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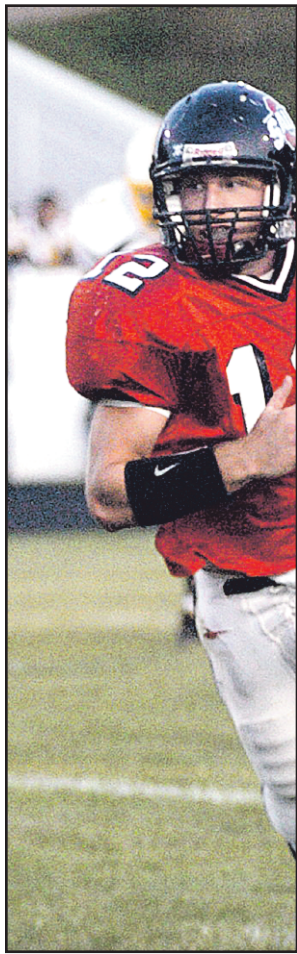
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Today's question

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Leetonia awaits test results on sink hole

By KEVIN HOWELL

Staff Writer

LEETONIA — Village officials continue to wait for drilling results from the large sink hole on Pine Street, which may be at the opening of a closed mine.

According to Village Administrator Gary Phillips, officials are waiting on the results from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) that will reveal whether the hole is mine-related or not.

Drilling company BBC&M Engineering collected core samples on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The samples are being analyzed for remnants of timber beams or a large space where a tunnel may have been.

Phillips said the hole is slowly growing, but the village cannot begin repairs until receiving the results, which he said he hoped to get as soon as today.

Once the results are complete, the village can repair the sewer line and begin stabilizing the hole to reduce erosion until it can be permanently fixed, Phillips said.

First reported around 8:30 a.m. Thursday, the hole just south of High Street has grown to approximately 15-by-20 feet. Although it is slowly growing, families have not been evacuated from the area and there is no reason to believe it will be needed, Phillips said.

If the hole is mine related, Phillips said the state will pay to stabilize the shaft, but the village will be responsible for repairs to the roadway and utility lines.

Phillips said no cost of repair can be determined until the results are returned, but it is sure to take a toll on an already strained budget. The street department alone had to cut \$37,000 from its budget for 2011, and a large part of that was achieved by shifting salaries and benefits to the water-sewer fund, which will also be needed to cover the repair costs.

"There's no doubt this will put a dent in the street department," Phillips noted. "It could hurt a lot of funds depending on how we pay for it."

Pine Street is one of the roads mentioned at the last council meeting that would have been chip and sealed this summer had the village been fiscally able to participate in the county's program.

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After every 10-feet of drilling, the core samples are removed, measured, catalogued and saved for the engineer to examine. These shale core samples were removed and catalogued by Larry Holley from BBCM Engineering of Columbus. They were taken from the depth of 71.9 feet to 81.9 feet near the sinkhole on Pine Street in Leetonia Saturday. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)

SALEM

TanFastic building damages Butler

By LARRY SHIELDS

Staff Writer

SALEM — An injunction against the owners of the TanFastic building will be sought by the city to have it either repaired or torn down, Law Director Brooke Zellers said Monday.

He expects to file the paperwork against Debbie and Tim Smith this week on what has been an ongoing problem.

On March 17, two Salem fire inspectors responded to the Butler Art Museum at 343 E. State St. to check the bricks that "continue to fall onto the roof of the Butler from the TanFastic building at 363 E. State St. that has continued to deteriorate."

The Butler shares a common wall with TanFastic in the three-story building.

Fire inspectors said, "It was further observed water was leaking into the Butler at the common wall ... it was observed on the second floor and photos were taken."

Zellers said notices were sent by the fire department and ultimately a complaint was filed through the state fire marshal. Zellers said the owners appeal time expired.

An engineer's report "we made them get," Zellers said showed that the common wall was not capped properly allowing water to penetrate and "deteriorate the wall from the inside out."

Noting safety and the damage to the Butler Art Museum, Zellers said he will ask the judge to prevent further use of the building until the damage is repaired "in short order" or the building is demolished.

Zellers expected a decision on the injunctive relief motion in 10 to 14 days.

"It's all we can do on the city side," he said, adding the museum could file "another civil suit."

South Range to boost middle school tech

By KEVIN HOWELL

Staff Writer

BEAVER TOWNSHIP — South Range middle school students will be getting a head start on their technical careers beginning in the fall.

Shari Lewis, the district's director of curriculum and special education, announced at the school board meeting last week that the school is implementing the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Initiative next fall, introducing middle schoolers to subjects they would not typically experience until college.

Offered through the school's Project Lead the Way, the technical program will prepare the students for career choices prior to college, according to Lewis.

"The program will help the students find out their level of interest

in the subjects before they get to college, so there won't be so much wasted time and money at that point," she said.

Phase I of the initiative will begin in seventh grade, introducing the students to different aspects of engineering through rotating classes that expose them to several fields in the subject, Lewis explained.

"It will build the capacity of the students while looking into what areas they want to pursue," she said.

The program then carries over into the eighth grade, at which time robotics will be introduced, including a robotics club team, in addition to similar curriculum from Phase I.

A "Lego League" aimed at younger students is also in the works.

"We're trying to offer our students the 21st century skills to be

competitive in a global economy," Lewis said. "This program is a hands-on approach that teaches collaboration, communication and working together; and we're really excited about it."

According to Lewis, the STEM Initiative is the result of parents and community members who wanted more educational opportunities for the students.

"We consulted with community members, family and civic engagement teams, who showed that they wanted more academic-based activities," she said, noting STEM was modeled after Girard's successful curriculum. "What we came up with is a cumulative experience that requires hands-on learning."

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Obama on Libya intervention: 'We have a responsibility to act'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vigorously defending the first war launched on his watch, President Barack Obama declared Monday night that the United States intervened in Libya to prevent a slaughter of civilians that would have stained the world's conscience and "been a betrayal of who we are" as Americans. Yet he ruled out targeting Moammar Gadhafi, warning that trying to oust him militarily would be a mistake as costly as the war in Iraq.

Obama announced that NATO would take command over the entire Libya operation on Wednesday, keeping his pledge to get the U.S. out of the lead fast — but offering no estimate on when the conflict might end and no details about its costs despite demands for those answers from lawmakers.

He declined to label the U.S.-led military campaign as a "war," but made an expansive case for why he believed it was in the national interest of the United States and allies to use force.

In blunt terms, Obama said the

U.S.-led response had stopped Gadhafi's advances and halted a slaughter that could have shaken the stability of an entire region. Obama cast the intervention in Libya as imperative to keep Gadhafi from killing those rebelling against him and to prevent a refugee crisis that would drive Libyans into Egypt and Tunisia, two countries emerging from their own uprisings.

"To brush aside America's responsibility as a leader and — more profoundly — our responsibilities to our fellow human beings under such circumstances would have been a betrayal of who we are," Obama said. He spoke in a televised address to the nation, delivered in front of a respectful audience of military members and diplomats.

"Some nations may be able to turn a blind eye to atrocities in other countries. The United States of America is different," Obama said. "And as president, I refused to wait for the images of slaughter

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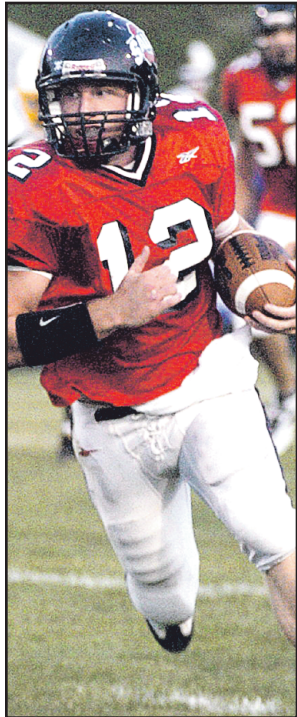


President Barack Obama delivers his address on Libya at the National Defense University in Washington, Monday. (AP Photo)

Good morning Anna Lepping. Thank you for subscribing to the Salem News



► PREP FOOTBALL



Salem's Trent Toothman carries the ball during a contest last season. The Salem senior has been selected to play in the OHSFCA North-South Classic on April 22 at Ohio State University. (Salem News file/B.J. Lisko)

Toothman tabbed for North-South Classic

Second straight year a Quaker has been named to the all-star game

By TONY MALUSO
Staff Writer

SALEM — Trent Toothman will go down in Salem football history as one of the greatest players ever to wear the Quaker red and black.



For one final time before heading off to Ball State, he will have the opportunity to represent Salem as he was named yesterday to the North team in the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association North-South Classic.

The North-South Classic annually matches the best high school football players from the Northern part of Ohio against their counterparts from the South. This year's game will take place on Friday, April 22 at Ohio Stadium in Columbus.

"I was very grateful," Toothman said of his reaction when he found out he was named to the team. "Just to be a part of that select few to be selected for the game, and have the chance to play in The Shoe (Ohio Stadium), it's a real honor."

Toothman was a three-year starter for the Quakers and guided them to the school's first ever playoff appearances during his junior and senior years. He is proud to have one final game to wear the Salem helmet and give a statewide audience the opportunity to see the type of plays that made the fans at Reilly Stadium rise to their feet every Friday night for the past three seasons.

"I'm proud to represent Salem and represent the North," he said. "I'm going to go out there and give it my all and hopefully represent Salem the best I possibly can."

It's the second straight year a Salem Quaker has been named to the game as last year Ben Eisel received the honor of playing for the North. According to Salem head coach Mike Kopachy, Toothman's selection was a great honor for

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► MLB

Tribe unfazed

Indians not worried about dire pre-season predictions

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A raw-and-reluctant rookie on social media, Indians manager Manny Acta began his days at training camp by sharing his musical tastes on Twitter — in two languages. Each morning, Acta posted his "Song of the Day" and "Cancion del dia."

Acta rolled out of bed on a recent picture-perfect Arizona day, opened his laptop and typed in a 1980s' rock anthem that popped into his head.

It was Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It."

A message, Manny?

He raised his eyebrows and smiled.

Kicked around and given little chance to contend in 2011, the Cleveland Indians might be ready to fight back this season. After all, the majors' youngest team has matured.

Acta's heard all the reasons why the Indians, who lost 93 games last season, are supposed to struggle. But there's not much he can do about the mid-market franchise's woes: small payroll, disillusioned fans and dipping attendance. Those headaches are someone else's.

And, there's not a whole lot the second-year skipper can do about his roster. While a few of their AL Central competitors threw money around in free agency this winter, the Indians were conservative — or cheap, as some of their fans insist.

But the enthusiastic Acta, a baseball man to his core and an eternal optimist, has a positive outlook on life that's matched by his view for the Indians. He's heard the frightful predictions. He's not buying them.

"I expect to win," he says confidently. "That's our message. I'm basing that on the second half of last season. We did well and I'm counting on these young guys not taking a step back. They had enough experience. I don't think that youth or payroll or anything should stop us from winning ballgames."

The Indians were overrun by key injuries last season, leading to a distant fourth-place finish in the AL Central, 25 games Minnesota. It's a long climb back to the top. But Acta believes his club is poised to make it.



In Choo Tribe trusts

In this March 1, file photo, Cleveland Indians' Shin-Soo Choo bats against the Los Angeles Dodgers in a spring training game in Goodyear, Ariz. Choo returns as the Indians' best all-around player and the team hopes Grady Sizemore will soon be joining him in the outfield. (AP Photo)

"We are not rebuilding," he said. "Just because we weren't able to land two or three of the most expensive free agents that doesn't mean that we're rebuilding. We have the pieces."

Last year, the vital ones were broken.

All-Star center fielder Grady Sizemore, shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera and catcher Carlos Santana, the sweet-swinging kid who shares a rock-and-roll superstar's name and could be poised for his own greatness, all went down with major injuries — a devastating blow that gutted the Indians' defense and carved the heart out of their lineup.

"It's not like I lost my 7-8-9 hitters," Acta said, reflecting on a rugged first season with Cleveland. "It was tough." The Indians only had Sizemore, Cabrera and Shin-Soo Choo, their best all-around player, in the same starting lineup 28 times. They were forced to promote youngsters like Michael Brantley, Trevor Crowe, Jason Donald, Jayson Nix, Carlos Carrasco and Josh Tomlin, unknown, fresh-faced kids who had no choice but to take their lumps while learning on the fly.

It was a rough ride, but the Indians finished with a strong final kick. They won seven of their final nine games, and a 35-39 record in the second half was the division's third best, an improvement

See TRIBE, 3B

Reds aim to win NL Central again

Cincinnati is still young, returns almost everyone and has a lot of depth

By JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Dusty Baker had a lot to think about on his flight from California to Arizona to open spring training, managing a Cincinnati team coming off a breakthrough season.

The Reds broke their long drought of misery last season, pulling off their first winning season in 10 years and their first playoff appearance in 15 years. Their young lineup won the NL Central and was swept by Philadelphia in the playoffs, a 3-0 blanking that that felt more like a starting point than a disappointment.

As his jet cruised into Arizona, Baker had a lot of things going through his mind.

"You wonder when the plane comes back home and the smoke clears, where are you going to be?" Baker said. "It's a long way and a lot of things can happen, a lot of changes. We think that a lot of positive things are about to happen."



Didn't take long to get the reminder that things can change fast.

Opening day starter Edinson Volquez had visa problems that limited him at the start of

spring training. Johnny Cueto developed shoulder problems. So did Homer Bailey. Bronson Arroyo became sick and never improved, forcing him to get tested for a fungal lung disease. Turns out, he's got mononucleosis.

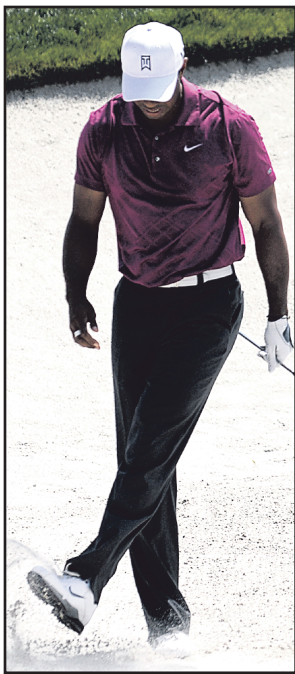
Just like that, the top four spots in the rotation were no longer sure things with

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Returning MVP

The Cincinnati Reds' Joey Votto hits a home run off Arizona Diamondbacks starting pitcher Joe Saunders during the third inning of their spring training game at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick near Scottsdale, Ariz., Saturday, March 19. The reigning NL MVP leads a youthful but talented squad. (AP Photo)

B.J. LISKO



Tiger Woods kicks the sand after hitting out of a bunker onto the fifth green during the third round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla., Saturday. (AP Photo)

Random acts of senseless sporting

Hurry back, Tiger; Pavlik in top form

Please get better, Tiger. Golf needs you. The colorful, multi-talented and never-a-dull-moment Martin Laird won the Arnold Palmer Invitational this weekend adding to the ever-growing list of guys I've never heard of and hardly anyone who follows golf cares about.

Seriously, so far this year we've had Jonathan Byrd, Mark Wilson, Jhonattan Vegas, Bubba Watson, Mark Wilson again, D.A. Points, Aaron Baddely, Luke Donald, Johnson Wagner, Rory Sabbatini, Nick Watney, Michael Bradley, Gary Woodland and Laird win PGA tournaments.

The only three out of that lineup you would recognize without help of the caddy's pullover are Donald, Watson and Sabbatini. The rest? Sure, they're obviously talented players. They're winning tournaments on the PGA, but talk about your lack of excitement.

It's ugly. Just straight up ugly. There's a reason John Daly is the focal point of Golf Channel coverage no matter what he does the first two days of a tournament he's in. He's colorful — and not just literally because of the pants.

They'll still show every shot by Tiger, and some of his bad ones are far more entertaining than the shots that are actually winning tournaments for these other guys.

Someone have a personality, please. Your average Joe could fall asleep watching golf on television anyway. Now it's almost a certainty.

The world's No. 1 player Martin Kaymer is a privileged, country club groomed pretty boy who is the poster child for why golf is and will probably always be considered a sport for the wealthy. He hits great golf shots. Aside from that he's like watching paint dry.

This week there's the Shell Houston Open, then the Masters.

