

Ohio fans take to the streets after upset win

ATHENS (AP) — Ohio University students chanted “O-U, Oh yeah!” in a street celebration following the school’s upset win over Georgetown on Day 1 of the NCAA basketball tournament.

Police Chief Ric Mayer in Athens says in a statement that rowdy Bobcats fans poured out of downtown bars and blocked a street near campus when the game ended Thursday night. Mayer says his department called in extra officers to handle the crowd, which broke up about an hour later.

Police say a streetlight was broken and one person was arrested on a rioting charge.

Ohio, the No. 14 seed, stunned third-seeded Georgetown 97-83 in the Midwest Regional.

Ilgauskas back in Cleveland area

AVON, Ohio (AP) — Zydrunas Ilgauskas is back in the Cleveland area three days before he is eligible to re-sign with the Cavaliers.

Ilgauskas declined to comment to The Associated Press on Friday following a workout at a suburban gym.

His agent, Herb Rudoy, told the AP in an e-mail that he will talk to Cavaliers general manager Danny Ferry next week about returning the 7-foot-3 center to Cleveland. The first day he can re-sign is Monday.

The Cavaliers traded Ilgauskas to Washington at the NBA’s trade deadline as part of a three-team deal that brought Antawn Jamison and Sebastian Telfair to Cleveland. Ilgauskas’ contract was bought out by the Wizards, making him a free agent.

Klitschko says he’s in top shape for Chambers

DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP) — IBF and WBO heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko says he is in the best shape of his life going into his defense against American challenger Eddie Chambers.

The 33-year-old Ukrainian hasn’t fought in nearly 10 months but says he won’t be rusty when he fights his former sparring partner Saturday in Dueseldorf’s Espirit Arena.

Klitschko (53-3, 47 KOs) last fought in June, stopping Ruslan Chagaev in a hastily organized fight.

The 27-year-old Chambers (35-1, 18 KOs), gives away five inches in height to Klitschko, who also has a similar reach advantage.

Woods won’t have new sponsor logo on bag

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods won’t replace AT&T with a new corporate sponsor on his golf bag when he returns at the Masters, instead using his Nike brand.

AT&T dropped him as a sponsor on Dec. 31 in the midst of the infidelity scandal.

It will be the first time since he turned pro that Woods has used an existing sponsor on the bag, where companies get prime exposure.

Mark Steinberg, his agent at IMG, says Woods is not pursuing new business deals at this time. He said Friday that Woods will use his “TW” brand at Nike at Augusta National.

It will be the fourth logo on Woods’ bag in his professional career.

Logano wins 1st pole of career at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Joey Logano has won his first career pole with the top qualifying lap at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Logano posted a lap at 124.630 mph to earn the first starting spot for Sunday’s race.

Kurt Busch has qualified second with a lap at 123.857. Dave Blaney qualified third at 123.849.

The top five was rounded out by four-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon.

Michael Waltrip entered the race for the first time since the season-opening Daytona 500 and made the race in a car owned by Prism Motorsports. Also making the race was Casey Mears and Terry Cook.

It will be Mears’ first start this season.

Keselowski to ask for boundaries in meeting

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Brad Keselowski says he will ask NASCAR to define the “boys, have at it” attitude when he meets with series officials.

Keselowski is scheduled to sit down at Bristol Motor Speedway with NASCAR, Carl Edwards and their respective team owners. The topic will be Edwards’ intentional wreck with Keselowski two weeks ago at Atlanta.

While Keselowski says he plans to do a good amount of listening in the meeting, he also wants to know what the limit is for drivers retaliating on the track.

Edwards tried for at least one lap to wreck Keselowski, and when he succeeded, Keselowski’s car went airborne. Edwards was placed on probation for three races for the incident.

Posey leads Giants past Indians split-squad 7-6

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Buster Posey hit a run-scoring double with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift the San Francisco Giants to a 7-6 victory over a Cleveland Indians split-squad on Friday.

Indians left-hander Tony Sipp walked Matt Downs, who advanced to second base on a passed ball before Posey’s go-ahead hit.

Closer Brian Wilson held on in the ninth to record his first save of the spring.

Aubrey Huff hit a two-run double off right-hander Justin Masterson in the first inning to score Edgar Renteria and Pablo Sandoval. Sandoval scored all the way from first base but was spiked in the right shin as he slid across the plate. He left the game shortly thereafter, received five stitches and is listed as day-to-day.

Neither starting pitcher was at the top of his game.

Masterson, the likely No. 3 man in the rotation behind Jake Westbrook and Fausto Carmona, gave up six runs on nine hits in 3 1-3 innings. Giants left-hander Jonathan Sanchez didn’t fare much better, giving up three runs on four hits in four innings.

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OUR SIDE

It's always all about the golf

While the gossip lines on the Internet, the tabloids in print and on TV and the sports punditry will be ablaze for days, overall, it's good to hear that Tiger Woods plans to get back to letting his clubs do the talking. Woods announced earlier this week he is ready to start golfing publicly again, planning his return in Augusta, Ga., at the Masters, April 8-11.

It's a wonderful thing for the world of sports, regardless of the King of Golf's personal, sexual and marital troubles. When Woods steps out on a golf course, there is a magical transformation, as if space and time and the rules of physics no longer apply. The effect is magnified in the Masters.

Shots can go past the hole and come back to drop in. Shots land on the greens where mere mortals have over- or undershot their targets. When Woods is on his game at Augusta National, it's as if there's a closet somewhere of tailor-made green jackets just waiting for him. And sports fans, even those only casually acquainted with professional golf, are stunned, drawn to watch. Tiger has turned the Masters into golf's Indy 500, Super Bowl and World Series, a favorite for fans and casual observers.

It truly becomes about golf when Woods plays. Almost any person who has shanked a shot off into the trees on the first drive this spring may somehow feel they're one with Tiger Woods, that the whole reason we golf has stepped onto the biggest stage of all.

It doesn't mean Tiger is suddenly more than his previous self-crafted and media-machine-made image was. It doesn't mean he's a man with a perfect life, a perfect marriage or a perfect attitude. He's not going to be every sponsor's cup of tea for awhile.

But he should be, if the distractions can be put away, still a golfer from another world, the once-in-a-generation Golfer, with a capital "G," rightly on the golf tree of kings with Palmer and Nicklaus.

No, his personal life isn't their personal life. But Eldrick "Tiger" Woods is about to restore some sense of normalcy to the world, simply by doing what he has done best.

We're all the wiser. Tiger's story reminds us that image isn't always all it's cracked up to be, that athletes aren't better than the rest of us in life, but they're something else again on the field of competition. When Woods tees off at the Masters, it will be a swing that brings life back to spring, as surely as the buds on the trees do.

His personal life is, was and should always be, his personal life. His actions have hurt no one but himself and the women who apparently succumbed to him and his wife and family. We're not dealing with a man accused of anything criminal or physically injurious to anyone. We're talking about an incredible string of apparent infidelity, no more and no less than other athletes and politicians before Tiger.

He portrayed himself as larger than life, the A-1 clean-cut guy, thus bringing his amazing fall from grace when his infidelity became exposed. But that is image, and that is personal, and it doesn't matter any more now, really, than it did before when Tiger Woods plays golf.

It's his golf life that the world has shared and needs to share again. It's his golf life that still sets the example, that a kid can take the talents and gifts he has and make them work to his betterment in a constructive way.

Ignore the gossip. It's a waste of time and none of us are better off knowing such details as why Tiger's wife doesn't wear her wedding ring. How does that benefit anyone but Tiger and his wife?

Bury once and for all the idea of pro athletes as being a cut apart. Their service is about entertainment, about using their gifts for sport.

In this case, it's all about the golf.



Non-arrogant foreign policy?



MONA CHAREN

Funny, President Obama was supposed to be *against* an arrogant foreign policy. Remember his speech in Strasbourg, France last spring? There had been times, he told the European students, "where America has shown arrogance and been dismissive, even derisive." Those days are over, he assured them.

Leave aside the question

as to whether this characterization of past American arrogance was justified. President Obama now has a year of foreign policy under his belt and in that time he has managed to snub the British prime minister, alienate the president of France, insult the nation of Honduras when it successfully defended its young democracy from a Chavez wannabe, and undercut the people of the Czech Republic and Poland by tossing aside a hard-won agreement to build a missile defense shield.

But in no case has his own arrogance been more transparent than in his treatment of Israel. It didn't begin with the recent spat over housing units in Jerusalem. In formulating his policy, the president could have focused his energy on the problem of a terror regime racing toward acquisition of nuclear bombs. He could have noticed the civil war raging between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority. He might have addressed the venomous anti-Semitism and race hatred offered as daily fare in Palestinian media and textbooks.

But from its inception, this administration has signaled that it regards Israeli behavior as the chief obstacle to peace in the region. Israel must halt settlements, the president told Prime Minister Netanyahu, or the relationship between the U.S. and Israel would suffer. Seeing the United States acting as its lawyer, the Palestinian Authority, which in the past had negotiated with Israel without preconditions, could not then set the bar lower than the U.S. president.

Though it received little attention at the time, Obama's rebuke of Israel at the United Nations last October was, particularly in that venue, a deeply unfriendly act. "We continue to emphasize that America does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements," the president intoned. As former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton noted at the time, the use of the phrase "continued" rather than "new" potentially delegitimized every inch of land on which Jews reside. That nu-

ance would not have been lost on the Palestinians, who regard all of Israel as "occupied territory."

Even stipulating that the announcement of new construction in Ramat Shlomo was ill timed, the president's response was extraordinary. Despite the fact that Netanyahu apologized for the bureaucratic gaffe, the president very publicly instructed his secretary of state to call Netanyahu two days later to scold him further -- a task the secretary of state apparently fulfilled with gusto.

So while the Obama administration extends its "open hand" to the butchers of Tehran (even after the hand is repeatedly slapped), and truckles to the regime in Syria, it upbraids Israel.

Choosing to excoriate Israel on the matter of these apartments speaks volumes about the president's view of the conflict in general. The president's outrage is highly selective. Two months before Vice President Biden's visit, Mahmoud Abbas, chairman of the PA, attended a "birthday celebration" for the "martyr" Dalal Mughrabi. Mughrabi led 11 terrorists who carried out the 1978 "coastal road" attack, the worst terror attack in Israel's history. Coming ashore near the northern Israeli city of Haifa, Mughrabi and her heavily armed team hijacked two busses filled with tourists, forced all 71 into one bus, and attempted to take it to Tel Aviv. Along the way, they machine-gunned motorists and some of the passengers. Bodies were dumped on the highway. When police finally stopped the bus by shooting out the tires, the terrorists killed as many people as they could (37, including 13 children) and set the bus aflame before being killed themselves.

The day after the vice president departed the region, a square was named for Mughrabi near Ramallah. Tawfiq Tirawi, a member of the Fatah Central Committee (the PA's predecessor organization), told the crowd, "We are all Dalal Mughrabi." Mughrabi is celebrated in other ways as well. Palestinian Media Watch reports that in the past two years, the PA has named two girls high schools, a soccer match, two summer camps, and a computer center after the "martyr."

To get a sense of the true nature of the conflict, the president need do no more than watch kids' television in the Palestinian areas. On the PA program "Chicks," children are encouraged to "explore your country" with a map that shows the entire nation of Israel labeled "Palestine."

Awaiting the secretary of state's outraged call to Abbas.

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Delicate bonds keep a president afloat in stormy waters

By JULIE PACE and RON FOURNIER

Associated Press Writers

President Barack Obama has forged a complicated personal connection with the American public: Many voters consider him a principled and inspiring leader even as they question his policies and job performance.

That delicate bond has given Obama a reservoir of goodwill that is sustaining his presidency in tough times — a political firewall of sorts. As Jessica Luna, a 21-year-old Democrat from Austin, Minn., says: "If you like someone, you'll give them time to accomplish their goals."

