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## Wargo bids to fill commissioner seat

By DEANNE JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

LISBON — A long-time local and state politician, John P. Wargo announced Thursday his intention to seek the one year left in the unexpired term being vacated by County Commissioner Penny Traina.

Traina will be leaving at the end of the year to take a management position with Interstate Waste Services. The Democratic Central Committee is expected to meet soon to choose her replacement for 2012. Voters in the general election will determine who will fill the seat starting in 2013.

Wargo did not file to run for the vacant seat. He said he is not asking for four or five years,



WARGO

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only one year.

Democrat John H. Payne and Republican Tim Weigle have both thrown their hats in the ring for the four-year position. Payne also has said he hopes the committee will appoint him to the vacant seat. However, Payne also was reportedly injured this week when his vehicle was struck in a landslide on state Route 39 in East Liverpool.

Wargo said he did not know how badly Payne was injured and in the past he supported Payne as a candidate for the county board of elections. Wargo said he did not hesitate at the time because Payne is a good administrator.

"There is a lot of difference between an administrator and a decision maker," Wargo

added.

Wargo served on the Columbiana County Board of Commissioners twice, for 12 total years (1983-1986 and 1989-1996). Prior to that, Wargo served for 12 years in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1971-1982. His years in public office also included years as a Franklin Township trustee and as deputy county auditor.

"I think I've earned this appointment," Wargo said, adding he does not mean it to sound conceited.

Wargo said he has always defeated both other Democrats in the primary and then Republicans in the primary. He was never given a free ride by the party and said he has never asked them for it.

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**Tis' the season**

The Salem Quaker Crazies were in the holiday spirit Friday during the team's game against Minerva. Full story, 1B. (Salem News photo by Gary Leininger)

## LA's 'Wonderful Life' Day honors film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George Bailey can rest easy. He really did make a difference in the lives of people, including all 3.8 million in Los Angeles.

Bailey, for the one or two people who still haven't seen the classic Frank Capra film "It's A Wonderful Life," is a man driven to the brink of suicide when he comes to believe his life never really mattered.

It's up to his quirky guardian angel Clarence to set him straight by showing Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, what the world would have been like without him.

In honor of the film's 65th anniversary, the City Council declared Friday "It's A Wonderful Life Day" in Los Angeles.

To get people in the spirit, Councilman Tom LaBonge, several members of Capra's family and a few others

gathered at the director's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on a sunny holiday morning.

The section of the walk, it turns out, is one filled with cheesy souvenir shops and sex toy emporiums. They give it more the look of Pottersville, the disreputable place in the film that the evil banker Mr. Potter turns bucolic Bedford Falls into when Bailey isn't there to stop him.

That didn't dampen Friday's celebration, however, which included Jimmy Hawkins, the actor who played Bailey's 5-year-old son, Tommy.

As one of the last surviving cast members, the 70-year-old actor-producer said he considers it an honor to introduce new audiences to the movie.

When it debuted in theaters in 1946, "It's A Wonderful Life" was

actually a commercial and critical flop. But if that bothered Capra, he never let it show.

"My father always said that 'It's A Wonderful Life' was the best movie that he ever made," Tom Capra said. "As a matter of fact, he said it was the best movie ever made."

The film, whose story takes place at Christmas, became a holiday classic with the dawn of television, when families began to gather each holiday season to watch it.

It airs again Saturday night on NBC.

"It carried with it the message that you can find in each of my dad's films. The message of hope," Capra said. "Maybe like George Bailey, we should pause for a brief moment and examine our lives and see if we can make a difference as long as we never give up."

## Gospel, a capella music set at New Years Eve Salem

By MARY ANN GREIER  
Staff Writer

SALEM — The soulful, inspiring sounds of gospel music and a capella harmonies will be the featured attractions at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior venue during New Year's Eve Salem festivities Dec. 31.

The church located at 870 E. State St. is one of six venues which are part of New Year's Eve Salem, an alcohol-free celebration to welcome 2012, offering both food for purchase at various sites and entertainment of all types.

Ticket prices are \$5 in advance through Dec. 25 and \$8 after Dec. 25, good for all venues. All children under 10 years old are free with a paid adult accompanying them.

Admission tickets can be purchased at all local Salem banks, Salem Giant Eagle, the Salem Community Center, the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, Summit Federal Credit Union and the Salem Historical Society.

Other venues include the Kent City Center on North See EVE, 5A



Members of Trinity Trio will be among the groups performing at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior on East State Street during New Year's Eve Salem. They'll be joined by Bill Schilling and Linda Sigismondi, who will perform a hymn sing. The performances begin at 6:10 p.m. Dec. 31. (Submitted photo)

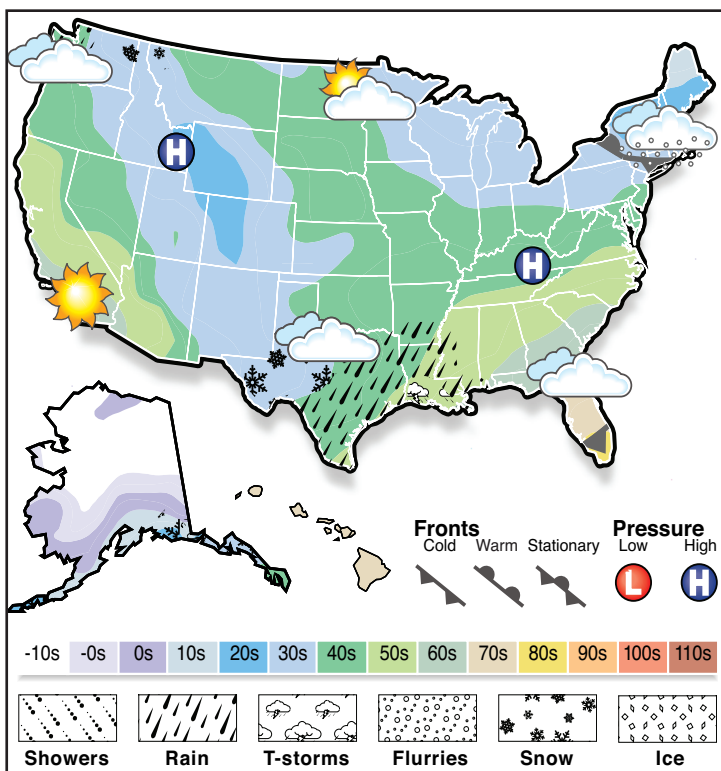
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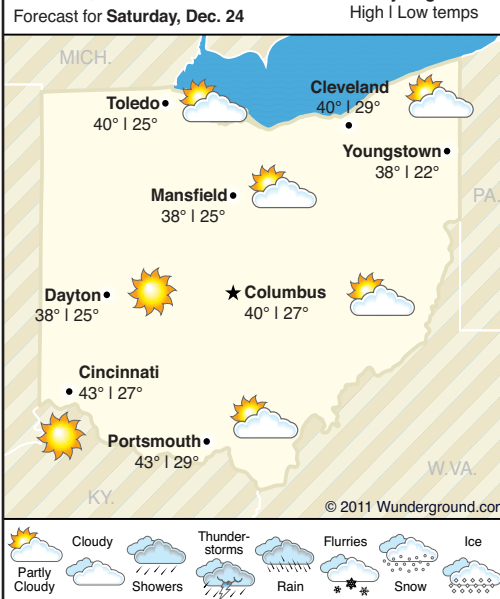
## THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Christmas day...Partly cloudy in the morning...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Monday night...Partly cloudy in the evening...Then becoming mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow after midnight. Lows around 30. Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 40s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening...Then clearing. Lows in the upper 20s. Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs around 40. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy in the evening...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s.

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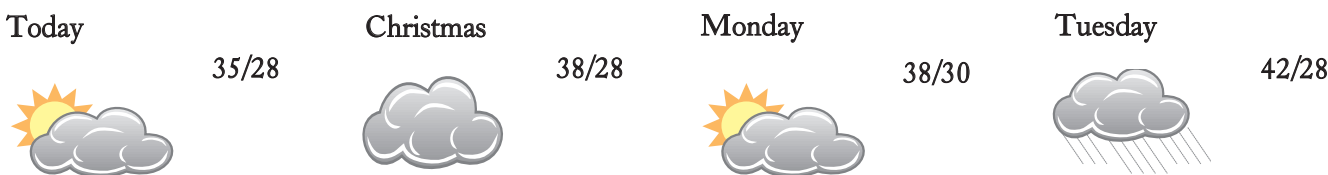
## Today's Forecast



## ALMANAC

Today is Saturday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 2011. There are seven days left in the year. Ten years ago: Officials said President George W. Bush had created a formal line of succession at several key federal agencies in the event a Cabinet secretary were to be killed or incapacitated. Five years ago: Ethiopia sent fighter jets into Somalia and bombed several towns in a dramatic attack on Somalia's powerful Islamic movement; Ethiopia's prime minister said his country had been "forced to enter a war."

## Extended Forecast



# Czechs, world leaders bid farewell to Vaclav Havel

PRAGUE (AP) — Czechs and world leaders paid emotional tribute to Vaclav Havel on Friday at a pomp-filled funeral ceremony, ending a week of public grief and nostalgia over the death of the dissident playwright who led the 1989 revolution that toppled four decades of communist rule.

Bells tolled from churches while a wailing siren brought the country to a standstill in a minute of silence for the nation's first democratically-elected president after the non-violent "Velvet Revolution."

Havel's wife Dagmar, family members, friends and leaders from dozens of countries gathered Friday at the towering, gothic St. Vitus Cathedral which overlooks Prague. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron were among some 1,000 mourners who bowed their heads in front of the coffin draped in the Czech colors.

Czech President Vaclav Klaus, who was Havel's political archrival, and two friends — Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright — paid tribute to Havel at the cathedral, which dates to the 10th century and has not witnessed a state funeral since 1875.

"We will terribly miss him but we will never, ever forget him," said Albright, who is of Czech origin, in Czech.

In a message read at the funeral by the Vatican's former diplomatic representative in Prague, Pope Benedict XVI praised Havel. "Remembering how courageously Mr. Havel defended human rights at a time when these were systematically denied to the people of your country, and paying tribute to his visionary leadership in forging a new democratic polity after the fall of the previous regime, I give thanks to God for the freedom that the people of the Czech Republic now enjoy," he said.

At the end of the ceremony, 21 cannon salvos were fired when the Czech national anthem was played.

## NATION/WORLD

### Off to Hawaii on high note, Obama to face huge challenges in coming year

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a political high, President Barack Obama capped a bruising year by securing a tax cut for millions of Americans — an achievement that overshadowed Washington's deepening dysfunction and the slow progress of the economy on his watch.

The White House has ended a year with a political victory before. This time around the stakes are higher, and the president is by no means assured of carrying the momentum deep into an election year.

Addressing reporters before heading to Hawaii on Friday, Obama looked like a president in command of the stage again, for now. He left the capital after presiding over a two-month extension of a payroll tax cut — about \$40 per paycheck for someone making \$50,000 a year — that came when House Republicans caved on demands for a longer deal.

Yet on this issue, like many, enormous work remains for Obama after the new year, just when voters begin choosing a Republican nominee to try to oust him from his job.

Obama initially had pushed for a year-long extension of both the Social Security payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits. He got only two months on both because Congress could not agree on how to pay the bill for more without gutting their own political priorities — the same problem that awaits all sides in the weeks to come.

cials said.

### Cuban official: American not among the 2,900 prisoners granted amnesty

HAVANA (AP) — An American government subcontractor jailed in Cuba for crimes against the state is not among nearly 3,000 prisoners granted amnesty by President Raul Castro on Friday, said a senior Foreign Ministry official.

"Alan Gross is not on the list," Josefina Vidal told The Associated Press, dashing the hopes of Gross' supporters in the United States, who have been pleading with Cuban authorities to release the 62-year-old Maryland native on humanitarian grounds. Vidal heads the Foreign Ministry's North American affairs division.

In a speech to lawmakers, Castro said his country would pardon 2,900 prisoners, including some convicted of political crimes. Castro cited an upcoming visit by Pope Benedict XVI among the reasons for the amnesty, saying the humanitarian act was "a demonstration of the generosity and strength of the revolution."

He said 86 foreign prisoners from 25 countries would be freed, and that diplomats would be notified shortly.

The Cuban leader said the list is filled with inmates who, like Gross, are more than 60 years old or are ailing. Others included in the amnesty are many female inmates and young people who don't have long criminal records.

### Twin suicide bombings kill 44 in Damascus a day after Arab League observers arrive

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Two car bombers blew themselves up Friday outside the heavily guarded compounds of Syria's intelligence agencies, killing at least 44 people and wounding dozens more in a brazen attack on the powerful security directorates, authorities said.

State-run TV said the al-Qaida terrorist network was possibly to blame for the first suicide car bombings in the nine-month uprising against authoritarian President Bashar Assad.

The opposition, however, immediately questioned the government's account and hinted the regime itself could have been behind the attack, noting it came during a visit by Arab League observers investigating Assad's bloody crackdown of the popular revolt.

The government has long contended that the turmoil in Syria this year is not an uprising but the work of terrorists and foreign-backed armed gangs.

Syrian officials said a suicide attacker detonated his explosives-laden car as he waited behind a vehicle driven by a retired general who was trying to enter a military intelligence building in Damascus' upscale Kfar Sousa district. About a minute later, a second attacker blew up his SUV at the gate of the General Intelligence Agency, the offi-

### Coma patient wakes up, speaks after nearly being taken off life support following crash

PHOENIX (AP) — It will be a special Christmas for the family of a 21-year-old University of Arizona student who was nearly taken off life support before awaking from a coma.

Sam Schmid was walking and speaking Friday at a Phoenix hospital. Dressed in a T-shirt, shorts and sneakers, he was able to use a walker and talk in brief sentences.

"Right now, I'm feeling all right ... except for the rehabilitation, I'm feeling pretty good," Schmid said.

Doctors at Barrow Neurological Institute say Schmid has a long recovery ahead of him to regain full speech, balance and memory abilities.

Schmid was involved in an Oct. 19 car crash in Tucson that left him with a brain aneurysm, among other life-threatening injuries. Because of the complexity of his brain injury, Schmid was flown to Phoenix.

### Justice Dept. rejects SC voter ID law, says makes it harder for minorities to vote

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The Justice Department on Friday rejected South Carolina's law requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls, saying it makes it harder for minorities to cast ballots. It was the first voter ID law to be refused by the federal agency in nearly 20 years.

The Obama administration said South Carolina's law didn't meet the burden under the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which outlawed discriminatory practices preventing blacks from voting. Tens of thousands of minorities in South Carolina might not be able to cast ballots under South Carolina's law because they don't have the right photo ID, Assistant Attorney General Thomas Perez said.

South Carolina's law was passed by a Republican-controlled Legislature and signed by GOP Gov. Nikki Haley. The state's attorney general vowed to fight the federal agency in court.

"Nothing in this act stops people from voting," said Attorney General Alan Wilson, who is also a Republican.

South Carolina's new voter ID law requires voters to show poll workers a state-issued driver's license or several other alternative forms of photo identification.

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- ▶ Big files (1 Meg) are fine

**DEATHS**

**Selvia Irene Swadish**

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Selvia Irene Swadish, 91, of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away on Monday Dec. 12, 2011.



She was born July 15, 1920, in Salem Ohio, the daughter of the late Orrie and Minnie (Boyd) Rutter. She was a 1938 graduate of Salem High School.

Mrs. Swadish was a veteran of World War II and served honorably from June 1944 to December 1945.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Howard Swadish; also her brother, William Rutter, and her sisters, Charlotte Furton and Elizabeth Fronius.

Survivors include her son, Kevin William Swadish and her daughter Lorie Swadish Paige; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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(Paid obituary)

**Alice M. Weaver**

NEW SPRINGFIELD — Alice M. Weaver, 91, formerly of East South Range Road, died at 4:30 a.m. Friday at the Caprice Health Care Center in North Lima.

Born May 27, 1920, in Louisa, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Baz and Margaret Wilson Wellman.

Mrs. Weaver delivered the Youngstown Vindicator for 41 years in the New Springfield and New Middletown areas. She had also owned and operated Alice's Flowers

on East South Range Road for several years and also had worked at the New Springfield Post Office.

Her husband, Paul E. Weaver, whom she married Dec. 25, 1941, died Nov. 13, 1993.

Survivors include a son, Ronald L. Weaver of Rock Creek; four sisters, Ernestine Bush of New Springfield, Dorothy Smith and Louise Detwiler of Columbiana and Anna Detwiler of Mineral Ridge; three brothers, Lowell (Jan) Wellman of Sebring, John "Pete" (Shirley) Wellman of North Lima and Lon (Carolyn) Wellman of West Virginia; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Warwick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home in Columbiana with Pastor Bradley Smith officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery in North Lima.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Caprice Health Care Center Activity Fund, 9184 Market St., North Lima 44452.

Sign the register and send condolences at [www.familycareservices.com](http://www.familycareservices.com).

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**Deborah Evans Quetot**

NEW WATERFORD — Deborah Evans Quetot, 58, of Dogwood Circle, died at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Hospice House, Poland where she had been a patient for the past three days.

Born June 23, 1953, in Salem, she was the daughter of Betty Holzer Evans and the late Ellsworth "Lefty" Evans.

A wildlife artist, she had many pieces of her work displayed throughout the United States. She had been employed with Sterling China as director of design, and later with East Palestine China, prior to her retirement.

In addition to her mother of Negley, she is survived by her husband, Gary C. Quetot, whom she married June 6, 1970; two sons, Eric T. (Tina) Quetot of New Waterford and Matthew M. (Tracy) Quetot of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six grandchildren; and three sisters, Nancy Plecas of East Palestine, Linda Dennis of Lisbon and Valerie Mussler of New Waterford.

A son, Gary Allen Quetot, preceded her in death.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Oliver-Linsley Funeral Home ([www.oliver-linsley.com](http://www.oliver-linsley.com)). Burial will be in Crest Haven Memorial Gardens.

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**MUNICIPAL**

LISBON -- Kelly A. Berta appeared in Columbiana County Municipal Court on Friday charged with assault.

Berta, 42, West Main Street, Salineville, appeared before Judge Mark Frost with her husband, Salineville mayor Dave Berta, and attorney Peter Horvath, who also serves as solicitor for the village of Salineville. She pleaded not guilty, and a Jan. 17 pretrial was set.

According to court documents, during a Dec. 7 junior high basketball game at Southern Local High School, Berta allegedly assaulted Christy Rodgers in front of witnesses.

Although both Berta and Rodgers have children attending Southern Local, Horvath reportedly assured Frost there will be no additional problems at games because Berta is no longer allowed to attend.

**COMMON PLEAS**

**New Cases**

EverBank vs. Paul and Cynthia Katona, et al., foreclosure sought for property on Timber Run Road, New Waterford.

Mark and Aleece Klein, Calcutta, et al., vs. Charles T. Long, Leetonia, excess of \$25,000 sought for alleged injuries from Dec. 24, 2009 automobile accident.

Jubilee Christian Fellowship and Joseph R. Larkins, order authorizing sale of real estate to Michael and Tracy Barber sought.

**Docket Entries**

Salem Community Hospital vs. James Owens, debtor exam dismissed.

Bank of America vs. Alisha R. Colby, et al., foreclosure ordered for property on Bowman Road, Homeworth.

Judith M. Persohn vs. Daniel G. Persohn, divorce granted. Jolie Renee Wilson vs. Charles D. Wilson, divorce granted.

Dennis G. Baker, Wellsville, vs. Mary A. Baker, Charleston, W.Va., divorce granted.

John Tharp, Wellsville, vs. Rebecca Tharp, North Lima, marriage dissolved.

**Marriage Licenses**

Scott A. Simmons, 45, Chester, W.Va., collision technician, and Candace D. Ramsey, 44, East Liverpool, manager.

**SALEM FIRE**

— Firefighters on a routine street training run at 1:41 p.m. Friday noticed a large amount of smoke and found an illegal fire behind a residence on Oak Street. The resident was told about the open burning laws and the fire was extinguished.

— Firefighters were called at 9:11 p.m. Thursday to respond to a house in the 100 block of Woodland Avenue for the smell of diesel fuel in a crawl space under a house. Firefighters discovered the storm drain ran under the crawl space and was open and a diesel truck parked in front of the residence had leaked fuel into the storm drain, allowing the fumes to raise directly into the home. The street department was called to respond and another shift of firefighters were sent to the station on standby. Several manhole covers were checked to locate the source and a small spill was found in a catch basin outside the home. A hydrant was opened to flush the spill from the storm drain with a lot of water. Once the fumes dispersed, the hydrant was closed. Firefighters left the scene at 11:05 p.m.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

**Butler Township**

Earl Althouse to Homer Althouse, lot on state Route 9; \$200.

**Columbiana**

Home Savings & Loan to Paul and Mary Schraf, condominium on Timberline Street; \$85,000.

Mary Snyder to Kevin and Erin Hill, home on North Middle Street; \$42,000.

Hillyer Group LLC to Tramagleo Investment LLC, commercial building on Main Street; \$120,000.

