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Due to the July 4th holiday, the Salem News offices will be closed Monday. The circulation department will be available from 7-10 a.m. for service issues

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Stimulus-created jobs being retained

By TOM GIAMBONI

Staff Writer

LISBON — Of the 42 new positions school districts added two years ago with federal stimulus money, 26 will be retained despite

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the recent expiration of the stimulus funding.

The newspaper's survey of the 12 local school districts in Columbiana

County found that most of those 26 positions were either absorbed or retained with additional federal funding provided late last summer.

In 2009, school districts received a combined \$7.6 million in federal

stimulus money to spend in the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. This is the money districts could use to add new teachers or tutors and for other education-related

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Greg Marple of Two Guys From Salem prepares to remove the Salem Bicentennial History Mural from the side of a building at East Pershing Street and South Broadway Avenue. With the colors faded, those responsible for its production in 2006 decided to take it down. The images can still be seen at www.salemohiohistory.com/History-Makers. A book and a poster are also available at the Salem Historical Society Museum. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

Fading mural depicting images from Salem's past comes down

By MARY ANN GREIER

Staff Writer

SALEM — Two hundred years of Salem history disappeared from downtown Thursday with the removal of a faded mural depicting the city's movers, shakers and places to remember.

Known as the Salem Bicentennial History Mural, the drawings of such historic figures as rock & roll guru Alan Freed and Ohio State coach Earle Bruce and businesses such as the W.H. Mullins Company had graced the wall of a building at the northeast corner of Pershing Street and Broadway Avenue since 2006 — the year of the city's 200th birthday.

Five years later, the colors had faded enough for some to suggest the mural should come down, so the decision was made by those involved in its creation to put it to rest.

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Homestead Society

longer than they did," Dick Wootten, president of the Burchfield Homestead Society, said.

Since Wootten came up with the idea for the mural and raised the \$17,000 needed to have it produced and mounted on the wall, it became his job to find someone to remove it.

Two Guys From Salem, a local tree-trimming firm, had done some work at his residence and volunteered to bring down the mural as a community service. He said they try every year to help out a non-profit group

and agreed to donate their services at no cost. The Two Guys consist of Greg Marple and Pete Ostapiak.

"It's our way of giving back," Marple said, noting they've done pro-bono work for other organizations in the city.

"This is our city. We are Two Guys From Salem — why not take care of something like this," he said.

When he told some people he knew that they were taking down the mural, the people were interested in what's going to happen to it and whether pieces would be sold, with a lot of interest in what will happen to the section devoted to Bruce, who coached football at Reilly Stadium before taking his talents to The Horseshoe in Columbus.

"That's a piece of history right there," Marple said.

David Stratton, director of the

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KENSINGTON

Intersection study will be done

By DEANNE JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Hanover Township trustees will have the Ohio Department of Transportation do a traffic study at the main intersection in Kensington after both trustees and residents have had continuing concerns about driver safety.

Those driving north and south on state Route 9 have a flashing yellow light, but those approaching the intersection on state Route 644 have a stop sign and a flashing red light. So do those drivers approaching on U.S. Route 30 eastbound, who then have to navigate the stop sign before turning left to continue east on U.S. Route 30, which is also at that point state Route 9.

Confused?

So are a lot of other drivers approaching the intersection, especially those from out of town, according to Trustee Ferg Wilson.

"It's such a large intersection," Wilson said. "We just think a four-way stop would be good. It's not a good intersection. It's a wonder no one has been seriously hurt or killed."

Wilson said residents living near the intersection talk about accidents and near misses, bringing their concerns to trustees. He said he heard someone had approached someone years ago about having the intersection looked at, but they were told at the time it was unwarranted because no one had been killed there.

This time, trustees took their plea to the Columbiana County Commissioners because they may have more weight with the state officials.

"The best we can do is ask," Wilson said.

Commissioner Mike Hallock wrote to an ODOT official recently on the behalf of the trustees and received a reply this week from

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Memorial site lists number of local vets in registry

By LARRY SHIELDS

Staff Writer

SALEM — An advanced search of the World War II Memorial web site shows there are a couple of hundred veterans listed on the registry from Salem and the surrounding area.

There are 10 names per page, covering 30 pages of Salem vets but in some instances the names are repeated or honored more than once by different people.

For example, U.S. Army veteran Ernest Hrovatic of Salem, killed in the "Battle of the Bulge," had 12 people register his name.

There are also 37 pages of veterans from East Liverpool, 14 for

Honors those serving in WWII with names added daily

Wellsville, 11 for Lisbon and East Palestine (each), six for Leetonia, three for New Waterford, two for Hanoverton, and one for Washington.

The Web site does not distinguish between the city of Columbiana and Columbiana County where it lists 37 pages of veterans from the county, and a count of the individual pages shows there are 110 veterans from Columbiana registered.

Veterans are registered by family members, friends, service organizations and some by the National Archives.

The WWII Memorial Web site is

work-in-progress and names are added daily.

Construction on the memorial began in September 2001 and it opened to the public in April of 2004 with the dedication ceremonies on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

It became part of the National Park System on Nov. 1, 2004, when it was transferred from the American Battle Monuments Commission to the National Park Service, which now operates and maintains the memorial today.

All World War II veterans are eligible to be honored on the site registry either online or by download-

ing a registration form and mailing it in.

The veteran does not have to be deceased to be honored.

Photos of veterans are allowed but only for honorees whose records have been reviewed and there is \$10 processing fee for photos. The site includes easy to follow instructions.

Visitors can search the site by name or with an advanced search using the hometown and state boxes only.

The honoree's page lists branch of service, hometown, honored by, and a place to include the veteran's activity during the war.

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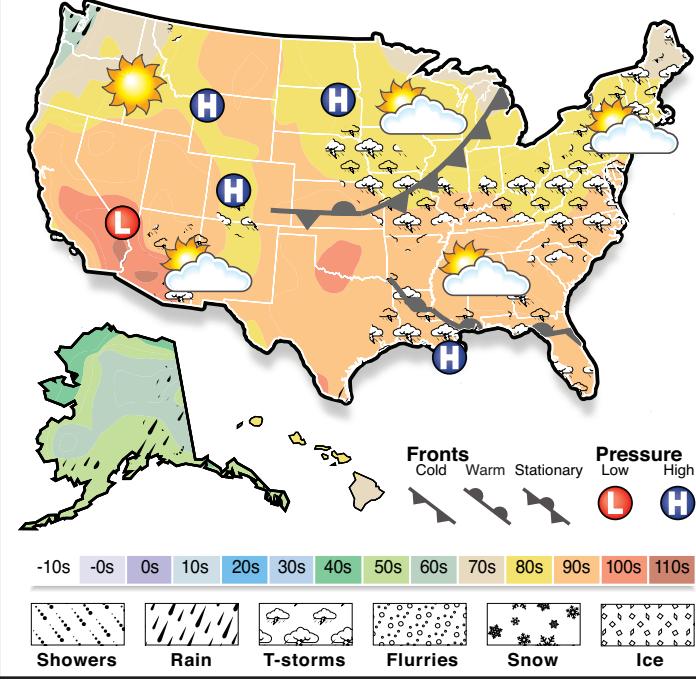
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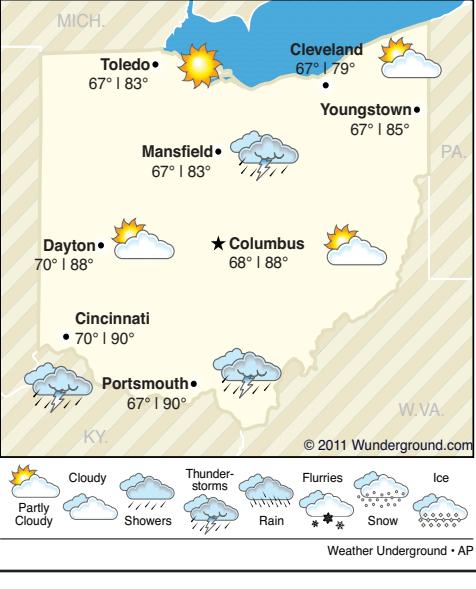
National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, July 3



Tonight/Sunday

Forecast for Sunday, July 3



Extended Forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
85/58	83/63	82/62	85/63

ALMANAC

On July 3, 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27. In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass. In 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated. In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk. In 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule. In 1979, Dan White, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting deaths of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison. (He ended up serving five years.)

Obama: 'Nothing can be off-limits' in budget

Deadline looming to raise government borrowing limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Saturday that "nothing can be off-limits" in the budget debate — even though Republicans have said tax increases are. The president said every tax break and federal program must come under scrutiny.

With an Aug. 2 deadline looming to raise the government borrowing limit, the president used his weekly radio and Internet address to call on Congress to make a deal.

He also renewed his call for Congress to eliminate some tax breaks for the well-off as part of any agreement.

Republicans want deep spending cuts without any tax increases while Obama and Democrats call for what they term a "balanced" approach. That means one

By PAUL WISEMAN

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

— This is one anniversary few feel like celebrating.

Two years after economists say the Great Recession ended, the recovery has been the weakest and most lopsided of any since the 1930s.

After previous recessions, people in all income groups tended to benefit. This time, ordinary Americans are struggling with job insecurity, too much debt and pay raises that haven't kept up with prices at the grocery store and gas station. The economy's meager gains are going mostly to the wealthiest.

Workers' wages and benefits make up 57.5 percent of the economy, an all-time low. Until the mid-2000s, that figure had been remarkably stable — about 64 percent through boom and bust alike.

Executive pay is included in this figure, but rank-and-file workers are far more dependent on regular wages and benefits. A big chunk of the economy's gains has gone to investors in the form of higher corporate profits.

"The spoils have really gone to capital, to the shareholders," says David Rosenberg, chief economist at Gluskin Sheff +

that also includes new revenue in the form of higher taxes for some, though Democrats steer clear of using phrases like "tax increases" or "higher taxes."

"Now, it would be nice if we could keep every tax break, but we can't afford them," Obama said.

"Because if we choose to keep those tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires, or for hedge fund managers and corporate jet owners, or for oil and gas companies pulling in huge profits without our help — then we'll have to make even deeper cuts somewhere else."

"Nothing can be off-limits, including spending in the tax code, particularly the loopholes that

benefit very few individuals and corporations," the president said.

Lawmakers and the administration are seeking deficit cuts in the range of \$2.4 trillion over the coming decade to balance a similar increase in the debt limit — one that's large enough to keep the government afloat past the November 2012 election.

Currently the debt limit is \$14.3 trillion, and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner says it must be raised by Aug. 2 to avoid defaulting on the government's financial obligations for the first time in the nation's history.

With both sides dug into their positions, it's not clear how compromise will be reached, though the Senate canceled its plans to

take a July Fourth recess next week in order to stay in Washington and work on the problem.

Obama expressed confidence a deal could be made and instead of singling out Republicans as the barriers to agreement, he directed his message to Democrats and Republicans alike.

"We've got to cut the deficit, but we can do that while making investments in education, research and technology that actually create jobs," the president said.

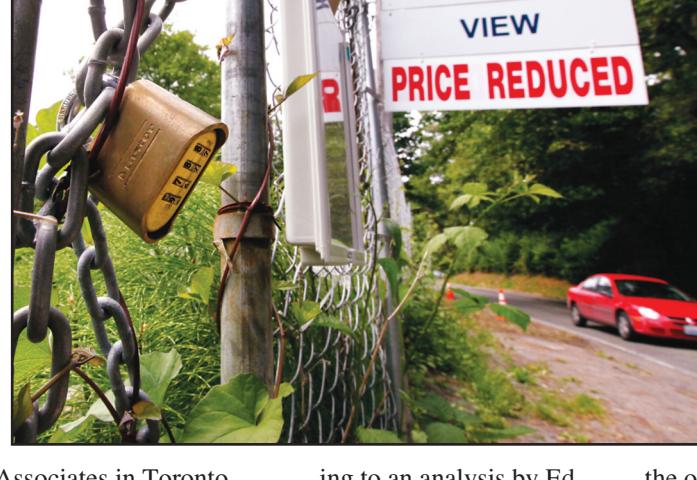
"We can live within our means while still investing in our future. That's what we have to do. And I'm confident that the Democrats and Republicans in Congress can find a way to give some ground,

make some hard choices, and put their shoulders to the wheel to get this done."

Republicans used their weekly address to criticize Obama on the economy and renew their opposition to tax increases.

"The president and Democrats in Congress must recognize that their game plan is not working. It's time to acknowledge that more government and higher taxes is not the answer to our problem," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind. "It's time for bold action and a new plan to address our current crisis."

Coats said that it was time for the government to "stop spending money we don't have and to enact policies that will grow our economy and get Americans back to work."



In this photo, a "bank-owned view price reduced," lot is chained and locked but advertised for sale, in Seattle. Two years after economists say the Great Recession ended, the recovery has been the weakest and most lopsided of any since the 1930s. (AP Photo)

Associates in Toronto.

Corporate profits are up by almost half since the recession ended in June 2009. In the first two years after the recessions of 1991 and 2001, profits rose 11 percent and 28 percent, respectively.

And an Associated Press analysis found that the typical CEO of a major company earned \$9 million last year, up a fourth from 2009.

Driven by higher profits, the Dow Jones industrial average has staged a breathtaking 90 percent rally since bottoming at 6,547 on March 9, 2009. Those stock market gains go disproportionately to the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans, who own more than 80 percent of outstanding stock, accord-

ing to an analysis by Edward Wolff, an economist at Bard College.

But if the Great Recession is long gone from Wall Street and corporate boardrooms, it lingers on Main Street:

— Unemployment has never been so high — 9.1 percent — this long after any recession since World War II. At the same point after the previous three recessions, unemployment averaged just 6.8 percent.

— The average worker's hourly wages, after accounting for inflation, were 1.6 percent lower in May than a year earlier. Rising gasoline and food prices have devoured any pay raises for most Americans.

— The jobs that are being created pay less than

the ones that vanished in the recession. Higher-paying jobs in the private sector, the ones that pay roughly \$19 to \$31 an hour, made up 40 percent of the jobs lost from January 2008 to February 2010 but only 27 percent of the jobs created since then.

Kathleen Terry is one of those who had to settle for less. Before the recession, she spent 16 years working as a mortgage processor in Southern California, earning as much as \$6,500 in a good month, a pace of about \$78,000 a year.

But her employer was buried in the housing crash. She found herself out of work for two and a half years. As her savings dwindled, the single mother had to move into a motel with her three daughters.

They got by on welfare and help from their church and friends. Terry started taking a 90-minute bus ride to job training courses. Eventually, she found work as a secretary in the Riverside County, Calif., employment office. She likes the job, but earns just \$27,000 a year. "It's a humbling experience," she

says.

Hard times have made Americans more dependent than ever on social programs, which accounted for a record 18 percent of personal income in the last three months of 2010 before coming down a bit this year. Almost 45 million Americans are on food stamps, another record.

Ordinary Americans are suffering because of the way the economy ran into trouble and how companies responded when the Great Recession hit.

Soaring housing prices in the mid-2000s made millions of Americans feel wealthier than they were. They borrowed against the inflated equity in their homes or traded up to bigger, more expensive houses. Their debts as a percentage of their annual after-tax income rose to a record 135 percent in 2007. Then housing prices started tumbling, helping cause a financial crisis in the fall of 2008. A recession that had begun in December 2007 turned into the deepest downturn since the Great Depression.

Economists Kenneth Rogoff of Harvard University and Carmen Reinhart of the Peterson Institute for International Economics analyzed eight centuries of financial disasters around the world for their 2009 book "This Time Is Different." They found that severe financial crises create deep recessions and stunt the recoveries that follow.

This recovery "is absolutely following the script," Rogoff says.

Federal Reserve numbers crunched by Haver Analytics suggest that Americans have a long way to go before their fi-

nances will be strong enough to support robust spending: Despite cutting what they owe the past three years, the average household's debts equal 119 percent of annual after-tax income. At the same point after the 1981-82 recession, debts were at 66 percent; after the 1990-91 recession, 85 percent; and after the 2001 recession, 114 percent.

Because the labor market remains so weak, most workers can't demand bigger raises or look for better jobs.

"In an economic cycle that is turning up, a labor market that is healthy and vibrant, you'd see a large number of people quitting their jobs," says Gluskin Sheff economist Rosenberg. "They quit because the grass is greener somewhere else."

Instead, workers are toughing it out, thankful they have jobs at all. Just 1.7 million workers have quit their job each month this year, down from 2.8 million a month in 2007.

The toll of all this shows in consumer confidence, a measure of how good people feel about the economy. According to the Conference Board's index, it's at 58.5. Healthy is more like 90. By this point after the past three recessions, it was an average of 87.

How gloomy are Americans? A USA Today/Gallup poll eight weeks ago found that 55 percent think the recession continues, even if the experts say it's been over for two years. That includes the 29 percent who go even further — they say it feels more like a depression.

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DEATHS

Dolores Buta Wilkins



Dolores Buta Wilkins was born in Salem, Ohio on Aug. 20, 1934 to Romanian immigrants John and Margaret (Jiga) Buta. She passed away peacefully on June 25, 2011 at 11:40 a.m. after a prolonged illness.

Dolores was a 1952 graduate of Salem High School and attended Kent State University where she met her future husband

Stephen. They married in 1958 and moved to North Canton, Ohio, where they resided and raised their family.

In the early years while raising their three daughters, Dolores stayed at home with the children and also ran a successful handbag company out of their home. She was active in The Canton Symphony serving on the board of directors in the mid-1970s which reflected her love of music. She enjoyed flower gardening and collecting unusual plants from different parts of the country. In 1977 she returned to college and completed her degree with a bachelor's of science from Kent State.

In addition to her love of science, Dolores loved fashion and was the owner/operator of The Pepper Tree women's apparel shop for nearly 15 years. In 1974, the family travelled to Florida and acquired Kingham's Perfume Company which they renamed "Armoire." Their most popular fragrance was "Christmas Eve" which Dolores loved to wear herself. Dolores worked at Massillon City Hospital as a medical technologist and later at Aultman Hospital in the chemistry department. She also taught chemistry and anatomy & physiology at Kent State University Stark Campus after retiring from the hospital.

Dolores retired from teaching in 2005 and returned to Salem, Ohio where she enjoyed spending time with friends and family. She was laid to rest on Wednesday June 29 in Hope Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents and her older sister Eleonora Barson. She is safely in the arms of Jesus and we believe God's promise that we will see her again.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen; daughters Victoria (Roland Fabia), Susan (Bill Aloof), and Sarah (Eric Fischer); her seven grandchildren; brothers John Buta and Richard Buta (Marianne); and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donations in memory of Dolores made be made to: The Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Foundation (www.PSP.org), 30 E. Padonia Road, Suite 201, Timonium, MD 21093

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(Paid obituary)

Robert J. "Bobby" French

SALEM — Robert J. "Bobby" French, 40, of Salem-Alliance Road, died at 4:33am, Friday at Aultman Hospital in Canton.

Mr. French was born Oct. 8, 1970 in Salem, a son of the late Jim and Barbara (Rizer) French and had lived his entire life in the area.

A 1989 graduate of Beaver Local High School and the Columbiana County Joint Vocational School, he had worked as a painter and press operator at Hickey Metal Fabrication in Salem.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie (Tanner) French, whom he married Aug. 9, 2001; stepdaughters Casey Paluin of Salem and Stacey Poynter of Toronto; stepson, Clifford Poynter, Jr. of Salem; sister, Theresa Barnes Bender of East Liverpool; and nine step-grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date with burial at Highland Memorial Park in Beloit.

Arrangements are in the care of the Eells-Leggett-Stauffer Funeral Home, Lisbon.

www.eells-leggett-stauffer.com

7/3/11

Police holding recovered money

SALEM — The Salem Police Department is reporting money had been recovered at a Salem location during the week of June 20 to 25.

Anyone missing the money should contact Patrolman Gary Poage or Lt. Don Beeson at the department at 330-337-7811. The person will have to identify the amount of money and what it was in, as well as possibly where it was lost.

Marines accused of sham marriages for fiscal gain

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The military says three Southern California Marine corporals are facing charges of defrauding the government for entering into sham marriages for financial gain.

1st Lt. Maureen Dooley, a Marine spokeswoman, said Saturday the scam was hatched when a lesbian couple, one a Marine and the other a civilian, decided to live together off base. The military says the female Marine found a male Marine willing to get married, allowing them to collect a housing benefit. Officials say the civilian woman also eventually married a male Marine and collected government funds.

The corporals, assigned to the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in San Diego, will face fraud and larceny charges. Their names were not released.

In addition to the charges, the three Marines could have to pay back the military \$75,000.

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POLICE

PERRY TOWNSHIP REPORTS

— Aaron Leland Hayter, 19, last of 32323 South Lane, Lisbon, was arrested for operating a vehicle intoxicated and fleeing and eluding after an officer attempted to stop him for speeding on Depot Road at 1:32 a.m. Friday and he allegedly fled before pulling to the side of the road.

— An officer on patrol at 2:31 p.m. Friday observed smoke in the area of Kingdom Hall on State Boulevard and discovered a grass fire. The fire department responded to extinguish the flames.

SALEM REPORTS

— Robert K. Turner, 43, 294 Brooklyn Ave., Salem, was arrested at 8:56 a.m. Friday on an active warrant out of the Columbiana County Sheriff's Office.

— Ronald E. Dotson, 67, Rose Drive, Lisbon, was cited for improper backing after he allegedly struck a parked vehicle while backing from a drive on East Aetha Street at 1:19 p.m. Friday.

— Officers responded to an East Fifth Street home at 6:39 p.m. Friday where a resident reported a man had threatened her brother with physical harm after arriving at the residence while the brother was not home. She said the man had a deal fall through with her brother regarding the purchase of a used car.

— Officers responded to an East State Street business at 6:46 p.m. Friday for a report of a woman who had allegedly changed clothing in the parking lot, exposing herself to the view of others. The complainant stated they appeared to be intoxicated and left westbound prior to the officers' arrival.

— An officer responded to an Ohio Avenue home at 8:05 p.m. Friday where a resident reported someone had sent him a threatening text message regarding property at the residence.

— An officer responded to a Lexington Avenue apartment at 11:16 p.m. Friday where a resident reported someone had taken four solar lights from in front of his residence.

— An officer responded to an Ohio Avenue location at 12:02 a.m. Saturday where a resident of Oak Street, Salem, reported two people had attempted to sell to Game On playing cards that he knew were stolen from someone else.

— An officer responded to a municipal parking lot off Sugartree Alley at 12:06 a.m. Saturday for a report of two men beating a dog. The officer found two men working on a vehicle who stated two cats had been fighting approximately 50 feet away from them.

— Officers responded to a domestic dispute at a South Broadway Avenue business at 1 a.m. Saturday and found a man and woman arguing. Both denied any physical violence. The man wished to leave the area without his girlfriend and was afforded a ride to the East State Street and Rose Avenue area.

— Officers responded to a West Pershing Street apartment complex at 1:03 a.m. Saturday where a resident reported a man had attempted to enter an apartment through the window, but fled on foot when he observed her noticing him.

— Officers responded to an Ohio Avenue home at 1:27 a.m. Saturday for a report of an individual attempting to enter several houses in the area. The officers found the person in question to be a juvenile out past curfew and returned him to his mother.

— An officer responded to a Sharp Avenue residence at 2:47 p.m. Saturday for a report of a drug overdose. A female victim was transported to the Salem Community Hospital for treatment.

HIGHWAY PATROL

— Edward Sprouse, 48, Applegate Road, Lisbon, was southbound on state Route 45 in Center Township at 10:32 a.m. Thursday when Shawn B. Oller, 32, West Washington Street, Lisbon, pulled from a private driveway and was struck by Sprouse. A 7-year-old girl in Oller's vehicle was listed with minor injuries, but not treated at the time of the accident. Oller was cited with failure to yield the right of way.

— Courtney Cox, 23, Cream Ridge Road, Lisbon, was southbound on Lisbon Road in Salem Township at 3 a.m. Wednesday when she struck and killed a dog crossing the road.

— Mervin Jones Jr., 44, Columbus, was cited with OVI first offense, driving under suspension, a seat belt violation, tampering with evidence, aggravated vehicular assault and driving without reasonable control following a one vehicle crash on Roses Run Road at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, April 24. Jones fled the scene after driving down a hill eastbound, failing to negotiate a curve and striking a tree. Jones' passenger, Renee Jones, 41, Washington Street, Salineville, was transported by Tri-County EMS to East Liverpool City Hospital with serious injuries, including a concussion, a broken leg and three broken ribs.

— Thomas Bernet, 28, Stroup Road, Hanoverton, was westbound on state Route 518 in Madison Township at 9:43 p.m. Wednesday when he struck a deer crossing the road.

— Richard Yarwood, 42, Walnut Grove Drive, New Waterford, was westbound on state Route 14 in Unity Township at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and stopped to make a left turn. The vehicle behind him driven by Noreen McBride, 40, Youngstown, was able to stop, but the vehicle behind her driven by Cynthia Shaw, 47, East South Range Road, New Springfield, failed to stop striking McBride from behind and pushing her into Yarwood. Shaw was cited with assured clear distance and was transported by East Palestine EMS to St. Elizabeth's Hospital with minor injuries. McBride also had minor injuries and was taken by family to St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

— Michelle Brown, 42, Lones Road, Lisbon, was northbound on state Route 7 at Crestview Road in Fairfield Township at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday when she went left of center going through the intersection and struck head on a stopped vehicle in the left turn lane facing southbound and driven by Salvatore Lentini, 38, Myway Lane, New Waterford. Brown, her 5-year-old passenger and Lentini were all listed as having minor injuries and assisted by New Waterford EMS at the scene only. Brown, who told troopers she was texting just before the accident, was cited with lanes of travel upon roadways.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

— John Nemeth, state Route 644, Hanoverton, reported at 1:25 p.m. Friday someone had stolen a red fire hydrant with silver handles from his yard.

— Andrew Minx, Marietta, reported at 3:07 p.m. Friday he went to his vehicle in the parking lot at Rogers Sale and found a pickup up against his truck. There was no damage to his van, however, the man who owned the truck had pushed him, then told Minx he was a deputy and showed him a badge. The matter is under investigation.

— Sandy Faulk, Elkton Road, Lisbon, reported at 8:33 p.m. Friday she had called her son's ex-wife on her cell phone and the ex-wife's boyfriend had been drinking. He had a problem with her calling and allegedly threatened to kill her and blow up her home. He also sent threatening text messages. Deputies called the boyfriend's phone, but the girlfriend answered, letting deputies know he had passed out and she did not believe he would carry out any of the threats he made.

— Lori Jones, Mill Rock Road, East Palestine, reported at 9:38 p.m. Friday she wanted her son's girlfriend removed from the property. Deputies spoke to the girl, who took some items for her baby that were there and then left.

— Rick Sickelsmith, state Route 7, New Waterford, reported at 5:34 p.m. Friday when he went into his garage on Thursday his freezer and refrigerator were both unplugged and meat was missing.

— Jeremy Walker, Conkle Road, Salem, reported at 10:55 a.m. Friday numerous items were missing from his bedroom in the house, including a Playstation, X-box, flat screen TV, laptop, more than 100 DVDs, more than 30 video games and a large amount of change. The front door had been unlocked.

— Tanya Schubert, Bowman Road, Homeworth, reported at 9:39 a.m. Friday her ex-husband sent his 17-year-old daughter to pick up their child for visitation. He did not call her about a change and visitation was not scheduled to begin until 6 p.m. She also reported he shows up at her home and does not comply with court orders for visitation.

— Leroy McLaughlin, Dutchtown School Road, Rogers, reported at 11:20 a.m. Friday someone overnight entered his detached garage and stole a small box of copper wire and some scrap.

— Judith McVay, Rose Drive, Lisbon, reported at 12:48 p.m. Friday another woman ran into her while she was walking on the sidewalk at the Roseland Apartments.

— Sharon Ceasar, a supervisor at Foster Tractor, Canal Street, Hanoverton, reported at 2:22 p.m. Friday an irate employee had come into her office yelling at her and had not been taking his medication. Deputies spoke to the employee, who claimed no one gets along with the secretary. The argument dealt with paperwork being filed late.

— Angel Byers, Sue Drive, Lisbon, reported at 2 p.m. Thursday her live-in boyfriend went through the front screen, retrieved his clothing and left.

Train ticket helps

crack 1957 killing

SYCAMORE, Ill. (AP)

— Charles "Chuck" Ridulph always assumed

the person who stole his little sister from the neighborhood corner where she played and dumped her body in a wooded

stretch some

100 miles away was a trucker or passing stranger — surely not anyone from the hometown he remembers as one big, friendly playground.