But Obama's likability ratings have slipped a bit, raising an ominous question: Is the bond fraying?

History suggests such a connection could give way at any time — over almost any issue — and send Obama into the kind of nosedive from which other presidents never recovered.

Obama needs to look no further than his predecessor. George W. Bush enjoyed high approval ratings through much of his first term, only to see them slip during the Iraq war and then plummet after the botched response to Hurricane Katrina.

His presidency limped to a conclusion.

"There was a sense that this man didn't care," says GOP pollster Steve Lombardo. "That can be virtually debilitating."

Every president has character traits that

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bind him to voters, at least initially. That gut-level connection matters to people as much, and arguably more, than a president's policies, sometimes keeping him afloat through political storms.

Obama's personal approval rating has trended 5 to 7 percentage points higher than his job approval rating, a likability benefit that is not inconsistent with past presidents.

Bill Clinton's strongest attribute was empathy. The sense that he'd work for you, to use one of his phrases, "until the last dog dies," kept his presidency going after its rocky first two years and during the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Bush was seen as a strong and decisive leader, traits that kept many voters on his side despite misgivings over the Iraq war. He knew that character trumped policies when he declared in 2004, "Even when you might not agree with me, you know where I stand."

Obama's advisers like to draw parallels between their boss and another Republican president, Ronald Reagan. The Gipper's likability ratings remained high despite an economic recession in the early 1980s and rough patches later.

"People believed that he had strong principles," says senior Obama adviser David Axelrod. "They thought he was a likable, admirable person."

Axelrod says Obama is viewed the same way — and there is evidence that he's right. At least, to a point.

Obama's job approval rating, perhaps the best gauge of an incumbent's re-election chances, has been hovering around 50 percent since October. It would probably be much lower — the health care debate and bank bailouts have drained him politically — if voters did not like him so much, Democratic and Republican pollsters agree.

"Voters think Obama is sincere, wants to do well and has a stable and real marriage," Republican pollster Bill McInturff said. "Those are all important things because when people like a president, they will give him a chance to do his job even when they're not so sure about his policies."

A look inside Obama's ratings show that he has actually gained ground since taking office on the public's view of his values and his ability to manage a crisis, according to NBC News-Wall Street Journal polling conducted by McInturff. But those are not the character traits got him elected.

He has experienced double-digit declines on personal attributes that hew closely to the Obama political brand — his ability to inspire, unify the country and achieve his goals. While those ratings are still high, the trend could spell trouble.

But like Bush and Reagan before him, Obama's strongest suit may be voters' be-

lief in the sincerity of his motives. Item: Nearly 6 in 10 Americans say Obama is more interested in serving the public than interest groups, according to a CBS News/New York Times poll. Only 13 percent think the same of Congress.

Still, strategists in both parties say the health care fight for Obama could be the rough equivalent of what the first years of the Iraq war were for Bush — a long, but less-than-debilitating slog that weakened his bond with the public.

What could destroy Obama's bond, as Katrina did for Bush? Anything that galvanizes the public's growing questions about his abilities to inspire and unify the country. Or anything that raises questions about the purity of his motives.

Deal-cutting on health care. A failure to create promised jobs — or an incident that shows a lack of empathy toward people who've lost them.

Anything could go wrong.

But, clearly, the character issue has bought Obama time.

"If he's able to turn things around, he'll stand up as one of the top presidents in history," says GOP voter Tony Gay of Redwood City, Calif., who worries about the direction Obama has pointed the country. The Republican called Obama "honest, sincere — more of a people's president."

The question is, how long will that be enough?

► **TRANSACTIONS**

BASEBALL
American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned LHP Wilfrido Perez to Bowie (EL).
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned C Carlos Santana, RHP Hector Rondon, RHP Jeanmar Gomez and OF Jordan Brown to Columbus (IL). Optioned INF Carlos Rivero and OF Nick Weglarz to Akron (EL). Reassigned INF Beau Mills to their minor league camp. Announced INF Brian Bixler cleared waivers and has been sent outright to Columbus.
 NEW YORK YANKEES—Optioned RHP Romulo Sanchez to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reassigned RHP Ryan Pope to their minor league camp.
 TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned INF-OF Mitch Moreland, 1B Justin Smoak and INF-OF Chad Tracy to their minor league camp.
National League
 CHICAGO CUBS—Optioned RHP Blake Parker, RHP Jeff Stevens and C Welington Castillo to Iowa (PCL). Assigned RHP Andrew Cashner, RHP Casey Coleman, RHP Thomas Diamond, LHP J.R. Mathes and INF Bryan LaHair to their minor league camp.
 FLORIDA MARLINS—Optioned LHP Taylor Tankersley, RHP Cristhian Martinez, OF Scott Cousins, OF Jai Miller to New Orleans (PCL). Reassigned RHP Kasey Olenberger, C Vinny Rottino, INF Danny Richar to their minor league camp.
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Optioned OF Lorenzo Cain, RHP Marco Estrada and C Angel Salome to Nashville (PCL). Sent LHP Zach Braddock and RHP Cameron Loe to their minor league camp.
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned 3B Pedro Alvarez and OF Jose Tabata to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned OF Jonathan Van Every, INF Doug Bernier, RHP Jimmy Barthmaier, LHP Neal Cotts, RHP Craig Hansen and RHP Tyler Yates to their minor league camp.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed G Shaun Livingston for the remainder of the season.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled D Bryan Rodney from Albany (AHL).
 CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Reassigned G Corey Crawford to Rockford (AHL).
 COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed F Mike Camman.
 MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled D Justin Falk from Houston (AHL).
 VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed F Ryan Kesler to a six-year contract extension through the 2015-16 season.

COLLEGE
 NORTHERN STATE—Named Paul Sather men's basketball coach.
 OREGON—Announced the resignation of athletic director Mike Bellotti, effective April 5.
 ST. JOHN'S—Fired men's basketball coach Norm Roberts.
 WESTERN CAROLINA—Named Mark Rhea defensive line coach.

► **NHL GLANCE**

EASTERN CONFERENCE												
Atlantic Division												
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Pittsburgh	71	42	24	5	89	222	202					
New Jersey	70	42	24	4	88	189	168					
Philadelphia	70	37	28	5	79	209	191					
N.Y. Rangers	71	31	31	9	71	185	195					
N.Y. Islanders	71	29	32	10	68	189	221					
Northeast Division												
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Buffalo	69	37	22	10	84	192	176					
Ottawa	71	37	29	5	79	190	207					
Montreal	71	36	29	6	78	194	195					
Boston	70	31	27	12	74	174	180					
Toronto	71	25	34	12	62	189	236					
Southeast Division												
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
y-Washington	71	47	14	10	104	280	202					
Atlanta	70	30	29	11	71	210	227					
Tampa Bay	70	28	30	12	68	185	217					
Florida	69	28	30	11	67	180	204					
Carolina	70	29	33	8	66	195	219					
WESTERN CONFERENCE												
Central Division												
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Chicago	70	45	19	6	96	230	174					
Nashville	71	40	26	5	85	202	201					
Detroit	70	34	23	13	81	189	189					
St. Louis	70	33	28	9	75	193	196					
Columbus	71	29	31	11	69	187	228					
Northwest Division												
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Vancouver	71	44	24	3	91	233	183					
Colorado	70	40	24	6	86	211	185					
Calgary	71	36	26	9	81	181	177					
Minnesota	71	34	31	6	74	194	208					
Edmonton	71	22	42	7	51	179	247					
Pacific Division												
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
San Jose	71	43	18	10	96	231	187					
Phoenix	71	44	22	5	93	193	173					
Los Angeles	69	40	24	5	85	206	185					
Anaheim	70	33	29	8	74	198	215					
Dallas	70	30	27	13	73	201	223					

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
 y-clinched division

Thursday's Games

Toronto 2, New Jersey 1, SO
 Phoenix 4, Florida 3, SO
 Pittsburgh 3, Boston 0
 St. Louis 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
 Carolina 4, Washington 3, OT
 Atlanta 6, Ottawa 3
 Buffalo 6, Tampa Bay 2
 Nashville 5, Minnesota 0
 Philadelphia 3, Dallas 2
 Vancouver 3, San Jose 2
 Chicago 3, Los Angeles 0

Friday's Games

Edmonton 3, Detroit 2, SO
 Columbus 4, Minnesota 2
 Calgary 4, San Jose 3
 Anaheim 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, OT
Saturday's Games
 Carolina at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Ottawa at Dallas, 2 p.m.
 Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Buffalo at Florida, 7 p.m.

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► **PGA****Transitions Championship Par Scores**

By The Associated Press

Friday

At Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Copperhead Course

Palm Harbor, Fla.

Purse: \$5 million

Yardage: 7,340; Par 71

Second Round

Padraig Harrington	69-65=134	-8
Carl Pettersson	67-68=135	-7
Jim Furyk	67-68=135	-7
Bubba Watson	70-65=135	-7
Retief Goosen	67-68=135	-7
Steve Stricker	70-66=136	-6
Jeff Maggert	67-69=136	-6
Steve Elkington	68-68=136	-6
David Toms	74-63=137	-5
Jonathan Byrd	67-70=137	-5
K.J. Choi	69-69=138	-4
Ross Fisher	68-70=138	-4
Alex Cejka	69-69=138	-4
Jeff Quinney	68-70=138	-4
Nicholas Thompson	70-68=138	-4
Brandt Snedeker	69-69=138	-4
Rickie Fowler	67-71=138	-4
Luke Donald	71-68=139	-3
Adam Scott	73-66=139	-3
Justin Leonard	71-68=139	-3
Mathew Gogglin	70-69=139	-3
Spencer Levin	69-70=139	-3
Jerry Kelly	70-70=140	-2
Bob Heintz	73-67=140	-2
Stephen Ames	69-71=140	-2
Martin Laird	70-70=140	-2
Corey Pavin	72-68=140	-2
Nick O'Hern	72-68=140	-2
Roland Thatcher	70-71=141	-1
Tim Wilkinson	73-68=141	-1
John Daly	70-71=141	-1
Brian Gay	71-70=141	-1
David Duval	72-69=141	-1
Ted Purdy	72-69=141	-1
John Senden	69-72=141	-1
Derek Lamely	73-68=141	-1
Bill Haas	70-71=141	-1
Daniel Chopra	72-69=141	-1
Jimmy Walker	70-71=141	-1
Justin Rose	73-68=141	-1
Webb Simpson	70-73=142	E
Steve Lowery	73-72=142	E
Will MacKenzie	73-69=142	E
Chris DiMarco	71-71=142	E
Kris Blank	72-70=142	E
Charlie Wi	70-72=142	E
Garrett Willis	65-77=142	E
D.A. Points	70-72=142	E
Ricky Barnes	70-72=142	E
J.B. Holmes	68-74=142	E
Steve Flesch	70-72=142	E
Charles Howell III	72-70=142	E
Kevin Na	72-70=142	E
Josh Teater	69-73=142	E
Yuta Ikeda	74-69=143	+1
Bo Van Pelt	72-71=143	+1
Nick Watney	73-70=143	+1
Kenny Perry	71-72=143	+1
Zach Johnson	73-70=143	+1
Fred Funk	70-73=143	+1
Andres Romero	74-69=143	+1
John Huston	75-68=143	+1
Greg Chalmers	72-71=143	+1
Greg Owen	73-70=143	+1
Brett Quigley	70-73=143	+1
Aaron Baddeley	72-71=143	+1
Scott McCarron	71-72=143	+1
Bob Estes	72-71=143	+1
J.J. Henry	72-72=144	+2
Kevin Sutherland	73-71=144	+2
Rod Pampling	73-71=144	+2
Geoff Ogilvy	73-71=144	+2
John Rollins	73-71=144	+2
Jason Day	72-72=144	+2
Tim Petrovic	72-72=144	+2
Brian Davis	71-73=144	+2
Jason Bohm	75-69=144	+2
Jeff Klauk	73-71=144	+2
Nathan Green	73-71=144	+2
Lucas Glover	69-75=144	+2
Sergio Garcia	73-71=144	+2
Ryan Moore	71-73=144	+2
Trevor Immelman	70-74=144	+2
Jason Dufner	70-74=144	+2
James Nitties	71-73=144	+2
Brendon de Jonge	72-72=144	+2
Notables who failed to qualify		
Jeev Milkha Singh	74-71=145	+3
Tom Lehman	71-74=145	+3
Stuart Appleby	74-72=146	+4
Stewart Cink	78-70=148	+6
Boo Weekley	71-77=148	+6
Sean O'Hair	72-76=148	+6
Rory Sabbatini	74-74=148	+6
Rocco Mediate	75-74=149	+7
Woody Austin	75-76=151	+9
Paul Goydos	75-76=151	+9
Ryo Ishikawa	83-71=154	+12