**East Liverpool**

Bruce F. Staley, to Leah M. Yanni, home on Etruria Street; \$38,160.

**East Palestine**

Leslie Parker, etc to Jose and Pamela Martinez (foreclosure), home on Alice Street; \$56,000.

Bennie and Valerie Riley to Fannie Mae (foreclosure), home on East Adams Street; \$60,000.

Kevin and Darlene Fooks to Tom Guilana, home on Garfield Avenue; \$19,200.

**Franklin Township**

Robert Miller to Joseph Mountz, etc; home and 5.6 acres on Fink Road; \$46,000.

**Hanover Township**

Dora Clapsaddle to Leroy Adams, etc, home on U.S. Route 30; \$50,900.

**Knox Township**

Beneficial Financial to Michael Martin, home on Mahoning Avenue; \$86,500.

Deutsche Bank Trust Co. to Carriage Hill Properties Inc., home on Knox School Road; \$27,999.

**Perry Township**

Donald and Nora Rock to Gregory Rock, commercial property (Logue Monuments) on West State Street; \$90,000.

Donald and Nora Rock to Greg and Emily Rock, home on West State Street; \$32,000.

**Salem**

Estate of Renna Hunt to Tim and Darlene Young, home on Whinnery Road; \$77,500.

Suzan Apple to K. Bret Apple, home on Shady Lane; \$60,000.

Kevin and Janet Chumney to First Presbyterian Church of Salem, home on East Third Street; \$20,000.

Morgan Restaurants of Ohio to DBMFI LLC, KFC restaurant on North Lincoln Avenue; \$950,352.

**St. Clair Township**

John Beveridge to Chris Kraft, home and 2 acres on Sprucevale Road; \$150,000.

Kathy Welch to John Beveridge, condominium on Sprucevale Road; \$128,500.

Lucille N. Smith to Jeremy R. and Tiffany L. Smith, home on Grimms Bridge Road; \$65,000.

**Washington Township**

Brian McKinnon to James McKinnon, 3.1 acres and manufactured home on Malone Road; \$1,000.

**West Township**

Robert J. First to Ethan D. and Amy R. Cameron, home on Walker Road; \$185,000.

**SHERIFF**

— Connie Hughart, Rogers Community Auction, reported sometime between Tuesday and 9:59 a.m. Thursday someone took two HP computers with flat screen monitors from the poultry barn office. It appears the window may have been left unlocked.

— A domestic dispute was reported at a Lisbon Road home at 7:50 p.m. Thursday. An 18-year-old reported he argued with his father because he would not let him leave the home. The father told deputies his son had made comments about harming himself, so he would not let him leave. The son was transported to Salem Community Hospital for evaluation.

— A suspicious vehicle with a man sleeping inside was reported in the lot of Horst Deli, East Fairfield, at 12:05 a.m. Friday. Deputies identified the man and called his wife to come pick him up.

— A vehicle was reported stuck in the yard of Brenda Jacobs, Metz Road, New Waterford, at 9:46 p.m. Thursday. Deputies spoke to a man who told them he came to see a friend and missed her driveway. When he tried to turn around, he became stuck in the yard.

**PATROL**

— A westbound vehicle on U.S. Route 30 in Hanover Township at 9:53 p.m. Sunday traveled off the right side of the roadway, struck landscaping, a parked vehicle belonging to Walter Snyder, U.S. Route 30, Hanoverton, and a mailbox before fleeing the scene.

— John A. Flask, 28, state Route 558, Leetonia, was eastbound on Salem Grange Road in Salem Township, at 9:09 p.m. Dec. 17, when he struck a pile of road slag six-inches high which was spilled onto the highway by the Salem Township road department. Flask's vehicle went off the south side of the road, struck a rock wall and rolled onto its roof. He had minor injuries, but was not transported for treatment.

— Pamela A. Kosto, 43, Beaver, Pa., was northbound on state Route 7 in Fairfield Township at 1:14 p.m. Tuesday when a vehicle driven by Joseph J. Huseman 18, Timber Run Street, New Waterford, apparently stopped on Heck Road at the intersection for the stop sign, but then pulled eastbound through and was struck by Kosto. Huseman was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital by Columbiana EMS with minor injuries. He was also cited with a stop sign violation and a seat belt violation.

**EL man gets 3 years for drug possession**

LISBON -- Antonio D. Williams, 34, May Street, East Liverpool, pleaded guilty Monday to possession of drugs in Columbiana County Common Pleas Court. He was sentenced to 30 months in prison along with a three-year license suspension. Williams reportedly had 41.6 grams of cocaine in a plastic baggie concealed in a body cavity on March 3.

Johnny A. Speece, 29, South Union Avenue, Salem, was found eligible for treatment in lieu of conviction Tuesday and was placed on a treatment plan for five years. Speece pleaded guilty to a theft charge stemming from him depriving Joseph Frantz of eight Hydrocodone tablets and 40 Endocet tablets in a metal box on Sept. 22, 2009.

**Lisbon women face stolen property charge**

LISBON -- Brenda A. Szegei, 49 and Jessie L. Webb, 30, both of McGeehan Road, Lisbon, were taken into custody on a Columbiana County Common Pleas Court grand jury indictment for receiving stolen property.

According to court documents, Szegei and Webb had a Bobcat 334 excavator

belonging to Thayer Power and Communication Line Construction Co. Inc. in their possession on July 13.

The secret indictments were issued by the December grand jury.

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**Meth lab cleanup costs Ohio more than \$500,000**

AKRON (AP) — Numbers from Ohio officials indicate the cleanup of labs that make the illegal stimulant methamphetamine cost the state and local communities more than half a million dollars in 2011.

Ohio attorney general's spokeswoman Eve Mueller tells WEWS-TV of Cleveland for a Friday report (<http://bit.ly/uo5kNK>) that more than 300 labs were broken up in 2011, and that each costs roughly \$1,800 to clean up.

The state spent about \$80,000 to \$100,000 budgeted for cleanup, and local communities had to fund the rest. Akron police Lt. Brian Simcox says that city alone spent more than \$40,000.

The drug is made with household chemicals that can become toxic when mixed. Cleanup includes disposal of those chemicals

WEWS reports that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency had helped with funding until February.

Information from: WEWS-TV, <http://www.newsnet5.com>

**Rare \$172K violin left on Philly-bound bus recovered**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A rare violin worth \$172,000 that was mistakenly left onboard a Boston-to-Philadelphia bus by a groggy music student from Taiwan has been found and returned to its grateful owner.

Megabus USA director Bryony Chamberlain said Friday that a cleaning crew recovered the instrument, which had been left in an overhead bin earlier this week. The New England Conservatory student got on a Megabus in Boston with the 176-year-old violin but got off without it late Tuesday, police said.

"It could have been quite a tragedy on Christmas, but in the end we were able to trace down the violin and put it back as soon as we could," Chamberlain said.

The 19-year-old student, Muchen Hsieh, told investigators that she left the instrument in an overhead bin and only realized she had forgotten it after she had been picked up. The violin was lent to her by the Chi Mei Culture Foundation in her native Taiwan while she studies in the U.S.

Hsieh said she initially called the bus company to see if the instrument had been found, but she was told it wasn't on board. Megabus offers low-cost express bus service to more than 70 cities in the U.S. and Canada.

She also reported the loss to police, who later called the bus' cleaning company and eventually the rare instrument was returned. Hsieh was so happy she hugged detectives and played her violin during a police news conference Friday afternoon.

Lt. John Walker said people always hope for Christmas miracles around this time of year.

"In this case," he told The Philadelphia Inquirer, "we got one."

**1941 fruitcake in Ohio sells for \$525**

CINCINNATI (AP) — A 1941 fruitcake has sold for \$525 to an Arizona man in an online auction to help the needy in southwest Ohio.

An Ohio company that handles estate sales and online auctions sold the cake Thursday. Elite Estate Group owner Larry Chaney says the buyer did not want his name released.

Chaney says the cake made and sold by The Kroger Co. in 1941 was returned to a Cincinnati-area store in 1971 with a note saying it had been purchased by a Cincinnati man.

Chaney says Kroger apparently didn't want the cake and the store manager kept it until his son was helping him get rid of things and gave it to Chaney.

Chaney says the money will go to feed the homeless in Clermont County east of Cincinnati.

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### OUR SIDE

## Party time: Don't drink and drive

Law enforcement at this time of the year really preaches about the dangers of drinking and driving.

It is a message that needs to be heard all year, but drinking and driving around the holidays unfortunately seems to go together.

Christmas and New Year's are a time for parties. Alcohol flows freely at those parties and some party-goers will ignore the message and get behind the wheel to drive impaired.

Drinking and driving arrests are up with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. According to its statistics, 1,383 more drunk drivers were arrested so far this year compared to 2010.

One positive is the fact that alcohol-related traffic fatalities are down 4 percent in the Buckeye State, according to the highway patrol.

Impaired drivers were responsible for 40 percent of the traffic fatalities in Ohio during 2010, according to the highway patrol.

The holiday season has its share of alcohol-related traffic deaths. Last year in Ohio, 39 people lost their life between Thanksgiving and New Year's as a result of an alcohol-related wreck, the patrol reported.

Law enforcement will be out in full force to catch those drivers who ignore the message of drinking and driving during the upcoming weekends.

Many people play it smart. They attend a party at a friend's house with plans to sleep there for the night. Other couples may go to a lavish dinner/dance at a hotel and book a room for the night. Then there are others who actually practice having a designated driver or even renting a limousine.

In the back of many people's minds is the thought they don't want to be in an accident involving a drunk driver. They believe it is dangerous to be out on the roads during holiday parties.

With all that in mind, why isn't the same thinking about New Year's Eve and drunk driving followed the rest of the year?

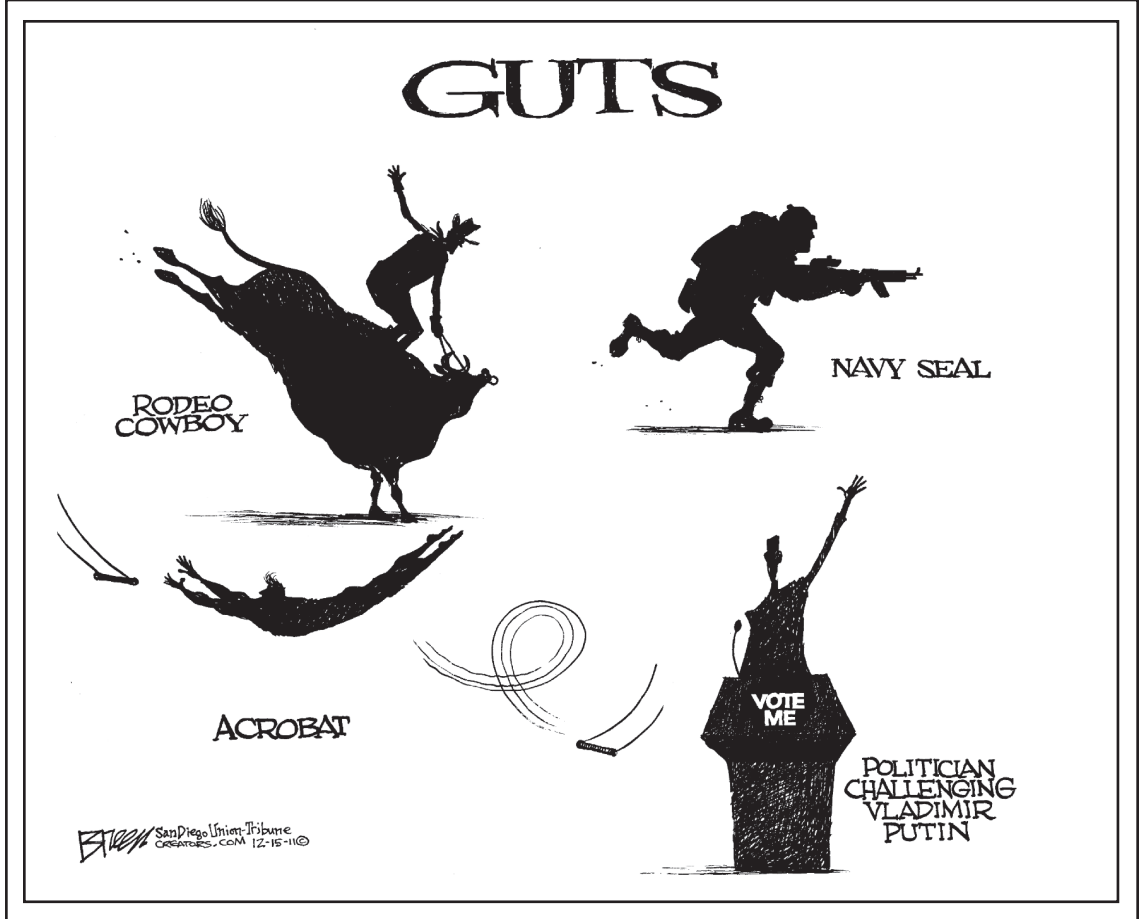
There may be a lot of alcohol consumed in the next two weekends but there also is a lot consumed any weekend of the year. People leave bars and get behind the wheel without thinking twice. Why think about it during the holidays and not the other days of the year?

Alcohol impairs the ability to drive. It slows reaction time and also causes a driver to cross the center line. There are serious or fatal accidents every weekend in Ohio involving alcohol. Innocent family members are killed because someone was behind the wheel under the influence.

Make a New Year's resolution to not drive under the influence in 2012. Think seriously about the consequences of driving while impaired. It isn't worth it.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Temptation of Callista



KATHLEEN PARKER

Callista Gingrich has done something she might come to regret — succumbed to the Twitter fairy and opened the door to unwelcome scrutiny.

Until now, the flawlessly coiffed Callista has been granted a fairly generous berth in the public arena. By some unspoken agreement, it seemed unseemly to dwell on the past. The Gingriches have been admirably forthcoming

about the transgressions that preceded their marriage, and they've sought forgiveness in both the religious and temporal realms. Voters either will look beyond the former speaker's personal history or they won't. At some point, even a public person's past is no one's business. Call it a statute of limitations on human frailty.

But, there are other measures by which to judge people who dare to lead 300 million diverse individuals. We don't elect spouses, we're fond of pretending. But we do elect them, if sometimes unconsciously. Not only do they represent our idea of the familial ideal to the nation and the rest of the world, but they also engage in pillow talk with the president of the United States. No other influence compares.

So the question is, what prompted Callista Gingrich to abandon the relatively safe role of admiring sidekick and take up arms on Twitter against Mitt Romney? And what might we infer by her actions?

The tweets in question were actually retweets of someone else's comments. But travelers in the Twitterverse understand that a retweet is, if not a ringing endorsement of the contents, at least a signal to one's followers: "Hey, check this out!"

What Callista Gingrich thought worthy of sharing were two comments about Romney's style and appearance — two risky arenas, needless to say. One concerned a photo of a younger Romney and pals with money spilling out of their pockets. Romney predicted that this photo, clearly taken in fun, would become popular with his political opponents. Doubtless, he was imagining Democratic foes rather than an opponent's wife, whose own fondness for luxury tests irony's patience.

The other tweet concerned a recent Romney television interview: "Poor Romney. He just is a sound bite candidate. Chris Wallace pulled the string from his back, and he spewed con-

sultant approved policy."

Spewed? This is not generally a word with which an aspiring first lady would wish to associate. The string-pulling image is also a risky invitation given Gingrich's own style, which can best be described as mannequin-esque. See what I mean? I'm not sayin', I'm just retweeting.

It comes as no surprise that Callista is rooting against her husband's primary opponent, but discretion is no part of it, further underscoring the understanding that the Gingriches are a team. A twofer, we dare say, though Newt has been explicit in declaring his wife more Laura Bush than Hillary Clinton. He went even further to say she's a blend of Laura Bush and Nancy Reagan, with a smidgeon of Jackie Kennedy thrown in.

That's quite a cocktail — and a high bar for any woman. Then again, perhaps Newt is seeing his wife through champagne eyes?

There are surely some similarities. Callista and Laura use the same hair salon in Washington. Callista gives Newt the same upward-turned admiring attention that Nancy gave her husband. And her affinity for Tiffany jewels and Mediterranean yachts perhaps makes her Jackie-esque.

On the other hand, maybe Callista Gingrich is simply herself — a full partner in Gingrich Productions, a franchise that sells books, makes documentaries and that has provided a profitable vehicle for promoting a couple with an itch to redecorate the White House. They are professed soul mates who like to hang out together.

Part of their routine includes returning to Washington each Sunday so that Callista can take her place in the choir loft at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Last weekend, while other candidates were polishing the doorknobs of Iowa voters, Newt was back here watching Callista play French horn with the City of Fairfax Band. Before that, the two signed books at the Mount Vernon gift shop. Their halos are nearly blinding.

The Gingriches may be utterly sincere in action and pure of motive — no better or worse than any other politician who weighs every sound bite and photo op for optimum effect. But this aspiring first wife has tread where few others have dared — stepping out front to slay her husband's foe.

It may have been a spontaneous act of minor recklessness. But it was also certainly more Hillary Clinton than Laura Bush.

## US needs to take go slow approach to North Korea



JULES WITCOVER

Perhaps there has been nothing more baffling to American eyes than the photographs of hordes of obviously grief-stricken North Koreans mourning the death of their 69-year-old dictator, Kim Jong

Il. Under his reign and that of his father, the people of the globe's most closed society have remained mired in repression and poverty for 63 years.

The genuine remorse, akin to what customarily is reserved for the passing of close personal family members, demonstrated the uncommon hold the departed leader had over his people. Even if it can be explained or rationalized as the product of intense indoctrination or brainwashing of a whole society, it is remarkable nonetheless.

Our inability to comprehend this phenomenon underscores our difficulty as a nation to cope with the political, diplomatic and military challenges posed by this nuclear-armed menace, and the uncertain direction on which it

will embark under uncertain leadership.

Little is known in the West about Kim Jong Un, the babyfaced son of the dead dictator said to be in his late twenties and already dubbed the "Great Successor." Whether he actually will be in charge or will be under the wing of an elder family member close to his father can only be speculated upon now. For the Obama administration, it is a time for restraint that is respectful of our own limited knowledge, not only of the workings of the regime Kim Jong II left behind, but of the people of North Korea so evidently in the grip of that regime. President Obama's first response was to quietly contact President Lee Myung-bak of South Korea to reassure him of the U.S. commitment to its longtime ally.

By contrast, two of the Republican presidential hopefuls for 2012, Mitt Romney and Rick Perry, jumped in with gratuitous comments. Romney suggested that the death of the North Korean leader represents an opportunity to work with allies "to turn North Korea off the treacherous course it is on and ensure security in the region." Perry, with customary obtuseness, was quoted as saying his passing provided the United States with a chance to "reunify the peninsula."

Talk of reunification of the two Koreas is fanciful, reinforcing the spreading notion that Texan provincial Perry is totally out of his league. The existence of a thriving South Korea, with its skyscraper-modern capital of Seoul, bordering on one of the world's most impoverished, backward and repressive states, mocks the notion.

The new development in North Korea underscores the work still ahead for American intelligence and diplomacy in cracking the enigma of this remaining Communist outpost, and the need for much greater comprehension of the cultural underpinnings of foreign countries with which we deal.

The United States is only now extricating itself from a nearly decade-long involvement in Iraq into which we stumbled with little true comprehension of the cultural and tribal complexities of its society. The same can be said of Afghanistan, where the American military engagement was justified in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks but, as in Iraq, expanded into an undertaking in nation building or preservation.

In terms of American domestic politics, the sudden refocus on the Korean peninsula, and the comments of a pair of Republican White House aspirants, can only reinforce the upper hand held

by Obama in a field in which his presidency has given him strong credentials he lacked as a candidate in 2008.

Beyond the killing of Osama bin Laden, he can point to the pullout from Iraq, his limited participation in the ousting of Moammar Gaddafi and the winding down of U.S. troops in Afghanistan. All of these have muffled earlier Republican allegations that he was ill prepared to conduct American foreign policy.

The obvious imperative of taking a wait-and-see posture toward the news from North Korea dovetails with Obama's cautious personality and leadership style. Any further kibitzing on the matter by the Republicans competing for his job will be committed at their own political peril.

Of the seven surviving GOP contenders, only former Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman has any real foreign-policy credentials. Unless you include all-knowing Newt Gingrich, who can always be relied on to step in where wise men fear to tread.

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## Wargo

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"I broke ground for Democrats in this county," Wargo said. "I think if there's a Democrat out there that's earned their way, I'm him."

The Democratic Central Committee is expected to call a meeting shortly to fill Traina's seat. Wargo said he has sent out cards to all the members of the committee asking for their support.

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## Eve

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Lincoln Avenue for rock & roll, the Salem Masonic Temple on East State Street for bluegrass and folk music, the Salem Memorial Building on East State Street for children's entertainment, the Salem Historical Society off of Pershing Street for an angel display and a harp and flute musical group and the Sugar Tree Alley Depot Model Train Display off of Sugar Tree Alley at the rear of attorney Fred Naragon's office.

The local musical group All 4 One, the first entertainers for the night at the church, will deliver a combination of oldies, gospel and barbershop quartet standards beginning at 6:10 p.m. and continuing through 6:50 p.m.

