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Wargo will run as an independent

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
 Staff Writer

LISBON — Former Columbiana County commissioner John Wargo is not taking no for an answer. After the county Democratic Party chose John Payne over Wargo to

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fill a vacancy on the board of commissioners, Wargo has decided to run for the seat as an independent. Wargo confirmed he has obtained

candidacy petitions to run for the seat as an independent and has begun obtaining the 350 signatures needed to qualify. "It should be no problem," he said of obtaining the necessary signatures. "I'm surprised at the reception

I'm getting. It's a little different than the (Democrat) Central Committee." The vacancy was created when county Commissioner Penny Traina

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Fundraiser will benefit elementary students

Logan Zubaty, 7, of Salem, pays Salem elementary art teacher Tony Martinelli for his purchases at the Giant Indoor Yard Sale held Saturday in the Salem High School cafeteria. The Salem Junior High School Student Council sponsored the sale as a fundraiser to buy art supplies for elementary students in the Salem City Schools and St. Paul School. Another photo appears on page 4A. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

SALEM
Students create logos

Final choice will be used for Salem City Storm Water Management campaign

By **MARY ANN GREIER**
 Staff Writer

Salem High School art students used their creativity recently to draw sample logos for the Salem City Storm Water Management public awareness campaign.

Now it's time to narrow the 15 samples down to one logo the students can use on brochures, posters, bulletin board displays and with other presentations to educate the public on how to keep water clean.

Copies of the 15 logos will be on display from Feb. 17 to March 2 outside the high school gym, at the Salem Public Library, at the Salem Community Center and on the city website at www.cityofsalemohio.org where people can vote for their favorite logo.

People can only vote once at any See **LOGOS**, Page 4A

Leetonia teacher will judge at prestigious science fair

By **KEVIN HOWELL**
 Staff Writer

LEETONIA — A local teacher has been selected as a judge for the world's most prestigious science fair.

Lisa Besozzi, a middle and high school science teacher at Leetonia,

will serve as a judge in the Analytical Chemistry division of the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) of 2012 being held May 13-18 in Pittsburgh.

Although in her first year at Leetonia, Besozzi has spent 30 years in education, serving each of those in

some capacity in local and state science fair competitions in Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

With the initial intent to apply as an Italian interpreter for the event, which will feature participants from over 60 countries, Besozzi said her

excitement and passion for science fairs, in addition to her many years of experience, encouraged her to apply to be a judge, although she said she did not think she would be chosen.

"I'm always excited to participate See **FAIR**, Page 4A

The New Breed could be performing for a final time

Popular Salem band from the 1960s-70s will play on July 28

By **LARRY SHIELDS**
 Staff Writer

SALEM — This could be the last time.

The New Breed will appear at 8:30 p.m. July 28 at the Salem Saxon Club for what could be the curtain closer for the Breed's frequent summer events.

The last time the New Breed appeared at the club was for an all-class reunion in 2010 that attracted over 700 people.

This year's event will be open to the public and is not affiliated with any school or class, spokesperson Gary Kekel said.

Kekel, the music director for past Breed events, said they haven't selected name yet. "We're tossing it around," he said. "This is possibly the last of the series. All of us haven't come up with a name. Just good old-fashioned New Breed music like we did in the old days." He expected to play three



The New Breed and Breedettes are shown practicing at the Salem Saxon Club in 2010 before the "All Class Reunion" party. The popular group is set to hold what will probably be its final summer party at the Saxon Club on July 28. From left are Gary Kekel, Dave Kaminski, Terry Smith, Lori Juhn, Phil Shasteen (back), Polly Lease, Cheryl Kekel, Rich Juhn and Polly Lease's son, Beau. Gary Kekel, Kaminski, Smith, Shasteen and Rich Juhn are original members of The New Breed. (Salem News photo by Larry Shields)

sets and finish up around midnight.

Kekel said five of the original band members including himself, Terry Smith, Dave Kaminski, Phil Shasteen and Rich Juhn will perform along with Brad Herron, the Breedettes and Polly Lease's son, Beau, a percussionist.

The Breedettes consist of

Lease, Cheryl Kekel and Lori Juhn.

He said it was just the New Breed without an agenda.

"We just want to come up and play. That's kind of the mood of the band. Let's just come up, play and have a good time and everyone will have a good time with us.

"It's not open to everyone. It's not just for Salem or a class."

No general admission price has been set, but Kekel expected they might "knock it down to get a few more people in there ... to a reasonable price."

Advanced tickets will be sold. The New Breed was one

of Salem's hottest bands from the mid-1960s and '70s. It has performed at a number of reunion and fund-raising events at the Saxon Club.

The biggest event was the millennium party in 2000 that drew 1,600 people.

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Good morning Esther Shaw. Thank you for subscribing to the Salem News





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THE FORECAST

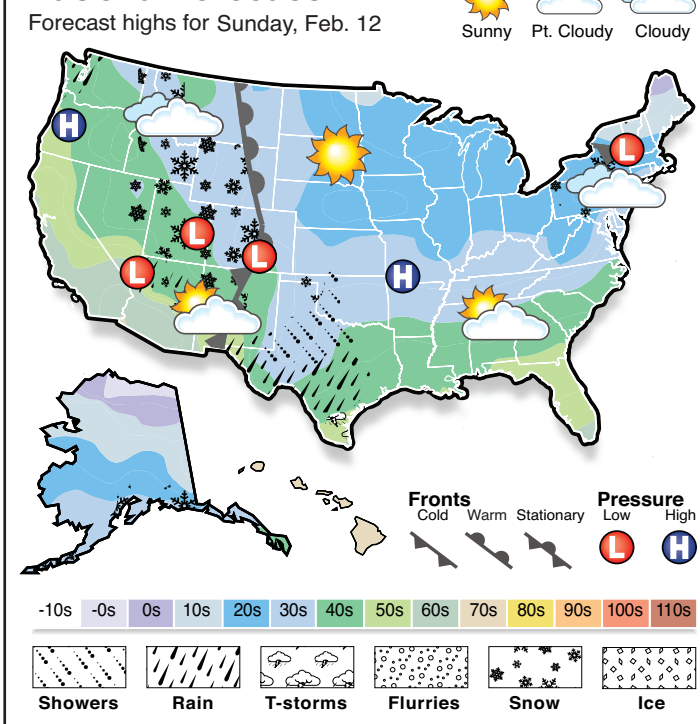
AREA: Today... Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Highs in the mid 20s. Partly cloudy. Lows around 15. Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. Monday night...Cloudy. A chance of snow showers after midnight. Not as cold with lows in the mid 20s. Chance of snow 40 percent. Tuesday...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Highs in the mid 30s. Tuesday night...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening...Then clearing. Lows in the upper 20s. Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. Friday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

CLEVELAND: Today... Cloudy. Snow showers likely...Mainly in the morning. Areas of blowing snow. Additional snow accumulation around an inch. Brisk with highs in the upper 20s. Chance of snow 60 percent. Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows around 18. Monday...Partly cloudy in the morning...Then becoming partly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s. Monday night...Cloudy. A chance of snow showers after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of snow 50 percent. Tuesday...Snow showers likely. Highs in the mid 30s. Chance of snow 60 percent. Tuesday night...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Lows around 30.

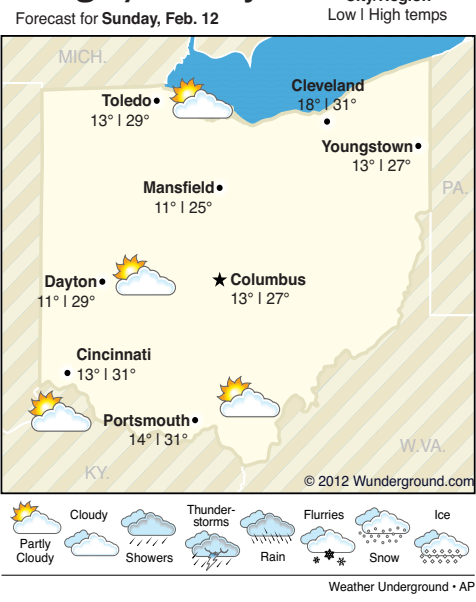
Extended Forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
 25/15	 33/25	 35/28	 42/28

National forecast



Tonight/Sunday



ALMANAC

On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky. In 1908, the first round-the-world automobile race began in New York. (It ended in Paris the following July with the drivers of the American car, a Thomas Flyer, declared the winners over teams from Germany and Italy.) In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded. In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, D.C., a year to the day after groundbreaking. In 1959, the re-designed Lincoln penny — with an image of the Lincoln Memorial replacing two ears of wheat on the reverse side — went into circulation.

Hearing set over quarantine of animals

REYNOLDSBURG (AP) — A hearing has been scheduled over Ohio's quarantine order for five creatures kept at a zoo since an exotic animal escape in October. The Columbus zoo began caring for three leopards, two primates and a bear under the order after their suicidal owner released dozens of animals that had to be killed by authorities near Zanesville. One of the leopards was euthanized two weeks ago after it was struck by a door lowering between two enclosures. An attorney for the owner's widow wrote to the Ohio Department of Agriculture after the incident, demanding a previously requested appeal hearing on the quarantine order. They also sought medical testing to prove the animals don't need to be quarantined. The department said late Friday the appeal hearing has been scheduled for March 12.

Strike threat cancels blood drive

WILLOUGHBY (AP) — The American Red Cross has canceled a large blood drive in northeast Ohio this week, citing a planned union strike. The News-Herald in Willoughby reports the Tuesday event in Mayfield Heights was canceled after the Teamsters Local 507 told the emergency response organization it would strike that day if no new bargaining agreement was reached. The union says the Red Cross is cutting staffing levels and benefits. The Red Cross says proposed benefits packages are on par with what non-union staff members get. The agency provides blood services for thousands of transfusions each week in the region. It says it will transport blood supplies from elsewhere to treat patients if the strike occurs.

Bald eagle nest closes trail at marsh area

OAK HARBOR (AP) — State wildlife officials say access to part of another northern Ohio park is being limited to protect a new bald eagle nest. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources says a pair of bald eagles has built a nest at the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, about 20 miles east of Toledo. Officials have closed one loop of a walking trail there in an effort to boost the eagles' chances of producing a successful nest. The state says another pair tried to nest at the marsh near the boardwalk several years ago but was unsuccessful. Signs of a bald eagle nest also led to restrictions on hiking and water activities at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in northeast Ohio this month. The bald eagle was recently removed from the endangered species list.

State may change order of major work

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ohio's transportation chief says the state may adjust the order of road and bridge projects listed in a draft plan that would delay some work for years. The list was released last month and approved by the state panel that oversees funding for high-cost transportation projects. The Plain Dealer reports the recommendations led to some backlash from local officials unhappy about potentially delayed projects, such as a portion of work on Interstate 90 in Cleveland. Department of Transportation Director Jerry Wray said Friday that public safety and other criteria will be added to the factors considered in deciding the rollout order for projects, and that means the Cleveland bridge or others might move higher on the list. Wray warned that bumping up some projects could push back others.