I swear if someone not named Woods, Couples, Mickelson, Watson, Garcia,

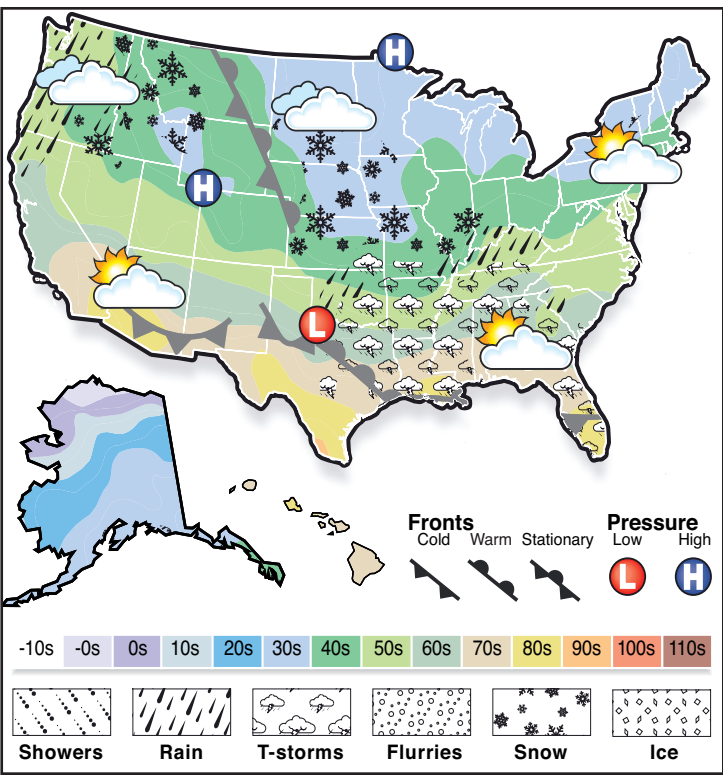
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WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Tonight...Partly cloudy in the evening...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday...Cloudy with a chance of snow. A chance of rain in the afternoon. Little or no snow accumulation. Highs in the upper 30s. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain in the evening. Lows in the upper 20s. Thursday and Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday...A chance of snow in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the upper 40s. Friday night...Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain in the evening... Then a chance of rain and snow showers after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Saturday...A chance of snow showers in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain showers in the evening. Lows in the mid 30s. Sunday through Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Lows in the mid 40s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. TONIGHT...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 40. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy in the morning...Then clearing. Highs in the mid 40s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy in



Today's Forecast

Forecast for Tuesday, March 29

City/Region High | Low temps

TOLEDO	40° 18°
CLEVELAND	36° 22°
YOUNGSTOWN	43° 16°
MANSFIELD	40° 18°
DAYTON	45° 22°
COLUMBUS	45° 20°
CINCINNATI	50° 23°
PORTSMOUTH	50° 20°

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Partly Cloudy

Cloudy

Showers

Thunderstorms

Rain

Flurries

Snow

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Today is Tuesday, March 29, the 88th day of 2011. There are 277 days left in the year. Ten years ago: James Kopp, the fugitive wanted in the 1998 slaying of Dr. Barnett Slepian, a Buffalo, N.Y., abortion provider, was captured in France. (Kopp was convicted in 2003 of killing Slepian and is serving a sentence of 25 years to life.) Five years ago: Hamas formally took over the Palestinian government, with Ismail Haniyeh sworn in as the new prime minister.

Extended Forecast

Today	42/25	Wednesday	38/28	Thursday	45/28	Friday	48/32



This photo of the CSX train derailment in Newton Falls was submitted by Salem resident Zachary Phillis.

Evacuation over in freight train derailment

NEWTON FALLS (AP) — Fourteen freight cars derailed and authorities in northeast Ohio evacuated a neighborhood within 500 feet as a precaution as crews checked for any chemical leak.

No leak was found and the evacuation all-clear sounded Monday afternoon.

CSX railroad spokesman Gary Sease says no chemicals were in the cars that derailed Monday morning in Newton Falls, about 20 miles northwest of Youngstown.

Some of the derailed cars tumbled off a trestle.

Trumbull County Emergency Management Agency Director Linda Beil (beel) says no injuries were reported.

The cause is under investigation.

NATION/WORLD

More radioactive water spills from Japan nuke plant

TOKYO (AP) — Workers have discovered new pools of radioactive water leaking from Japan’s crippled nuclear complex that officials believe are behind soaring levels of radiation spreading to soil and seawater. Crews also detected plutonium — a key ingredient in nuclear weapons — in the soil outside the complex, though officials insisted Monday the finding posed no threat to public health.

Plutonium is present in the fuel at the complex, which has been leaking radiation for more than two weeks, so experts had expected to find traces once crews began searching for evidence of it this week.

The Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant was crippled March 11 when a tsunami spawned by a powerful earthquake slammed into Japan’s northeastern coast. The huge wave destroyed the power systems needed to cool the nuclear fuel rods in the complex, 140 miles northeast of Tokyo.

you-trust battle over legislation to keep operations running for another six months.

Democrats have readied a proposal to cut \$20 billion more from this year’s budget, a party official said, but they haven’t yet sent it to House Republicans. That’s because they say it’s unclear whether the majority Republicans would accept a split-the-difference bargain they’d earlier hinted at or will yield to demands of tea party-backed GOP freshmen for a tougher measure.

“Republicans refuse to negotiate,” Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid declared on Monday. “The infighting between the tea party and the rest of the Republican Party — including the Republican leadership in Congress — is keeping our negotiating partner from the negotiating table. And it’s pretty hard to negotiate without someone else on the other side of the table,” the Nevada Democrat said.

Republicans countered that it’s the Democrats who have yet to offer a serious plan to wrestle spending under control and that a Democratic offer from last week to cut \$11 billion from the budget was laced with gimmickry.

India Dems arrive at Statehouse after weeks-long boycott

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana House Democrats who fled the state nearly six weeks ago to protest a Republican agenda they considered an assault on labor unions and public education returned to the Statehouse on Monday after nearly six weeks in Illinois.

Minority Leader Patrick Bauer said he and his fellow Democrats ended one of the longest legislative walkouts in recent U.S. history after winning concessions from Republicans over recent weeks on several issues.

Libya rebels race for Gadhafi home, gateway to capital

BIN JAWWAD, Libya (AP) — Rebel forces bore down Monday on Moammar Gadhafi’s hometown of Sirte, a key government stronghold where a brigade headed by one of the Libyan leader’s sons was digging in to defend the city and setting the stage for a bloody and possibly decisive battle.

The opposition made new headway in its rapid advance westward through oil towns and along stretches of empty desert highway toward Sirte and beyond to the big prize — the capital, Tripoli.

But the rebels remain woefully outgunned by Gadhafi’s forces, who swept the insurgents from positions in eastern Libya until the international intervention forced government troops to withdraw.

Rebels acknowledged they could not have held their ground without international air and cruise missile strikes. Libya state television reported new NATO airstrikes after nightfall, targeting “military and civilian targets” in the cities of Garyan and Mizda about 40 miles and 90 miles respectively from Tripoli.

NATO insisted that it was seeking only to protect civilians and not to give air cover to an opposition march. But that line looked set to become even more blurred.

IN THE SERVICE

Basic training

Josh Arbogast, son of Karen and Paul Arbogast, Columbiana, graduated on March 4 after completing eight weeks of Navy Basic Training with Division 087 at Great Lakes, Ill. Now a Seaman E-3, Arbogast is enrolled in training as an Information Systems Technician at Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla. A 2004 graduate of Columbiana High School, Arbogast completed an associate’s degree in information technology at Kent State University, Salem campus, prior to enlisting in the Navy in September 2010.



Time short and tempers flaring in budget showdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the clock ticking toward a possible government shutdown, spending-cut talks between Senate Democrats and the Republicans controlling the House have broken off in a whom-do-you-trust battle over legislation to keep operations running for another six months.

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Sensitive detectors track radiation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Traces of radioactive material from the endangered Japanese nuclear plant are being detected from coast to coast in the United States and in Iceland, but amounts continue to be far below levels that would cause health problems.

The development of super-sensitive equipment to detect radiation is both a blessing and a curse, allowing scientists to monitor materials released in nuclear accidents, but also causing unnecessary worry, said Kathryn Higley, director of the nuclear engineering and radiation health physics at Oregon State University.

THE ACTION

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason, Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees, at Tampa, Fla.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — NIT, semifinal, Wichita State vs. Washington State, at New York

9 p.m.
ESPN2 — NIT, semifinal, Colorado vs. Alabama, at New York

NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
VERSUS — Chicago at Boston

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, Connecticut vs. Duke, at Philadelphia

9 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, Texas A&M vs. Baylor, at Dallas

APSPORTLIGHT

March 29

1940 — Joe Louis knocks out Johnny Paycheck in the second round at Madison Square Garden in New York to retain the world heavyweight title.

1941 — Wisconsin, led by Gene Englund's 13 points, wins the NCAA basketball championship with a 39-34 victory over Washington State.

1952 — George Mikan of the Minneapolis Lakers scores an NBA playoff record 47 points in an 88-78 loss in Game 1 of the Western Division Finals against Rochester.

1960 — Boston's Bill Russell pulls down an NBA Finals record 40 rebounds, as the Celtics lose to St. Louis, 113-103.

1962 — Elgin Baylor (45) and Jerry West (41) of the Los Angeles Lakers become the first teammates to both score 40 or more points in an NBA Playoff game. It isn't enough as the Lakers lose to Detroit, 118-117, in a Western Division Finals game.

1966 — Muhammad Ali retains the world heavyweight title with a 15-round decision over George Chuvalo at Maple Leaf Garden in Toronto.

1981 — Louisiana Tech routs Tennessee 79-59 for the AIAW basketball title.

1982 — Michael Jordan's jump shot with 16 seconds remaining gives North Carolina a 63-62 victory over Georgetown for the NCAA men's basketball championship.

1984 — The NFL's Colts leave the city of Baltimore in the early hours of the morning, headed for Indianapolis.

1987 — Tennessee routs Louisiana Tech 67-44 to win the NCAA women's basketball championship.

1990 — Houston's Akeem Olajuwon is the third player in NBA history to achieve a quadruple-double during a 120-94 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks. He has 18 points, 16 rebounds, 11 blocked shots and 10 assists.

1992 — Dottie Mochrie birdies No. 18 to force a playoff and beats Juli Inkster with a par on the first hole in the Dinah Shore tournament.

1995 — Tournament MVP Shawn Smith makes two free throws with less than a second left in overtime to give Virginia Tech a 65-64 victory over Marquette for the NIT championship.

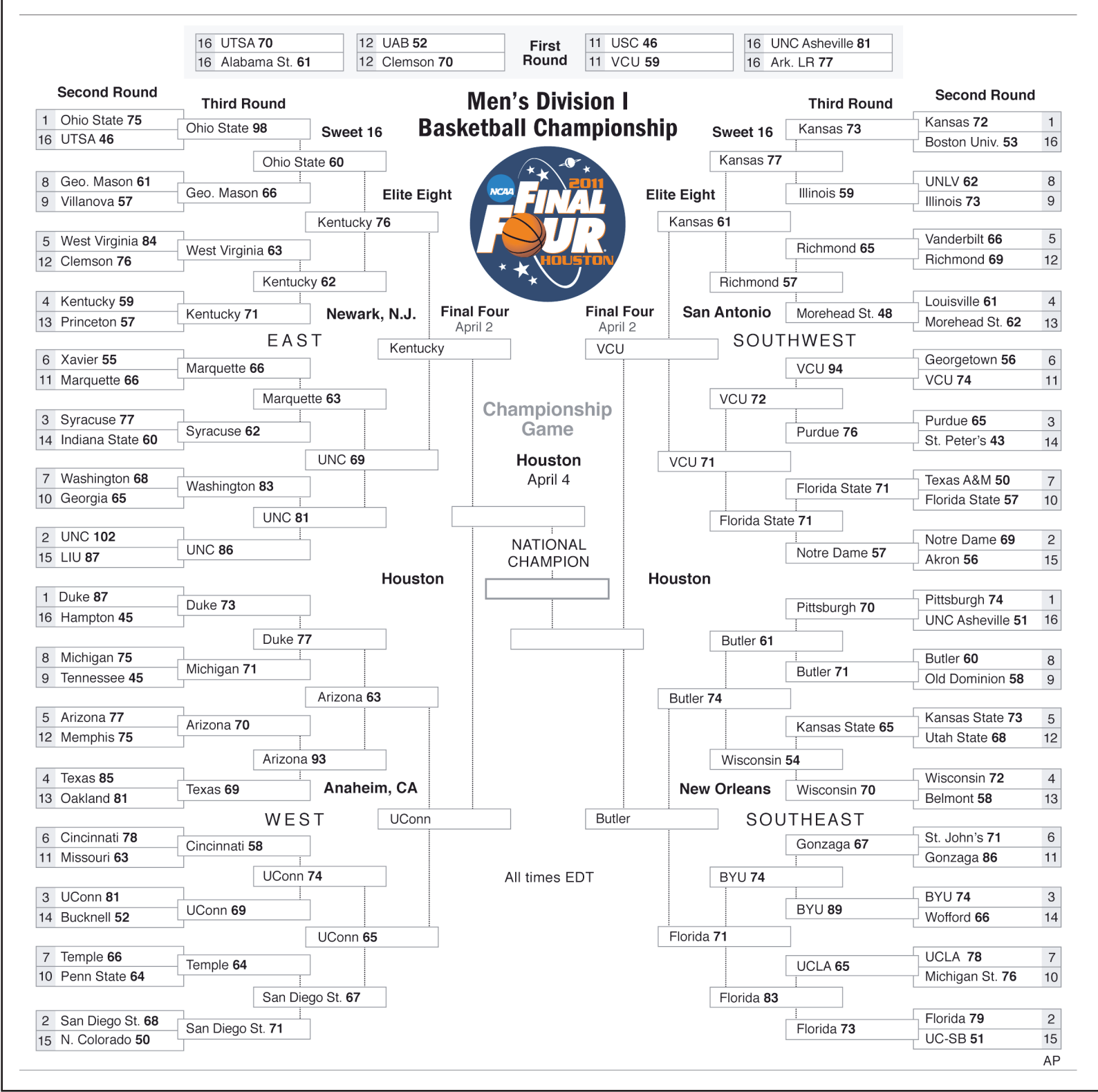
1996 — The Vancouver Grizzlies break the NBA record for consecutive losses in a season with their 21st in a 105-91 loss to the Utah Jazz. The 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers and the 1993-94 Dallas Mavericks lost 20 straight.

1999 — New York Rangers center Wayne Gretzky surpasses Gordie Howe as the leading goal scorer in pro hockey history in a 3-1 victory over the Islanders. Gretzky's goal is the 1,072nd of his career, which spans 20 NHL seasons and one in the WHA.

2003 — Michelle Kwan becomes the third American to win five World Figure Skating Championships. The seven-time U.S. champion ties Dick Button and Carol Heiss for most world crowns by an American.

2007 — West Virginia beats Clemson for its first NIT title in 65 years. Frank Young scores 24 points, including six 3-pointers, and De'Sean Butler adds 20 points to help the Mountaineers to a 78-73 victory.

2007 — Michael Phelps sets his third world record in as many days, winning the 200-meter individual medley, at the world championships in Melbourne.



CLASSIC FROM 1B

Toothman and the entire Salem program.

"It means a lot for Salem to have back-to-back players play in the most prestigious all-star game in Ohio," he said. "It's big for our program to have someone representing us again in the game, and it's big for him individually to recognize all his hard work and everything he's done for this team."

Toothman was part of the Salem contingent that made the trip to Columbus last year to watch Eisel in action. He remembers what it was like to watch the game a year ago, and how much it inspired him to make the same accomplishment this year.

"We were all really proud of Ben," Toothman said of watching Eisel last year. "It was awesome to see him there playing with the best players in the state. I definitely wanted the same for myself. I worked real hard and it's nice to finally achieve it."

Being selected to an all-star game the level of the North-

South Classic is an honor that not many players receive. According to Kopachy, the honor is just for the career his quarterback, linebacker and team leader has had at Salem. And if anyone thought he hit hard before, Kopachy says they might be in for a big surprise.

"It's a great recognition for a great career," Kopachy said. "No player is more deserving than him. Since the season ended, he's been working like a devil in the weight room. He's bulked up, so they're going to be getting someone in pretty good shape down there. Some running backs may have to watch out."

Toothman was a standout on both sides of the ball for Salem. At quarterback, he led a high-scoring Quaker offense, and on defense he was a hard-hitting linebacker.

So where will he be playing in the Classic? Well, just about everywhere.

"The way they made it sound, they're going to use me a lot of different ways," Toothman said. "They're going to have me at linebacker and they also said they might have some packages where I'll be down at

defensive end rushing the quarterback. They also said they'd have some Wildcat packages where I could be at quarterback or fullback."

Toothman will be on the North team that will be coached by Dick Angle of Warren Howland. His teammates will include other area standouts such as Darius Patton of Poland and Zach Conlan of Ursuline. He will also line up along side Ohio State recruits Steve Miller of Canton McKinley and Doran Grant of Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary.

The rosters of both teams are littered with the top players from the top football programs in Ohio. For the second straight year, that includes Salem. Toothman hopes this helps his school earn respect on a statewide level.

"I think that Salem is now earning some respect," he said. "It wasn't easy to get where we're at. I hope teams realize that this isn't the same old Salem program. Hopefully we stay at this level for a long time."

Putting players into the state's top all-star game for two straight years, Kopachy hopes

PREP ROUNDUP

Leetonia, United open up season with wins

Hubbs drives in 8 and Sebring puts up 21 in rout of Wellsville; Lady Trojans also pick up big win

Baseball

Leetonia 6, McDonald 3

LEETONIA — The Leetonia Bears started off their season on a right note, defeating McDonald 6-3. The Bears trailed 2-0 going into the fifth inning, but they exploded for three runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth to grab the win.

Cody Stokes picked up the win on the mound, while T.J. Skaggs had two doubles and drove home three runs.

Leetonia (1-0) will be back in action today as they travel to McDonald.

MCDONALD 001 100 1-3 6 3
LEETONIA: 000 033 X-6 9 2
WP — Cody Stokes (1-0). LP — O'Neil.
2B — T.J. Skaggs 2 (L). 3B — Ian Sevenich (L), Nick Altomare (L).