The tenor of the group, Chris Brown, is director of the Salem Jubilee Chorus and the Salem Methodist Church Choir. Lead singer, Roger "Doc" Stewart, is a Lisbon chiropractor. The group is rounded out by baritone Bob Gusman, a retired mechanical draftsman from Salem, and bass Dan Rea, an industrial manager from Salem. They'll also take the stage again from 8:40 to 9:20 p.m.

At 7 p.m., a hymn sing will be led by Bill Schilling, one of the organizers of New Year's Eve Salem, and Linda Sigismondi. According to their bio in the New Year's Eve Salem brochure, the two singers perform and teach workshops at various folk festivals, write songs and play a number of instruments, with a focus on traditional and modern folk songs.

At 7:50 p.m., the popular Southern gospel quartet known as God's Quad will appear, with lead singer Jay Clark of Salem, baritone Mark Burcaw from North Benton, bass Lee Kurtz from Columbiana and tenor Becky Vignon from Washingtonville. Clark teaches high school and has been with the group 15 years, along with Burcaw, who's a trained paramedic. Kurtz, a Mason who teaches apprentices, is in his third year with the group and Vignon, an optician, had been with them one year.

They'll sing until 8:30 p.m., then retake the stage at 10:20 to close out the venue at 11 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m., a group from Trinity Episcopal Church in Alliance known as Trinity Trio will sing. The members include Deb Martin and Ken and Sandy Baker. Martin has been singing with church choirs and for weddings and plays cello in the Alliance Symphony Orchestra. Ken Baker sings with the church choir and a blues band called Modern Roots. Sandy Baker is the church organist and choir director.

For a detailed schedule of all the entertainment venues and food offerings, check the website at [www.newyearsevesalem.com](http://www.newyearsevesalem.com).

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## Cut

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the congressional action "some good news just in the nick of time for the holidays" but also said there was serious work ahead next year and urged lawmakers to seal agreement on a full-year measure "without drama, without delay."

The measure passed despite lingering grumbling from tea party Republicans. It buys time for talks early next year on how to finance the year-long extensions.

It will keep in place a 2 percentage point cut in the payroll tax — a salary boost of about \$20 a week for an average worker making \$50,000 a year — and prevent almost 2 million unemployed people from losing jobless benefits averaging \$300 a week.

Senate and House Republican leaders did gain a major win last week, winning a provision that would require Obama to make a swift decision on whether to approve construction of the Canada-to-Texas Keystone XL oil pipeline. To stop construction, Obama, who had wanted to put the decision off until after the 2012 election, would have to declare that it was not in the nation's interest.

Passage of the tax bill in the House ended a holiday season Republican confrontation with Obama and Senate Democrats that had threatened to hit 160 million workers with a tax increase on Jan. 1. But it backfired badly. Even Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell and the Wall Street Journal editorial board urged Speaker John Boehner and other House Republicans to act quickly and keep the tax cut in effect.

On Friday, an expressionless Boehner read from a piece of paper before him, gaveling the House's last session of the year closed and stepped off the podium on the Democratic side. He hugged the dean of the House, Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.

"I wished him a Merry Christmas," Dingell said afterward. "I think he's somewhat at ease to have this mess off his back."

Democratic Senate leader Harry Reid, referring to at least in part to legislators elected last year with tea party support, said he hoped the events had been "a very good learning experience, especially to those who are newer to this body. Everything we do around here does not have to wind up in a fight."

A full-year extension of the tax cut had been embraced by virtually every lawmaker in both the House and Senate but had been derailed in a quarrel over demands by House Republicans. Senate leaders of both parties had tried to barter such an agreement among themselves a week ago but failed, instead agreeing upon a 60-day measure to buy time for talks next year.

Thursday's decision by Boehner, R-Ohio, to cave in to the Senate came after days of criticism from Obama and Democrats. But perhaps more tellingly, GOP stalwarts including Republican senators and outside strategists warned that if the tax cuts were allowed to expire, Republicans would take a political beating that would harm efforts to unseat Obama next year.



### Making a difference

Salem Mayor Jerry Wolford, right, presents Harry Dugan Jr. of Salem with the Making a Difference Award for his dedication and contributions to the city, honoring his 25 years of service on the Salem Civil Service Commission. Dugan recently retired from the commission. The award was likely the last given by Wolford, whose four-year term as mayor ends Dec. 31. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

### POLICE REPORTS

#### SALEM

— Michael Wise, 32, of Franklin Avenue, was cited for failure to yield after an accident at 1:24 p.m. Friday on Ellsworth Avenue. Wise had been backing his vehicle from a business parking lot into the road and struck a southbound vehicle driven by Cheryl Kholos, 49, of Jennings Avenue.

— Officers assisted Perry Township Police at 12:43 p.m. Friday with the arrest of a man for domestic violence on West Pine Lake Road.

— Police were called at 12:38 p.m. Friday to an apartment on East 10th Street for a domestic violence incident involving a juvenile arguing with his parents. The juvenile was already in the court system for a previous domestic violence incident and for not attending school. An argument occurred Friday when his stepfather wanted to take away his Internet and iPod Touch. They were advised of the domestic violence laws.

— A woman in the 400 block of West State Street called at 3:39 a.m. Friday regarding an ongoing problem with neighbors to the west of her residence and their guests causing property damage by driving through her yard. There was also a problem with threats from the neighbor. She said there was a problem with the alley between the two properties, too. Fresh tire tracks were shown to the officer. She told the officer they've spoken to the zoning office, members of city council and nothing has been done. They want to try to close the alley and will try to speak to the mayor about that.

— Police were called at 2:33 a.m. Friday to the 400 block of South Ellsworth Avenue for an assault, finding the victim standing near the building with some others. He had a large amount of blood coming from the

back of his head and was taken to Salem Community Hospital. Witnesses said he was punched by another man, causing him to fall backwards and strike his head on the ground. An investigation is pending.

— Robert Russell, 50, of 1253 Benton Road, was charged with no headlights, improper left turn and operating a vehicle under the influence after a traffic stop on Penn Avenue at 1:44 a.m. Friday.

— A caller reported a noise disturbance at 12:45 a.m. Friday in the parking lot of Taco Bell on East State Street where numerous vehicles were allegedly beeping their horns. An officer responded and didn't hear any disturbance.

— An anonymous caller at 12:32 a.m. Friday reported a noise disturbance in the 1200 block of Cedar Ridge Drive where someone was revving the engine on a vehicle. An officer responded and all was quiet.

— Police were called at 8:31 p.m. Thursday for a vehicle in a ditch at Painter Road and Western Reserve. The driver had attempted to turn around due to Painter Road being closed for a downed tree and accidentally pulled into a ditch. The driver spoke to the property owner about fixing the damage to the lawn.

— Police were called to Walmart on East State Street at 7:20 p.m. Thursday for a verbal altercation that developed while customers were waiting in line after one customer looked at another customer who appeared to be administering excessive disciplinary measures to an infant child. The woman suspect became disorderly, using vulgar language and approaching the other customer in a menacing manner. The victim's adult son stepped between his mother and the woman suspect. The suspect then used her cell phone to request

her husband to come and assault the victim's son. The suspect was then observed near one of the exits with a man and they were pointing toward the victim and her son. An officer escorted the victim and her son to their vehicle and attempted to locate the suspects, but they couldn't be found.

— Police were called at 7:09 p.m. Thursday to check the 600 block of East Third Street for a vehicle parked in an alley blocking traffic. No vehicle could be found.

— An anonymous caller at 7 p.m. Thursday reported a vehicle parked in a no parking zone. Police issued a parking ticket to a truck and trailer parked on the north side of the street in the 800 block of Summit Street.

— A woman in the 600 block of East Sixth Street reported at 3:01 p.m. Thursday that a male was riding a dirt bike recklessly in the area of Sixth Street and Waterworth Memorial Park.

— A man in the 1000 block of East Third Street, called at 2:48 p.m. Thursday to file a report about a business calling him at his unpublished phone number, saying he had done some business with a repair shop in town and the manager called him on a number he did not provide to him. He wanted it documented.

— Police were called at 2:35 p.m. Thursday to Wendy's on East State Street for a possible missing child, but learned a 15-year-old attempted to run away from his foster mother in the parking lot. An officer spoke with the juvenile and he admitted he was wrong in his actions.

— A woman in the 400 block of West Fifth Street, called at 1:04 p.m. Thursday to report barking dogs in the 500 block of West Sixth Street. The owner was in the process of taking the dogs inside and was told about the city ordinance.

#### BRIEFLY

#### Banquet in Salem

SALEM — The Banquet in Salem will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Memorial Building. The Greenford Lutheran Church will sponsor the Banquet and serve ham and turkey, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fresh vegetables, fruit, fruit crisp and ice cream.

#### Salem Lighthouse

ALLIANCE — Aglow International Salem Lighthouse plans to meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 3 at Perkins Pancake House on U.S. Route 62. Gwen Ketchum will speak. There is a \$3 donation. An optional lunch follows.

#### Drive-thru chicken

SALEM — "Chicken on the Run" drive-thru chicken dinners, will be sold from 4 to 6 p.m. Jan. 5, or until sold out, at the First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave. Cost is \$7 each. The public is welcome.

## New Air Jordans cause nationwide shopping frenzy

SEATTLE (AP) — Scuffles broke out and police were brought in to quell unrest that nearly turned into riots across the nation Friday following the release of Nike's new Air Jordan basketball shoes — a retro model of one of the most popular Air Jordans ever made.

The mayhem stretched from Washington state to Georgia and was reminiscent of the violence that broke out 20 years ago in many cities as the shoes became popular targets for thieves. It also had a decidedly Black Friday feel as huge crowds of shoppers overwhelmed stores for a must-have item.

In suburban Seattle, police used pepper spray on about 20 customers who started fighting at the Westfield Southcenter mall. The crowd started gathering at four stores in the mall around midnight and had grown to more than 1,000

people by 4 a.m., when the stores opened, Tukwila Officer Mike Murphy said. He said it started as fighting and pushing among people in line and escalated over the next hour.

Murphy said no injuries were reported, although some people suffered cuts or scrapes from fights. Shoppers also broke two doors, and 18-year-old man was arrested for assault after authorities say he punched an officer.

"He did not get his shoes; he went to jail," Murphy said.

The \$180 shoes went on sale Friday in a limited release at stores, and the lines began forming several hours before businesses opened.

As the crowds kept growing through the night, they

became more unruly and ended in vandalism, violence and arrests.

A man was stabbed when a brawl broke out between several people waiting in line at a Jersey City, N.J., mall to buy the new shoes, authorities said. The 20-year-old man was expected to recover from his injuries.

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Spending, incomes show weak gains
WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers spent at a lackluster rate in November as their incomes barely grew, suggesting that Americans may struggle to keep spending more into 2012.

Consumer spending rose just 0.1 percent in November, matching the modest October increase, the Commerce Department reported Friday. Incomes also rose 0.1 percent. That was the weakest showing since a 0.1 percent decline in August.

Both the spending and income gains fell below expectations. Economists have said that solid increases in spending could boost economic growth in the final three months of what has been a disappointing year.

Durable goods up on plane jump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies' demand for long-lasting manufactured goods rose by the largest amount in four months in November, driven by a jump in orders for planes.

The Commerce Department says orders to U.S. factories for durable goods rose 3.8 percent in November. It was the biggest gain since July. But so-called core capital goods, a proxy for business investment spending, dropped for a second straight month. They fell 1.2 percent.

The declines in business capital goods excluding aircraft raise doubts about a pocket of strength for the economy this year. Business investment spending has surged as companies stepped up orders to take advantage of tax breaks that are set to expire at year's end.

New-home sales up in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans bought slightly more new homes in November, but 2011 will likely end up as the worst year for sales in history.

The Commerce Department says new-home sales rose 1.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 315,000. That's less than half the 700,000 new homes that economists say should be sold to sustain a healthy housing market.

It's also below the 323,000 homes sold last year, the worst year for sales on records dating back to 1963. December would have to produce its best monthly sales total in four years for 2011 to finish ahead of last year's total.

More retailers pull formula after death

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Several more national retailers have joined Wal-Mart stores Inc. in pulling a batch of powdered infant formula from their shelves after a Missouri newborn who consumed it apparently died of a rare bacterial infection, the companies said Friday.

Officials at Supervalu Inc., Walgreen Co., Kroger Co. and Safeway said they have removed 12.5-

ounce cans of Enfamil Newborn with the lot number ZP1K7G from various stores across the country as a precaution until federal health officials complete tests on the formula.

Ten-day-old Avery Cornett died Sunday after getting sick several days earlier in the southern Missouri town of Lebanon. Preliminary hospital tests indicated he died of a rare infection caused by bacteria known as Cronobacter sakazakii.

The source of the bacteria that caused the infection hasn't been determined.

Banks stash money with ECB

Banks from the 17 countries that use the euro stashed \$453 billion overnight with the European Central Bank, in another sign that Europe's debt crisis is still putting pressure on the banking system.

The figure is the highest for 2011, topping \$475 billion earlier this month.

Banks use the deposit facility every day in fluctuating amounts to offload excess cash. Heavy recent use suggests that even as the ECB makes more credit available to banks they are depositing some of it temporarily at least — back with the central bank at low interest rates rather than lending.

New Air Jordans cause frenzy

The release of Nike's new Air Jordan basketball shoes caused a frenzy at stores across the nation Friday as scuffles broke out and police were brought in to stamp out unrest that nearly turned into riots in some places.

Shoppers stood in long lines through the night to get their hands on a retro version of one of the most popular models of Air Jordans ever made. The fights were reminiscent of violence that broke out in the early 1990s on streets across America as the shoes became popular targets for thieves.

In suburban Seattle, police used pepper spray on about 20 customers who started fighting at the Westfield Southcenter mall.

GE Funding to pay \$70M on complaint

WASHINGTON (AP) — Part of the finance arm of General Electric Co. will pay \$70 million to resolve complaints about the company's role in anti-competitive activity in the municipal bond investments market.

The Justice Department on Friday announced that GE Funding Capital Market Services Inc. also acknowledged illegal, anticompetitive conduct by its former traders.

The company acknowledged wrongdoing from 1999 through 2004, certain former GE Funding traders manipulated the bidding process on municipal investment and related contracts. Those contracts were used to invest the proceeds of, or manage the risks associated with, bond issuances by municipalities and other public entities.

Job growth lifting hopes for consumer spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer spending and incomes barely rose last month. Business investment has slowed. New-home sales remain dismal.

Despite all that, some economists say a brightening job market is lifting their hopes for 2012. More aggressive hiring, the thinking goes, would fuel enough spending to boost the economy.

Economists point to another drop reported this week in applications for unemployment benefits, the third straight decline. Applications are now at their lowest level since April 2008. The trend is signaling that layoffs have all but stalled and that employers may be ready to step up hiring.

Unemployment, after hovering around 9 percent for more than two years, dropped in November to 8.6 percent. Employers have added at least 100,000 jobs each month from July through November. It's the best such streak since 2006.

Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said he expects the economy to grow at a 2.5 percent annual rate in the current October-December quarter. That would be the best performance in a year.

More jobs would mean more income. More pay tends to raise consumer spending, which makes up about 70 percent of the economy. Companies then have reason to increase hiring to meet stronger demand.

"We are hopeful that the plunge in jobless claims signals exactly that," Shepherdson said in a research note Friday.

Chris G. Christopher Jr., senior economist at IHS Global Insight, noted that many households are still struggling with slight or no pay increases.

"But gasoline prices have been falling, and that is giving them more money to spend on other items," he said.

The government said Friday that consumer spending rose just 0.1 percent in November, matching the increase in October. Incomes also rose a scant 0.1 percent.

Modest as they were, economists said the figures at least signaled that incomes and spending aren't stalling.

Healthier economic data in recent weeks have helped make the prospect of another U.S. recession seem more remote — as long as Europe's debt crisis doesn't trigger a catastrophe that infects the global economy.

Some economists trimmed their forecasts for growth based on the weaker-than-expected consumer spending data for November. But they said they still expected the economy to expand at a solid annual rate of 3 percent in the current October-December quarter. It would be the best showing since the spring of 2010.

"We are seeing some momentum going into the new year," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial. "At least we are not in a tight spot where we are still worried about relapsing into recession."

Hoffman said that a major source of uncertainty for 2012 was removed this week with Congress' agreement to extend a Social Security tax cut for 160 million workers — for two months, anyway.

As part of the deal, Congress also renewed benefits for the long-term unemployed. If that hadn't happened, millions of unemployed people would have begun to lose weekly checks averaging about \$300 — the main source of income for most of them.

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## Morning worship in Hanoverton

HANOVERTON – The New Lebanon Presbyterian Church on state Route 518, will celebrate Christmas with the morning worship starting at 9:30. Donna Todd, ruling commissioned pastor, will conduct the morning worship service with the sacraments of the Lord's Supper being observed. There will be no Christmas Eve services. Everyone is welcome.

## Breakfast at North Lima Mennonite

NORTH LIMA – An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be available from 7 to 10 a.m. Dec. 31 at the North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive. Donations will be accepted. Items on the buffet include eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, potatoes, homemade rolls, sausage gravy and biscuits, peppers and onions, coffee, orange juice and other beverages. For additional information call the church at 330-549-2333.

## Candlelight service at Calla church

CANFIELD – The Christmas Eve candlelight communion service begins at 6 p.m. at Calla Community Church, 6482 W. Calla Road. Prelude violin music by John Vagas follows at 6:30 p.m. when Pastor James Houston will deliver the evening's message. Organist

is Karen Hanna. All are welcome.

## Story Church Campaign set in Beloit

BELOIT – Beloit Friends Church is hoping to increase Biblical literacy through "The Story Church Campaign." This campaign endeavors to help readers understand God's story from Genesis to Revelation and how their own stories intersect with God's. Consisting of 31 chapters of carefully-selected scriptures sequenced in chronological order, The Story presents the word of God in an engaging format, reading like a novel.

The church plans to begin the experience on Jan. 8. Sunday services start at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday school, and 10:30 a.m. for congregational worship. For more information call 330-938-2378.

## Services at First United Methodist Church

SALEM – Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave. All are welcome to attend.

## Christmas Eve at First Brethren

NORTH GEORGETOWN – First Brethren Church, 27333 Main St., will hold a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. today. The theme is "Journey to Christmas" and

will include lessons and carols and conclude with a candle-lighting service. Jessica Dredge and Megan Diehl will provide special music. Pastor Ron Waters will offer a meditation on the theme. A Christmas offering will be taken.

A "Christmas Day in the Morning" celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The service will include a Christmas carol sing-along, sharing of favorite Christmas memories, and a meditation by Pastor Waters. The public is invited to both services.

## Christmas Eve service at Faith Chapel

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# Palace says Prince Philip given heart stent

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II's husband has undergone surgery for a blocked coronary artery, British royal officials said Friday.

Buckingham Palace said Prince Philip, 90, was taken from Sandringham, the queen's sprawling estate in rural Norfolk, to the cardiac unit at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge earlier Friday for "precautionary tests" after suffering chest pains.

The palace refused to confirm if Philip had suffered a heart attack, saying only that tests at the hospital showed a blocked coronary artery was causing Philip's discomfort.

"This was treated successfully by the minimally invasive procedure of coronary stenting," the palace said in a statement. "Prince Philip will remain in hospital under observation for a short period."

Dr. Simon Davies, consultant interven-

tion cardiologist at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London, said Philip may have had a heart attack — or been on the verge of one — before the stent was inserted.

"What they have done is they put a miniature sausage-shaped balloon down the artery, pushed the balloon into the narrowed section and then blown it up," he said. "That forces the material that is blocking the artery outwards and then gets the blood flowing down the artery again."

A spokeswoman for the palace would not say if other members of the royal family were Philip, who is also known as the Duke of Edinburgh. She spoke on customary condition of anonymity. A hospital spokeswoman referred all calls to the palace.

Papworth Hospital's website says it is the U.K.'s largest specialist cardiothoracic hospital and the country's main heart and lung transplant center, offering services such as

cardiology, respiratory medicine and cardiothoracic surgery and transplantation.

Philip had been at Sandringham since Monday for the royal family's Christmas festivities, Buckingham Palace said.

It was unclear how Philip's hospitalization would alter the royal family's plans for the weekend, which typically include a public appearance before church services and then a private family lunch.

Philip has been known to enjoy good health throughout his life and rarely misses royal engagements. Upon his 90th birthday in June, he announced plans to cut back his official duties.

He came down with a cold in October and canceled an overnight visit to Italy in order to recover. That illness came shortly after Philip accompanied the queen on a busy 11-day official royal tour of Australia.

Philip also spent three days in the hospital in 2008 for treatment of a chest infection after suffering a bad cold.

The colorful and often outspoken husband of Elizabeth has been a familiar figure at his wife's side for decades. He has championed numerous charities over the years, but is advising the ones he heads to start planning an orderly transition as he plots the end of his working life.

The royal family's traditional Christmas celebration will be followed by a year's worth of festivities to mark the queen's 60th year on the throne.

Elizabeth and Philip have been planning to mark the event with a series of tours throughout England to culminate with a celebration in London in early June that will include an unprecedented pageant on the River Thames with up to 1,000 boats taking part.