ACROSS OHIO

County buys brick after leveling courthouse

TIFFIN (AP) — A county engineer says he has received both praise and criticism for arranging to buy about 6,500 tons of stone and brick from a more than century-old Ohio courthouse that was recently torn down after a battle over its preservation. Taxpayers hoping to save the Seneca County Courthouse in Tiffin abandoned their effort when the Ohio Supreme Court declined to intervene. County Engineer Mark Zimmerman tells The Blade newspaper in Toledo it was a chance to save taxpayers money on materials that his department regularly buys for road and bridge projects. He says the stone and brick cost his office \$3.60 per ton, compared with nearly \$20 per ton to acquire stone from a quarry. He said he wanted to make the best of the situation.

Cincinnati to break ground for streetcar

CINCINNATI (AP) — The mayor says Cincinnati plans to break ground for its controversial, multimillion-dollar streetcar project this week. The Cincinnati Enquirer reports Mayor Mark Mallory announced the plans Friday at a City Council meeting. The groundbreaking is planned for this coming Friday. Councilmen who have criticized the estimated \$110 million project questioned the expense and raised other concerns. One sticking point is the decision to move ahead despite a \$12 million dispute over the cost of relocating underground pipes and wires to build the streetcar track. The mayor said he hoped to meet with Duke Energy's president to resolve that issue. The city manager emphasized that construction on such large projects often begins before final details are settled. City officials hope the project paves the way for inner-city redevelopment.

It's now called Baldwin Wallace University

BEREA (AP) — Trustees at Baldwin-Wallace College near Cleveland have decided to drop the hyphen and change the name to Baldwin Wallace University. They say adopting the university wording is an effort to reflect the breadth of academic offerings at the Berea-based school. It offers more than 60 major areas of study and has a large graduate program. The school has more than 4,100 students enrolled at its Berea and Beachwood campuses and in online courses. The name change takes effect July 1. The school has undergone several name changes since it was founded in 1845. It was initially known as Baldwin Institute and was re-chartered a decade later as Baldwin University before merging with a neighboring college to establish its current name.

Regulators plan to address AEP increases

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio regulators say they recognize the approval of higher rates for American Electric Power hurt small-business customers who saw their bills increase by up to 40 percent or more after the rates took effect last month. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio says it heard concerns from the governor, lawmakers and more than 200 affected customers and plans to address the issue soon. The Columbus Dispatch reports that filings ahead of the decision indicated the rates would hurt small businesses, but the commission says it relied on incorrect estimates from AEP when it approved the rate increases.

AEP says the extent of the increases also caught it off guard. An AEP spokesman told the newspaper regulators were provided the best available information, but the utility supports revisiting the decision.

Reward offered for help with range break-in

POWELL (AP) — Officials are offering up to a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of burglars involved in the theft of 97 weapons from a central Ohio firing range and gun-sales shop. Police say burglars cut a hole in a concrete-block wall and stole firearms and ammunition from the suburban Columbus business. Authorities tell WBNS-TV in Columbus that they a review of surveillance video shows that the theft was "bold and calculated". Powell Police Chief Gary Vest says the burglars cut a large oval hole in the back cinderblock wall of the building to gain access to the guns. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are helping Powell authorities with the investigation.

86-year-old killed in accident identified

MAYFIELD HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) — Authorities have identified an 86-year-old woman struck and killed by a garbage truck while crossing the street in suburban Cleveland. The medical examiner in Cleveland said Friday that the victim was Pearl Caldwell of Mayfield Heights, who was running a drug store errand when she was struck. Mayfield Heights police tell WJW-TV that the victim was on her way back to meet her daughter when she was hit Thursday by a private company garbage truck. The driver was turning left into an intersection. No charges were filed and police say it appears both the victim and driver had the green light.

Efforts to shrink juvenile prisons praised

COLUMBUS (AP) — A report is praising Ohio's approach to reducing its juvenile prison population by shifting more offenders into local community centers and out of state-run facilities. The Department of Youth Services now houses fewer than 700 inmates, a third of what Ohio used to hold in juvenile detention centers. The report filed Thursday in federal court in Columbus says two different programs for placing young offenders in community centers have produced impressive results. The report by a court-appointed monitor says the transfers to local centers have also resulted in fewer children committing new crimes on release and has led to improvements in offenders' mental health. The reports are part of a review system stemming from a 2004 lawsuit that alleged a culture of violence permeated the state's youth prisons.

Ohio has pair of \$250,000 winners

MINSTER, Ohio (AP) — Ohio has two quarter-million-dollar winners from the Mega Millions drawing. The Ohio Lottery says tickets sold at a gas station in Minster in western Ohio and a supermarket in East Cleveland each matched the five regular numbers on Friday but missed the Mega Ball number. That means each ticket is good for a \$250,000 prize in the multistate lottery game. Nationwide, no one had all the winning numbers to take the jackpot. The top prize rises to an estimated \$51 million for the next drawing, on Tuesday. The winning numbers were: three, four, 18, 29 and 50. The Mega Ball was 20, and the Megaplier was four.

Oldest federal judge remembered

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Some 400 mourners gathered Saturday to honor a judge whose sheer stamina and devotion to justice kept him on the federal bench in Wichita up to his death last month at age 104. U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown was the nation's oldest working federal judge in history, but colleagues at his memorial service said that while he was widely known for his age, he gave seldom gave it any thought. Mike Lahey, Brown's law clerk for the past 24 years, said the judge's life was governed by two oaths: one that he took to be a district judge in 1962 and the other when he became a Boy Scout in 1920. Lahey said the judge often would recite the oath to him from memory: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

DEATHS

Darcel Pasco

SALEM — Darcel Pasco, 51, died at 1:15 p.m. Saturday at the Hospice House of Poland.

Arrangements are pending at the Stark Memorial Home in Salem.

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Ellie Richter

YOUNGSTOWN — Ellie Richter, 69, of Youngstown, died at 8:17 p.m. Thursday at Salem Community Hospital.

She was born Feb. 22, 1942 in Pickaway County, Ohio, to the late Robert G. and Opal (Hamilton) Rowland.

She had been retired from Marquardt Aerospace of Van Nuys, Calif. after 35 years as an administrative assistant, before moving into the Youngstown area.

Survivors include her children, a daughter, Danielle L. Elkin, of Camarillo, Calif.; and a son, Brian L. Bilahunt, of Vellbrook, Ohio; a sister, Ann (Lynne) Glass of Versailles, Ky.; two brothers, Gene Rowland, of Rocky Fork Lake, Ohio; and Gary (Linda) Rowland, of Tenn.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen Rowland and Gail Rowland.

Services will be private at a later date.

Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

2/12/12

HIGHWAY PATROL

— Ryan L. Butler, 26, Desellem Road, Lisbon, was charged with criminal trespassing and cited for operating a vehicle under the influence after an accident at 6:39 p.m. Wednesday in Elkrun Township. Butler crashed his vehicle on Desellem Road after driving off the right side and striking a ditch and a wire fence and entering an open field. He then fled the scene. Prior to the accident the county sheriff's office advised the Lisbon Patrol post to be on the lookout for him due to a domestic violence complaint reported against him. The person making the complaint also reported Butler was in possession of a knife. Trooper Todd Jester located Butler at his mother's home on Desellem Road and he and a detective with the county sheriff's office searched his vehicle after speaking with him and found an empty bottle of vodka and a knife. Butler reportedly admitted to "drinking all day" but did not remember being involved in the crash.

— Diane L. Semuniak, 63, Broadview Heights, Cuyahoga County, was southbound on state Route 11 in Fairfield Township at 7:41 p.m. Wednesday and hit a deer.

— Carol L. Keir, 76, Yates Road, Salem, was southbound on Yates Road in Salem Township at 2:31 p.m. Thursday and struck an unattended trailer parked partially on the west side of the road, forcing it off the right side the road and causing her vehicle to travel off the left side of the road into a ditch. She was taken to Salem Hospital with non-incapacitating injuries.

— Jeffrey L. Ketchum, 59, Echo Valley Road, Wellsville, was southbound on state Route 11 in Fairfield Township at 7:41 p.m. Wednesday and hit a deer.

— Kevin L. Crick, 34, North Benton, Mahoning County, was southbound on state Route 45 in Salem Township at 6:32 p.m. Monday and hit a deer.

— Misti D. Mays, 31, Wells Hollow Road, Wellsville, was southbound on Wells Hollow Road in Yellowcreek Township at 7 p.m. Wednesday and traveled off the right side of the road striking a fence and a utility pole. She was cited for failure to control and taken to East Liverpool City Hospital with non-incapacitating injuries.

— Luann M. Rulli, 57, Canfield, was southbound on state Route 11 in Fairfield Township at 6:48 p.m. Monday and hit a deer.

— Rogelio C. Palacio, 40, San Antonio, Texas, was westbound on Carmel Achor Road in Middleton Township at 4:12 p.m. Monday and struck an overhead bridge.

— Amanda J. McCaulley, 22, Massillon, was eastbound on state Route 558 in Salem Township at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday and Brandon B. Auckerman, 16, Allen Drive, Salem, was stopped at a stop sign facing north on Lisbon Road at state Route 558 and attempted to make a left turn and failed to yield the right of way and struck McCaulley. Auckerman was cited for yielding right of way at an intersection and juvenile traffic offender.

Senator, wife attacked at casino

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — A state senator and his wife said Saturday they were attacked and beaten at a Niagara Falls casino hotel after the lawmaker tried to break up an argument between two men, one of whom accused him of hating the Indian tribe that owned the resort.

Sen. Mark Grisanti said he suffered bruised ribs in the Friday night altercation. His wife, Maria, was more seriously hurt. She was diagnosed Saturday morning with a concussion and possible broken nose. "It's just been horrible," Maria Grisanti said in a phone call from her Buffalo home after returning there from the hospital Saturday afternoon. She said that during the attack, she feared for her life. The fight happened following a fundraising gala for the Seneca Diabetes Foundation at the Seneca Niagara Casino and Hotel Events Center.

The Grisantis attended because their daughter was part of the entertainment for the night, performing with the Buffalo singing act, the Scintas. They were in a lobby area around 11:30 p.m. when they encountered two men arguing loudly. Grisanti said he thought the men were about to come to blows, so he asked them to calm down. "I probably just should have walked away," he said. One of the men demanded to know his name. When he identified himself, he said the man hurled a curse word, accused him of hating the Seneca Nation and punched him in the chest.

Then, Grisanti said, a woman with the man socked him in the side of the head. As the men scuffled, Maria Grisanti said she was attacked by two women who appeared to be with the man fighting with her husband.

POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— Police at 3:04 a.m. Saturday responded to the 100 block of Railroad Street and assisted an agent from the Ohio Investigative Unit who was checking local establishments within the city for violations.

— The railroad crossing gates on Mullins Street were observed malfunctioning at 1:29 a.m. Saturday. Norfolk Southern was contacted.

— Officers checked the area in the 100 block of West State Street at 12:36 p.m. Saturday for a light-colored SUV allegedly operating recklessly.