► **NBA GLANCE****EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	24	.647	—
Toronto	33	34	.493	10 1/2
New York	25	44	.362	19 1/2
Philadelphia	24	45	.348	20 1/2
New Jersey	7	61	.103	37

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Orlando	49	21	.700	—
Atlanta	44	24	.647	4
Charlotte	35	33	.515	13
Miami	35	34	.507	13 1/2
Washington	21	46	.313	26 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	55	15	.786	—
Milwaukee	36	30	.545	17
Chicago	31	37	.456	23
Detroit	23	46	.333	31 1/2
Indiana	23	46	.333	31 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	46	22	.676	—
San Antonio	41	26	.612	4 1/2
Houston	35	32	.522	10 1/2
Memphis	36	33	.522	10 1/2
New Orleans	33	37	.471	14

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	47	22	.681	—
Utah	44	25	.638	3
Oklahoma City	42	25	.627	4
Portland	42	28	.600	5 1/2
Minnesota	14	56	.200	33 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	51	18	.739	—
Phoenix	43	26	.623	8
L.A. Clippers	26	43	.377	25
Sacramento	23	45	.338	27 1/2
Golden State	19	49	.279	31 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

Thursday's Games

Orlando 108, Miami 102, OT

Denver 93, New Orleans 80

Friday's Games

Indiana 106, Detroit 102

Oklahoma City 115, Toronto 89

Atlanta 93, Charlotte 92, OT

New York 92, Philadelphia 88

Cleveland 92, Chicago 85

Boston 94, Houston 87

San Antonio 147, Golden State 116

Portland 76, Washington 74

Phoenix 110, Utah 100

L.A. Lakers 104, Minnesota 96

Saturday's Games



Northwood Realty lists February leaders

Northwood Realty Services has announced its February 2010 sales and listing leaders

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Listing Volume Leader - Georgia Evich
Listing Unit Leader - Georgia Evich and Kim Cross
Selling Volume Leader - Debra Loboy
Selling Unit Leader - Grant “Ken” Gibson

Howland Office:
Listing Unit Leader - Andrea Lupton
Listing Volume Leader - Andrea Lupton
Selling Volume Leader - Steve Ferreebee and Andrea Lupton
Selling Unit Leaders - Steve Ferreebee and Andrea Lupton

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Listing Volume Leader - Candie Cain
Selling Volume Leader - Lesli Bowlin
Selling Unit Leader - Cindy Snelzter

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Vote (Continued from Page 1A)

The day before, Wilson’s staff sent out a new release about a news conference held by religious groups, including other Catholic organizations, who say the bill doesn’t provide federal funding for abortion.

“I’m opposed to abortion, and I think the language in the Senate bill ensures that there will no federal funding of abortions,” said Wilson, who describes himself as a pro-life Catholic.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops disagrees, saying they believe the bill permits the use of federal funds for elective abortions.

Wilson has supported the health care bill from the beginning. In a news release issued in January, he restated his support for any bill that extends coverage, lowers costs and protects people and businesses.

“I will continue to fight for health care, whether we tackle it as one comprehensive bill, whether we take it on incrementally, or whether another legislative option is available,” he said at the time.

Wilson’s office issued a news release yesterday saying his support remained unshaken after a Congressional Budget Office report showed the Senate bill would reduce the federal deficit by \$138 billion over 10 years and \$1.2 trillion over the second 10 years.

“This bill is not perfect, but it is a strong step forward,” he said. Wilson said the bill will result in improved coverage for 365,000 people in his district, tax credits for another 174,000 families and 11,300 businesses, improve Medicare coverage, extend coverage to 40,000 uninsured residents, allow young adults to continue to be covered under their parents’ insurance until they are 26, provide additional funding for public health centers, and reduce the cost of uncompensated care for hospitals and other health care providers.

“I always vote my district. When looking at these numbers, it’s obvious the benefits to our area will be tremendous,” he said.

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Fairfield trustees eye need for new fire levy

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP — Township trustees approved a new fire protection contract with Columbiana which resulted in a discussion of a replacement fire levy.

The one-year contract with Columbiana was for \$43,709.08, a 3 percent increase from last year. It includes two changes from the previous contract that accounts for new billing procedures in which the Columbiana Fire Department can bill auto insurance carriers for incidents and possible additional training that may be required of firefighters if a proposed magnesium-related business moves into the township.

In addition to the contract with Columbiana, the one with New Waterford is likely to increase 3 percent, as well, according to Trustee Chair Bob Hum, which will mean that the township’s three fire protection contracts — it also has one with Leetonia — will exceed the revenue generated by its current levy.

The current levy generates approximately \$60,000, while the projected total cost of the contracts will exceed \$99,000, Hum said.

As a result, the trustees discussed seeking a replacement levy at the same millage that will increase the revenue to \$119,000 in order to cover the increasing costs.

Hum said the soonest the replacement levy can be attempted is fall of 2011, then anytime in 2012.

If the extra money can be collected, the trustees suggested that they may just make the total available to all three departments

and let them divide it amongst themselves.

“We’re interested in providing the service to the township, not who gets the money first,” Hum said.

In other news, three Miller Road residents informed the trustees that the condition of the road between Woodville and Roberts roads is very poor. Since the roadway is shared by both Fairfield and Elkrun townships, Hum said the trustees will work with Elkrun trustees and the Columbiana County Engineer’s Office to address the issue.

Winter decorations at all township cemeteries must be removed by April 15.

A scrap tire drive will be held from noon to 5 p.m. April 15 at the administration building.

A special meeting to approve the 2010 permanent appropriations is scheduled for 5 p.m. March 23 at the administration building.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. April 6 at the administration building to discuss approving conditional use to Almamet USA. The company, which crushes magnesium into powder, is attempting to move into the old Kaiser Refractories plant just outside the Columbiana city limits on state Route 344.

The next regular trustees meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 1 at the administration building, and will include a public hearing for proposed zoning amendments concerning junk motor vehicles, cell phone towers and gas wells.

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Obama, Dems lobby hard for health vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and Democratic leaders lobbied intensively for historic health care legislation Friday, striving to resolve a last-minute dispute over Medicare while gaining another precious “yes” 48 hours ahead of a climactic vote.

With a showdown set for Sunday on the House floor, Democratic leaders still didn’t command the 216 votes they needed, so every undecided lawmaker was the focus of personal attention from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the White House, and every “no”-to-“yes” conversion was trumpeted by party leaders.

Obama, who delayed an overseas trip to help ensure passage of the legislation, planned to meet with Democratic lawmakers at the White House Saturday afternoon. In an 11th-hour pitch, the president spoke to an enthusiastic crowd at George Mason University in Virginia, lobbying attacks at the insurance industry with his coat jacket off and sleeves rolled up.

“The only question left is this: Are we going to let the special interests win once again, or are we going to make this vote a victory for the American people?” he said.

Obama described the stakes in stark terms, using words uttered so rarely out of the White House that they seem all but banned: “If this vote fails.” What then? “The insurance industry will continue to run amok,” the president said, pointing to rising rates, denials of coverage and limits on care.

Meanwhile on Capitol Hill, the vote-counting spotlight swung to Rep. John Boccieri, D-Ohio, who announced that he would support the bill despite voting against an earlier version. “I’m not worried about the election,” he said. “I’m worried about doing what’s right.”

Boccieri became the fourth House Democrat to switch from “no” to “yes.” Shortly after he announced his decision, Pelosi predicted: “When we bring the bill to the floor, we will have a significant victory for the American people.”

The good news aside, the White House and Democratic leaders faced a last-minute snag as some lawmakers complained about a provision in the bill on how health providers are paid under Medicare. Pelosi and senior White House officials raced to find a solution.

“I’m a ‘no’ unless they fix it,” said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. “We spent months working this out. If we don’t get it in this bill, we will never get it.”

The conversation was all about how Democrats would vote because Republicans have formed a virtually impenetrable phalanx of opposition for the past several months.

Retiring Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., and first-term Rep. Betsy Markey, D-Co-

lo., announced their support Thursday; liberal Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, did so earlier this week.

The momentum wasn’t all in the right direction for Democratic leaders. Some rank-and-file Democrats who backed sweeping health care legislation when it passed the House in November showed signs of defecting. Weaker restrictions on federal funding of abortion was a concern, but not the only one.

Rep. Stephen Lynch, D-Mass., a former union activist, said even a one-on-one meeting with Obama on Thursday hadn’t convinced him that the legislation did enough to reform the health system and rein in insurers and drug companies.

“I’m still currently opposed,” Lynch said in an interview Friday. “But the president asked me to think about it, and if there were some type of measure that might move me to a better place on the bill, then he wanted to hear about it.”

As rumors flew around the House chamber of more possible opponents-turned-supporters — and also of previous “yes” voters who might withdraw their support — Pelosi worked her members, seeking out lawmakers individually or in small groups on the House floor to try to win them over.

MUNICIPAL

LISBON -- In County Municipal Court on Friday two men found inside a Howard Street home both pleaded no contest. Donald Weyand, 41, Mapletree Street, East Liverpool, and Charles Weyand Jr, 34, West Wilson Street, Salem, each pleaded no contest to criminal trespassing. Each man was ordered to serve 30 days in jail, fined \$50 and ordered to perform 20 hours of community service. An April 20 hearing was set to determine the amount of restitution to be paid to the owner of the home.

- Christine Wilson, 42, Waddell Road, Hanoverton, was ordered to pay costs only after she pleaded no contest to failure to control.
- An April 8 pretrial was set for John Dubiecki, 49, Youngstown, cited with failing to stop for a stopped school bus.
- An April 26 court trial was set for Joseph Lambert, 45, Chester, W. Va., cited with a stop sign violation.

SHERIFF

- Steven Riesen, Meadowood Apartments, Salem, reported Friday he had an agreement with a Damascus-area man to take his Dodge Durango to Maine for a job and then pay him for the SUV. That was two months ago and Riesen, who never signed over the title, has yet to receive any compensation from the person, so he was filing a stolen vehicle report.

POLICE REPORTS

LISBON

- Kirk V. Krieger, 26, North Market Street, was cited for public intoxication on Thursday while in the 400 block of West Washington Street.
- A West Washington Street woman reported at 12:22 a.m. Thursday a vehicle had jumped the curb and was in her yard and she could hear people talking.
- A loud music complaint was received on West Lincoln Way at 1 a.m. Friday. Officers spoke with a man who agreed to turn down the music.
- A Saltwell Road woman called for an officer at 11:47 a.m. Friday because there was someone there who was

refusing to leave. The caller said she let the women and her two children stay there until they could find a place and it is going on a month.

- Fr. Robert Edwards of St. George Catholic Church reported a man called him Friday to tell him he was trying to move his mother back to Florida. When Edwards told him that was nice, the man didn’t like his tone, swore at him and hung up. Edwards feels this was a scam for money.

Lisbon woman pleads guilty to robbery count

LISBON — A Lisbon-area woman pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of trying to rob a neighbor woman at gunpoint.