## A hike with Santa

Kaylee Vasquez, left, and her children Killian, 6 months, and Anya, 2, make their way through fresh snow Thursday near the Bear Creek Nature Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., during a "Hike With Santa" sponsored by the center. Heavy snow kept away most of those who signed up for Thursday's hike but the five who braved the snow got a lot of alone time with Santa. Asked what her favorite part of the hike was, Anya said "Santa Claus." (AP Photo)

# Turkey slams France over Armenia genocide debate

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkey responded to French genocide allegations with a charge of its own Friday, accusing France of committing genocide during its colonial occupation of Algeria.

French lawmakers passed a bill Thursday making it a crime to deny that the mass killings of Armenians by Ottoman Turks constitute genocide.

The deepening acrimony between two strategic allies and trading partners could have repercussions far beyond the settling of accounts over some of the bloodiest episodes of the past century.

Turkey was already frustrated by French opposition to its stalled European Union bid, and hopes for Western-backed rapprochement between Turkey and Armenia seem ever more distant ahead of 2015, the 100th anniversary of the Armenian killings.

The bill strikes at the heart of national honor in Turkey, which maintains there was no systematic campaign to kill Armenians and that many Turks also died during the chaotic disintegration of the Ottoman Empire.

The French bill still needs Senate approval, but after it passed the lower house, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan halted bilateral political and economic contacts, suspended military cooperation and ordered his country's ambassador home for consultations.

Turkey and France worked closely together during NATO's operation against Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, and had been coordinating

policy on Syria and Afghanistan.

"What the French did in Algeria was genocide," Erdogan said Friday in a heavily personal speech, laced with criticism of French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

He alleged that beginning in 1945, about 15 percent of the population of Algeria was massacred by the French. He also said Algerians were burned in ovens. "They were mercilessly martyred," he said.

Erdogan appeared to be referring to allegations that the French burned the dead in ovens after a 1945 uprising that began in the Algerian town of Setif. Algerians say some 45,000 people may have died. French figures say up to 20,000.

The French bill's passage "is a clear example of how racism, discrimination and anti-Muslim sentiment have reached new heights in France and in Europe," Erdogan said. "French President Sarkozy's ambition is to win an election based on promoting animosity against Turks and Muslims."

France holds presidential elections in April.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the French vote was comparable to attempts by Mideast rulers to stifle free speech.

"Europe has philosophically and ideologically reverted to the Middle Ages," Davutoglu said at a conference of Turkish ambassadors in Ankara, the capital.

The French Foreign Ministry said the statements from Turkey were unhelpful and below the belt.

"We deplore the recourse to excess and to personal attacks which are not at the level of the stakes or the mutual interest of our ties," a ministry statement said.

Paris "assumes with lucidity and transparency its duty of memory in the face of tragedies which marked its history," the statement said, an allusion to France's admission that the state had a role in the deportation of Jews to Nazi death camps, and apparently a veiled nod to its past in Algeria, which gained independence in 1962 after a brutal seven-year war.

France formally recognized the Armenian killings as genocide in 2001, but had previously provided no penalty for anyone refuting that. The bill sets a punishment of up to one year in prison and a fine of 45,000 (\$59,000) for those who deny or "outrageously minimize" the killings, putting such action on par with denial of the Holocaust.

France is committed to human rights and respect for "historical memory," Sarkozy said in Prague, where he was attending the funeral of Vaclav Havel, the dissident who became president of the Czech Republic. "France doesn't give lessons to anyone, but France also doesn't plan on taking them," Sarkozy said in a clip shown on France's LCI television. "I respect the convictions of our Turkish friends — it's a grand country, a grand civilization — and they must respect ours. To cede on one's convictions is always cowardice, and one always ends up by paying for cowardice."

## Feds: Cleveland's vote-counting scanners fail in certification

CLEVELAND (AP) — Vote-counting scanners used in Ohio's most populous county since 2008 are defective and sometimes miss votes, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission said after a 20-month investigation.

The agency began the investigation after an April 2010 story in The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported that one in 10 machines failed certification tests required by federal law. The findings were released this week.

The Cuyahoga County elections board director, Jane Platten, told the newspaper (<http://bit.ly/vQ8WTY>) that the scanner counts for all elections are accurate. She said the board has created safeguards to work around problems.

"The system works," Platten said. "There are definitely problems that need to absolutely be fixed. ... We verify so we are confident in that in every single election."

The manufacturer, Election Systems & Software of Omaha, Neb., said it's cooperating in the review.

"ES&S continues to appreciate the value and the important role of the EAC certification process," the company said in a statement. "As we have stated many times, our mission is to maintain voter confidence and enhance the voting experience."

ES&S is working on a system upgrade.

The elections board spent \$12 million on scanners to replace a \$21 million touch-screen system that crashed twice during the 2007 general election.

Cuyahoga County found scanner problems in tests in November 2009 and April 2010, Platten said.

In the first test, officials found that when a ballot was placed into the machine at an angle, the scanner didn't pick up votes in the corner of a 17-inch ballot. The county now uses only 14-inch ballots to avoid the problem, Platten said.

In the second test, the machines shut down. Now, if scanners freeze during elections, the scanners are tagged and brought to the board, where workers audit the precinct to make sure no voters were lost.

In April, ES&S provided an upgrade meant to correct the problem. The commission had certified the fix, but it didn't work, Platten said.

"We installed it, tested it, found the freeze problem wasn't fixed and then reverted back to the earlier version," she said. "We won't use the version they gave us as the fix."

Information from: The Plain Dealer, <http://www.cleveland.com>

# Calif. family answers girl's balloon 'air mail' to Santa

AUBURN, Wash. (AP) — A 5-year-old girl from suburban Seattle sent a letter to Santa attached to two pink balloons, and it ended up in the hands of a Northern California ranching family who say they'll make the girl's wishes come true.

Helen Cardenas, of Auburn, wrote the note in Spanish, asking for a doll, a tea set, shoes and pants, KO-MO-TV reported.

Her mother, Rosa Cardenas de Beyes, helped send the note Dec. 2. She said she has been out of work and cash has been tight.

"I didn't know what to do," Cardenas de Beyes said. "So I always told her we would send a balloon to Santa because that was a tradition when I was little."

The note ended up nearly 700 miles away, in Laytonville, Calif.

"My son Lane just came home from Christmas, so we were out on the four-wheeler in the middle of our 17,000-acre ranch, when we saw what we thought was garbage," said Frank Sanderson.

"Para Papa Diosito," the letter began, scrawled in Helen's handwriting.

A Spanish-speaking ranch hand translated the letter and called the phone number that was written along with an address. The Sanderson family drove to the nearest shopping mall to find gifts for the little girl, and they planned to ship them Friday.

"We're just hoping the gifts get there before Christmas," Julie Sanderson said. "For the balloons to make it this far down here and for us to find it, is just unbelievable."

# Reindeer recovers from highway adventure in Ohio

MASSILLON (AP) — A reindeer named Betty is recovering with bruises and bumps, but no red nose, after tumbling from the back of a truck onto a northeast Ohio highway. Her handlers from Stump Hill Farm near Canton say a loose bolt caused the livestock truck's rear gate to open Sunday morning as Betty was headed to a holiday appearance at a party. Drivers on state Route 21 in Norton had to dodge the dazed reindeer walking down the middle of lanes, and 911 calls poured in about the roaming animal.

Tricyn Huntsman runs the farm with her parents and tells the Akron Beacon Journal (<http://bit.ly/uZePAP>) the gate has since been fixed with extra bolts and a lock. She says the truck will now be "like an armored car."

# 'Santa' mysteriously delivers toys to kids

MORROW (AP) — A southwest Ohio couple says packages from Santa Claus have mysteriously shown up on their doorstep after they forgot to intercept their children's letters to the North Pole from their mailbox.

Micah and Missy Steele of Morrow tell WCPO-TV (<http://bit.ly/sgRgr1>) that 7-year-old Lydia wrote Santa a few weeks ago asking for a Zooble character, and 4-year-old Levi requested Hot Wheels and a yoyo.

On Tuesday, they found packages containing those very toys at their door, with handwritten letters signed "Santa." The Operation Santa director at a Cincinnati post office that processes Santa mail says the U.S. Postal Service didn't deliver the gifts. The director of a local library that often receives such mail says workers there also never saw the letters.

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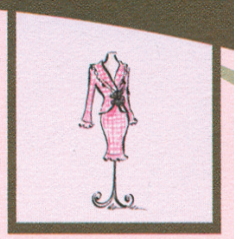
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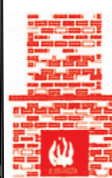
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# ... ON THE Calendar THIS WEEK ...

## MON/26 COLUMBIANA

TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

## LISBON

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

## SALEM

R-Weigh Groups, no meeting.

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building, ham, turkey, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fresh vegetables, fruit, fruit crisp, ice cream.

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

## TUE/27

### ELKRUN TOWNSHIP

Elkrun Township trustees, 8 p.m., township garage administration building.

## LEETONIA

Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support meetings, 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 behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

## SALEM

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

New Year's Eve Salem volunteer orientation, 7 p.m., Crime Watch Headquarters, 230 E. State St. For more information call Roe Haskin, 330-

332-4992.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Jubilee Chorus, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

## WED/28

### DARLINGTON, PA.

Area Singles, Harry's Place, 6 p.m.

## SALEM

Salem High School Class of 1950, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1955, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

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

Salem Parks Commission meeting, 5 p.m., Memorial Building.

## THU/29

### DAMASCUS

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

## SALEM

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

## FRI/30

### SALEM

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Community Hospital/Salem Community Center's American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at SCC, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Appointments, 330-332-7227.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

## SAT/31

### NORTH LIMA

All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet, 7-10 a.m., North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive; 330-549-2333.

## SALEM

New Year's Eve dance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., AMVETS; \$5 for non-members. Tickets, at door or in advance at 330-337-8505.

New Year's Eve Salem at the Salem Masonic Temple, 788 E. State St., features food and entertainment beginning at 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve dance, Slovak Club, 313 S. Ellsworth Ave. Music provided by Ruckus, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; \$5 for non-members which includes party favors and food. Tickets, 330-337-8067.

## MON/2

### COLUMBIANA

TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

## LISBON

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

## SALEM

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh Groups, meeting, Faith Chapel, 1 and 5 p.m.; weather permitting.

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

## TUE/3

### LISBON

Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

## SALEM

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Lions Club, 6 p.m., Memorial Building (second floor).

Salem Jubilee Chorus, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

United Quilt Guild, First Presbyterian Church. UnFinishedObjects will start at 9:30 a.m. followed by the business session at 6:30 p.m.

## WED/4

### EAST PALESTINE

Informational meeting regarding financial aid for higher education, 7 p.m., East Palestine High School Media Center.

## SALEM

Saxon Retirees, meeting canceled.

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

## THU/5

### DAMASCUS

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

## SALEM

TOPS Chapter 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins from 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem Preservation Society, 7 p.m., Salem Historical Society meeting room.

Salem Bird Study Club, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St.; use rear entrance.

"Chicken on the Run" drive-thru chicken dinners, 4-6 p.m., or until sold out, First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; \$7.

## FRI/6

### SALEM

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open

meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

## SAT/7

### SALEM

All-you-can eat breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Salem Hunting Club on U.S. Route 62; \$5.

Salem High School Class of 1949, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

## SUN/8

### SALEM

A&P former employees and retirees, Christmas luncheon, 3 p.m., BB Rooners.

## MON/9

### COLUMBIANA

TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

## LISBON

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

## SALEM

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

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

Free presentation of eBooks and eAudiobooks, 7 p.m., Quaker Room, Salem Public Library. Registration required, stop in or call 330-332-0042 (select option 2).

## TUE/10

### LISBON

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

## SALEM

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Jubilee Chorus, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

## WED/11

### SALEM

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

## THU/12

### DAMASCUS

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

## SALEM

TOPS Chapter 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church, South Broadway Avenue. Weigh-ins from 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-337-9615, 330-332-1127.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem Community Hospital Auxiliary, 9:30 a.m., small dining room in cafeteria. Wayland Wong M.D., speaker.

## FRI/13

### SALEM

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

## MON/16

### COLUMBIANA

TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

## LISBON

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

## SALEM

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

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

## TUE/17

### LISBON

Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House; 330-337-0940.

## SALEM

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Lions Club, 6 p.m., Memorial Building (second floor).

Salem Jubilee Chorus, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

## WED/18

### SALEM

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

## THU/19

### DAMASCUS

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

## SALEM

TOPS Chapter 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church, South Broadway Avenue. Weigh-ins from 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-337-9615, 330-332-1127.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

## FRI/20

### SALEM

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

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## Lots of incentive

Browns, Ravens eager to square off

By DAVID GINSBURG  
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Given a second chance to earn a home playoff game, the Baltimore Ravens hope to put a rousing finish on a topsy-turvy week by defeating the Cleveland Browns on Saturday.



Baltimore clinched a playoff berth last Sunday afternoon shortly before taking the field on the road against the San Diego Chargers. The Ravens then lost control of the top seed in the AFC with a clunker of a performance in a 34-14 defeat.

The setback dropped Baltimore to the fifth-seed position and put Pittsburgh atop the

AFC North. Just 24 hours later, however, the Steelers lost to San Francisco to throw the Ravens back in command of the race for the division crown.

And now, the Baltimore will finish a whirlwind seven-day stretch at home against the Browns (4-10). If Baltimore wins its final two games, it will capture the AFC North, get a first-round bye and play at home in second round.

That's a pretty sweet scenario, given the desperate situation the Ravens were in after Sunday night's defeat.

"The fact that if we win both games now, we will win the division, that means a lot," coach



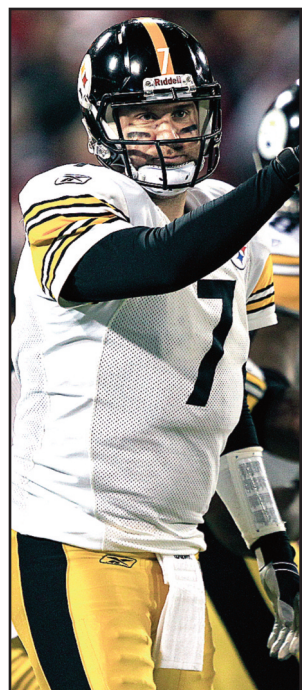
### Round 2

Cleveland Browns running back Peyton Hillis runs against the Baltimore Ravens Sunday, Dec. 4 in Cleveland. The two teams meet today at 1 p.m. in Baltimore. (AP Photo)

See BROWNS, 3B

## Ben to rest as Steelers host Rams

Pittsburgh will try to keep AFC North hopes alive with Charlie Batch at QB



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger signals against the San Francisco 49ers in San Francisco, Monday. (AP Photo)

By WILL GRAVES  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The choice is never really much of a choice for Ben Roethlisberger.

Given the option to play or rest his badly sprained left ankle on Saturday against struggling St. Louis, the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback would rather take the field regardless of the pain or the risk. "I'm in the here and now," Roethlisberger said. "That's where we are coaches and players and a team."

Then again, Roethlisberger allowed, it's never his call.

"That's a coach's decision, as always," he said.

And coach Mike Tomlin decided to go with veteran backup Charlie Batch.

A playoff spot already clinched, the Steelers (10-4) will try to keep their hopes for an AFC North title alive with Batch, who is 4-2 as a spot starter over the last six seasons.

Yet they allow they'll approach the game differently if Batch is under center. Offensive coordinator Bruce Arians typically comes up with two game plans, one for Roethlisberger and another for the 37-year-old Batch, just in case Roethlisberger can't play.

On Saturday, it's time for Plan B.

Though he lacks Roethlisberger's big-time arm, Batch can still get it done. He went 1-1 last season while filling in as Roethlisberger served a four-game suspension for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

"We can still make big plays with (Batch)," wide receiver Mike Wallace said. "But instead of catching the ball 50 yards down the field, maybe we do it 15 yards down the field and do stuff after the catch."

And with Roethlisberger's ankle limiting his ability to get out of the pocket, Batch gives the Steelers more flexibility in playcalling.

Though he passed for 330 yards in a 20-3 loss to San Francisco, Roethlisberger acknowledged the 49ers quickly figured out what was coming depending on how the team lined up. If he was under cen-

See BEN, 3B

▶ PREP BASKETBALL



Salem's Anthony Shivers (44) and Max Wolfgang (41) go up for a loose ball during the team's game Friday against Minerva. (Salem News/Gary Leininger)

## Quakers drop third straight

Salem gets out to great start, can't keep up intensity in 73-68 loss

By STEPHANIE ELVERD  
Staff Writer

SALEM — Another NBC game. Another vanishing lead. Another frustrating loss.

The Salem Quakers suffered their third-straight conference defeat, falling to Minerva 73-68 at the John A. Cabas Gymnasium on Friday night. The loss came despite a 21-5 Salem lead in the first quarter and double-digit performances from four different Quakers. Salem also led in second, third and fourth quarters but couldn't close the deal.

It seems to be a reoccurring theme. The Quakers opened NBC play with a double-overtime loss to West Branch. Salem led throughout the game. Next was a last-possession defeat to Marlinton. The Quakers lost their footing in the final two minutes on the Dukes' home court.

"We can't close," Salem coach Rich Hart said following his team's latest heartbreaker. "It's frustrating because we had a chance. The bottom line is Minerva executed and we didn't."

See SALEM, 2B

# Range rolls Reserve

South Range stifles previously unbeaten Blue Devils in 48-24 win



### D' it up

South Range's Isaac Shuster defends Western Reserve's Dalton Korda during their game Friday at South Range High School. The Raiders held the Blue Devils to just eight first half points and handed them their first loss 48-24. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

Staff Reports

#### South Range 48, Western Reserve 24

CANFIELD — South Range used a stingy defense to hand Western Reserve its first loss of the season 48-24. Leading the Raiders was Dan Good and Jordan Baker with 11

points each. Brandon Pluchinsky added 10.

For Reserve, Thomas Benyo had eight points.

Western Reserve ran a ball-control offense for most of the first half. The score at the break was 15-8.

South Range also won the jayvee game 47-20. Ross Stoffer had 21 for the Radiers.

South Range (5-1, 3-1 Tier 1) will play Tuesday at McDonald.

Western Reserve (3-1, 3-0 ITCL Tier 2) hosts Mathews Tuesday.

WESTERN RESERVE: 44 7 9 — 24  
SOUTH RANGE: 10 5 15 18 — 48  
WESTERN RESERVE SCORING: Tim Cooper 0-0-0, Payton Snyder 2-0-5, Cory Zimmerman 2-2-6, Tom Benyo 4-0-8, Dalton

Korda 1-1-3, Jeff Clegg 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 10, 3-7, 24.  
SOUTH RANGE SCORING: Jake Arsuiff 1-0-3, Brandon Pluchinsky 4-0-10, Mason Miller 2-0-4, Andy Lacefield 3-0-7, Tyler Beverly 1-0-2, Jordan Baker 4-3-11, Dan Good 3-5-11, Isaac Schuster 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 8-10, 48.  
THREE POINTERS: South Range 4 (Arsuiff, Lacefield, Pluchinsky 2), Western Reserve 1 (Snyder).

See ROUND, 2B

▶ NCAA FOOTBALL

## OSU fans not biting on bowl packages

Business not exactly booming for Jan. 2 Gator Bowl

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio State University football fans are cool to the idea of visiting Florida in early January for the Gator Bowl, following a dismal year for the program.

Travel pros in the Columbus area tell the Columbus Dispatch that business is slow for charters and other package deals for the Jan. 2 game against

Florida in Jacksonville.

"This is our 29th year of selling bowl packages, and this is one of the slowest ones we've ever had," said George Kun, of George Kun Travel. "Certainly, the problems this season and this last piece of negative news are going to put a bad taste in

See OSU, 4B

Ohio State wide receiver Verlon Reed did not catch this pass but drew an interference call against Toledo during their game earlier this season. The Buckeyes play Florida in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 2 in Jacksonville. Travel pros in the Columbus area say charters and package deals for OSU fans to go see the game are way down. (Salem News file/J.D. Creer)



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## THE ACTION

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m.

ESPN — Hawaii Bowl, Nevada vs. Southern Miss., at Honolulu

## NFL FOOTBALL

1 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage

FOX — Regional coverage, doubleheader

4 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage

4:15 p.m.

FOX — Regional coverage, doubleheader game

## QUOTEBOOK

"To tell you the truth, I love being a Cleveland Brown. I love being here. I love the city. I love the fans. All I know I can do is go out there and play my best for the team and for the city these last two games. And what better two better games to do it against than the Baltimore Ravens and the Pittsburgh Steelers?"

— Browns RB Peyton Hillis

## APSPORTLIGHT

Dec. 24

1950 — Cleveland's Otto Graham throws four touchdown passes, despite icy footing in Municipal Stadium, and Lou Groza kicks a 16-yard field goal with 28 seconds left to give the Browns a 30-28 victory over the Los Angeles Rams and the NFL title in their first year in the league.

1961 — George Blanda's 35-yard touchdown pass to Billy Cannon gives the Houston Oilers a 10-3 victory over the San Diego Chargers for their second AFL title.