The woman who called reported the vehicle had already turned off and was no longer following her.

— A resident of the 400 block of Continental Drive reported a noise disturbance at 10:10 p.m. Friday, saying he heard a loud thump in the adjoining apartment.

Officers responded to the apartment where the manager was already present. Everything was okay. The noise came from a visitor's dog playing.

— A woman in the 700 block of Franklin Avenue called at 8:58 p.m. Friday to report a known male was calling and harassing her over a personal matter. She was told her options.

— A resident of the 900 block of East Sixth Street, reported suspicious activity at 7:11 p.m. Friday. Officers found a construction crew winterizing an unoccupied home owned by a bank.

— A resident of the 500 block of East Pershing Street, called at 6:50 p.m. Friday to report juveniles in the roadway. Officers said they would keep an eye on the area.

— Police were called at 6:50 p.m. Friday about a vehicle parked illegally in the 600 block of Ohio Avenue. A ticket was issued.

— A resident called at 5:08 p.m. Friday about an illegally parked vehicle blocking an alley in the 400 block of North Ellsworth Avenue. The owner was located and said they had been unloading the truck. The truck was moved immediately.

— A vehicle and trailer were seen parked on the west side of North Lincoln Avenue in a posted no parking area at 5:04 p.m. Friday. Contact was made with a construction company and they said they were moving the vehicles.

— A resident of the 300 block of Vine Avenue, reported at 4:51 p.m. Friday that she received what she believed was a threat from persons known to her. She was told her options.

— A resident of the 400 block of Sharp Avenue, called at 4:42 p.m. Friday to report a relative removed a dog from the premises. She said the dog had been gifted to the relative, but she had been feeding and caring for the dog for the past several months.

— A resident of the 1100 block of Orchard Bend Drive, wanted to speak to an officer at 4:09 p.m. Friday.

She reported a man from a lending institution had been at her residence and refused to leave after being told to leave. She was told to call police if the man returns.

PERRY TOWNSHIP REPORTS

— Police were called at 4:54 p.m. Friday to the 400 block of East Pidgeon Road for a man who had fallen and was unable to get up. Both police and EMT Ambulance arrived. The man had been on the floor for over an hour. He was not injured, was helped to a chair and refused transport.

— A resident from the 1100 block of West Perry Street came to the police station at 10:38 a.m. Friday to report a possible theft.

In December, the resident attempted to purchase a vehicle from Craigslist for \$950 and paid all but \$50 which was due upon receipt of the vehicle, but then received a letter from the other party involved saying the vehicle in question had blown a motor and an attempt would be made to return the money.

The resident made several attempts to contact the other party, but has been unable to make contact.

— A Southridge Drive resident called at 5:02 a.m. Friday concerned that something may have happened to the driver of a BFI truck because the truck was sitting in front of the residence for 30 minutes. An officer checked with the driver, who said he was just warming up before continuing on.

— Police were called at 4:11 a.m. Friday for an alleged suicide threat/domestic dispute at an apartment in the 1100 block of Prospect Street. An officer spoke with a male and his mother and he said he had no intention of harming himself.

The mother wanted him out of the residence, but was told she would have to evict him since she allowed him to move in several months ago.

— A woman in the 900 block of Jones Drive reported at 11:20 p.m. Thursday that she was being harassed by people who had previously done work at her residence. She was told to contact police if they return.

— Police were called about a road obstruction in the 1900 block of Depot Road at 3:42 p.m. Thursday, but nothing was found.

SALEM FIRE DEPT.

— Firefighters were called at 3:02 a.m. Saturday to respond to a fire at Quaker City Castings at 310 Euclid Street. A melting furnace overflowed, allowing burning metal onto the floor.

Off-duty firefighters were called in to help. Power to the furnace was shut down and the fire was extinguished with water and foam.

The furnace was cooled with water and the area was checked for extension of the fire, but nothing was found. Damage was estimated at \$6,000.

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Wargo

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resigned at the end of the 2011 to take a job in the private sector. Traina still had one year left on her term.

Since Traina is a Democrat, the party had the duty of choosing a replacement to serve out the remainder of her term. Payne and Wargo applied, with the party Central Committee choosing Payne in early January.

Wargo said he is finding that with "the general public there's a wide-open field ... They don't hold the prejudices you might find in a hard-core committee group."

If Wargo follows through — the filing deadline for independents is March 5 — this would set the stage for a three-way race in the November general election with Payne and Republican candidate Tim Weigle. Neither Payne nor Weigle are opposed in the March 6 primary election.

Although a registered Democrat, Wargo has sometimes come into conflict with party members and leaders because of his friendship with some Republicans, including county GOP Chairman David Johnson. The relationship was further strained when Wargo ran for state representative in the 2000 primary election against the party-endorsed candidate. Although Wargo won the primary, he went on to lose in the fall to the Republican candidate.

This was the last time Wargo, 73, ran for office. He was asked if running as an independent would seal his fate with the Democratic Party. "This won't seal my fate with anyone," he said.

When Wargo first made it known he wanted to fill Traina's seat, he said he was only interested in the final year of her term and declined to run for the full four-year term. When asked what changed, Wargo indi-

cated some of it had to do with the fact Payne declined to step aside after he made it known he wanted the appointment.

"I supported Payne when he was seeking the board of elections (directorship) ... I thought he might reciprocate," he said. "I called that wrong. I'm a little disappointed."

He has been running advertisements in local newspapers about his 30-year political career and accomplishments. "I've put those ads in to reintroduce the people with the things I did. Memories are short," he said.

Wargo said in recent years he has been caring for ill family members, but he no longer has those responsibilities. "I'm at the point where I want to be active politically again," he said.


As for past criticism over his relationship with Republicans, Wargo said voters want to see results, not political bickering. "I never understood why they could never work together. That's what they were elected to do," he said.

Wargo described the criticism as unfair, saying "every time I (cooperated with Republicans) it was productive for the people. I wasn't doing this for myself."

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King memorial group head angry at monument change

WASHINGTON (AP) — An organizer of the new Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial is criticizing plans to remove an inscription from the monument, saying the changes will threaten the design.

The National Park Service said Friday it would replace it with a full quotation from the civil rights leader.

Critics had complained the abbreviated quote on the memorial didn't accurately reflect King's words.

Harry Johnson is the president and CEO of the Martin Luther Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation. He says in a statement that he's disappointed the King family and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar made a "unilateral decision" to change the memorial. He says the new plan will "threaten the design, structure and integrity" of the monument. The project's architect has taken a similar position, saying new granite added to the memorial would be a noticeably different color.

loch was praised for "his bold leadership, wise judgment and complete dedication to duty." Nicknamed the "prodigy," McCulloch is known as a thorough and thoughtful leader. McCulloch's father, Philip Sr., is a former Marine who said his boy was only a toddler when he announced he would join the Corps.

After watching his son accept the nation's third-highest medal for valor in combat, he said "I am the proudest father in the world."

McCulloch Jr. now serves at the recruit depot in San Diego. He said he accepted the medal on behalf of all fallen warriors, "for my brothers who aren't here anymore," and for those wounded in combat, who "are the true heroes."

First lady talks fitness with religious leaders

LONGWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Michelle Obama is spending her Saturday morning at a Florida church, talking with religious leaders about their role in helping people eat better and become more physically fit.

It's part of the first lady's three-day national tour to mark the second anniversary of her "Let's Move" campaign against childhood obesity.

During a stop in Longwood, Florida, she told a crowd of more than 3,000 people from 15 denominations that they're taking on one of the most urgent challenges of our time. She said they're showing that no problem is "too big, too complicated, too entrenched to be solved."

Her office also announced a new video challenge. Churches and other organizations can send in videos showing what they're doing to help kids get healthier.

Father-in-law dragged deeper into Powell saga

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — In a folder on his work computer labeled "Personal Pics," Steve Powell maintained a peculiar collection of photos: 55 depicting his daughter-in-law Susan but few if any showing his son.

Thousands of images and emails on his Washington state government-issued laptop provide a small glimpse into his increasingly scrutinized world. Authorities said this week that he is a person of interest in her 2009 disappearance in Utah.

The files, obtained by The Associated Press as part of a public records request, portray Steve Powell as a meticulous worker who gathered photos by the thousands and had his life upended by the constant inquiries that ensued after Susan vanished. He is now in jail on voyeurism and child pornography charges — and on suicide watch. Powell's son and Susan's husband, Josh, killed himself and the couple's two young sons in a gas-fueled inferno Sunday that a prosecutor considers an admission that he killed his wife.

Investigators have been trying to piece together Josh Powell's last days. Court documents filed Friday say that a search of a storage unit he rented turned up a stained comforter that tested positive for blood in initial exams. Investigators planned further tests.

Until this week, authorities have only publicly discussed Steve Powell in relation to the charges he now faces. But a warrant and emails indicate that he has been dragged deeply into the Utah investigation surrounding his son, and police say they want to interview him to see if he knows anything about his daughter-in-law's disappearance. "He may or may not have information that may be beneficial to us," said Sgt. Mike Powell in West Valley City, Utah, where Josh and Susan Powell lived at the time of her disappearance. Sgt. Powell is not related to the family.

The September warrant sought details specifically from Steve Powell's laptop, which he used in his job helping coordinate purchase and placement of school furniture. It also requested a search of state-owned vehicles that Powell may have driven. Steve Powell said last year that he had a flirtatious and somewhat sexual relationship with Susan Powell. Her parents said she thought he was a creep and moved to Utah in part to get away from him. In a search of Steve Powell's Washington state home last year, authorities found explicit images on his computers and images of people being photographed without their knowledge. Among them were pictures of Susan Powell. Those findings led to the voyeurism and child porn charges, to which he has pleaded not guilty. The state took custody of Josh Powell's boys and turned them over to Susan's parents, Chuck and Judy Cox.



Salem students show off some of the items featured in the Giant Indoor Yard Sale Saturday in the high school cafeteria. The sale proceeds will be used to buy art supplies for elementary students in the Salem City Schools and St. Paul School. Seated from left are Grace Shockey, of the Salem Junior High Student Council, which sponsored the event, and high school helpers Christina Mitchell and Karleen Dole, and standing from left, Sean Brown, Trace Jenkins, Ryan Eiser and Lance Saunders. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

Fair

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in science fairs," she said. "To get to see young people who dedicate their time and effort...on something that is meaningful, it inspires my teaching and re-energizes my classes."

But to be able to play a role in the biggest science fair in the world during the twilight of her career is more than special, Besozzi said.

"For it to come to Pittsburgh now, and after 30 years (as an educator), its like finally making it to the Super Bowl at the end of your career," she said.

As a judge, Besozzi said she will be responsible for determining whether the participant's research and data is valid and if the project's objective has been met, then analyzing it all to make sure it is plausible.

"It's very hard to get into this science fair, these kids work on their projects for three or four years, so I'm excited to see what they have to offer," she said. "These are really to be the scientists of the future. It's really an honor to be chosen as a judge."