Jessica L. Peterson, 27, of Steubenville Pike, is scheduled to be sentenced on May 27 after pleading guilty to robbery, reduced from aggravated robbery as part of a plea deal reached this week in Columbiana County Common Pleas Court. The charge includes a stipulation that the crime involved the use of a firearm.

According to court records, Peterson forced her way into the home of Fern Osterling, Steubenville Pike, on Jan. 24, 2009, punched her the eye and demanded money.

When Osterling said she didn’t have any money, Peterson pulled out a .22-caliber handgun, pointed it at her and again demanded money.

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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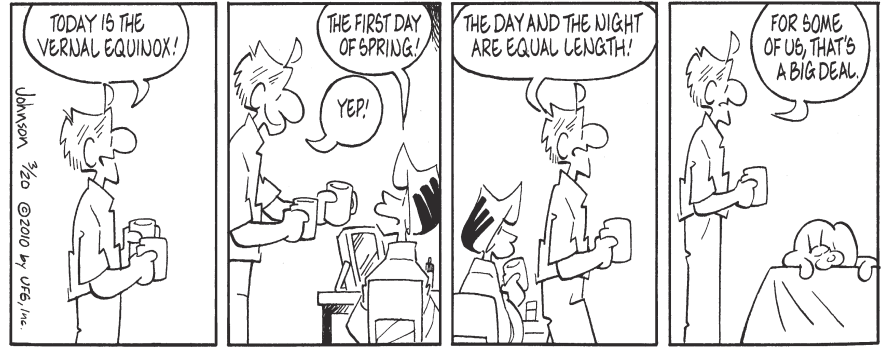
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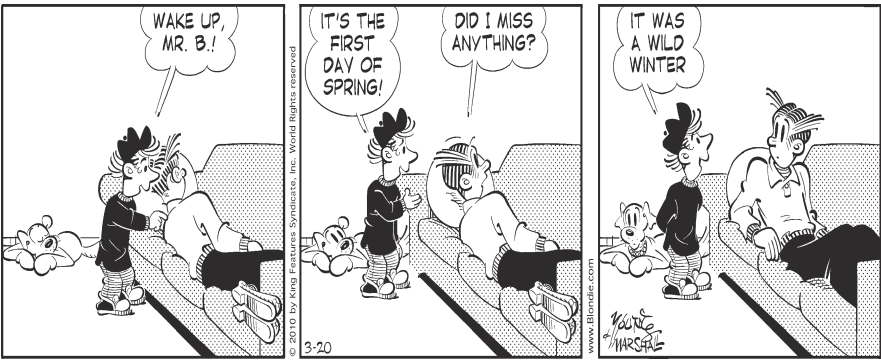
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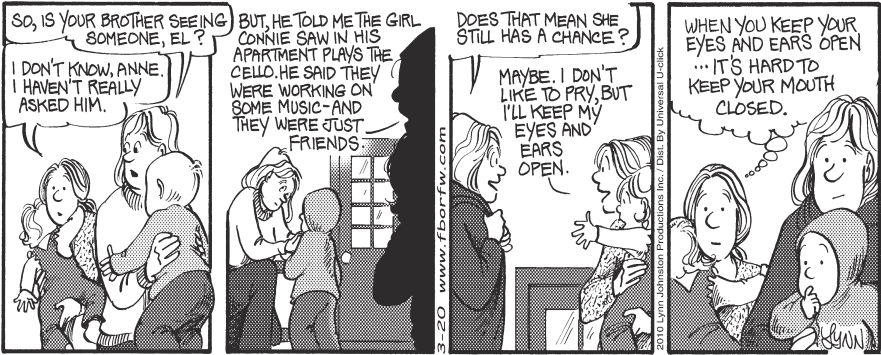
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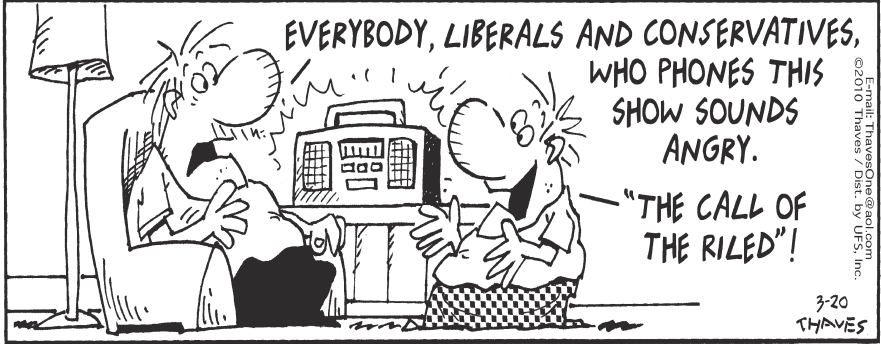
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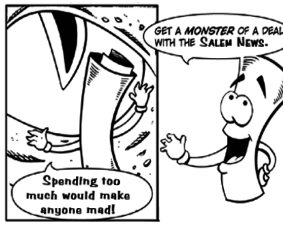
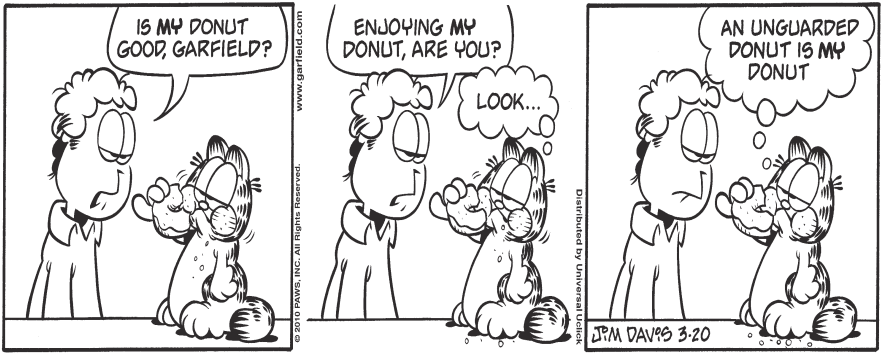
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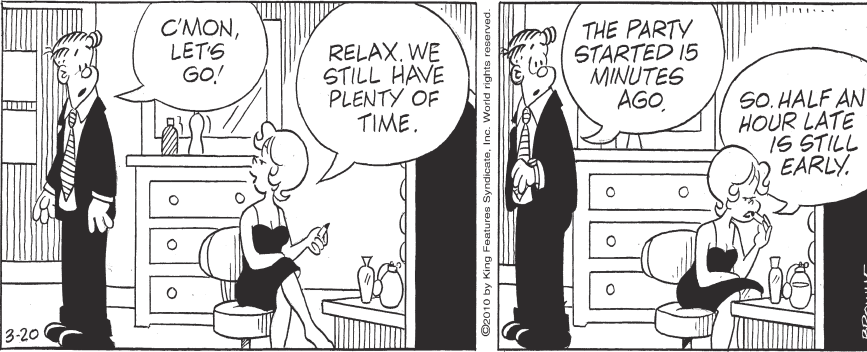
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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

The four cities that best weathered the recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — Minneapolis, Buffalo, Oklahoma City and Rochester, N.Y. have made it through the Great Recession with the smallest increases in unemployment.

A government report shows that the four cities have had the smallest increases in joblessness over the past two years among cities with at least 1 million people.

They don't have much else in common. But none of the four relies on heavy manufacturing industries, such as autos or steel, which have been hit hard by the downturn. And all have avoided the extremes of the housing boom and bust that devastated much of California, Florida and Nevada.

Stocks fall as worries about Greek debt return

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks halted their steady climb Friday after renewed concerns about Greece's ability to pay its debts left investors questioning a global economic recovery. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 37 points after advancing for eight straight days. Broader indexes also fell. Major indexes posted gains for the week.

Greece said it might need to turn to the International Monetary Fund for support if European leaders can't agree on a bailout plan next week. Worries about the country's ability to handle its massive debt load have set off periodic bouts of stock selling in the U.S. and overseas over the past two weeks.

Icahn launches hostile bid for all of Lions Gate Entertainment

NEW YORK (AP) — Activist shareholder Carl Icahn raised the stakes in his year-long dispute with Lions Gate Entertainment

Corp. on Friday, launching an all-out bid to take over the movie studio following disagreements over its spending.

The hostile bid comes a week after Lions Gate rejected Icahn's offer to buy a larger minority stake and rewrote its bylaws to make such a takeover attempt more difficult in the future.

The new offer for all outstanding shares also raised the specter of Canadian government involvement because Icahn, an American, could own the Vancouver-based company and cause friction with the country's cultural policies.

Boeing accelerates production of 747, 777 models

NEW YORK (AP) — Boeing Co. will speed up production plans for its 777 and 747 models in anticipation of greater demand from commercial airlines. Both are wide-body planes capable of carrying more than 300 passengers and flying longer routes. Several Asian airlines have ordered the planes, which are also more fuel-efficient than other aircraft models. Asian and Latin American carriers have led the way for a surprisingly strong recovery from the travel slump caused by the recession, while improvement at U.S. carriers has lagged.

EU Commission calls for European loans for Greece

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Commission urged Germany and other eurozone governments Friday to put up a package of government-to-government loans to ease Greece's financial plight and end weeks of financial turmoil and speculation.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said European aid is necessary because "we cannot prolong any further the current situation."

Landscapers see green as weary East greets spring

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Gardeners and landscapers along the Eastern seaboard are making haste — and money — as spring begins and they pick up the pieces from the region's particularly harsh winter, which toppled more than snowfall records.

Marian Anderson, a 73-year-old resident of Manchester, N.J., is having problems trying to find a crew with enough time to remove two old oak trees that fell in her yard during a nor'easter last weekend.

"They tell me they're swamped and will get out as soon as they can, but who knows when that will be," she said. "I really hated this winter; I truly did. It caused nothing but trouble."

Seeing their snowiest winters on record were cities including Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Del., Washington and Atlantic City, N.J. Heavy rains in recent weeks caused major flooding across the mid-Atlantic region. Hurricane-strength winds joined forces with heavy rains last month to make yards messy in New England.

"It has been a remarkable winter. One of the stormiest, if not the stormiest on record. It has impacted everyone," New Jersey state climatologist David Robinson said Friday, the day before the official start of spring. "People will be talking about this 20 years from now."

All that adds up to trees and shrubs that either died, are clinging to life or need some spiffing up. And that means tree removal firms and landscapers are being crunched for services but seeing green.

Teresa Fredette, bookkeeper at Knowles Tree Service in North Hampton, N.H., said the 25-year-old company "was never busier" than after the Feb. 25 storm.

"We brought on a full extra crew within the first two days of the storm," she said. "We actually still have them working with us because there are still people calling who knew their situation wasn't an emergency, but still had a lot of damage that they want cleaned up."

"We actually still have a couple of people that have a tree on their house," she said.

In western Pennsylvania, where Pittsburgh also had one of its snowiest winters on record, most landscaping companies would usually be doing spring cleaning work, such as mulching flower beds or getting yards ready for graduation parties.

They're still doing that this year — but they're a couple of weeks behind because there's still so much snow on the ground in spots.

Plantscape, a Pittsburgh company that maintains commercial properties for more than 150 clients, is about two weeks behind but expects to make more money than normal for the season, sales manager Chuck Croskey said.

"We had a lot of tree damage, a lot of tree pruning and guying up of the trees," he said. "For a week or so, that's all we've been doing is tree work."