1997 — In one of the biggest upsets in college basketball, Division II American-Puerto defeats the No. 12 Arkansas Razorbacks 64-59 in the Puerto Rico Holiday Classic.

2000 — Marshall Faulk breaks Emmitt Smith's NFL record for touchdowns, scoring three times to give him 26 for the St. Louis Rams. Faulk's three touchdowns and 220 yards fueled a 26-21 victory over the New Orleans Saints. Emmitt Smith scored 25 times for Dallas in 1995.

2000 — Baltimore sets an NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game schedule. The Ravens allow 165 points, easily breaking the mark of 187 by the 1986 Chicago Bears.

2003 — Steven Jackson ties a bowl game record with five touchdowns, and Oregon State's defense overwhelms mistake-plagued New Mexico in a 55-14 win at the Las Vegas Bowl.

2005 — Seattle's Shaun Alexander rushes for 139 yards and scores three touchdowns — two rushing, one receiving — to tie Priest Holmes' single-season NFL record of 27 touchdowns in a 28-13 win over Indianapolis.

2006 — Colt Brennan sets the NCAA single-season record for touchdown passes at 58, throwing five in the second half to lead Hawaii to a 41-24 victory over Arizona State in the Hawaii Bowl. Brennan, 33-of-42 for 559 yards, breaks the previous mark of 54 set by Houston's David Klingler in 1990.

2006 — Atlanta's Michael Vick becomes the first NFL quarterback to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Needing only 10 yards to reach the mark, he gains 17 on his first carry on the Falcons' opening possession. Morten Andersen's 539th career field goal, a 40-yarder, gives the 46-year-old Falcons kicker the NFL record, passing Gary Anderson for the career mark.

2006 — Peyton Manning reaches 4,000 yards passing for the seventh season, an NFL record, in the Indianapolis Colts' 27-24 loss to Houston. Manning needed 90 yards to break a tie with Dan Marino.

2008 — Jimmy Clausen sets a Notre Dame bowl record with 406 yards passing and five touchdowns to help the Irish win a postseason game for the first time in 15 years, 49-21 over Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl. The Fighting Irish end their NCAA-record nine-game bowl losing streak with the win.

## PREP BASKETBALL

## Southern Local handles United 45-26

By JOE GIESY  
Associated Press

SALINEVILLE — Before Friday's game against United, Southern Local coach George Whittaker set two goals for his team: hold the Eagles under 30 and score 50.

The Indians reached their first goal, but fell five points short of accomplishing their second when they defeated United 45-26.

"Offensively, we have to execute better," Whittaker said.

Defensively, he feels the team did a better job, especially in the second half.

The first quarter ended 10-6, Southern Local (4-3) with eight points from junior J.J. Napierkowski and a basket from junior Kyler Woodward.

"We played real good defense, but didn't get a lot going on offense," Napierkowski said. "We're going to have games like that."

Napierkowski ended the game with 17 points and four assists. Woodward had seven points and nine rebounds.

The half ended 16-14 when United (0-7) held the Indians to six and sophomores Brandon Miller and Garrett Beech each

**Southern's Luke Griffith goes up for two points against United's Doug Covert while United's Kyle Widlicka looks on. (Salem News/Patti Schaefer)**

put in a three-point basket for the Eagles accompanied by two more points from senior Kyle Widlicka.

"First half, I thought we executed pretty well, we played some great defense and we played the game to the tempo we wanted to," Southern Local coach Matt Mowrey said. "Second half, we continued that but then the shots didn't fall."

Southern Local finished the third quarter with 10 points and only allowed United two baskets for four points.

"We've had trouble all year scoring with the basketball," Mowrey said. "It's a situation where, whatever you do, sometimes it doesn't fall in."

The Indians entered the fourth quarter with 26 points then scored 19 points, 10 of which came from sophomore Jared Shilot in the last three minutes of the game.

"When the shots aren't falling on offense, it's hard to get a defensive intensity each time," Mowrey said.

The Eagles managed eight points during the fourth quarter with four points from Widlicka and four points from senior Brett Albright.

Albright was top scorer for the Eagles with nine points and Widlicka finished the night with six points.

"We're not a great offensive team so we knew we had to play good defense," Whittaker said.

Whittaker felt it was a good

win for Southern Local.

"It was two young teams playing each other and we just happened to come out on top," he said.

Mowrey hopes the Eagles can compete again like they did in the first half of Friday's game.

"I was proud of our effort tonight," Mowrey said. "It's a baby step, we're a very young team."

Napierkowski is optimistic for Southern Local's future.

"Every game is a winnable game for us," he said.

Southern Local travels to Toronto Friday.

United travels to Heartland Christian Tuesday.

The Southern Local jayvee won 44-37 over the Eagles with 11 points from Dylan Ketchum.

His teammate Andrew Russell had nine points and Jared Shilot and Clayton Cunningham had eight points apiece.

For United, Davison had 11 points and Dickens had nine points.

SOUTHERN LOCAL: 10 6 10 19—45  
UNITED: 6 8 4 8—26

SOUTHERN LOCAL SCORING: Damin Beadnell 1-2-4, J.J. Napierkowski 7-3-17, Dylan Ketchum 0-0-0, Jared Shilot 5-0-10, M.J. Williams 0-0-0, Luke Griffith 1-0-2, Jared Sevek 1-1-3, Kyler Woodward 3-1-7, Caleb Gotschall 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 19, 7-18: 45. UNITED SCORING: Brandon Miller 1-0-3, Garrett Beech 2-0-5, Brett Albright 4-0-9, Paul Faulkner 0-0-0, Caleb Conser 0-0-0, Kyle Widlicka 3-0-6, Doug Covert 1-1-3. TEAM TOTALS: 11, 1-8: 26. THREE POINTERS: United 3 (Brandon Miller, Garrett Beech, Brett Albright).

SALEM  
FROM 1B

Execution came easily for the Quakers in the opening quarter. Salem scored from all over the court with Ryan Bush dropping in nine outside points in the first and Anthony Shivers getting the job done inside with 10.

The quarter would end with Salem up 21-9, but the Quakers couldn't maintain the big lead. The Lions responded to Salem's 21 first-quarter points by notching 23 of their own in the second. The Quakers managed 14 — Max Wolfgang stepped up inside with six points — to hold on to a 35-32 advantage at the half.

Minerva would go on to tie the game at 58 after three complete quarters.

"We have to play smarter basketball," Hart said. "We forced too many shots in the second half. We forced the ball inside the paint. In the first half, we scored 22 points inside the paint. In the second half, we scored eight. We have to make better decisions. We played hard but we didn't play smart."

Despite allowing the Lions

42 points in the middle quarters, it was still the Quakers' game to lose in the fourth. Salem pulled ahead by as many as six points in the final frame, but like its other two league games, stumbled in the final two minutes. Salem turned the ball over, missed shots, failed to come up with key rebounds and — perhaps most damaging of all — couldn't get a stop when they desperately needed it.

"Defensively, we were awful," Hart said. "We didn't stay on our feet. We couldn't make a stop. We have to do better than that."

Shivers scored a Quakers-high 18 points on the night. Bush added 17, Trent Kenreigh came up with 17 and Wolfgang chipped in 12.

Minerva's Eli Maurer had the game high. He dropped in five from the field and 11-of-11 at the line — including two in the final seconds — for 22 points. Jantsen Locke scored 15 points, while Tyler Klimko notched 10.

The Quakers are now 2-4 on the season and will look for their first conference win at Carrollton on Friday.



**Minerva's Jantsen Locke defends Salem's Trent Kenreigh Friday at John A. Cabas Gymnasium in Salem. (Salem News/Gary Leininger)**

MINERVA: 9 23 20 21 — 73  
SALEM: 21 14 17 16 — 68  
MINERVA SCORING: Eli Maurer 5-11-22, Adam Anderson 1-0-3, Zach Wade 3-1-7, Tyler Klimko 5-0-10, Jantsen Locke 6-0-15,

Chase Petree 4-0-8, Jacob Eberling 3-3-8. TEAM TOTALS: 27, 14-20, 73. SALEM SCORING: Ryan Bush 7-1-17, Trent Kenreigh 6-3-16, Brenden Webb 1-0-3, Max Wolfgang 4-4-12, Anthony Shivers 9-0-18,

Brady Myers 10-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 28, 8-11, 68. THREE POINTERS: Minerva (J. Locke 3, Anderson, Maurer), Salem 4 (Bush 2, Kenreigh, Webb).

ROUND  
FROM 1BCrestview 71,  
Leetonia 44

LEETONIA — Crestview used a nice first half to move past a banged-up Leetonia 71-44 Friday. Leading the Rebels was Adam Coppock with nine points, two steals and five assists. Collin Gilbert had 11 points and two steals, and Tom Oliver had nine points and 11 rebounds.

For Leetonia, Cody Stokes had a game-high 23 points. Trent Ferry added nine. The Bears have been playing without guard Nick Altomare.

Crestview also won the jayvee game 49-35. Robert Logan had 12 for Crestview. Cody Valentine had 19 for Leetonia.

Crestview (5-1, 3-1 ITCL Tier 1) plays Thursday at Heartland Christian.

Leetonia (3-4, 1-3 ITCL Tier 2) plays Jan. 6 at Sebring.

CRESTVIEW: 22 17 12 20 — 71  
LEETONIA: 15 10 10 9 — 44  
CRESTVIEW SCORING: Dillon Gorby 1-0-2, Nate Climo 3-0-6, Zach Thompson 3-0-6, Collin Gilbert 5-1-11, Adam Coppock 3-1-9, C.J. Collins 4-3-11, Tommy Oliver 4-1-9, Austin Eskra 1-0-2, Robert Logan 4-0-8, Matt May 2-1-5, Derek Bable 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 31, 7-13, 71.  
LEETONIA SCORING: Brandon Dattilo 2-2-8, Ian Sevensich 1-0-2, Cody Stokes 8-6-23, Luke Janci 0-0-0, Trent Ferry 3-1-9, Mike Thorne 0-1-1, Ian Stecker 0-1-1. TEAM TOTALS: 14, 11-21, 44.  
THREE POINTERS: Crestview 2 (Coppock 2), Leetonia 5 (Dattilo 2, Ferry 2, Stokes).



**South Range's Andy Lacefield drives the ball up court around Western Reserve's Jeff Clegg Friday at South Range High School. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)**

Lowellville 60,  
Heartland Christian 40

COLUMBIANA — Lowellville's Doug Donatelli tallied a game-high 23 points and

the Rockets flew past Heartland Christian 60-40.

Leading the Lions was Kyle Burgess with nine points and eight rebounds. Brandon Crawford added nine points, four steals and three assists.

Lowellville also won the

jayvee game 42-32. Matt Baker had 11 for Heartland.

Heartland (0-5) will host United Tuesday.

LOWELLVILLE: 14 24 10 12 — 60  
HEARTLAND: 6 6 13 15 — 40  
LOWELLVILLE SCORING: J.T. Hvidsak 3-0-6, V. Rotunno 1-0-2, M. Rivera 1-0-2, D. Wilaj



**South Range's Brandon Pluchinsky looks to pass. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)**

2-0-5, Schaldone 1-0-4, C. Donofrio 6-3-16, Donatelli 8-7-23, D. McLaughlin 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 23, 11-20, 60.  
HEARTLAND SCORING: Matt Baker 1-0-2, Durand Winnale 1-2-4, Grant Ramsey 4-0-8, Kyle Burgess 4-0-9, Brandon Crawford 4-1-9, Jared Robinson 1-0-2, Joel Sirota 1-0-2, Glenn Hoffman 2-0-4. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 3-7, 40.

▶ **BOXING**

# Pavlik pleads not guilty to drunken driving

CANFIELD (AP) — Former middleweight champion Kelly Pavlik has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor count charging him with driving an all-terrain vehicle while drunk. The Vindicator newspaper in Youngstown reports

Pavlik's attorney, Damian Billak, entered the plea on his behalf in a Mahoning County court. Billak says they look forward to addressing the issues in court.

Deputies say the 29-year-old Pavlik was arrested

Wednesday night at his home outside Youngstown after a neighbor reported he crashed the ATV into a telephone pole and lamppost.

Pavlik in January finished two months of alcoholism treatment at the Betty Ford

Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif. Earlier this month, trainer Jack Loew announced they had split ways.

Billak says Kelly plans to relocate to California.

A pre-trial hearing is set for Jan. 13.

▶ **NFL**

# Colts' win throws Luck sweepstakes up in air

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — All that good luck the Indianapolis Colts have received on the field these last two weeks could leave them with no Luck at all when the NFL draft rolls around.

The Colts have won two straight games to fall into a tie with the Vikings and Rams for the league's worst record and the chance to take Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck with the No. 1 pick.

With Peyton Manning out for

the year with a neck injury, the Colts lost their first 13 games of the season, and most figured Luck could start looking for an Indy-based realtor.

Then a funny thing happened — the Colts started winning.

The Colts beat Tennessee two weeks ago for their first win of the season. No big deal, right? They still had a game on two-win teams in Minnesota and St. Louis and didn't have to deal with the ignominy of going winless for an entire season. Vikings

fans were already dreaming of USC offensive tackle Matt Kalil coming in to protect Christian Ponder and clear a path for Adrian Peterson. With Sam Bradford under center, Rams fans were drooling over the prospects of bringing in Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon as the stud receiver he's been missing early in his career. Then the Colts went out and won on Thursday night against the play-off-bound Texans.

What were they thinking???

That was some of the outcry heard from fans and pundits

after the victory, which many view as jeopardizing the franchise's long-term health by risking losing out on another All-Pro caliber quarterback in Luck to eventually replace the face of the franchise, albeit one who will turn 36 in March and has had multiple neck surgeries over the past two seasons.

All of a sudden some Colts fans — particularly those who were showing up to Lucas Oil Stadium with blue No. 12 jerseys that had "Luck" written on the back — have an entirely different pain in their necks.



# BROWNS FROM 1B

John Harbaugh said. "Of course, we have to control what we have to control. And the beauty of that is, we can control a lot."

Running back Ray Rice put it more succinctly: "We don't got to take our show on the road if we take care of business."

The last thing the Ravens need is to hit the road for the playoffs. Baltimore reached the postseason as a wild-card team in each of the previous three seasons, and although the Ravens went 4-3 overall, on each occasion their quest to reach the Super Bowl died on foreign turf.

That path might be even more difficult to follow this year, because the Ravens are 7-0 at home and 3-4 on the road. So beating Cleveland on Saturday and winning at Cincinnati next Sunday is imperative for Baltimore's upcoming playoff run.

The first order of business is knocking off the Browns, which would enable the Ravens to go unbeaten at home for the first time in franchise history.

"It's going to be a great accomplishment if we get it done," Rice said. "The fans get to say, 'Look, the Ravens gave us a sight to see at home this year.' But I'm sure they would even appreciate it more if the playoffs were here as well."

It's all there for the Ravens. But what are the Browns playing for?

"We have a two-game sea-

## NFL Preview Capsule: Browns at Ravens

### CLEVELAND (4-10) At BALTIMORE (10-4)

#### Saturday, 1 p.m., CBS

OPENING LINE — Ravens by 13  
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Cleveland 5-8-1; Baltimore 7-6-1  
SERIES RECORD — Ravens lead 18-7  
LAST MEETING — Ravens beat Browns 24-10, Dec. 4  
LAST WEEK — Browns lost to Cardinals 20-17 OT; Ravens lost to Chargers 34-14

BROWNS OFFENSE — OVERALL (29), RUSH (30), PASS (22)  
BROWNS DEFENSE — OVERALL (14), RUSH (31), PASS (3)  
RAVENS OFFENSE — OVERALL (15), RUSH (16), PASS (16)  
RAVENS DEFENSE — OVERALL (3), RUSH (2), PASS (5)  
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Second meeting this month between AFC North foes. Ravens have won seven straight in lopsided series. ... In last meeting, Ray Rice ran for career-high 204 yards on muddy field in Cleveland. ... Browns coach Pat Shurmur and Ravens mentor John Harbaugh coached together with Philadelphia from 1999-2007. ... Browns 1-6 on road; Ravens 7-0 at home. Browns 0-4 in division; Ravens 4-0. ... Cleveland expected to start Seneca Wallace at QB ahead of injured Colt McCoy (concussion). ... Browns LB D'Qwell Jackson, who leads team with 138 tackles, played in college at Maryland. ... Cleveland RB Peyton Hillis ran for 144 yards on 22 carries with TD in last game at Baltimore, a 24-17 defeat. ... Ravens seeking to complete first 8-0 season at home. ... Baltimore QB Joe Flacco 7-0 vs. Browns with eight TDs and four INTs. ... Ravens have won six straight AFC North games. ... Baltimore RB Ricky Williams needs 64 yards to reach 10,000 in career. ... Ravens signed K Shayne Graham on Wednesday. He is expected to replace injured Billy Cundiff (calf). ... Ravens S Ed Reed has 10 career INTs vs. Cleveland, the most against any opponent. ... Baltimore is only NFL team that has not yielded a first-quarter sack.

son here," coach Pat Shurmur said. "We're looking to do what we can to try and string a couple victories here at the end of the season."

Beating the Ravens wouldn't take the sting out of another last-place finish, but it sure couldn't hurt.

"We're not throwing in the towel just because we're not in it," rookie wide receiver Greg Little said. "We're trying to take somebody down with us. That takes a very big guy to stand up and say we're not going to back down because we're not in the fight."

Cleveland has two games left, against Baltimore and Pittsburgh, which means the Browns will have the final say in who wins the AFC North.

"Yeah, at this point, the playoffs are out of the picture," linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said. "But if we can knock one of those guys off, we definitely want to play the spoiler."

The Browns have additional motivation: They've lost seven straight to Baltimore, including a 24-10 defeat earlier this month, a game in which Rice ran for a career-high 204 yards on a soggy field.

"We got embarrassed, and every guy on this team on the defensive side is aware of it," Jackson said. "They came out and ran the ball down our throat, so we've got another good challenge ahead of us. That first meeting was not the identity we want to put out versus the Ravens. We have to face them twice a year. They're aware of it that, and they came in and basically just bullied us."

Even if the Browns stop Rice, there is some question as to whether they can put a dent in a Baltimore defense that yielded only 13 first downs, 233 yards and just one meaningless touchdown in that first game. And that was without middle linebacker Ray Lewis, who returned last week from a right toe injury.

The Browns will likely start Seneca Wallace at quarterback ahead of Colt McCoy, who is still feeling the effects of a concussion. But the key to Cleveland's offense is running back Peyton Hillis, who rambled for 144 yards last season in Baltimore.

"We talk about how you have to stop the run first and foremost, and now you've got a veteran," Ravens defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano said.

Baltimore is favored by nearly two touchdowns, but after what happened Sunday in San Diego, nothing is being taken for granted.

"We've got Cleveland coming in. I describe them as the brawler," linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "They're going to come and they're going to fight. We expect nothing else."

# BEN FROM 1B

ter, it was a run. If he was in the shotgun, he was going to sling it.

"I honestly think that's probably why they deferred when they won the toss," Roethlisberger said. "They were going to come after me."

St. Louis certainly figured to do the same with defensive end Chris Long and his 13 sacks leading the way. Instead Long will chase down Batch or third quarterback Dennis Dixon.

"(Batch and Dixons) are certainly more mobile," St. Louis defensive coordinator Ken Flajole said. "They have a little bit more scrambling ability. Ben does a great job of getting away from pressure, but that ankle I'm sure has been a problem for him."

Roethlisberger doesn't necessarily agree. Despite throwing the ball 44 times in San Francisco and taking a handful of shots in the process, the two-time Super Bowl winner wanted to play against the Rams even if he was "five percent" even if it adversely affected his team's postseason chances.

"I don't go out there worrying about playing with an injury," he said. "I don't go out there worrying about getting hurt worse."

Now he won't have to, making Saturday a battle of the backups.

St. Louis quarterback Sam Bradford, didn't practice this week and appears likely to miss his fifth game of the sea-

## NFL Preview Capsule: Rams at Steelers

### ST. LOUIS (2-12) At PITTSBURGH (10-4)

#### Saturday, 1 p.m., Fox

OPENING LINE — Off  
RECORD VS. SPREAD — St. Louis 2-12; Pittsburgh 6-7  
SERIES RECORD — Rams lead 17-6-2  
LAST MEETING — Steelers beat Rams 41-24, Dec. 20, 2007  
LAST WEEK — Rams lost to Bengals 20-13; Steelers lost to 49ers 20-3  
RAMS OFFENSE — OVERALL (30), RUSH (26), PASS (27)  
RAMS DEFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (32), PASS (8)  
STEELERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (12), RUSH (17), PASS (8)  
STEELERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (11), RUSH (6), PASS (1)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — St. Louis has dominated series, and is 11-1-1 in Pittsburgh, lone loss coming in 1996. ... St. Louis DE Chris Long fifth in league with 13 sacks, fifth-highest total by a Rams player since stat became official in 1982. ... St. Louis RB Stephen Jackson needs 34 yards to top 1,000 yards for seventh straight season, longest active streak in league. ... Rams last in league in scoring, averaging 11.9 points per game while Steelers allowing 15.5 points per game, second-fewest in NFL. ... Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger needs to average 236 yards passing over final two games to break his team record for yards in a season (4,328) set in 2009. ... Pittsburgh TE Heath Miller broke franchise record for career receptions by tight end last week and needs three receptions to surpass Hall of Famer Lynn Swann for fourth-place on team's all-time reception list. ... Pittsburgh would finish 7-1 at Heinz Field this season with a victory, first time since 2007 Steelers have won at least seven home games in a season. ... Rams have lost five straight games. ... Steelers 3-3 all-time on Christmas Eve. ... Pittsburgh WR Hines Ward needs nine receptions to reach 1,000 for his career. He would become second player in NFL history to have 1,000 career receptions and multiple Super Bowl rings, joining Jerry Rice.

son with a sprained ankle of his own.