Even though she said she considers the

opportunity to serve as a judge in the Intel ISEF the highlight of her career, Besozzi said she is sad to see the events dwindling across the country in today's world.

"I hate to see such a great institution become extinct," she said. "There are so many distractions for today's kids. I remember a time when participation was mandatory, but now you see so few high school students taking part."

According to Besozzi, students undertaking a science fair project build a number of skills they will use in life such as critical thinking, communication, time management and research.

Projects also help build passion in a specific subject and teach students about ethics in their work.

"[Science fair projects] teach things that you can't teach in a typical classroom where you spend a just a few classes on a project," she noted.

According to its website, the annual Intel ISEF is the premiere science competition in the world exclusively for students in grades nine through 12, providing a forum for over 1,500 students worldwide to display their independent research.

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the winning logo is revealed.

Besides working on brochures, posters and other displays, she's hoping to use them for public speaking engagements with civic organizations to spread the word about proper disposal of certain materials to keep them out of the storm sewers and streams.

"Everything you can do to build awareness," she said.

A press release concerning the public awareness campaign outlined some of the "best practices" the education materials will encourage residents to use to keep water clean:

- proper disposal of chlorinated water from swimming pools and hot tubs
- use of alternative products to toxic substances found in cleaners, automotive products and pesticides
- use of environmentally-friendly lawn care practices
- reduce use of herbicides in lawn care and landscaping maintenance
- promote proper techniques to wash cars to avoid detergents from entering the storm sewer
- educate and provide proper disposal facilities for waste oil, antifreeze, brake fluids, batteries and other automotive-related wastes.

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Logos

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given location and must include their name with the number of the logo they like. The votes will be tallied and announced sometime in March.

The characters drawn on the logos featured a wide variety of animals, including frogs, ducks, turtles, hippos, otters, beavers, snails, raccoons, fish and even a monster. One logo featured a raindrop.

"I am absolutely thrilled with the enthusiasm, not only of the instructor, Janis Yereb, but of the students," Council President Mickey Cope Weaver said.

Weaver is spearheading the public awareness campaign, which is a component of the state-mandated storm water management program the city must put in place, beginning with completion of a survey of the storm sewers to map them out and expose trouble spots.

She explained that part of the program will require the city to build the public's awareness of the part citizens play in keeping water clean and that's where the students come in.

The students in Yereb's drawing, painting and AP art classes have been working on the project since fall and Weaver said students will continue to be involved after

Snow causes crashes, interstate closures in Ohio

CLEVELAND (AP) — Snowstorms in Ohio on Saturday prompted multiple highway closures and driving advisories and led to dozens of crashes.

Westbound lanes of Interstate 76 in northeast Ohio were closed for hours after a series of crashes involving more than two dozen vehicles, but local police said there were no serious injuries, WEWS-TV in Cleveland reported.

The State Highway Patrol said whiteout conditions in parts of northern Ohio prompted officials to close part of the Ohio Turnpike in the Akron area, near its intersection with Interstate 77. Staff Lt. Shawn Lee said about 30 crashes were reported along the toll road by midafternoon. Winds nearing 40 mph had blown water from Lake Erie onto Interstate 90, icing the road.

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SUN/12

BELOIT

"Sound of Music," 3 p.m., West Branch High School auditorium; tickets, 330-938-4442.

Country-style breakfast, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Smith Grange; \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, carryouts available.

BERLIN CENTER

Benefit spaghetti dinner for Danielle Grim, 1-5 p.m., Western Reserve School; carryouts available. To donate items for the auction or to purchase tickets call 330-502-6419.

SALEM

Knights of Columbus, all-you-can-eat breakfast and 50/50 drawing, 8-11 a.m., St. Paul School gym. Donations accepted.

Quota International's Make-Over Mania, 1-5 p.m., St. Paul School auditorium; \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, 330-503-1064, 330-332-3024 or 330-337-8136.

Sons of Union Veterans of the 19th Ohio, meeting, 2 p.m., Salem Historical Society meeting room (using East Alley entrance).

Dulci-More 19th anniversary concert, 2:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; free, refreshments at intermission, 330-332-4420, bill@dulcimore.org, www.dulcimore.org.

"Mash," 2 p.m., Salem Community Theatre. Tickets, 330-332-9688.

MON/13

COLUMBIANA

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

DAMASCUS

Dr. Tim Wagner of Firestone Healthcare will present a free educational seminar, "Hospice Care," 6:30-7:30 p.m., Canyon Room, Damascus Friends Church, 28857 Walnut St., Damascus.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

LEETONIA

Leetonia High School Class of 1943, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Das Dutch Haus.

Classic movie for seniors, 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Oakdale Cemetery board meeting, 4:30 p.m., at the cemetery.

LISBON

American Red Cross disaster service volunteers meeting, 5:30 p.m., EMA office, 215 S. Market St.; 330-312-2258 or 330-793-8153.

Beaver Local Board of Education Athletic Assoc. 5:15 p.m., hs media center.

Beaver Local Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., high school media center.

Columbiana County Chapter of NAMI meeting, 7-9 p.m., Counseling Center on state Route 154.

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

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

SALEM

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

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

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; tomato soup, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, fresh vegetables, salad or applesauce, fruit, cheesecake.

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TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-744-8983, 330-337-6577.

Gettin' Crafty program for adults, 6:30 p.m., Salem Public Library's Quaker Room. Registration required, 330-332-0042.

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

Salem Memorial and Patriotic Association, 7 p.m., AMVETS Post 45, 750 S. Broadway Ave.

Goshen High School Class of 1958, and guests, lunch, noon, Skyline Diner at the Salem Airport on Route 45.

Salem Community Hospital Auxiliary's Valentine's Gian-nios Candies sale fund raiser, hospital cafeteria, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-6:30 p.m.; 330-332-7126.

Salem High School Class of 1944, breakfast and reunion finalization plans, 9 a.m., Adele's Place.

SALINEVILLE

Southern Local Board of Education, board meeting, 6:30 p.m., room E-136.

WASHINGTONVILLE

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532, Ladies Auxiliary, meeting, 7 p.m., post home.

TUE/14

COLUMBIANA

Columbiana Senior Citizens, pizza luncheon, 10 a.m., Upper Room.

Columbiana Exempted Village Schools Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., high school media center.

LEETONIA

Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support group, 7 p.m., Point Man's LZ Refuge, 116 1/2 Oak St.; 800-877-8387.

Computer class, 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library; register, 330-427-6635.

Leetonia Community Public Library board meeting, 5:30 p.m.

LISBON

Lisbon Exempted Village Board of Education, regular meeting, 5 p.m., board room.

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

NEW WATERFORD

New Waterford Village Council, 7 p.m., community building.

SALEM

Salem High School Class of 1948, breakfast, 10 a.m., Adele's Place.

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

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

"Have a Heart for the Reilly Wall" fund raiser, 4-10:30 p.m., Victo-rio's Pizza, 990 W. State St., www.VictoriosPizza.com for menu and prices; 330-337-9900.

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

Quota International, regular meeting at the clubhouse 6 p.m. Board meets at 5 p.m.

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

Salem Community Hospital Auxiliary's Valentine's Gian-nios Candies sale fund raiser, hospital cafeteria, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-6:30 p.m.; 330-332-7126.

Calendar THIS WEEK . . .

Salem Senior Citizens, board meeting, 9:30 a.m., Memorial Building.

SALINEVILLE

Local Professional Development Committee, 3:35 p.m., Southern Local elementary office.

WED/15

BELOIT

West Branch Band fruit sale order deadline. Contact any West Branch High School or middle school band member or call Kim Pigza at 330-584-5580.

COLUMBIANA COUNTY

Columbiana County Firefighters Association, meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lawrenceville, Va. Volunteer Fire Department.

LEETONIA

Leetonia High School Classes of 1955-57, lunch, noon, Iron Rails Cafe.

Leetonia Community Public Library Friends meeting, 6 p.m.

Leetonia High School classes of 1958-61, breakfast, 9 a.m., Skyline Diner.

LISBON

Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 7 p.m., administration office.

Area Singles, 6 p.m., Chef's Table.

Post-Secondary Options (college while in high school) meeting, 6 p.m., Beaver Local High School cafeteria.

SALEM

Men of the Salem High School Class of 1960, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

"Have a Heart for the Reilly Wall" fund raiser, 4-10:30 p.m., Victo-rio's Pizza, 990 W. State St., www.VictoriosPizza.com for menu and prices; 330-337-9900.

Salem High School Class of 1968, dinner, 6 p.m., Ricky's English Pub.

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

SEBRING

Sebring Local Board of Education, executive session, 6 p.m., high school library; regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meet-

ing, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/16

DAMASCUS

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

LEETONIA

Informational meeting for parents and students in the 10th and 11th grades interested in participating in the Junior/Senior to Sophomore Program during the 2012-13 school year, 7:30 p.m., Leetonia High School library.

Computer class, 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library; register, 330-427-6635.

LEGO Club, 4 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

GREENFORD

Greenford High School Class of 1958, lunch, 11:30 a.m., The Smokehouse Restaurant in the Greenford Bobcat Center on Route 165.

LISBON

David Anderson High School Class of 1957, breakfast, 10 a.m., Taste of Country.

Help Hotline Crisis Center's support group of the Survivors of Suicide, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Counseling Center on Route 154; 330-424-7767.

SALEM

Former AT&T-Ohio Bell Telephone Operators, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1947, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

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

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

"Have a Heart for the Reilly Wall" fund raiser, 4-10:30 p.m., Victo-rio's Pizza, 990 W. State St., www.VictoriosPizza.com for menu and prices; 330-337-9900.

Salem High School Class of 1972, reunion committee meeting, 6 p.m., BB Rooners.

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

Concealed carry shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

FRI/17

COLUMBIANA

Cut-a-thon to benefit Women's Heart Health, 2-7 p.m., Bella Rose Salon, behind Das Dutch Haus.

LEETONIA

Fish fry, 5-8 p.m., Leetonia Italian American Club. Carryouts available, 330-427-9900.

SALEM

"Have a Heart for the Reilly Wall" fund raiser, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Victo-rio's Pizza, 990 W. State St., www.VictoriosPizza.com for menu and prices; 330-337-9900.

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

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

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

SAT/18

CANFIELD

Ohio Valley Giant Pumpkin Growers' giant pumpkin growing seminar, 1-4 p.m., Millcreek Metro Parks-McMahon Hall on Route 46; register at 330-533-7278.

COLUMBIANA

Columbiana Pre-Hospital Care Association's Scholarship Dinner Dance, 6-11 p.m., The Links. Tickets, 330-921-9650 or 330-692-1427.

DAMASCUS

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

EAST LIVERPOOL

Friends of Beaver Creek State Park, acoustical jam session, 4-10 p.m., Trading Post, 12013 Echo Dell Road; 330-383-1317 or 330-383-2730.

NORTH LIMA

Grand opening of new businesses inside the North Lima Business Complex, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; ribbon-cutting in front of the main entrance, 9:30 a.m.

SALEM

Public breakfast buffet, 7-10 a.m., Saxon Club, 1980 state Route 9; \$6, free for children under 5.