He foresees a lot of turf repairs, too, from snow plows damaging the edge of lawns.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Some of the babies born on this momentous day of the vernal equinox will be Pisces, and others will be Aries. The movement of the sun from Pisces to Aries marks one of two days in the year when there are 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night, producing a lovely harmonic balance that has been celebrated since ancient times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're trying to get into an exclusive club of sorts. The more desirable a scene is, the more rules there are to govern it. Right now it feels like the rules are designed just to keep you out. But you will soon override the limitations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not aiming to get a return on your relationships. You make friends with someone because it's a nice thing to do. The fact that you are rewarded so richly is just a bonus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As you look objectively at the different aspects of your life, you'll get excited about where things are. It's not perfect, and there is still room for growth. But there are some pretty amazing things going on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes it's cute and funny the way you tell yourself to do something and then do the opposite. But today, you won't think so. Life is just better when you clear away the contradictions wherever possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Cynicism is the enemy of love. Relationships are complicated, sure. But it really is possible to have a never-ending, always-growing love. Believe that it is your destiny to have this, and you'll be one step closer to creating it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It won't be that easy to find common ground with people. When you don't know what to say, you still find a way of showing support. Your eye contact and open body language will make others feel acknowledged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What's the point of showing up if you're not going to participate? You'll make mistakes -- that's just part of it. The mistakes will be far more fun than anything that would happen were you to passively sit in the back-ground.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Letting go feels dangerous to some people. You realize the merits. It's difficult to arrive at a new destination if you are still tethered to the past. The past will keep yanking you back unless you cut the ties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your willingness to share makes you realize how much you like someone. Good friends share without feeling that they are sacrificing. In fact, it feels better to share with a friend than to have the whole pie to yourself.

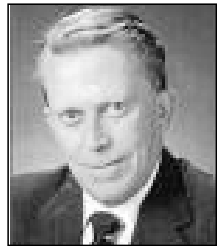
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be careful not to attach a distorted significance to things. Telling yourself that you have to do well, or else ... well, it's just too much pressure. Lighten up and do the best you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not out to impress anyone, and yet you do -- mostly because you listen better than anyone else in the room. You pick up on hints that others miss. You easily earn the trust of others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Make friends with a dictionary. There may be a bit of vocabulary that is holding you back. Not knowing the real meaning of a word causes undue confusion. For the sake of clarity, look up words you aren't certain about.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20). You'll have the means to see more of the world this year. Moves are favored, as is travel, especially long distance. A change of venue brings something fresh and fiery to your personal life. Look for love where loving people gravitate, and you'll be basking in the affection of a very attractive someone this summer. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 44, 38 and 18.

No evidence DHEA helps build muscle



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DR. DONO-
HUE: Numerous over-the-counter supplements such as DHEA and herbs claim to stimulate testosterone production. As I am one of many 70-plus-year-olds who lift weights to increase strength and muscle mass before we become too old, do you recommend such supplements? If so, which ones? -- **Anon.**

ANSWER: Dehydroepiandrosterone, from this point on called DHEA, is a hormone made by the adrenal glands. It has weak male hormone properties. Some of it is converted into testosterone, the major male hormone.

An aside is necessary here. Many athletes and bodybuilders resort to taking male hormones to increase their strength and muscle size. These drugs are called steroids, an unfortunate choice of a word. "Steroids" include all kinds of hormones -- cortisone, prednisone, estrogen and male hormones. For clarity, male hormones should be called either that or anabolic hormones, hormones that build body tissues, especially muscles. DHEA is a weak anabolic hormone.

Let me cite for you a study from the New England Journal of Medicine, a respected medical publication. The authors of this article gave 40 well-trained athletes DHEA for more than one year. After one full year, they found no increase in these athletes' muscle size or strength.

A study of DHEA in older men demonstrated a slight improvement in the ratio of muscle to body fat. Users had a bit more muscle tissue at the end of the study than they had at the beginning, but not a whole lot.

The safety of long-term DHEA use is lacking. Male hormones promote prostate-gland enlargement, and they can foster the growth of any prostate cancer cells that might be in the gland.

I would steer clear of all male hormone products for muscle growth.

None of this applies to men who are deficient in male hormones. They can take hormone-replacement therapy safely under the direction of their doctors.

Balks at dinner with both sets of parents

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating "Amanda" for eight months and everything is going great. I've met her parents, and she has met mine.

Two days ago, I mentioned that we should plan a dinner with both sets of parents since they have not met yet. Amanda told me that our parents shouldn't meet until we move in together or are engaged. I felt offended. When do you think is the right time for our parents to meet? -- **IT'S ONLY DINNER!**

DEAR ONLY DINNER: I disagree with your girlfriend. There are no hard and fast rules these days about when the parents of couples should meet. And after eight months, I would think both sets of parents would be interested in meeting each other.

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend, "Darlene," whom I have known for 30 years. She has never once in all that time invited me into her home.

Darlene never has anyone inside except for immediate family. If you go there to take her something, she greets you outside if she knows you're coming. If she doesn't, she won't answer the door.

She goes to other people's homes but never reciprocates. In groups that go from house to house, she will not take her turn. Even when her mother-in-law died she wouldn't receive people in her home.

I find Darlene's behavior insulting. It has become a frequent topic of conversation. I don't know what her home life was growing up, but her husband's family had an open-door policy in their home. Please advise me why someone would never welcome anyone into her home. -- **SHUT OUT IN CHARLOTTESVILLE**

DEAR SHUT OUT: Darlene may be ashamed of the way her house looks inside, or she may be a hoarder. If you really need an explanation, you should be asking her. In light of your 30-year friendship, please stop personalizing this because it appears her hang-up is long-standing and deep-seated. And to gossip about it behind her back seems cruel and won't help the situation.

Spiteful mother did her best to ruin grandson's wedding



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My son was recently married in a small, private ceremony. For some unknown reason, my mother did not want to attend, but eventually, she and my father decided to show up.

The entire time, my mother acted very rudely toward my son, my in-laws and me. We caught her lying, and she tried to blame my mother-in-law. A few days later, she falsely accused us all of various things.

My mother is spiteful and vindictive. Plus, she is a compulsive liar. Since the wedding, I have kept my distance. However, my father has told other relatives I should not treat my mother

this way and should forgive her. Mom has always turned situations like these in her favor. -- **Daughter of a Witch**

Dear Daughter: We assume other family members are well aware of Mom's personality flaws, and you shouldn't feel you have to defend yourself to them. If they ask about the rift, you can tell them your version of events. It is also possible to forgive your mother while keeping your distance from her emotional abuse, and we recommend it. Frankly, it sounds as if Mom may be suffering from some type of mental illness, and you might encourage her to see a doctor for professional help.

Dear Annie: I have been married to my high-school sweetheart for three years, and we have a beautiful little girl. The "other person" in our relationship is his PlayStation 2.

My husband has played these annoying video

games since I met him. He will tie up the TV all evening and doesn't spend any time with his family. I want him to grow up.

We have discussed this problem several times, and he will stop for a while, but then start right back up again. We even purchased a second TV for him to play on, but it doesn't change the amount of time he spends with the baby. We have planned family nights, but they never happen. -- **Video Widow**

Dear Video Widow: It's time to put your foot down. Video games can be highly addictive, especially the online variety. Explain to your husband that he doesn't seem to have the self-control to turn off the game as promised, so you want him to pick a specific period of time every day when you will unplug it. That will be your family time, and you expect him to honor it. We hope it helps.

SATURDAY												MAR. 20	
	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
(2) (KDKA)	Road to Final Four	College Basketball					College Basketball						Basket
(3) (WKYC)	News	Willis's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	PGA Tour Golf Transitions Championship, Third Round. Ⓢ						
(4) (WTAE)	News	Movies	Paid	Paid	Countdn	Countdn	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: Bristol. (Live)	Woman	Business				
(5) (WEWS)	Paid	Paid	Country Showdown	Countdn			NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: Bristol. (Live)	Matlock PG Ⓢ					
(8) (WJW)	Seinfeld	Martin	Holly	Holly	Paid	Paid	Access Hollywood	TMZ (N) PG Ⓢ	Gray's Anatomy '14'				
(9) (WTOV)	Paid	Movies	Sports	Country Showdown	Paid	Paid	PGA Tour Golf Transitions Championship, Third Round. Ⓢ						
(11) (WPXI)	Willis's	Jane	Turbo	Sports	Medicine	Paid	PGA Tour Golf Transitions Championship, Third Round. Ⓢ						
(17) (WDLI)	God	Friends	Ishine	Goliath	Kids Club	McGee	Stories	Aqua	Story	News	Praise-A-Thon		
(19) (WOIO)	Road to Final Four	College Basketball					College Basketball						Basket
(21) (WFML)	Movies	Paid	Country Showdown	Paid	Paid	Paid	PGA Tour Golf Transitions Championship, Third Round. Ⓢ						
(22) (WCWB)	Lopez	Lopez	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Movie: "Wes Craven Presents: They"	Desper				
(23) (WVFX)	Paid	Paid	Fishing	Paid	Paid	Paid	M'A'S'H	M'A'S'H	Name	Name	"Lethal Weapon"		
(27) (WKBN)	Road to Final Four	College Basketball					College Basketball						Basket
(33) (WYTV)	Rangers	Rangers	Paid	Paid	Countdn	Countdn	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: Bristol. (Live)		Paid	Paid			
(43) (WUAB)	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna	Laguna	70s	70s Show	
(49) (WEAD)	New Tricks Ⓢ PG'	Fawty T.	May-Dec.	Red	Vicar	Candleford	'Allo	'Allo	One Foot	Wait God	Served		
(53) (WPGH)	Paid	Walk	Fr. Prince	Paid	Paid	Paid	Movie: "Tell Me No Lies" (2007)	'14 Ⓢ			Paid	Paid	
(55) (WBNX)	Movie: ★★ "The Next Karate Kid" (1994)				Movie: ★★ "Bright Lights, Big City"			Movie: ★ "Down to You" (2000)					
(67) (WOAC)	Like You	Davy	Bibleman	Adven	Garcia	Safety	Awaken	Health	Come In	Zola Lev	For Hope	History	
(A&E)	Flip This House PG'	Flip This House PG'			Billy	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	
(AMC)	Breaking Bad '14'	Breaking Bad PG'	Breaking Bad '14'		Breaking Bad '14'		Breaking Bad '14'	Breaking Bad '14'	Breaking Bad '14'	"GoodFellas" (1990)			
(AP)	Cats 101 PG Ⓢ	Animal Cops Miami	Animal Cops Miami		Weird	Weird	Monsters Inside Me	Tape	Lost				
(BET)	One	One	One	One	Game	Game	Chris	Chris	Movie: "Uncle P" (2007) Ⓢ				
(BRAV)	Kel on Earth Ⓢ	Mill. Matchmaker	Mill. Matchmaker		Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Real Housewives				
(CNBC)	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	
(CNN)	Newsroom	Your Money	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		
(CSPN)	(10:00) C-SPAN Weekend				C-SPAN Weekend								
(DISC)	Dirty Jobs Ⓢ '14'	Dirty Jobs Ⓢ '14'	Dirty Jobs Ⓢ '14'		Dirty Jobs Ⓢ '14'		Dirty Jobs Ⓢ '14'	Dirty Jobs Ⓢ '14'	Dirty Jobs Ⓢ '14'	Dirty Jobs Ⓢ '14'			
(DISN)	Movie: ★★ "Tarzan" (1999)	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	(15) "Aladdin" Ⓢ		
(E!)	30 Best and Worst Beach Bodies PG'				Movie: "Bring It On: In It to Win It" (2007)		The Soup	Pretty	Kendra	Kendra			
(ESPN)	College Basketball	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe		Poker - Europe		Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe			
(ESPN2)	Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball			Score	Strong	Auto			
(FAM)	Harry Pitr	Movie: ★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe.							"Harry Potter-Azkaban"				
(FNC)	America's News HQ				Journal	Watch	Glenn Beck		America's News HQ				
(FOOD)	Cooking	Fix	Giada	Contessa			Chopped		Dinner: Impossible		Iron Chef America		
(FSOH)	Fisher	Kid Pitch	ATP Tennis				ATP Tennis BNP Paribas Open: Men's Semifinals. (Live)						
(GAC)	Top 20	Headline	On the Streets		More Music Videos		The Collection		More Music Videos		Top 20		
(HBO)	Magic & Bird	Pacific	"Mummy: Dragon Emp."				Watch		Movie: ★★ "Inkheart" (2009) Ⓢ				
(HGTV)	To Sell	Block	Outdoor	Destina	Outside	Design	Design	Dime	Colour	Gene	D. Design	Color	
(I)	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	M'A'S'H	M'A'S'H	Name	Name	"Lethal Weapon"		
(LIFE)	(11:00) "Footloose"	Movie: "Sorority Wars" (2009) PG Ⓢ			Movie: "Spring Breakdown" (2009) Ⓢ						"Sister Act 2: Back"		
(MAX)	(11:00) "Tin Men"	Movie: ★★ "Shrek" Ⓢ			Movie: ★★ "Pride and Glory" (2008)				(45) Movie: "Young Guns II"				
(MSNBC)	Boosting for Billions	Home Wreckers	Sex Slave-Teen		The Runaways		The Santa Strangler		Disappearance				
(MTV)	America's Best	16 and Pregnant Ⓢ	Spring Break 2010		Disaster	Disaster	Disaster	Disaster	Disaster	Disaster			
(NICK)	iCarly 'G' Big Time	iCarly 'G' Big Time	Drake	Drake	Penguins	Penguins	Fanboy	Fanboy	Sponge	Sponge			
(OVC)	Gardening-Easy	OVC in the Garden "All Special Offers"			Westinghouse Solar		The Great Outdoors With Dan						
(SHOW)	Family	(45) Movie: ★★ "Lymelife" (2008)			Movie: "Bart Got a Room" Ⓢ		Movie: "The Cake Eaters"		FrstKnig				
(SYFY)	(11:00) "The Crow"	Movie: ★★ "Serenity" (2005) Nathan Fillion. Ⓢ			Movie: ★★ "Total Recall" (1990) Ⓢ								
(TBN)	God	Friends	Ishine	Goliath	Kids Club	McGee	Stories	Aqua	Story	News	Praise-A-Thon		
(TCM)	Movie: ★★ "The Outlaw" (1943) Ⓢ				Movie: ★★ "Stag 17" (1953) Ⓢ				(15) Movie: ★★ "12 Angry Men"				
(TLC)	Property Ladder 'G'	Property Ladder 'G'	Property Ladder 'G'		Property Ladder 'G'		Property Ladder 'G'		Property Ladder 'G'		Cake	Cake	
(TNN)	Trucks!	Muscle	Best of PRIDE		Best of PRIDE		Best of PRIDE		Best of PRIDE		Best of PRIDE		
(TNT)	Movie: ★★ "Sister Act" (1992) Ⓢ				Movie: ★★ "The Wood" (1999) Ⓢ				Movie: ★★ "Stomp the Yard" (2007)				
(TOON)	Garfield	Garfield	"Tom and Jerry: Shiver Me"		Courage	Courage	Flapjack		Flapjack	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Johnny T	
(TRAV)	Secret-US Mint	Mightiest Bank	Treas	Treas	Treas	Treas	Treas	Treas	Treas	Treas	Treas	Treas	
(TRUTV)	Dom. Dunne	Dominick Dunne:	Power-Justice		Power-Justice		Power-Justice		Power-Justice		Power-Justice		
(TVLAND)	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	Bewitch	
(USA)	NCIS "Shalom" '14'	NCIS "Legend" '14'	NCIS "Legend" '14'		NCIS Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		NCIS "Chimera" '14'		NCIS Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ				
(WGN)	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Bones Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		Legend Seeker		MLB Baseball						
(WTBS)	(11:25) "Shanghai Knights"		Movie: ★★ "The Mexican" (2001)				Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King		