And, after more than a half century passed since her death, he assumed the culprit also had died or was in prison for some other crime.

On Saturday, he said he was stunned by the news that a one-time neighbor had been charged in the kidnapping and killing that captured national attention, including that of the president and FBI chief. Prosecutors in bucolic Sycamore, a city of 15,000 that's home to a yearly pumpkin festival, charged a former police officer Friday in the 1957 abduction of 7-year-old Maria Ridulph after an ex-girlfriend's discovery of an unused train ticket blew a hole in his alibi.

Jack Daniel McCullough, 71, has been held in Seattle on \$3 million bail. A judge overseeing a Saturday court appearance for him said he had been taken to a regional trauma center but did not elaborate. She rescheduled his bail hearing for 12:30 p.m. Monday.

"I just can't believe that after all these years they'd be able to find this guy," Chuck Ridulph told The Associated Press at his duplex in Sycamore, about 50 miles west of Chicago.

A 65-year-old minister who mainly serves his area's senior citizens, Ridulph once shared a bedroom with his sister and already has his headstone placed on a burial plot next to her grave. With McCullough's arrest, he worries about a drawn-out legal process that will dredge up bad memories but also perhaps answer some nagging, stomach-churning questions about what happened to the little girl who loved to play dress up.

"It's in my every thought, even in my dreams," he said of his sister's death. "It was just like it was yesterday. It comes up all the time in conversation." Sycamore Police

Chief Donald Thomas was reluctant to discuss the case when found at home Saturday. But he said, "we believe we know who did it. We believe we have a strong case."

His department's breakthrough was a long time coming. Maria disappeared Dec. 3, 1957, while doing what kids in Sycamore did then — playing. Kathy Chapman recalled that she and Maria were under a corner streetlight when a young man she knew as "Johnny" offered them a piggyback ride. Chapman, now a grandmother who lives outside of Chicago, told the Chicago Tribune for a story Saturday that she ran home and never saw her best friend again. The search for Maria grew to involve more than 1,000 law enforcement officers and numerous other community members, ultimately catching the eye of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who requested daily updates.

Christmas came and went, with a pogo stick

wrapped as a gift for Maria remaining unopened, her brother remembered. Then in April 1958, two people foraging for mushrooms found her remains.

Police suspected McCullough, who lived less than two blocks from the Ridulphs and who fit the description of the man said to have approached the girls, Thomas said Friday. But McCullough seemed to have an alibi, claiming he took the train from Rockford to Chicago the day of the abduction.

His story fell apart last year after investigators reinterviewed a woman who dated him in 1957 and asked her to search through some personal items, the Seattle Times reported, citing court documents. She found an unused train ticket from Rockford to Chicago dated the day the girl went missing.

"Once his alibi crumbled, we found about a dozen other facts that helped us build our case," Thomas said.

The Times reported investigators also determined a collect phone call McCullough purportedly made to his then-girlfriend from Chicago actually came from his Sycamore home the day Maria vanished — and he gave a ride to a relative when he should have been on the train.

Chapman told the Chicago Tribune investigators showed her a photo last year of a teenage McCullough in a lineup, and Chapman identified him as the "Johnny" who approached her and Maria the night her friend vanished. At the time, McCullough's name was John Tessier.

By Saturday, word of McCullough's arrest had swept throughout Sycamore, its main street adorned by American flags tethered to parking meters and lined by mom-and-pop shops. The prospect of reliving one of the most upsetting moments in the town's history during a trial was already weighing on Dick Larson, a rural mail carrier who went to school with Chuck Ridulph.

"It breaks my heart to think we have to go through this again. This is 54 years ago. It just brings back a whole river flow of memories," the 65-year-old said before crying.

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Memorial

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Those entries can be as brief as saying they "served in the South Pacific" or "wounded infantryman" or "bombardier in Italy" or, as many from the Nationals Archives say: KIA (killed in action).

Some include more detail.

For example, U.S. Army veteran Serafin S. Buta of Salem was honored by Leonte S. Copacia.

Serafin served in the U.S. Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and parachuted into Sicily where he was wounded, captured by the Germans and left for dead. He was rescued by the British army and flown to Egypt where he was operated on before training with the OSS in North Africa and making his way to Romania during the occupation by Russian troops. He was attached to the American legation in Bucharest until returning stateside in 1950.

Or U.S. Navy veteran Virgil Lee Stryffler of Salem who was honored by Stephen Savage.

Stryffler served as a fireman 2nd class aboard the cruiser U.S.S. Indianapolis (CA-35), which, after delivering the components for the Atomic Bomb to Tinian Island, was torpedoed and sunk on July 30, 1945. Stryffler was lost at sea along with 879 fellow crewmen.

Or U.S. Army Air Force veteran Wayne B. Whiteleather of Salem who was honored by his sons, Tom and Larry.

Whiteleather served as an aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator with the 15th Air Force, 304th Bomb Wing, 459th Bomb Group, 757th Bomb Squadron in Italy and flew 35 missions over Central Europe from October 1944 through April 1945. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with six bronze stars, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters and a Good Conduct ribbon.

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Oil spill in river prompts evacuations in Montana

LAUREL, Mont. (AP) — An ExxonMobil pipeline that runs under the Yellowstone River in Montana ruptured Saturday and leaked hundreds of barrels of oil into the waterway, causing a 25-mile plume that fouled the riverbank and forced municipalities and irrigation districts downstream to close intakes.

The break near Billings in south-central Montana led to temporary evacuations of hundreds of residents along a 20-mile stretch. Cleanup crews deployed booms and absorbent material as the plume moved downstream at an estimated 5 to 7 mph. The river has no dams on its way to its confluence with the Missouri River just across the Montana border in North Dakota. It was unclear how far the plume might travel. "The parties responsible will restore the Yellowstone River," Mont. Gov. Brian Schweitzer said.

ExxonMobil spokeswoman Pam Malek said the pipe leaked an estimated 750 to 1,000 barrels of oil for about a half-hour before it was shut down. Other Exxon officials had estimated up to 42,000 gallons of crude oil escaped.

Duane Winslow, Yellowstone County director of disaster and emergency services, said the plume was dissipating as it moved downstream. "We're just kind of waiting for it to move on down while Exxon is trying to figure out how to corral this monster," Winslow said.

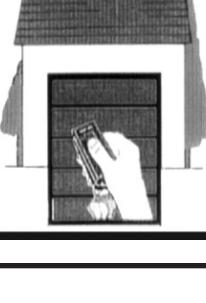
"The timing couldn't be worse," said Steve Knecht, chief of operations for Montana Disaster and Emergency Services, who added that the plume was measured at 25 miles near Pompeys Pillar National Monument. "With the Yellowstone running at flood stage and all the debris, it makes it dang tough to get out there to do anything."

Brent Peters, the fire chief for the city of Laurel about 12 miles east of Billings, said the rupture in the 12-inch diameter pipe occurred late Friday about a mile south of Laurel. He said about 140 people in the Laurel area were evacuated early Saturday due to concerns about possible explosions and the overpowering fumes.

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Jobs

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expenses.

Then, last summer Congress passed the Education Jobs bill — or EdJobs, for short — providing another \$4.6 million in funding to local school districts for the stated intent of preventing teacher layoffs. Districts could hold off spending the EdJobs money until the 2011-12 school year, however, which is what most opted to do to make up for the eventual loss of stimulus funding and expected cuts in state funding.

The following is a breakdown by school district:

— **Beaver Local:** Treasurer Robert Barrett said they held off spending any of their \$527,861 EdJobs money until now. The district will use the money to retain the six teaching positions funded originally with stimulus money. "That gives us at least another year," he said.

— **Buckeye Online School for Success:** BOSS Director Randy Calhoun said they will use their \$574,742 in EdJobs money to retain three positions previously funded with stimulus money. The money also will be used to give bonuses of 1 percent to 3 percent to make up for a pay freeze this past year. Their stimulus money was used for equipment, building improvements and to add two special education teachers and an intervention specialist position.

— **Crestview:** Treasurer Charlene Mercure said they used their \$323,578 EdJobs money to add a teacher and three aides, who will be retained. She said they also were able to keep a position funded with stimulus money. "We had some retirements that enabled us to keep these positions. We've been fortunate," she said.

— **Columbiana:** Treasurer Lori Posey said they used their \$76,078 in EdJobs money to help subsidize general fund operations and retain positions. The district was able to absorb three other positions added with stimulus money, due in part by eliminating a contractual position with another agency.

— **East Liverpool:** Treasurer Todd Puster said they will use the remaining \$846,667 in EdJobs money to pay teacher salaries. He said they used the stimulus money to purchase school supplies and equipment but not on personnel. "We operated under the assumption (stimulus) wouldn't be here after two years, and it wasn't," he said.

— **East Palestine:** Treasurer Rick Ellis said they carried over \$353,493 in EdJobs money to help pay the salaries of existing teachers. "We knew we were going to be in a real tight situation this year," he said.

The district used its stimulus allocation to add four teachers, whose retention was made possible by the retirement of five teachers.

— **Leetonia:** Treasurer Jennifer Coldsnow said they held onto their \$229,842 EdJobs money and will use it this school year to help pay teacher salaries. As for stimulus funding, the district used it to add one teacher they were able to absorb and for a special education position.

— **Lisbon:** The district held onto its \$327,409 in EdJobs money, which it will use in part to retain three tutors who were among nine people hired with stimulus money. A fourth position is being retained with money from a grant program.

— **Salem:** Treasurer Jill Rowe said they used their \$307,446 in EdJobs money to pay for existing teacher positions. She said they did the same thing with the stimulus money.

— **Southern Local:** Treasurer Doreen Marshall said they used part of their \$312,137 in EdJobs money to pay for an assistant high principal and to add a special education teacher position. Stimulus money was used to retain an existing special education teaching position, which the district was able to keep due to staff retirements.

— **United Local:** Treasurer Kathy Davies said they save most of their \$388,125 in EdJobs money for the upcoming school year to help retain teachers. "EdJobs is saving jobs that we would otherwise have lost," she said. The district had 12 retirements this year and will be able to fill all but two of those positions with the EdJobs money.

As for the stimulus money, Davies said they added five tutors, but those positions have been eliminated, and for several student aide positions, which the district was able to absorb. The rest of the money was used for supplies and equipment.

— **Wellsville:** Treasurer Colleen Wickham said their \$335,338 EdJobs allocation was used last year to retain four positions and will be spent in that same manner this year. The district's stimulus funding was used to hire six tutors, but those positions were eliminated.

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ON THE Calendar

SUN/3

COLUMBIANA

Summer Concert Series at Firestone Park gazebo, "An Afternoon with Abraham Lincoln," 2-4 p.m.

Log House Museum, 2-4 p.m.

LISBON

Stage Left Players, "All Shook Up," 2 p.m., Trinity Playhouse, 234 E. Lincoln Way.

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ROGERS

Country Music Jam, 6-9 p.m., Community Auction Dining Room; 330-424-5259.

SALEM

Salem 4th of July celebration. Begins at 3:30 p.m. Activities include cornhole tournament, bounce house, dunk tank, pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, bands and fireworks at dusk.

MON/4

COLUMBIANA

Community Fourth of July "Fireworks at Firestone" display, 10 p.m. Related all-day festivities begin at 8:30 a.m. including music, family games, contests, races and shows.

Canfield Community Concert Band, summer concert, 7 p.m., Firestone Park.

NEW WATERFORD

Fishing tournament, 10-11 a.m., registration 9:30 a.m., Village Park.

SALEM

The annual Fourth of July decorated vehicles parade for children, 1 p.m. On Broadway between State and Pershing streets, followed by the annual pet parade.

Fourth of July Dance, 2-6 p.m., Saxon Club; \$7.

R-Weigh Support Group. No meeting. Will resume July 11.

TUE/5

ALLIANCE

Salem Lighthouse, 10 a.m., Perkins Restaurant; \$3 donation, optional lunch follows.

COLUMBIANA

"Main Street Madness Gets Dis-functional" auditions, Encore Room, Main Street Theater on Main Street; 330-261-8472.

EAST PALESTINE

Board of Education, special meeting, 6 p.m., EPES Media Center.

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.

Leetonia Class of 1951, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf & Country Club.

Free lunch, Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave., lines open, 12:30; meals served until 1:30 p.m.

Trap shoot, 6:30 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

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

Salem High School Class of 1940, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

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

Finance committee of City Council, 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

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

Trap shoot, 6:30 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

United Quilt Guild, 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

WED/6

LEETONIA

Leetonia High School Class of 1949, lunch, 12:30 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Free meal, Leetonia Mennonite Church, 6 p.m. Program about way station, 7 p.m.

Leetonia Area Singles, Gullford Grille, 6 p.m.; 330-472-0421.

NORTH LIMA

Music in the Park Concert Series, 7-8:30 p.m., Woodworth Park, Guys Without Ties.

South Range Board of Education, special meeting, 7 a.m., board office, 11822 South Ave. For purpose of bid acceptance and awarding a track construction contract. Will also discuss personnel.

SALEM

School board, 8 a.m. special meeting, board office.

Salem High School Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Skyline Diner.

Salem High Class of 1950, noon, luncheon with some visiting out-of-state classmates, noon, Rick's.

American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Salem Community Hospital's second floor classrooms; appointments, 330-332-7227.

First Presbyterian Church's Big Back Yard, 6-8 p.m., weather permitting. Americana night. Isaly-style BBQ ham sandwiches, apple pie, watermelon. Free food. 436 East Second St., Salem.

Saxon Retirees, grilled pork chop luncheon, 12:30 p.m.; 330-337-9683.

Benchrest shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

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

THU/7

DAMASCUS

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

HANOVERTON

Columbiana County's Golden Triangle, meeting, 1 p.m., Spread Eagle Tavern.

LISBON

David Anderson High School classes of 1946-47, 11:30 a.m. Taste of Country; 330-424-5874.

SALEM

Salem High Class of 1942, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf & Country Club.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church yard sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 864 Highland Ave.

Free lunch, Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave., lines open, 12:30; meals served until 1:30 p.m.

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

Pistol League make-up shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

"Chicken on the Run" drive-thru chicken dinners, 4-6 p.m.



United Local principal to give talk on China

United Local High School principal Bill Young will present a community forum discussion on China at the high school at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12. Young will share pictures and discuss a variety of topics related to his recent trip to China, including topics related to education, culture, and the exchange program in general. Young, left, is shown in the photo with school officials at Huangshi No. 7 High School in Huangshi City, Hubei Province, China. Huangshi No. 7 has partnered with United Local to build educational and cultural relationships among students and staff. (Submitted photo)

First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; \$7.

New Year's Eve Salem, meeting, 7 p.m., Schwartz residence.

Winona Area Historical Society, 6:30 p.m., Winona Monthly Meeting House.

FRI/8
SALEM

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

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church yard sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 864 Highland Ave.

Women's .22 League, 6 p.m.; Mixed Doubles, 6:30 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

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

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

American Indian Frybread Fundraiser, 4 to 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, \$5 taco, frybread available by itself, eat in or take out, call 234-567-6066 for take-out orders.

SAT/9
ALLIANCE

Community Carnival, 2-5 p.m., Alliance Community Hospital discharge area.

BOARDMAN

Greater Youngstown Monitoring Association Scanner Club, picnic, 7:30 p.m., Boardman United Methodist Church, 6809 Market St.

CANFIELD

The RASCAL Unit, a mobile low cost spay/neuter clinic, Angels for Animals. Reservations and payment required in advance; 234-567-7858.

COLUMBIANA

Columbiana High School Class of 1961, Barley Twist Tea Garden, 9:30 a.m., 109 North Main Street.

Log House Museum, 2-4 p.m., free admission.

ELLSWORTH

Fire Department anniversary celebration, 6:30 p.m., Fire Station, 6034 Salem-Warren Road.

GREENFORD

Lawn Festival, 5 p.m., Calla Church, 6482 W. Calla Road, Canfield.

LISBON

Columbiana county Archives and Research Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 129 S. Market St.

SALEM

Salem Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., located in the McCulloch lot between Troll's Jewelry and MacMillan's on East State Street.

HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church yard sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 864 Highland Ave.

MON/11
COLUMBIANA

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

ELKRUN TOWNSHIP

Tourism Bureau, 4:30 p.m., administration building.

LISBON

Public Employee Retirees Inc. #59, 1 p.m., Taste of Country.

MON/12
COLUMBIANA

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.

SALEM

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

SALEM

Rules & Ordinances Committee, city council, 6:30 p.m., council chambers, city hall, dogs and cats amount legislation.

LEETONIA

Leetonia Area Singles, 6 p.m. Harry's Place in Darlington, Pa.; 330-472-0421.

MON/13
EAST PALESTINE

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

MON/14
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.; 330-337-9615, 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SALEM

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

SALEM

Police Practical Combat, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

SALEM

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Education Building, Emmanuel Lutheran Church; 330-337-6577, 330

Health

What 'independence' really means

By CATHY BROWNFIELD

Family Recovery Center

There are various ways to celebrate Independence Day, which is tomorrow.

Independence is something many people value, the freedom to be the person you were meant to be, complete with your dreams, your goals, and your ideals. Sometimes, though, you might lose sight of The Dream, and hope fades, too. It's at that point that some people succumb to addiction.

How do you pick yourself back up when you've reached that point? How do you find enough energy to change your life back to the way it used to be? Or better than it's ever been before?

Remember Mom's sayings when you were growing up? Momisms, I call them, bits of wisdom and knowledge that she shares with her children. "Do your own thinking." "Don't follow the crowd because they will lead you down the primrose path and abandon you."

"Every cloud has a silver lining." "Let your smile be your umbrella." "Use your heart and mind together because your heart alone may mislead you and your mind alone may be too logical." "Be true to yourself." "There is strength in number." "If you find one good friend

in your life that you can trust, you are very fortunate because many people never have that one, good, trustworthy friend who remains loyal and true for always."

Everyone has difficult times, even despairing times. Those times are the fire test, the things that test your mettle. But sometimes it just takes more energy than you can summon to pick yourself up and go on. It's easier to blow off responsibilities at home, at work, at school. And drinking or other substance abuse can seem like a good friend to make you feel better when your spouse or other loved ones argue with you about drinking, about the way you're behaving.

Maybe you wait until your wife is in bed asleep and drink just so you can relax a little.

The truth about substance abuse is that it leads to more problems, not fewer. It tears your life apart, and you end up alone with nothing if you don't do something about the problem when it starts.

You could have a drinking problem if you:

- feel guilty or ashamed about your drinking.
- lie to others or hide your drinking habits.
- have friends or family members who are worried about your drinking.

— need to drink in order to relax or feel better.

— "black out" or forget what you did while you were drinking.

— regularly drink more than you intended to.

We all are products of our environment, affected by genetics that we can't change, the rules of the house where we grew up, the social environments we are accustomed to and our emotional health. Some racial groups are more at risk for alcohol addiction.

Those who have a family history of alcohol abuse or hang out with heavy drinkers are likely to be more at risk, too, as are people with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder or other mental health issues.

Do you have an alcohol problem? Are you ready to claim your independence?

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More than 100 million suffer lasting pain

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a third of Americans experience long-lasting pain — the kind that lingers for weeks to months — and too often feel stigma rather than relief from a health care system poorly prepared to treat them, the Institute of Medicine said Wednesday.

The staggering tab: Chronic pain is costing the nation at least \$558 billion a year in medical bills, sick days and lost productivity, the report found. That's more than the cost of heart disease, the No. 1 killer.

All kinds of ailments can trigger lingering pain, from arthritis to cancer, spine problems to digestive disorders, injuries to surgery. Sometimes, chronic pain can be a disease all its own, the report stressed.

Whatever the cause, effective pain management is "a moral imperative," the report concludes, urging the government, medical groups and insurers to take a series of steps to transform the field.

"We're viewing this as a critical issue for the United States," said Dr. Philip Pizzo, Stanford University's dean of medicine, who chaired the months-long probe.

For too long, doctors and society alike have viewed pain "with some prejudice, a lot of judgment and unfortunately not a lot of informed fact," he said.

The toll isn't surprising, said Dr. Doris K. Cope, pain chief at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, who paused between patients Wednesday to read the report. The population's getting older and less fit, and more survivors of diseases like cancer live for many years with side effects from treatments that saved them.

Too many patients think a pill's the answer, she said, when there are multiple different ways to address pain including physical therapy, stress reduction, weight loss, and teaching coping skills. Patients who take control of their pain fare better, but too many have unrealistic expectations.

"Pain is not simple," Cope said. "We as physicians need to be healers and educators as well as technicians. We certainly don't want to be pill mills."

Doctors do worry about overprescribing narcotic painkillers, and law enforcement steps to fight the serious problem of prescription drug abuse can be one barrier to pain care. But the institute countered that it's far more likely for a pain patient to get inadequate care than for a drug-seeker to walk out with an inappropriate prescription.

While newer, better medicines are needed, those narcotic painkillers are a safe and effective option for the right patient, the report said.

But barriers to good care extend far beyond that issue, said the panel, which analyzed research and the reports of more than 2,000 patients and caregivers about pain's toll.

Because pain can't be seen like bleeding, or felt like a lump, or X-rayed like a broken bone, or heard like a skipped heartbeat, health workers who wrongly believe the intensity of pain should correlate to a specific medical finding may diminish or even dismiss a patient's complaint, the report found.

In fact, pain is highly subjective. Two people with the same injury may feel different degrees of pain depending on genetic factors that affect pain tolerance, what other illnesses they have, stress or depression, and even whether they feel support or criticism from health workers or their families.

Care must be tailored to each patient. Yet too few doctors are trained in its management, the report said, citing a study that found stand-alone pain courses aren't required in most medical schools. Also, insurance may not cover time-consuming counseling in pain-management techniques, consultations with specialists or even non-drug care.

Pizzo called the finances sometimes perverse: Some insurance pays for an operation for low back pain but not much cheaper and often more effective physical therapy.

And prompt care for acute pain, like that from surgery or a broken bone, is important as well. Serious pain that isn't properly treated sometimes can hijack the nervous system and essentially rewire it for pain — leaving misery after the condition that caused the initial pain is resolved.

The report concluded at least 116 million adults suffer long-lasting pain, consistent with some previous estimates, but couldn't say how many cases are severe or disabling.

The economic costs, however, are sure to attract attention in Congress, which mandated the report as part of the new health care law. The report found health care for pain costs \$261 billion to \$300 billion a year, while lost productivity adds another \$297 billion to \$336 billion. The federal Medicare program accounts for a quarter of those health bills.

Among the report's recommendations:

— Health providers should perform and document formal pain assessments of patients, a step toward proper treatment.

— Medicare, Medicaid, workers' compensation programs and private health plans should cover individualized pain care.

— Pain specialty groups should create collaborations with primary care doctors to improve patient care and counseling.

— The government and health organizations should better educate patients and the public about pain, to help eliminate stigma.

— The National Institutes of Health should increase pain research, including designating one of its centers as the lead institute for pain.

— Training programs for doctors, nurses, dentists and other health professionals should include pain education.

— By the end of next year, the Health and Human Services Department should create a strategy for dealing with pain as a public health problem and reducing barriers to care.

Quit line calls spike after cigarette labels debut

ATLANTA (AP) — Graphic new cigarette warning labels may already be having the desired effect: Calls to a national smoker's quit line more than doubled the day they hit the media.

The warning labels won't appear on cigarettes until next year, but were unveiled to the media last week.

Calls to the national 1-800-QUIT-NOW smoking cessation line surpassed 4,800 that Tuesday and 3,200 the next day. A typical Tuesday or Wednesday in June sees about 2,000 calls.

The new labels replace the traditional small, white "Surgeon General's Warning" text strips with graphic photograph warnings that cover the entire top half of each cigarette pack.

Versions of the new labels include depictions of diseased lungs and rotting teeth and gums. They also carry the 1-800-QUIT-NOW number, which the old labels did not.

SALEM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Don't let the bed bugs bite

Reports of bed bugs, also known as *Cimex lectularius*, first indicated a widespread problem in the U.S. in 2006. This summer, experts are predicting further increases in bed bug infestations, which are often found in public places frequented by travelers.

Currently, the U.S. leader for bed bug infestation is New York City, where the bugs have rapidly multiplied. But Ohio has become one of the hardest hit states in the nation due to its relatively central position, which makes it a popular location for travelers inadvertently transporting the insects from one side of the country to another.

"Bed bugs are insects that don't like light and so they are active at night," explained Lyn Pethel, Director of Quality Improvement and Infection Control at Salem Community Hospital. "The reason they are known as bed bugs is that these blood-sucking insects feed on people or animals while they sleep."

Adult bed bugs have flat, rusty-red-colored oval bodies. They are about the size of an apple seed and are big enough to be easily seen, but often hide in cracks in furniture, floors, or walls. When bed bugs feed, their bodies swell and they become a brighter red color. They can live for several weeks, months or longer without feeding on a host.

"Most bed bug bites are initially painless, but later turn into large, itchy skin welts. Bite marks may appear anywhere from one to several days after the initial bite and are similar to that of a mosquito or a flea, but they don't have a red spot in the center like a flea bite. The marks may be random or appear in a straight line. Bed bugs are not considered to be dangerous; however, an allergic reaction to the bites may require medical attention."

What To Look For

"Bed bug infestations usually occur around or near the areas where people sleep," Lyn continued, "such as apartments, hotels, cruise ships, or college dorm rooms. Bed bugs hide during the day in places like mattress seams, box springs, headboards, dresser tables, behind wallpaper, or in clutter around a bed. Bed bugs have been shown to be able to travel over 100 feet in a night, but tend to live within eight feet of where people sleep."

"They are usually transported from place to place in the seams and folds of luggage, bedding, furniture, or may be carried on a person's clothing, purse or wherever they can hide. Those who travel frequently or share living quarters where other people have previously slept, have a higher risk of being bitten or spreading a bed bug infestation."

"One of the easiest ways to identify a bed bug infestation is by the tell-tale bite marks on a person's face, neck, arms, hands, or other body parts," Ms. Pethel added. "However, these bite marks may take as long as 14 days to develop in some people, so it is important to look for other clues when determining if bed bugs have infested an area."

These signs may include:

- Bed bugs seen in the folds of mattresses and sheets
- Rusty-colored blood spots from blood-filled fecal material that bed bugs excrete
- Small bloodstains from crushed insects
- An offensive musty odor when infestation is severe

Bed Bug Express

"Although they prefer humans, bed bugs can hitch rides on small animals like cats, dogs, birds, rats, or guinea pigs," she added. "If you suspect your pet has bed bugs, check the animal's skin for small red bites located close together. Wash and dry your pet's bedding with heat and throw away any toys that can't be put in a dryer."

Bed bugs can also cling to and find hiding places in suitcases and bags and can travel from a hotel, cruise ship, taxi cab or other public place very efficiently. In addition, bed bugs can live on the cracks of benches in places like subways or train stations.

"When you stay in a hotel, bring a small flashlight to inspect the mattress and frame, and look under cushions and in furniture drawers," Ms. Pethel advised. "Immediately report signs of bed bugs, such as bug droppings or eggs. Since bed bugs can cling to carpet, keep your suitcase off the floor and on a luggage rack."

"When you return from a trip, put your clothes in the dryer immediately to kill bed bugs and their eggs. You can also vacuum your luggage and throw away the vacuum bag promptly."

Shopping & Bed Bugs

Shoppers were shocked last year to hear of bed bug spotings in stores like Victoria's Secret, Abercrombie & Fitch, Niketown, and Hollister in New York City. "Bed bugs and eggs are visible on clothing, but many people don't know to look for them, so they may inadvertently bring bed bugs into their homes," Lyn said. "To ensure that your new purchases don't harbor bed bugs, put them in the dryer for a half-hour as soon as you get home, or take delicates straight to your drycleaner."

Colleges & Universities

"College dormitories are another site for bed bug infestations, which are brought in by students returning from vacations or trips home," Lyn stated. "To help keep bed bugs out of dorm rooms, clean up clutter and frequently inspect places where they could hide. In addition, use a mattress protector and don't bring in used furniture."

How To Keep Bed Bugs Out of Your Home

— Inspect luggage and wash clothing immediately after returning from a trip. For suspected infestations in clothing or bedding, a home laundry drier is very good at killing bed bugs, and only 10 to 15 minutes of heat exposure is needed.

— Inspect used furniture for bed bugs before bringing it into your home.

— Don't bring used bed frames, mattresses, or box springs into your home.

"Common pesticides tend to be ineffective against bed bugs, since the insects are developing a resistance to some over-the-counter chemicals," concluded Ms. Pethel. "In the case of an infestation, treatment by a pest management professional is strongly suggested. Applying pesticides yourself is not recommended, and if done improperly, can often complicate the bed bug problem. In addition, never use any insecticide on a mattress."