Salem Memorial Building Association, indoor winter yard sale and flea market, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym, reserve 8-foot table with chairs for \$10, with set-up from noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 17 or 6 to 8 a.m. Feb. 18. For information, call 330-332-5512.

Spaghetti dinner, 4-7 p.m., Salem Masonic Building, 788 E. State St.; \$6 per person. Handicapped accessible elevator available.

Indoor winter yard sale and flea market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Salem Memorial Building, gym.

Salem Junior Baseball League registrations, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Salem Community Center. 330-337-9143 or www.salemjuniorbaseball.com to download forms.

Cure for the wintertime cruisin' blues, Italian-American Club, 250 Penn Ave., 6-9 p.m.

"Have a Heart for the Reilly Wall" fund raiser, 4-11:30 p.m., Victo-rio's Pizza, 990 W. State St., www.VictoriosPizza.com for menu and prices; 330-337-9900.

Cure for winter blues cruise, 6 to 9 p.m., Italian-American Club, 250 Penn Ave.

SUN/19

LISBON

Spaghetti dinner, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at New Lisbon Masonic Center, 36192 state Route 172. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Dinner includes salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Carryouts are available.

MON/20

COLUMBIANA

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

LISBON

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

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

SALEM

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

Angry Birds party, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Salem Public Library, for children in kindergarten-sixth grade. To register, stop in or call 330-332-0042 option 3.

Salem Community Center, Italian-themed wild game dinner, 6:30-8 p.m. Reservations required, 330-332-5885.

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

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-744-8983, 330-337-6577.

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This article isn't just about the big yellow house behind McDonald's. It's

about voices of recovery, and speaking out for addiction recovery.

"With the 2012 election season heating up, recovery community organizations and allies are mobilizing their members and local residents to exercise our civil rights and responsibilities, and we've been reminded of how important it is to be engaged in our nation's civic life," advises The Partnership at Drugfree.org and Join Together. The partners say concerns are for the ways in which drug testing is used and getting the right care for people who want and need it. Everyone does not get treatment for addiction.

There are 20 million Americans in recovery from addiction. Many face obstacles that prevent them getting an education, a good job, a driver's license, or to vote.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) shares the following facts about substance abuse:

Half of all adults 18+ know someone in recovery from addiction to alcohol, illicit drugs or prescription drugs.

The majority of Americans believe that treatment programs can help people with substance addictions and that people can recover and live productive lives.

Right here in Columbiana County we are seeing people recover from addiction, get their lives turned around, get a college education or job training, and succeed. Not everyone accomplishes it on the first try. Beating addiction is hard work. Eliminating the stigma of addiction is an ongoing issue. Drug addiction is a complex disease. Quitting takes more than will power to just do it.

NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse) tells us that drugs change the brain resulting in compulsive drug abuse. Costs for substance abuse in the U.S. (including productivity, health and crime, says NIDA are \$181 billion, illicit drugs; \$193 billion, tobacco; and \$235 billion for alcohol. Those figures don't include what addiction has done to the family: child abuse, domestic violence, failure in school, loss of jobs and the family crumbling.

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Try these tips for a healthy pregnancy



DR. JOHNSON

"When you are pregnant, it's more important than ever to take care of yourself both physically and emotionally," explained obstetrician/gynecologist Kristi Johnson, M.D. "You can boost your chances of having a problem-free pregnancy and a healthy baby by following a few simple guidelines."

Prenatal Health Care: "One of the main keys to protecting the health of you and your baby is to get regular prenatal care," continued Dr. Johnson. "You should schedule your first examination as soon as you think you might be pregnant."

If you're healthy and there are no complicating risk factors, most obstetricians will want to see you every 4 weeks until the 28th week of your pregnancy, then every 2 weeks until the 36th week, and then once a week until your delivery.

Watch what you eat: "Healthy eating plays a very important role in a healthy pregnancy," Dr. Johnson advised.

"Choose foods from a variety of sources to make sure you get all the vitamins, minerals and nutrients you and your developing baby need. Even though you are eating for two, you only need about 300 extra calories per day."

Avoid the following foods which may be contaminated by bacteria:

- Raw fish, especially shellfish, and undercooked meat or poultry (i.e. deli meats)
- Foods made with raw or lightly cooked eggs (like homemade Caesar vinaigrette)
- Unpasteurized milk products, including soft cheeses such as Brie
- Unpasteurized juices, such as unpasteurized apple cider

In addition, be sure to drink plenty of water, since a pregnant woman's blood volume can increase about 30 percent and it is easy to become dehydrated.

Take prenatal vitamins: Taking a good pregnancy supplement will help ensure that you have the correct balance of vitamins and minerals to support you and your baby. "It's important to get enough folic acid before conception and during early pregnancy," Dr. Johnson continued. "Folic acid greatly reduces your baby's risk of developing neural tube birth defects, such as spina bifida. Ideally, you should start taking 400 micrograms of folic acid at least one month before becoming pregnant."

"Also, your iron requirement increases significantly during pregnancy, especially during the second and third trimesters. However avoid mega-doses of any vitamin, and don't take additional supplements or herbal preparations without your obstetrician's approval."

Exercise regularly: "A good exercise program can give you the strength and endurance you'll need to carry the extra weight you will gain during pregnancy and to handle the physical stress of labor," she suggested. "It may also help ease aches and pains and improve the circulation in your legs. Just remember not to push yourself too hard or let yourself get overheated or dehydrated. You'll also need to avoid hot tubs and saunas."

Get some rest: "Fatigue in the first and third trimesters is your body's way of telling you to slow down," Dr. Johnson advised. "If you can't take a nap in the middle of the day, try to take a break. Relaxation techniques such as yoga, stretching, deep breathing, and massage are all great ways to combat stress and get a better night's sleep."

Say no to alcohol and drugs: "Any alcohol you drink reaches your baby rapidly through your bloodstream, and your baby can end up with higher levels of blood alcohol than you have," Dr. Johnson stated. "Any drug you use gets into your baby's bloodstream as well."

"As little as one drink a day can increase the odds of having a miscarriage, stillbirth or a low-birth weight baby. It also increases your child's risk for problems with learning, speech, attention span and hyperactivity. Women who have more than two drinks a day are at greater risk for giving birth to a baby with fetal alcohol syndrome."

Stop smoking: Smoking increases the risk of miscarriage, growth problems, placental abruption and premature delivery. "If you're unable to quit on your own, ask your obstetrician for a referral to a smoking cessation program," she added. "Even if you're not a smoker, try to stay away from second-hand smoke."

Cut back on caffeine: Women should limit their caffeine consumption intake to less than 200 mg per day, an amount you could get from one 8-ounce cup of strong coffee. Also, check the caffeine content of other products you consume, like tea, soft drinks, "energy" drinks, chocolate, and ice cream; as well as over-the-counter drugs, such as headache, cold, and allergy remedies.

"Caffeine has no nutritive value and makes it harder for your body to absorb iron," Dr. Johnson stated. "It's also a stimulant, so it can make it even harder to get a good night's sleep, and may give you headaches and contribute to heartburn."

Eliminate environmental dangers: If you're routinely exposed to chemicals, heavy metals (like lead or mercury), certain biologic agents, or radiation, try to remove yourself as soon as possible. Keep in mind that some cleaning products, pesticides, solvents, and lead in drinking water from old pipes can also be harmful.

See your dentist: Brush, floss, and get regular dental care. Hormonal shifts during pregnancy can make you more susceptible to gum disease and cause the gums to react differently to the bacteria in plaque, resulting in swollen, bleeding or tender gums.

Take care of your emotional health: Many women feel like they're on an emotional roller coaster during their pregnancy. "If you've been feeling depressed for more than two weeks or if you're feeling particularly anxious, share this with your health care provider, so you can get a referral for professional help," Dr. Johnson concluded.

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Push on for family input in detecting dementia

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Alexis McKenzie's mother had mild dementia, but things sounded OK when she phoned home: Dad was with her, finishing his wife's sentences as they talked about puttering through the day and a drive to the store.

Then their phone service was cut off. "I mailed that check," McKenzie's father insisted. No, he'd mailed the phone company a bank deposit slip instead. McKenzie visited and discovered spoiling food. Dad the caregiver was in trouble, too.

Dementia can sneak up on families. Its sufferers are pretty adept at covering lapses early on, and spouses are sometimes there to compensate. Doctors too frequently are fooled as well. Now specialists are pushing for the first National Alzheimer's Plan to help overcome this barrier to early detection, urging what's called dementia-capable primary care, more screenings for warning signs and regular checks of caregivers' own physical and mental health.

For a doctor to ask someone with brewing dementia, "How are you?" isn't enough, says Dr. Laurel Coleman, a geriatric physician at Maine Medical Center who is part of a federal advisory council tackling the issue.

"So often I hear, 'The doctor only asks my mom how she is. She says fine and it's over,'" says Coleman. "That's not dementia-capable, or dementia-aware, primary care."

Family input should be mandatory, she told a recent council meeting. It's the only way to know if the person really is eating and taking her medicines as she claims, and not forgetting to turn off the stove.

The question is how to square that input with patient confidentiality, especially if the person never filed the legal forms clearing family members to intervene, as happened with McKenzie.

Plus, regularly seeking that input takes more time than the typical 15-minute visit and is poorly reimbursed, notes Coleman. But she says more primary-care physicians are starting to be trained in dementia's challenges.

More than 5 million Americans are estimated to have Alzheimer's or similar forms of dementia, although as many as half may not be formally diagnosed. With the rapidly aging population, the toll is projected to reach up to 16 million by 2050. The Obama administration is drafting a national strategy to try to slow that coming avalanche — with research aiming for some effective treatments by 2025 — plus find ways for struggling families to better cope today.

Step 1 is earlier detection. McKenzie directs an Alzheimer's assisted-living facility in Washington, so she knows about dementia. Still, it took some sleuthing to determine how much her 82-year-old parents, living a few hours away in Maryland, were deteriorating. She says her father refused any assistance in caring for her mother, and together the couple put up such a good front that even their regular physician hadn't realized their shared answers to standard check-up questions — How are you eating? Has anything changed? — simply weren't true.

"It's almost as if they're sharing a brain. That's how they get through a day," McKenzie says.

Sure, dementia patients' stories can be believable.

"It happens in doctors' offices all the time," says Beth Kallmyer, vice president of constituent services at the Alzheimer's Association. That's why it's crucial that family members are part of the screening process.

The diseased brain may not be able to pull up a recent memory, but longer-term memories remain, she explains. So an intricate description of, say, cooking last night's dinner may ring true because it was a real dinner, just not last night's.

And a long-married couple in a familiar routine and surroundings can appear far more normal than they really are — until something upsets that balancing act, like the caregiving spouse getting sick, adds Dr. Gary Kennedy, geriatric psychiatry chief at New York's Montefiore Medical Center.

How to get around the hidden-dementia conundrum?