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
(2) (KDKA)	College Basketball				College Basketball				48 Hours Mystery		News	Insider		
(3) (WKYC)	News	NBC	Entertainment Night		The Biggest Loser		Law & Order Ⓢ '14'		Law & Order: SVU		News	SNL		
(4) (WTAE)	News	ABC	Take the Time		FlashForward "Revelation Zero" Ⓢ '14'		Castle PG Ⓢ		Castle PG Ⓢ		News	Monk		
(5) (WEWS)	News	ABC	Aca	Cash	FlashForward "Revelation Zero" Ⓢ '14'		Castle PG Ⓢ		Castle PG Ⓢ		News	CSI: NY		
(8) (WJW)	Fox 8 News (N) Ⓢ		House Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		News		Wanda Sykes			
(9) (WTOV)	News (N)	NBC	Fortune	Cash	The Biggest Loser		Law & Order Ⓢ '14'		Law & Order: SVU		News	SNL		
(11) (WPXI)	News	NBC	Jeopardy	Judge J.	The Biggest Loser		Law & Order Ⓢ '14'		Law & Order: SVU		News	SNL		
(17) (WOLD)	Praise-A-Thon		Precious Mem.		In Touch		Hour of Power 'G'		Billy Graham		History	Travel Rd		
(19) (WOIO)	College Basketball				College Basketball				48 Hours Mystery		News	Warrant		
(21) (WFML)	News	NBC	Raymond	Cash	The Biggest Loser		Law & Order Ⓢ '14'		Law & Order: SVU		News	SNL		
(22) (WCWB)	Desper	Judge	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	'Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl'				70s		70s Show	Paid	Paid	
(23) (WVPX)	'Lethal Weapon'		Movie: ★★ 'Lethal Weapon' (1987)		The Guard (N) Ⓢ				The Guard (N) Ⓢ		Time Life	Paid		
(27) (WKBN)	College Basketball				College Basketball				48 Hours Mystery		News	CSI MI		
(33) (WYTV)	News	ABC	Fortune	Aca	FlashForward "Revelation Zero" Ⓢ '14'		Castle PG Ⓢ		News		Sports	Desper		
(43) (WUAB)	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: ★★ 'The Summer House'				News		Punk'd	Punk'd		
(49) (WEAD)	Dirty	President	If You're Not		Inventive-Indus		Neotrop	News	Ohio	Wild Ohio	Classic Arts			
(53) (WPGH)	Two Men	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		News		Paid	Wanda Sykes		
(55) (WBXX)	Frasier	Scrubs	Office	Office	Legend Seeker		Legend Seeker		Bones Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		Da Vinci's Inquest			
(67) (WOAC)	Bible	Health	John Tesh Live		Sprra	Feed	Joel	Phillips	New Day		Len	Voice	Health	
(A&E)	CSI: Miami Ⓢ '14'		CSI: Miami Ⓢ '14'		CSI: Miami Ⓢ '14'		CSI: Miami Ⓢ '14'		CSI: Miami Ⓢ '14'		CSI: Miami Ⓢ '14'			
(AMC)	(5:00) Movie: ★★ ★ 'GoodFellas' Ⓢ				Movie: ★★ 'Traffic' (2000) Michael Douglas. Premiere.				Movie: 'Traffic'					
(AP)	The Haunted PG				Cats 101 'G' Ⓢ		It's Me or the Dog		Underdog		Dogs 101 Ⓢ PG		Underdog	
(BET)	Uncle P		Movie: 'Love for Sale' (2008) Jackie Long. Ⓢ				Movie: ★★ 'ATL' (2006) Tip Harris. Ⓢ				Brown			
(BRAV)	House Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		House Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		House 'Alone' '14'		House Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		House Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		House Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ			
(CNBC)	Paid	Paid	American Greed		SI Swimsuit Issue		Suzie Orman Show		Debt Part		American Greed			
(CNN)	Situation Room		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live PG		Newsroom		Campbell Brown			
(CSPN)	President Comm.		America-Courts		American Perspectives				Am.Perspective					
(DISC)	Dirty Jobs Ⓢ PG		Dirty Jobs Ⓢ PG		Dirty Jobs Ⓢ PG		Dirty Jobs Ⓢ PG		Dirty Jobs Ⓢ PG		Dirty Jobs Ⓢ PG			
(DISN)	(5:15) 'Aladdin' Ⓢ		Manny		'Snow White and the Dwarfs'		Movie: ★★ 'Mulan' (1998)		Montana		Wizards Deck			
(E!) K	Kardas	Kardas	Kardas	Kardas	Movie: ★★ 'Half Baked' (1998)		Wet n Wild Job		The Soup		Chelsea			
(ESPN)	SportsCenter (Live) Ⓢ				College Wrestling NCAA Championships, Final. (Live) Ⓢ				SportsCenter (Live) Ⓢ					
(ESPN2)	Auto	Strong	Strong	Strong	Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball					
(FAM)	'Harry Potter-Azkaban'				Movie: ★★ 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' (2005) Fantasy Ⓢ				Movie: 'Hook' Ⓢ					
(FNC)	America's News HQ				FOX Report	Huckabee	Glenn Beck	Gerardo at Large Ⓢ		Journal		Watch		
(FOOD)	Challenge		B. Play	Play	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America			
(FSOH)	ATP Tennis		Athletics		Blue		NHL Hockey Columbus Blue Jackets at Nashville Predators.		Boxing					
(GAC)	(5:30) Top 20 Country Countdown													
(HBO)	Movie: 'Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins'				'Ghosts of Girlfriends Past'		(45) The Pacific 'MA' Ⓢ		Movie: 'Semi-Pro'					
(HGTV)	Designed To Sell		House	House	D. Design Sarah	Outdoor	Block	Dear	Color	House	House			
(I)	'Lethal Weapon'		Movie: ★★ 'Lethal Weapon' (1987)				The Guard (N) Ⓢ		The Guard (N) Ⓢ		Time Life Time Life			
(LIFE)	'Sister Act 2: Back'		'The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants'				Movie: ★★ 'The Nanny Diaries' (2007)		'Nanny Diaries'					
(MAX)	Young-Hill		Movie: ★★ 'The Uninvited'		Movie: ★★ 'Street Kings' (2008) Ⓢ		Movie: ★★ 'Fighting' (2009)		Zane					
(MSNBC)	Disappearance		Hollywood Vice		Lookup: N.M.		Lookup: Raw		Lookup: Raw		Lookup: N.M.			
(MTV)	Disaster		Disaster		Spring Break 2010		S. Park	S. Park	Jackass	Jackass	Movie: ★★ 'Deep Blue Sea' (1999)			
(NICK)	Sponge		Sponge		iCarly 'G' iCarly 'G'		iCarly 'G'	Jackson	Troop	Big Time	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
(QVC)	Unique Gardens													
(QVC)	Catio & Garden													
(SHOW)	(5:30) Movie: ★★ 'First Knight' (1995)				Call Girl	Call Girl	Movie: ★★ 'Soul Men' (2008) iTV. Ⓢ		'Family That Preys'					
(SYFY)	Movie: ★★ ★ 'Aliens' (1986) Sigourney Weaver. Premiere.				Movie: 'Screamers: The Hunting' (2009)		Movie: 'Screamers'							
(TBN)	Praise-A-Thon		Precious Mem.		In Touch		Hour of Power 'G'		Billy Graham		History	Travel Rd		
(TCM)	Movie: ★★ ★ 'Spellbound' (1945)				Movie: ★★ ★ 'Lawrence of Arabia' (1962)				Peter O Toole, Alec Guinness. Ⓢ					
(TLC)	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake		
(TNN)	Best of PRIDE				Ways Die		Ways Die		Ways Die		Entou	Entou	Entou	
(TNT)	Movie: ★★ 'Daddy's Little Girls' (2007)				Movie: ★★ 'Why Did I Get Married?' (2007)				Movie: ★★ 'Dreamgirls'					
(TOON)	Johnny T	Johnny T	Bakugan	Hero	Tn-Titans	Batman	Dude	Destroy	King-Hill	King-Hill	Stroker	Boon		
(TRAV)	Treas		Treas		TasTest		Man	Man	Amer. Worst Driver		Pizza Wars			
(TRUTV)	Most Shocking '14'		Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Forensic	Forensic		
(TVLAND)	Bewitch Bewitch		NCIS IM	Home Im	NCIS IM	Home Im	NCIS IM	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond			
(USA)	NCIS Ⓢ '14' Ⓢ		NCIS 'Twilight' PG		NCIS Ⓢ PG Ⓢ		NCIS 'SWAK' PG		NCIS 'Allyah' '14'		Law & Order: SVU			
(WGN)	MLB Baseball				NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Philadelphia 76ers.				Fun Vi		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs
(WTBS)	King	Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	'The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift'				Movie: ★★ 'Rush Hour 3' (2007, Action)					

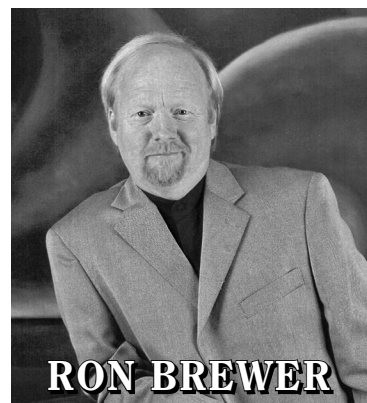
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SALEM — Free water tests will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Salem Home Depot.