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REITs hold up despite housing's double dip

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BOSTON (AP) — Real estate investing doesn't have to be a losing proposition, whether home prices continue to slip or not.

Ross Meredith has a lot of money riding on that notion, and it's worked out lately. The retired bank examiner owns stock in companies called real estate investment trusts, which own commercial properties. Those six REIT stocks have returned an average of about 20 percent a year since the 2008 financial crisis.

He plans to hold on to the REITs. And he's sticking with his suburban Salt Lake City home, even though it's shedding value. He figures the resale price of the five-bedroom colonial he shares with his wife has dropped about 6 percent a year since the housing bubble burst, to about \$250,000 now.

Meredith isn't alone: Recent home price declines in many cities have left several markets in a "double-dip," or second period of decline since the subprime mortgage crisis triggered the Great Recession.

Although Meredith's mortgage is now paid off, he still has the ongoing expenses of property taxes and maintenance. But real estate still holds some appeal. "REITs pay me a return," the 65-year-old notes.

The potential stock returns are bolstered by their often-attractive dividends payouts. REITs generate income from properties they own, and often operate. They're required to distribute at least 90 percent of their taxable income to shareholders in order to escape corporate taxes.

Meredith has been able to count on stable quarterly payouts from REIT stocks to supplement retirement savings, and pay for necessities like travel and golf.

The recent resilience of REIT dividends is proof, Meredith says, that the decline for commercial real estate wasn't nearly as bad as the residential market crash.

One reason commercial properties have held up well is that the market wasn't overbuilt. The rapid pace of home-building before the bubble burst left a glut of housing when the economy skidded.

"Property developers weren't building office complexes or hotels or apartments for clients who didn't exist," says Jon Cheigh, co-manager of Cohen & Steers Realty Shares (CSRSX), a REIT mutual fund with \$3.7 billion in assets. "So the recent slump in the commercial market hasn't been the 100-year flood that it has been for the residential market."

In fact, many real estate categories that REITs invest in have held up well. For example, apartment complex REITs have benefited as many potential homebuyers are either unwilling or unable to get a mortgage. The average return for apartment REIT stocks last year, including dividends, was a sizzling 47 percent.

Meredith's favorite REIT, National Health Investors, gets steady income from the nursing homes, assisted living centers and medical office buildings that it owns. The

stock has returned an average 21 percent per year over the last 3-year period. That's way ahead of the 3 percent return for the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

This year, REITs have been one of the stock market's bright spots. Mutual funds that specialize in REITs have returned an average 9.4 percent. That's nearly double the S&P 500's 5 percent return.

After such strong gains, Meredith isn't looking to add to his REIT holdings. He figures the stocks are no longer bargains.

One downside is that the higher prices have pushed dividend yields down, meaning investors get less income relative to the price of the stock. The average yield for REIT stocks recently slipped below 4 percent. That's less than half of what they paid when stocks bottomed out in March 2009.

The stocks have gained in part because they've appealed to investors unhappy with the recent near-record low returns for many less-risky investments. Ten-year Treasurys, for example, yield around 3 percent. That's led many investors to search elsewhere for income, lifting demand, and prices, for REITs and other dividend-paying stocks.

That popularity means REITs have found plenty of additional investors. REITs have raised a total \$31 billion through May, from issuing additional stock shares and debt. That's on pace to beat the full-year record of \$49 billion set in 2006. Four REITs have completed initial public offerings this year, a further sign of market confidence in REITs. The cash influx leaves REITs with more money to buy property.

However, the opportunity for REITs to inexpensively raise money may be short-lived. If the economic recovery picks up speed, interest rates are likely to increase, raising REITs' borrowing costs. That would make it more expensive to acquire new properties, which could crimp REITs' stock prices. Higher rates would also lift bond yields, making them more competitive with REIT dividends.

The threats of higher rates and inflation recently led Cohen & Steers Realty Shares to buy more shares of apartment REITs.

Apartment owners are in better position to raise rents annually in response to an improving economy than owners of office properties with multi-year leases, Cheigh reasons.

He expects REIT dividend payments will rise around 10 percent a year over the next five years, which could bring yields back up. A key reason is his expectation that demand for commercial properties will exceed supply for years to come.

That could prove to be wrong if the economic recovery stalls.

"That would be bad for REITs," he says. "But it would also be bad for lots of other investments, too. I don't see a lot of risks out there that are specific only to REITs."

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'Mortgage Approved! Five factors that can make it your reality'

By CANDICE CHOI

AP Personal Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There's rarely been a better time to buy a home. If only you could get approved for a mortgage.

Despite the persistent uncertainty in the housing market, a steep drop in prices has made ownership a more attractive option for many. Yet some potential buyers may be sitting on the sidelines assuming they won't qualify for a loan in today's stricter lending environment. It turns out the reality isn't as stark as many believe.

"There's no doubt things have tightened up, but it's not as tight as everyone thinks," said Michael D'Alonzo, president of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers. "We had a 10-year run of insanity. So the standards were in need of some tightening."

It's true that lenders are looking more closely at an applicant's financial status. But that doesn't mean banks are only giving mortgages to those with sparkling credit histories and impressive assets.

Meanwhile, the reasons to jump into the market are compelling. This spring, home prices in major cities were at the same levels reported in the summer of 2003. And the average interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is 4.5 percent, which remains near a four-decade low.

If you're unsure about whether you'd be approved for a mortgage, here's a look at five factors that will be considered in your application:

1. **THE DOWN PAYMENT** — Don't rule yourself out just because you don't have a lot saved. "The myth that people need 20 percent is exactly that, a myth," said Frank Codel, head of Wells Fargo's national consumer lending. Codel said a significant portion of Wells Fargo mortgages are for down payments of 5 percent to 10 percent. Borrowers can also apply for loans from the Federal Housing Authority, which only require a 3.5 down payment. The catch is that mortgage insurance is required when down payments are less than 20 percent. The exact cost varies. But with FHA loans, an upfront fee of 1 percent of the loan is tacked on to the mortgage. A 1.1 percent fee is also added on to the monthly payment. So on a \$200,000 loan, the upfront fee would be \$2,000 and the monthly fee would be \$183. Mortgage insurance on conventional loans can be far cheaper, but will vary depending on your credit score. The insurance can be canceled once you reach 20 percent equity in your home.

2. **JOB HISTORY** — The down payment is important, but banks are more concerned about whether borrowers will be able to keep up with mortgage payments. That means job histories are vetted carefully. "We're looking at not only the ability to buy a home, but their ability to stay in the home," said Sanjiv Das, CEO of CitiMortgage. "That seems like a basic requirement. But it wasn't always the case in the past." A recent period of unemployment won't automatically disqualify you; lenders are aware that the job market hasn't been kind. But banks will want to see that you're currently working and that there's strong reason to believe you'll be able to pull in a steady paycheck in the future. That means they'll want to know your full job history, including whether you've changed careers.

3. **DEBT LOAD** — Lenders want to know that you're earning enough to handle all of your bills, not just your mortgage payments. "We want to make sure people are not overextended," Das said. "In the past, you had people who bought boats and cars and had more debt than they could handle." So all of your debts, including credit card balances and student loans, will be weighed against your total household income. The exact formula for what's an acceptable level varies. But at Citi, an applicant's total household debt generally can't be more than 41 percent of their income. That's including the projected mortgage payments. Other lenders may allow for more wiggle room, but the debt-to-income ratio won't be far above 45 percent in most cases. Sizable assets, whether it's in a savings, investment or retirement account, could also offset any of an applicant's shortcomings in income or heavier debt loads.

4. **CREDIT SCORE** — Borrowers generally need a credit score of at least 640 to qualify for a conventional mortgage in today's market, according to D'Alonzo of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers. FICO scores range from 300 to 850. But keep in mind that 640 isn't an unreasonably high bar; more than two thirds of borrowers are at or above that level, according to FICO, which develops the most widely used scores.

The exact FICO score cutoff will vary depending on the lender. But those who have lower scores may still be eligible for an FHA loan. Lenders may also be willing to overlook an unimpressive score if other aspects of an application look strong. If your credit score took a hit because of medical bills or some other emergency, be prepared to explain that to the loan officer. It could help take the sting off a low score. It can also work in your favor if you've been paying down debt and working to lift your score over the past year or two. That will demonstrate that you're serious about correcting past mistakes. Also keep in mind that your credit score helps determine the interest rate on your mortgage. So if your score just barely qualifies you for a mortgage, it may be worth raising it before you apply.

5. **PAPERWORK** — One of the biggest differences in the application process today is that lenders want documentation to verify your financial status. That's in stark contrast to the days of the housing bubble, when lenders issued mortgages that required little to no paperwork. Now, lenders will want recent pay stubs and information to verify other aspects of your application, such as savings and retirement accounts.

New VW plant on UAW radar as friendly target

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — After decades of getting the cold shoulder from automakers in the South, the United Auto Workers union is courting the region's newcomer, Volkswagen.

UAW southern region director Gary Casteel told The Associated Press that the Wolfsburg, Germany-based automaker has traditionally had an organized work force globally and that makes executives and employees at the new Chattanooga assembly plant "more willing to talk to unions about representation."

Volkswagen has started sending 2012 Passats to dealers for test drives and displays until the cars built by some 1,900 employees at the \$1 billion plant go on sale in late September.

Casteel said the UAW has had some VW workers in Chattanooga reach out to them and there have been discussions with VW executives. "Any decision on representation belongs to our employees alone," Volkswagen said in a statement.

Casteel said no official organizing effort has started.

"We have dialogue with them," Casteel said.

He said VW, unlike Asian and some other European automakers, welcomes applicants who have worked in union jobs.

"One of Volkswagen's core values is the basic right of employees to have a voice in the company," Chattanooga VW spokesman Guenther Scherelis said in the automaker's statement Friday.

"We value the diversity of experience of our employees and welcome applicants from all backgrounds. We do not consider or track past union affiliation at all in our selection process."

Volkswagen previously operated a New Stanton, Pa., assembly plant with union workers that closed in 1988 following disappointing sales.

Scherelis declined to speculate about any possible future relationship with the UAW or any other third party but said in the statement that Volkswagen is

"open for communication with groups from different backgrounds."

Casteel said the UAW has never had success trying to organize an auto assembly plant in the South. It has union locals at auto parts plants and in number of other industries in the region. But it has been repeatedly voted down by employees at Nissan, which in 1973 started production as the first Japanese automaker in the South.

The UAW several months ago made an unsuccessful attempt to initiate an organizing effort at the Hyundai assembly plant in Montgomery, Ala., but found no enthusiasm in individual contacts with workers at their homes. Hyundai Montgomery spokesman Robert Burns acknowledged the union's attempted home visits but declined to elaborate.

"The problem is there is so much intimidation and fear out there," Casteel said.

"Who is willing to face the intimidation? That is the key to it." He said workers at some auto plants are now getting paid as little as \$12 an hour.

Mike Goss, a Toyota spokesman in Erlanger, Ky., said Toyota has been on the UAW's "radar screen for 25 years. We know we are on their radar screen. We are not seeing any unusual activity and as always it is up to our team members whether or not they need representation."

In a 2010 U.S. Department of Labor filing, the UAW said it had 376,612 members.

That was up 6 percent

from 2009 and the first time since 2004 that the union added members.

"The perfect scenario is to have a company agree to a fair election," Casteel said.

"Let the workers decide on an agreement conducive to the company, where the workers have representation and the company continues to function. It doesn't have to be a fight. It can be the workers engaged in the success of the company. That is the relationship we are working for."

He said the UAW later this summer plans to start a global organizing effort aimed at one automaker, likely one with a plant in the South. He declined to say which automaker might be the target but predicted it will not be Volkswagen.

"We look at them as a model of what car companies should be," Casteel said.

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Music for the children

Kirk Poffenberger and his son Chase musically recently entertained the children of Quaker Community Preschool and Day Care Center which is located at 244 South Broadway Ave. in the First Methodist Church of Salem. Poffenberger sang and played his guitar while all the children took turns accompanying him with shakers and tambourines. (Submitted photo)



Local youth help out volunteers

Youth from First Presbyterian Church of Salem recently prepared and delivered lunch to the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Columbiana County and the Care-A-Vanners who are building a home on East Fifth Street in Salem. Top photo, Kirill Tonkinson, Andre Tonkinson, Cody Tonkinson and Jared Weingart prepare vegetables for the lunches. Left photo, Dana Tonkinson and Jacob Weingart package the brown bag lunches. (Submitted photos)

FAA: Tired air traffic controllers can skip work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration announced new steps Friday to help prevent air traffic controllers from falling asleep on the job, including allowing controllers to use sick or annual leave time if they are too tired to work.

Controllers will also now be allowed to listen to the radio and read to help stay alert during overnight shifts when traffic is light under an agreement between the FAA and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

However, the policy changes don't include allowing controllers to take naps while on break or to schedule naps during overnight shifts even though sleep scientists say that's the most effective way to refresh tired workers.

Currently, controllers caught napping, even when on break, can be fired.

"While on break, air traffic controllers are expected to conduct themselves professionally and be available for recall at all times," the agency said in a statement.

Since April, the FAA has disclosed seven instances of controllers sleeping on the job and two other instances of controllers who didn't respond to attempts to contact them. In one case, two airliners landed at Reagan National airport in northern Virginia near Washington without assistance from a controller who has acknowledged dozing off. In another case, FAA has said a medical flight with a seriously ill patient had to circle an airport in Reno, Nev., before landing because the lone controller on duty had fallen asleep. Studies show most night shift workers, not just controllers, face difficulties staying awake no matter how much sleep they've had. That's especially true if they aren't active or don't have work that keeps them mentally engaged. Controllers on night shifts often work overnight in darkened rooms with frequent periods of little or no air traffic to occupy their attention — conditions scientists say are conducive to falling asleep.

"Air traffic controllers have the responsibility to report rested and ready to work so they can safely perform their operational duties," FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said in a statement. "But we also need to make sure we have the right policies in place to reduce the possibility of fatigue in the workplace."

John Goglia, a former National Transportation Safety Board member and a member of an FAA fatigue advisory committee, said that even with the policy changes, the agency's approach to fatigue lags far behind contemporary scientific understanding of how to prevent workers from falling sleep or becoming so tired their ability to function is eroded.

"Ironically, the information on what is an enlightened policy on fatigue resides within the FAA in all the (research) they've done over the years on fatigue," Goglia said.

After disclosure of the first few sleeping incidents, FAA officials adjusted controllers' work schedules to provide a minimum of nine hours off between shifts, an increase of an hour. However, the agreement between the agency and the union puts off decisions on what to do about work schedules that have been criticized as especially fatigue-inducing. One common weekly schedule is called "the rattler" by controllers because it turns around and bites those who work it. But it's popular with some controllers because it effectively creates a three-day weekend.

Instead, the agency and the controllers association said they are also working on developing new work schedule "principles" aimed at reducing fatigue. They said those principles will be ready in 14 months if not sooner. And, they said, new work schedules are already being put in place in some air traffic facilities.

The FAA said it has also agreed to develop policies to encourage controllers to seek medical help for sleep apnea, a disorder that causes abnormal pauses in breathing and often prevents restful sleep. Currently, controllers diagnosed with sleep apnea aren't permitted to continue to work.

The agency said it will work to develop a process for most air traffic controllers with sleep apnea to regain their medical qualification after receiving medical treatment. Under the agreement, the FAA is also developing a system to collect and analyze data associated with work schedules, including work intensity, to ensure that the schedules are not increasing the possibility of fatigue. Such "fatigue management" systems are commonly used in other areas of aviation, including flight crew schedules.

Justice Ginsburg not leaving court 'anytime soon'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and liberals have a nightmare vision of the Supreme Court's future: President Barack Obama is defeated for re-election next year and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, at 78 the oldest justice, soon finds her health will not allow her to continue on the bench. The new Republican president appoints Ginsburg's successor, cementing conservative domination of the court, and soon the justices roll back decisions in favor of abortion rights and affirmative action.

But Ginsburg could retire now and allow Obama to name a like-minded successor whose confirmation would be in the hands of a Democratic-controlled Senate. "She has in her power the ability to prevent a real shift in the balance of power on the court," said Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the University of California at Irvine

law school. "On the other hand, there's the personal. How do you decide to leave the United States Supreme Court?"

For now, Ginsburg's answer is, you don't. There are few more indecent questions to put to a Supreme Court justice, but Ginsburg has said gracefully, and with apparent good humor, that the president should not expect a retirement letter before 2015.

She will turn 82 that year, the same age Justice Louis Brandeis was when he left the court in 1939. Ginsburg, who is Jewish, has said she wants to emulate the court's first Jewish justice. While declining an interview on the topic, Ginsburg pointed in a note to The Associated Press to another marker she has laid down, that she is awaiting the end of a traveling art exhibition that includes a painting that usually hangs in her office by the Ger-

man emigre Josef Albers.

"Couldn't think of leaving until after it is returned to me, which won't be anytime soon," she wrote. Certainly there is no indication that Ginsburg is slowing down on the job, even after she underwent surgery two years ago for pancreatic cancer that her doctors said was detected at a very early stage. Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1993, she served for the first time this term with two other women, Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, and as the senior liberal-leaning justice, a role that gives her the power to assign dissenting opinions when she is on the losing side of ideologically split rulings. On a personal level, she appeared to take comfort in her work as she adjusted to life without her husband, Martin, who died a year ago.

And she doesn't have to look

very far ahead to imagine having a vote in some of the most important cases of her time on the court, including the challenge to Obama's health care overhaul and the fight over gay marriage.

Laura Krugman Ray, a Widener University law professor who has written about Ginsburg, said it is easy to believe Ginsburg would want to have a voice in those cases. "I think the court is enormously important for her," Ray said. "And especially now after husband's death, you wonder what she can see herself doing if she were not on the court."

Ginsburg, the second woman on the bench, has only to look at the first for a cautionary tale about retiring. Sandra Day O'Connor announced her retirement in 2005 in part so she could take care of her ailing husband, John. Two months later, Chief

Justice William Rehnquist died in office. Meanwhile, John O'Connor's health declined much faster than his wife anticipated and he soon was living in a nursing home in Arizona. Would she have quit the court had she known what awaited? In retirement, O'Connor has maintained a busy schedule, hearing cases on federal appeals courts as well as advocating for Alzheimer's funding, improved civics education and merit selection, rather than partisan election, of state judges.

O'Connor, now 81, also has said she that she regrets that some of her decisions have been "dismantled" by the Supreme Court. Justice Samuel Alito, who took her seat in 2006, has voted differently from O'Connor in key cases involving abortion rights, campaign finance and the use of race in governmental policies.

► MLB


Pittsburgh Pirates center fielder Andrew McCutchen leaps to catch a fly to center by Washington Nationals' Danny Espinosa during the eighth inning of the first baseball game of a doubleheader on Saturday in Washington. The Pirates beat the Nationals 5-3 in the first game. (AP Photo)

Pittsburgh, Washington split twin bill

Bucs win first game, blow lead in second

By JOSEPH WHITE
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez drove in the go-ahead run as a pinch-hitter in the eighth, and the Washington Nationals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3 Saturday night to earn a doubleheader split.

Rodriguez's single to right scored Rick Ankiel to cap a two-run rally. Pinch-runner Brian Bixler had tied the game on a double steal, taking third and then coming home when catcher Eric Fryer's throw went into left field for an error.

In the first game, Garrett Jones and Andrew McCutchen hit back-to-back homers in the eighth inning, and James McDonald had a strong outing in the Pirates' 5-3 victory. That win put Pittsburgh two games over .500 for the eighth time this season, but they are now 0-8 trying to get to three above the break-even mark.

The doubleheader was Pittsburgh's first in Washington since they split with an early incarnation of the National League Senators at Boundary Field on May 19, 1899. McCutchen marked the occasion by hitting for a "doubleheader cycle" — home run and double in Game 1; triple, double and single in Game 2.

Until the late comeback in Game 2, the theme of the day for the frustrated home fans was the Washington's ongoing offensive woes. Slumping high-priced outfielder Jayson Werth batted fifth for the first time this season in the second game, but it didn't help. He went 0 for 3 with two strikeouts, was booted multiple times and doffed his helmet toward the fans after flying out in the eighth. The player with the seven-year, \$126 million contract is hitting .165 since June 1.

Ryan Mattheus (1-0) pitched the eighth inning to get the win

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THE ACTION

CYCLING

8 a.m.

VERSUS — Tour de France, stage 2, team time trial, at Les Essarts, France

3 p.m.

NBC — Tour de France, stage 2, team time trial, at Les Essarts, France (same-day tape)

GOLF

8 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour, Open de France, final round, at Paris

7 p.m.

TGC — Champions Tour, Montreal Championship, final round, at Blainville, Quebec (same-day tape)

1 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, AT&T National, final round, at Newtown Square, Pa.

3 p.m.

CBS — PGA Tour, AT&T National, final round, at Newtown Square, Pa.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Noon

TBS — All-Star Game Selection Show, at Atlanta

1 p.m.

TBS — N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets

2:10 p.m.

WGN — Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs

8 p.m.

ESPN — L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels

MOTORSPORTS

8 a.m.

SPEED — MotoGP World Championship, Italian Grand Prix, at Mugello, Italy (same-day tape)

6 p.m.

SPEED — MotoGP Moto2, Italian Grand Prix, at Mugello, Italy (same-day tape)

SOCCER

7:45 a.m.

ESPN2 — FIFA, Women's World Cup, Group D, Australia vs. Equatorial Guinea, at Bochum, Germany

Noon

ESPN — FIFA, Women's World Cup, Group D, Brazil vs. Norway, at Wolfsburg, Germany

9 p.m.

ESPN2 — MLS, Houston at Colorado

TENNIS

9 a.m.

NBC — The Championships, men's championship match, at Wimbledon, England

AP SPORTLIGHT

July 3

1905 — Marvin Hart wins the vacant world heavyweight title with a 12th-round knockout of Jack Root in the final bout of an elimination tournament in Reno, Nev. James Jeffries, who refereed the bout, had retired in March, leaving the title vacant.

1912 — Rube Marquard of the New York Giants runs his season record to 19-0 with a 2-1 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. His winning streak ends five days later against the Chicago Cubs.

1931 — Max Schmeling knocks out Young Stribling at 2:46 of the 15th round to retain the world heavyweight title in Cleveland.

1966 — Atlanta pitcher Tony Cloninger becomes the first National League player to hit two grand slams in one game. He adds a single for nine RBIs in a 17-3 triumph over San Francisco.

1982 — Martina Navratilova begins her streak of six straight singles titles at Wimbledon with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Chris Evert Lloyd. It's the third Wimbledon singles title for Navratilova, all against Evert Lloyd.

1983 — Calvin Smith sets the 100-meter world record at Colorado Springs, with a run of 9.93 seconds. He breaks the mark of 9.95 set by Jim Hines in 1968.

1989 — Open Mind becomes the seventh horse to win thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown for fillies when she is placed first after Nite of Fun is disqualified for bearing in during the stretch of the Coaching Club American Oaks at Belmont Park.

1995 — Noureddine Morceli of Algeria sets the world record for 2,000 meters at the Paris Gaz de France Grand Prix meet with a time of 4 minutes, 47.88 seconds. The previous record was 4:50.81 by Said Aouita in 1987.

2002 — Cleveland Indians slugger Jim Thome homers in his seventh straight game, leaving him one shy of the major league record. Thome's solo shot was off David Wells of the New York Yankees.

2004 — Maria Sharapova, 17, wins her first Grand Slam title and instant celebrity by beating Serena Williams 6-1, 6-4. For the first time since 1999, none of the four major titles is held by a Williams.

2005 — Roger Federer wins his third consecutive Wimbledon title by beating Andy Roddick 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-4. Federer is the third man since 1936 to win three straight Wimbledon crowns, joining seven-time champion Pete Sampras and five-time winner Bjorn Borg.

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the first sweep in the interleague series' history.

More important is the way Cleveland has started July. After going 10-17 in June, the Indians are 2-0 in the new month.

"It can't get any worse than it got in June," Acta said. "We're moving forward now."

Michael Brantley hit a three-run homer in Cleveland's strange third inning against Homer Bailey (3-3), one that put them ahead and cost them a pitcher.

Carmona fell hard while running out a grounder, leaving the game with a strained right thigh.

Carmona had bandages on his forearm and thigh, and two fingers on his pitching hand were taped together after the game.

He smiled and declined to talk about his tumble, which seemed like nothing more than a bloop at first.

"The way he went out, we were kind of laughing," Smith said. "Then we found out (he was hurt). It stinks when your starter goes out, but our bullpen is tough."

Herrmann (1-0) retired nine of the 10 batters he faced, a good showing considering he hadn't pitched since June 20.

"I was definitely fresh today," he said. "Not pitching in 11 days, it's not easy. That's the first time I really tried to do that in my life."

Smith struck out Brandon Phillips with the bases loaded in the seventh, extending his streak to 19 scoreless appearances.

Joey Votto homered in the eighth off left-hander Tony Sipp.

Vinnie Pestano escaped a two-on threat in the ninth, fanning Scott Rolen for his first save in four tries.

It's the first time that Cleveland has won five games in a season series against Cincinnati.

No team has swept the season series, which started in 1997. The Reds went 5-1 in 2008.

The defending NL Central champions will be glad to be done with interleague play. The Reds have struggled mightily against the American League, going 5-12. Cleveland is 11-6 against the NL.

"Our total game's not in sync," manager Dusty Baker said. "We're having trouble getting that big hit. We had them in a lot of jams — a lot of opportunities."

Carmona was shaken up following his chest-first tumble. He was the Indians' lone All-Star last season, but has fallen on hard times, tying for the major league lead in losses at 4-10.

One bad step cost him a chance to get his season turned around.

Lou Marson singled before Carmona grounded to third baseman Rolen, who threw to second to try to start a double play. Shortstop Paul Janish pulled his foot off the base as he reached for the throw, an error that left Marson safe.

Carmona was running hard down the line to beat the anticipated relay and tripped a few feet from the base, sending him sprawling.

He got up, stretched his right thigh and pitching hand, talked to Acta and walked off the field.

Brantley followed with a drive into the Indians' bullpen, where Herrmann was starting to warm up to replace Carmona.

It was Brantley's first homer since June 6.

"I didn't think it was going to be the last runs we scored," Brantley said.

NOTES: The first two games of the series sold out. Cincinnati has sold out eight games this season. ... Three umpires worked the top of the first inning because Darryl Cousins was ill. He took his spot at third base for the bottom of the inning. ... The Indians expect closer Chris Perez back Sunday from his grandmother's funeral in Florida. ... Pestano's last save came on Sept. 26. ... Herrmann got the win in his 55th major league appearance. ... Indians OF Travis Buck was diagnosed with a mild strain of his left hamstring, suffered during Friday night's game. He's expected back in a couple of days.



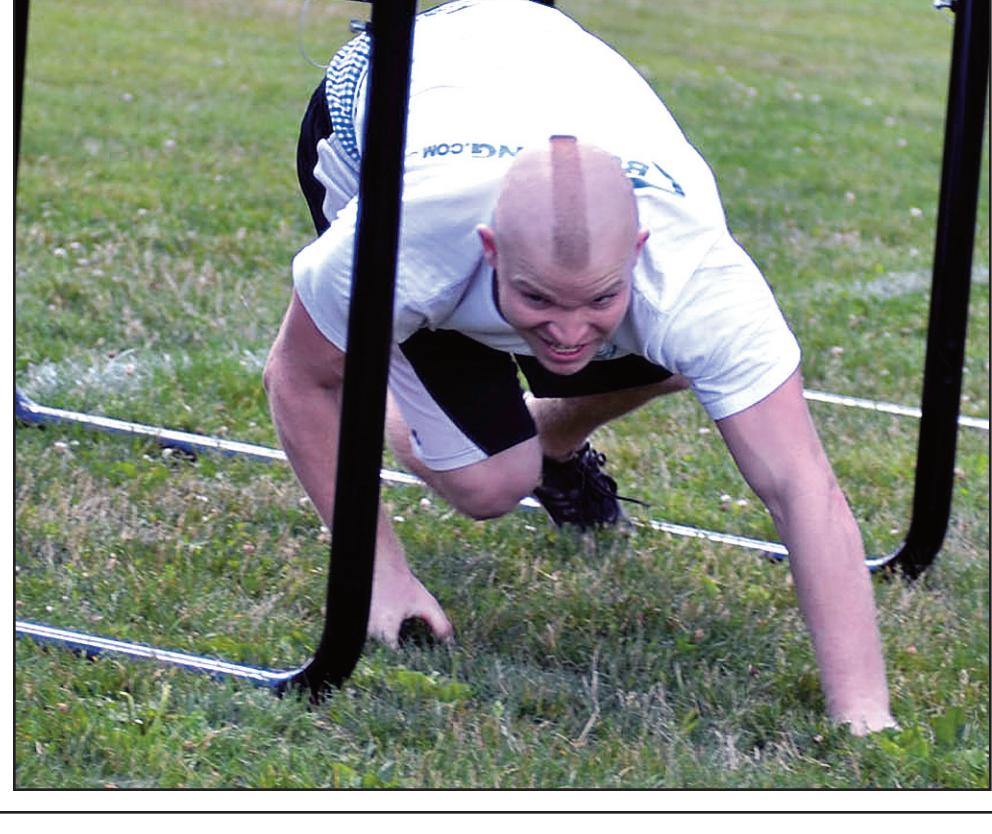
Salem U14 softball wins title

The Salem U14 Softball Team won the Mahoning-Columbiana League U14 Division Championship. The girls finished with a record of 13-1. Pictured, front, from left, Jenna Smith, Clara Janofa. Back, from left, coach Ron Maniscalco, Emily Paxson, Alyssa Wright, Emma Janofa, Gina Maniscalco, Raegan Meals, Marissa Swindell, Rylee Meals, coach David Janofa. Missing from the picture are Hannah Carner and Hailey Carner. (Submitted photo)



Football Olympics

Above, sophomore tight end Elijah Bricker takes a leap. At right, senior linebacker Travis Nolan works his way through an obstacle course at the 2nd annual Salem Quaker Football Olympics. The event is a fun, team building event that Salem conducts at the end of every June. (Special to the Salem News/Nick J. Cool, The Image Works)



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in Game 2, and Drew Storen handled the ninth for his 20th save.