— Medicare's new annual wellness visit pays for cognitive screening, simple tests that signal who should be referred for more extensive brain exams. "Even if primary-care physicians don't consider themselves experts at evaluating for Alzheimer's disease, or don't feel comfortable, they can screen," Kallmyer says.

— The government's Alzheimer's advisers want doctors to steer families toward advanced-care planning, including designating a health care power of attorney, as soon as dementia is diagnosed. Montefiore's Kennedy says early diagnosis gives patients a say in how they want to be cared for while they're still capable of making those decisions.

— A health care proxy won't be used until the person is quite sick. So Kallmyer advises also signing what's called a "release of information" allowing the doctor to discuss the person's care with whoever is named right away.

Such steps are important, Kennedy says, because advancing dementia leaves people so unaware of their deficits that they can take family or doctor input "as an affront." He always asks new patients if he can fill in their loved ones, or invite them in from the waiting room, as a way of starting that conversation.

— Doctors can violate patient confidentiality if they believe the person's decisions or behavior has become a danger, Kennedy notes.

McKenzie says her father would never discuss naming a health care proxy and her parents were furious that she'd voiced concerns to their physician. She had to think up non-confrontational ways to get invited back into their doctor visits: "I'll drive you, and then why don't I take notes in case you have any questions later?"

It turned out that McKenzie's father had a non-cancerous brain tumor causing his own gradual dementia symptoms, which started becoming apparent with the phone mix-up, unrehearsed food and eventually delusions. Finally, she had to go to court to get her parents the care they needed in an assisted living facility near their hometown.

Study: MDs not always honest with patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trust your doctor? A survey finds that some doctors aren't always completely honest with their patients.

More than half admitted describing someone's prognosis in a way they knew was too rosy. Nearly 20 percent said they hadn't fully disclosed a medical mistake for fear of being sued. And 1 in 10 of those surveyed said they'd told a patient something that wasn't true in the past year.

The survey, by Massachusetts researchers and published in this month's Health Affairs, doesn't explain why, or what wasn't true.

"I don't think that physicians set out

to be dishonest," said lead researcher Dr. Lisa Iezzoni, a Harvard Medical School professor and director of Massachusetts General Hospital's Mongan Institute for Health Policy. She said the untruths could have been to give people hope.

But it takes open communication for patients to make fully informed decisions about their health care, as opposed to the "doctor-knows-best" paternalism of medicine's past, Iezzoni added.

The survey offers "a reason for patients to be vigilant and to be very clear with their physician about how much they do want to know," she said.

The findings come from a 2009 survey of more than 1,800 physicians nationwide to see if they agree with and follow certain standards medical professionalism issued in 2002. Among the voluntary standards are that doctors should be open and honest about all aspects of patient care, and promptly disclose any mistakes.

A third of those surveyed didn't completely agree that doctors should 'fess up about mistakes. That's even though a growing number of medical centers are adopting policies that tell doctors to say "I'm sorry" up front, in part because studies have found patients less likely to sue when that happens.

OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Ill-timed fight erupts over funds

By MARK JEWELL

AP Personal Finance Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A fight is breaking out between the money-market mutual fund industry and federal regulators. Whatever the outcome, investors will question whether they can continue to rely on money funds as a safe place to keep cash readily accessible.

The Securities and Exchange Commission staff is drafting proposals that Chairman Mary Schapiro says are needed to safeguard the industry and the investing public in the event of another financial crisis. It's an attempt to fix weaknesses exposed when a large money-market fund collapsed in 2008, creating a scare that led the government to temporarily guarantee money fund assets so investors could be assured they'd be protected from losses.

Although the SEC strengthened its rules two years ago by further restricting how money funds operate, Schapiro says more needs to be done. There's still a risk, she says, that money funds won't be able to withstand a potential spike in investor withdrawals from another shock like the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy, the event that triggered the Reserve Primary Fund's failure.

Inaction, she warned in a recent speech, creates a risk that the next crisis will again force the nation to choose between rescuing money funds, "or risking a breakdown of the broader financial system."

The industry largely agreed with the rules adopted a couple years ago. Since then, money funds have held up to a host of threats, from the debt crisis in Europe, to last summer's downgrade of the federal government's credit rating and near-zero short-term interest rates that have left investors earning practically nothing.

Now, months after Schapiro outlined more potential safeguards, the industry is objecting loudly. Industry leaders say the moves would undercut the key rationales for investing in money funds, rather than keeping cash in a bank. They warn that the proposed fixes will make money funds so unattractive that investors will begin to pull out of them altogether.

Further details about the SEC's deliberations emerged this week, leading the Investment Company Institute to warn of broad economic harm. The ICI's CEO, Paul Schott Stevens, warned of a "regulatory hat trick" that could "harm investors, damage financing for businesses and state and local governments, and jeopardize a still-fragile economic recovery."

— *Crucial role:* Stevens' warning may be extreme, but it's true that money-market funds are a linchpin of the economy. They hold \$2.7 trillion and their investments represent more than one-third of the commercial paper market — the short-term IOUs that companies sell to meet cash-flow needs, such as payroll. They also invest in more than one-half of the short-term municipal debt on the market, which state and local governments rely on to finance roads and building projects. Individual investors, corporate treasurers and professional money managers rely on money funds to limit losses when stocks plunge.

Their importance was exposed when the collapse of the Reserve Primary Fund helped trigger a freeze in short-term credit markets. Companies couldn't access cash, ensuring the recession would be a deep one.

So there's plenty at stake in a regulatory debate, beyond the impact on individual investors. Schapiro has stressed the importance of not letting money fund vulnerabilities linger.

A formal proposal from the SEC is expected to be submitted for public comment in the early spring, and likely won't be finalized until late this year, according to people familiar with the process who spoke to The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the SEC hasn't yet put forward a plan publicly.

— *Possible changes:* Options include tweaking the requirement that money funds hold at least \$1 in assets for each dollar put in, so investors are protected — though not guaranteed — against losses. But that requirement has come under scrutiny after the Reserve Primary "broke the buck." Managers were unable to give investors making withdrawals a dollar back for each dollar they had invested, due to a Lehman Brothers investment that became worthless.

Schapiro says some investors treat the dollar-for-dollar requirement "as an all-or-nothing proposition — and run at the first sign of trouble."

One option is giving managers leeway for temporary fluctuations, or a "float," around the dollar-for-dollar level. Investors might have to absorb modest losses when markets are under stress. The industry opposes a float, saying the dollar-for-dollar expectation is what attracts safety-minded investors to money funds in the first place.

In a letter to the SEC, Fidelity Investments, the biggest money fund manager, said a recent survey of its clients revealed strong opposition.

About 57 percent of institutional clients said they would move all or some of their assets out if money funds a float were allowed, and 47 percent of individual investors would do the same.

As an alternative the SEC may require money funds to maintain bank-style capital cushions to ensure that they always have adequate cash to return money on demand.

A capital buffer could be paired with rules preventing investors from quickly withdrawing all their assets from a fund. For example, an investor might be able to get back only 95 percent initially, then the rest after 30 days.

— *Industry under pressure:* Such rules might eventually prevent another fund from collapsing, but they also make money funds less appealing in the short-term. They're already unappealing as it is. Returns have recently averaged around 0.02 percent — \$2 a year for each \$10,000 invested.

Things are so bad that Federated Investors CEO J. Christopher Donahue questions whether money funds can survive if the industry is forced to choose between a float or withdrawal restrictions.

On a recent conference call with financial analysts, he compared it to a condemned man's choice of dying "by hanging or by bullet."

To ensure investors are at least earning marginal returns, Federated and its rivals have been waiving investment fees and eating the costs of running money funds. Federated, for example, waived nearly \$202 million last year. The companies can shoulder such burdens because they're diversified, and aren't relying exclusively on money fund operations to stay afloat. So the regulatory debate comes at a time when the industry is already under intense pressure.

— *Outlook:* Whether Schapiro can get a required majority of the five-member commission to approve meaningful changes is in doubt, because some members have expressed reservations.

Robert Lee, a Keefe Bruyette & Woods analyst who follows financial services stocks, said in a note to clients this week that it could be next year before any rules are finalized, even without litigation that he expects the industry to file.

"Ultimately," Lee says, "we think the proposals will be watered down."

That's a likely scenario given how loud the opposition is getting, even before an official proposal is out.

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Delphi salaried retirees meet with 'auto czar'

By LARRY RINGLER

Special to the Salem News

YOUNGSTOWN — President Barack Obama is "concerned" about the pension plight of Delphi Corp. salaried retirees, former Youngstown mayor and now the nation's "auto czar" Jay Williams said Friday after meeting with two of the retirees about cuts in their pensions.

"I'm here because I was dispatched by the administration because there is concern," Williams said after a two-hour meeting at the George Voinovich Building in downtown Youngstown.

Williams said his mission for the meeting was to listen to the retirees' efforts to recoup reductions of as much as 30 percent to 70 percent after federal pension insurer Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. terminated their pension plan in July 2009 during auto parts maker Delphi's bankruptcy reorganization.

Since being named in July to the post of executive director of the Labor Department's Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, Williams said he meets with President Obama "as often as appropriate. I'm representing the president of the United States and the secretary of labor. I will go back and talk to the appropriate parties."

The administration is focusing on issues in the Mahoning Valley beyond the salaried retirees, Williams said.

He noted federal resources could be used to help sharpen workers' skills to boost employment as well as encourage the return of manufacturing jobs sent overseas, along with technology growth.

"We should, and will, create the environment for private investment," he said.

Niles resident Bruce Gump, vice chairman of the Delphi Salaried Retirees Association, said he and Mary Ann Hudzik of Warren left the meeting with the feeling they made their case to Williams.

"We didn't expect any decision. What I expected was to be able to get our information to him, which we did," he said. "It was a very productive meeting. There could be some action from that."

Gump said the fact the meeting occurred in the year Obama will seek reelection doesn't hurt. He stressed the retirees association isn't a political group but added, "I do think the issue is public enough that it would be advantageous to have it resolved quickly."

Retirees also are suing the PBGC in federal court to force the agency to release documents they believe will show that government officials improperly influenced Delphi's bankruptcy reorganization to reward unions that supported Obama's 2008 run for office.

Gump said lawyers are in the discovery phase, or getting documents from the agency. The case will go to trial once the phase ends this spring, he said.

The effort is costing millions of dollars, he added. "Thousands of retirees from all over the country send in \$10, \$15, \$20, but the PBGC, as part of the government, has deep pockets. We've always been after fair treatment," he said.

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Niles, and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, applauded the meeting.

"The treatment of these former Delphi employees was unjust when it was proposed, and it continues to be unjust today," according to Ryan's statement. "I know executive director Williams will take the concerns of these Delphi retirees back to Washington and continue to work toward a resolution that fairly restores some of the promises Delphi made to its workforce in better times."

Brown said many of the retirees are "continuing to experience economic hardship following the collapse of their former employer. I encourage Jay to do whatever possible to assist these retirees, who have yet to receive the pensions they earned and deserve."