United 11, Lisbon 1

HANOVERTON — United opened up their season with a dominating 11-1 victory over Lisbon. Josh McLaughlin drove in three runs for the Eagles. Brett Albright had a double with two RBIs.

Jansen Sneltzler picked up the win on the mound. He threw a complete game, striking out six.

United (1-0) and Lisbon (0-1) will meet again today at Lisbon.

LISBON: 001 00-1 5 0
UNITED: 031 43-11 14 2
WP — Jansen Sneltzler (5IP, 6K). LP — Barnes (4K, 1BB).
2B — Ryan Powell (U), Brett Albright (U), Barnes (L), Cook (L).

Sebring 21, Wellsville 0

WELLSVILLE — Sebring scored early and often as they opened up their season with a 21-0 rout of Wellsville. The Trojans scored in each of the game's five innings, including a 10 spot in the fourth.

Tyler Whitlatch was dominant on the mound for Sebring. He threw a complete game, allowing just one hit and striking out 12 of the 16 batters he faced.

Offensively, Jake Hubbs went 4-for-5 with three doubles and eight RBIs. Dakota Wagner and Corey Baia each drove in three runs. Mitchell Baddeley drove in two.

The same two teams will meet again today in Sebring.

SEBRING: 331 (10) 4-21 21 0
WELLSVILLE: 000 00-0 1 3
WP — Tyler Whitlatch (5IP, 12K). LP — McIntosh (3IP, 2K, 2BB).

2B — Jake Hubbs 3 (S), Jake Arbitter 2 (S), Dakota Wagner (S), Corey Baia (S).

Springfield 7, Crestview 5

NEW MIDDLETOWN — Crestview started off their season hot, grabbing a 4-1 lead, but Springfield soon caught up with them. The Tigers posted three runs in the fourth and three more in the sixth to claim a 7-5 victory over the Rebels.

Tom Marnejon took the loss for Crestview, pitching a complete game, striking out five.

Brandon Brooks drove in three runs for the Rebels while Adam Coppock drove in one.

CRESTVIEW: 111 100 1-5 6 0
SPRINGFIELD: 100 303 X-7 8 0
WP — Matt Chopp (3 2/3IP, 4K, 3BB) and Brad Ferrara (3 1/3IP, 6K, 3BB). LP — Tom Marnejon (7IP, 5K, 3BB).
2B — Nick Russell (S) and Horn (S).

SOFTBALL

Sebring 16, Wellsville 2

WELLSVILLE — In their very first inning of the season, Sebring pounded out seven runs, helping lead the way to a 16-2 victory over Wellsville in their season opener.

Taylor Ward pitched the complete

game, striking out six and giving up just three hits. At the plate, she had three hits including a double and a triple.

Kayla Maretich, Ashley Meiter, Kelsi Settle and Elaina Jurica each had two hits for the Lady Trojans.

Sebring (1-0) will host Wellsville this afternoon.

SEBRING: 701 17-16 13 2
WELLSVILLE: 011 00-2 3 0
WP — Taylor Ward (5IP, 6K, BB). LP — Cartwright (4 1/3 IP, 3K, 2BB) and Kelly (2/3IP, 2K, BB).
2B — Taylor Ward (S), Kayla Maretich (S) and Ashley Meiter (S). 3B — Taylor Ward (S) and Kayla Maretich (S).

TENNIS

Lordstown 5, West Branch 0

BELOIT — West Branch dropped their first match of the season 5-0 to Lordstown. The Warriors will be back in action on Wednesday at United.

SINGLES
Steve Cribley def. Levi Beck 6-3, 6-4
Zack Wells def. Andrew Baird 6-2, 6-4
Justin Prox def. Alex Waggoner 6-4, 6-7, 6-3

DOUBLES
Robbie Ensign and Jared Enoch def. Danny Mitchell and Drake Lohnes 7-6, 6-1
Luke Pyles and Nick Johnson def. Drake Long and Matthew Truex 6-2, 6-2

POLICE

PERRY TOWNSHIP
Traffic stops

William J. Shinn Jr., 1129 W. Perry St., Apt. 104, was cited for driving under suspension and failure to dim his high beams on S. Lincoln Ave. at Pidgeon Road at 3:29 a.m. Monday. A passenger, Steven F. Goodman, 2561 Lexington Dr., was cited for an open container and Laura Wack of Boardman was issued a wrongful entrustment warning for letting a person driving under suspension operate her vehicle.

Debbie L. Sheppard, 335 W. Pershing St., was cited for driving under suspension after being stopped in the 1300 block of W. State St. at 6:47 p.m. Sunday.

Loretta L. Lawson of Wellsville was cited for no operators license after being stopped in the 400 block of E. Pidgeon Road at 2:12 a.m. Sunday; a passenger, David G. Gasior gave two different Social Security Numbers and police found an outstanding warrant on him from Columbiana County and he was taken to the county jail.

A John Doe was stopped for speeding on W. State St. at Georgetown Road at 6:51 p.m. Saturday. Police learned he was an illegal alien and he was taken to the county jail to be turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol for deportation.

Charles S. Ruble of Salem was charged with driving under suspension after being stopped on state Route 14 south at 11:15 p.m. Saturday.

Jonathan E. Kane, 2261 N. Ellsworth Ave., was cited for OVI and left of center after being stopped on state Route 45 near W. Pidgeon Road at 1:38 a.m. Saturday. A passenger, Dianah M. Fabry, 865 High St., Washingtonville, was cited for underage consumption and released on recognizance bond.

William C. Jackson of Mt. Olive, Pa., was cited for failure to display two license plates after being stopped on U.S. 62 and Country Club Lane at 5 p.m. Friday. An outstanding warrant for failure to appear on a domestic violence charge in Stark County was found and Jackson was turned over to a Stark County deputy.

Henry J. Mills, 551 Benton Road, was charged with OVI, driving under suspension, an open container and obstructing official business after being stopped on the bypass at state Route 9. He was taken to the hospital.

Christopher L. Miller, 7478 Lisa Ln., Lisbon, was cited for driving under suspension and a license plate violation after being stopped on W. State St. at Georgetown Road at 5:34 p.m. Thursday.

Angela R. Kelly, 213 Miner St., Alliance, was cited for speed and driving under suspension after she was stopped in the 1400 block of W. State St. at 5:11 p.m. Thursday

Accident

Sandy M. Boggs, 2200 Goshen Road was cited for failure to control after she drove off the right side of the road on N. Ellsworth Ave. at Pine Lake Road at 8:31 p.m. Thursday.

OVI

Denies N. Raub, 522 King Road, Poland, was cited for OVI, marked lanes, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of drug abuse instruments after being stopped on state Route 9 near Jones Drive at 10:56 p.m. on March 14.

Harassment

Police responded to the 200 block of Plymouth Pl. at 1:22 p.m. Saturday where a female complainant advised that a known person was harassing her.

SALEM
School bus violation

Police received a complaint from the school transportation department at 10:29 a.m. Monday where a bus driver near Buckeye School reported a female driver who appeared to be texting drove through flashing red lights while students were boarding. The incident is under investigation.

Speak with officer

Police received a complaint on station at 1:11 p.m. Monday from a female with friends who found seven papers hanging on utility poles on the southeast side of town of an unflattering nature. Police advised that without a suspect nothing could be done.

Reckless operation

Police responded to the 400 block of S. Ellsworth Ave. at 12:52 a.m. Monday for a report of reckless operation in the parking and a female advised a man was causing trouble inside the bar, left and ran into a fence at the rear of the business. Police were unable to locate the man.

Suspicious activity

Police responded to E. 7th St. at 11:40 p.m. Sunday for a report of suspicious activity but were unable to locate anything.

Domestic

Police responded to the 300 block of Hickory Lane at 6:25 p.m. Sunday where a husband and wife were in a verbal dispute that turned physical. She was taken to the hospital and the matter will be sent to the county prosecutor's office for review.

B&E

Police responded to the 600 block of E. 6th St at 8:05 p.m. Sunday where the complainant noticed pry marks on his apartment door and found medication and other items missing.

SHERIFF

• A deputy was called to a home on Bacon Avenue, East Palestine, at 1 a.m. Sunday in regard to a domestic situation, but no threats or assaults occurred.

• A man called at 4:28 p.m. Sunday to report his aunt's home on Smith Road, Middleton Township, was entered because several items were missing.

• A Hazel Run Road, Salineville, man reported at 6:23 p.m. Sunday he saw some people leaving the area of Temme Road with a load of cut wood and suspects it may be from his property. A witness reportedly followed the truck to a residence on Maple Hill Road.

• An Alderlick Road, Madison Township, man reported at 9:32 p.m. Sunday seeing in a man in a black hood across the road at an abandoned house. A deputy didn't find anyone on the property or in the area.

• Tim Mapel, Hazel Run Road, Salineville, reported Sunday afternoon he was eating dinner when he saw two ATVs leaving his property and they had been there without his permission. Mapel jumped in a vehicle and cut off one of the riders, causing the ATV to strike his vehicle. Salineville police arrived and told Mapel he was fortunate he didn't get cited for his actions. Maple wanted to press charges, so a citation was issued against the one ATV driver, a 15-year-old boy from East Liverpool.

• A deputy was called to a possible burglary a Hibbetts Mill Road, Wellsville, home at 5 p.m. Sunday, but no one was home and the residence appeared to be secure.

• A Rose Drive, Lisbon, woman reported Friday a prepaid cell phone, bank card, food card, diamond ring and prescription painkillers were missing from her apartment. She has no suspect in mind.

BIRTH

Salem Community Hospital

Daughter, Brennan Leigh Ritchie, born March 17, to Daniel and Hannah Ritchie of Salineville.

Brennan weighed 7 pounds and 6.8 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Patricia Bails of Salem. Paternal grandparents are Kevin and Linda Baker of Lisbon.

PATROL

• Ashley Bergman, 24, Speidel Road, East Palestine, was cited for hit skip/leave scene and reasonable control. At 4:45 a.m. Sunday, Bergman was driving west on Speidel Road when her vehicle went off the left edge of the roadway, struck a mailbox and left without trying to inform the owner.

MUNICIPAL

LISBON — In county Municipal Court on Monday, a Youngstown woman was bound over to grand jury on a felony charge of trafficking in drugs. Christina May, 27, is accused of attempting to sell more than one gram but less than five grams of crack cocaine at the McDonald's restaurant on North Market Street while her 3-year-old son was present.

• Thomas Hughes II, Richardson Avenue, Negley, pleaded not guilty to OVI second offense, driving in violation of driving restriction and open container; pretrial May 5.

• George Krinos, 33, Campbell, was sentenced to three days in the county jail, was fined \$400 and had his driver's license suspended for six months for OVI first offense and speeding.

• Carl Poynter, 24, Coffee School Road, Salem, was sentenced to three days of traffic school, was fined \$225 and had his driver's license suspended for six months for OVI first offense and speeding.

• Henry Mills, 41, Benton Road, Salem, pleaded not guilty to OVI first offense, driving under suspension, open container and obstructing official business; pretrial May. 3.

• Robert Turner Jr., 48, Brooklyn, pleaded not guilty to OVI first offense, speeding and a seat belt violation; pretrial April 12.

• Leonel Alvarez, 24, Union Street, Columbiana, was sentenced to three days of traffic school, was fined \$825 and had his driver's license suspended for six months for physical control, amended from OVI first offense, and speeding.

• Brandon S.L. Miller, 19, West Perry Street, Salem, was sentenced to one day in the county jail and was fined \$100 for theft. Miller stole a \$29 item from the Salem Wal-Mart.

• Teana Hicks, 19, Goshen Road, Salem, was sentenced to one day in the county jail and was fined \$100 for theft. Hicks stole a \$12 item from the Salem Wal-Mart.

• Jessica Altenburg, 18, South Union Avenue, Salem, was sentenced to one day in the county jail, and was fined \$100 for theft. Altenburg stole a can of Mike's Hard Lemonade from the Salem Sparkle Market.

• Shawn Rush, 22, East North Avenue, East Palestine, pleaded not guilty to two counts of receiving stolen property. Bond was set at \$2,000; pretrial April 7. Rush is accused of selling stolen jewelry to Kimpell's Jewelry and Gifts and Cashland, Columbiana.

• Corey Catania, 21, Lexington Avenue, Salem, pleaded not guilty to domestic violence. Bond was set at \$2,500; pretrial May 2. Catania is accused of grabbing his pregnant girlfriend by the throat, throwing her onto a couch, ripping a lanyard from her neck and throwing a baby gate at her.

• Chachi Peddicord, 25, Lisbon Street, East Liverpool, was fined \$650 and had his driver's license suspended for six months for driving under suspension, drug paraphernalia and drug abuse.

• Domer Overly Jr., 40, Girard, was fined \$250 for driving under suspension.

• Brandon J. Miller, 20, Bell Road, pleaded not guilty to driving under suspension and speeding; pretrial April 26.

• Debbie Sheppard, 55, East Fifth Street, Salem, pleaded not guilty to driving under suspension; pretrial May 3.

• Dustin Foley, 31, state Route 170, East Palestine, pleaded not guilty to violating a temporary protection order; pretrial April 5.

• David Scarry, 24, Hoopes Road, Salem, was fined \$100 for disorderly conduct, amended from assault.

• Timothy Eddinger, 19, North Ellsworth Avenue, was fined \$35 for failure to control.

• Katie Shelton, 25, Mineral Ridge, was fined \$25 for unsafe vehicle, amended from failure to control.

• Robert Clark III, 60, Trinity Church Road, was fined \$10 for assured clear distance ahead.

• Jerry Watson, 42, Birch Road, East Liverpool, pleaded not guilty to speeding; pretrial April 5.

Man owes widow \$750K
for death of husband

By MARY ANN GREIER

Staff Writer

LISBON — A man who served four years in prison for causing the 2005 death of a New Waterford resident after punching him outside Vittle Village owes his widow \$750,000, a judge ruled Friday.

Judge C. Ashley Pike of Columbiana County Common Pleas Court granted default judgment to Patricia Athey, executrix of the estate of Larry Athey Sr., against Seth Robinson, who was released from prison last year according to the state department of corrections and rehabilitation web site.

He resided in Poland at the time of the incident in New Waterford in 2005 and was 19 years old when he struck the 59-year-old victim after the two exchanged words outside the store in the parking lot, causing Athey Sr. to fall and hit his head. He was hospitalized for about a week before he died.

Robinson served the prison time after pleading guilty in March 2006 to reckless homicide, a third-degree felony. He received credit for 80 days he had already served in the county jail.

Patricia Athey originally filed a lawsuit in September 2007 against Robinson and employees of Vittle Village, but voluntarily dismissed it in June 2008. She refiled the case in June 2009.

Last year, Pike dismissed her negligence claims against the store and three of its employees, including Brian Beight, Brandi McCreary and Kerri Shannon. The lawsuit claimed they sold beer to Robinson, who was underage at the time, and he became intoxicated, creating a risk to other cus-

tomers. They denied selling him alcohol. The lawsuit also claimed they were negligent for failing to protect Athey and that their negligence was a cause of his death.

Pike, though, disagreed and took the side of their attorney who argued they could not have foreseen that Robinson's "obnoxious and harassing behavior created a substantial risk that Mr. Robinson would kill another patron/invitee."

James Hartford, the attorney who filed the lawsuit on the widow's behalf, filed the motion for default judgment in November 2010, saying Robinson had not appeared or tried to defend himself against the lawsuit.

An affidavit was filed last week by Patricia Athey detailing the monetary costs related to the tragedy, including the medical expenses related to her husband's hospitalization, her own medical expenses related to counseling and medications in dealing with his loss, funeral and burial expenses, legal expenses and court costs and lost wages from her husband, who was the sole source of her support.

The total of all those expenses and her late husband's income was more than \$730,000.

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Salem man competent
to stand trial for rape

By MARY ANN GREIER

Staff Writer

LISBON — A Salem man charged with rape and two other counts related to an alleged sexual assault against a 13-year-old girl in 2009 has been found competent to stand trial.

Michael Toma, 30, of 407 S. Madison St., appeared Monday in Columbiana County Common Pleas Court before Judge C. Ashley Pike, who found him competent based on a report and evaluation by the Forensic Psychiatric Center of Northeast Ohio.

A trial date of Sept. 13 was set, along with a status hearing at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 2. Toma agreed to sign a waiver of the time requirement for bringing the case to trial and agreed to the new trial date.

He remains out of jail on a \$25,000 recognizance bond with the condition that he have no contact with the victim.

Toma was indicted last year for rape, a first-degree felony, and singles counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and sexual battery, both third-degree felonies. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison for the rape and five years for each of the other two charges, for a total of 20 years if the terms are ordered served consecutively.

The indictment alleged the incidents occurred by force on Aug. 15, 2009 in Perry Township in an area off of Egypt Road known locally as Cry Baby Bridge, with one court document alleging the girl was forced to the ground. The bill of particulars, which gives more detail about the accusations, alleged the defendant knew the victim "was substantially impaired due to certain mental handicaps."

Toma's attorney, Jennifer Gorby, filed a motion last fall to have his statements to police suppressed so they couldn't be used at trial against him, but withdrew the motion based on an agreement between the defense and the prosecution which was then ordered part of the record by the court in January.