Tony Watson (0-1) took the loss in the nightcap for the Pirates.

Pittsburgh's Brad Lincoln, recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis to pitch the second game, allowed two runs over six innings in his season debut.

The split gives Davey Johnson a 2-4 record since becoming Washington's manager.

Livan Hernandez and John Lannan became the latest Nationals starters to have a good outing go to waste.

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The opener was tied at 2

when Jones and McCutchen took Sean Burnett (3-5) deep in the eighth.

Jones entered the game hitting .129 against lefties, with no homers and two RBIs, but he took the lefty reliever the opposite way and put one into the red seats in left center.

Burnett had only allowed one home run all season.

"It definitely feels good to get one off a lefty. I've been struggling off them," Jones said. "I saw the ball well today, just trying to make strides and stay close and stay in a big part of the field, stay up the middle and left-center off the lefty — and was able to stay on that one good."

McDonald and Hernandez dominated much of the game, combining for 13 strikeouts and six 1-2-3 innings.

McDonald allowed two runs and seven hits over 6 1-3 innings before giving way to Jose Veras (2-2), who pitched 1 2-3 innings to get the win.

"My preparation was a little different this time. My 'pen was a lot more focused, more

game-like attitude to bear down on hitters and get that feel going," said McDonald, who decided on the new approach after a talk with pitching coach Ray Searage. "I feel like I carried my bullpen out to the game."

Joel Hanrahan gave up one run in the ninth but still got his 24th save in 24 chances this season, tying the club record for consecutive saves converted.

NOTES: The Pirates placed SS Ronny Cedeno on the 7-day concussion disabled list. He was injured trying to break up a double play in Friday's game. Pittsburgh recalled INF Pedro Ciriaco from Triple-A Indianapolis. ... RHP Tim Wood was optioned to Indianapolis to make room for Lincoln. ... Pirates OF Xavier Paul, who had missed the last three games with tightness in his right hamstring, entered the first game in the eighth inning.

... After Friday night's win, Johnson asked reporters for directions to his new home in the nation's capital, having yet to

make the drive there from Nationals Park. Asked on Saturday if the trip went OK, he said it did — despite an apparent wrong turn on an interstate. That led to a long discussion about the city's notorious traffic. "If push comes to shove," he concluded, "I really know how to walk out there and get a cab." ... Nationals reliever Henry Rodriguez was unavailable because of strep throat. ... Nationals RHP Chien-Ming Wang made his second rehab start Saturday, throwing four scoreless innings at for Single-A Potomac.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Big Red, Big Ten

Nebraska, Big Ten believe they are a perfect match



Nebraska makes it official

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman speaks at a ceremony to mark Nebraska's entry into the Big Ten conference, in Lincoln, Neb., Friday. Nebraska officially joined the Big Ten on Friday, and, unlike its marriage of convenience with the Big 12, both parties enter this one believing they're the perfect match. (AP Photo)

By ERIC OLSEN

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska has officially tied the knot with the Big Ten and, unlike its marriage of convenience with the Big 12, both parties enter this one believing they're a perfect match.

Nebraska, which became an active Big Ten member on Friday, gets the stability of a 105-year-old conference that includes some of the biggest names in college athletics and an association with some of the most prestigious public institutions in the land.



The Big Ten gets a valuable national brand in the Cornhuskers, one that gives the conference leverage in future television rights negotiations.

Nebraska loses its games against schools with which it has had century-old relationships, such as Kansas and Missouri, and gains a border war with Iowa and high-powered matchups with Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin, among others.

Commissioner Jim Delany said the Huskers are a natural fit.

"They believe in broad-based programs, we believe in broad-based programs," he said. "They've had success in a lot of different programs, as we have. They believe and value the notion of sportsmanship at a very high level, which we believe in and value. There is a lot of connectivity."

For all that, this was purely a football-driven move. Five national championships and a coast-to-coast fan following made Nebraska extremely attractive to Delany and the many millions watching on ABC/ESPN and the Big Ten Network.

"I would assume that if we didn't have a good football tradition that we probably wouldn't have been invited," Nebraska athletic director Tom Osborne said.

The Huskers are in the Legends Division with Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota and Northwestern. They'll find out just how good they are in their inaugural season, starting with nationally televised cross-division night games at Wisconsin on Oct. 1 and against Ohio State in Lincoln the following week.

The Huskers host Michigan State and Northwestern before back-to-back road games

"North-south, southern tradition as opposed to the Midwestern tradition. You say Big 12 institution, and you don't have an image that comes to mind."

— Big Ten Chancellor Harvey Perlman on Nebraska joining the Big Ten

against Penn State and Michigan, and Iowa will visit Lincoln the day after Thanksgiving. They miss out on playing two of the three teams with losing records last season.

If the Huskers can win 10 games for the third season in a row, it would be a marvelous accomplishment, Osborne said.

"It's one of the tougher schedules we've had in a long time," he said.

Game days at Nebraska are like those at other Big Ten venues, with the large crowds, tailgating and other traditions. Delany said Nebraska fans will feel comfortable at places such as Penn State, Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State and Wisconsin.

"I think they'll feel they came home in some ways," Delany said.

Nebraska never felt at home in the Big 12. Osborne has said as much.

The perception in Nebraska was that Texas held too much political control from Day 1.

The purpose of the Big Eight-Southwest Conference merger, announced in 1994 and effective in 1996, was to cash in on increasing television rights fees.

The Big Eight schools were in sparsely populated states that had a combined 7 percent of the nation's TV sets. The four Texas schools that joined the Big 12 were in a state with another 7 percent of the nation's TVs, and they were in a conference on the verge of collapse because of cheating scandals.

Nebraska took it as a sign of things to come when Steve Hatchell, the SWC commissioner, was named the first commissioner of the Big 12 and Dallas was picked over Kansas City as league headquarters.

Nebraska wanted to continue accepting an unlimited number of partial academic qualifiers, as allowed by Big Eight rules, but that policy wasn't carried over to the Big 12 largely because of Texas' opposition.

More recently, Osborne was irked by the vote to play the Big 12 championship game for what would have been five

straight years at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Osborne preferred a north-south rotation. The point is moot now. The NCAA doesn't allow conference championship games in leagues with less than 12 members.

The financials were another issue. In the Big 12, a school generates greater revenue for itself with more TV appearances in football and men's basketball, and for advancing further in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

In the Big Ten, revenue from TV contracts, bowls and NCAA men's basketball tournament shares are divided evenly.

Nebraska won't receive a full share of Big Ten revenue immediately. Chancellor Harvey Perlman and Delany declined to say in what year Nebraska would receive a full revenue share, which amounted to about \$20 million per Big Ten school last year.

Perlman said, however, that Delany has assured him that Nebraska would receive no less than the estimated \$10 million it would have gotten if it had remained in the Big 12 this year.

Nebraska's move to the Big Ten was the result of whirlwind conference realignment last June.

The Pacific-10 made an unsuccessful play for six Big 12 schools, including Texas. Had more than just Colorado left to join what is becoming the Pac 12, the Big 12 would have struggled to survive.

Going to the Big Ten, with its stability and greater revenue potential, was a no-brainer.

Nebraska actually had been waiting for a Big Ten invitation for decades.

Shortly after Penn State became the Big Ten's 11th member in 1990, then-Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney spoke with Delany about the possibility of the league taking in the Cornhuskers to make it an even 12. Devaney, the man who built the Huskers into football national champions in 1970-71, grew up in Michigan and was from the coaching tree of Michigan State icon Duffy Daugherty. He admired the Big Ten and wanted to be part of it.

Bill Byrne, athletic director from 1992-2002, also inquired

about Big Ten membership.

Joining the Big Ten, Perlman said, "has been an aspiration for many people around the university for as long as I've been here, which goes back to the 1960s."

"Everybody has acknowledged that the Big Ten had a reputation that would assist the University of Nebraska, if for no other reason than location and we're a comparable institution," Perlman said. "Many people look at getting into the Big Ten as a signal that we've arrived as a major research university. Many of us think that's true."

The Big Ten's academic arm, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, is extremely appealing, Perlman said.

The CIC, which also includes the University of Chicago, encourages universities to share their expertise in research, leverage campus resources and collaborate on programs involving students and faculty.

It's hoped the prestige that comes with Big Ten membership gives a bump to the school's enrollment of 24,500 and aids in faculty recruitment, Perlman said.

Perlman said the difference between the Big Ten and the Big 12 is that the Big Ten schools are "more homogeneous institutions."

"That's not to say one's better or one's worse," he said. "If you think about the Big Ten, you do come up with an image in the mind's eye of a major, comprehensive for most part, land-grant institution located in the Midwest. ... We're smaller and we haven't had the academic notoriety of many of those schools yet, but given what we've done the past 10 years, we hold our own with them."

The Big 12, on the other hand, is "a heterogeneous group of institutions," Perlman said.

"North-south, southern tradition as opposed to the Midwestern tradition," Perlman said. "You say Big 12 institution, and you don't have an image that comes to mind."

The addition of Nebraska strengthens the Big Ten, and Delany doesn't know when, or if, the league will expand again.

"The Penn State addition in the east and the Nebraska addition in the west, it's a pretty powerful two-institution expansion," he said.

"We were cautious and conservative and took our time. Where we are now positions us exceptionally well for future decades."

Around the HORN

A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation

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'Reilly Under the Lights' camp July 25

SALEM — The Salem Quakers football staff will be hosting its third annual "Reilly Under the Lights" football camp on Monday, July 25. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m. at Reilly Stadium. The cost is \$10. Pre-registration is preferred. Send \$10 camp registration fee made payable to "12th Man" and name, grade entering, and t-shirt size by Monday, July 18 to: Mike Kopachy - Head Football Coach; Salem High School; 1200 E. Sixth St.; Salem, OH 44460.

Quaker Volleyball Day Camp set

SALEM — The Quaker Volleyball Day Camp will be held from July 25 to July 29 at Salem High School. Grades 9 through 12 will be from 8 a.m. until noon each day. Grades 7 and 8 will from 1 to 5 p.m. each day. The cost is \$90. Send for a registration form to Coach Don Conser, 5298 Whinnery Road, Hanoverton, OH 44423. Any questions-call 330-222-1945.

US gains WCup quarters with 3-0 rout of Colombia

SINSHEIM, Germany (AP) — Anyone can sign autographs or pose for photos. The U.S. women found a better way to say "thank you" to the American military members who turned their World Cup match into a home game.

The U.S. advanced to the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup with a 3-0 rout of Colombia on Saturday, delighting a sellout crowd made up almost entirely of American fans. The team lined up for a military salute after Heather O'Reilly's opening goal, and Megan Rapinoe grabbed a TV mic and sang "Born in the USA" after she scored.

The two-time World Cup champions now play Sweden, one of two teams to beat them this year, on Wednesday in Wolfsburg to determine the Group C winner. The Americans and Sweden both have six points, but the U.S. leads the group on goal differential and can claim the top spot with a victory or a tie.

Rangers reel in C Brad Richards with 9-year deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Brad Richards impatiently waited for this day, the day he could finally pick a new team from a whole slew of suitors.

After a day of being wooed by teams around the NHL, Richards chose the one that was the front-runner all along — the New York Rangers.

Richards, considered the biggest prize in this year's underwhelming free-agent market, struck it rich Saturday when he agreed to a nine-year, \$60 million deal.

The 31-year-old center will be reunited with coach John Tortorella, with whom he won the Stanley Cup in 2004 with the Tampa Bay Lightning. He'll be alongside Marian Gaborik on New York's revamped top line. The Rangers will likely pick a left winger from within.

After a career-high 28 goals and 49 assists last season with the Dallas Stars, Richards jumped to the head of the free-agent class and was coveted by the Rangers. The Los Angeles Kings and Toronto Maple Leafs also made in-person pitches at the office of his agent, Pat Morris, in Ontario.

The Calgary Flames also made a late push Friday, the first day of the free-agent shopping season, to try to land the Prince Edward Island native.

Veteran wins pit spitting competition in SW Mich.

EAU CLAIRE, Mich. (AP) — A nine-time winner has taken top honors in the annual cherry pit spitting contest in southwestern Michigan.

Brian "Young Gun" Krause of Dimondale spit a pit 66 feet, one-and-a-half inches Saturday for his second consecutive win at the International Cherry Pit Spitting Championship.

Last year's winner was initially Brian's father, Rick "Pellet Gun" Krause. He was later disqualified for spitting from his knees, and the rules say spitters must be on their feet.

Second-place went to Niles resident Kevin Bartz, and his children Chloe and Zach won their youth divisions.

The event is hosted by Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm near Eau Claire, just north of the Indiana border.

Owner Herb Teichman launched the tourney as a lark nearly four decades ago. It now attracts competitors from the U.S. and beyond.

A guide to the lockouts in the NFL and NBA

In March, NFL owners locked out their players. On Friday, NBA owners followed suit.

It's believed that only once before two of the United States' major sports leagues have been shuttered at the same time.

A look at what's at stake in the labor disputes, and how they are similar and different:

Q: What's with the NFL and the NBA being stuck in labor lockout at the same time? Are the two situations connected?

A: It's partly a coincidence that the two leagues' collective bargaining agreements expired within months of each other. But it's probably not a fluke that owners in both sports are saying at the same time that the old deals didn't provide them with sufficient revenue. The U.S. economy is emerging from a recession. And NFL and NBA leaders contend there aren't enough new revenue streams to cover costs for building and improving stadiums and arenas.

Q: But haven't both sports been doing very well recently?

A: The NFL and NBA have enjoyed a surge in interest the last couple of seasons, with appealing story lines and big-name stars driving robust television ratings. In fact, the two most watched U.S. television programs of all time were the past two Super Bowls. And the NBA, while not the same draw as pro football, last month had the highest rating for a Game 6 of its final series in 11 years.

Both players' associations argue that's proof the leagues are better off than they purport to be. The owners counter that ratings and other indicators of popularity are irrelevant when their economic models are broken. NBA owners say they lost hundreds of millions of dollars in every season of the last collective bargaining agreement, which was ratified in 2005. According to league officials, 22 of the 30 teams were losing money this past season. One of the points of contention between the NFL and its players is that the union wants access to more financial data from teams to see the exact economic situation of the clubs.

Q: OK, but what, exactly, is a lockout? And how's it different from a strike?

A: Management has the right under federal labor law to shut down a business once a CBA expires. That means, for instance, that the leagues aren't paying for players' health insurance, and free agents can't sign with teams. Employees have the same right to strike.

In this case, for both basketball and football, the owners' side is the one that wants to significantly alter the structure of the old deal, leading to a lockout, not a strike.

Q: How similar are the issues in the two sports' negotiations?

A: The tone of the two labor disputes has differed because of the league's disparate financial situations. For the NFL, the debate is how to divvy up \$9 billion in revenues, with players and owners wrangling over what is the fairest split. The NBA is in a more dire economic plight, and the question is how much of a hit players' salaries will take as a result.

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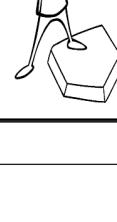
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— and has kept to this day. “I was really surprised about how she thinks about tennis, how clever she is. She told me her advantages, disadvantages, what she has to improve,” Kotyza said, then pointed a finger to his temple and added: “Her brain is a big advantage for this game.”

When she was a kid growing up in Fulnek, Czech Republic — population: 6,000 — and practicing an hour or so after school each day, Kvitova didn’t count on becoming a professional tennis player. She simply wasn’t that good, yet. Clearly, she’s a quick study.

Before Wimbledon in 2010, Kvitova’s career record on grass was 0-4. She is 16-2 on the slick surface since, including a run to the semifinals here last year before losing to Serena Williams.

At 21, Kvitova is the youngest Wimbledon champion since — you guessed it — Sharapova was 17 in 2004. Kvitova is also the first Czech to win the tournament since Jana Novotna in 1998.

Plus, Kvitova is only the third left-handed woman to win the grass-court Grand Slam tournament. The last was Martina Navratilova, who won her ninth Wimbledon title in 1990, a few months after Kvitova was born.

“I’m thrilled for her. She played brave tennis, and she deserved to win. She was by far the better player,” said Navratilova, who was born in Czechoslovakia and sat near Novotna in the Royal Box on Saturday. “I don’t think this is

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▶ **MLB**

Yankees, Red Sox and Tigers flush with All-Stars

Pittsburgh closer Hanrahan seems to be a likely pick for the summer showdown as well

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

Associated Press

Based on that final balloting update, it appears the American League starting lineup for the All-Star game will be loaded with Yankees and Red Sox.



Here we go again.

Alex Rodriguez, David Ortiz, Robinson Cano, Adrian Gonzalez. All probably headed to Phoenix, with several other teammates in tow.

That might rankle fans around the country, but take a look at the numbers. With the exception of New York catcher Russell Martin and aging shortstop Derek Jeter, most of the leading vote-getters do indeed deserve those spots.

Who else has earned a trip to the July 12 showcase? Tough choices, as usual.

Prince Fielder or Joey Votto at first base for the National League? Carlos Quentin or Jacoby Ellsbury in the AL outfield? And how many aces can the Phillies put on the pitching staff?

"It can be a little daunting, to be honest," NL manager Bruce Bochy of the San Francisco Giants said. "Sure, it's an honor and you're excited about it, but at the same time you know that somebody's going to get snubbed, supposedly. There's nothing you can do about it. It's not perfect."

One superstar who won't be playing is St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols, sidelined by a broken wrist. He highlights a striking list of face-of-the-franchise types who figure to miss this All-Star game because of injuries, slumps — or

both.

Joe Mauer, Hanley Ramirez, David Wright, Evan Longoria, Chase Utley, Ichiro Suzuki, Ryan Zimmerman, Carl Crawford, Buster Posey, Justin Morneau, Josh Johnson, Johan Santana.

In their absence, look for talented first-timers such as Asdrubal Cabrera, Rickie Weeks and Matt Kemp.

Following last year's rule changes, this will be the first time the designated hitter is used in an NL park. There are 34 slots on each roster, with 13 going to pitchers. And every team must be represented, which makes for difficult decisions.

"I'll be glad when the process is over," said Texas' Ron Washington, who will manage the AL squad. "I did my homework, I'll consult with my coaching staff and I'll probably reach out to a few guys, a few managers that's done this before. But I only get so many to choose, and all I have to do is look at the roster that's been put out there and we're going to choose according to our need, to make sure we're covered."

The league that wins gets home-field advantage in the World Series again, and the NL finally wrested it away last year with its first victory in 13 games since 1996.

So without regard to fan or player balloting, here are our picks for the 82nd All-Star game. Rosters will be announced today.

Starting with the AL:

First Base — Gonzalez has been an RBI machine in his



This May 17 file photo shows St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols swinging during a game against the Philadelphia Phillies, in St. Louis. Fan balloting for All-Star game starters has been a contentious issue in baseball for years. Some complain the process is merely a popularity contest that often puts big names on the field at the expense of more deserving players. (AP Photo)

first season with Boston. Thanks to a smooth glove, he edges Detroit bopper Miguel Cabrera for the start. Chicago's Paul Konerko and New York's Mark Teixeira also make the team.

Second Base — Cano is the clear choice even though he hasn't played as well as last year, when he finished third in

AL MVP voting for the Yankees. The backup job goes to underrated Ben Zobrist of Tampa Bay.

Shortstop — Asdrubal Cabrera has provided power at the plate and spectacular defense in a breakout season for the surprising Indians. That impressive combination earns him the starting nod over Detroit's Jhonny Peralta, who also warrants his first selection. Left off here is the 37-year-old Jeter, who had a comfortable lead at last count in fan voting and appears headed to his 12th All-Star game despite that strained calf and a season-long slump. Six hits shy of 3,000, he was set to come off the disabled list early next week, so perhaps he'll be healthy enough to play in the Midsummer Classic. Who knows? It could be his last All-Star hurrah.

Third Base — Rodriguez also held a sizable lead in fan balloting, but his numbers at the plate put him neck-and-neck with Red Sox rival Kevin Youkilis. Give the nod to A-Rod, with Youkilis securing a reserve role.

Catcher — Another young player enjoying a breakthrough season is Tigers catcher Alex Avila.

He gets the surprise start and his backup is, well ... his backup. Avila's emergence has allowed Detroit to use Victor Martinez mostly as a DH, but he's still caught more than 20 games and his bat is awfully productive. With apologies to Cleveland's Carlos Santana, put Martinez on the club as a catcher and there's no need to pick another backstop who doesn't quite deserve it. Plus, it would make for a neat anomaly: two All-Star catchers from one big league team.

Outfield — Toronto slugger Jose Bautista had received more All-Star votes than anyone else in the majors, a sign

that fans are paying attention even when he connects in Canada.

He starts in right field, with New York's Curtis Granderson in center and Quentin from the White Sox in left. On the bench is Ellsbury, another Boston entry, along with Baltimore's Adam Jones, Minnesota's Michael Cuddyer and Kansas City's Alex Gordon, finally fulfilling his promise after switching from third base to left field.

Designated Hitter — Ortiz was running away with the fan vote, and deservedly so. Popular as ever in Boston, Big Papi can still swing it. The other choice at DH is Texas stalwart Michael Young, who could also fill in as an infielder if needed.

Starting Pitchers — Detroit flamethrower Justin Verlander is blossoming into the consistent and dominant ace that was always expected. He seems to flirt with a no-hitter every time he takes the mound — and he finished one off this year in Toronto. Verlander earns the start on a staff that includes fellow right-handers Josh Beckett (Boston), James Shields (Tampa Bay) and Felix Hernandez (Seattle), along with Angels teammates Jered Weaver and Dan Haren. The lefties are CC Sabathia (New York), C.J. Wilson (Texas) and Gio Gonzalez (Oakland).

Relievers — Mariano Rivera is closing in on the career saves record and shows no signs of slowing down at age 41. New York's longtime relief ace is joined in the bullpen by Detroit's Jose Valverde, Cleveland's Chris Perez and Tampa Bay first-timer Kyle Farnsworth.

Third Base — A thin crop this year, so Braves switch-hitter Chipper Jones takes a bow. Sure, it's partly a lifetime achievement award, but who else would you rather see in this game? Aramis Ramirez of the Chicago Cubs is on the bench.

Catcher — No doubt about this one. Atlanta's Brian McCann, the MVP of last year's All-Star game, is a runaway choice for his sixth selection — and first start. Backing him up behind the plate is Miguel Montero from the hometown Diamondbacks.

Outfield — The starting spots are easy: In center field is Kemp, the first-half MVP from the Los Angeles Dodgers. He's flanked by Milwaukee's Ryan Braun in left and a revitalized Lance Berkman of St. Louis in right. After that it gets tricky, because there are about a dozen worthy candidates. Here's who makes the cut: Arizona's Justin Upton, New York's Carlos Beltran, Cincinnati's Jay Bruce, Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen, Houston's Hunter Pence and Colorado's Carlos Gonzalez. Left off is Andre Ethier, despite his 30-game hitting streak, and Matt Holliday, who missed 20 games because of a leg injury and an appendectomy.

Starting Pitchers — Roy Halladay won the NL Cy Young Award in his first season with Philadelphia and follows it up this year with an All-Star game start. Phillies left-handers Cliff Lee and Cole Hamels are also on the staff, along with Atlanta's Jair Jurrjens, Los Angeles lefty Clayton Kershaw, San Francisco's Tim Lincecum, Arizona's Ian Kennedy, Florida's Anibal Sanchez and St. Louis' Kyle Lohse.

Relievers — Pittsburgh closer Joel Hanrahan went into the weekend perfect in 23 save chances. Joining him in the bullpen are San Francisco's Brian Wilson, San Diego's Heath Bell and Cincinnati's Francisco Cordero.

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Oliver Platt treats cancer with humor on 'Big C'

By FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For much of last season on Showtime's "The Big C," Oliver Platt played a husband with no clue his wife had been diagnosed with life-threatening cancer. It was hard playing those scenes "in the dark," he says. "You had to really focus and forget that you knew." But how? "Well, you just do it. It's your job. You pretend."

Platt is pretty good at that.

But as his dark though ultimately life-affirming comedy returns for a second season (Monday at 10:30 p.m. EDT), Paul is fully informed about the grave condition of his mate, Cathy (played by series star Laura Linney). And while the needy, freewheeling nature Paul displayed before was a burden on Cathy (she even threw him out of the house for a time when the show began), now he's trying to grow up and support her in her fight against this illness.

As a dutiful husband, he even scores some marijuana from his bygone dealer to help ease Cathy's discomfort. "I cannot believe that the guy I used to call 20 years ago still has the same pager number," Paul crows — "and that I remembered that it was listed under 'Bicycle Parts' in my address book."

Soon, he and Cathy are home, lighting up and getting baked.

For nearly a quarter-century, the 51-year-old Platt has flourished as a character actor who brings a lovable roguery, and insight as well,



In this publicity image released by Showtime, Laura Linney as Cathy, and Oliver Platt as Paul are shown in a scene from "The Big C." The original series returned for a second season last Monday. (AP Photo)

to his roles. Moon-faced and bulky at 6 feet, 3 inches, his performances range from the shrewd White House counsel challenging President Bartlet on "The West Wing" to Manhattan rascal Nathan Detroit in the 2009 Broadway revival of "Guys and Dolls"; from the druggy, kinky lawyer in the TV series "Huff" to Yankees owner George Steinbrenner in the miniseries "The Bronx Is Burning." Currently, he's appearing as The Man in Black, a CIA team leader, in the sci-fi hit "X-Men: First Class."

Platt cites his distinctly non-leading-man looks as an asset.

"What I was told early on was

that, as an actor, I had a uniqueness: There wasn't anybody who looked like me, for better or worse, and we don't need to get into THAT any further, thank you," he says, chuckling. The son of a career diplomat, he grew up in Washington and throughout the Far East as the family was frequently re-stationed. His interest in drama was a response to often being on the move. "I was always a new kid in school and I figured out this was a way to plug in: I'd try out for a play and then I would have a group of friends," he says. But it was more than a coping device. "I also loved doing it."

Bitten by the bug, he majored in

Reviews: 'Transformers,' 'Larry Crowne'

By The Associated Press

► "Larry Crowne" — You can have two of the most likable, bankable stars on the planet together, but strong writing is crucial to making them shine.

Even the combined, blinding brilliance of Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts cannot salvage the corny, contrived script — which Hanks, who also directed the film, co-wrote. His long-time friend Nia Vardalos ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding") was his collaborator, and the shticky nature of her style is just overpowering.

Main characters behave in unbelievable ways and say just the right poignant things at just the right times, while supporting players are relegated to one-note roles that are straight out of a sitcom. But the main problem is that Hanks is as bland as the film's title.

Larry Crowne undergoes a major life change when he finds himself downsized out of his job at a behemoth supermarket; middle-aged and divorced, he decides it's finally time to go to college. But there's not much momentum, and it's hard to get a handle on who he is beyond his generically pleasant demeanor, so his transformation lacks the punch it should have had by comparison.