Auto dealers start year slowly

WARREN — Area new-vehicle sales started 2012 on a slow note as new-vehicle sales dipped 9.9 percent to 1,811 from 2,009 for January 2011. Sales of the Lordstown-built Chevrolet Cruze fell 19 percent to 132, still tops in the area.

Used car and truck title registrations in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties inched up 1.3 percent to 2,785 from 2,748, according to a report issued Thursday by the Automobile Dealers Association of Eastern Ohio.

Klaben Ford Lincoln of Warren led Trumbull County dealers with 58 new-vehicle sales, up 26.1 percent from a year ago. Perennial leader Diane Sauer Chevrolet saw sales cut in half to 56 from 112.

Greenwood Chevrolet led all dealers with 127 sales, 21 percent better than a year ago. Taylor Kia was second with 110 sales.

In new and used sales, Greenwood and Kia were one-two at 253 and 166, respectively. Diane Sauer led Trumbull County dealers in total sales at 101, followed by Klaben at 85. Second to the Cruze in new-model sales was the Chevrolet Malibu at 91, followed by the Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck at 69.

What settlement will and won't do for homeowners

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mortgage settlement that government officials announced Thursday is intended to help victims of foreclosure abuses that followed the housing bust.

Many companies that process foreclosures failed to verify documents. Some employees signed papers they hadn't read. Or they used fake signatures to speed foreclosures — a step called "robo-signing." As a result, some homes were seized improperly.

Here's a look at what the settlement will and won't do for current and former homeowners:

Q: Who stands to benefit?

A: Most of the money would go to some homeowners who are "underwater." That means they owe more on their loan than their home is worth. Many are struggling to make their payments and are at risk of foreclosure.

Yet because they have no home equity, they've been unable to refinance into a lower-rate loan. For about 1 million underwater homeowners, their loan principal will be reduced by an average of \$20,000. But more than 90 percent of underwater homeowners won't be helped. Some, however, might be eligible to refinance at a rate of 5.25 percent.

Q: How might the settlement help people avoid foreclosures?

A: It requires that banks make foreclosure a last resort. And it bars lenders from foreclosing on a homeowner who is being considered for a loan modification. If this worked ef-

fectively, "it would help borrowers, lenders, the entire country," said Ray Brescia, a visiting law professor at Yale University, who has tracked the housing crisis. But he cautioned that it would help only if diligently enforced.

Q: Who's eligible for relief?

A: Those whose loans are owned or guaranteed by private lenders. Roughly half the mortgages in the United States — about 30 million loans — are owned by private lenders. The other half are owned by government-controlled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Homeowners with these mortgages aren't eligible.

Q: How will the deal help those who unfairly lost their home to foreclosure due to robo-signing?

A: Roughly 750,000 households — about half who are eligible for aid under the deal — could get checks for \$2,000 if they lost their homes between 2008 and 2011. Critics note that that's not much relief for people who lost their homes when they were improperly foreclosed upon.

Q: Will homeowners and states still be able to take action against lenders on their own?

A: Homeowners who get checks will not lose their rights to sue lenders in court. And states will still be able to criminally charge lenders and servicers who engaged in deceptive or illegal foreclosure practices. Missouri, for example, charged a Georgia-based mortgage servicer and its founder last week on charges of

falsifying 68 notarized deeds on behalf of mortgage lenders.

Q: Could the settlement help repair the troubled housing market?

A: Possibly, but only in the long run. U.S. banks will likely process foreclosures faster now that a deal has been finalized. Foreclosure filings have slowed because of backlogged courts, judges skeptical of foreclosure documents and lenders awaiting a final government-backed deal. "If it helps 1 million homeowners over the next few years, it should help housing prices stabilize and start rising again," said Mark Zandi, economist at Moody's Analytics. "And this should unplug the foreclosure process."

Q: Is the settlement fair?

A: The deal forces the five largest mortgage lenders to reduce loans or send checks to nearly 2 million American households. But considering the range and depth of the U.S. housing crisis, the payout amounts to small change for the banks. And only a fraction of people who likely need help will get it.

Q: Who will enforce the terms of the deal?

A: North Carolina's banking commissioner, Joseph A. Smith Jr., will monitor enforcement. Lenders that violate the deal could face \$1 million penalties per violation and up to \$5 million for repeat violators.

The banks will also have to pay fines to the federal government if they don't use the funds to help mortgage holders.

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Deadline nears, Obama wants payroll tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is pressuring Congress to extend a payroll tax cut for the rest of the year as another deadline nears for Congress to act or see taxes go up for millions of working people.

Lawmakers agreed in December, after much bickering, on a two-month extension, but that runs out at the end of this month. Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday that Congress "needs to stop this middle-class tax hike from happening. Period. No drama. No delay."

Obama said the economic recovery must not be jeopardized by a failure to stop payroll taxes from rising, and he urged listeners to add their voices.

"I hope you'll pick up the phone, send a tweet, write an email, and tell your representative that they should get this done before it gets too late. Tell them not to play politics again by linking this debate to unrelated is-

sues. Tell them not to manufacture another needless standoff or crisis," Obama said. "Tell them not to stand in the way of the recovery. Tell them to just do their job. That's what our middle class needs. That's what our country needs."

Lawmakers have made halting progress on legislation to extend the tax cut. The bill also would renew jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed and prevent doctors from a 27 percent cut in their Medicare payments. But the plan costs \$150 billion-plus and lawmakers will have to find a way to pay for it.

The 2 percentage point cut in Social Security taxes is worth about \$1,000 per year for the average family, or \$40 per paycheck.

In the Republican radio address, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell applauded efforts by Republican governors across the country to contain government spending and reduce their state budget deficits. Speaking

ahead of Obama's release Monday of his 2013 budget, McDonnell said the federal budget will impede job creation by calling for tax increases and for continuing the administration's health care policies.

Obama's budget would allow Bush-era tax cuts for people in the upper brackets to expire. It also is expected to call for the elimination of corporate tax loopholes while calling for lower corporate tax rates.

McDonnell said Republicans can help create an environment that creates and sustains private sector jobs.

"We know that when we limit government to free up capital, and reduce onerous regulations and litigation, we spur private sector job creation."

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Massage parlors sue Warren to block law

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WARREN — An attorney who says he represents nine out of 10 massage parlors in Warren filed suit Friday against the city and originally sought to block enforcement of new legislation that goes into effect today.

Attorney Gary Rich was turned down for a temporary restraining order by Common Pleas Judge Peter Kontos, who pointed out that attorneys for the city weren't quickly available to argue against the restraining order.

Instead, Kontos set a hearing on a preliminary injunction for 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Rich, who filed the action with local attorney Dan Keating, said he wanted to stop the enforcement of the emergency legislation passed by City Council Jan. 25 and allow him time to argue the constitutionality of the new parlor regulations in court later.

"It's a matter of priorities with our city. And in this case, there hasn't been any complaints or police reports surrounding the operations of any recreational massage businesses," said Rich, who represents local spas that go by the names of Moon Night, Sunny, Fantasy, Hot Sun, Hong Kong, Fugi, Tokyo, Ocean Health and Tiger.

City Law Director Greg Hicks said he will be in court Tuesday to object to any injunction in the case. "Any ordinance passed by our City Council is deemed to be constitutionally sound unless deemed otherwise by a court," Hicks said.

Rich likened the city's priorities to a poor example of triage in an emergency room.

"I heard someone called this the most important legislation passed by the city in 25 years. Are you kidding? There were two dozen break-ins the same day the ordinance was passed.

"Drugs and prostitution is rampant. Paige & Burns moved out of the city after 91 years. Our roads are horrible. Where are the city's priorities?" Rich said.

"They are actually trying to close down legitimate businesses that are cleaner than some restaurants," Rich said. "This (legislation) is punitive, not regulatory."

His lawsuit takes issue with the ordinance being passed as an emergency, calling it an "illegal exercise of its powers (that) deprived the defendants and other interested citizens of the opportunity to have meaningful input on the proposed legislation."

Rich said the city has regulated the spas since 1995 without any violations and substantially raising the cost of doing business and that restricting the business hours is nothing more than a "veiled attempt to close the licensed business establishments through excessive and unreasonably expensive regulatory costs that bears no relation to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the community."

The new legislation closes the businesses between midnight and 6 a.m. and increases application fees and renewal filing fees from \$750 to \$1,800. Renewal application fees for a masseur or masseuse increase from \$65 to \$640 per year.

After two years of discussions, council members unanimously passed the slate of tougher regulations against the massage parlors, while warning that it will not do any good without strict enforcement by the city's police and health departments.

One council member pledged money for enforcement training, and at one point council members got applause from supporters in chambers.

Another council member said that neighboring communities should look at Warren's legislation and pass similar ones so that if the spas are forced to close in the city, they do not move elsewhere in Trumbull County.

Missing teen caught working as prostitute

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A 14-year-old girl who had been missing for nearly a year was arrested after Pittsburgh police say they caught her working as a prostitute.

Two adults were also arrested on prostitution-related charges.

Police say workers at Three Rivers Youth, a juvenile facility, reported the girl missing on March 3.

Police say detectives working on the case received a tip last month that the girl was posting provocative pictures of herself online.

They found a phone number from a website known for publishing prostitution-related ads.

Police say detectives arranged to meet the girl Friday at a hotel, where the three were arrested.

The unidentified girl was charged with prostitution.

A 22-year-old woman also was charged with prostitution, while a 36-year-old man was charged with multiple crimes, including sexual abuse of children.

Well becomes focus of search for bodies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A death row inmate has led authorities to an area of Northern California believed to be the burial sites of two victims of the notorious "Speed Freak Killers," as searchers focused Saturday on an abandoned well for any additional remains. A partial human skull and bones were found buried Friday on a remote property in Calaveras County. A day earlier, searchers found a skull and bones at another site in the area about 60 miles south of Sacramento.

They were led there by inmate Wesley Sherman, who was convicted of murdering 16-year-old Chevelle "Chevy" Wheeler. Authorities say he and childhood friend Loren Herzog killed the girl as part of a methamphetamine-fueled killing spree in the 1980s. The two were arrested in 1999. Deputy Les Garcia, spokesman for the San Joaquin County sheriff's department, said it would take time to identify the remains found Friday. But Wheeler's parents said authorities notified them that the remains were found in a spot where Sherman said their daughter was buried after she disappeared in 1985.

"They said they found her wrapped in a blanket," Paula Wheeler, the girl's mother, told The Associated Press by phone from the family's home in Crossville, Tenn. "This is a happy day. We can finally have some closure."

The remains found Thursday were thought to be of Cyndi Vanderheiden, a 25-year-old last seen in front of her Linden home in 1998. Both sets of remains were found in two sites near property once owned by Sherman's family. Sherman agreed to disclose the locations of bodies in return for a bounty hunter's offer of \$33,000. He is giving hand-drawn maps to authorities.



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▶ **NBA**



Philadelphia 76ers' Thaddeus Young, right, passes the ball away from Cleveland Cavaliers' Daniel Gibson (1) in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game on Saturday in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

Cavaliers' roster woes

Without Irving and Varejao, Cleveland falls to Philadelphia

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jrue Holiday scored 20 points to lead six Philadelphia players in double figures as the 76ers rolled to a 99-84 win over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday night.