Amateur radio exams set today

LISBON — Amateur radio exams technician through amateur extra will be given at 1:30 p.m. today at the Columbiana County Emergency Management Agency, 215 S. Market St. Registration begins at 1 p.m. Walk-ins will be accommodated. For information call Don Kemp at 330-222-1724 or Dave Sprouse at 330-222-1450.

How to raise a drug-free child

SALEM — The Family Recovery Center and Salem Public Library will present a panel discussion titled "How to raise a drug free child" at 7 p.m. Monday at the library.

Conservation club federation meets

SALEM — The Columbiana County Federation of Conservation Clubs will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Salem Hunting Club. All CCFCC meetings are open to the public. For information contact Tom Butch at 330-337-8444.

Crestview panel to meet Tuesday

COLUMBIANA — The Crestview Local Board of Education Buildings and

Grounds Committee will meet at 6 a.m. Tuesday in the superintendent's office, 44100 Crestview Road, Suite A.

West Branch BOE plans work session

BELOIT — The regular meeting of the West Branch Local School Board of Education on Thursday begins with a work session reviewing regular meeting agenda items and receiving a presentation on an energy conservation program by Gardiner Trane at 6 p.m. The regular meeting follows at 7:30 p.m., both at the high school.

District Showcase set March 25

SALINEVILLE — Southern Local will hold its fourth annual District Showcase from 6 to 8:30 p.m. March 25. A pasta dinner, benefiting the principal's fund, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

Parents, families and community members are invited to view all the activities that the students have been doing all year. Each grade level or class has a display. Information for kindergarten registration will be available.

Musical performances will be in the high school cafeteria and in the elementary gym. The first graders will perform at 6:15 p.m., the second graders at 7 p.m. and the fourth graders at 7:45 p.m. The high school band will perform at

6 p.m., drumline at 6:30 p.m., chorus at 6:45 p.m. and the Spring Musical Preview at 7:30 p.m. For information call the school at 330-679-2305.

Benefit for Dick Wilson planned

EAST ROCHESTER — A benefit spaghetti dinner for Dick "Dino" Wilson will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 28 at the "old" West Elementary School on U.S. Route 30. Cost is \$7 per plate. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction.

Water safety instructor course

SALEM — The Salem Community Center is offering a water safety instructor course from 5 to 8 p.m. April 5-16. Participants must be at least 16 years old at the start of class and a proficient swimmer. Cost is \$175 for members and \$195 for non-members. To register call 330-332-5885.

Spring competitive swim with Sue Mellish will be held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, March 29 through May 7. The program consists of two training levels. Level two will run from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Level one will run from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost for level one is \$63 for members and \$72 for non-members. Level two is \$94 for members and \$108 for non-members. For information or to register call the SCC at 330-332-5885 or Mellish at 330-424-1128.

Sunrise service at Canfield Christian

CANFIELD — A Sunrise service begins at 8 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 4, at the Canfield Christian Church, 123 S. Broad St. The Easter worship service follows at 10:30 a.m.

Catholic Women to meet at St. Paul

SALEM — Youngstown Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. April 17 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 935 E. State St. The bylaws will be discussed for the second time along with completion of plans for the annual meeting in May.

Night of Worship at KSU City Center

SALEM — The public is invited to "A Night of Worship" at 7 p.m. March 28 at the Kent State University City Center, 230 N. Lincoln Ave. Admission is free. For details visit www.facebook.com/salem-night-of-worship.

Chili cook-off at Emmanuel Lutheran

SALEM — Emmanuel Lutheran Church is hosting a chili cook-off to benefit the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build. Cost is \$5 for ages 16 and older, \$3 for ages 4 to 15, and free for children 3 and under. The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. March 28 in the fellowship hall of the education build-

ing at 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Men's Basketball League ro open

DAMASCUS — The 2010 Men's Basketball League begins at 7 p.m. Monday at Damascus Friends Church for men, high school seniors and above (no maximum age limit). Cost is \$45 per participant, with shirts provided. Family discounts are available. Evaluations begin at 7 p.m. Monday to determine teams. To print off registration forms visit www.damascusfriends.org. Walk-on registration is available at 6:45 p.m. Monday. For information call Bob Owen, sports director, at 330-495-0043.

Fund raiser to aid Sharing mission

LISBON — The New Lisbon Presbyterian Church at 111 E. Chestnut St. will host a special Chinese auction basket fund raiser and a soup and sandwich luncheon after the morning worship on Sunday. Several themed baskets will be raffled, including a basket of musical items, and outdoor recreation basket, patriotic basket and children's baskets. Proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit the One Great Hour of Sharing mission of the Presbyterian Church USA.

Children's art to be displayed

NEW WATERFORD - At least 14 adults and sev-

eral children and teenagers are signed up to display original paintings, drawings, sketches, cartoons, photographs and other forms of art during a public art show March 27 at Abundant Life Fellowship, 46469 Route 46. The show will run from 4 to 8 p.m. in the lobby and remain through the morning worship service March 28. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

The show coincides with the free monthly community dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Meatloaf, baked potato, salad and dessert will be served. Reservations are encouraged by calling 330-457-7317. The deadline is March 25.

Easter Week

services announced EAST PALESTINE — Easter Week" services in East Palestine have been announced.

March 28, 7 p.m., service of praise at East Palestine Church of the Nazarene

March 29, 7 p.m., Jews for Jesus presents Christ in the Passover at Centenary Methodist.

March 30, 6 to 8 p.m., Prayer Labyrinth available any time during the two hours at Emmanuel Methodist Church.

April 1, 8 p.m., Living Last Supper at First United Presbyterian Church.

April 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Children's Day Camp at East Palestine Nazarene church with games and lessons; 3 p.m., Stations of the Cross and Passion of Christ at Our Lady of Lourdes; 7:15 p.m., Good Friday service at Grace Lutheran Church.

April 3, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes.

April 4, 6:30 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service at East Palestine City Park; 8 a.m., breakfast at First United Presbyterian Church. For more information visit www.epministerial.org.

PATROL

• Robert Gump, 19, Cornell Street, East Liverpool, was cited with driving without reasonable control, seat belt and OVI at 9:31 p. Saturday after he was southbound on state Route 45 in Yellow Creek Township and struck an embankment before overturning. Gump and his passenger, Emily Williams, 17, Hess Road, East Liverpool, were both transported with injuries to East Liverpool City Hospital by North Star Ambulance. Williams was later flown to Allegheny General Hospital.

• Joseph Hazel, 59, St. Jacob-Logtown Road, Lisbon, was cited with driving without reasonable control at 7:30 p.m. Saturday after he was turning onto Gamble Road from state Route 172 in Center Township and struck a ditch overturning the pickup. No injury was reported.

• Abigail Porter, 19, Carey Road, Salem, was cited with driving without reasonable control at 11:34 a.m. March 11, after she was northbound on Carey Road in Butler Township and lost control negotiating a curve just north of North Price Road. She went off the right side of the road striking a traffic sign and a tree. Porter's mother drove her to Salem Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

• Dustin Klingensmith, 17, Rochester Road, Minerva, was cited with driving without reasonable control at 2:50 p.m. Saturday after he was northbound on Walker Road in West Township just south of U.S. Route 30 and lost control. He struck a row of bushes and a support post for a garage. He was not injured.

• Daniel Johnson, 33, Michigan Avenue, East Liverpool, was cited with driving without reasonable control at 3:57 p.m. Saturday. He was southbound on state Route 164 in Wayne Township and lost control going off the left side of the road and striking a ditch. No injuries were reported.

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Report: Nurse assistants rehired after misconduct

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A state Senate report released Friday said nurse assistants who lost their certification over abuse, negligence or theft in nursing homes were able to go to work as caregivers in assisted living facilities because of a computer tracking loophole.

A Senate subcommittee plans to hold a hearing next week on the findings by an oversight office that show nurse assistants who lost their certification with one state department over misconduct were later approved by another.

The report “Dangerous Caregivers” by the California Senate Office of Oversight and Outcomes revealed a loophole within the state Health and Human Services Agency.

In one case cited in the report, a nurse assistant lost her certification for hitting a blind, developmentally disabled client with a puzzle tray and throwing a softball into another client’s stomach. Three weeks later, the Department of Social Services cleared her to work as a caregiver in a small assisted living facility. In another case, a nurse assistant was decertified for stealing from nursing home residents. Nine months later, Social Services approved her to work as a housekeeper in another home.

“There is no excuse for allowing people with known histories of abuse to work in residential care facilities for the elderly or as caregivers in any other setting,” said Michael Connors, long-term care advocate for California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform.

In a narrow sampling using uncommon names, the state report found 20 cases involving nurse assistants whose certifications were revoked by the Department of Public Health then cleared by the Department of Social Services to work as caregivers.

Both departments fall under the purview of the Health and Human Services Agency.

Liselda Lopez, spokeswoman for the Department of Social Services, said Friday that the department began investigating caregivers last November, when the Senate office started its inquiry. The department checked all 140,000 caregivers and only found a handful of cases of decertified nursing assistants beyond the 20 mentioned in the report, she said.

Calif. police dodge bullet in booby trap attacks

HEMET, Calif. (AP) — Police officers in this retirement town in rural Riverside County have been on edge in recent weeks. Someone is trying to kill them.

First, a natural gas pipe was shoved through a hole drilled into the roof of the gang enforcement unit’s headquarters. The building filled with flammable vapor but an officer smelled the danger before anyone was hurt.

“It would have taken out half a city block,” Capt. Tony Marghis said.

Then, a ballistic contraption was attached to a sliding security fence around the building. An officer opening the black steel gate triggered the mechanism, which sent a bullet within eight inches of his face.

In another attempted booby trap attack, some kind of explosive device was attached to a police officer’s unmarked car while he went into a convenience store.

“There’s a person or people out there, a bunch of idiots, trying to do damage to us,” Hemet Police Chief Richard Dana said. “We can’t expect our luck to hold up, we need help.”

Since New Year’s Eve, there have been several other booby trap attempts to kill officers, Dana said.

“The only reason they haven’t killed an officer yet is because we’ve been observant enough to see devices planted around the station and in cars and different places,” he said.

Gang enforcement officers appear to be the target of the assassination attempts, though Dana noted the devices were indiscriminate by nature and could have killed any police or law enforcement officer.

The incidents have shaken a close-

knit police department already demoralized by steep budget cuts that last year saw its officer numbers slashed by a quarter to 68. Officers are checking under cars for bombs and scouting for other potential hazards.

“I would call the mood tense,” Capt. Marghis said. “Everyone is being very vigilant about their surroundings and the environment.”

Dana said officers have seen gang members carrying out counter-surveillance, studying police behavior. He often looks in his rear view mirror when he drives home at night to make sure he is not being followed.

In the attack with a ballistic contraption, the officer only avoided being shot in the head because the wheels on the sliding gate were wonky so he had to angle his body to open it.

“He had to push it to the right, the bullet went by to the left,” Dana said.