Roberts co-stars as the professor who becomes Larry's unlikely love interest, while Gugu Mbatha-Raw plays the impossibly gorgeous fellow student who gives him a makeover.

PG-13 for brief strong language and some sexual content. 98 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

► "Monte Carlo" — The French Riviera, that golden-hued playground of Grace Kelly and Cary Grant, here gets taken over by teenyboppers.

In her biggest role yet, Disney Channel star and pop singer Selena Gomez plays Grace, a Texas 18-year-old who has long dreamed of visiting Paris.

Traveling with her best friend (Katie Cassidy) and stepsister (Leighton Meester), their visit to the French capital is a bust. But when a British heiress look-alike (also played by Gomez) turns up, Grace impersonates her and earns a private-jet trip to Monte Carlo the next day.

In Monaco, the scheme mostly leads to romance and sappy self-discovery. Impersonating a famous heiress, one would think, might lead to numerous comical situations. But this isn't "Some Like it Hot"; "Monte Carlo" likes it lukewarm.

Gomez, while endearingly earnest, doesn't command the screen, and Meester and Cassidy ultimately carry the movie. Nevertheless, director Thomas Bezucha ("The Family Stone"), production designer Hugo Luczyc-Wyhowski and composer Michael Giacchino ("Up," "Super 8") do exceptionally well in giving the limp material a first-rate production.

Giacchino's graceful work is like a B-side to

his superb score to "Ratatouille."

PG for brief mild language. 108 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Jake Coyle, AP Entertainment Writer

► "Terri" — Jacob Wysocki makes his subtly confident film debut as a misfit teen who's comfortable in his own skin — even though there's a lot of it.

Heavyset, soft-spoken and reserved, he makes the same solitary trek to school each day in his pajamas — "They're just comfortable on me," he reasons — but barely makes much of an impression on anyone once he gets there, except to serve as a target of torment. What's fascinating about director Azazel Jacobs' quietly beautiful film, though, is that it never condescends to Terri, never pities him, because Terri doesn't pity himself. He is who he is: no-nonsense, observant and smarter than he looks.

He goes about his days, living in a cluttered home with his aging uncle (Creed Bratton) who's showing early signs of Alzheimer's. John C. Reilly is versatile as always as the affable high school vice principal who takes Terri under his wing, while Bridger Zadina and Olivia Crocicchia are both extremely natural as the fellow students with whom Terri forges a sweet, unexpected bond.

R for sexual content, language, some drug and alcohol use, all involving teens. 105 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

► "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" — Director Michael Bay serves up another loud, long, bruising and wearisome onslaught of giant, shape-shifting robots.

Bay tries to inject more flesh-and-blood consequence this time, but the human element arises largely from archival footage involving the 1960s moon race, along with images that may disturb younger kids as screaming, scrambling humans are vaporized by the 'bots like insects in a bug zapper.

In 3-D, too, so you get to wear those chunky glasses for the franchise's longest movie yet. Puny humans Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel, John Turturro and Tyrese Gibson again are caught up in the war between benevolent Autobots and evil Decepticons, joined by new cast members Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Frances McDormand, John Malkovich and Patrick Dempsey. Leonard Nimoy provides the voice of an Autobot elder, his age-old, gravelly vocals proving the most human element in the movie.

The visuals are dazzling, but Bay lets the battles grind on so long that the motion and noise turns numbing.

PG-13 for intense prolonged sequences of sci-fi action violence, mayhem and destruction, and for language, some sexuality and innuendo. 154 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

drama at Boston's Tufts University, then spent several years in the local theater scene before embarking for the big time in New York. He landed his feature film debut in the 1988 hit comedy "Married to the Mob."

The career he has enjoyed since then has been busy and eclectic. "I'm drawn to stuff that I haven't done before," he says. "But at the same time, when you take a job, especially a high-profile job, you want to have a sense that you're not going to completely wipe out. So you try and balance things." As an example of how things can go askew, he mentions "Guys and Dolls." "I should have had more respect for the material," he says. "I thought, 'I did this in high school. This is going to be great!' And it was a very humbling experience. It was really, really hard." (The Associated Press' late drama critic, Michael Kuchwara, called Platt's depiction of Nathan "cautious rather than comic.") "But I got deeply attached to that experience," Platt says, "and loved it, in ways that I could never have anticipated."

Platt married in 1992, and he and wife Camilla have three kids ages 16, 14 and 12. "I don't take it for granted that I'll be offered work," he says. "There's a sense of gratitude that I'm able to support my family doing this." They live in Greenwich Village, near the breakfast spot where Platt has joined a reporter one recent morning. Chained outside is his bike,

which is a no-frills affair, oversized with a 70-cm frame and sporting a plastic dairy-crab basket lashed to the front wheel. After the interview, Platt will pedal off to do chores.

Through the years, he's been able to balance his personal life and career, never venturing too far from home for too long ("The Big C" is shot within commuting distance in Connecticut).

"Family life to me is incredibly important and fulfilling, and it keeps the noise of show biz in perspective for me," he says, adding, "My wife is very grounded, unimpressed by the superficial trappings of show biz. "When I was younger, I had to do a bit of disentangling myself from the acting world. When I got on stage, it became a little too important for me. I needed to turn acting back into a job, instead of a survival mechanism." But don't get the idea that Platt considers acting just a job. In his mind, it's a process of discovery for all concerned. "The camera is such an incredibly accurate instrument that it sees way beyond what you're trying to project," he says, "and if you're lucky enough to keep acting, the audience is going to develop a sense of you that you aren't even aware of."

That's all part of the plan. "What I do is far — far! — from the most important thing in the world," he says. "But it's important to me, and I've never had any doubt that I was doing what I was meant to do."

Alicia Keys celebrates 10th anniversary of her debut

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Music critics are invited to see burgeoning singer-songwriters almost every day. But when a request came across this writer's desk to see a young singer-songwriter at an intimate showcase 10 years ago, it carried with it high expectations.

Backed by music mogul Clive Davis, Alicia Keys was billed as a cross between Lauryn Hill and Whitney Houston — a gritty, cornrow-wearing R&B singer who was a brilliant, classically trained pianist with both a stunning voice and beauty. She was going to be big. Bigger than big. Grammy Awards and multiplatinum sales were more than hoped for, they were expected.

Keys delivered on the all hype when her debut, "Songs in A Minor," was released in 2001. The album established the 20-year-old as one of the most influential artists of her generation. But looking back, Keys says she didn't expect the album would make her a superstar. "This had been a lot of years of me struggling to put out any music, and there had been multiple times where we were like, 'Oh, it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen,' and it didn't. So in a lot of ways in my mind, I think maybe I was protecting myself," she recalled. Now, the 30-year-old Keys can celebrate. The album is being rereleased this week with special editions that include previously unreleased tracks and video footage. Keys, who married music producer Swizz Beatz and gave birth to a son last year, will also perform songs from the album at a concert at New York's Beacon Theatre on Thursday. "There are certain things you have to celebrate, like certain birthdays are more special than the others, just because they kind of represent a growth, so for me, that's what this is," she said in a phone interview last week. She talked about that milestone album and how she's evolved over the decade.

The Associated Press: *Had you been thinking about the anniversary?*

Keys: I didn't even really realize it, somebody else kind of brought it up to me. ... (But) as I started thinking of it, and we started talking about it, I knew there were tons of songs from that time that I didn't put out. I didn't do anything with (them) because it wasn't right for the time, but I thought, 'How crazy would it be to go back and listen to them and figure out which were ones that I'd love people to hear.' There are songs that I did when I was 16, 17. It's really, really cool.

AP: *In the video that accompanies the rerelease, you talk about how you weren't the refined girl people expected. What were the adjustments that you had to make over the years, and how have you changed?*

Keys: I was straight off the streets of Harlem and Hell's Kitchen. ... I'm a real New York girl. So I think that was kind of a bit of a shock for people, especially back then, to see a real New York girl, and here I was doing all of these interviews. ... When I look back at them, I'm like, 'Damn, Alicia, you could have been a little gentler.' I just had a certain kind of roughness to me. That was just because that's the way I associated with people at the time, that's the way that I spoke. ... I remember reading a couple of things where they literally kind of criticized the way that I used my hands, or the way that I spoke, or say that I was whatever because I spoke a certain way. There were a lot of judgments, I think, that definitely made me conscious about how to start to maybe be a little bit more aware of how I was coming off ... but I'm still the same me.

AP: *How have you musically evolved?*

Keys: (What) I really learned about music is that you don't understand it. That's the part about it. There really is no formula ... it's all about a gift, it's like a moment, and you don't know when that moment is going to come. ... (Also) I've been able to be more experimental and just more open and more driven to do things that are new and different from me, because as an artist, you just always want to do things that are like unique and new and fresh. You don't ever want someone to say, 'Oh yeah, that's that same thing that she does.' For me, I want it to always be new.

AP: *How has marriage and motherhood changed you?*

Keys: It's made me so much stronger, it's made me so much more powerful. First of all, I'm having more fun than I've ever had in my whole life. I'm happier than I've ever been in my whole life.



KEYS

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Love can be fragile, or it can be mighty. Much depends upon how love is grown and protected. Venus follows the sun into nurturing Cancer, a favorable place for the love goddess to mend past relationship pain and build future ties through affectionate attention. Choose a relationship you'd like to work on in the weeks to come.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your mistakes will be magnificent marks of your growth. Your sign mate and avant-garde playwright Samuel Beckett said it well. "Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Even when you are very still, some part of you, like your mind or your heart, is dancing. You dance to music, to life — with a human partner or with the wind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationships change. They have to in order to keep up with the ever-changing structure of life. You are emotionally secure and, therefore, not jarred by the changes. Instead, you expect and welcome them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You intend to be patient and loving, and that is usually how you come across. You sometimes have to remind yourself of this intention, though. It does need to be periodically reset.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your inner reality is different from the inner reality of your loved ones, especially those of the opposite sex. Your needs are different, too. You recognize this and do what makes you feel safe, secure, creative and vital.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your aim is to go out and be dynamic as you work to make the world a better place. You may only "go out" as far as the local grocery store, but the way you interact there will still improve the world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you witness will move you. Your heart will melt as you surrender to the love you feel. There's no good reason to resist this process, so go with it and be emotionally free.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your plans are not exactly working out the way you wanted them to, but don't get too upset about it. This new way is most likely the absolute best way, which you'll find out once you drop your resistance to it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's time to get conscious of the rules and regulations that go along with being in a relationship with you. Do you know what they are? Think about what a person has to do to please you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be visiting new venues and perhaps a place of worship. Observe others to learn what's expected. Note that applause can be encouraging and congratulatory, but it is not always acceptable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Intention is powerful. You send terrific energy to your family, and they deal with their challenges more easily because of the boost. It helps that you also act in a way that supports your loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is so much going on for you these days that the thought of having time to yourself may seem indulgent and impractical. And yet, it is vital to your health and well-being.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 3).

You'll have great powers of tenacity this year. You'll make a statement about your intentions and follow through until that statement comes true. This month brings helpful teachers and new resources. A love relationship inspires you in July. August brings domestic improvements at a discount. Capricorn and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 8, 14, 36 and 42.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: His early ambition was to become a priest, and instead he became one of the top movie stars of all time. With Tom Cruise's natal moon, Venus and Uranus all in Leo, the sign of the entertainment industry, you might call it destiny. Cruise also has Jupiter in the spiritual sign of Pisces, a compassionate placement that helps him understand the deep emotional wounds of the characters he plays.

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ANTIQUES

BY TERRY KOVEL

In the days before Disney, many imaginary sprites that excited children's imaginations could be found in books. In 1881, Palmer Cox wrote an illustrated story about a group of characters called "Brownies" for Wide Awake magazine. Brownies were imaginary characters based on Celtic mythology. The tiny men had long skinny legs, round bellies and large heads. They were never seen by mortals, but they lived in the homes of humans, helped with chores and sometimes played jokes and caused mischief.

In the world of the Brownies, there

were dozens of characters, each

dressed appropriately. It was easy

to tell the policeman from the

farmer from the businessman by

their clothes. It was a time of mas-

sive immigration in the United

States, so the Brownies included

Chinese, German, Irish and other

ethnic figures familiar to children.

But there were no female Brownies

to be seen. The cartoonlike figures

were soon an important part of

19th-century pop culture, and the

original magazine article inspired

a series of books, comic strips and

commercial goods like toys, games,

dishes, candleholders, figurines,

sheet music, fabrics and even the

very popular National Biscuit Co.'s

Log Cabin Brownies Biscuits. A se-

ries of majolica Brownies were

made in the late 1800s. Each stand-

alone figure was about 9 inches

high. The Brownies faded from

view after Cox died in 1924, but

collectors are showing new interest

today. A Brownie doll was intro-

duced in 2007. Prices are begin-

ning to go up. A majolica figure

sold this year for \$165.

Q: I have a Numens silver pitch-

er, 8 inches high, inscribed with my

mother's initials (AES) and with the

words "From the Wardroom Offi-

cers, USS Marblehead." My dad

served on the cruiser Marblehead in

the early 1930s. Any notion as to

value?

A: A 1929 Stieff Co. ad in the

Baltimore Sun pictured a Numens

pitcher. The president of Stieff at

that time was Gideon Numens Stieff,

son of the founder, Charles C.

Stieff. The company was founded

as the Baltimore Sterling Silver Co.

in 1892. The name became the Stieff

Co. in 1904. The company

ceased production in 1999. The

USS Marblehead was attacked by

Japanese bombers in 1942. One of

the bombs exploded in the ward-

room. The ship was repaired and

put back into service later that year.

It was decommissioned after World

War II ended and was scrapped in

1946. If your pitcher is solid silver,

you should weigh it and figure out

the meltdown value. Your pitcher

would be worth 10 percent to 20

percent more than its meltdown val-

ue.

Q: I have an 1889 metal hatchet

commemorating the 100th anniver-

sary of the inauguration of George

Washington. There is a cutout of his profile on the blade. Is it valuable?

A: The 100th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration in 1889 was marked with three days of festivities, including a parade, naval review and ceremonies. Many souvenir items were made, including hatchets like yours. The hatchets were made in several sizes in bronze, cast iron and other metals and were meant to be hung on a wall. The value varies depending on the size, material and condition. Some souvenir hatchets sell for less than \$50, but bronze hatchets sell for more than \$2,000.

Q: I have a brown top hat from the 1892 U.S. presidential campaign. Grover Cleveland and A.E. Stevenson's pictures are inside. Also printed inside are the words "Tariff" and "Reform." The hat is size 7 3/8 and it has a leather band. I'd like to know the value.

A: Grover Cleveland is the only U.S. president to serve nonconsecutive terms. He was president from 1885 to 1889 and from 1893 to 1897. Although he won the popular vote in 1888, he lost the electoral

vote to Benjamin Harrison. The vice-presidential candidate in the 1892 campaign was Adlai E.

Stevenson, grandfather of the Democratic party's presidential nominee in 1952 and 1956. Cleveland and Stevenson campaigned on political reform and on lowering tariffs. Both Harrison and Cleveland used a top hat as a campaign symbol. Harrison's slogan was "Grandfather's Hat Fits Ben," referring to his grandfather, former President William Henry Harrison. Cleveland called Harrison's ideas the "same old hat." The value of your top hat today could be more than \$300.

Q: I recently visited a museum and saw dishes from a set made in China that pictured the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Were these dishes made in the late 1700s?

A: The history of the dishes you saw is a recently solved mystery. It was thought the dishes were made soon after 1776. Then, scholars decided the dishes had been made for the American Centennial in 1876. The latest research suggests that this pattern, and other Chinese export pieces decorated with U.S. historical scenes, were made in the 1920s or 1930s - or even the 1940s. The design is based on a painting by John Trumbull that wasn't finished until 1818. The dishes were first noticed in 1947, when they were offered for sale by a missionary in China. Forty-seven pieces were bought by Henry du Pont and are in the Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Del. Another group of these dishes was offered for sale in 1950. The dishes could be old plain china with 20th-century decorations or new pieces made in the old way. There is no mention of these dishes in American books

anywhere to take Sam really."

LeBeouf's nerdy character helped one alien race of robots, the Transformers star saying he has nothing more to offer after three films playing kid-next-door Sam Witwicky.

The 26-year-old American actor said he was through with the action-packed franchise.

"I'm done," he told The Associated Press at the recent opening of "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" at the Moscow International Film Festival. "I'm sure they will make more of them. It's still a very hot franchise."

He added "I love making them (the movies). I love the crew. I love Michael (Bay). I love the cast. I love Sam ... but I don't have anything new to contribute and I don't think there's

anywhere to take Sam really."

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Directed by Michael Bay, "Transformers 3" also stars Patrick Dempsey, Frances McDormand, John Malkovich and Victoria's Secret model Rosie Huntington-Whitely. Paramount Pictures said the movie earned \$37.3 million Wednesday in the U.S. on its first day — a 40 percent drop from its predecessor, "Revenge of the Fallen."

LeBeouf explained Witwicky's role in the latest movie.

"Nobody really cares about Sam anymore. He has no purpose. He

until the 1950s. Tests prove the dishes' glaze includes chemicals not used by the Chinese before the 1900s. It's a good lesson for all collectors. Fakes are identified by comparing them to the real thing. When the piece is a fantasy - something that appears to be old but is not a copy of anything - dating it is much more difficult.

Take advantage of a free listing to announce your group's events or to find antique shows and other events. Go to Kovels.com/calendar to find and plan your antiquing trips.

Tip: If your American flag is tattered and can no longer be used, be sure to dispose of it in the proper way. Give it to a Boy Scout, an American Legion post or the U.S. military. They can perform the official ceremony that includes burning the old flag.

CURRENT PRICES

► Camel Tire Patch cardboard container, tin top and bottom, contains 50 Diamond Vulcanizing patches for tubeless tires, image of camel in Egyptian desert, c. 1946, 6 x 4 inches, \$60.

► 1964 New York World's Fair license plate, blue, yellow numbers and letters, R-7629, \$70.

► Talking Charmin' Chatty doll, blond hair, sailor outfit, red knee socks, blue and white saddle shoes, five records, pull string, original box, Mattel, 1963, 24 inches, \$115.

► Wicker plant stand, original zinc insert, white paint, 1920s, 27 x 10 1/2 x 30 inches, \$125.

► Stoneware storage jug, cobalt blue grapes with leaves, applied loop handle, inscribed "Cowen & Wilcox, Harrisburg, Pa.," 16 inches, \$115.

► Vogue picture record, Irving Berlin's "Blue Skies," Hour of Charm All Girl Orchestra, picture of young woman shading her eyes from sun, 1930s, \$195.

► Split willow fishing creel, leather straps and measuring strip, 1930s, 16 x 6 x 8 1/2 inches, \$195.

► Phillips 66 Buddy Lee doll, hard plastic, light-brown herringbone twill attendant uniform and cap, orange badge, moveable arms, 1950s, 12 inches, \$650.

► Mt. Washington sugar shaker, fig shape, yellow and rose ground, blue, red and yellow pansies, 4 1/2 inches, \$1,000.

► Navajo rug, lightning-bolt pattern, black, white and red, grayish brown ground, central white diamond pattern, half diamonds along edges, 1930s, 37 x 65 inches, \$1,175.

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ASK STACY

BY STACY

Wife unhappy with brunches

Dear Annie: My husband insists we have brunch every Sunday with his grown children and mine. Because he works extremely long hours and

Annie's Mailbox

we don't get to spend enough quality time together, I would like to use that time to do

things for the two of us now that we are empty nesters.

I love my husband, but wonder if all I am to him is a glorified homemaker and workhorse. He never touches me anymore, and I'm not entirely sure he really loves me. When I asked him to reserve Sundays for us, he became angry and said he will spend time with his kids without me. I love my children, too, but I don't need to have them around me all the time.

Am I an awful person for feeling this way? I think my kids should have their own lives and let us live ours. My husband is the one who refuses to let go of his children and doesn't want to spend time with me, his new wife. By the way, his children have told me he is smothering them, but they are afraid to tell him to back off. Should I tell him? — **Lonely in the Deep Woods**

Dear Lonely: Most parents would be ecstatic to have brunch with their grown children every Sunday.

And frankly, it only consumes a couple of hours in an entire week, giving you plenty of time to spend with your husband. The problem, apparently, is that you believe your husband uses that time to avoid you.

Let his kids handle the smothering. Also, if you and your children don't care to participate, fine, although these brunches sound like a good opportunity for family bonding. Instead of focusing on Sunday mornings, suggest engaging activities for the two of you at other times. And please consider counseling. There are obviously other issues in your marriage that you need to deal with.

Dear Annie: A dear friend recently informed me that she is engaged and asked me to be her maid of honor. I'm honored and happy for her.

The problem is, she is 19 and the man she's engaged to is 50, with two sons older than she is.

My friend is a smart, beautiful, wonderful girl, and I cannot understand why she wants to marry someone so much older.

I worry that she will regret going through with this marriage. I want her to be with someone she can start a life with, rather than jumping into a life that's already half-lived.

Should I tell her how I feel? How can I be her maid of honor when I don't actually approve of the marriage? — **Confused Friend**

Dear Confused: Talk to your friend. Tell her how concerned you are.

Encourage her to discuss the relationship, and perhaps she will convince you that she's making the right decision.

But if you still cannot support the marriage, it is OK to tell her you don't feel comfortable being her maid of honor and ask her to choose someone else. Speak now or forever hold your peace.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

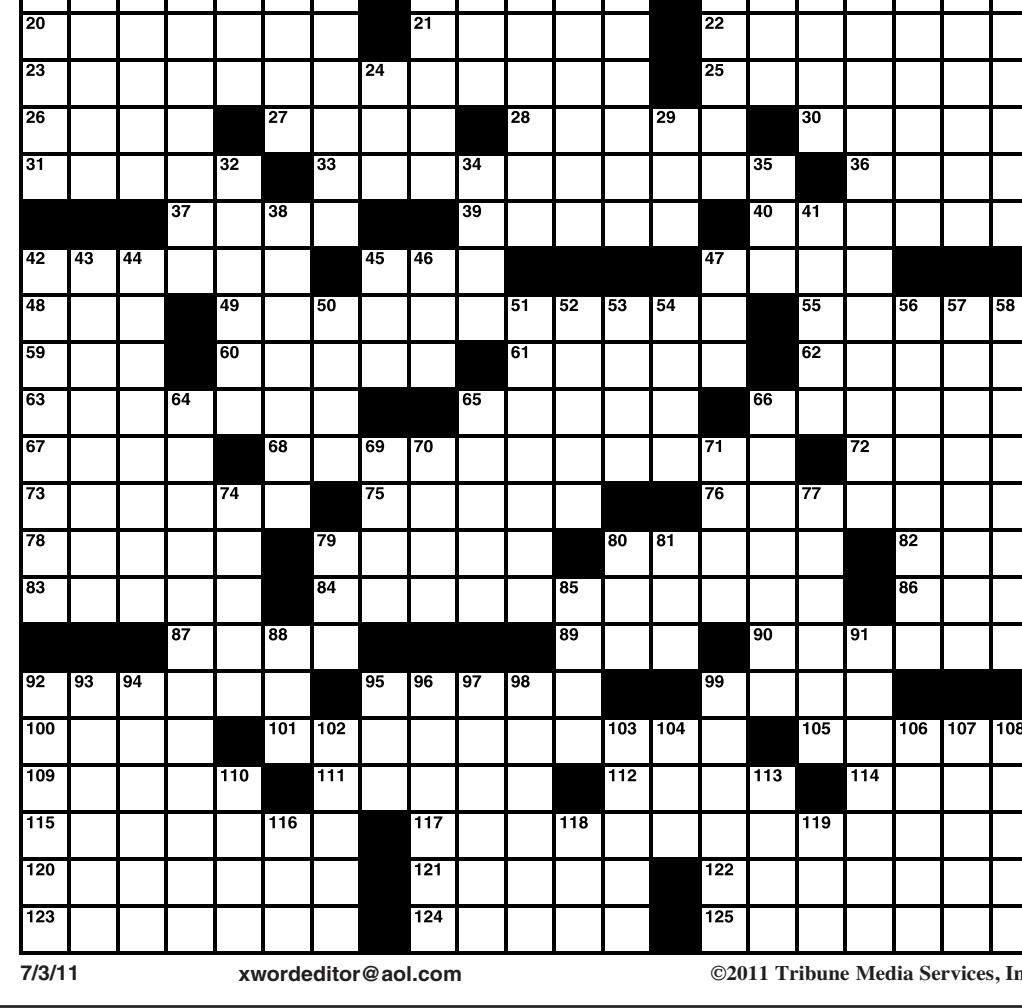
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"SAY AGAIN?" By SAMUEL A. DONALDSON

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21 Variety show
22 Catches the show
23 Understudy's crime?
25 Steamy stuff
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37 Responses to the obvious
39 Office orders
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48 Triumphant shout
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60 Official declaration
61 "The Gates of Hell" sculptor
62 Goes: deteriorates
63 Like some advanced research, briefly
65 Cues from a stage coach
66 "Trust me!"
67 Epps of "House"
68 Compliment on a skillful asphalt job?
72 Mother of the Valkyries
73 Short summaries
75 Garfield's creator
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80 Start a rally
82 Ballpoint brand
83 Fishhook-to-line connection
84 Anesthetist's error?
86 A.L. West team, on scoreboards

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4 Like some comforting manners
5 Mont Blanc, e.g.
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7 Geometry class list
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29 "If I Ruled the World" rapper
32 Helped get healthy
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43 "You can't be serious"
44 Blowout on the court
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46 Fitting
47 No. under the year on many tax forms
50 Diamond wearer in "Copacabana"
51 With accuracy or distance, a golf stat
52 Fox forensic drama
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54 Spanish ayes
56 In working order
57 "Rocky" catchphrase
58 Future adoptee, perhaps
64 Jeans feature after a barbed wire encounter?
65 "Deathtrap" playwright
66 "You win"
69 Baltic Sea feeder
70 "The Banana Boat Song" opening
71 Workers' rights agcy.
74 Rice preparation
77 Longtime collaborator with Elton
79 Util. unit
80 You might do it after hiring a lawyer
81 Marxism extremes?
85 "Wrong, comrade"
88 Three times daily, on an Rx
91 Spends the night in
92 Evidence of egg toss errors
93 Just right
94 Goes on stage
95 Business card no.
96 14-legged crustacean
97 "The First Billion is the Hardest" author Pickens
98 Cotton Club site
99 Had a hunch
102 Regularly
103 "Sounder" Oscar nominee
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106 Defense gp. formed in Manila
107 Classic watch
108 See-thru wear?
110 Super Bowl at which Tom Petty performed
113 Two-season "American Idol" judge DioGuardi
116 See 27-Across
118 1989 World Champion figure skater
119 Web ID



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BILLBOARD AUDIOS

THE BEST SELLERS

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Billboard Hot 100: Top 20

1. Give Me Everything, Pitbull Featuring Ne-Yo, AfroJack & Nayer. Mr. 305/Polo Grounds/J/RMG.
2. Rolling In The Deep, Adele. XL/Columbia.
3. Party Rock Anthem, LMFAO Featuring Lauren Bennett & GoonRock. Party Rock/will.i.am/Cherrytree/Interscope.
4. Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.), Katy Perry. Capitol.
5. Super Bass, Nicki Minaj. Young Money/Cash Money/Universal Motown.
6. The Edge Of Glory, Lady Gaga. Streamline/KonLive/Interscope.
7. E.T., Katy Perry Featuring Kanye West. Capitol.
8. Moves Like Jagger, Maroon 5 Featuring Christina Aguilera. A&M/Octone/Interscope.
9. The Lazy Song, Bruno Mars. Elektra/Atlantic.
10. How To Love, Lil Wayne. Cash Money/Universal Motown.
11. Dirt Road Anthem, Jason Aldean. Broken Bow.
12. The Show Goes On, Lupe Fiasco. 1st & 15th/Atlantic.
13. Tonight Tonight, Hot Chelle Rae. Jive/JLG.
14. Just Can't Get Enough, The Black Eyed Peas. Interscope.
15. Honey Bee, Blake Shelton. Warner Bros./WMN.