Still, like Roethlisberger, Bradford would prefer to be on the field. It's why he refused to be placed on season-ending injured reserve even if the Rams are putting the finishing touches on an eighth consecutive non-winning season.

"It's my job, that's why I'm here," Bradford said. "I'm here to play football, I'm not here to ride the bike, I'm not here to sit on the sideline."

Yet the Rams will be heading to the sideline regardless

when the season ends on New Year's Day. Not the Steelers, who have designs of collecting a record seventh Lombardi Trophy.

To get to a ninth Super Bowl the team needs Roethlisberger as healthy as possible and there's no better treatment for a bum ankle than rest.

"I think if you rest, you obviously can hopefully improve and get yourself to a higher percentage but I like to be out there," Roethlisberger said.

Regardless of who is under center, the Rams are hoping to

give embattled coach Steve Spagnuolo a much-needed lift.

St. Louis is 10-36 in Spagnuolo's three seasons and taken a significant step back this year after going a respectable 7-9 in 2010.

A steady stream of impact players to the injured reserve list hasn't helped. The Rams are the league's most anemic offense, though running back Steven Jackson is 34 yards away from posting his seventh consecutive 1,000-yard season.

The streak is a testament to Jackson's toughness, durability and patience. St. Louis hasn't made the playoffs since his rookie year in 2004.

He believed then a trip to the postseason would become an annual event. It has not, and there's a chance the Rams will blow it up and start all over again next year.

It's one of the reasons Jackson has so much respect for the Steelers.

"This team historically is one of the elite, year in and year out," Jackson said. "They seem to always put a team together that's playoff worthy."

This year's group is no exception, even if the Steelers have only been dominant in small spurts. That's fine by them. There's still a chance to get it going, preferably with their franchise quarterback healthy.

"We're not concerned with that people are saying or what other people are doing outside of the building," safety Troy Polamalu said. "I will say this, the team that may win the Super Bowl lost their last game, so we'll see."

# Around the HORN

A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation

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## Salem boys basketball on television

SALEM — Cable Channel 9 will air Salem's varsity boys basketball games throughout the season. The next games to be shown will be Salem vs. Struthers at 6 p.m. Dec. 28 and 7 p.m. Dec. 31; and Salem vs. East Liverpool at 6 p.m. Jan. 4 and 7 p.m. Jan. 7.

## New Air Jordans cause nationwide shopping frenzy

SEATTLE (AP) — Scuffles broke out and police were brought in to quell unrest that nearly turned into riots across the nation Friday following the release of Nike's new Air Jordan basketball shoes — a retro model of one of the most popular Air Jordans ever made.

The mayhem stretched from Washington state to Georgia and was reminiscent of the violence that broke out 20 years ago in many cities as the shoes became popular targets for thieves. It also had a decidedly Black Friday feel as huge crowds of shoppers overwhelmed stores for a must-have item.

In suburban Seattle, police used pepper spray on about 20 customers who started fighting at the Westfield Southcenter mall. The crowd started gathering at four stores in the mall around midnight and had grown to more than 1,000 people by 4 a.m., when the stores opened, Tukwila Officer Mike Murphy said. He said it started as fighting and pushing among people in line and escalated over the next hour.

Murphy said no injuries were reported, although some people suffered cuts or scrapes from fights. Shoppers also broke two doors, and 18-year-old man was arrested for assault after authorities say he punched an officer.

"He did not get his shoes; he went to jail," Murphy said.

The \$180 shoes went on sale Friday in a limited release at stores, and the lines began forming several hours before businesses opened.

As the crowds kept growing through the night, they became more unruly and ended in vandalism, violence and arrests.

A man was stabbed when a brawl broke out between several people waiting in line at a Jersey City, N.J., mall to buy the new shoes, authorities said. The 20-year-old man was expected to recover from his injuries.

In Richmond, Calif., police say crowds waiting to buy the Air Jordan 11 Retro Concord at the Hilltop Mall were turned away after a gunshot rang out around 7 a.m.

## Wade, James say time has made them even closer

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade and LeBron James are known to bicker like brothers. They screamed at one another more than once during Miami Heat playoff games last season. And when they're on opposite teams in practice, they attack the other like they would any opponent.

Now they're closer than ever.

And on the cusp of entering Year 2 together with the Heat, Wade and James opened up about their friendship Friday in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I don't think many players that have the similar games as we have or have done the things that we did in the league can come together this fast and make it work," Wade said. "That communication is there. I don't mind him saying something to me. I don't mind when I have to say something to him. We know how to make it work."

They have so much in common that both find it almost funny sometimes.

Forget the obvious stuff: They're both among the NBA's highest-paid players, then make another truckload of money annually in endorsements. They're both among the league's best scorers, perennial All-Stars, among the most recognizable athletes in the world. What's often forgotten is the ties that really bind, like both having difficult times as kids, relying on one parent at a time and soon understanding that basketball was the vehicle for changing their lives.

James is 6-foot-8, Wade is 6-foot-4. James is from Akron, Wade from Chicago. James loves tattoos, Wade doesn't have any. James went to the NBA straight out of high school, Wade went to college first.

Nonetheless, Wade and James basically look at each other as mirror images.

## Reds trade Wood, 2 others, to Cubs for Marshall

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds acquired left-handed reliever Sean Marshall from the Chicago Cubs on Friday for young lefty starter Travis Wood and two other players.

It was the second time in a week that the Reds gave up several prospects for pitching help. They earlier sent four players, including Edinson Volquez, to San Diego for starter Mat Latos.

The 29-year-old, 6-foot-7 Marshall was 6-6 with a 2.26 ERA last season. He had five saves. The Reds have been in talks to try to re-sign closer Francisco Cordero, who became a free agent after last season.

"Sean has been one of the best and most durable relievers in baseball the last couple of seasons," Reds general manager Walt Jocketty said in a statement.

The 24-year-old Wood made 35 starts for the Reds over two seasons. He finished 6-6 with a 4.84 ERA in 2011, with a stint in Triple-A after struggling early in the year. The Cubs also get 24-year-old outfielder Dave Sappelt, who batted .243 in 38 games with the Reds, and 19-year-old infield prospect Ronald Torreyes, who batted .356 in 67 games for Class-A Dayton.

## No. 22 S. Miss faces Nevada tonight in Hawaii Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — As if being 5,500 miles from Hattiesburg and having Waikiki beach as a backyard wasn't enough, Conference USA champion Southern Mississippi had to deal with even more distractions.

The 22nd-ranked Golden Eagles (11-2) face Western Athletic Conference runner-up Nevada (7-5) in the Hawaii Bowl on Saturday in what will be the final game under coach Larry Fedora.

"It's going to be tough. There's a piece of my heart and soul in this football team," said Fedora, who is leaving after four seasons to lead North Carolina. "I deeply care about each and every one of those kids. ... But I do know, they're going to look back at this season and say we won however many games, a conference championship and we went to Hawaii. That's what they'll remember for the rest of their lives." Southern Miss won a school-record 11 games this season en route to capturing its fifth C-USA title by upsetting Houston 49-28 in the conference championship game behind Austin Davis' four touchdown passes. It was the Golden Eagles' first 10-win season since 1988. Despite the record year, Davis said the team isn't done yet as Southern Miss makes its 10th straight postseason appearance and is looking to snap a two-bowl losing streak.

"I would hate to end it on a bad note. We want to finish strong and get No. 12," said Davis, who has thrown for 3,331 yards and 28 touchdowns this year. Fedora said his team isn't letting down after its big win over Houston.

"You can go out and watch practice and you wouldn't know if it was Aug. 5, the first day of practice for us, or if it was the next to the last practice. They're still practicing the same way," he said. "They understand what it takes. They understand how important it is. We're not playing another game. We're making history at Southern Miss."

► **TRANSACTIONS**

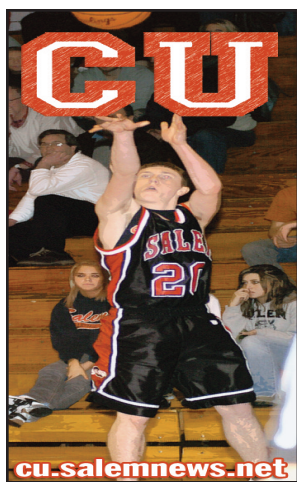
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
 BOSTON RED SOX—Named Tim Bogar bench coach, Bob McClure pitching coach, Alex Ochoa first base coach and Jerry Royster third base coach. Announced hitting coach Dave Magadan and bullpen coach Gary Tuck will return.  
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with OF Ryan Langerhans, RHP Eric Hurley and C Robinson Diaz on minor league contracts.

**National League**  
 CINCINNATI REDS—Acquired LHP Sean Marshall from the Chicago Cubs for LHP Travis Wood, OF Dave Sappelt and INF Ronald Torreyes. Claimed RHP Josh Judy off waivers from Cleveland.  
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Traded C Derek Norris, RHP A.J. Cole, RHP Brad Peacock and LHP Tommy Milone to Oakland for LHP Gio Gonzalez and RHP Robert Gilliams.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
 NBA—Reduced the season-opening suspensions for Los Angeles Lakers F Andrew Bynum and Detroit F Charlie Villanueva from five to four games.  
 CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Waived F Melvin Ely, F Taylor Griffin, and G Durrell Summers. Announced they will not match the offer sheet made by Memphis for F Dante Cunningham.  
 DENVER NUGGETS—Waived G Cory Higgins and F Michael Ruffin.  
 MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Waived F Walter Sharpe.  
 MIAMI HEAT—Waived F Derrick Byers.  
 NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed G DeShawn Stevenson. Waived F Ime Udoka.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
 NFL—Fined Cincinnati LB Dan Skuta \$20,000 for an illegal blindside block and Cincinnati S Chris Crocker \$15,000 for roughing the passer; Oakland DB Jerome Boyd \$20,000 for an illegal blindside block; Detroit DE Cliff Avril and LB Stephen Tulloch \$15,000 apiece for horse collar tackles; Houston LB Brian Cushing \$10,000 for hitting the quarterback in the head and neck area; New York Giants LB Jason Pierre-Paul \$10,000 for an illegal hit on the quarterback; and New York Jets WR Santonio Holmes docked \$7,500 for excessive celebration.  
 CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed CB Captain Munnerlyn on injured reserve. Signed CB Jonathan Nelson from the practice squad.  
 PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Placed CB Curtis Brown on injured reserve. Signed RB John Clay from the practice squad.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned LW Dane Byers to Springfield (AHL).  
 OTTAWA SENATORS—Called up F Mike Hoffman from Binghamton (AHL).



► **NHL**

► **NBA SCHEDULE**

**Friday's Games**  
 No games scheduled  
**Saturday's Games**  
 No games scheduled  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Boston at New York, 12 p.m.  
 Miami at Dallas, 2:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 5 p.m.  
 Orlando at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

► **NHL GLANCE**

| EASTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |    |     |    |     |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| Atlantic Division  |    |    |    |     |    |     |
| GP                 | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |
| N.Y. Rangers       | 33 | 21 | 8  | 4   | 46 | 99  |
| Philadelphia       | 34 | 21 | 9  | 4   | 46 | 118 |
| Pittsburgh         | 35 | 19 | 11 | 4   | 44 | 110 |
| New Jersey         | 34 | 19 | 14 | 1   | 39 | 95  |
| N.Y. Islanders     | 33 | 11 | 16 | 6   | 28 | 77  |
| Northeast Division |    |    |    |     |    |     |
| GP                 | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |
| Boston             | 33 | 23 | 9  | 1   | 47 | 119 |
| Toronto            | 35 | 18 | 13 | 4   | 40 | 113 |
| Ottawa             | 36 | 17 | 14 | 5   | 39 | 111 |
| Buffalo            | 34 | 16 | 15 | 3   | 35 | 92  |
| Montreal           | 36 | 13 | 16 | 7   | 33 | 88  |
| Southeast Division |    |    |    |     |    |     |
| GP                 | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |
| Florida            | 36 | 18 | 11 | 7   | 43 | 94  |
| Winnipeg           | 34 | 17 | 13 | 5   | 37 | 100 |
| Washington         | 33 | 17 | 14 | 2   | 36 | 98  |
| Tampa Bay          | 33 | 14 | 17 | 2   | 30 | 89  |
| Carolina           | 36 | 11 | 19 | 6   | 28 | 91  |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |    |     |    |     |
| Central Division   |    |    |    |     |    |     |
| GP                 | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |
| Chicago            | 35 | 22 | 9  | 4   | 48 | 118 |
| Detroit            | 34 | 21 | 12 | 1   | 43 | 111 |
| St. Louis          | 33 | 19 | 10 | 4   | 42 | 84  |
| Nashville          | 34 | 18 | 12 | 4   | 40 | 92  |
| Columbus           | 34 | 9  | 21 | 4   | 22 | 85  |
| Northwest Division |    |    |    |     |    |     |
| GP                 | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |
| Minnesota          | 36 | 20 | 11 | 5   | 45 | 86  |
| Vancouver          | 34 | 21 | 11 | 2   | 44 | 114 |
| Calgary            | 35 | 16 | 15 | 4   | 36 | 87  |
| Colorado           | 35 | 17 | 17 | 1   | 35 | 94  |
| Edmonton           | 34 | 15 | 16 | 3   | 33 | 93  |
| Pacific Division   |    |    |    |     |    |     |
| GP                 | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |
| San Jose           | 31 | 18 | 10 | 3   | 39 | 93  |
| Dallas             | 33 | 19 | 13 | 1   | 39 | 86  |
| Phoenix            | 34 | 18 | 13 | 3   | 39 | 89  |
| Los Angeles        | 34 | 16 | 14 | 4   | 36 | 75  |
| Anaheim            | 34 | 9  | 19 | 6   | 24 | 80  |

**Thursday's Games**  
 Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, SO  
 Toronto 3, Buffalo 2  
 N.Y. Rangers 4, N.Y. Islanders 2  
 Ottawa 4, Florida 3, OT  
 Nashville 6, Columbus 5  
 Winnipeg 4, Montreal 0  
 Calgary 3, Detroit 2  
 Edmonton 4, Minnesota 1  
**Friday's Games**  
 New Jersey 4, Washington 3, SO  
 Boston 8, Florida 0  
 Toronto 5, N.Y. Islanders 3  
 N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 2  
 Carolina 2, Ottawa 1, OT  
 Pittsburgh 4, Winnipeg 1  
 Dallas 6, Nashville 3  
 Calgary at Vancouver, (n)  
 Los Angeles at San Jose, (n)  
**Saturday's Games**  
 No games scheduled  
**Sunday's Games**  
 No games scheduled

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

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► **PENGUINS**

**PENGUINS 4, JETS 1**  
 Pittsburgh 1 03—4  
 Winnipeg 0 10—1  
 First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Vitale 2 (Picard), 13:59. Penalties—Antropov, Wpg (high-sticking), 3:32; Fleury, Pit, served by Asham (tripping), 7:16; Asham, Pit, major (fighting), 9:37; Glass, Wpg, major (fighting), 9:37.  
 Second Period—2, Winnipeg, Burmistrov 8 (Wheeler, Kane), 9:11. Penalties—Sullivan, Pit (tripping), 12:48; Byfuglien, Wpg (slashing), 16:58.  
 Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Neal 20 (Malkin, Kunitz), :22. 4, Pittsburgh, Staal 13 (Kunitz, Sullivan), 4:14 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 10 (Kennedy), 4:54. Penalties—Malkin, Pit (slashing), 2:00; Burmistrov, Wpg (elbowing), 2:00; Byfuglien, Wpg (interference), 2:55; Antropov, Wpg (tripping), 13:42; Niskanen, Pit (tripping), 18:23.

► **BOXING**

**Dec. 30**  
 At Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Cabazon, Calif. (SHO), Andre Dirrell vs. Darryl Cunningham, 10, super middleweights; Jermain Taylor vs. Jessie Nicklow, 10, middleweights.

**Dec. 31**  
 At Yokohama, Japan, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Jorge Luis, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA World junior lightweight title; Celestino Caballero vs. Satoshi Hosono, 12, for Caballero's WBA World featherweight title.  
 At Osaka, Japan, Kazuo Ioka vs. Yedgoen Tor-Chalemchai, 12, for Ioka's WBC strawweight title.  
 At Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center (SHO), Tavoris Cloud vs. Zsolt Erdei, 12, for Cloud's IBF light heavyweight title; Rico Ramos vs. Guillermo Rigondeaux, 12, for Ramos' WBA World junior featherweight title.

**2012 Jan. 6**  
 At Key West, Fla. (ESPN2), Dyah Davis vs. Alfonso Lopez, 10, super middleweights.  
 At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (SHO), Luis Ramos Jr. vs. Raymundo Beltran, 10, lightweights.

**Jan. 7**  
 At Heredia, Costa Rica, Bryan Vazquez vs. Eugenio Lopez, 12, for Vazquez's interim WBA World super featherweight title.  
**Jan. 13**  
 At Las Vegas (ESPN2), Teon Kennedy vs. Chris Martin, 10, junior featherweights.

**Jan. 14**  
 At Offenburg, Germany, Arthur Abraham vs. Pablo Oscar Natalio Farias, 10, super middleweights; Robert Stieglitz vs. Henry Weber, 12, for Stieglitz's WBO super middleweight title.

► **PITT BOX**

**WAGNER 59, No. 15 PITTSBURGH 54**  
 WAGNER (8-3)  
 Williams 3-8 1-3 7, Fohalan 0-4 1-2 1, Murray 3-5 1-2 10, Ortiz 6-9 0-0 12, Rivers 5-12 6-6 18, Burton 1-2 0-0 2, Martin 1-3 0-0 3, Parker 1-4 0-0 2, Thompson 1-2 2-2 4, Moody 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-49 11-15 59.  
 PITTSBURGH (11-2)  
 Patterson 1-9 3-4 6, Robinson 4-6 1-4 9, Taylor 3-4 0-3 6, Wright 3-5 1-1 7, Gibbs 5-16 3-4 14, Epps 0-1 0-0 0, J. Johnson 0-1 2-3 2, Gilbert 0-0 0-0 0, Zanna 2-4 2-2 6, Moore 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 19-48 14-23 54.  
 Halftime—Wagner 29-25. 3-Point Goals—Wagner 6-17 (Murray 3-5, Rivers 2-5, Martin 1-3, Ortiz 0-1, Burton 0-1, Williams 0-2), Pittsburgh 2-15 (Patterson 1-5, Gibbs 1-7, Moore 0-1, Wright 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Wagner 28 (Williams 9), Pittsburgh 37 (Robinson 9). Assists—Wagner 11 (Ortiz 7), Pittsburgh 10 (Patterson 4). Total Fouls—Wagner 23, Pittsburgh 14. A.—9,315.

► **MLB**

**Done deal: Nationals get LHP Gonzalez from A's**

WASHINGTON (AP)— Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo has kept his eye on Gio Gonzalez for the last decade or so. Now, the left-hander is a member of Rizzo's starting rotation. Capping trade talks that began about a month ago, the Athletics and Nationals completed a six-player swap Friday that sends Gonzalez from Oakland to Washington, where he joins a promising pitching staff that already included right-handers Stephen Strasburg and Jordan Zimmermann.

"I've known him since he was in high school in the Miami area. This is a guy I followed for years. I really like the way he competes," Rizzo said on a conference call. "I call him, in a good way, a sore loser."  
 Oakland gets four players in the deal: catcher Derek Norris, right-handers A.J. Cole and Brad Peacock, and left-hander Tommy Milone. The Nationals also received minor league right-hander Robert Gilliam, who went 12-7 with a 5.04 ERA and 156 strikeouts for Class-A Vancouver this year. A's general manager Billy Beane said he nearly took another offer but in the end preferred the prospects Washington sent.

"I told everyone I spoke to, we'd leverage one team against the other," Beane said. "We were giving up a pitcher, and the ability to acquire three very good major league prospects who were pitchers swung it for us."  
 The 26-year-old Gonzalez went 16-12 last season — a career high for wins — with a 3.12 ERA in 32 starts and was selected to his first All-Star game.