Hemet is a working-class city surrounded by the snow-topped San Jacinto Mountains about 90 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Its main street is dotted with real estate offices, tax offices and auto repair stores, and it has traditionally been known as a quiet retirement community.

The town’s population grew in recent years to about 75,000 but the once-booming housing market has been hit hard by the foreclosure crisis.

Investigators are still trying to determine why officers are being targeted. A prevalent theory is that members of an outlaw motorcycle gang — the Vagos — were angered when members of Hemet’s anti-gang task force monitored them at a funeral in a church opposite the task force’s former headquarters.

A memorial service was held Dec. 29 in the Hemet Christian Assembly church and upward of 100 members of the gang attended, said Riverside County sheriff’s Capt. Walter Meyer, who oversees the regional gang task force.

Officers monitored the memorial but did not attend the service. Some of the Vagos members were questioned or followed as they left town.

Two days later, the gang enforcement unit’s black shingle roof was drilled through and the single-level house, converted for police use, filled up with gas.

“Which would obviously leave a reasonable person to ask: Are they involved?” Meyer said.

One of the church’s pastors, James McKinney, said a group of motorcycling friends mourning the death of a prominent Hemet man asked if he would conduct a memorial service.

“When a family is crying and asking for a service, you don’t say no to them,” McKinney said. “I said that’s no problem, I’ll do that.”

McKinney declined to discuss the service or if he recalled any gang officers monitoring its attendants.

Authorities said about 30 members of the Vagos, California’s largest motorcycle gang, were arrested in Riverside County on Wednesday, as part of a crackdown across the state and in Arizona, Nevada and Utah. Prosecutors don’t have a total number of arrests yet.

Meyer said there are about 200 Vagos members in Riverside County. The gang specializes in methamphetamine sales, identity theft and violence, he said.

United Senior finds challenge in KSU program

SALEM — Independent and driven, United High School Senior Brock Horstman was looking for a challenge last year. Having turned 18 at the end of his junior year, he was ready for more exposure than what he’d found.

“We needed something that would keep him engaged,” his mother Nancy Horstman said. “At first, getting a year of college paid for was the main draw, but he was just done with high school and needed something else.”

Consequently, when his guidance counselor told Brock about the Seniors to Sophomore program at the Kent State Columbiana County Campuses he thought he’d take a look. Seniors to Sophomores, which is a post-secondary enrollment option (PSEO), allows Brock and other area high school students the opportunity to attend college classes for free. What’s unique to Seniors to Sopho-

mores is that students attend college classes in the morning with other area high schoolers before returning to their respective schools in the afternoon.

“I love it,” he said of his experience thus far. “It’s giving me an opportunity I wouldn’t have had otherwise, plus I get to meet lots of other high school students.” Brock says the program involves less homework, but more personal responsibility. “As long as you learn it, you’re good,” he said of the course material. “This is a great way to ease yourself into college.”

In high school Brock felt he wasn’t that engaged, which was having an effect on his performance. “Here, there is a lot of maturity, which really helped my grades out,” he said. “Before, I was being pulled down by people who didn’t care about their

grades.” Brock and his family find that the program suits Brock’s personality and independence. It also fits their budget. “We’re middle class,” Brock said of his family. “This is one way to get ahead.” His mom agreed. “Because of what college costs are, any classes you can get for free are great,” she said.

Area high school students and their parents have an opportunity to learn more about the program at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in room 117 of the Kent State Salem Campus. The school is located at 2491 Route. 45S in Salem. For more information and to make a reservation call 330-332-0361 or go on-line to www.col.kent.edu/academics/s2s/index.cfm.

To read more about Brock’s experience, visit <http://seniors2sophs.blogspot.com/>.



Brock Horstman

Ohio AG warns about new bogus check scams

COLUMBUS(AP) — Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray is warning that Ohioans are getting stung by new variations on phony check scams, which have been a problem for years.

Cordray said Friday that consumers can usually protect themselves by simply refusing to send money back to anyone who has sent them a check.

Ohio’s top law enforcer

says in one new spin, people who use Web sites to sell items are sent fraudulent checks that exceed the sale price and are asked to return the overpayment. When they do, they lose that money.

Cordray says in another recent example, a Toledo consumer was contacted by e-mail about a business opportunity. The company then sent the man a check for \$2,850, told him to

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New and gently worn formals for sale, Columbiana Women's Club, 121 N. Main St., 1-5 p.m.; 330-482-2832.

St. Patrick's dance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Columbiana American Legion; music by Tribute.

DAMASCUS
All-you-can-eat breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church.

GREENFORD
All-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast, 6:30-11 a.m., Green Township Fire Station, 12210 Lisbon Road; \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children (ages 6 to 12), free for 5 and under.

HANOVERTON
United Band Boosters fund raiser, cream turkey and biscuit dinner, 4-8 p.m., Winona Friends Church; \$8 for adults, free for children under 4.

LEETONIA
DJ, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Leetonia Eagles Club; no cover charge.

LISBON
Lisbon Exempted Village School District, work session, 9 a.m., board meeting room.

David Anderson High School Class of 1962, lunch, 1 p.m., Taste of Country.

Lisbon Montessori Preschool's adult dance, 7-11 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4111, \$10; reservations, 330-424-5695.

Spaghetti dinner fund raiser for Girls Scouts, 4:30-6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 114 E. Washington St., \$6 for ages 10 and up, \$5 for 5-10; carryout available.

NEW WATERFORD
New Waterford Volunteer Fire Department's Texas Hold 'em Tournament, 5 p.m., New Waterford Eagles Club; doors open at 3 p.m. Advance tickets \$40 from firefighters and 330-457-2363.

New Waterford Lions, roast beef dinner, 4-7 p.m., Crestview School, \$9.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children; discounted advance tickets, 330-457-2497.

LEETONIA
Bake sale/fund raiser for White Stone Ministries, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Berea Fellowship Church on Leetonia-Lisbon Road, and Weaver home at 38336 State Route 558; to order call 330-427-9839.

SALEM
Salem Lady Quaker Soccer Team and Salem Girls Soccer Boosters, pancake/sausage breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m., Salem High School cafeteria; donations accepted.

Pancakes and sausage breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, Salem Eagles Club; \$4 for adults, \$2 for 4 and under.

Eagles Auxiliary's pancake and sausage breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, 1884 N. Ellsworth Ave.; \$4 for adults, \$2 for ages 4 and under.

Habitat ReStore, East Pidgeon Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Camp Fire USA's Great American Bake Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Giant Eagle; to donate baked goods call 330-337-3700.

Walmart 3-Point Shootout, 10 a.m., Salem Community Center; 330-332-5885.

Corn hole tournament, 1 p.m., Salem Eagles Club; \$5 per person.

Salem Band Boosters, spaghetti dinner fund raiser, 3-7 p.m., high school; \$5 for adults, \$3 for children

SEBRING
Steak fry, 5-8 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6730,

... ON THE **Calendar** THIS WEEK . .

206 E. Ohio Ave., \$14; music by Uptown Saturday Night, 9 p.m.-midnight.

SUN/21
COLUMBIANA
Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bowl For Kids Sake fund raiser, 1-4 p.m., Arrowhead Lanes; register a team at 330-424-0653.

New and gently worn formals for sale, Columbiana Women's Club, 121 N. Main St., 1-5 p.m.; 330-482-2832.

LEETONIA
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Leetonia Eagles Club; \$5.

LISBON
Soup and sandwich dinner, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., New Lisbon Masonic Center; \$6 for adults, \$3 for children.

Bingo, 6 p.m., Lisbon Lions Club; doors open at 4 p.m.

Lisbon Community Chorus rehearsal, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

ROGERS
Country music jam, 6-9 p.m., Rogers Community Auction dining room.

SALEM
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892; \$4.

Spaghetti dinner benefit for Alchemy Acres Animal Sanctuary, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., The Center, East Second Street, \$7. Tickets at 330-332-4897.

SCT Young Performers Program, auditions for "The Pirates of Penzance," ages 12-19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Musical Theatre Showcase, 3 p.m., Kent State University City Center, auditorium, 230 N. Lincoln Ave.; 330-337-4247. Free admission.

Free masterclass, high school students with a musical background can be coached by professors, 2 p.m., KSU City Center, second floor; RSVP at 330-337-4247.

SEBRING
Swiss steak dinner, noon-3 p.m., Sebring American Legion, \$9; carryouts, \$8.

WEST POINT
Turkey shoot, noon, West Point Rod and Gun Club..

MON/22
EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine City School District Board of Education, 3 p.m., BOE office.

HANOVERTON
Help Me Grow Playgroup, 10 a.m., Hanoverton Christian Church.

LEETONIA
Village Council, special meeting, 5:30 p.m., Village Hall; approve 2010 budget.

Leetonia Community Public Library Board of Trustees, meeting, 6 p.m., library.

LISBON
Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive, behind McDonald's.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Church Women United, 1 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, tomato soup, green beans, applesauce, fruit, vegetables, ice cream sundaes.

TOPS 1380, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 6:15 p.m.

"Crop with a Friend," 6:30-10 p.m., First Friends Church, 330-424-5176 or 330-332-0001.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

SCT Young Performers Program, auditions for "The Pirates

of Penzance," ages 12-19; 7-9 p.m.

Family Recovery Center and Salem Public Library, panel discussion, "How to raise a drug free child," 7 p.m., library.

TUE/23
COLUMBIANA
Crestview Local Board of Education Buildings and Grounds Committee, 6 a.m., superintendent's office, 44100 Crestview Road, Suite A.

Columbiana Senior Citizens, 10 a.m., Upper Room; bring sack lunch.

Columbiana Area Peacemakers, 6 p.m., Columbiana Public Library; 330-332-1407.

Board of Education of Crestview Local School District, 6:30 p.m., home economics room.

City Council, special meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

LEETONIA
Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support group, 7 p.m., Point Man's LZ Refuge, 243 Main St.; 800-877-8387.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive, behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

New Lisbon Chapter 92, 7:30 p.m., New Lisbon Masonic Center.

HANOVERTON
United Local Ruriteens, blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., United High School auditorium.

NEW WATERFORD
Open house, 6-7:30 p.m., New Waterford Play and Learn Preschool, 3703 Front St.

Finance/Legislative Committee, 6 p.m., Community Building.

NORTH LIMA
Beaver Township Police Crime Watch, 7 p.m., Shepherd of the Valley, 9111 Sharrott Road.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1946, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Food distribution, 5-8 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Jubilee Chorus, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.

Columbiana County Federation of Conservation Clubs, monthly meeting, 8 p.m., Salem Hunting Club; 330-337-8444.

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WED/24
GUILFORD LAKE
Bingo, 7 p.m., Guilford Lake Ruritan Club.

LEETONIA
Help Me Grow Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Library.

Pierogie sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6 per dozen, St. Patrick's Church school hall kitchen; 330-424-1677.

40 Plus Single Gathering, Leetonia Community Library, 6-8 p.m., downloading pictures on the computer; 330-427-0424.

LISBON
Columbiana County Historical Association's executive board/trustee meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taste of Country.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Senior Citizens, lunch, noon, Memorial Building; bring prizes for bingo.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

THU/25
BELOIT
West Branch Local Board of Education, work session, energy conservation program by Gardiner Trane, 6 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., high school Media Center.

DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

LEETONIA
Town hall meeting with Jim Renner, 6:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON
David Anderson High School Class of 1955, breakfast, 10 a.m., Taste of Country.

Help Hotline Crisis Center's Survivors of Suicide support group, 6 p.m., Columbiana County Counseling Center, Route 154; 330-424-7767.

Lisbon Community Chorus rehearsal, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

SALEM
Book Fair, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Salem Community Hospital, private dining room.

Kaiser/National Retirees and past employees, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

TOPS Chapter 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church on South Broadway Avenue. Weigh-ins from 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-337-9615 or 330-337-8370.

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