16. On The Floor, Jennifer Lopez Feat. Pitbull. Island/JD/JMG.

17. Don't Wanna Go Home, Jason Derulo. Beluga Heights/Warner Bros.
18. Good Life, OneRepublic. Mosley/Interscope.

19. Till The World Ends, Britney Spears. Jive/JLG.

20. I'm On One, DJ Khaled Featuring Drake, Rick Ross & Lil Wayne. We The Best/Cash Money/Universal Motown.

The Billboard 200 (Top Albums): Top 20

1. The Light Of The Sun, Jill Scott. Blues Babe/Warner Bros.

2. Bon Iver, Bon Iver. Jagajawar.

3. Adele, Adele. XL/Columbia/Sony Music.

4. Dream With Me, Jackie Evancho. SYCO/Columbia/Sony Music.

5. Outlaws Like Me, Justin Moore. Valory.

6. Hell: The Sequel (EP), Bad Meets Evil. Shady/Interscope/IGA.

7. Planet Pit, Pitbull. Mr. 305/Polo Grounds/J/RMG.

8. Born This Way, Lady Gaga. Streamline/KonLive/Interscope/IGA.

9. Alpocalypse, Weird Al Yankovic. Way Moby/Volcano/Jive/JLG.

10. My Kinda Party, Jason Aldean. Broken Bow.

11. Leveler, August Burns Red. Solid State.

12. Sorry For Party Rocking, LMFAO. Party Rock/will.i.am/Cherrytree/Interscope/IGA.

13. Sigh No More, Mumford & Sons. Gentleman Of The Road/Glassnote.

14. NOW 38, Various artists. Universal/EMI/Sony Music/Capitol.

15. This Is Country Music, Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville/SMN.

16. 19, Adele. XL/Columbia/Sony Music.

17. Modern Love, Matt Nathanson. Acrobat/Vanguard/Welk.

18. Pieces Of Me, Ledisi. Verve Forecast/VG.

19. Doo-Wops & Hooligans, Bruno Mars. WMN.

16. Mars. Elektra.
20. NOW That's What I Call Country: Volume 4. Various artists. Universal/EMI/Sony Music/UMe.

Hot Adult Contemporary Songs

1. Rolling In The Deep, Adele. XL/Columbia.

2. Just The Way You Are, Bruno Mars. Elektra/Atlantic.

3. Firework, Katy Perry. Capitol.

4. ... Perfect, P!nk. LaFace/JLG.

5. Rhythm of Love, Plain White T's. Hollywood.

Top Christian Albums

1. Leveler, August Burns Red. Solid State/EMI CMG.

2. On Fire, Peter Furler. Sparrow/EMI CMG.

3. Awake, Skillet. Ardent/INO/Atlantic/Provident-Integrity.

4. Blessings, Laura Story. INO/Provident-Integrity.

5. Until The Whole World Hears, Casting Crowns. Beach Street/Reunion/Provident-Integrity.

Mainstream Rock Songs

1. Country Song, Seether. Wind-up.

2. Lies Of The Beautiful People, Sixx: A.M. Eleven Seven.

3. Sick, Adelitas Way. Virgin/Capitol.

4. Rip Tide, Sick Puppies. RMR/Virgin/Capitol.

5. So Far Away, Avenged Sevenfold.

6. Hopeless/Sire/Warner Bros.

Alternative/Modern Rock Tracks

1. You Are A Tourist, Death Cab For Cutie. Atlantic.

2. Pumped Up Kicks, Foster The People. StarTime/Columbia.

3. Adolescents, Incubus. Immortal/Epic.

4. Panic, Sublime With Rome. Fueled By Ramen/RPR.

5. Rope, Foo Fighters. Roswell/RCA/RMG.

Hot Country Songs

1. Honey Bee, Blake Shelton. Warner Bros./WMN.

2. Mean, Taylor Swift. Big Machine.

3. You Lie, The Band Perry. Republic

Nashville.
4. Tomorrow, Chris Young. RCA.

5. If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away, Justin Moore. Valory.

Top Country Albums

1. Outlaws Like Me, Justin Moore. Valory.

2. My Kinda Party, Jason Aldean. Broken Bow.

3. This Is Country Music, Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville/SMN.

4. NOW That's What I Call Country: Volume 4. Various artists. Universal/EMI/Sony Music/UMe.

5. You Get What You Give, Zac Brown Band. Southern Ground/Roar/Bigger Picture/Atlantic/AG.

Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs

1. Motivation, Kelly Rowland Featuring Lil Wayne. Universal Motown/UMRG.

2. Sure Thing, Miguel. Black Ice/ByStorm/Jive/JLG.

3. I'm On One, DJ Khaled Featuring Drake, Rick Ross & Lil Wayne. We The Best/Cash Money/Universal Motown/UMRG.

4. My Last, Big Sean Featuring Chris Brown. G.O.O.D./Def Jam/JD/JMG.

5. Party Rock Anthem, LMFAO Featuring Lauren Bennett & GoonRock. Party Rock/will.i.am/Cherrytree/Interscope.

6. Who Says, Selena Gomez & The Scene. Hollywood.

7. Call Your Girlfriend, Robyn. Konichiwa/Cherrytree/Interscope.

8. Save The World, Swedish House Mafia. Astralwerks/Capitol.

9. Not My Daddy, Eva. In Ya Face/Bangalore.

10. Price Tag, Jessie J Featuring B.o.B. Lava/Universal Republic.

11. Judas, Lady Gaga. Streamline/KonLive/Interscope.

Hot Latin Songs

1. You, Romeo Santos. Sony Music Latin.

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ACROSS OUR CLASSROOMS

St. Paul School Foundation scholarships awarded



SALEM — The St. Paul School Foundation has awarded its annual scholarships to five 2011 area high school graduates.

This year's recipients received a combined total of \$5,400 in tuition assistance for their first year of higher education.

The first-place winner is Ellen Schlueter from West Branch High School, who will attend Franciscan University.

Runners-up, all from Salem High, and the schools they will attend are Andrew Bostwick and Ryan Cappuzzello, Kent State University; Stephen Navarra, University of Akron; and Alexandra Shivers, Youngstown State University.

High school seniors who graduated from St. Paul Elementary School in Salem are eligible for the foundation scholarships.

Awards are based on academic achievements and church and community involvement.

The St. Paul School Foundation, established in 1990, is dedicated to enhancing Catholic elementary education by supporting the academic programs and long-term financial security of St. Paul School.

Underwood is winner in Scholarship Program

ALLIANCE — Michael Underwood of 887 Knox School Road,

Alliance, is a winner in the Subaru of America Foundation Scholarship Program.

The program is sponsored by the Subaru of America Foundation. He is the son of David Underwood.

Underwood attends West Branch and intends to major in mechanical engineering at Geneva College. His school and community activities include football, senior class officer, basketball, Freshmen Focus mentor, and National Honor Society.

The Subaru of America Foundation Scholarship Program was established to reward the academic excellence of children of Subaru of America Inc. employees and to encourage them to continue their education.

Holman earns doctor of pharmacy degree



TOLEDO — The University of Toledo College of Graduate Studies has conferred the degree of doctor of pharmacy upon Holly Lynn Holman. She is the fourth generation pharmacist in the Holman family.

Holman's Drug Store was located in East Palestine on Main Street for many years until it was sold in the 1970s. Holman's mother and father are pharmacists. Her grandfather and great-grandmother and great-grandfather were also pharmacists.

Holman received the Pharmacy Student Organization President Scholarship. She received a bachelor's in pharmaceutical sciences 2009 from the University of Toledo, magna cum laude, and the Tower of Excellence Scholarship. Holman graduated from Boardman High School in 2005.

She is the daughter of Leonard S. Holman Jr., R.Ph. and Kathy Holman, R.Ph., and the grand-

daughter of Harold and Louise Cullar, Leonard S. Holman, Sr.R.Ph. (deceased) and Mary Holman. Her future plans include pharmacy residency at the Toledo Hospital.

Ellis earns dean's list at Kent State University

SALEM — Katherine M. Ellis has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list for the College of Nursing at Kent State University, Kent campus.

Ellis is a 2008 graduate of Salem High School.

Saling sisters named to West Liberty dean's list

WEST LIBERTY, W. Va. — Sisters Julia and Jennifer Saling were named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester at West Liberty University.

They are graduates of Southern Local School and finished their sophomore year of college. Julia is majoring in pre-professional bio/chem. Jennifer is dual majoring in English and theater. Their parents are Nancy Saling and the late Dan Saling Jr.

Local students receive Youngstown State degrees

YOUNGSTOWN — The following area students graduated this spring from Youngstown State University.

► **Alliance:** Erin Haywood, master's of social work degree in social work; Jeffrey Martin, master's of business administration degree in general business; Dustin Woolf, associate's of applied science degree in criminal justice associate.

► **Columbiana:** Monica Bechtel, bachelor's of fine arts degree in art studio photography option; Robert Burbick, bachelor's of general studies degree in general studies; Robert Campbell, master's of science in education degree in educational administration; Anthony Casacchia, bachelor's of science degree in biology; William D'Amico, master's of science in education degree in counseling; Benjamin Detwiler, bachelor's of engineering degree in electrical engineering and bachelor's of science in business administration degree in accounting; Anthony McCoy, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in civil and construct eng tech B; Allissa Pullion, bachelor's of arts degree in psychology;

Robert Quetot, bachelor's of engineering degree in civil engineering; Kathleen Richter, master's of arts degree in history; Gina Roth, master's of science in education degree in special education gift and talent; Julie Shea, master's of social work degree in social work; Jennifer Welling, bachelor's of engineering degree in chemical engineering; Amber Wilson, master's of science in education degree in special education licensure; Kelcie Witmer, bachelor's of science in business administration degree in accounting; Gretchen Witmer, master's of social work degree in social work; Jacob Wright, bachelor's of science degree in biology.

► **East Palestine:** Robyn DePaul, bachelor's of arts degree in art history; Adyson Glavan, bachelor's of arts degree in communication studies; Jennifer Macklin, bachelor's of science in education degree in early childhood education; Cory Muraco, bachelor's of science degree in chemistry; Craig Ward, bachelor's of science in business administration degree in human resource management.

► **East Liverpool:** Amanda Campbell, bachelor's of science in education degree in middle child/math science opt; Emily Devon, associate's of applied science degree in dental hygiene; Jaclyn Jimison, bachelor's of science in business administration degree in accounting; Andrew Kidd, associate's of technical study degree in elec util tech power plant op;

Kelsey Mays, bachelor's of science in nursing degree; Jordan McHenry, associate's of applied science degree in criminal justice associate; Ian Peshel, bachelor's of engineering degree in mechanical engineering; Jarrod Sattmare, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in civil and construct eng tech B; Mattie Smith, associate of applied science degree in mechanical engineering tech A; Gregg Stowers, associate's of technical study degree in elec util tech power plant op; John Trenkelbach, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in mechanical engineering tech B; Lynn Williams, bachelor's of science in nursing degree.

► **Ellsworth:** Jessica Giblin, bachelor's of arts degree in anthropology.

► **Homeworth:** Joseph Vizzuso, associate's of technical study degree in elec util tech power plant op.

► **Leetonia:** Susan Beiling, master's of business administration degree in general business; Corey Creamer, bachelor's of science in education degree in Integrated social studies education; Erin Neiheisel, bachelor's of science in education degree in middle child language art math opt; Erica Sims, bachelor's of science in education degree in middle child math science opt; Cory Stevens, bachelor's of science in education degree in spec education mild moderate dis; Jacob Stouffer, bachelor's of science degree in chemistry; John Terzak, bachelor's of engineering degree in mechanical engineering.

► **Lisbon:** Nathan Beers, bachelor's of engineering degree in civil engineering; Joseph Borg, associate's of technical study degree in elec util tech power plant op;

► **Leonard Williams:** Andrew Copeland, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in mechanical engineering tech B; Aaron Cosma, bachelor's of science in business administration degree in general administration; Caitlin Glenn, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in exercise science; Lee Hartman, bachelor's of engineering degree in industrial and systems engineering; Kaley Kastner, bachelor's of science in nursing degree; Belinda Niswonger, master's of social work degree in social work; Zachary Rodgers, bachelor's of science degree in chemistry; Douglas Seifert, bachelor's of arts degree in psychology.

► **Levi:** Kellie George, associate's of applied science degree in dental hygiene; Logan Hoppel, associate's of technical study degree in elec util tech power plant op; Amanda Louk, associate's of applied science degree in dental hygiene.

► **New Waterford:** Lindsay Berger, master's of science in education degree in content area foreign language; Lisa Braden, bachelor's of science degree in biology; Timothy Ridzon, bachelor's of engineering degree in mechanical engineering; Justin Storm, associate's of technical study degree in electric utility technology.

► **Rogers:** Joshua Hopkins, bachelor's of arts degree in telecommunication studies.

► **Salem:** Samantha Adams, bachelor of science degree in biology; Heaven Adkins, bachelor's of science in business administration degree in general administration; Thomas Davis, bachelor's of arts degree in mathematics; Kenton Esbenshade, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in civil and construct eng tech B; Trista Houck, bachelor's of science in education degree in middle child math science opt; Travis McDade, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in criminal justice; Bethany McGehee, bachelor's of arts degree in communication studies; Andrew Miller, doctor of physical therapy degree in physical therapy; Jarrod Niederhiser, bachelor's of science in education degree in special education mild moderate dis; Jennifer Ostapiak,



SCH hosts YSU student interns

YSU students visited Salem Community Hospital on June 15 as part of their weekly rotation in the Nonprofit Leadership Summer Honors Internship Program. The Center for Nonprofit Leadership, housed in the Williamson College of Business Administration is implementing the summer program thanks to the Raymond John Wean Foundation's generous grant of \$40,000. More than 30 nonprofit organizations applied for the summer program and Salem Community Hospital was one of the 12 to be selected. Over a 10-week period, the 12 interns from various sites make rounds every week to learn about their fellow interns' facility, take a tour, and have a professional development seminar. During the tour of Salem Community Hospital, intern Courtney Dixon introduced her peers to the Central Supply department where they learned some of the infection control techniques used in health care. (Submitted photo)

bachelor's of arts degree in communication studies; David Scarry, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in information technology B; Leonard Williams, bachelor's of science in applied science degree in mechanical engineering tech B.

► **Sebring:** Joseph Amabeli, associate's of applied science degree in criminal justice associate.

► **Salineville:** Amanda Thompson, master's of public health degree in master public health.

► **Wellsville:** Grant Buchheit, associate's of technical study degree in elec util tech power plant op;

Lindsey Olmstead, bachelor's of engineering degree in civil engineering; Bonnie Taylor, one-year certificate degree in cert geographic info science.

School:

► **Columbiana Alumni and Friends:** Bryce Miner, Zachary Chaplow, Hayley Goist, Molly Montella.

► **Community Foundation Scholarship:** Sabrina Smith.

► **Community Foundation Education Scholarship:** James Munyon, Danielle Welton.

► **Community Foundation Vocational Education Scholarship:** Shane Organ.

► **Barton-Kissell Science-Engineering Scholarship:** Kathleen Hum.

► **C. Dewalt Athletic Scholarship:** Hayley Goist.

► **Lucille Funkhouser Mundy Music Band Award:** Ian MacGillivray.

► **Lucille Funkhouser Mundy Music Choir Award:** Jacob Maurer.

► **Gamma Eta Sorority Scholarship:** Molly Montella, Sabrina Smith, Danielle Welton.

► **Corrine Mackall Instrumental Music Award:** Dakota Smith.

► **E. Gordon Warner Memorial Scholarship:** Dakota Smith.

Recipients at Crestview High School:

► **Community Foundation Education Scholarship:** Rebecca Forney, Corrie Sodergren.

► **Community Foundation Vocational Education Scholarship:** Sam Weingart.

Other Foundation distributions during this period was a \$3,000 grant to assist Columbiana Meals on Wheels with food cost expense in their delivery of two meals daily to an increased number of recipients in the local area. A second grant of \$3,000 was awarded to the Columbiana High School Speech Team to assist with expenses to the National Convention Tournament. The grant was conditional upon the group raising additional funds required for the competition. The Columbiana Community Foundation Inc., a public non-profit charitable trust was established in 1986 with an initial donation of \$5,000, and ended 2010 with a balance of \$2,341,105 as a result of bequests and donations. A one-time gift of \$100 to the Columbiana Community Foundation entitles the donor to a lifetime membership. For information on memberships contact the foundation office at 11 S. Main St., Columbiana; 330-482-3825.

Area students named to Bethany College lists

BETHANY, W. Va. — Bethany College recently announced its president's list and the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2010-11 school year. Those named to the president's list must have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average while completing a minimum of 12 graded credit hours.

Students named to the dean's list must have earned a grade-point average of 3.65 or better for the semester while completing a minimum of 12 graded credits.

Area students who qualified for these honors include: Lisa Illig of Leetonia, dean's list; and Emily Sechrist of East Rochester, president's list.

Community Foundation awards scholarships, grants

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Community Foundation awarded \$23,310 in scholarships and grants. Recipients of scholarships to high school students were announced recently during Columbiana High School and Crestview High School Awards Day programs. Foundation awards totaling \$17,310 were presented at Columbiana by Mark A. Hutson and at Crestview by Dick Sell. Included in that total was the foundation's new Vocational Education Scholarship that was awarded at both schools for the first time this year.

Recipients at Columbiana High

"American youth attributes much more importance to arriving at driver's license age than at voting age."

— Marshall McLuhan,
Canadian communications
theorist (1911-1980)

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Can't tax way out of \$14.4 trillion hole

For decades, liberal Democrats have insisted, in effect, that opponents of big government simply don't want to help "the little guy." During recent years they have expanded that to insist conservative Democrats and Republicans want to destroy the American middle class.

President Barack Obama and liberals in Congress insist their rejection of spending cuts to reduce deficit spending is based on that difference. Former U.S. Senate Democrat leader Tom Daschle, in an op-ed piece written for The Washington Post, blamed the failure of deficit reduction talks on "the two parties' fundamental difference of opinion on the role of government in modern society." Daschle added liberal Democrats believe "that government's role is essential in making society fairer ..."

Nonsense, as Daschle understands full well.

Here is the problem, in black and white:

The United States has dug a \$14.4 trillion hole of national debt. That is equivalent to the country's gross domestic product — the value of all goods and services produced by Americans in a year.

Far from reducing our reliance on spending money we don't have, Obama and liberal lawmakers have accelerated it. The budget deficit for this year alone is expected to be about \$1.5 trillion.

Programs such as Social Security have been looted to feed the big government monster. The Social Security Trust Fund, which many older Americans believe is security for their retirement, is virtually empty. Nearly every cent in it has been "loaned" to a government that has no way of paying it back.

Conservative Democrats and Republicans in Congress want Obama and the liberals to agree to deficit reduction by spending cuts. The liberals are insisting tax increases — not just for "the rich" but for millions of middle class Americans as well — are needed.

The problem is not, as Daschle puts it, a difference of opinion about government's role. It is simply that the nation has run out of money. Obama and the liberals want to continue spending freely, increasing our taxes while continuing to run up debts.

Figures don't lie in this situation. Again, the national debt is so big that if all Americans spent every dime we earn next year to pay it down, it might be erased. That doesn't sound like "making society fairer."

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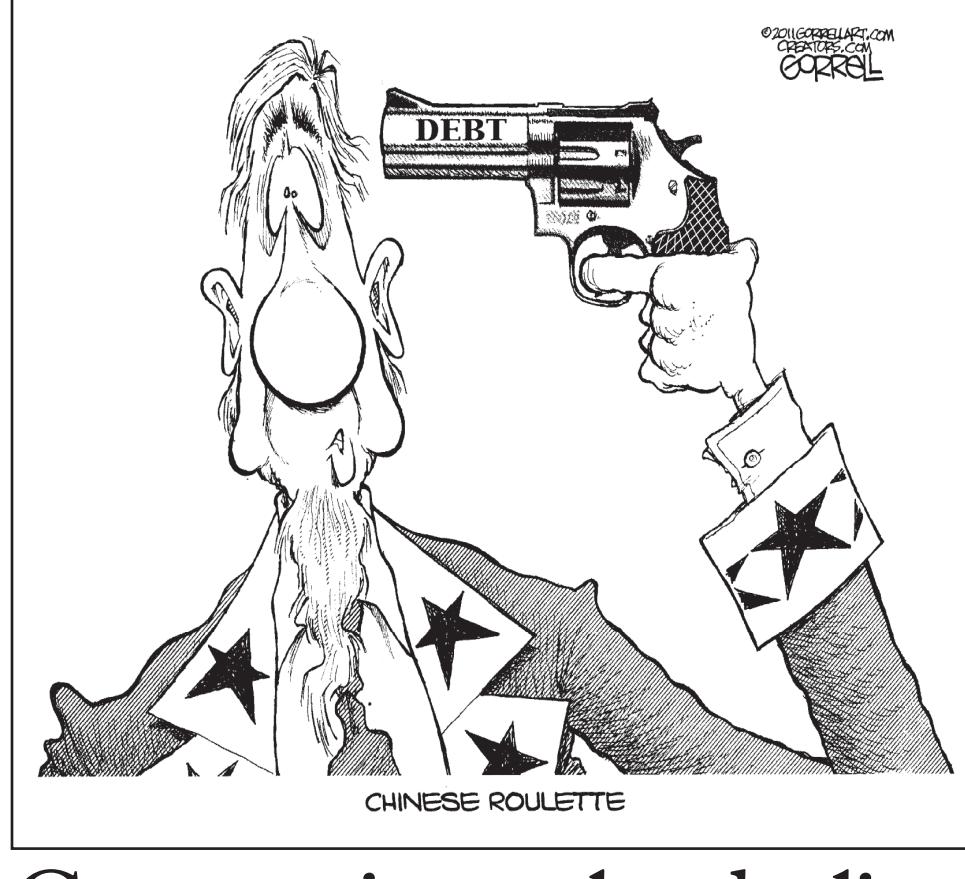
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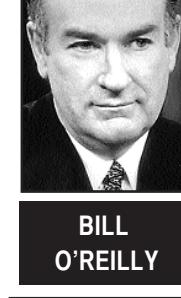
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Country is on the decline



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Over the Fourth of July weekend, many Americans take some time out to think about their country. This year, those thoughts might not be as festive as in the past because the United States is in decline.

A new Associated Press poll says that 80 percent of Americans believe the economy is

in bad shape, and they are correct. With each passing hour, America's \$14.4 trillion debt rises with no end in sight. Tight money has crippled the housing industry, and Wall Street's lack of confidence in the Obama administration is retarding business expansion. Thus, fewer jobs are being created in the private marketplace.

Washington has not been able to stem the grim economic tide because of ideology.

The president and most Democrats believe more government control of the economy and higher taxes on the affluent will improve the situation. Republicans are demanding smaller government, no tax increases and less federal regulation. The stalemate is hurting the folks, no question about it.

A poor economic outlook erodes power, both personal and governmental. One of the reasons President Obama cited for "drawing down" troops in Afghanistan was economic.

He wants to spend more money at home in lieu of nation building in Afghanistan.

That may be a good thing, but it is not a strong thing. A cash-strapped America

spells weakness to the rest of the world.

On the cultural front, things are also going downhill. Millions of Americans are now addicted to the Internet, spending countless hours playing games and twitting their lives away.

What was first envisioned as technological recreation has now become a lifestyle for many, especially younger people. The machines are dominating lives, leaving little time to explore the real world and

develop offline relationships.

On the entertainment front, cheap reality TV programs showcase the worst of human nature. Crude displays, greed, narcissism and sadistic impulses are all celebrated nightly on the tube.

Where once the country appreciated great writers like Hemingway and Twain, now people like Snooki are being paid tens of thousands of dollars to speak on college campuses. "The Situation" is right. There is a situation. And it's appalling.

Obama often laments the growing gap between the rich and the rest of America. And it's true. A fortunate few are able to ride capitalism to the extreme, living lives of incredible luxury.

But there is also a growing cultural divide. The masses are being fed electronic garbage 24/7 in the form of hostile music, gross-out movies and the aforementioned reality TV atrocities. Meanwhile, a select few are being intensely educated at amazingly expensive high-end universities. They will be the future Masters of the Universe. Most other Americans will just get by.

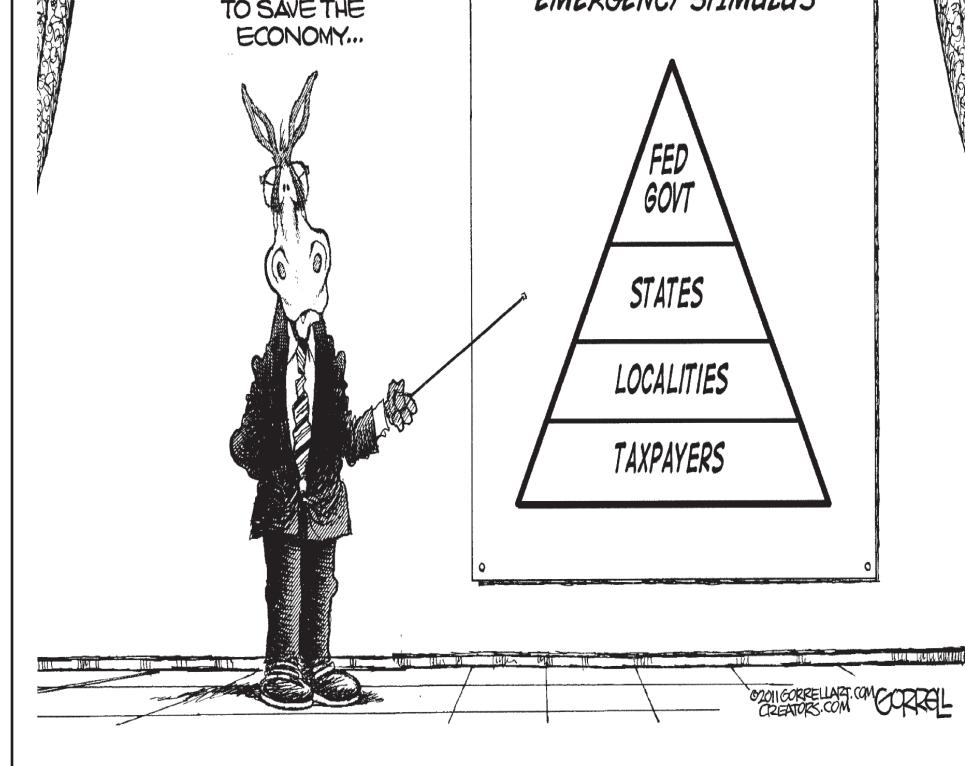
This depressing scenario is not how a nation expands its power. America became the most powerful country on earth because its people pulled together economically and fought worldwide to create freedom and dignity for those less fortunate.

Now, we are running out of money to fight the good fights, and we are fracturing along class lines. This is not what the United States should be. E pluribus unum? Not this Fourth of July.

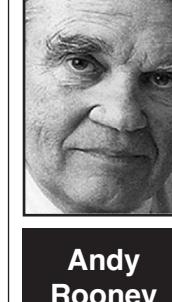
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It's time to think about vacation



(Andy Rooney is ON VACATION. In his absence, we are reprinting a classic column originally published May 27, 1995.)

These are the days when I enjoy my summer vacation the most. My month off doesn't begin until July 1 but looking forward to it is the best part.

Already I'm trying to figure out a way I can sneak off early.

Once my vacation begins, I can't keep myself from counting the days until it ends, and that ruins it. It always seems to go so fast. The sun starts coming up later and there's a depressing, dwindling sense about the afternoon shadows. The end of my vacation hangs over my head in July like the income tax deadline in April, or a dental appointment in January. It's depressing as the days dwindle down, and I realize that what I've been looking forward to for so long is almost over.

During a vacation, it's best if you don't have any dates when you have to do something or go somewhere. They make a vacation seem shorter. If your vacation is interrupted by someone's wedding in another city or by a business appointment you can't avoid, it divides your days off into little compartments. My idea of a great vacation is one during which nothing happens so eventful that I can remember it when people back at work ask me, "What did you do on your vacation?"

We start going to our summer house on weekends in May and keep on going weekends right through September, but for all of July and a few days I steal on each end of the month, I'm there seven days a week, and I love it. We have an extra bedroom so we can accommodate guests, but I don't like having guests during my vacation. I like to have that room free and clear, so if we do have friends come to visit us it's usually on weekends before we're there full time. I like having them, mind you, but not during my vacation.

When we do have weekend guests, I like the ones who get up when they feel like it without worrying about what time we have breakfast. I like guests who don't want to do what I want to do but feel free to wander off on their own. When people are visiting, I don't want to be a tour director. The best guests do what they feel like doing.

After breakfast, they may volunteer to drive over and get the newspapers 12 miles away, then not show up until hours later for lunch. I'm very fond of guests who enjoy a nap after lunch while I'm up in my shop on some woodworking project. If they want to play tennis toward mid-afternoon, I'll join them.

Book-readers make good guests. They don't want you to bother them with suggestions like, "Would you like to hike up the falls?" or "There are some good antiques places in Schuylerville." They're engrossed in their book. A guy who won't move from in front of the television set while there's a ballgame on makes a satisfactory weekend visitor.