► **NFL GLANCE**

| AMERICAN CONFERENCE |    |    |     |      |     |     |
|---------------------|----|----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| East                |    |    |     |      |     |     |
| W                   | L  | T  | Pct | PF   | PA  |     |
| y-New England       | 11 | 3  | 0   | .786 | 437 | 297 |
| N.Y. Jets           | 8  | 6  | 0   | .571 | 346 | 315 |
| Miami               | 5  | 9  | 0   | .357 | 286 | 269 |
| Buffalo             | 5  | 9  | 0   | .357 | 311 | 371 |
| South               |    |    |     |      |     |     |
| W                   | L  | T  | Pct | PF   | PA  |     |
| y-Houston           | 10 | 5  | 0   | .667 | 359 | 255 |
| Tennessee           | 7  | 7  | 0   | .500 | 279 | 278 |
| Jacksonville        | 4  | 10 | 0   | .286 | 207 | 293 |
| Indianapolis        | 2  | 13 | 0   | .133 | 237 | 411 |
| North               |    |    |     |      |     |     |
| W                   | L  | T  | Pct | PF   | PA  |     |
| x-Baltimore         | 10 | 4  | 0   | .714 | 334 | 236 |
| x-Pittsburgh        | 10 | 4  | 0   | .714 | 285 | 218 |
| Cincinnati          | 8  | 6  | 0   | .571 | 305 | 283 |
| Cleveland           | 4  | 10 | 0   | .286 | 195 | 274 |
| West                |    |    |     |      |     |     |
| W                   | L  | T  | Pct | PF   | PA  |     |
| Denver              | 8  | 6  | 0   | .571 | 292 | 343 |
| Oakland             | 7  | 7  | 0   | .500 | 317 | 382 |
| San Diego           | 7  | 7  | 0   | .500 | 358 | 313 |
| Kansas City         | 6  | 8  | 0   | .429 | 192 | 319 |

| NATIONAL CONFERENCE |    |    |     |      |     |     |
|---------------------|----|----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| East                |    |    |     |      |     |     |
| W                   | L  | T  | Pct | PF   | PA  |     |
| Dallas              | 8  | 6  | 0   | .571 | 348 | 296 |
| N.Y. Giants         | 7  | 7  | 0   | .500 | 334 | 372 |
| Philadelphia        | 6  | 8  | 0   | .429 | 342 | 311 |
| Washington          | 5  | 9  | 0   | .357 | 252 | 300 |
| South               |    |    |     |      |     |     |
| W                   | L  | T  | Pct | PF   | PA  |     |
| x-New Orleans       | 11 | 3  | 0   | .786 | 457 | 306 |
| Atlanta             | 9  | 5  | 0   | .643 | 341 | 281 |
| Carolina            | 5  | 9  | 0   | .357 | 341 | 368 |
| Tampa Bay           | 4  | 10 | 0   | .286 | 247 | 401 |
| North               |    |    |     |      |     |     |
| W                   | L  | T  | Pct | PF   | PA  |     |
| y-Green Bay         | 13 | 1  | 0   | .929 | 480 | 297 |
| Detroit             | 9  | 5  | 0   | .643 | 395 | 332 |
| Chicago             | 7  | 7  | 0   | .500 | 315 | 293 |
| Minnesota           | 2  | 12 | 0   | .143 | 294 | 406 |
| West                |    |    |     |      |     |     |
| W                   | L  | T  | Pct | PF   | PA  |     |
| y-San Francisco     | 11 | 3  | 0   | .786 | 327 | 185 |
| Seattle             | 7  | 7  | 0   | .500 | 284 | 273 |
| Arizona             | 7  | 7  | 0   | .500 | 273 | 305 |
| St. Louis           | 2  | 12 | 0   | .143 | 166 | 346 |

x-clinched playoff spot  
 y-clinched division

**Thursday's Game**  
 Indianapolis 19, Houston 16

**Saturday's Games**  
 Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
 Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
 Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
 Miami at New England, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 Arizona at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
 San Diego at Detroit, 4:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.

**Sunday's Game**  
 Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

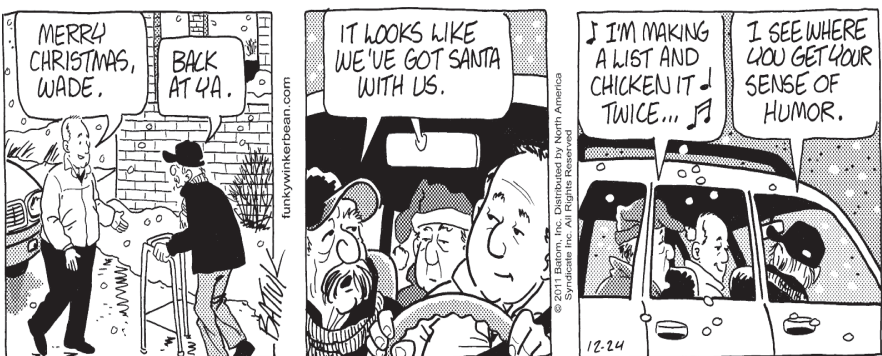
**Monday's Game**  
 Atlanta at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 1**  
 Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
 Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
 San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.  
 Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
 Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
 Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 San Diego at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Denver, 4:15 p.m.  
 Seattle at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.

► **BOWL GLANCE**

Subject to Change  
 All Times EST  
**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
**New Mexico Bowl**  
 At Albuquerque  
 Temple 37, Wyoming 15  
**Famous Idaho Potato Bowl**  
 At Boise, Idaho  
 Ohio 24, Utah State 23  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
 Louisiana-Lafayette 32, San Diego State 30  
**Tuesday, Dec. 20**  
**Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl**  
 At St. Petersburg, Fla.  
 Marshall 20, FIU 10  
**Wednesday, Dec. 21**  
**Poinsettia Bowl**  
 At San Diego  
 TCU 31, Louisiana Tech 24  
**Thursday, Dec. 22**  
**MAACO Bowl**  
 At Las Vegas  
 Boise State 56, Arizona State 24  
**Saturday, Dec. 24**  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
 At Honolulu  
 Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Monday, Dec. 26**  
**Independence Bowl**  
 At Shreveport, La.  
 North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 27**  
**Little Caesars Pizza Bowl**  
 At Detroit  
 Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**Belk Bowl**  
 At Charlotte, N.C.  
 North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 28**  
**Military Bowl**  
 At Washington  
 Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Holiday Bowl**  
 At San Diego  
 Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Thursday, Dec. 29**  
**Champs Sports Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Florida State (8-4) vs. Notre Dame (8-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Alamo Bowl**  
 At San Antonio  
 Baylor (9-3) vs. Washington (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Friday, Dec. 30**  
**Armed Forces Bowl**  
 At Dallas  
 Tulsa (8-4) vs. BYU (9-3), Noon (ESPN)  
**Pinstripe Bowl**  
 At Bronx, N.Y.  
 Rutgers (8-4) vs. Iowa State (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Music City Bowl**  
 At Nashville, Tenn.  
 Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 6:40 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Insight Bowl**  
 At Tempe, Ariz.  
 Oklahoma (9-3) vs. Iowa (7-5), 10 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Saturday, Dec. 31**  
**Meineke Car Care Bowl**  
 At Houston  
 Texas A&M (6-6) vs. Northwestern (6-6), Noon (ESPN)  
**Sun Bowl**  
 At El Paso, Texas  
 Georgia Tech (8-4) vs. Utah (7-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)  
**Liberty Bowl**  
 At Memphis, Tenn.  
 Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Fight Hunger Bowl**  
 At San Francisco  
 UCLA (6-7) vs. Illinois (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Chick-fil-A Bowl**  
 At Atlanta  
 Virginia (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Monday, Jan. 2**  
**TicketCity Bowl**  
 At Dallas  
 Penn State (9-3) vs. Houston (12-1), Noon (ESPN)  
**Capital One Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Nebraska (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), 1 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Outback Bowl**  
 At Tampa, Fla.  
 Georgia (10-3) vs. Michigan State (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)  
**Gator Bowl**  
 At Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Florida (6-6) vs. Ohio State (6-6), 1 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**Rose Bowl**  
 At Pasadena, Calif.  
 Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (11-2), 5 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
 At Glendale, Ariz.  
 Stanford (11-1) vs. Oklahoma State (11-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Tuesday, Jan. 3**  
**Sugar Bowl**  
 At New Orleans  
 Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Wednesday, Jan. 4**  
**Orange Bowl**  
 At Miami  
 West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Friday, Jan. 6**  
**Cotton Bowl**  
 At Arlington, Texas  
 Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 8 p.m. (FOX)  
**Saturday, Jan. 7**  
**BBVA Compass Bowl**  
 At Birmingham, Ala.  
 Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. SMU (7-5), Noon (ESPN)  
**Sunday, Jan. 8**  
**GoDaddy.com Bowl**  
 At Mobile, Ala.  
 Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Monday, Jan. 9**  
**BCS National Championship**  
 At New Orleans  
 LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
**East-West Shrine Classic**  
 At St. Petersburg, Fla.  
 East vs. West, TBA, (NFLN)  
**Saturday, Jan. 28**  
**Senior Bowl**  
 At Mobile, Ala.  
 North vs. South, 4 p.m. (NFLN)  
**Saturday, Feb. 5**  
**Texas vs. Nation**  
 At San Antonio  
 Texas vs. Nation, 2 p.m. (CBSSN)

**FUNKY WINKERBEAN**



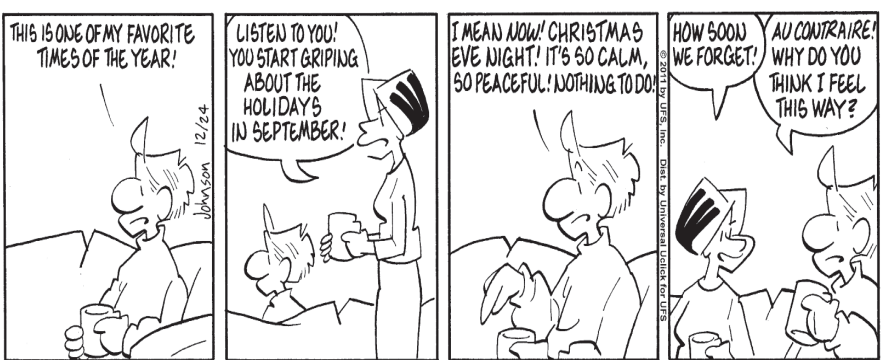
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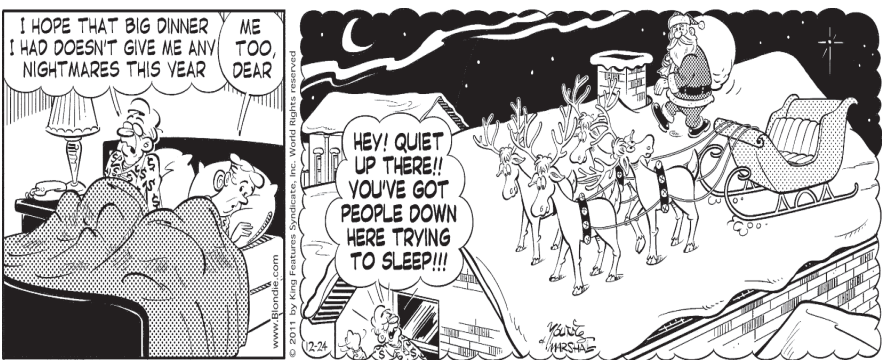
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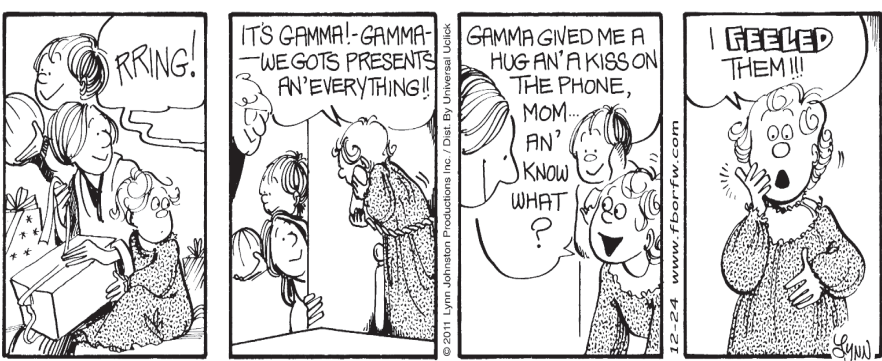
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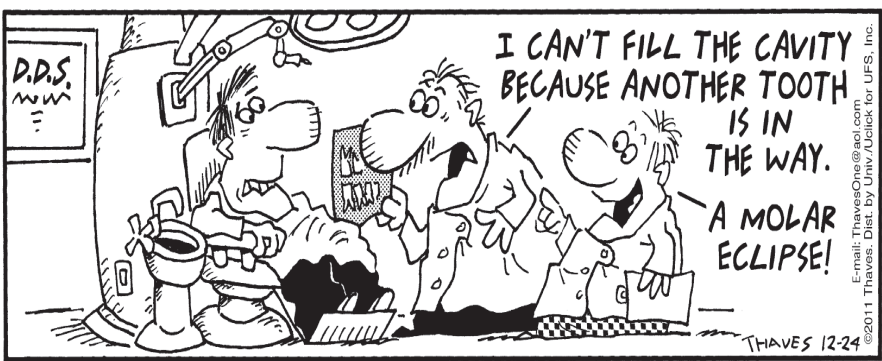
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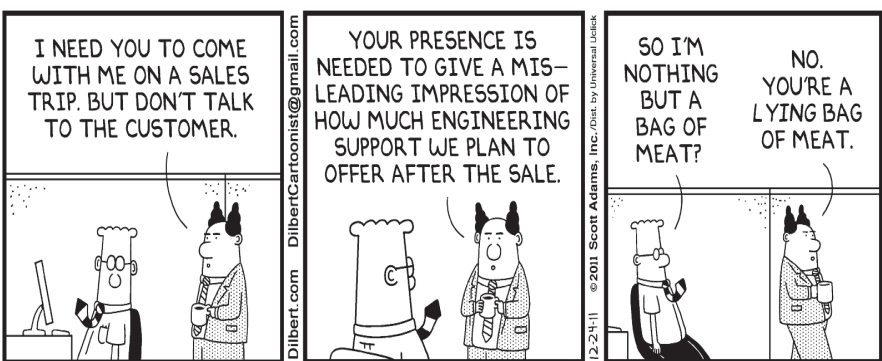
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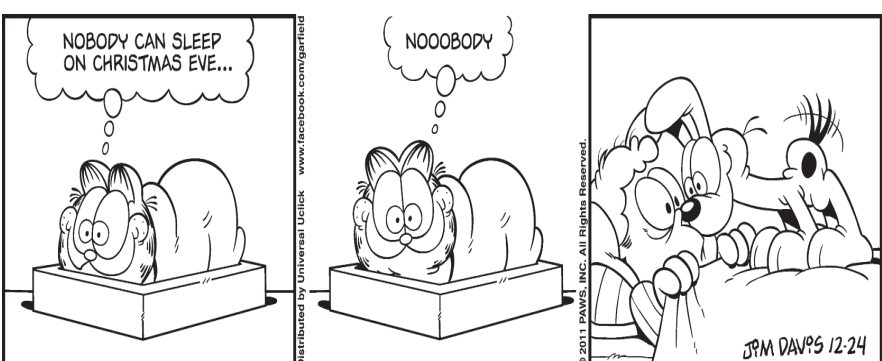
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 EDWARD MILES PARIS PICKS UP HIS FOURTH FOUL.  
 DEVORE! CHECK IN FOR PARIS!  
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**ACROSS**  
 1 Catch some rays  
 5 Damp comedies  
 10 Silly  
 12 Pacify  
 13 Rope in  
 14 Pleasant  
 15 Inventory wd.  
 16 Circus routine  
 18 Dangerous current  
 19 Royal residence  
 23 Amigo of Fidel  
 26 Dog tag wearers  
 27 Fair (hyph.)  
 30 Home of the Boilermakers  
 32 Gulfport neighbor  
 34 Temper, as glass  
 35 Lurched  
 36 Piercing  
 37 Polite word  
 38 Spiral molecule  
 39 Bluish-gray feline  
 42 Pipe down!  
 45 — Wiedersehen

**DOWN**  
 1 Halftime entertainers  
 2 Crafts partner  
 3 Tool box item  
 4 Mauna —  
 5 Stooge with bangs  
 6 Charged particle  
 7 Mix together  
 8 Far East cuisine  
 9 Kennel noise  
 10 Not masc.  
 11 Floppy-eared pooch  
 12 Cpls.' bosses  
 17 LP successors

**ACROSS**  
 41 Reasons to cram  
 42 Mop  
 43 Pull along  
 44 Big Island port  
 47 Footnote abbr. (2 wds.)  
 48 Despot who fiddled  
 49 Look for answers  
 51 — Paulo, Brazil  
 52 Youngest Cratchit  
 54 Tolstoy's name

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# With Fondest Memories

We remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us.



**Walt Kastenhuber**

You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.

*Emma, Steve, Susan and Luke*



**Walter Bak**  
Aug. 5 1916 - Oct. 3 2011  
and  
**Violet Bak**  
Mar. 23 1921 - Sept. 10 2008

We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.

*Forever,  
Daughter Sandra &  
Norman Knodler and Family*



**Debbie Sox Humberston**  
May 13, 1960 - Aug. 9, 2003

Forever missed, never forgotten.  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Julie and Josh*



**Brad Kelly**  
Feb. 21, 1971 - Feb. 12, 2010

You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.

*Love and Miss you,  
Mom, Dad and Siblings*



**Marsha Swartz**  
Oct. 18, 1941 - Jan. 8, 2009

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts

*Gary, Betsy, John,  
Justin, Oreo and M&M*



**Nolan T. Swetye**  
May 30, 1985 - Sept. 29, 2011

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*Your Family*



**Herman H. Rothbrust**  
Sept. 14, 1950 - Sept. 24, 2001

You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.

*Love, Your Family*



**Jack Krepps**  
Oct. 25, 1929 - Feb. 11, 2008

May God cradle you in his arms, now and forever.

*With Love,  
Lillian and Family*



**Louis J. Hussar**  
Aug. 23, 1910 - Jan. 23, 1991  
and  
**Mildred E. Hussar**  
Oct. 11, 1913 - Dec. 19, 2010

We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.

*Always in our hearts,  
Dick, Dorothy and Joyce*



**Violet Bak**  
March 23 1921 - Sept. 10 2008  
and  
**Walter Bak**  
Aug. 5 1916 - Oct. 3 2011

Though out of sight, you'll forever be in heart and mind.

*Daughter Judy Brahm  
& Family*



**Janet L. Jensen**  
Aug. 31, 1937 - April. 8, 2011

May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.

*Your Family*



**Jeff Kelly**  
Oct. 21, 1963 - May 18, 2008

You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.

*Love and Miss you,  
Mom, Dad and Siblings*



**Thomas A. Galchick**

Sept. 20, 1953 - Aug. 11, 2002

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*Mom, Dad,  
Sisters and Brothers*



**Marty Finch**  
Sept. 21 1935 - Dec. 16 2009

Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.

*With Love,  
Bob Finch*



**Richard L. Kastenhuber**  
Aug. 10, 1938 - Mar. 20, 2003

The memory of your smile fills us with love, you will be forever missed.

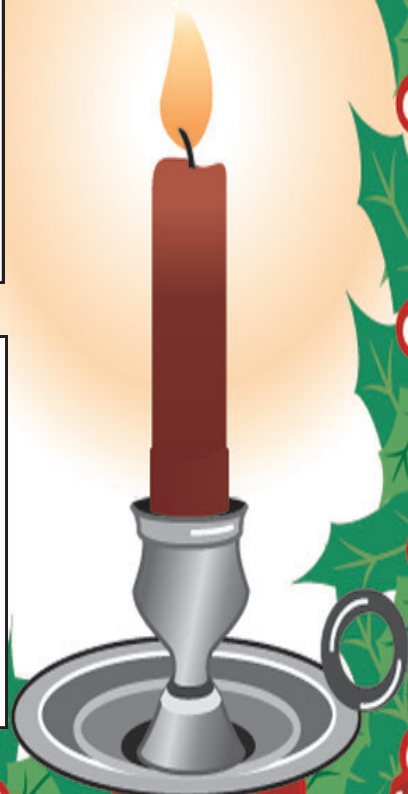
*Love,  
Shirley, Liz, Lynne &  
Families*



**Joey Brown**  
Aug. 14, 1976 - Aug. 12, 2006

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*Forever Loved,  
Don Brown and Family*



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**Hollis B. Saunders**  
Sept. 12, 1924 - May 28, 1994

You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.

*All My Love,  
Jo & Family*



**Lena Wagner**

Aug. 23, 1923 - Jan. 31, 2004

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*Diane and Families*



**Kenneth Steele**

Feb. 7, 1936 - June 26, 2008

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*Amy & Family*



**William Monks**

Jan. 26, 1927 - Mar. 4, 2010

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*Diane and Families*



**Pauline Roberts**

June 5, 1959 - June 24, 2004

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*Zachary and Family*



**Wilma Monks**

April 18, 1929 - Nov. 29, 2003

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*Diane, Dawn and Families*



**Marjorie Landwert**

Mar. 13, 1927 - Feb. 19, 2011

Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.