According to the agreement, a video statement given to Perry Township Police Chief Mike Emigh on Aug. 18, 2009 was suppressed, along with a written statement given by the defendant to Perry Township Police Patrolman Thomas Gamble on Aug. 18, 2009. The state can't use the statements in their case except for the purposes to challenge testimony by the defendant if he testifies during the trial.

Other statements given to Gamble on Sept. 2, 2009 and to Deputy Steve Boyd of the county Sheriff's Office on Aug. 30, 2010 will be permitted for the state's use during the trial.

In the original motion asking to have all statements thrown out, Gorby said her client had no prior criminal record and was scared and can't read or write. She said that during a statement he made on Aug. 18, 2009, he was told he would be in jail that day and would remain there under a \$100,000 bond unless he cooperated. She said he then changed his initial statement of denial and made incriminating statements.

In a statement on Sept. 2, she said he recanted and said he lied because he felt threatened by the remark about the \$100,000 bond.

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COMMON PLEAS

New Cases

Home Savings & Loan Company vs. Kathy Sheerer, also known as Kathy Davis, and Walter Davis, both East Palestine, etc.; foreclosure sought against property on Pleasant Drive, East Palestine.

Precesion Finning & Bending Inc., East Liverpool, vs. American Power Service, Daniel Bina and Rick Schimpf, all Erlanger, Kent.; collection sought of alleged \$15,170 debt from American Power, alleged \$15,130 debt from Bina and Schimpf, along with punitive damages.

Alan Nelson, Kensington, vs. Ohio Pet Food Inc., Lisbon, and Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Columbus; appeal of claim denial.

Riverwalk Holdings, Columbus, vs. Kim Koerber, East Liverpool; execution of \$5,059 judgment from East Liverpool Municipal Court in November 2010.

Karen Nelson, Columbiana, and Anthony Bernard, Columbiana; dissolution sought.

Gretta Miller, Lisbon, and Dale J. Miller, Lisbon; dissolu-

tion sought.

Docket Entries

Ethel Stewart vs. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, etc.; case dismissed.

CACH vs. Barbara Christen; \$11,037 judgment granted to CACH.

Angel Mayhew vs. Paul Beaver; protection order issued.

Marriage License

Justin Bettis, 19, Salem, unemployed, and Jennifer Stratton, 19, Salem, homemaker.

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► PREP SOFTBALL

Snoddy leads Lisbon to season opening win

By **MICHAEL S. BURICH**
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HANOVERTON — Lisbon’s softball team has relied on Katie Snoddy’s bat to get rallies started for the last three seasons.

In the opener of her senior season, Snoddy did it again as she went 4-for-4 including two doubles and two runs as the Blue Devils topped rival United 8-6 on Monday.

“The game started out slow and as a senior it was my job to step up,” Snoddy said. “I think I did that because right after I got that double (in the fourth inning), Kellee Schafer stepped up and hit a home run.”

The Devils were down 2-0 when Schafer sent a ball over the right-center field fence to tie the game. The hit came as a big relief and let Lisbon settle into to its game.

“Whenever you get down on the road — especially early in the year — you begin to question this and that,” Lisbon coach Dave Crismon said. “She just came up there and took a little bit of the pressure off.”

United (0-1) got its first two runs in the first inning as Emily Bokanovich scored on a wild pitch and Kelsey Baker scored on an RBI bunt single by Krista McCartney. Baker led the Eagles’ offensively with a two singles, a triple and RBI. Bokanovich added two singles and two runs.

United pitcher Krista McCartney struck out five in the first three innings and looked sharp until Snoddy led off the fourth with a double and Schafer homered. She struck out the side after allowing the Devils to tie and tossed a scoreless fifth before things got difficult.



Lisbon's Lauren Ketchum pitches against United on Monday. (Salem News/Mike Burich)

In the sixth, the Devils sent nine batters to the plate and racked up six runs off four hits and three Eagle errors. Two of the hits were infield singles, while Rachell DeBray added an RBI triple.

“We work on hitting all the time,” Snoddy said. “We’re always in the batting cage practicing. I think the team knows we all have to step up and we got that in the sixth inning.”

United coach Bob Reeder thought his team would have to play good defense to get by the

Devils, but it wasn’t to be as small infield dribblers gave them all sorts of problems in the sixth inning.

“I stress to my kids all the time to put that ball in play because something might happen,” Reeder said. “It happened, but it wasn’t good for us.”

With the temperature hovering around the freezing mark late in the game, the focus of both teams started to drift.

“It was one bizarre game,” Crismon said. “We picked and

chose when we wanted to play. You just can’t do that especially against your rival.”

Lisbon pitcher Lauren Ketchum, who had 18 strikeouts, was on target the first six innings, but had trouble getting the ball over the plate in the seventh. United capitalized by scoring four runs on two walks, two errors and one hit.

“I think the weather had a lot to do with it,” Crismon said. “We got up six runs and were very complacent. They were cold and ready to go home. Because of that we let our guard down a little bit.”

Snoddy said it was difficult to get through the final inning, but wasn’t complaining too much.

“We really don’t like the cold too much, but we fought through it,” Snoddy said. “It’s freezing out, but that’s softball season. We have to get used to it.”

The two teams will meet again today at Lisbon. The Devils are aware that every game on this Inter-Tri County League upper tier slate will be a legitimate challenge.

“On any given night if you aren’t ready to play and do not get strong pitching and good defense, you’re going to be in a dog fight,” Crismon said. “There are so many good pitchers in our league this year, that you can’t make the mistakes we did tonight.”

United hopes to get back on track with a split.

“You just hope you split with them,” Reeder said. “If everyone can split with everyone else then at the end of the year you might have a chance.”

LISBON: 000 206 0 – 8 10 3
UNITED: 200 000 4 – 6 7 3
L—Lauren Ketchum, wp (18K, 4BB) and Kellee Schafer.
U—Krista McCartney, lp (12K, 2BB) and Taylor Smith.

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that has the club’s front office asking for more.

“We need our young players to take a step forward,” said general manager Chris Antonetti, promoted after last season when Mark Shapiro became team president. “Guys that have had some major league experience, either plate appearances or innings in the case of our pitchers, need to take a step forward.”

“If they do that and we stay healthy, we have a very talented roster that is certainly capable of being a very good major league team.”

Winning will be difficult enough, and the task will be tougher because the Indians won’t be whole when the season starts.

Sizemore’s still recovering from microfracture left knee surgery and it may be weeks before he’s back in center

field and atop Cleveland’s lineup. The 28-year-old’s days of charging like a rhino in cleats toward the gap to take away an extra-base hit or hurl himself like a movie stunt man into the wall could be over. That doesn’t mean he won’t be productive, yet his future is uncertain.

The Indians own a club option on his \$8.5-million contract next season. It would be hard to imagine the Indians trading Sizemore, who remains immensely popular in Cleveland. But fans are fearful and feel betrayed by the team’s inability to sign Cy Young winners CC Sabathia and Cliff Lee. The Indians’ payroll has dropped from \$81 million in 2009 to \$48 million this year.

Sizemore could be the next to go, and if the Indians are out of playoff contention early, they’ll face a difficult decision.

The locals haven’t embraced the latest Indians’ in-

field and atop Cleveland’s lineup. The 28-year-old’s days of charging like a rhino in cleats toward the gap to take away an extra-base hit or hurl himself like a movie stunt man into the wall could be over. That doesn’t mean he won’t be productive, yet his future is uncertain.

The offense has talent. Choo was the only AL player to hit .300 with 20 homers and 20 steals last season. Those numbers could swell hitting in front of Santana, who didn’t flinch when he was tossed into the cleanup spot upon his arrival from the minors.

First baseman Matt LaPorta is one of those players the Indians need to progress. Slowed by two surgeries the previous offseason, he hit just .221 and has yet to become the thumper the Indians thought they landed when they sent Sabathia to Milwaukee in 2009.

Cleveland’s starting rotation is top heavy. Fausto Carmona must build off a 13-win season and the club’s all-

right-handed rotation of Justin Masterson, Mitch Talbot, Carrasco and Tomlin has to give Acta big innings. Chris Perez emerged as one of the AL’s top closers and has the requisite look — long hair, scruffy beard — to go along with a blistering fastball.

Acta sees the Indians’ glass as half full. They don’t have many stars, but he thinks they do have enough to win.

“We have a right fielder that a lot of people are looking for,” he said. “And we do have a catcher that a lot of people are looking for, and we do have a good shortstop that a lot of people are looking for. That’s the way we have to see the game. Just because we didn’t land the biggest fish out there that doesn’t mean we are eternally rebuilding. We may have a question mark here and there, but we have some bright spots.”

To win, the Indians need them to shine.

REDS FROM 1B

opening day approaching. It was a pretty unsettling beginning, to say the least.

“Everybody is doom and gloom,” Baker said. “I’m not like that. I was taught you try to find a solution vs. the sky is falling and chicken little. You try to figure out a solution.”

Their solution is to use their depth — something missing in years past — to hold their ground in a very forgiving division, one the Reds dominated last year to get that long-awaited championship.

Cincinnati went only 30-41 against teams with a record of

.500 or better last season. They beat up on losing teams, going 61-30 against them. They also dominated their division, going 49-30 while winning their season series against the Cubs, Brewers, Astros and Pirates. Only the Cardinals won more than they lost against Cincinnati.

The Reds kept their roster virtually intact, thinking it’s a combination just getting started on a long run of winning.

So, the rough spring didn’t change the outlook.

“Everybody’s excited right now,” Volquez said. “After last year, everybody can’t wait to go to Cincinnati and start playing.”

The Reds think their depth can get them through the in-

juries without major problem. Plus, the rest of the division also had a tough time getting ready for the season.

The Cardinals lost top starter Adam Wainwright to injury and failed to sign Albert Pujols to a long-term deal. New Brewers starter Zack Greinke cracked a rib during an offseason pickup basketball game. The Cubs had another dugout spat, this one involving pitcher Carlos Silva, who then failed to make the team.

Baker thinks the Reds’ young pitching staff can get through the first few weeks. Cueto and Bailey are expected to come off the disabled list before the end of April. A group of young pitchers including Mike Leake, Travis Wood, Sam LeCure and Matt Maloney did well during the pennant-race pressure last season.

“We have depth, especially with young pitching,” Baker said. “We have a lot of other guys knocking on the door. We didn’t think we’d have to use our depth so soon, but we’re glad to have it.”

The bullpen lost only left-handed setup specialist Arthur Rhodes, who is replaced by left-hander Aroldis Chapman. The Cuban defector was called up at the end of last season and made a scintillating debut, hitting 105 mph with his fastball while getting accustomed to his new country and his new league. He’s

more relaxed heading into his second year of professional baseball.

“I think this year is going to be a lot better for me,” Chapman said, through a translator.

The everyday lineup has only one change, with Paul Janish moving from backup to starter at shortstop. The Reds expect more out of Janish and young outfielders Drew Stubbs and Jay Bruce, who struggled offensively in the first half of last season.

First baseman Joey Votto is convinced he can improve upon his National League MVP season of .324, 37 homers, 113 RBIs.

“I think I’m realistic,” Votto said. “I’d like to be a better defensive player. As far as a hitter, I’d like to be more efficient. I feel like I wasted a lot of at-bats last year.”

The Reds had only a handful of players with postseason experience last year when they pulled away from St. Louis for the division title. Baker thinks that experience should help all of them as they try to make it two in a row.

“The hardest part is doing it the first time, I think, on anything,” Baker said. “You think you can do it. You say, ‘Oh, I know I can do it.’ But until you do it, you don’t know if you can do it or not. “Success breeds confidence.”

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A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation

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LeBron James going home — again

CLEVELAND (AP) — Trapped in an arena where venom and disgust filled nearly all 20,000 seats, LeBron James survived. He handled the boos, the “Akon hates you” chants, the obscene taunts coming at him from every direction, from fans he considered family.

At his homecoming, James was an outcast.

He’s returning on Tuesday, and nearly four months since his last visit, the Miami superstar isn’t expecting as much outward hostility.

“Can’t get no worse than it was December 2nd,” James said. “I know that for a fact.”

The hype and the hate aren’t as high this time.

Things have changed dramatically since James last played in Cleveland, the city he spurned last summer as a free agent. Back in December, the Cavaliers were 7-10 and their fans were still frothing at the first chance to publicly vilify James for leaving them before delivering an NBA title.

They vented. He vanquished.

James scored 38 points — 24 in the third quarter — and powered the Heat to a 118-90 win, a blowout that triggered a downward plunge by the Cavaliers that hasn’t stopped. At 14-58, they have the league’s worst record and they’ll watch the playoffs this season for the first time in six years.

On the other hand, Miami’s win bonded the Heat, who are 41-14 since their Cleveland stopover and building for a title run.

“That was a huge step for us,” James said. “After that game, we took off.”

Security inside Quicken Loans Arena will again be at finals levels for James’ return. There will uniformed police located near Miami’s bench area and plain clothes officers will be spread throughout the stands to guard against any trouble.

For all the worry of an ugly incident leading up to the Dec. 2 matchup, there was only one arrest and a handful of ejections.

“We’ll have a similar approach to this game and continue to have a very focused plan in place for the security and safety of everyone in the Q,” said Cavaliers spokesman Tad Carper.

James was excited about going home again. Unlike Miami’s last visit, which came one night after the Heat played in Detroit, James came in one day early, giving him enough time to see his two sons and visit with family and friends in his hometown of Akron.

“That’ll be good,” he said.

It might get a little tougher for him after that, but Cleveland coach Byron Scott doesn’t anticipate the atmosphere to be as charged or for James and the Heat to be received as rudely.

“I don’t think it’s going to be quite that crazy,” he said. “I don’t think it’s going to be a zoo like it was last time. It might be two notches below what it was. It’s still going to be a very intense type game. I think fans remember what happened last time we played here and so do we.”

Jimmer Fredette leads AP All-America team

Senior guards Jimmer Fredette of BYU and Nolan Smith of Duke are the leading vote-getters on The Associated Press All-America team.

Freshman Jared Sullinger of Ohio State, junior guard Kemba Walker of Connecticut and senior forward JaJuan Johnson of Purdue also are on the team announced Monday.

Fredette, the nation’s leading scorer, received all but one of 65 votes from the national media panel that selects the Top 25. Smith, who led the Blue Devils to a No. 1 ranking for 10 weeks this season, got 61 votes.

Fredette is BYU’s first All-America since Danny Ainge in 1981. Smith is Duke’s fifth since 2000; two of them were repeat first-teamers.

Sullinger is the seventh freshman All-America in the last five years.

Kent State makes Senderoff interim coach

KENT (AP) — Assistant Rob Senderoff has been named Kent State’s interim head coach after Geno Ford left the program after three seasons for Bradley.

Athletic director Joel Nielsen said the school has begun a nation search for Ford, who has left the Kent State program “in tremendous shape and with a very bright future.”

Senderoff could be the leading candidate to take the job permanently. The 37-year-old has been an associate head coach under Ford for three years. Prior to that, Senderoff was an assistant at Indiana, where he was involved in the recruiting scandal that led to Kelvin Sampson’s resignation and NCAA penalties for the school.

Ga. Tech hiring Dayton’s Gregory as new coach

ATLANTA (AP) — Dayton coach Brian Gregory is taking the Georgia Tech job. Dayton’s athletic department sent out a notice Monday morning on Twitter confirming Gregory was leaving to coach the Yellow Jackets, who fired Paul Hewitt shortly after the school’s fourth losing season in six years.

The tweet said: “We wish BG and his family good luck.”

Georgia Tech officials would not comment, pending official approval of Gregory’s contract. The school was preparing to hold a late afternoon news conference.

The Dayton Daily News initially reported that Gregory was leaving the Flyers.

Thompson signs with Penguins

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Penguins signed forward Paul Thompson to a two-year, entry level contract on Monday.

Thompson, the 2010-11 Hockey East Player of the Year while at New Hampshire, led the league with 52 points this season. He scored 28 goals, and led the No. 11 Wildcats to the NCAA Regional Finals, where they lost to No. 9 Notre Dame 2-1 on Sunday.

In four seasons with New Hampshire, Thompson had 57 goals, 55 assists and 112 points.

Pittsburgh plays host to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Diggins helps Irish stun Lady Vols, 73-59

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Skylar Diggins scored 24 points and second-seeded Notre Dame made up for 28 years of beatings at the hands of Tennessee, upsetting the top-seeded Lady Vols 73-59 Monday night to earn a spot in the Final Four.

The Fighting Irish (30-7) came in 0-20 all-time against the Lady Vols. But the operative number on this night was 3-0 — Notre Dame’s record in regional championship games.

Natalie Novosel added 17 points and Becca Bruszewski — who didn’t practice Sunday and was listed as questionable to even play with a knee injury — had 13 for the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame advanced to the play the winner of top-ranked Connecticut (35-1) and second-seeded Duke (32-3). They play on Tuesday night in Philadelphia.

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OUR SIDE

Cincinnati begs state funds for streetcar scheme

Cincinnati officials want to build a new \$128 million streetcar line, but that will be more difficult than they had thought just a few days ago.

Under former Gov. Ted Strickland, the state had agreed to pay \$52 million of the project's cost. But last week, new Gov. John Kasich said the state money no longer is a sure thing.

Ohio taxpayers simply don't have \$52 million to spare, except for infrastructure projects that are absolutely necessary.