I'm hoping no one we invite up to the house is going to read this, but I don't like guests who stand around asking whether there's anything they can do. If someone asks whether there's anything he or she can do, there almost never is because the people who ask that question aren't the kind of people who can help do anything. At the end of the visit, the sensible ones ask Margie, "What shall I do with the sheets?" She tells them.

There shouldn't be many decisions to make on vacation. It's best when the biggest question you have to answer during the day is, "What do you want for dinner?"

This vacation, I'm going to make things out of the walnut, maple and cherry I have stored away. I'm going to read, nap and I'm going to take several boxes of letters and miscellaneous pieces of paper from my office and go through them leisurely so that, when I come back in August, my life will be organized and in order.

I won't have any pictures to prove it, but I'll have a good time.

Is Obama only postponing the inevitable?



**PAT
BUCHANAN**

In deciding to pull all of the 30,000 troops from the surge out of Afghanistan, six weeks before Election Day 2012, but only 10,000 by year's end, President Obama has satisfied neither the generals nor the doves.

He has, however, well served his political interests.

A larger drawdown would have risked the gains made in Kandahar and Helmand and invited a revolt of the generals, some of whom might resign and denounce Obama for denying them the forces to prevail.

Sen. John McCain, citing some generals, is already saying that, with fewer troops and more missions per unit, U.S. casualties will rise.

A smaller drawdown would have enraged the left, whose support is indispensable to Obama's winning a second term.

So, our president did what comes naturally: cut the baby in half.

Strategically, removal of 30,000 troops in 15 months means that Obama has given up all hope of victory over the Taliban. Gen. MacArthur's dictum — "In war, there is no substitute for victory" — is inoperative in yet another American war.

Obama's strategic goal now is the avoidance of defeat, until the election of 2012 is behind him. And by retaining 70,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan during the fighting season and political season of 2012, he has an insurance policy against a Taliban Tet-style offensive or major U.S. military reversal as voters begin to fill out absentee ballots.

In the post-speech analysis, there was much chatter about a "political solution" — a peace conference including Pakistan, India, Russia, China and Iran that would bring the moderate Taliban and Karzai government together to iron out their differences.

This is self-delusion, born of hope not rational analysis.

Have we not been here before? With Mao's Communists and Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists being pushed toward a coalition by Gen. George Marshall in the late 1940s. With the Viet Cong and North and South Vietnamese

making peace in Southeast Asia in 1973.

Like the old communists, the Taliban are all-or-nothing people.

They have a vision, an agenda grounded in religious faith about how a society should be structured, about how men and women should live.

They fought their way to absolute power in the 1990s. And they have shown themselves more willing to die for their beliefs and leaders than the Afghan National Army.

This is not to denigrate the brave Afghan soldiers who have bled and died.

But the Taliban have not needed U.S. training, U.S. arms, U.S. air and fire support or U.S. paychecks to go into battle. All the suicide bombers who give up their lives are — Taliban.

They recruit themselves. And for 10 years the Taliban have battled U.S. soldiers and Marines, backed up by NATO troops, to what Gen. Stanley McChrystal called "a draw."

And if Afghanistan has become a stalemated war between the Americans and Taliban after a decade in which 1,600 Americans have given their lives and 12,000 have been wounded, how well

will the Karzai regime and ANA make out when the Americans, the best soldiers in the world, depart, and they face the Taliban alone?

"This war does not lend itself to a military solution" is the cliché of the hour. And, surely, if the United States cannot achieve victory over the Taliban with 100,000 troops, we are unlikely to achieve it with 70,000, or however many may remain after 2014.

But has anyone heard the Taliban concede, "This war does not lend itself to a military solution"? Even should the Taliban come to the table and agree to compete democratically, does anyone think it will be faithful to a commitment given to the infidel Americans, once the infidel Americans depart? Why should they?

Over the next 15 months, the United States will be pulling out all or almost all of its 50,000 troops from Iraq, plus the 30,000 from the Afghan theater.

Our NATO allies will execute similar drawdowns.

This will leave Iraq up for grabs. But the Islamic world will see the U.S. pullout from Afghanistan for what it is: a retreat, forced upon a war-weary

America by Islamic holy warriors who are the sons of the mujahedeen who drove out the Red Army in the 1980s and helped to bring down the Soviet Empire.

Make no mistake. Obama is headed for the exit ramp, and the Karzai government and Afghan army will not succeed where that same government and army, backed by 150,000 U.S. and NATO troops, could not succeed.

McCain and the neocons will blame what is coming, a terrible day in Kabul and across Afghanistan, on those who refused to soldier on, no matter the cost in blood and treasure.

But the people who should be indicted by history are not those who, after half a trillion dollars and a decade of bleeding, decided to cut America's losses, but those who stamped this country into two of the longest and least necessary wars in the history of the republic.

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YOUR SIDE

THE READERS TAKE OVER

Upset with Southeast track policy

To the editor:

I am writing in response to several phone calls made to Southeast School regarding the opening of the gate that leads to Fisher Lane from the track. For several years now phone calls had to be made every summer to open the gate so people from Edgewood Drive and Kennedy Drive could get to the track without walking clear around, as some of them are elderly. All of the other gates are open except this one.

One year we were told it was because of "Homeland Security." Please! For 30 years we have been using the track and walking our dogs up there. What's the problem now? We all pay our taxes and expect to be able to use the Southeast track as we did in the past.

**CHRISTINA GILBEY,
Salem**

Writer comments on building

To the editor:

Over the last few months, like everyone else, I have read with interest the letters to the editor pertaining to the building at the corner of East State Street and North Ellsworth.

I now think it is my right, because of my family, to voice my opinion.

In 1912 my grandfather, R.S. McCulloch Sr., started the R. S. McCulloch Co., a full line department store in a small building beside the Arbaugh building on East State Street (Family Video lot). A few years later he moved to a larger building at 567 E. State St.

Unfortunately in 1982 the store closed, but the building still remained. In 1984 the roof fell in making the building unsafe.

Within a couple of weeks my mother, Margaret McCulloch Null and uncle, R.S. McCulloch Jr., had decided to tear the building down for the safety and betterment of the town, much to their dismay. They did this at their own expense, insurance was their problem later. Before they started demolition, city officials came to them and told them they had 60 days to fix the building or tear it down. The officials did not ask if there was a paint problem or what insurance would cover, they just said "get the problem solved." Officials must have cared more about the downtown 27 years ago, then they do today.

Both my mother and uncle knew their obligations to the citizens of Salem and the downtown so they did what needed to be done.

To this day I still miss that old building as I spent 40 years working in it, but I knew it had to go as it was 100 years old.

**JOE NULL,
Salem**

Kind words for late judge

To the editor:

It is with great respect and sorrow that I write of the passing of Judge Warren and Barbara Bettis. They were lifelong close family friends and truly wonderful and unique souls. As a child I remember summer vacations that our families shared. At age 10 I considered Warren's daughter, Joan, to be my best friend. Growing up in a small town like Salineville you had a connection with people that seldom exists in big cities. In my teenage years the Bettis' moved to Salem the same year my family moved to Canfield. We stayed in touch. I grew up and left Ohio 30 years ago to live my life, but never returned home without stopping to see "The Judge."

I will miss his bright eyes and constant smile. My heart goes out to his family and

many friends. I'm sure Warren and Barbara are playing bridge in heaven with my parents, Frank and Marilyn Solak.

**STEPHEN F. SOLAK,
Fort Myers, Fla.**

Impressed with basketball camp

To the editor:

Wow! — girls summer basketball camp rocked! I just wanted to give a shout out to thank you for everyone involved especially head coach Renee Farina and Sarah Hamilton and all the high school girls who coached and organized this year's girls basketball camp.

My daughter learned a lot while working hard and having fun. Thanks again for an awesome camp experience.

**MARION AND CASEY JOHNSON,
Salem**

Angry with our government

Congress is about to pass a law which will make it illegal to grow your own food, or for "any farm" not to purchase and use government mandate chemicals, additives, and pesticides on all food consumed in the US. Violation may be fine of to \$1000 per day.

Under the following SB510, S425, and HR 875, once these bills pass and can outlaw growing your own food; in my opinion I really think the government has overstepped their boundary and have no right to dictate to us what we can grow, those idiots who brought this to the table should have considered what the people want and not what they think we want.

It is becoming more like America the beautiful is becoming more like the Republic of America a communist country instead. The very ramification of this will have severe consequences, with disastrous outcome. Look around the world today people are getting fed up with governments putting a strangle hold on them, (The Citizens).

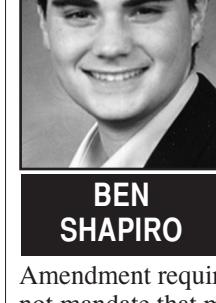
Is there any wonder why Americans don't trust their government, with this kind of underhanded agenda, I see no reason why they should be trusted. By infringing upon the rights and freedom of the people will fuel destruction throughout the nation. Our soldiers who fought for freedom would have done in vainly while this country is leaning toward complete government control.

Congress you can't even handle your own affairs let alone handle we the peoples affairs, so stay out of ours. Stripping away rights has been your agenda all along, and you won't stop until we the people put you in your place or out of office. So you remember who put you in office, we can take you out of office. Citizens I encourage each and every one of you to flood the mail boxes full of letter against what they are trying to do, swamp their phones lines with calls and voice your opinions against such actions, jam up their e-mail address until there so full that there computer have a meltdown, letting them know you're not going to take it anymore. Citizen if we don't take a stand on this, other rights will follow to be taken away. For power corrupts and they are so corrupted up there in the white house, it is all about greed and if they can make pocket money from your gardens then they will outlaw it.

We came to the new world to escape such stuff from England, and Britain's empire and we fought against them to free America. We need to stand up and fight again this that congress is trying to do.

**WALTER KERNAICH,
East Liverpool**

Treating children as adults



**BEN
SHAPIRO**

This past week, the Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, ruled that the state of California could not bar the sale of violent video games to minors.

The majority opinion, written by quasi-originalist Justice Antonin Scalia, argued that the First

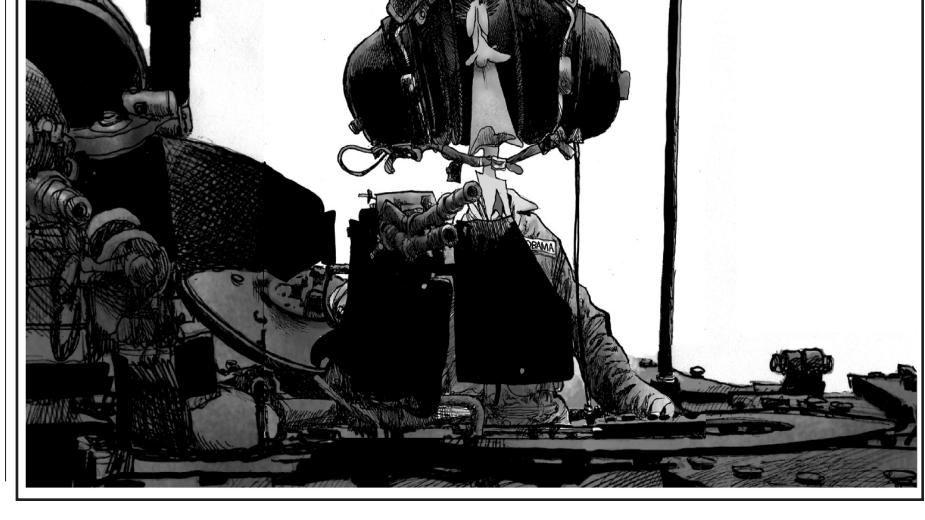
Amendment requires that government not mandate that minors be controlled by their parents. Purer originalist Judge Clarence Thomas took the opposite view. "Although much has changed in this country since the Revolution," he wrote, "the notion that parents have authority over their children and that the law can support that authority persists to day."

This is the debate that defines our time. The treatment of minors as tiny adults is a dangerous move that threatens the foundations of our society. Civilized societies have always recognized that parents must control their children until the kids reach maturity — that's how we've historically passed along morals and information. If we left children to their own devices, there is little doubt that they would engage in every selfish pursuit they could — kids aren't the naturally altruistic folks non-parents seem to think they are — and hurt themselves in the process. They wouldn't go to school, they wouldn't go to church, and they certainly wouldn't embrace their parents' value systems. But today's left, and many on the libertarian right, have embraced the concept of children making their own decisions. Paternalism has become a dirty word, even though parents are *supposed* to be paternal. New generations should not have to rediscover old truths — reinventing the wheel takes time, effort and pain. They should be able to inherit the received wisdom of the past, glean from it, and then make their own decisions. Historically, this has meant that parents control what their children see and hear. To a point, the more control parents have had, the better. There is a reason that unwed motherhood is the leading indicator of many of our most pressing social problems: Without a father in the home, children often run out of control and grow into irre-

sponsible adults. Government should do its utmost to maintain enough respect for the family unit to allow adults to raise their children. Now, however, we've moved into a brave new world in which children are thought to be adults who are far away. The left has pushed for lowered age of consent; they've pushed for children to be able to attain abortions without parental permission; they've pushed for heightened sex education, so children can make "informed" decisions without the input of their guardians.

This is not only scientifically inaccurate, but it's also morally incoherent. Children are children because they are not fully developed human beings. Science tells us that adolescents are biologically driven to embrace risky and stupid behavior. The part of the brain called the prefrontal cortex, which actually controls for risky behavior, isn't fully developed until children are fully grown. Leave children and adolescents to their own devices, and they will not make good decisions — they will attack any boundaries and cross any lines. What is government's role in all of this? Justice Scalia believes that government should not put more power in the hands of parents — government should essentially be neutral between children and those who raise them. Justice Thomas believes that government should create a system wherein parents get the last word. In today's world, more than ever, it is important that children not be treated with libertarian casualness requiring parents to be all-knowing and all-seeing. Instead, government should place control firmly in the hands of parents, requiring children to go to their parents for advice and guidance. Freedom and responsibility for actions go hand in hand; only adults can be held responsible for their actions and the actions of their children. Therefore, only adults should have the freedom to choose on behalf of their children. Any other moral system is a fundamental rejection of the superstructure of civilization in favor of a moral chimera.

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Community

Sunday, July 3, 2011



ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Amber Marie Arnette to marry Cory D. Rickman

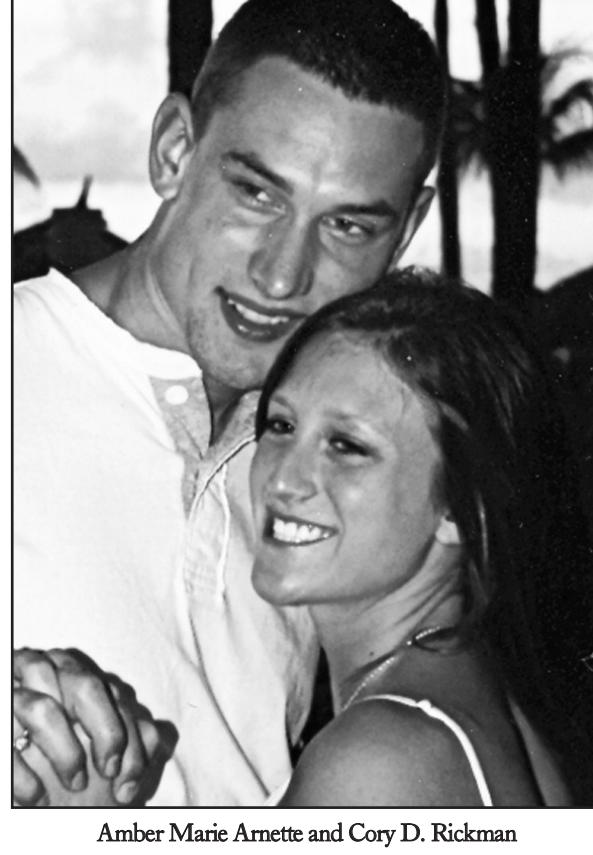
Dr. Gregory and Cynthia Arnette of Findlay are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amber Marie Arnette, to Cory D. Rickman. He is the son of Desi and Kit Rickman of Salem.

The couple's private ceremony will be held on the evening of Aug. 13 at Worthington Hills Country Club in Columbus.

Invitations will be issued for the reception to follow at the country club.

The bride-elect, a 2007 graduate of Findlay High School, also graduated cum laude from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in hospitality management. She is employed at the Scioto Hills Country Club.

The prospective bride-groom graduated in 2007 from Salem High School



Amber Marie Arnette and Cory D. Rickman

and is attending The Ohio State University pursuing a bachelor's degree in Arabic. He plans to grad-

uate in 2012. He is currently employed at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berryman celebrate 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berryman of Columbiana are observing their 60th wedding anniversary.

The former Joanne Harvey and Mr. Berryman were married on June 24, 1951, at the First Presbyterian Church in East Palestine.

The couple's children are Lynne Jackson and Jim (Carol) Berryman of Columbiana. They also have two grandchildren, Jeffrey (Amy) Jackson of Massillon and David Jackson of Irvine, Calif.; and three great-granddaughters, Ellie, Maddie and Lily Jackson.

Mr. Berryman retired after 38 years as a teacher and coach at



Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Joanna) Berryman

Columbiana High School.

Mrs. Berryman was a

medial secretary for Dr. H. Lee Bookwalter until his retirement.

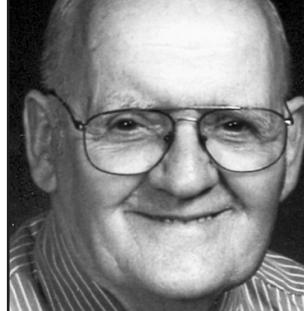
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Knag mark 40th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Knag, 207 1/2 Main St., Leetonia, celebrated 40 years of marriage recently. They were married on June 22, 1971.

The Knags have two children, Michael, and Carrie Jones. They also have a grandson, Nathaniel. Both are retired.

Charles Hawkins to be honored for 90th birthday

The public is invited to honor Charles Hawkins for his 90th birthday at a cake and ice cream reception from 2 to 5 p.m. July 10 at Rogers United Methodist Church, 46361 Walnut St., Rogers. His birthday is June 28. The party will be hosted by his wife, Marie, and his four children, Marcia Griggs, Charmaine LaMoncha, Forrest Hawkins and Roxie Witmer. The honoree also has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The family asks that gifts be omitted.



Tiffanie Marie Heestand to wed Stephan Michael Hennard

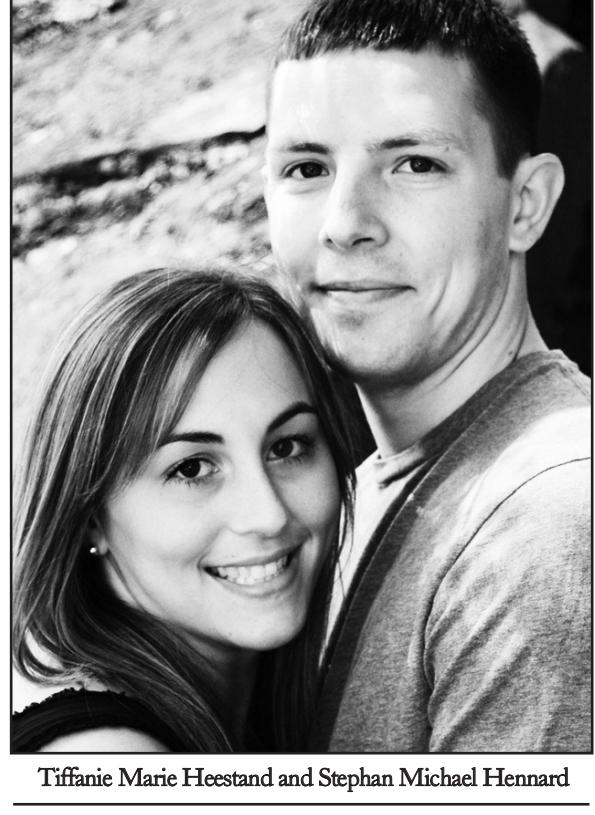
Ken and Robin Heestand of 36378 Perry Grange Road, Salem, are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffanie

Marie Heestand, to Stephan Michael Hennard. He is the son of Mike and Joni Hennard of Ortonville, Mich.

The couple's private wedding ceremony will be held in September at Graylyn International Conference Center in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Invitations will be issued for the reception to be held immediately following the ceremony at Graylyn.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School. She received a doctorate of pharmacy and a bachelor's in business administration from Ohio Northern University. She is currently a pharmacist at



Tiffanie Marie Heestand and Stephan Michael Hennard

Target in Brighton, Mich.

Her fiance, a 2003 graduate of Brandon High School in Ortonville, Mich., received his bachelor's degree in

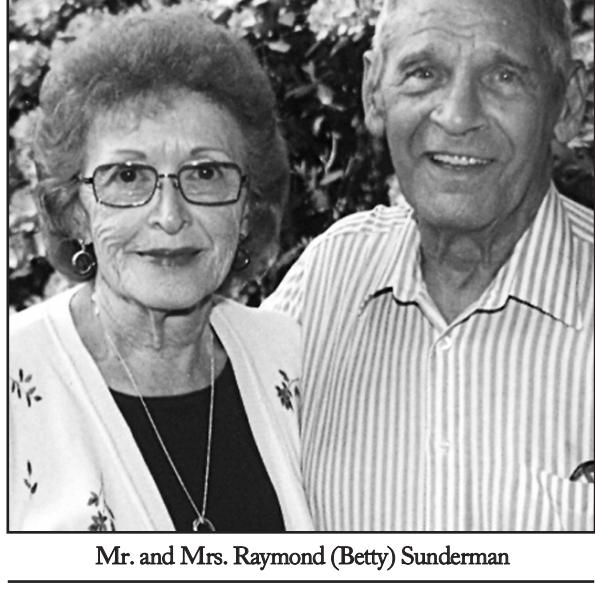
mechanical engineering from Ohio Northern University. He is currently a project manager at Kroger Co. Engineering in Novi, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sunderman feted for 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sunderman were honored on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on May 29. A reunion for family and friends was held at their home in Hanoverton.

Hosting the event were their three children and spouses, Raymond and Barbara Sunderman Jr. of Berlin Center, Cheryl and Dr. Richard Miller of Kiln, Miss., and Diana Reeder of Hanoverton. The Sundermans also have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The former Betty Bon-sall and Mr. Sunderman were married on Feb. 3,



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Betty) Sunderman

1951, by the Rev. Scott of the First Christian Church of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunder-

man also celebrated on the date of their anniversary with a private family dinner.



Frank Hofacker celebrated on 100th birthday

Approximately 200 family members and friends met on June 18 at Coy Park near Greenford to celebrate the 100th birthday of Frank Hofacker who was born June 20, 1911. Pictured behind Mr. Hofacker are, from left, daughter-in-law, Gladys Hofacker of St. Louisville, Ohio (wife of Frank's deceased son Chauncey); and daughters, Linda Krueger of Zebulon, N. C.; Kathy Klassen of Miamisburg, Ohio; Marilyn England of Salem; and Nancy Kingsley of Emleton, Pa. (Submitted photo)

BOOKBEAT

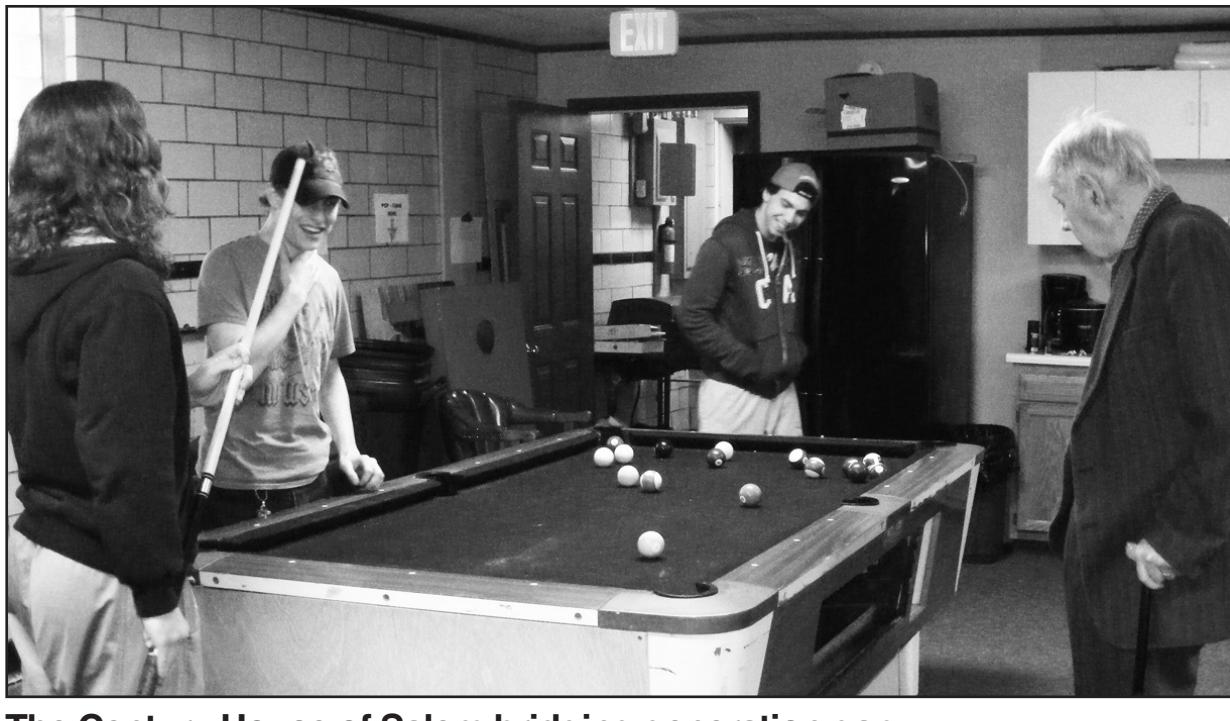
By Renae Ault, Children's Librarian,
Salem Public Library

Picture books have many goals. Overall, they attempt to teach, entertain, or encourage young readers. The better ones do all three. The best ones do all of these things and also entertain adults in those young reader's lives. In the last five years, Mo Willems has brought humor, emotion, friendship, and pleasure to the realm of easy reader books, a genre where those qualities tend to be lacking. A recent evening found the staff of the children's department at Salem Public Library laughing out loud over Mo Willems's newest Easy Reader, "I Broke My Trunk." The introduction of Gerald the Elephant and Piggie the Pig in the Geisel Award-winning series Elephant and Piggie, made Willems a children's book star. The illustrations are simple enough for a child to replicate, yet convey such a wide range of emotions that the illustrations constantly give clues to the story.

Elephant and Piggie amuse their readers, but it's important not to forget the other amazing contributions that this author has made to the world of children's literature. Willems has introduced readers young and old to the emotional attachment of a child and her Knuffle Bunny through a heartfelt trio of books. Whether you say it Kuh-Nuffle or Nuffle (see book 2, Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity for discussion on pronunciation), Trixie and her old rabbit pal have delighted readers around the world and earned Willems a Caldecott Honor award.

Willems' Pigeon, on the other hand, is larger than life and his frustration, temper, and sense of humor is sure to resonate not only with toddlers, but anyone who has ever spent time in the company of the toddler set. Pigeon wants to do a lot of things, including driving a bus or staying up late, but it's up to the readers to tell him no! Willems received another Caldecott Honor award with the first installment, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus. Not only has our feathered hero received this prestigious award, he has a Twitter account and his own musical! Not bad for an illustrated bird.

Mo Willems has already had a powerful impact on the world of children's literature and I think his books may very well find themselves as part of the canon. To find out what's so funny in "I Broke My Trunk" or any of the other titles by this exciting author/illustrator, visit Salem Public Library in person, on the web at www.salem.lib.oh.us, or give us a call 330-332-0042.



The Century House of Salem bridging generation gap

Don Rhinemiller, a resident at The Century House of Salem, an independent home for senior citizens, observes teens playing pool at The Roc of Salem, a ministry for youth ages 14 to 20 years old, during a recent visit to help bridge the generation gap. The Century House residents prepared cookies which Rhinemiller presented to the youth during the visit. (Submitted photo)

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Whispering Pines Village holds garage and bake sale

Whispering Pines Village in Columbiana held its annual garage/bake sale on June 10 and 11. The community came out to help raise over \$900 for the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. Above, from left, Pam Kerrigan, Mary Ann Channell, Betty Brooke and seated Ferne Bight helped organize and participate in the sale this year. (Submitted photo)

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

Salem HS Class of 1940 to meet for lunch

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1940 will meet for lunch at noon Tuesday at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Leetonia HS Class of 1949 to meet for lunch

LEETONIA — The Leetonia High School Class of 1949 will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club in Salem.