*Milford Landwert*



**Janet Jensen**

Aug. 31, 1937 - April 8, 2011

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*Toby and Family*



**John Edward Wagner**

Jan. 9, 1947 - Feb. 16, 1970

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*Diane and Families*



**Michael H. Cross**

Feb. 3, 1946 - Dec. 21, 2009

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*With Love,  
Your Wife, Children  
and Grandchildren*



**Alice Costa**

Mom,  
We Miss you  
We Love you

*Donna and Gary*



**Linda Janofa**

April 3, 1963 - June 18, 2011

The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.

*Love and miss you  
so much Mom,  
Leanna*



**Doris Hawkins**

Mar. 16, 1931 - Feb. 10, 2010

Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.

*Always in my thoughts,  
Velma Krisa*



**Ruth Stock**

July 8, 1922 - Dec. 24, 1995

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

*Dennis and Families*



**Tesla**

Merry Christmas

*Your Daddy,  
Billy*



**Billie Downs**

Nov. 1, 1963 - Sept. 11, 2011

Though out of sight, you'll forever be in our hearts and minds.

*Always in our hearts,  
Mom-Brenda and Sister-Bonnie*



**Muggsy**

Sleep in  
Heavenly Peace

*Billy*



# Arizona sheriff faces new setback over immigration

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal judge dealt a new setback Friday to the immigration enforcement efforts of America's self-proclaimed "toughest sheriff," barring his deputies from detaining people based solely on the suspicion that they're in the country illegally.

The ruling sets the stage for a possible trial in a lawsuit that alleges racial profiling in the patrols in Maricopa County, Ariz., and would further limit Sheriff Joe Arpaio's immigration authority after Washington yanked his federal powers earlier this month.

Lawyers pushing the lawsuit on behalf of five Latino clients also won class-action status that lets other Hispanics join the case if they have been detained and questioned by Arpaio's deputies as either a driver or passenger in a vehicle since January 2007.

U.S. District Judge Murray Snow hasn't yet ruled on the ultimate question of racial profiling, but notes the case's evidence could lead a judge or jury to conclude that Arpaio's office racially profiles Latinos.

"Sheriff Arpaio has made public statements that a fact-finder could interpret as endorsing racial profiling," Snow said.

The judge noted that the sheriff has said that even without authority to enforce federal immigration laws, his officers can detain people based upon their speech or they appear to be from another country.

The 40-page ruling marked a qualified victory for the lawyers who pushed the lawsuit. They didn't get the case decided without going to trial, as they had hoped, but it came closer to the result they were looking for.

"We are encouraged by the Court's recognition of the strong evidence showing the (Maricopa County Sheriff's Office's) pattern and practice of racial profiling and its conducting of operations for reasons that are racially biased," Stan Young, lead attorney for those who filed the lawsuit, said in a written statement.

Arpaio won a small victory when the judge dismissed part of a claim by a Hispanic couple who are among the five people who filed the lawsuit.

Snow ruled that one of Arpaio's deputies had probable cause to pull over the couple on a closed roadway. The couple's illegal search claim was thrown out, but the judge didn't dismiss their racial profiling claim.

A message left for Arpaio's lawyers weren't immediately returned late Friday.

The lawsuit alleges that Maricopa County officers made some traffic stops solely because Hispanics were driving. The plaintiffs say authorities had no probable cause to pull them over and made the stops only to question their immigration status.

Arpaio has denied the racial profiling allegations, saying people pulled over in the patrols were approached because deputies had probable cause to believe they had committed crimes and that it was only afterward that deputies found many were illegal immigrants.

During the patrols known as "sweeps," deputies flood an area of a city — in some cases, heavily Latino areas — over several days to seek out traffic violators and arrest other offenders. Illegal immigrants accounted for 57 percent of the roughly 1,500 people arrested in the 20 sweeps conducted by his office in earnest since January 2008.

Separate from the lawsuit, the U.S. Department of Justice issued a Dec. 15 report that accused Arpaio's office of having a pattern of racially profiling Latinos, bas-

ing immigration enforcement on racially-charged citizen complaints and punishing Hispanic jail inmates for speaking Spanish.

Arpaio faces a Jan. 4 deadline for saying whether he wants to work out an agreement to settle the civil rights allegations. The Justice Department has said it's prepared to sue Arpaio and let a judge decide the matter if no agreement can be worked out.

The Justice Department report prompted U.S. Department of Homeland Security to strip Arpaio's office of its federal powers to verify the immigration status of jail inmates. The severing of those ties came after an October 2009 decision by Homeland Security to take away the federal immigration arrest powers from 100 of Arpaio's deputies.

Arpaio is left with only state immigration laws to carry out his patrols — and those powers were limited by the judge Friday.

Lawyers pressing the racial profiling lawsuit say considerations of race have infected the sheriff's immigration patrols and that Arpaio has, in effect, endorsed calls for racial profiling.

They say some of Arpaio's deputies circulated offensive jokes

about Mexicans and that Arpaio launched immigration patrols based on racially charged letters and emails that complained of people speaking Spanish but alleged no actual crimes.

Arpaio's lawyers said the sheriff's office launches its sweeps on race-neutral grounds and that the sheriff never acted on those letters of complaint.

The judge also laid out punishments against Arpaio's office for its acknowledged destruction of records in the case, reprimands that come in the form of "adverse inferences" against Arpaio's office that the judge may consider when deciding the case's facts.

The judge, for instance, may assume that among the destroyed documents were citizen complaints — some of which were racially-charged and didn't allege criminal activity — that requested immigration patrols in spots where the sheriff's office later conducted patrols.

Apart from the lawsuit and civil rights report against the sheriff's office, a federal grand jury also has been investigating Arpaio's office on criminal abuse-of-power allegations since at least December 2009.

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**Rose Adams**  
1920 - 2009  
Happy Birthday Mom.  
*Love,  
Your Family*



**David Ritchey**  
Nov. 6 1937 - Dec. 14 2009  
and  
**Helen Ritchey**  
Mar. 10 1938 - July. 12 2011  
We miss you more than words can say.  
The pain and sadness never go away!  
*Always in our hearts,  
Janice, Bob & Carol,  
Kathy & Harley, Teresa & Ron,  
Grandkids & Great-Grandkids*



**Ronald Brooks**  
April 20, 1936 - Oct. 6, 2010  
We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.  
*Joyce, Lisa,  
Frank and Boys*



**Eryca Thomas**  
May 17, 1986 - May 26, 2008  
We still cry secret tears for you,  
Since you left us so soon.  
*We Miss & Love you!  
Mom & Bill, Deanna & Doug,  
Mackenzie, Makayla, Kristina & Ben*



**Edward L. Chuck**  
Sept. 14, 1918 - Feb. 15, 1979  
We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.  
*Always in our hearts,  
Love,  
June, Maxine,  
Twins Eddy and Betty*



**Timothy D. Scharf**  
Dec. 10, 1966 - Oct. 16, 2000  
Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
*Love,  
Mom, Shawn,  
Jill and Olivia*



**Michael Prychodczenko**  
March 18, 1960 - Oct. 3, 2010  
Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy.  
*Always in our hearts,  
Mom, Dad, Sister & Nephew*



**Dolores Nutter**  
Feb. 10, 1932 - May 5, 2008  
You shall be in our hearts forever. We love you and miss you.  
*Lora & Bill, Pam & Rob,  
Grand children &  
Great-Grandchildren*



**Walter (Bones) Krisa**  
Aug. 20, 1924 - Sept. 1, 2011  
Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
*Velma & Paula Krisa*



**Robert Lee Dickey**  
July. 9, 1964 - Sept. 28, 2011  
Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
*Dad, Mom and Family*



**Christopher Parrish**  
April 27, 1971 - Sept. 13, 1992  
His mother's pride and joy and his sister's best friend.  
*Forever Loved and Missed,  
Mother Sharon and Sister Julie*



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By HOLIDAY MATHIS 12/24/11

Paying respect to tradition is always a big theme during the Capricorn moon, which will be amplified on the eve of Christmas. The new moon rules the night, making the twinkling lights seem brighter for its disappearance. There will be a crisp, fresh feeling of ambition in the air. Visions of sugarplums will be overtaken by more practical intentions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It may feel like everyone wants something from you at once. You'll rise to the occasion. You'll be quite amazing in your ability to address more than one need at a time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You enjoy making people comfortable. You could use your charm to climb to new ranks, though more than likely, you'll dedicate yourself to simply making others happy, and whatever happens after that is just icing on the cake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have more company than you expected, but that's OK because you get such a positive charge from friends. You'll notice a loved one's happy, dancing eyes and wonder what secrets lie behind them!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life will seem suddenly less complicated. You can feel that you have the potential for a good life ahead of you, and you sense that success is really just a matter of continuing to choose what's best for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know better than to pin your hopes on acquiring certain objects. You'd rather have the feeling that comes with knowing that you love and are loved. You'll do what it takes to kindle that feeling now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll have the strong sense that you're in control of your own destiny. This is what liberty feels like. When you exercise your free and independent will, joy rings through you like a bell.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll do everything within your ability to make life the way you want it to be. There are others involved who won't mind doing things your way. In fact, they'll rather enjoy being a part of your vision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll find simple ways to bring joy to others using the talents with which you were born. It's a win-win: You delight in applying yourself in this way, and everyone you reach out to really appreciates it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Waste not a moment in apprehension. There is no use in wondering whether everything will turn out. It already has. There is no better place or time than now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Scientists have yet to figure out exactly why flowers make people smile. But they do. You'll use flowers and other methods to put a smile on the faces of those around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be decisive, choosing as though you know you can't get it wrong. In fact, you probably can't. Whatever you pick, you can always pick something different next.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You believe that being alive is enough of a reason to celebrate. So when special occasions come up, you think either "What's the big deal?" or "This is the biggest deal ever!" Which one is it this time?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 24). You'll systematically build on small victories, and before you know it, you've done something remarkable. Your accomplishments will give you a sense of pride. You'll be available to those who need your support in 2012 and will be grateful to be in a position to help. Adventure happens in April and August. Libra and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 14, 3, 1 and 18.

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Back to basics of walking for exercise



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: After reading your article on walking, I went out for my daily morning walk with two pedometers on my waist. When I returned home, one pedometer showed 10,090 steps, and the other, 9,971. The pace of the walking was 125 steps a minute. I am 5 feet 5 inches tall, weigh 137 pounds and am 81 years old.

When you say 100 steps a minute is the goal for walking, I think it is much too low a target for average American males, who are taller and heavier than I. -- A.A.

ANSWER: You must be an engineer. Few would approach this investigation with such precision and with readings from two pedometers. My hat's off to you. Walking is life-extending, heart-saving and blood-pressure-lowering. The materials I'm quoting come from reputable journals edited by professionals, so I think they can be taken as true. Walking nine miles a week lowers the death rate by 22 percent. Walking 30 minutes a day lowers the risk of heart-artery disease by 18 percent. Walking three hours a week reduces the risk of heart attack by 35 percent, and stroke by 34 percent.

Walking time is only one aspect that influences health. The pace of walking is equally important. Most authorities cite a pace of 100 steps a minute as constituting brisk walking, the kind of walking that provides health benefits. A.A. undoubtedly is correct. Every walker covers a different distance with each step, so the guidelines are imprecise estimates. They do, however, have enough bases from testing to give people a general approach as to the distance and speed of walking. One hundred steps a minute burns, on average, 100 calories -- another generalization. No one is going to count steps. It would drive people crazy. Like A.A., people should consider a pedometer to keep track of how many steps are taken. Pedometers are not expensive. It takes most people 2,000 steps to cover a mile. The best walking form is done with chin up, eyes forward, shoulders squared, back straight, belly flat and arms bent at the elbows. Initiate the step by pushing off with the toes, and end it by landing on the heels.

Wife demurs advances by men re-connecting

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for more than 20 years. I joined an online social network to keep in touch with family, friends and my kids who are in college. I love the convenience, but I'm in a quandary. A number of men from my past (some I dated and some not) have contacted me online with their phone numbers and asked me to call them. I was flattered at first, but now I think phone communication would be inviting trouble. I politely inform friends who push the issue that I'm happy to catch up online, but out of respect for my husband and my marriage I don't call men who send me their numbers. Most of them then drop further attempts at communication; others do not. My problem is it continues to happen. I don't remember being that popular when I was young, so it has caught me off guard. I suspended my account several times, but reactivated it because I miss the connection with extended family and friends.

I'm getting turned off to responding to any "friend" requests anymore because it seems that most men just want to recapture some youthful fantasy. How do I handle this? -- BLAST FROM THE PAST

DEAR BLAST: You are handling it very well just the way you are.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ian," and I are in our 30s. Although we have been together for seven months, his family is not yet over his ex-wife. They invite her for dinner, share weekend visitation with Ian's daughter with her, and remind him constantly that they are disappointed with his decision. Ian has moved on. He would like to cut all ties with his ex, but his family won't allow it. He's afraid if he puts his foot down it will destroy the already strained relationship he has with them. My family accepts Ian, but his refuses to admit I exist. How do we deal with this? It's Ian's life, and he has the right to choose who he spends it with. -- INVISIBLE WOMAN IN PHILLY

DEAR INVISIBLE WOMAN: Toughen up, grit your teeth and continue the relationship. Remember, because a child is involved, Ian cannot completely move on. As for his parents, accept that their grandchild's mother will always be a part of their lives so get used to it. If this romance leads to the altar, you will meet Ian's family at some point.

Wonders if he is missing romantic signals from manager



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I've begun to develop strong feelings for one of my managers at work. She is beautiful both inside and out and fun to be around. When I am near her, I behave properly, but inside, my heart is going pitter-pat.

I want to do the honorable thing and keep our relationship strictly professional, but I don't want to miss an opportunity. There are certain things she does around me that come across as flirting, but it's possible I am misreading her. What should I do? -- Hopelessly Smitten

Dear Smitten: Is this woman in a position of

authority over you? If so, any relationship could put her job in jeopardy, and we recommend you keep it strictly business until one of you leaves the company. Otherwise, the usual caveats apply. Forming personal relationships at work can be risky because if things don't work out, you still have to be around this person every day -- or quit your job. The choice is yours.

Dear Annie: "Aunt Jane" wrote about her "rude, unlikable" sister-in-law and her likewise ill-mannered children. She said she didn't want to create a problem, but there already is a problem because nobody will take a stand to stop this behavior.

Here's my advice: She should talk to her siblings and make sure her brother passes it along to his angry wife, saying, "We've put up with this rude behavior long enough, and we're not going to tolerate it. We expect basic

courtesy from her and her children, and we won't allow them to belittle people we love in front of us." When this behavior rears its head at the next function, you say, "We really want to have a loving family, but we won't put up with this anymore. If we have to say it again, you will be asked to leave."

I had to do this, and the people involved either changed or stopped coming around. We are better off without them. -- A Former Aunt Jane

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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# With snow scarce, northern US has brown Christmas

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Dreams of a white Christmas are hanging by a thread in the North, where unusually mild weather has left the ground bare in many places — a welcome reprieve for people who don't like shoveling, but a lump of coal in the stockings of outdoor sports buffs who miss their winter wonderland.

From New England to the Dakotas and even parts of the Northern Rockies and Pacific Northwest, snowfall has been well below normal through the fall and early winter with cold air bottled up over Canada. Golf courses were open this week in Minneapolis, which a year ago was digging out from a storm that dumped more than 17 inches of snow and collapsed the Metrodome roof. Many downhill ski resorts are making snow to compensate for nature's stinginess.

"It's been an amazingly slow start to the winter for everybody," said Mike Boguth, a National Weather Service forecaster in Gaylord, Mich., a resort town that has had only about 2 inches of natural snow this year.

La Nina, the cooling of the equatorial Pacific Ocean that affects weather worldwide, has nudged the jet stream farther north. Air pressure over the northern Atlantic has steered storm systems away from the East Coast.

The trends have resulted in the least snow New England has seen in November and December since the late 1990s, said Eric Evenson, a weather service meteorologist in Burlington, Vt. Snow totals across the region are 4 to 14 inches below normal, he said.

Williston, N.D., where more than 5 inches would have accumulated by now in a typical December, has gotten nothing. A couple of inches fell farther south in Bismarck but melted. Montana's mountain snowpack is about 30 percent below average. Ski resorts in Washington state have gotten little snow since Thanksgiving.

Even snowy Michigan is feeling the pinch. Parts of the state regularly get more than 100 inches a year as clouds suck up moisture from the Great Lakes and deposit it over land. It's been sparse this year, although light snow fell Friday and forecasters said sections of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota might get the 1 inch required to qualify as a white Christmas.

Light flurries and temperatures around 30 degrees are expected Christmas Day in Green Bay, Wis., where the Packers will host the Chicago Bears. That's downright balmy for Lambeau Field, the notorious "frozen tundra" that has hosted a fair share of NFL games in bitter cold and pelting snow.

A storm system moving up from the Gulf coast may



Robson Hardware store owner Dallas Vanden Bos sits on a pile of snow and ice melt bags at his store in Sioux Falls, S.D., last week. Vanden Bos said sales of snow-related materials are about half what they were last year at this time. From New England to the Dakotas and even parts of the Northern Rockies and Pacific Northwest, snowfall has been well below normal through the fall and early winter with cold air bottled up over Canada. Many downhill ski resorts are making snow to compensate for nature's stinginess. (AP Photo)

sprinkle up to 3 inches of snow in sections of the Northeast by Christmas, but it probably won't last long, Evenson said.

Along with painting the landscape in dreary shades of brown and gray instead of the usual white, the abnormally mild winter has affected the economy.

Local governments have spent less on plowing and salt-ing roads. Gogebic County, in the snow belt of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, is about \$100,000 better off than at this time a year ago, although road commission manager Darren Pionk said the savings might be short-lived.

"One or two bad months, and it can disappear pretty quickly," he said.

Some businesses geared toward the winter are having a hard time. Mike Pobuda of Empire, Mich., keeps busy plowing residential and commercial driveways in a typical winter. These days, the phone isn't ringing. He's working at a convenience store to help pay the bills.

"It was already tight out there and now it's tighter," Pobuda said.

In Sioux Falls, S.D., hardware store owner Dallas Vanden Bos said it's taken all season to sell as many bags of snow and ice melting materials as customers usually buy in one day.

The outdoor recreation industry is making the best of things. Sugarbush Resort in Warren, Vt., installed about 40 high-efficiency snowmaking machines this year and immediately put them to work making 18 of the property's 111 trails suitable for skiing and snowboarding, president and majority owner Win Smith said.

But smaller operations that can't afford snowmaking may suffer if the snow shortage lasts much longer, said Lisa Marshall, spokeswoman for the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

"It could be make-or-break for them," she said. Not everyone regrets that snow has been mostly a no-show, especially people who hate driving on slick roads and shoveling walks and driveways.

In Minneapolis, more than 100 people braved borderline freezing temperatures this week for a rare opportunity to play golf in December. Mike Schneider, a 70-year-old retiree, carried a handful of tees he had whittled to needle-sharp points so they would penetrate the frosty turf at Parkview Golf Club.

A fellow golfer, Jim Jorgensen, said there were advantages to playing in the cold. For one thing, freezing eliminates water hazards. "It just skips across," Jorgensen said. "You don't have to worry about losing the ball."

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# Popemobile may get ecological upgrade — as student design

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI's popemobile may be getting an ecological upgrade.

Young car designers participating in an annual auto style competition are being asked to design a low-emission popemobile that meets the Vatican's high security standards.

The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano announced details of the competition Friday, saying the green popemobile will be one of the proposed projects of the 2012 edition of Autostyle International Design Competition.

Italian auto parts maker Berman organizes the competition each year, selecting 12 students from universities and auto design schools from around the world to submit designs for particular projects.

Winners are selected each October at the Autostyle show held in a monastery in the tiny town of San Benedetto Po, near Mantua, where top automakers like Nissan, Ferrari, Bentley and Toyota show off their wares.

The best eco-popemobile designs will be compiled in a book published by the Vatican publishing house, L'Osservatore said.

Benedict, 84, is known as something of a "green" pope because of his environmental concerns; Under his watch, the Vatican installed photovoltaic cells on its main auditorium to convert sunlight into electricity as well as a solar cooling unit for its main cafeteria. It has joined a reforestation project aimed at offsetting its CO2 emissions.

For the pontiff, it's a moral issue: Church teaching holds that man must respect creation because it's destined for the benefit of humanity's future.

The question of a more environmentally conscious popemobile has been on the Vatican's radar screen for some time; earlier this year the Vatican confirmed that Germany's Mercedes-Benz was making a study of a hybrid, energy-saving popemobile for when Benedict travels outside the Vatican.

Benedict usually rides in a modified white Mercedes outfitted with bulletproof windows; it has room for two passengers in addition to the pope, who sits on an elevated chair to wave to crowds.

Last year, Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo, who at the time ran the Vatican City state, said Benedict would be open to using a hybrid popemobile as a sign of his efforts to promote sustainable energy and take care of the planet.

But the question remains whether one can be made that would meet the Vatican's security needs, particularly the ability to accelerate quickly, and of course who would donate it.

Roberto Artioli, Berman's chief executive, said for some years car designers who attend the Autostyle Design Competition show had been toying with the idea of proposing a green popemobile as one of the projects for young designers to tackle.