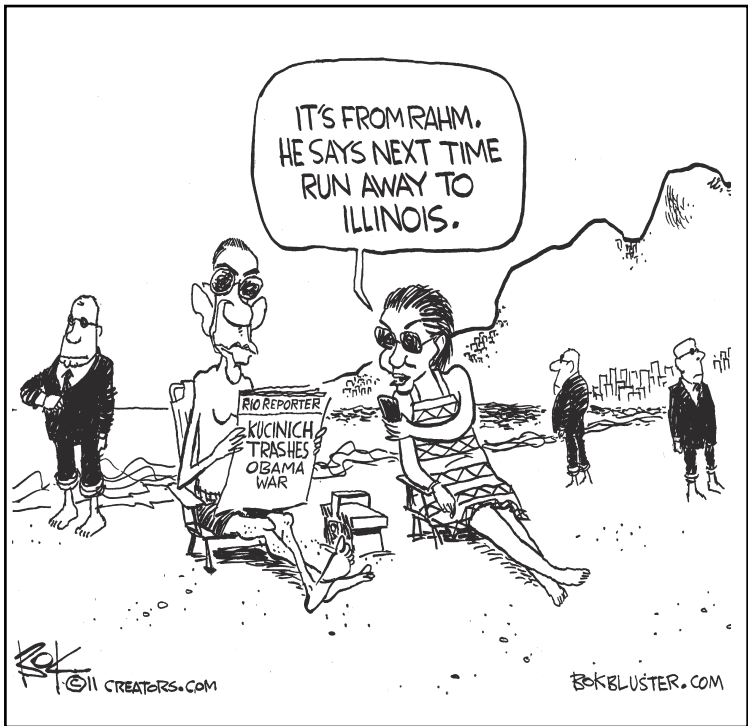
Cincinnati officials claim the project will provide thousands of jobs and is supported by the local business community. But on recently in Cincinnati, Kasich said state officials don't accept the city's jobs claims — and have found some business people in the city don't support the new streetcar line.

Kasich said he is "a big believer in more of the big infrastructure projects that can improve productivity," and might consider state funding for another proposal by Cincinnati. But the streetcar line is highly unlikely to receive money from Columbus, he added.

We don't know details of the Cincinnati proposal — but we do know far too many so-called "jobs projects" by state and federal governments are wastes of taxpayers' money. They provide fewer jobs than advertised and the positions that are created are of short duration. Too often, once such projects are completed they become burdens taxpayers must shoulder, with expensive operating and maintenance costs not offset by benefits.

Kasich is right to re-examine major spending programs approved under the Strickland administration. If more are found in which the cost-benefit ratio is unconvincing — or the numbers themselves are suspect — the governor should cancel state participation in them, too.

Again, Ohio taxpayers simply can't afford to spend tens of millions of dollars on boondoggles.

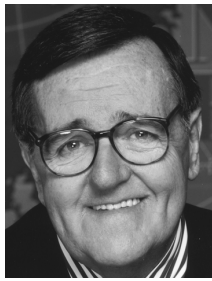


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O.K.—HE'S NO LONGER FLYING. NOW WHAT?

Obama, call Colin Powell



MARK SHIELDS

Just 16 days before the 2008 election, Colin Powell, a Republican who had been appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by President George H.W. Bush and secretary of state by President George W. Bush, broke ranks to endorse Democrat Barack Obama for president. Today, more than 29 months later, it is past time for President Obama to get a crash-

course on the Powell Doctrine from Colin himself.

After two tours of duty in Vietnam and long before his own unsuccessful term as secretary of state, Gen. Powell made the strong case that the United States should commit men and women to combat only as a last resort and after other policy options had been exhausted -- and only 1) when the vital national security interest of the nation is at stake, 2) when the U.S. force employed is overwhelming and disproportionate to the force of the enemy, 3) when the mission and the military action are both understood and supported by the American people and the mission has real international support, and 4) there is a clear and plausible exit strategy for the U.S. troops sent into harm's way.

True, as secretary of state in 2003, in what he would later concede would always be a permanent "blot" on his record, he did in his speech at the United Nations persuade a skeptical American public that Saddam Hussein's Iraq did threaten this nation's vital national security interests. He was wrong that day, but it was Colin Powell who failed in 2003, not the Powell Doctrine.

Obviously missing from the Libyan policy of the Obama administration was any real understanding by American voters about what the specific mission was and, absent such understanding, there could be no informed domestic

support for the U.S. policy there. Without a clearly defined mission statement, it is impossible to determine whether the U.S. or allied forces deployed are proportionate, let alone disproportionate. If there ever was a clear exit strategy going into Libya, I missed it.

Libya thus joined Iraq and Afghanistan as U.S. wars that ask no civilian sacrifice, no home-front shortages, not even the petty inconvenience of foregoing more tax cuts. Just one more indefensible violation of the honored American value that "war demands equality of sacrifice."

One public voice has been admirably consistent. Long before he was elected to the Senate from Virginia as a Democrat, back when he was still a registered Republican, Jim Webb -- who as a Marine platoon leader and company commander in Vietnam earned the Navy Cross, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple hearts -- condemned "the complete separation of people in power in Washington from the people at peril in the Persian Gulf."

Webb's words then are even more true today: "If the U.S. military was truly representative of the country, you would have people going through the roof right now."

This is not the way it was supposed to be. The strength of a nation, we have learned from painful experience, is measured by that nation's will and resolve to stand together in individual and universal sacrifice for the common good. Last fall, the country endured a fierce national election when the U.S. war in Afghanistan went entirely undebated. Why, when that war is unpopular by all public polls, are there no campus protests or noisy peace demonstrations? The answer can be given in two words: No Draft.

President Obama, please call Colin Powell immediately. Listen closely. Then heed his Powell Doctrine. At the same time, call Jim Webb and ask him, too, for his candid advice -- which is the only kind he knows how to give.

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Young teacher leaves kids in lurch to head for Mecca with Holder's blessing



MONA CHAREN

The village of Berkeley, Ill., 15 miles west of Chicago, is small enough to proclaim its population (5,245) on its welcome sign. It is also small enough to escape mention in the national news -- most of the time.

But the village, which, according to The Washington Post, is majority African-American and Hispanic, has attracted the attention of the U.S. Department of Justice. The department is suing the Berkeley School District on behalf of a former teacher.

Here are the facts: Safoorah Khan, 29, was hired to teach middle school math in November 2007. According to her lawyer, she was happy in her job, which included preparing sixth-through eighth-graders for state tests, and running the "math lab." After nine months on the job, Khan requested a three-week leave of absence in order to perform the hajj -- the pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims are obliged to undertake at least once in their lives if they can afford it.

Employers are required by law to

honor requests for religious accommodations provided that they do not impose "undue hardship" on the employer or other employees. Berkeley officials maintained that a three-week absence in December -- which would have denied the school its only math lab instructor right before exams -- was unreasonable and was not covered by the teachers' union contract. They denied her request. Khan decided to make the trip anyway and submitted her resignation.

She also submitted a letter of complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, charging that the school board's refusal to grant the 19-day leave amounted to religious discrimination.

"They put her in a position where she had to choose," her lawyer, Kamran A. Memon, told the Post, and this revealed "anti-Muslim hostility."

The town's former mayor disagreed. "The school district just wanted a teacher in the room for those three weeks," said Michael A. Esposito. "They didn't care if she was a Martian, a Muslim or a Catholic."

Now the Justice Department has taken up her case. Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Thomas Perez explains that he took the case in part to combat "a real head wind of intolerance against Muslim communities" and that

Khan's lawsuit seeks to ratify the "religious liberty that our forefathers came to this country for." Perez has spoken before of his belief, shared by Attorney General Eric Holder, that "our Muslim-American brothers and sisters" have been the victims of a post-9/11 backlash.

Now we see how Perez and Holder can assert that Muslim-Americans are suffering a "backlash." If they can see religious discrimination in Khan's case, it's no wonder they see it under every mattress.

Reality check: Many first-year employees get no vacation days or time off. Teachers, depending upon their union-negotiated contracts, may get some. But to suggest that refusing a three-week leave at a crucial time of the school year is "discrimination" is just perverse. It's reaching to find a base motive for an obviously sensible decision.

Khan's departure to fulfill a religious obligation that she has a lifetime to satisfy left her students bereft at a critical time. Doesn't Islam also forbid breaking a contract or leaving children in the lurch? Besides, Khan is 29. The next scheduled hajj that will fall during a school vacation will be in eight years. Khan will, God willing, be fully capable of making the trip then. But why ac-

commodate your students and your employer when you can sue?

The selfishness of Khan's behavior was so blatant that even The Washington Post was moved to look for other motives in the Justice Department's decision. "The Obama administration has gone to great lengths to maintain good relations with Muslims -- while endorsing tough anti-terrorism tactics."

This is the same month in which the Obama administration admitted that it won't be closing Guantanamo after all. And President Obama has deployed unmanned aerial vehicles pretty aggressively over Afghanistan and Pakistan. Is this a way to placate Muslim-Americans who may be unhappy about the war on terror?

It may be. Or it may just be another example of the reflex to genuflect before all claims of discrimination -- no matter how baseless. The United States government is asking for back pay, reinstatement, and money damages for Safoorah Khan. When you elect a liberal Democrat to the White House, this is what you get.

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McIlroy, Fowler or Angel-Jimenez wins at Augusta, I'm going to stop watching.

► Kelly Pavlik is well on his way back to top form for his May 7 fight against Alfonso Lopez at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. If you follow the Salem News daily you know I saw him training in person, and we ran an extensive feature in our Sunday edition. And if you don't go to salemnews.net and read it, he looks good. Sounds good. Is upbeat. In a nutshell, he's got a lot of fire back that many champions tend to lose once they reach the top. I know deep down Kelly wants to prove his critics wrong, but I wonder the nature of the beast that he's up against. Think about it. If he goes in and slaughters the unbeaten Lopez, his critics will say he fought an untested bum. If he goes the distance and wins, they'll say he's lost a step. And if he loses, well, forget

about it. But my message to Kelly is simply this: Just win and smile. Don't worry about what the critics say. Don't follow them. Don't listen to them. Keep winning, stay positive and the rest will fall into place. Best of luck May 7. I sincerely hope you get back to the top. But like I said in a previous column, do it yourself. You don't owe anything to anyone.

"You're gonna have to learn your cliches. You're gonna have to study them, you're gonna have to know them. Write this down: 'We gotta play it one day at a time.'"

"Got to play ... it's pretty boring."

"Of course it's boring, that's the point. Write it down."

'til next time ...

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► BONDS TRIAL

Former girlfriend Bell tells of Bonds' steroid use
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Kimberly Bell, her voice cracking, looked out at the court room and talked about the final stretch of her nine-year relationship with Barry Bonds. The greatest hitter of his era threatened "to cut my head off and leave me in a ditch," she said. "More than once." She said Bonds told her "he would cut out my breast implants because he paid for them." As for the Arizona house he had helped pay for, "he told me he would burn it down." Bonds' federal trial resumed Monday with nearly daylong testimony from his former mistress, who said the slugger attributed a 1999 elbow injury to steroids use. She also discussed how Bonds became verbally abusive and said that his physique changed, offering a lurid description of his shrinking testicles, back acne, scalp hair that fell out and chest hair that turned gray. Such mental and physical symptoms are associated with steroid use. Prosecutors allege Bonds lied when he told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs. Bell met Bonds in 1994 and testified that from 1999 to 2001, "he was just increasingly aggressive, irritable, agitated, very impatient." In testimony similar to that of former Bonds business partner Steve Hoskins last week, she said that in at least two different years at spring training, she saw Bonds and personal

trainer Greg Anderson "go into a bedroom off the kitchen and close and lock the door." She said Anderson "would always have a little satchel with him." She saw those scenes played out multiple times. Prosecutors claim Anderson, who has been jailed for refusing to testify, repeatedly injected Bonds with performance-enhancing drugs. Dressed in a gray pantsuit and white shirt, and with deep lines under her eyes, Bell answered 72 minutes of prosecution questions and was pressured during 4 hours, 15 minutes of questioning from the defense, who tried to portray her as a gold digger, a scorned former lover, a liar and the instigator of a mortgage fraud scheme. Defense lawyer Cristina Arguedas brought up an interview Bell gave Playboy and a television appearance on Geraldo Rivera. "You have taken many opportunities to disparage Barry Bonds ... in the most vulgar ways possible?" Arguedas said in a question that was more a statement. "Did you go on Howard Stern's radio show?" Arguedas continued. "Does he do anything that isn't vulgar?" When Arguedas repeated: "Did you say vulgar things about Barry Bonds?" Bell answered: "Please refresh my memory." With that, Arguedas took a break to talk with Allen Ruby, Bonds' lead lawyer. After a few moments, Arguedas told the court: "We're going to decline that opportunity to go into the gutter. No more questions."

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► TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Designated LHP Mark Hendrickson, RHP David Riske and RHP Rick VandenHurk for assignment. Optioned OF Nolan Reimold to Norfolk (IL) and RHP Ryan Drese, LHP Clay Rapada and INF Nick Green to their minor league camp. Granted OF Randy Winn his unconditional release.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Traded RHP Billy Bullock to Atlanta to retain LHP Scott Diamond and assigned Diamond outright to Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Selected the contract of INF Eric Chavez from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Reassigned C Josh Bard and UT Chris Gimenez to their minor league camp and LHP Luke French to Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Traded C Matt Treanor to Kansas City for cash considerations.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned LHP Jordan Norberto to Reno (PCL). Reassigned RH Rafael Rodriguez and C P.J. Plittiere to their minor league camp.
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned C Welington Castillo to Iowa (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Traded INF Josh Fields to Colorado for a player to be named or cash.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed OF Mike Baxter on the 60-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned LHP Ross Detwiler, RHP Collin Balester and OF Roger Bernadina to Syracuse (IL). Reassigned INF Brian Bixler to their minor league camp. Placed RHP Henry Rodriguez on the 15-day DL and RHP Chien-Ming Wang and RHP Elvin Ramirez on the 60-day DL. Traded INF Alberto Gonzalez to San Diego for RHP Erik Davis and cash considerations.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE BOBCATS — Signed G Garrett Temple for the remainder of the season.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Signed F Paul Thompson to a two-year contract.

OLYMPICS
IOC — Announced the resignation of director general Urs Lacroix.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Announced the retirement of F Blaise Nkufo.

COLLEGE
ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO — Named Tanya Ray women's basketball coach.
GEORGIA TECH — Named Brian Gregory men's basketball coach.

MAINE — Announced interim athletic director Steve Abbott has accepted a two-year appointment.
MALONE — Named Jason Mishler women's basketball coach.

MICHIGAN STATE — Announced sophomore men's basketball C Garrick Sherman will transfer.

SAMFORD — Promoted women's volunteer assistant volleyball coach James Hanger to full-time assistant. Named Lisa Pierce women's assistant volleyball coach.