United Quilt Guild to meet Tuesday

SALEM — United Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

A quilt show will be held at the Salem Community Center on July 15, 16 and 17. There will be no "unfinished objects" work done at the church that day.

TOPS 1380 awards weekly weight-loss winners

SALEM — TOPS 1380 met June 20 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with 14 members present. Jeannie Luxeul, co-leader, conducted the meeting in absence of Cindy Eastman, leader.

Best losers were Donna Mank, TOPS; Luxeul, honorable mention; and Margaret Phillips, KOPS. Amy Lee won the Rolling Cash Five and Shirley Bullis read for the "circle of light" ceremony.

There will be no meetings on June 27 and July 4 due to the church's vacation Bible school and the Fourth of July respectively. Double weight fines will be in place at the July 11 meeting.

Damascus Garden Club enjoys outdoor photography

DAMASCUS — Damascus Garden Club, which is a member of National Garden Club and Garden Club of Ohio, held its June meeting at the home of Rhonda Mitchell.

Sixteen members enjoyed a program titled "Outdoor Photography" presented by guest speaker Melissa Iler. She gave general instruction on using digital cameras. Everyone was instructed to bring their cameras and instruction manuals with hopes of encouraging more pictures to enter into competition for the club. She also worked one on one with members and answered many specific questions.

After the program President Ginny Huffman presided at the business meeting. Following the program theme, roll call was answered with, "who takes the photos at your house?"

Members of the Conservation Committee shared that they acquired a variety of crocus and tulip bulbs from their request to Fellows Riverside Gardens. They will be stored and planted in the fall in various locations in the community gardens.

Each member received a copy of the watering schedule for tending the gardens throughout the summer.

It was announced that the rain barrel is in place and functioning to help facilitate the watering duties at the post office garden. A group work day was held June 28.

Pictures were shared from previous work days. A thank you from the West Branch Academic Banquet and from the current post office clerk were read. Members will gather to arrange vases for the Goshen Alumni Banquet. There will be no meeting in July. The club will reconvene in August at the home of Sandy Kilmer.

Old School Reunion slated for Sept. 24

LISBON — The Old School Reunion,

comprised of Rogers, Clarkson and Oak Grove, will be held on Sept. 24 at the Columbiana County Career Center.

Sign-ins are scheduled from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Dinner follows at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12.95 per person.

The dinner will be served by the school's culinary program. The menu offers a choice of baked steak or stuffed chicken breast, baked potato, green beans, salad and apple crisp.

Payments must be received by Sept. 9. Mail reservations and checks to Joyce Hillberry, 24 Prospect St., Lisbon 44432. Write steak or chicken and number of dinners requested on the memo line, and also include your phone number.

New category announced for CC Fair arts and crafts

LISBON — Several patriotic quilts are ready for the special category for this year's arts and crafts department at the Columbiana County Fair.

The Price of Freedom category is open to exhibitors in the quilting, crocheting, knitting and cross stitch categories. New this year is a Price of Freedom class for the photography department as well.

Further information on these categories, as well as all others at the fair, are available in the Premium Book or online at the fair's website: columbianacountyfair.org.

Entries in this category will be presented to Columbiana County veterans, both current and past, at the conclusion of the fair.

Veterans who wish to be considered for one of these items should send their name and

contact information, branch of service and conflict served in to Sharen Cope, director, c/o Fair Office, P.O. Box 356, Lisbon 44432, or to the VFW Post #892, 476 Arch St., Salem 44460 attn. Blair Whitman, commander.

MC Junior Fair Board discusses upcoming events

CANFIELD — The Mahoning County Junior Fair Board held its June meeting at the Colonial Inn on the Canfield Fairgrounds.

Publicity photos were taken by Brooks Studio before meeting at the Dairy Barn.

The board discussed the grandstand shows that will be featured at the 2011 Canfield Fair and finalized details about participation in the 2011 Canfield Fourth of July Parade.

The board also announced that volunteers were still needed to assist with Agricultural Camp at the Mill Creek MetroParks Farm on July 26, 27 and 29 for youth in the fourth through sixth grades.

The Junior Fair Board will meet again on July 21. Canfield Fair work schedules will be passed out and discussed at the meeting.

R-Weigh recognizes weekly weight-loss

SALEM — The R-Weigh weight groups met June 27 at the Faith Chapel church in Salem and lost 35 pounds for the week.

Good losers of the week were Elsie Wolfgang, Candy Penner, Marian Long, Sheryl Emch, Teri Fitch and Margie Dale. The goalies of the week were Rachel Weaver, Linda Lude and Ellen Mills. Judy Catlett and Karen Pauline won the can-do drawing.

The afternoon Hot Shots and Happy Hiters had a tie game and have each won one game in the baseball contest. The evening Diamond Darlings beat the Blue Thunder 24 to 20 winning the baseball game. The Darlings have won their three games played.

There will be no meeting on July 4 because of the holiday. Members losing a pound and goal members losing or staying the same will get a dollar on July 11.



Visiting Nurse Association sponsors car show

The Salem Area Visiting Nurse Association hosted the antique car show in Centennial Park at the 2011 Quaker City Weekend Cruise during the Steel Valley Super Nationals. The show was a joint effort with the Salem Parks Department and the Tri-State Antique Car Club. From left, Susan Yoder, executive director; Lorrie Gouldsberry, billing; Marty Webber, physical therapy assistant; Linda Haught, receptionist; Cindy Mitchell, marketing; Tracie Brooks, home health aide; and Vicki Marple, home health aide. Also participating but not pictured are Marilyn Wilson, marketing director; Cathy Kress, office manager; and Margie Potts, supervisor. The Tri-State Antique Car Club will hold a car show the fourth Friday of each month through September in Centennial Park. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)

Old School Reunion slated for Sept. 24

LISBON — The Old School Reunion,

Iced coffee a hot trend. Grounds for celebration?

By MICHELLE LOCKE

For The Associated Press

It wasn't too long ago that a cup of cold coffee wasn't worth beans. But these days iced coffee is one hot brew.

"Iced coffee has completely evolved in the past decade," says Buffy Maguire, who with her husband runs two Java Beach Cafes in San Francisco and is opening a third.

Last year, the restaurant industry served up 500 million orders of iced, frozen or what are categorized as "slushie" coffee drinks, says Bonnie Riggs, restaurant industry analyst for NPD Group, a major market research firm.

That compares with 400 million in 2006, an impressive performance considering there's been an intervening recession which typically nips at discretionary items like specialty coffee drinks.

Iced coffee drinks on today's menus involve more than just pouring regular coffee over rocks. The beans used are premium, just as with hot coffee, and there are special preparations taken to bring out the best of the flavor.

At Java Beach, coffee is steeped overnight or sometimes longer using a coarse grain and cold water, no heat. "What that process does is there's virtually no acidic quality to the coffee. It just brings out this really caramel-y, chocolate element of the coffee that's really divine," she says.

Who's selling iced coffee?

Just about everyone, from big-timers like Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, and McDonald's to most local shops, like Java Beach.



Shown are nightcap iced coffee, left, and a parlor coffee float, right, (AP Photos)



Even 7-Eleven now offers an iced coffee beverage in two flavors.

A few fun facts: Nearly 60 percent of iced coffee is consumed at breakfast, 20 percent is treated as a snack, 13 percent of sales are for lunch and 4 percent for dinner. Consumption is heaviest in the Northeast and the frosty java is more popular with women than men.

At Dunkin' Donuts, iced coffee is "fast becoming as hot, pardon the pun, as our classic cup of hot coffee," says Scott Hudler, the company's vice president of brand marketing.

Dunkin' Donuts uses a double brewing process that keeps the flavor consistent. "It's never bit-

ter, it's not watered down," says Hudler.

Iced coffee is a caloric chameleon. It can be as Spartan as black coffee on the rocks or as hedonistic as a syrup-flavored, whipped cream-infused dessert-in-a-cup. And in case you were wondering, a cold cuppa joe still packs a jolt of caffeine.

At Java Beach, "I do give people a warning," Maguire says. "It's so smooth that you can drink quite a lot of it."

COFFEE BANANAS FOSTER SMOOTHIE

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 2
1 1/2 cups strong brewed coffee, chilled

1/4 cup chocolate syrup
1/4 cup half-and-half
1 cup chocolate or coffee ice cream

fee, chilled

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
2 small ripe bananas
6-ounce cup vanilla yogurt
1/2 cup fat-free half-and-half
1 cup ice cubes

In a blender, combine all ingredients. Blend until smooth and frothy.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 267 calories; 12 calories from fat (4 percent of total calories); 1 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 6 mg cholesterol; 59 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 3 g fiber; 111 mg sodium.

(Recipe from Alison Ladman)

carbohydrate; 4 g protein; 4 g fiber; 107 mg sodium.
(Recipe from Alison Ladman)

NIGHTCAP ICED COFFEE

This very adult iced coffee even sports a spiced sugar coating on the rim of the glass.

Start to finish: 5 minutes

Servings: 1
2 tablespoons turbinado sugar
Pinch of nutmeg
Pinch of cardamom
1 ounce Godiva milk chocolate liqueur
1 ounce Navan vanilla cognac
1 ounce Kahlua Especial
2 ounces espresso, chilled
1 ounce sweetened condensed milk

To prepare the spiced sugar, in a small bowl mix together the turbinado sugar, nutmeg and cardamom. Place on small plate. Lightly moisten the rim of a double old fashioned glass (or other large tumbler), then invert the glass onto the plate so that the sugar sticks to the rim. Fill the glass with ice.

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the Godiva, cognac, Kahlua, espresso and sweetened condensed milk. Shake for 1 minute. Strain over the ice in the glass.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 365 calories; 22 calories from fat (6 percent of total calories); 2 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 7 mg cholesterol; 43 g carbohydrate; 2 g protein; 0 g fiber; 45 mg sodium.

(Recipe from Alison Ladman)

PARLOR COFFEE FLOAT

Start to finish: 10 minutes
Servings: 2
1 1/2 cups strong brewed coffee, chilled

1/4 cup chocolate syrup
1/4 cup half-and-half
1 cup chocolate or coffee ice cream

Whipped cream, to serve

Maraschino cherries (optional)

In a blender, combine the coffee, chocolate syrup, half-and-half and 1/2 of the ice cream. Blend until smooth and frothy.

Pour into 2 tall glasses and top with a scoop of the remaining ice cream. Top with whipped cream and a cherry, if desired.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 301 calories; 112 calories from fat (37 percent of total calories); 12 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 35 mg cholesterol; 43 g

Summer time is salad time

By J.M. HIRSCH

AP Food Editor

For Southern cooking doyenne Martha Hall Foose, a memorable salad is a contrast of the common and the unexpected.

"Great salads are a balance of familiar and unique," she said in an e-mail interview. "I like a combination of textures and an interesting blend of flavors. I love the classics for summer get-togethers. But I always enjoy salad innovations."

Foose's appreciation for salads with unexpected elements dates back to childhood.

"I used to go shopping with my mother at a department store that had a little luncheon place," she said. "The fruit salad with a scoop of orange sherbet on top. That was an eye-opener! I thought that was what you got to eat if you grew up to be a lady."

For summer, Foose offered up this potato salad-like blend of hominy, cheddar and peppers.

"This salad came from a bad case of potato salad burnout mid-summer," she explained. "I wanted something that could fill in for the creamy side and have enough spice and summer freshness to add variety."

So hominy, that Southern pantry staple, filled in for potatoes and fresh tomatoes, bell peppers and spring onions brought in the farmers market."

HOMINY SALAD

Start to finish: 1 hour 10 minutes (10 minutes active)

Servings: 8

1 1/2-ounce can golden hominy, rinsed and drained

1 1/2-ounce can white hominy, rinsed and drained

2 cups chopped fresh tomatoes

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper

1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper

4 scallions, white and green parts, chopped

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1 teaspoon chili powder



For the AP's 20 Salads of Summer series, chef Martha Hall Foose offered up this potato salad-like blend of hominy, cheddar and peppers. (AP Photo)

1 teaspoon cumin seeds
1 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, combine the golden hominy, white hominy, tomatoes, cheese, mayonnaise, green bell pepper, red bell pepper, scallions, cilantro, chili powder, cumin seeds and salt. Toss well to combine. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 190 calories; 90 calories from fat (42 percent of total calories); 10 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 20 mg cholesterol; 24 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 4 g fiber; 890 mg sodium.

(Recipe from Martha Hall Foose's "A Southerly Course," Clarkson Potter, 2011)

Great gazpacho doesn't have to start with tomatoes

By ALISON LADMAN

For The Associated Press

Gazpacho, the tomato-based chilled soup, can be one of the most refreshing uses of summer produce.

Sometimes chopped, sometimes pureed, sometimes cooked, sometimes completely raw, gazpacho can be made any number of ways.

We opted for another red icon of summer for our base — watermelon. Going with a half chopped, half pureed, completely raw version, we created a super light dish that's great as an appetizer, for brunch or for a light and refreshing snack.

CUCUMBER WATERMELON GAZPACHO

Start to finish: 2 hours 10 minutes (10 minutes active)

Servings: 6

4 cups watermelon

chunks, seeded

1 cup peeled, seeded cu-

cumber, finely diced

1 cup peeled, seeded can-

taloupe, finely diced

1/2 teaspoon salt

Juice of 1 lemon

1 tablespoon fresh tar-

ragon, minced

1/2 cup creme fraiche

1 tablespoon fresh basil,

minced

1 tablespoon fresh mint,

minced

In a blender, puree the

watermelon until smooth.

In a medium bowl, combine the watermelon puree, cucumber, cantaloupe, salt, lemon juice and tarragon. Refrigerate until completely chilled, or at least 2 hours.

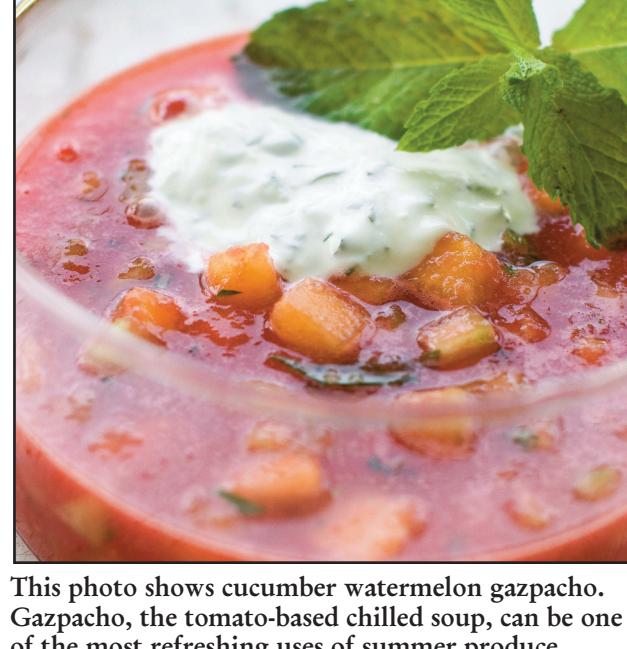
Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the creme fraiche, basil and mint.

Serve the soup topped with the herbed creme fraiche.

Nutrition information per

serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 50 calories; 10 calories from fat (15 percent of total calories); 1 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 12 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 1 g fiber; 170 mg sodium.

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This photo shows cucumber watermelon gazpacho. Gazpacho, the tomato-based chilled soup, can be one of the most refreshing uses of summer produce. Sometimes chopped, sometimes pureed, sometimes cooked, sometimes completely raw, gazpacho can be made any number of ways. This version is made using watermelon instead of tomato. (AP Photo)

A baked potato with fixings fit for July Fourth

By J.M. HIRSCH

AP Food Editor

Nobody is going to bother baking potatoes for Fourth of July celebrations.

Which is too bad, because a baked potato topped with a plethora of barbecue-friendly toppings, think grated cheeses, chili, barbecue pulled chicken or pork, maybe some avocado and crumbled tortillas, is perfect for outdoor eating. Especially since most of those items can be prepped well in advance.

Which got me thinking... While you might not crank up the oven to bake potatoes, chances are you'll have the grill going. Why not do

grilled baked potatoes?

It ended up being a delicious approach to this have-it-your-way meal. The following recipe will walk you through the grilling process (it's pretty effortless). As for assembling your toppings, there are many ways to go. You could select a theme (say, Mexican) or go crazy and just offer tons of options.

Either way, your work serves two purposes. Many of the toppings you set out for the potatoes can do double duty on hot dogs and burgers. Let people choose their base (burger, dog or potato), then build up from there. It's also a great way to include a vegetarian option without resorting to veggie burgers.

GRILLED BAKED POTATOES

Start to finish: 50 minutes (10 minutes active)

Servings: 6

6 large russet potatoes

Olive oil

Kosher salt

Ground black pepper

Heat a grill to high.

Wash and pat dry each potato.

Use a fork to gently pierce each potato several times. Tear 6 large sheets of foil, then use the fork to pierce each one several times. Place a potato on each piece of foil, then drizzle each with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roll the potatoes a bit to coat, then wrap in the foil.

Reduce one side of the grill to

medium. If you are using a charcoal grill, bank most of the coals to one side. Arrange the potatoes on the cooler side. Cook for 40 minutes, or until tender and cooked through.

TOPPING SUGGESTIONS

Baked beans, refried beans, black beans, grated cheese (pepper jack, mozzarella, cheddar, Parmesan, etc.), sour cream (or plain Greek-style yogurt), crumbled bacon, avocado, diced tomatoes, chopped ham, barbecue pulled pork or chicken, grilled sausages, corn kernels, salsa, grilled onions, grilled mushrooms, crumbled tortilla chips, potato chips, grilled asparagus, grilled steak strips, diced red onion, roasted red peppers.



Many of the toppings used for this grilled baked potato can do double duty on hot dogs and burgers. (AP Photo)

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The Siembida & Boggs Philanthropic Foundation recently sponsored the construction of a wheelchair ramp at the home of Walter and Velma Kriza in East Palestine. Pictured on the unfinished wheelchair ramp is Walter Kriza with his wife Velma behind him to the left. Behind Velma is George Siembida of George Siembida Construction & Maintenance (center) and RSVP of Lisbon volunteer Clark Birch (right). (Submitted photo)

Vision For Veterans 5k funds wheelchair ramp

COLUMBIANA — The Siembida & Boggs Philanthropic Foundation has sponsored the wheelchair ramp built at the home of Walter and Velma Kriza in East Palestine.

Kriza, a World War II veteran that served in the Pacific between 1943 and 1946 as a Longshoreman, must utilize a wheelchair and has been unable to access his own home without being carried into it. With the wheelchair ramp being paid for by proceeds from the Vision for Veterans 5k held May 20 at Firestone Park in Columbiana, he can now enter his own home by his own means.

George Siembida Construction & Maintenance put the wheelchair ramp in at no charge. M.E. Supply of Columbiana provided materials at a discount. RSVP of Lisbon provided a volunteer, Clark Birch, for the project as well.

Event directors Josh and Crystal Boggs are looking for a veteran's cause to sponsor for the 2012 race. For information visit www.visionforveterans.org or call 330-482-9105.

Famous industrial designs honored on new stamp set

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember that colorful Fiesta dinnerware on your mom's or grandma's dinner table? How about the Baby Brownie camera she took snapshots with?

Or that heavy, black telephone to chat on?

Those and several other classics of American design are featured on a new set of postage stamps being issued Wednesday.

The stamps are designated "forever" and will sell for the first-class rate, currently 44 cents.

First-day ceremonies for the stamps were held at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in New York City on Wednesday, the same day the stamps went on sale nationwide.

The set honors a dozen pioneers of American industrial design, with one of their works on each stamp.

Included are:

► Frederick Hurten Rhead for the sleek and brightly colored Fiesta dinnerware introduced in 1936.

— Walter Dorwin Teague, known as the "dean of industrial design," who created several popular cameras, including the 1934 "Baby Brownie."

► Norman Bel Geddes, a founding member of the American Society of Industrial Designers and a champion of streamlining. He created new looks for cars, trains, planes, buildings, typewriters, stoves, household furnishings and the portable radio shown on the stamp.

► Raymond Loewy, who helped define the look of modern America. He believed products should be simple, functional, and appealing. He designed everything from trains and cars to household appliances, corporate logos and even office tools like the pencil sharpener prototype shown on the stamp.

► Donald Deskey is best known for the lavish art deco interiors he designed in 1932 for Radio City Music Hall in New York City. He was also an innovative industrial designer of furniture and lighting, like the table lamp shown on the stamp.

► Gilbert Rohde was an influential and innovative furniture designer in the 1930s and 1940s. His work included modular and sectional furniture made of wood, chrome, Bakelite, Plexiglass, and other new materials, as well as clocks such as the one shown on the stamp.

► Greta von Nessen specialized in lighting, and none of her designs is better known than the "Anywhere" lamp shown on the stamp.

► Russel Wright focused on household products, creating affordable modern furniture and tableware characterized by minimal but elegant forms. Each stainless-steel piece of Highlight/Pinch flatware, pictured on the stamp,



This handout image provided by the US Postal Service shows the 12 the Pioneers of American Industrial Design postage stamps, honoring 12 of the nation's most important and influential industrial designers. The stamps became available nationwide on Wednesday. (AP Photo)

featured an organically shaped handle and no applied ornament.

► Henry Dreyfuss considered the user to be the center and focus of his industrial design work. He designed products that touched all corners of American life, from household appliances like clocks, sewing machines and vacuum cleaners to tractors and the interiors of trains and planes. Dreyfuss also set the standard for telephone design with the 1937 Model 302 Bell telephone shown on the stamp.

► Peter Mueller-Munk is best remembered for the sleek "Normandie" pitcher featured on the stamp. It was introduced by the Revere Copper and Brass Company in 1935.

► Dave Chapman is probably best known for his innovative designs for classroom furniture. He also designed household appliances like refrigerators, hairdryers, radios and electric heaters and the streamlined sewing machines shown on the stamp.

► Eliot Noyes bridged the gap between business and art. Rather than continue changing a product's design every year, Noyes persuaded his corporate clients to adopt long-lasting design principles instead. He is best remembered for his long working relationship with IBM, for whom he designed buildings, interiors and a range of office equipment, like the iconic 1961 "Selectric" typewriter pictured on the stamp.

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Time to speculate: Princess Di at 50

By ROBERT BARR

Associated Press

LONDON —



Princess Diana

Princess Diana would have been 50 years old on Friday, perhaps the only certainty about what might have been in a life abruptly cut short by a 1997 car crash in Paris, with a new boyfriend, two months past her 36th birthday.

Officially, there are no plans for marking the birth anniversary; Prince William, Di-

ana's elder son, will be in Canada on Friday with his wife Catherine on their first big international tour as husband and wife.

But the "what if?" questions abound as the world looks back on Diana's life and legacy.

Andrew Morton, the British journalist who was Diana's confidant and collaborator on an explosive book about the marriage turmoil that led to a royal divorce, believes she might now be living in the United States.

"A lot more billionaires live in America than in Britain," Morton said in an interview with The Associated Press in Los Angeles.

"And she probably would have snagged a guy with all the toys; you know, the guy with the private jet, the boat and the house in the Hamptons. Maybe started a second family. She always wanted a baby girl, and that was an ambition that she held very dear."

A new life in America is exactly the future imagined by British writer Monica Ali in her new novel "Untold Story." It depicts a princess closely modeled on Diana who fakes her own death, changes her name and rebuilds her life in a small American town — until the paparazzi who dogged her past threaten catch up with her.

The enduring fascination Diana commands in the United States was in evidence on the latest cover of Newsweek, which showed a computer-generated image of Diana at 50, strolling next to William's bride.

The image, which came under widespread criticism for being "creepy," was for an article by Newsweek editor-in-chief Tina Brown titled "If She Were Here Now."

However irresistible that question is to some, Diana's former secretary Patrick Jephson says the speculation is "entertaining perhaps, but hardly useful."

"The first Mrs. Wales might by now be solving conflicts, banishing poverty, feeding the world's hungry or even breeding spaniels in happy rural obscurity. Alas, we will never know," Jephson said in a commentary for The Daily Telegraph newspaper.

"Instead we have an even greater enigma. Why is it that 14 years after her death she continues to figure so large in popular imagination?"

It's a power that can be measured in dollars — \$800,000 in the case of a black dress in which Diana danced with John Travolta in 1985, sold at auction in Toronto earlier this month, or \$34,000 for a letter to her nanny, auctioned in 2008.

Popular fascination with the tragic princess remains a tempting market for some merchants, whose birthday wares include:

► The Diana 50th birthday bear by Steiff from the Danbury Mint. "Her blonde mohair is gloriously soft to the touch, and those big eyes recall the young 'Shy Di' we remember so well."

► The 50th birthday portrait coin from the Westminster Collection.

► The Royal Doulton 50th birthday Diana porcelain figurine.

► The commemorative stamps from Grenada.

► The Diana Queen of Hearts Ear-

rings from Compton & Woodhouse.

Inevitably, there's a Facebook page, where one post says "neither time nor reason, will change the way we feel."

A website, <http://www.high50.com>, offers some

speculation about what a 50-year-old Diana would be doing.

Contributors speculated that she might be living in New York, getting botoxed, happily married or happily divorced (again), undergoing therapy, working hard for charities.

"She was a very down to earth kind of woman and I think she'd have embraced 50 with a certain amount of resolution. I think she'd have found it quite amusing that she'd gotten that far," said Bruce Oldfield, one of the British designers who worked for Diana. One of his dresses for her sold for \$163,000 in the auction.

"I think she'd live in New York," Oldfield said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"New York is very classic, very conservative. She'd live in some fab apartment on the Upper East Side... She'd probably be very involved with the Metropolitan museum and charities. And she'd wear a lot of beige I think. I think she would wear sensible shoes and I think she would be chic. Chic isn't dull and boring, nor is it old."

Diana died at a time of turmoil in her life. A discreet and lengthy romance with heart surgeon Hasnat Khan had recently ended because he had concluded that her fame made it impossible to have a normal life together.

The romance with Dodi Fayed, who died with her, was less than two months old.

Morton feels confident that Diana would still be a problem for her ex-husband, Prince Charles, and the royal family.

"She always towered over Prince Charles, so anything she did reflected on Charles," said Morton.

Associated Press reporters Tom Rayner and Jill Lawless in London and Ryan Pearson in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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Ideas for old doodads

By JENNIFER FORKER

For The Associated Press

Joan Therese Seivert's necklace — a large heart shape covered in tiny pieces of sparkly jewelry attached to a boho tie — looks homemade, and it is. It comes with a heart-felt story.

Her sister made it for her before Seivert left her hometown of St. Paul, Minn., 35 years ago to live in Denver. All those little sparkly bits were culled from the jewelry passed down by her grandmother.

"It's Grandma. It's my sister. It's my path of service. It's my work. It's my faith. It's my way of taking care of myself. It's a way of showing up. It's a reminder," says Seivert, who helps families navigate senior-living choices through her company, Connections Unlimited. Clients, often unfamiliar with elder-care options, start out worried and stressed.

Seivert wears the necklace to remind herself to work from her heart, and to signal that message to others.

Many of us collect or end up with old family knick-knacks — sewing notions, keys, jewelry, handkerchiefs, buttons, all manner of little, ancient doodads.

Often, we don't know what to do with them.

What is this thingamabob anyhow? What's it made of? Should I cherish it, or toss it? How might I use it?

Some, like Seivert's sister, know exactly what to do with the jars full of keepsakes and the drawers stuffed with thingamajigs.

Take Giuseppina "Josie" Cirincione of Phoenix, who teaches community art classes and has written several crafting books, including "Collage Lost and Found" (North Light Books, 2006). It shares ideas for making collages and jewelry with old photographs, memorabilia and vintage ephemera.

For Cirincione, creating begins with collecting.

She collects a lot of old things, from wooden dry cleaner hangers and yardsticks to kitchen and woodworking tools. Cookie cutters. Brass keys. Ice picks. Handwritten letters and envelopes. Velveeta cheese boxes (they're wooden and tout "the delicious cheese food" in vintage lettering).

That's only a slice of her collection, and Cirincione puts it all to good use, eventually.

"I've always been drawn to anything old, drawn to that unique thing," says Cirincione.

For the rest of us, who simply want to make a little something special with a family member's memorabilia, Cirincione recommends making a two-dimensional collage or three-dimensional assemblage — but handle your treasures carefully.

"It's a challenge, using Grandmother's things," she says. "You don't want to drill through it or ruin it. You have to figure how to use the found object piece without altering the piece itself."

This nod to preservation led Cirincione to wire-wrapping and metal-soldering.

She recommends using baling wire — an all-around, "fix-it" wire used to mend farm fences — stripped of its outer coating, which reveals a gun-metal gray wire.