► WORLD GOLF

World Golf Ranking
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Through March 27

1. Martin Kaymer	Ger	7.87
2. Lee Westwood	Eng	7.54
3. Luke Donald	Eng	6.55
4. Graeme McDowell	Nlr	6.19
5. Tiger Woods	USA	5.82
6. Phil Mickelson	USA	5.70
7. Paul Casey	Eng	5.63
8. Rory Mclroy	Nlr	5.44
9. Matt Kuchar	USA	5.33
10. Steve Stricker	USA	5.24
11. Jim Furyk	USA	5.04
12. Dustin Johnson	USA	5.00
13. Ernie Els	Saf	4.73
14. Nick Watney	USA	4.65
15. Francesco Molinari	Ita	4.48
16. Ian Poulter	Eng	4.47
17. Bubba Watson	USA	4.35
18. Hunter Mahan	USA	4.18
19. Retief Goosen	Saf	4.17
20. Robert Karlsson	Swe	4.08
21. Martin Laird	SCO	3.86
22. Louis Oosthuizen	Saf	3.70
23. Tim Clark	Saf	3.67
24. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Esp	3.66
25. Alvaro Quiros	Esp	3.63
26. Justin Rose	Eng	3.60
27. Edoardo Molinari	Ita	3.52
28. Adam Scott	Aus	3.45
29. Charl Schwartzel	Saf	3.44
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57. Jeff Overton	USA	2.31
58. Stewart Cink	USA	2.30
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60. J.B. Holmes	USA	2.24

1. Martin Kaymer	Ger	7.87
2. Lee Westwood	Eng	7.54
3. Luke Donald	Eng	6.55
4. Graeme McDowell	Nlr	6.19
5. Tiger Woods	USA	5.82
6. Phil Mickelson	USA	5.70
7. Paul Casey	Eng	5.63
8. Rory Mclroy	Nlr	5.44
9. Matt Kuchar	USA	5.33
10. Steve Stricker	USA	5.24
11. Jim Furyk	USA	5.04
12. Dustin Johnson	USA	5.00
13. Ernie Els	Saf	4.73
14. Nick Watney	USA	4.65
15. Francesco Molinari	Ita	4.48
16. Ian Poulter	Eng	4.47
17. Bubba Watson	USA	4.35
18. Hunter Mahan	USA	4.18
19. Retief Goosen	Saf	4.17
20. Robert Karlsson	Swe	4.08
21. Martin Laird	SCO	3.86
22. Louis Oosthuizen	Saf	3.70
23. Tim Clark	Saf	3.67
24. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Esp	3.66
25. Alvaro Quiros	Esp	3.63
26. Justin Rose	Eng	3.60
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► PRES. CUP

2011 Presidents Cup Standings
By The Associated Press
At Royal Melbourne Golf Club
Melbourne, Australia
Nov. 18-20

Top 10 for each team qualify automatically plus two Captain's picks TBA
Through March 27
United States

1. Matt Kuchar	9,698,622
2. Dustin Johnson	7,998,909
3. Nick Watney	7,592,782
4. Steve Stricker	7,532,444
5. Phil Mickelson	7,376,239
6. Jim Furyk	7,355,817
7. Bubba Watson	6,801,939
8. Hunter Mahan	6,581,200
9. Mark Wilson	5,950,050
10. Bill Haas	5,591,425
11. Ryan Moore	5,088,912
12. Steve Marino	5,032,734
13. Jonathan Byrd	4,645,075
14. Tiger Woods	4,596,157
15. Rickie Fowler	4,587,767

International	
1. Ernie Els	Saf 4.73
2. Retief Goosen	Saf 4.17
3. Tim Clark	Saf 3.67
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► NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	51	22	.699	—
Philadelphia	38	36	.514	13½
New York	36	38	.486	15½
New Jersey	23	49	.319	27½
Toronto	20	53	.274	31
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	51	22	.699	—
x-Orlando	47	27	.635	4½
x-Atlanta	42	32	.568	9½
Charlotte	31	42	.425	20
Washington	17	55	.236	33½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	53	20	.726	—
Indiana	33	42	.440	21
Milwaukee	29	44	.397	24
Detroit	26	47	.356	27
Cleveland	14	58	.194	38½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	57	17	.770	—
x-Dallas	52	21	.712	4½
New Orleans	42	32	.568	15
Memphis	41	33	.554	16
Houston	38	35	.521	18½
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	48	24	.667	—
Denver	44	29	.603	4½
Portland	43	31	.581	6
Utah	36	38	.486	13
Minnesota	17	57	.230	32
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Lakers	53	20	.726	—
Phoenix	36	36	.500	16½
Golden State	32	42	.432	21½
L.A. Clippers	29	45	.392	24½
Sacramento	20	52	.278	32½
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PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders		
By The Associated Press		
Through March 27		
Rank Player	Points	Money
1. Mark Wilson	1,161	\$2,430,825
2. Nick Watney	960	\$2,278,000
3. Gary Woodland	945	\$1,850,064
4. Martin Laird	937	\$1,891,763
5. Rory Sabbatini	820	\$1,573,194
6. Bubba Watson	807	\$1,716,017
7. Jhonattan Vegas	791	\$1,479,510
8. Aaron Baddeley	754	\$1,603,516
9. D.A. Points	751	\$1,551,707
10. Luke Donald	718	\$1,807,800
11. Jonathan Byrd	705	\$1,404,148
12. Steve Marino	704	\$1,448,248
13. Matt Kuchar	682	\$1,622,473
14. Hunter Mahan	668	\$1,326,794
15. Vijay Singh	630	\$1,275,435
16. Dustin Johnson	628	\$1,444,772
17. Spencer Levin	606	\$1,221,164
18. Bill Haas	558	\$1,037,100
19. Phil Mickelson	548	\$1,045,131
20. Justin Rose	545	\$1,094,166
21. Y.E. Yang	531	\$1,130,396
22. Webb Simpson	498	\$902,158
23. Jason Dufner	450	\$797,685
24. Kevin Na	439	\$805,965
25. Marc Leishman	412	\$688,673
26. Jimmy Walker	405	\$762,857
27. Graeme McDowell	375	\$795,538
28. Brian Gay	347	\$573,057
29. Matt Bettencourt	347	\$558,136
30. J.B. Holmes	344	\$759,198
31. Ryan Moore	344	\$744,473
32. J.J. Henry	334	\$529,351
33. Robert Garrigus	332	\$664,003
34. Rickie Fowler	332	\$579,785
35. Chris Couch	328	\$569,251
36. Jerry Kelly	326	\$620,011
37. K.J. Choi	325	\$632,249
38. Brendon de Jonge	325	\$458,323
39. Ryan Palmer	325	\$547,341
40. Steve Stricker	309	\$604,829
41. Stuart Appleby	302	\$524,400
42. Tim Clark	299	\$571,000

► NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA	
x-Philadelphia	75	45	20	10	238	200	
x-Pittsburgh	76	45	23	8	98	218	183
N.Y. Rangers	76	41	30	5	87	218	181
New Jersey	75	34	36	5	73	155	189
N.Y. Islanders	76	29	35	12	70	210	241
Northeast Division							
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA	
x-Boston	75	42	23	10	94	226	178
Montreal	76	40	29	7	87	200	196
Buffalo	75	38	28	9	85	222	210
Toronto	76	34	32	10	78	201	232
Ottawa	76	29	37	10	68	175	233
Southwest Division							
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA	
x-Washington	76	44	22	10	98	205	182
Tampa Bay	75	40	24	11	91	223	228
Carolina	75	35	30	10	80	211	224
Florida	75	32	31	12	69	210	246
Atlanta	76	29	36	11	62	185	209

Perry firefighters land \$10K state gear grant

By **LARRY SHIELDS**
Staff Writer

PERRY TOWNSHIP — The Perry Township Fire Department received a \$10,000 grant from the state fire marshal, Fire Chief Kevin Bryan said Monday.

The money will be used for equipment like hand tools, traffic vests and hoses, Bryan said, adding it must be used by Oct. 1.

In other fire department business, Bryan requested \$4,500 to purchase four used airpacks from the Damascus Fire Department which just purchased new replacements.

Bryan said the new packs with bottles cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 each.

He said the airpacks last about 15 years in reply to a question by Trustee Don Rudibaugh and added the township will eventually need new airpacks to meet the upgraded National Fire Protection Association standards.

He said the Damascus airpacks are five years old and Trustee Chairman Cliff Mix said the request would be taken under consideration.

A request for \$960 to conduct annual testing on 16 airpacks, that includes hydrostatic testing of the bottles, was approved by trustees with a 3-0 vote.

Bryan said Warren Fire Equipment will perform the required tests.

Also, a barking dog complaint, filed by Louise Grande of S. Lincoln Ave. against the Columbiana County Humane Society, is set to heard in Columbiana County Municipal Court at 8:30 a.m. April 7.

Grande and her husband have made repeated complaints at township meetings regarding the noise and odors coming from the humane society facility which adjoins their property to the south.

The complaint was filed on March 23 citing a Perry Township resolution enacted in November of 1995, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

The resolution became effective Jan. 1, 1996 and prohibits keeping or harboring “any dog which howls or barks or emits audible sounds which are unreasonably loud or disturbing and which are of such a character, intensity, and duration so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or to be detrimental to the life and health of any individuals.”

The minor misdemeanor case said the humane society “knowingly allowed dogs to bark under there (sic) control in violation” of the township resolution.

In other business, Road Supervisor Darreck Ferrell said the spring cleanup will begin on April 18 on the north side of the township and on April 25 on the south side.

Also the tri-county solid waste district will be taking tires again this year, Ferrell said, explaining residents can discard no more than five car or truck tires per household.

Tires will be picked up separately, but at the same time as the annual cleanup.

Zoning Officer Don Kendrick said there were five building permits, required for improvements totaling more than \$500, issued so far in March.

Also, 18 streets, totaling 5.75 miles, are listed on the 2011 Columbiana County engineers chip and seal program including, Cunningham Road (1.14 miles), Heritage Lane, Pine Lake Road W., Michigan Blvd., W. Pershing St., Prospect Extension, Prospect St., W. Perry St., Liberty St., Overlook Dr., Jones Dr., Hartley Road, Andrew Ave., Elberon Ave., Conser Dr., Hunt Road, Cliff Cr., and Allen Dr.

Mix said the township was second on the county list.

Also, Police Chief Mike Emigh’s request of \$882 for ammunition to conduct annual firearms qualifications for his officers was approved with a 3-0 vote.

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GOP chief raps bonuses U.S. Rep. Wilson paid

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — A story about former U.S Rep. Charles Wilson Jr. granting staff bonuses and additional compensation during his final months in office has drawn criticism from Columbiana County Republican Party Chairman David Johnson.

"Congressman Wilson railed against Wall Street during the campaign, so it's ironic that he chose to reward outgoing staff with bonuses paid for by the American taxpayer," Johnson said, in a news release. "The bonuses are highly inappropriate considering our government faces a deficit in the hundreds of billions of dollars."

The Vindicator newspaper reported Sunday Wilson gave staff bonuses and salary increases during the fourth quarter of 2010 that exceeded the previous three-month period by \$119,129.

This was based on information compiled by LegiStorm.com, an online organization that tracks congressional salaries. According to LegiStorm, Wilson's combined quarterly staff payroll expenditures totaled \$239,623 during the third quarter (July through Septem-

ber). The figure jumped by 49.7 percent, to \$358,752 during the final quarter.

Wilson, D-St. Clairsville, was defeated last Nov. 2 by Republican Bill Johnson and left office at the end of the year. Wilson could not reached for comment, but he told the Vindicator most of the increase reflected unused vacation time due his staff of 21. But 16 of the 21 staffers also received \$1,000 bonuses, and two more were awarded \$500 bonuses.

Johnson called on Wilson to repay the money to the taxpayers.

"Congressman Wilson's actions helped create this economic mess, and he didn't even slow down once defeated. But the fact remains that he lost and he should be held responsible for the over \$120,000 in extra perks and bonuses given to his staff," he said.

Among the local staff receiving increases during the final quarter were:

- Caseworker John Payne, the retired director of the county elections board, who saw his quarterly compensation increase from \$13,000 to \$19,333.
- Congressional liaison Dennis Johnson, county Democratic Party

chairman, whose quarterly compensation increased from \$16,125 to \$24,208.

v Field representative Linda Presutti of Wellsville, whose quarterly compensation increased from \$9,875 to \$14,791.

All three also received \$1,000 bonuses.

Increasing compensation, for whatever reason, appeared to be a common practice, judging by other information posted online by LegiStorm. The Web site showed Wilson's staff compensation increased by 37 percent, or \$87,587, between the third and fourth quarters of 2009.

According to a Wall Street Journal story on the LegiStorm report, congressional staffers are routinely paid bonuses, and the practice is widespread among both Democratic and Republican officeholders.

LegiStorm reported the fourth-quarter increases were the largest in the 10 years since it began gathering data, and the increase in Wilson's fourth-quarter spending was the largest among Ohio's 18 House members.

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and mass graves before taking action.”

Obama spoke as, in Libya, rebel forces bore down Monday on Gadhafi with the help of airstrikes by the U.S.-led forces. His speech was his most aggressive attempt to answer the questions mounting from Republican critics, his own party and war-weary Americans — chiefly, why the U.S. was immersed in war in another Muslim nation.

So far, the nation is split about Obama’s leadership on Libya. Across multiple polls, about half of those surveyed approve of the way Obama is handling the situation. A Pew poll out Monday found that the public does not think the United States and its allies have a clear goal in Libya — 39 percent said they do; 50 percent said they do not.

Amid protests and crackdowns across the Middle East and North Africa, Obama stated his case that Libya stands alone. Obama said the United States had a unique ability to stop the violence, an international mandate and broad coalition, and the ability to stop Gadhafi’s forces without sending in American ground troops. The message to his country and the world: Libya is not a precedent for intervention anywhere else.

In essence, Obama, the Nobel Prize winner for peace, made his case for war. He spoke of justifiable intervention in times when the United States, as the world’s most powerful nation, must step in to help.

“In such cases,” Obama said, “we

should not be afraid to act.”

Reaction to the speech in Congress tended to break along partisan lines, with Republicans faulting the president for what they said was his failure to define the mission clearly.

“When our men and women in uniform are sent into harm’s way, Americans and troops deserve a clear mission from our commander in chief, not a speech nine days late,” said Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, a member of the Armed Services Committee and head of the Senate Republicans’ political arm.

“President Obama failed to explain why he unilaterally took our nation to war without bothering to make the case to the U.S. Congress.”

Obama steered away from turning this into a country-by-country dissection of the Arab revolts that are testing him at every turn. Instead, he spoke in sweeping terms to draw a connecting thread.

Citing a failure to act in Libya, he said: “The democratic impulses that are dawning across the region would be eclipsed by the darkest form of dictatorship, as repressive leaders concluded that violence is the best strategy to cling to power. The writ of the U.N. Security Council would have been shown to be little more than empty words, crippling its future credibility to uphold global peace and security.”

The president also sought to address critics who have said the U.S. mission remains muddled.

Flowers for downtown Salem planters offered

SALEM — The Salem Beautification Committee will be selling flowers for the downtown flower containers through an “Adopt a Planter” program in May.

A marker will be placed in each planter with the donor’s name, or in honor of or in memory of someone or an organization.

The cost is \$15 for small planters and \$20 for tall planters. The large planters are sold out.

To participate call Tammy at the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce at 330-337-3473 and make checks payable to the Salem Chamber of Commerce, S.B.C.

Cleanup day will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, April 2.

The staging area will be at the chamber of commerce and participants should bring rakes, trowels, leaf blowers, weed wackers, dust pans and brooms. Leaf bags will be provided.

For information on the cleanup, call Karen Carter at 330-332-4959.

POLICE

LISBON

- A barking dog complaint at a residence on West Pine Street was received at 3 p.m. Friday, but the officer was busy and didn't have time to respond immediately.
- A North Market Street woman called at 3 p.m. Friday to report a group of girls had come to her house wanting to fight her daughter, and she said her daughter ended up fighting one of them.
- Dave Lewton of Lewton's Garage reported Saturday the garage door windows at his business were found broken.
- A barking dog complaint on North Vine Street, two houses north of Smith Oil, was received at 2 p.m. Saturday.
- A caller reported at 7 p.m. Sunday about having an ongoing problem with loud music coming from a home at 335 Maple St. The responding officer found the music excessively loud and instructed the resident to turn it down. Charges are pending because this resident had been warned before.
- And yet another barking dog complaint was received, this time at 11 p.m. Sunday for the residence at 214 W. Washington St. The caller said it has been going on for two months. An officer spoke with the owner who said she would keep the dog from barking.

COLUMBIANA

- A teenage girl was cited for no operator's license at 12:52 a.m. Saturday on North Main Street. She and her passenger were released to their parents.
- A West Park Avenue resident reported at 9:03 p.m. Saturday that someone had stolen checks from his home.

- A United Rentals employee reported at 8:35 a.m. Friday that someone had stolen a piece of equipment.
- A North Vine Street girl reported at 3:49 a.m. Sunday that a man wearing a ski mask pulled his pickup truck into her driveway, threw something at her house and left. An officer stopped the truck on South Main Street and found it was someone delivering newspapers.
- A caller reported at 7:06

p.m. Friday that a man was driving a pickup recklessly on state Route 14. An officer checked the area and was unable to locate the truck.

- An East Railroad Street woman reported at 5:12 p.m. Saturday that people in a gray car had knocked on her door, asked if she knew anyone with a speech impediment and left when she told them no. An officer told the woman to call right away if she has a problem like that

again.

- Police at 11:33 p.m. Saturday responded to a report of children about 10 years old wearing Halloween masks and walking on South Vine Street. An officer checked the street and side streets and was unable to locate the group.
- An officer at 10:35 a.m. Saturday found a dog in the area of Vine Street and Park Avenue. The officer was able to contact the owner.

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What’s Happening at Your Community Hospital

Events

New Trends in Sinus Treatment
Thursday, April 14 • 6:30 p.m.
Das Dutch Village Inn
150 East State Route 14, Columbiana
Paper sinus screening assessments and informational displays will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the presentation “New Trends in Sinus Treatment” by SCH otolaryngologist Wayland Wong, M.D., at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and will also include light refreshments and door prize drawings. Please call 330-332-7152 to pre-register.

Sibling Class
Saturday, April 16 • 10 a.m. - Noon
SCH Maternity Unit
This free class helps children ages 3-10 prepare for the arrival of a new sibling. Topics include physical characteristics of babies, infant behavior and the care of newborns. Call 330-332-7436 to register.

Blood Drive
Monday, April 18 • 1:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Crestview High School
44100 Crestview Road, Columbiana
As another season begins, help give someone a new chance at life by donating blood. Individuals who have not given blood since February 21 are eligible for this drive. Donors may call 330-482-4744 for an appointment.

55 Alive Driver Safety Class
Friday, April 22 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Salem Community Center
1098 North Ellsworth Avenue, Salem
Provided by the AARP, this unique refresher course is for drivers over the age of 50. Topics covered include defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and adjusting your driving to age-related changes. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Course graduates may be eligible for car insurance discounts. Call 330-332-5885 to register. Space is limited.

National Doctors’ Day
March 30, 2011
Remember to say thank you, or drop a brief note of appreciation, to your physicians in honor of National Doctors’ Day.

SCH's 2011 Physician Directory will be available March 30!
This easy-to-use directory lists all SCH-affiliated physicians by specialty, and includes their office locations and phone numbers. Call 330-332-7227 to request your free copy, or view it online at www.salemhosp.com.



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HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS
3/29/11

The Aquarius moon will offer inspiration. With the sun burning through high-energy Aries, we have the fuel to carry out the ambitious mission that the Aquarius moon demands, even if said mission happens to be delightfully impractical or hopelessly idealistic. Make a list and check it off as you go. Pen and paper make miracles happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your leisure moments will be magical. You will get swept up into a brilliant piece of entertainment. The pettiness and worries of daily life will disappear as you thoroughly enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is nothing wrong with keeping score. If you didn't, there would be no game. However, you realize that there are times (like today) when it is better to throw out the scorecard and start fresh.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Like the god your guiding planet Mercury was named for, you will make your next moves with speedy assurance, defying laws of gravity as though there were wings on your shoes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a competition on the horizon. You will give your best and most focused attention to preparing for this event. As you apply all you know, you will be a magnet for the new information you need to succeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You set the kind of goals that will challenge you but won't be so difficult that you are likely to be overwhelmed by the enormity and seeming impossibility of the task.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You put people first and consider the feelings of others at every turn. When it's your turn to get in the game, though, you play to win. The thrill of victory will be one of the things you enjoy most about today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You thought you knew your own priorities, but you will be surprised by your reaction to the day's events. This indicates that something or someone is more important to you than you previously thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are curious about what is going on in the lives of others, but you are not nosy. You respect the boundaries of privacy. As you show interest in others without the crossing the line, you'll teach through your example.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You realize that there is no way to accomplish the day's work without a fair dose of teamwork. That's why you will downplay the "I" and give your emphasis to the "we."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will put yourself in the other person's shoes. It's not hard to do this, but it takes a special person to make the effort -- a person who is willing to let go of his or her own egoistic needs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's something you are trying to do despite the fact that, given your current situation, it seems highly improbable that you will succeed at the task. Give everything you have, and you will turn the odds in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel like you are being picked on. Just keep in mind that sometimes the very thing you think of as rejection or bad luck is actually the luckiest thing that could happen to you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 29). Family celebrates you. New friends enter your world over the next 10 weeks and will continue to be a source of variety and spice. Thrilling challenges arise in May. You will study a new culture or profession in April. June brings your favorite kind of distraction. Invest in July for a return that will come in three years. Leo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 20, 4, 31 and 18.

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Worn wiper woes



Heloise

Dear Readers: April is National Car Care Month, sponsored by the Car Care Council (www.carcare.org), and it's the perfect time to have your car checked out. WINDSHIELD WIPERS are important and a safety concern, but often they are overlooked.

There are some things that can make wipers not work

correctly. Examples are: tar from the road, grime, dirt and even tree sap. So, clean the wipers occasionally to keep them in good condition. To do this, just wet a clean cloth (a terry towel or microfiber towel) with a good-quality window cleaner, then wipe and rinse with plain water. If the wipers still don't work well, they should be replaced! Most experts say that wipers should be replaced every six to 12 months, depending on wear and tear, etc.

There are many things that can affect the wipers, such as UV rays, hot and cold weather changes, and exposure to the sun. All of these can cause the blades to crack, tear and become brittle.

-- Heloise

HANDY BACK SCRATCHER

Dear Heloise: My son finds it amusing to bring me a souvenir back scratcher from each of his many travels. So I have a few. I keep one in the kitchen and use it to reach things on the higher shelves. If something is at the back of the shelf, I can drag it forward with the scratcher and then be able to reach it. It's helpful for closet reaching, too. That little hand on the scratcher comes in very handy.

-- Jan from Maine

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Dear Heloise: My mother still checks her credit-card bills very carefully. She got tired of the messy pile of receipts and how long it took to hunt through them when the bill came, so she started writing the store and the amount in the day block of an extra calendar. Since she gets many free calendars, this doesn't cost a thing, and it saves her lots of time.

-- Joanne in Pennsylvania

LOVELY SACHET

Dear Heloise: I love the lavender sachet bags that are sold for dryer use. Now I just use some lavender from the garden, put it in an old, clean sock and knot the end. I've also used dried lemon verbena. Great-smelling clothes (I have a teenager), and no expense! It's heavenly on bedsheets and bath towels.

-- LeeAnn, via e-mail

Many possible causes for worker's ill behavior

DEAR ABBY: My heart ached after reading the letter from "Stumped in California" (Feb. 4), who wondered what could be done about an older co-worker, "Anita," who she said was showing "signs of dementia." I would caution her about making judgments based on stereotypes of older workers and their health problems.

Like Anita, I am in my late 60s. I am also underwater in my mortgage, which means I have no nest egg. Because my husband is unemployed, my savings have been depleted. My short-term memory is poor, and the meds I am on to help me function do not improve my memory.

Anita may not have dementia. She may be suffering from unbearable worry and stress. I suggest putting out a hand in friendship to Anita instead of trying to diagnose her.

-- FEELING IT TOO IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR FEELING IT: Many of my readers felt this one, and wrote to offer compassion to Anita as well as possible explanations for her slip in job performance. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Anyone experiencing marked and/or prolonged changes in mood, function and behavior should undergo thorough medical and/or psychological/psychiatric evaluation. Many treatable conditions can affect memory and concentration. The constant tearfulness observed by "Stumped" is a common symptom of depression. If Anita's office has an Employee Assistance Plan, a supervisor or HR will know the procedure for referring her to an EAP clinician who can evaluate her and make recommendations for treatment, work-related considerations and follow-up.

-- LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, UPSTATE NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: I am a state-licensed hearing instrument specialist. The commonalities between the symptoms of hearing loss and dementia are many. A person with hearing loss has a tendency to withdraw -- she's more APART FROM than a PART OF. Also, if she's having trouble remembering things she's done before, she may not have heard the request. (How can you remember something if you have never heard it?)

I encourage "Stumped" to talk to Anita about having her hearing tested. A hearing aid may be what she needs to help her perform better on the job.

-- KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE

DEAR ABBY: As a manager in the federal government, I had an employee who worked hard the majority of her life and did a great job. Suddenly, her performance began suffering. It didn't make sense to me how she could be so valuable at one point in her career, and then couldn't do the simplest task without goofing it up.

I sent her to a doctor for an examination, and we discovered that this "older woman" was having mini-strokes all day long! I was relieved to be able to retire her on disability, rather than destroying her life's hard work by firing her. And she was able to get help for a medical condition she wasn't aware of.

-- RUTH IN FREDERICK, MD.

DEAR ABBY: Anita may have a thyroid problem. I had similar symptoms in my 40s, and it took two years for the right diagnosis. A blood test is all she would need to find out.

-- HELPING HAND IN ORLAND HILLS, ILL.

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(23) (WVPX)	Without a Trace		Without a Trace '14'		Without a Trace '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'	
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(AMC)	(5:30) Movie: "The Thomas Crown Affair"				Movie: ★★ "Eraser" (1996)		James Caan				Movie: ★★ "Eraser" (1996)	
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Long-lingering pain after shingles



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: This 87-year-old, slightly overweight male has a major problem -- shingles. That disease has now spanned 17 months of my life. The usual medical treatments have been tried, without success. Currently, holistic medicine was added,

also with no relief.

The only hope I have for this daily stabbing pain is that someday it might come to an end. Do you have any suggestions? -- A.L.

ANSWER: You don't have shingles. You have shingles' aftermath -- postherpetic neuralgia. Shingles comes about from the awakening of the chickenpox virus that was acquired in childhood and stayed in the body in nerve cells. The wakened virus creeps down the nerve to the skin, where it causes a painful rash. The virus's trip down the nerve can damage the nerve and cause prolonged pain after the rash has gone. When the pain lasts four or more months, that person has postherpetic neuralgia.

I'll list postherpetic neuralgia treatments. There's bound to be one you haven't tried.

1. Topical treatments: These are medicines applied directly to skin over the painful area. Lidocaine patches (Lidoderm) and capsaicin (Zostrix) lotion, cream and gel are examples. A new treatment is the Qutenza patch. It has a greater amount of capsaicin and has to be applied by a doctor or nurse.
2. Antidepressants: These drugs are used not for depression treatment but for pain relief. Nortriptyline, amitriptyline, Cymbalta and Effexor XR are the ones usually prescribed.
3. Antiseizure medicines: Again, these

medicines are chosen for pain relief. Lyrica, Tegretol and Neurontin often work.

4. Opioids (medicines related to morphine): Opioids are strong pain relievers. Fear of addiction makes people reluctant to use them. However, careful use relieves pain without causing addiction. Ultram and the combination of oxycodone with acetaminophen (Tylenol) suppress pain.

Often, combinations of the above are needed to obtain pain relief.

The booklet on shingles explains this frequent menace in detail. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue -- No. 1201, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four days for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have loud digestive sounds like growling. They're so loud that people in the room turn around and stare. It's embarrassing. I have minor discomfort but nothing major. It's affecting the joy of being with others. What to do?

Strange stuff, but I can't imagine going to my doctor about this, since he would have to hear them. I can't do anything to bring them on.

-- Anon.

ANSWER: Those rumbling, growling and splashing noises come from an intestinal tract filled with gas and fluid. They have a name, borborygmi (BORE-buh-RIG-my). Taking something to eat at their onset, like a snack of crackers, sometimes can quiet them. Don't drink carbonated beverages. Don't eat in haste or gulp food. You'll swallow air and promote the sounds. A high-fiber or high-sugar diet is said to promote them.

When severe stomach pain accompanies such noises, they can indicate an overgrowth of bacteria in the digestive tract or an obstruction in the tract.

You can tell your doctor about this. He doesn't have to hear them. He'll know what you're talking about.

Husband can't seem to find himself



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I've been with my husband for 14 years. I have a career and make good money with excellent benefits. But "Ben" hasn't found himself quite yet. He is now in his early 30s and has studied architecture, business, machining, personal training, mechanics, computers and more. He has started a few businesses, all of which fizzled. He has trouble making decisions about a career, and whenever he gets close to finishing what he starts, he second guesses himself and starts a new path. None of the men in his family are particularly confident. I believe he is afraid to fail.

Ben's mother has always been the family leader and is extremely critical of her husband and children. Anytime he begins a new endeavor, she shoots him down. I try

to give him praise to counteract her, but it isn't enough. While I don't mind bearing the load financially, I really want to see Ben come into his own. I think it would help our marriage and set a good example for our children.

We recently had a baby, and it's looking as if Ben will be a stay-at-home dad. This is fine with me, but I wonder if he will ever find a career and thrive in it. Is there anything I can do to help him along, or should I just accept the way things are? Am I crippling him because of my success? Everything else about him is perfect.

-- Married to Undecided

Dear Married: You are not crippling him. Ben's problems may stem from attention deficit disorder, his parents or some combination of psychological issues. It would probably take a bit of therapy to unravel the causes and work on changing the way he approaches his life. If the two of you are willing to invest the time and money, suggest he talk to a psychologist.

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5 years



Alex
11 months



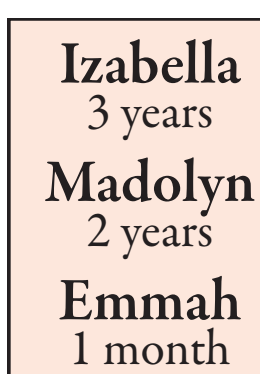
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**Brendyn
Scott**
6 years



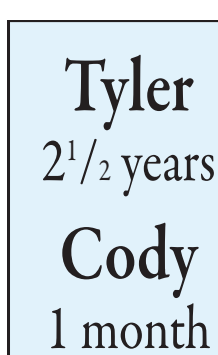
Konner
3 months



Izabella
3 years
Madolyn
2 years
Emmah
1 month



Jayden (8 years) • Anthony (5 years) • Abby (7 years) • Jasmine (6 years)



Tyler
2½ years
Cody
1 month



Maddie (15 months) • **Elena** (4½ Years)



Sidney
8 years
Claire
4 years



Parker (4 months) • **Leah** (3 years)



Clayton (7 years) • **Kati** (2 years) • **Conner** (5 years)



Wyatt
2 years
Holly
1 year



Dane
2 months



Shae
10 months



John
8 months



'Murder on Nile' Christie mystery for those who don't like Christie

By CHARLES CALABRESE

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5 years

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2 years

Kylie J.
Welch
1 year

Sofia
Louise
9 months

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8 years

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7 months

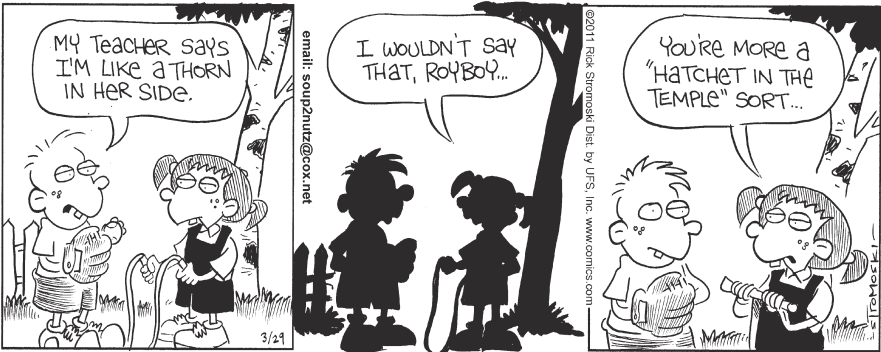
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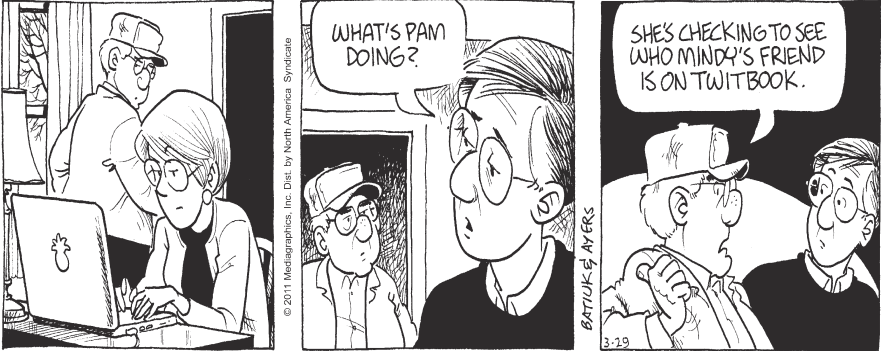
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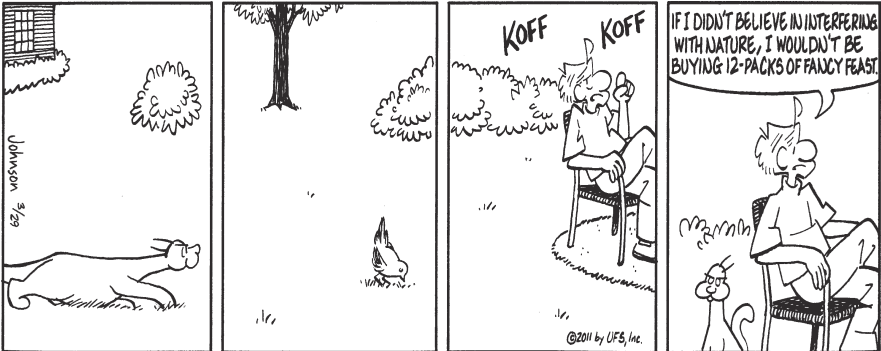
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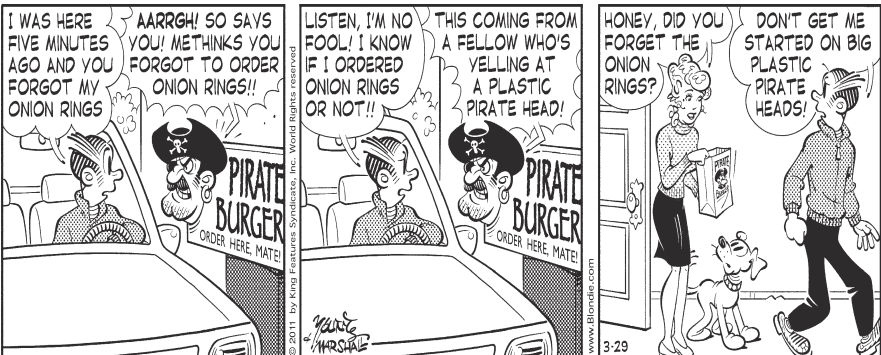
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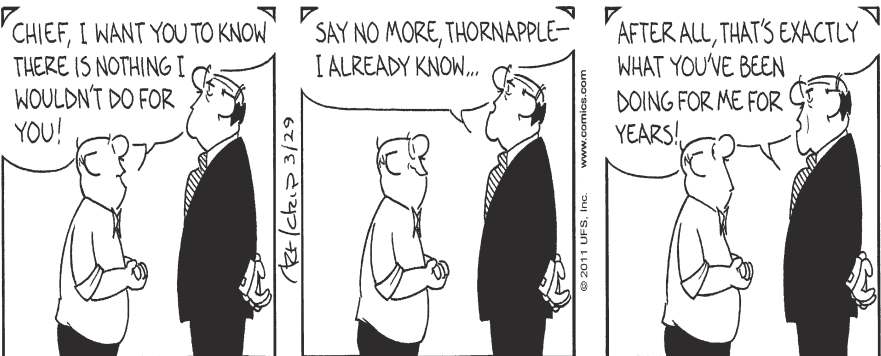
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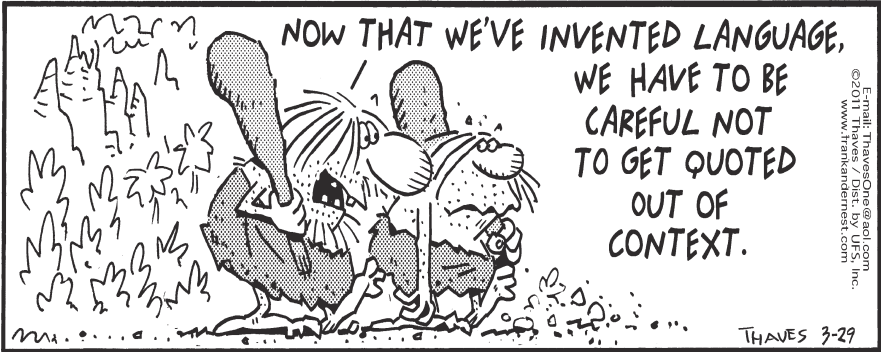
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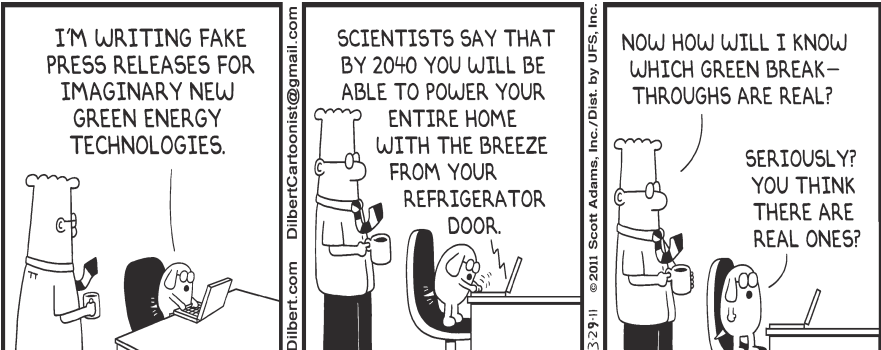
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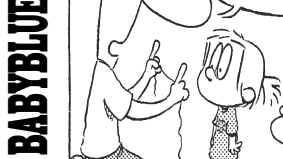
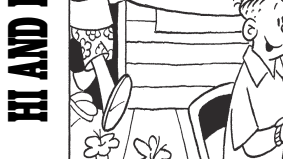
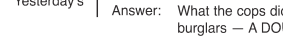
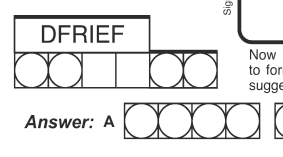
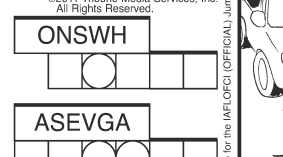
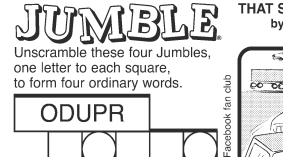
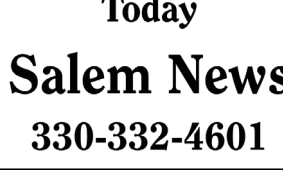
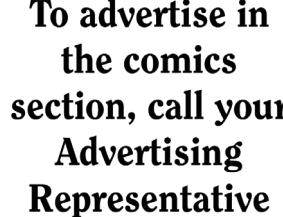
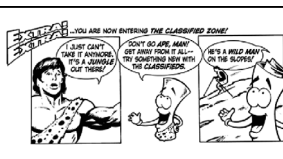
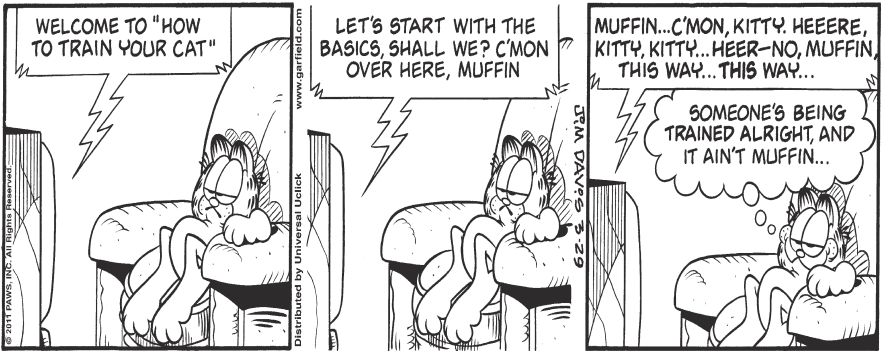
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61 Born as

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3 — nova
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: A

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLAND CRACK BUCKLE POTENT
Answer: What the cops did when they spotted the twin burglars — A DOUBLE TAKE



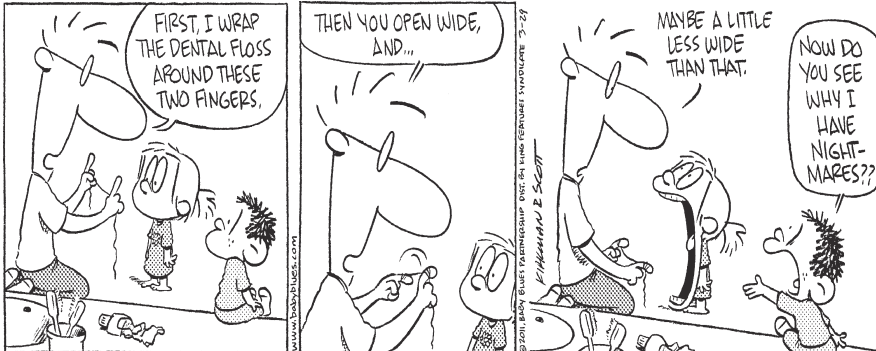
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SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1945 plans to meet for lunch at noon Wednesday at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem 1955 lunch

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1955 will meet for lunch at noon Wednesday at Adele's Place.

Beaver Local meeting

LISBON — The Beaver Local Board of Education Transportation Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the administration building conference room.

Pierogies in Leetonia

LEETONIA — St. Patrick's Church will hold its Lenten homemade pierogie sale, available in four flavors, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays at the school hall kitchen. The sale will run every Friday through April 22. Pierogies will also be sold following Sunday Mass. Cost is \$6 per dozen. To pre-order either fresh or frozen pierogies call 330-424-1677 and state your name, quantity and variety.

United levy info

HANOVERTON — United Local Schools will host an informational fair from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Brautigam Center behind the elementary school. The Project Future Committee is inviting anyone interested in gathering more information regarding the bond levy associated with United Local Schools to attend. Door prizes and refreshments will be available. Guided tours of the elementary and junior/senior high school buildings will be available.

Swiss steak dinner

HOMEWORTH — A Swiss steak dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Mount Carmel United Methodist Church on Main Street. Carryouts are available.

3D archery shoot

LISBON — The Columbiana County Archers Club is hosting a 3D archery shoot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 12 to 17 and free for under 12. The kitchen is open both days. A canned food drive will also be conducted.

Spaghetti dinner

EAST ROCHESTER — A benefit spaghetti dinner will be served from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the New Alexander Christian Church. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for ages 5 to 10, and free for under 5. Carryouts will be available. Proceeds benefit church youth activities.

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What you need to know about the Tax Relief Act of 2010

(ARA) - It was hard to miss the news about the 2010 Tax Relief Act that Congress passed and President Obama signed into law at the end of last year. What many Americans probably found easy to miss, however, is how the act will affect them as they prepare to file their 2010 tax returns this April 15.

The 2010 Tax Relief Act, in part, continued the lower tax rates created during the presidency of George W. Bush, and removed some near-term planning uncertainty. Consider these immediate action steps that may help you to better position yourself from a financial and retirement planning perspective:



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Use Social Security tax rate reduction to increase retirement savings. For 2011 the individual Social Security tax rate has been lowered from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent. For an individual making \$75,000, this 2 percent reduction could mean \$1,500 more in his paycheck over the course of the year. In terms of planning, consider using this found money by contributing more to your 401(k) plan or funding a Roth or traditional IRA.

Use IRA distributions to make charitable contributions. Prior tax law permitted individuals age 70 1/2 or older to use up to \$100,000 per year of IRA distributions to make charitable contributions and avoid paying income tax on that amount. The 2010 Tax Relief Act reinstated it for 2010 and extended the provision through 2011.

Consider selling certain capital assets over the next two years. The 2010 Tax Relief Act maintains the top capital gains tax rate of 15 percent as well as the special qualified dividends tax rate of 15 percent. As you consider your investment options over the next two years and whether you want to sell any assets, you should consider how these lower tax rates could benefit you.

Consider deferring tax liability on 2010 Roth IRA conversions to 2011/2012. Earlier changes in tax law eliminated income limits on conversions from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA and provided for a special one-time opportunity for 2010 conversions. You can opt to pay the taxes on the conversion entirely on your 2010 return, or defer them and pay half in 2011 and the other half in 2012. Prior to the 2010 Tax Relief Act it seemed like paying the tax in 2011 and 2012 at higher rates would be a bad choice. With the continuation of lower tax rates for 2011 and 2012 most taxpayers should now choose to defer this tax liability.

A trap for the unwary here is not planning to pay the conversion tax liability in 2011 and 2012. To avoid this trap you should estimate how much your tax liability will be for both years and then make sure you either adjust your withholding from your employer or make estimated payments so that you have the liability covered when you file your 2011 and 2012 tax returns.

Revisit estate planning. Thanks to the 2010 Tax Relief Act the federal estate tax exemption is now \$5 million. This means most people won't have to worry about estate planning to minimize or avoid federal estate taxes, though there are many other reasons besides taxes to do estate planning. Also, this provision is only effective for two years and could change after 2012. Estate and inheritance tax rules for a state may be different and generate tax issues at a lower amount than the \$5 million federal exemption.

Plan for possible higher rates. Traditional tax planning would have you defer a tax liability in order to keep more money in your pocket, earning interest, longer. However, since the 2010 Tax Relief Act only provides for continued lower rates for two years and rates could go up after that, it could make sense to trigger the income tax on an asset sooner and pay tax now. One way to do this is to convert non-Roth assets, which could be in your 401(k) or traditional IRA, into Roth assets. The creation of Roth assets allows you to hedge against increasing future tax rates and have after-tax assets to manage your tax position once in retirement.

Of course, you and your tax and financial advisers are in the best position to determine which of these strategies make sense for your personal circumstances. Be sure to consult with your tax and legal advisers regarding your personal circumstances. Keep in mind that that 2010 Tax Relief Act continues the recent history of an unsettled and uncertain tax environment, and the best way to defend against such uncertainty is to keep your focus on your financial and retirement plan goals and stay in action.

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TUE/29

BEAVER TOWNSHIP
South Range Local Board of Education, special meeting, 7 p.m., K-12 Complex, 11300 Columbiana-Canfield Road.

HANOVERTON
United Local Board of Education, special session, 6:30 a.m., high school library.

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

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

SALEM
Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center. Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Workshop, presented by the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Essex of Salem I, 2511 Bentley Drive; to register call 330-337-9503.

Jubilee Chorus, 50th anniversary show, 7 p.m. April 16, SHS auditorium. Tickets, 330-337-8415.

NEW WATERFORD
New Waterford Village Council, special meeting, 7 p.m., Community Building.

WED/30 BOARDMAN
Mahoning County One-Stop, recruiting event/open interviews for Comfort Keepers, 9 a.m.-noon, 141 Boardman Canfield Road; www.onestopohio.org.

LEETONIA

Leetonia elementary kindergarten registration, 3:30-7 p.m., elementary library; 330-427-6129 Ext. 2100.

Leetonia Board of Education, 5:30 p.m., Room 20, K-12 Campus.

SALEM
Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Women's Night Out, 4-9 p.m., Salem Community Center. Tickets, \$25, at SCC reception desk, Giant Eagle, Look Nook Gift Shop; 330-332-5885.

After-school program, 4-6 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church; 330-332-5042 Ext. 103.

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

Salem High School Class of 1945, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1955, lunch, noon, Adele's Place.

THU/31 BELOIT
West Branch Local Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., high school Media Center.

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

EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine Rotary Road-runners' "Round Up Lunch for a Cure," American Cancer Society fund raiser. To place orders call 330-426-4545 or 330-426-1122.

LEETONIA
Leetonia elementary kindergarten registration, 9 a.m.-noon, elementary library; 330-427-6129 Ext. 2100.

LISBON
Beaver Local Board of Educa-

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tion Transportation Committee, 5:30 p.m., administration building conference room.

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

Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-525-7549.

Scrapbooking fellowship, 6 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Survey of Old Testament Prophets, 6:45 p.m., Allegheny Wesleyan College; 330-337-6403.

FRI/1 HANOVERTON
United Local Levy InfoFair, 6-8 p.m., Elementary Cafeteria.

LEETONIA
Deadline to remove all Christmas decorations from graves at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

St. Patrick's Church's home-made pierogie sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., school hall kitchen; \$6 per dozen. To pre-order either fresh or frozen pierogies call Fish fry, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Leetonia Eagles Club; carryouts, 330-427-9909.

Fish fry, Leetonia Italian American Club, 5-8 p.m.; carryouts available 330-427-9900.330-424-1677.

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

Free lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N.

Ellsworth Ave.

Recovery group meeting for all addictions, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

Fish fry, Saxon Club, 1980 Newgarden Road, 5-7:15 p.m.; carryouts available, 330-222-1770 after 4:30 p.m.

Survey of Old Testament Prophets, 6:45 p.m., Allegheny Wesleyan College; 330-337-6403.

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

SALEM TOWNSHIP
Deadline to remove all fall, winter, and Christmas cemetery decorations for spring clean-up at all Salem Township cemeteries.

SALINEVILLE
Deadline to remove all winter decorations from graves at Woodland Cemetery.

SEBRING
Lenten pierogie and halushki sale, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., St. Ann Church, 323 S. 15th St.; carry-out, 330-938-9678.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Fish fry, 3-8 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532; carry-outs, 330-427-2533.

Fish fry, 4-7 p.m., Beaver Creek Sportsman Club, 11480 Washingtonville Road; \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 10.

SAT/2 ALLIANCE
Casino Nite, 6:30 p.m., Alliance Area Senior Center, 602 W. Vine St.; 330-821-3348.

COLUMBIANA
Drop-off items for Columbiana Fire Association's garage sale; 9 a.m.-noon, Columbiana Fire Station; 330-420-8434.

Dance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Columbiana American Legion, 44403 Route 14. Music by Tribute.

EAST ROCHESTER
Benefit spaghetti dinner, 3:30-6 p.m., New Alexander Christian Church; \$6 for adults, \$3 for ages 5-10. Carryouts available.

GREENFORD
Chicken pot pie supper, 4:30 and 6 p.m., Greenford Lutheran Church; reservations, 330-533-5324.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Goshen High School Class of 1959, luncheon, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

GUILFORD LAKE
Birdwatching, 7:30 a.m., Guilford Lake Park office on East Lake Road; 330-222-1712.

HOMEWORTH
Swiss steak dinner, 4-7 p.m., Mount Carmel United Methodist Church; carryouts available.

LEETONIA
Knights of Columbus, steak fry, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Patrick's Church hall. Tickets, 330-427-2105 or 330-332-8141.

LISBON
RASCAL Unit, mobile low cost spay/neuter clinic, Columbiana County Dog Pound, 8455 County Home Road. Reservations and payment required in advance, 330-424-6663 Ext. 1756, or 234-567-7858.

Humane Society's Vendor Blender and Pet Blessing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with blessing at 11 a.m. Lunch available; 330-420-5397.

Columbiana County Career and Technical Center, Cosmetology Senior Hair Show, 4 p.m.; free admission

Steak fry, 5:30-7:30 p.m., VFW Post 4111; dance, 8-11 p.m. Music by Pure Gold.

SALEM
All-you-can eat breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Salem Hunting Club; \$5.

Eljer retirees and former employees, breakfast, 7 a.m., Adele's Place.

"Clean-Up Salem Day," 9 a.m.-noon, meet at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot. Bring brooms, rakes, clippers, trowels, dustpans, leaf blowers, weed wackers; 330-337-3473.

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

Mullins Office Ladies, lunch,

12:30 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Easter egg hunt for children in preschool-sixth grade, 1 p.m., Phillips Christian Church, 35459 Salem Grange Road; 330-332-4467.

SALINEVILLE
Southern Local's Mini Relay for Life Walk-a-Thon, 2 p.m., Southern Local football field. Firemen walk competition, 3 p.m.

SUN/3 CANFIELD
RASCAL Unit, mobile low cost spay/neuter clinic, Angels for Animals, 4750 W. South Range Road. Reservations and payment required in advance, 330-424-6663 Ext. 1756, or 234-567-7858.

COLUMBIANA
Super Bingo Sunday, 2 p.m., St. Jude Parish hall, 180 Seventh St.; \$25 donation. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

HANOVERTON
United Local Levy InfoTour, 2 p.m., Elementary Cafeteria.

ROGERS
Country music jam, 6-9 p.m., Rogers Community Auction dining room; 330-424-5259.

SALEM
Reservation deadline for Saxon Retirees April 6 dinner meeting. Pre-payment for May 4 catered dinner due. Reservations, 330-533-5154.

MON/4 COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins 9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

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

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SALEM
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