Philadelphia bounced back from a difficult home loss to the Los Angeles Clippers on Friday night to break a season-high two-game losing streak.

Cleveland, which dropped an overtime decision to Milwaukee at home on Friday, played without two of its three leading scorers. The team announced before the game that center Anderson Varejao will be sidelined indefinitely because of a broken right wrist sustained Friday. Rookie point guard Kyrie Irving missed his third straight game with a concussion.

Antawn Jamison led Cleveland with 20 points, while Ramon Sessions — starting in place of Irving — scored 19 points and had eight assists.

Lou Williams scored 19 points and Thaddeus Young added 16 for Philadelphia.

The Sixers haven't lost three straight April 2-6 of last season and made quickly sure that wouldn't happen Saturday. Philadelphia scored 12 straight points after trailing 19-18 late in the first quarter. Williams scored nine points in the second period in which the 76ers put up 37 points and made nine of 21 shots. Philadelphia's biggest lead came at 54-35 late in the quarter.

Both teams came off tough defeats, but the Sixers were in a much better position to regroup. Philadelphia led Los Angeles for most of Friday's game, but Chris Paul's jump shot with 3.2 seconds left sent the Sixers to a 78-77 loss. The Cavaliers had a chance to win Friday's game in regulation, but Jamison missed two free throws with the game tied and 3.7 seconds remaining. Cleveland fell 113-112.

Philadelphia has played a league-high 18 home games, but started a stretch where it will play seven of eight on the road.

Cleveland has lost 10 of 14. Varejao is averaging 10.8 points with 11.5 rebounds, but the Cavaliers will miss his intensity and energy as much as his numbers. Semih Erden started at center, but was scoreless and had four fouls in 13 rebounds.

It's unclear when Irving, who leads Cleveland averaging 18 points a game, will be cleared to take part in practice sessions.

▶ **NHL**

Pens down Jets

Malkin stays hot in Pittsburgh win

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Evgeni Malkin, James Neal and Chris Kunitz have spent most of the last two months carrying the Pittsburgh Penguins while captain Sidney Crosby works his way back from concussion-like symptoms.

The Penguins' top line hardly looks weary from the burden.

Malkin added to his NHL-leading point total, scoring his 30th goal of the season and dishing out four assists as the trio combined for three goals and 11 points in an 8-5 whipping of the Win-

nipeg Jets on Saturday. "We talked before the game, we wanted to just move the puck," Malkin said. "We felt great, everyone. (We were) just moving the puck. It's an easy play."

At least, it's easy the way the Malkin and company are playing it. Kunitz had a goal and three assists, and Neal scored his 29th goal and added an assist as Pittsburgh roared back from an early 2-0 deficit to beat the Jets for the 10th straight time at home.

Jets coach Claude Noel lashed out at his team because of a lack of effort.

"Quite frankly, I find it disrespectful, you know, the players being disrespectful to each other, the goaltender

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In the net

Pittsburgh Penguins' Evgeni Malkin (71) gets a second-period goal behind Winnipeg Jets goalie Ondrej Pavelec (31) during an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh Saturday. (AP Photo)

▶ **NCAA BASKETBALL — NO. 11 MICHIGAN STATE TOPS NO. 3 BUCKEYES**

Oh, snap!

Spartans snap Ohio State's 39-home game winning streak



Big Ten showdown

Michigan State's Draymond Green (23) goes to the basket as Ohio State's Jared Sullinger (0) defends during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Saturday in Columbus. (AP Photo)

By RUSTY MILLER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Adreian Payne scored 15 points, Draymond Green had 12 and defense-minded No. 11 Michigan State beat No. 3 Ohio State 58-48 Saturday night, ending the Buckeyes' 39-game home winning streak.

The Spartans (20-5, 9-3) pulled into a tie with the Buckeyes (21-4, 9-3) for first place in the Big Ten.

Keith Appling had 14 points for Michigan State, which rode its smothering pressure to a 10-point halftime lead and never relented down the stretch. Payne finished 6 for 6 from the field and 3 for 4 on free throws.

Jared Sullinger had 17 points and 16 rebounds for Ohio State, but was 5 for 15 from the field. Aaron Craft added 15 points, but Deshaun Thomas and William Buford, averaging a combined 30 points, totaled just 12.

The Spartans held the Buckeyes almost 30 points under their average of 76.9 points a game. Ohio State shot just

26 percent from the field (14 for 53).

Ahead 35-25 at the half, the Spartans weathered an early Ohio State assault.

A quick field goal by Thomas and two Sullinger free throws pulled the Buckeyes within six, but it was also apparent that Sullinger, in particular, was growing frustrated by the defensive focus from the Spartans. He yelled after being fouled by Payne at the 18:27 mark, with Green then knocking the ball out of his hands.

Later, Sullinger and Green ended up

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▶ **GOLF**



Tiger Woods kneels on the 11th green at Pebble Beach Golf Links during the third round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament in Pebble Beach, Calif. on Saturday. (AP Photo)

Wi maintains lead as Tiger makes move

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Charlie Wi played bogey-free at Spyglass Hill for a 3-under 69 to build a three-shot lead Saturday in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Now it's time for him to face his demons of self-doubt — along with a familiar force in golf.

Tiger Woods took another step toward showing his game is nearly back. He ran off five birdies in a six-hole stretch early in his round at Pebble Beach and had a 5-under 67 that put him four shots behind going

LEADERBOARD	
Charlie Wi	-15
Ken Duk	-12
Tiger Woods	-11
Phil Mickelson	-9
Dustin Johnson	-9
Brendon Todd	-9
Hunter Mahan	-9
Bob Estes	-8
Rickey Barnes	-8
Padraig Harrington	-8

into the final round, the closest he has been to the 54-hole lead in a regular PGA Tour event since the 2010 Masters.

With a new swing, it's starting to look like the old Tiger.

"But the scenario doesn't change," Woods said. "The ultimate goal is to win a golf tournament."

That's something Wi has never done in 162 previous

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John Daly finishes fourth at Qatar Masters. What happens first, major for Tiger or another top 5 for Daly?


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AUTO RACING

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ESPN2 — NHRA, Winternationals, at Pomona, Calif. (same-day tape)

EXTREME SPORTS

3 p.m.
NBC — Winter Dew Tour, Toyota Championships, at Snowbasin, Utah

GOLF

10 a.m.
TGC — LPGA, Women's Australian Open, final round, at Black Rock, Australia (same-day tape)

1 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, final round, at Pebble Beach, Calif.

3 p.m.

CBS — PGA Tour, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, final round, at Pebble Beach, Calif.

7 p.m.

TGC — Champions Tour, Allianz Championship, final round, at Boca Raton, Fla. (same-day tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m.
CBS — Illinois at Michigan
ESPN — St. John's at Georgetown

5:30 p.m.

FSN — Washington at Oregon St.

7:30 p.m.

FSN — Stanford at Southern Cal

NBA

3:30 p.m.
ABC — Chicago at Boston
7 p.m.
ESPN — Miami at Atlanta

9:30 p.m.

ESPN — Utah at Memphis

NHL

12:30 p.m.
NBC — Washington at N.Y. Rangers

7:30 p.m.

NBCSN — Philadelphia at Detroit

RUGBY

2:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Sevens, semifinal, teams TBD, at Las Vegas

4:30 p.m.

NBC — Sevens, semifinal and championship match, teams TBD, at Las Vegas

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m.
FSN — Kansas at Kansas St.

2:30 p.m.

ESPN2 — Whiparound coverage, Marquette at DePaul, Miami at Maryland, Iowa St. at Texas Tech, and Arkansas at Auburn

3 p.m.

FSN — UCLA at Stanford

5 p.m.

ESPN2 — Whiparound coverage, St. John's at Rutgers, Florida at South Carolina, Purdue at Ohio St., and Wake Forest at NC State

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1937 — Cleveland is granted an NFL franchise. The Rams play in Cleveland for nine years before moving to Los Angeles. After the 1994 season, the Rams move to St. Louis.

1994 — Loy Allen Jr. becomes the first Winston Cup rookie to win a pole in the Daytona 500. Allen is .031 seconds quicker than six-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt.

1997 — Morocco's Hicham el Guerrouj breaks indoor track's oldest record, winning the mile in 3 minutes, 48.45 at the Flanders meet held in Ghent, Belgium. Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan ran 3:49.78 in 1983 in New York.

2005 — Allen Iverson scores 60 points, a career high, to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 112-99 victory over the Orlando Magic.

2007 — Duke, saddled by its first four-game losing skid in 11 years, falls out of The Associated Press poll for the first time since the end of the 1995-96 season. The Blue Devils had been in the media poll for 200 straight weeks — the second longest streak behind UCLA's record 221 weeks.

2010 — Nodar Kumaritashvili, a 21-year-old men's Olympic luger from the country of Georgia, dies after a crash during training for the Vancouver Games.

PREP ROUNDUP

Another win for West Branch

Lady Warriors improve to 17-2 with a win at Austintown Fitch

Girls Basketball
West Branch 64, Austintown Fitch 31

AUSTINTOWN — Melinda Trimmer scored 19 points and the Lady Warriors performed 18-of-19 from the line in a 64-31 win at Austin town Fitch on Saturday.



Pavin Heath and Rebekah Zets each scored 11 points to help West Branch to the win. Kelsey Loisel added eight. Heath also had eight rebounds. Fitch was led by Nissa Hill's

14 points.

The Warriors improved to 17-2 overall with the non-conference win, while Fitch dropped to 10-8. The J.V. Warriors coasted to a 47-28 victory.

WEST BRANCH: 10 11 20 23 — 64

FITCH: 0 12 12 7 — 31

WEST BRANCH SCORING: Katie Kubeck 1-0-2, Melinda Trimmer 6-6-19, Kelsey Losielle 2-4-8, Rebekah Zets 4-3-11, Niki Carlton 2-2-6, Pavin Haeth 5-0-11, Taryn Hahn 2-1-5, Erica Johnson 0-2-2. TEAM TOTALS: 22, 18-19, 64. FITCH SCORING: Sarah Meife 3-0-6, Megan Safeik 2-3-8, Nissa Hill 5-2-14, Briana Edwards 1-0-2, Alura Lynn 0-1-1. TEAM TOTALS: 11, 6-9, 31. THREE POINTERS: West Barnch 2 (Trimmer, Heath), Fitch 3 (Hill (2), Safeik).

Jr. High Boys
ITCL Tournament
Clips, Raiders, Lisbon, Springfield move on

LISBON — Columbiana, Springfield, South Range and Lisbon all moved forward in the ITCL Seventh Grade Tournament held at Lisbon on Saturday.

The Clippers defeated East Palestine 36-17 behind Burdett Baker's 15 points.

The Bulldogs' Trevor Kimmel scored six. Springfield downed Crestview 53-21. Caleb Mercer scored 15 for the victors, while

the Rebels' Jordan Murphy and Jacob Pancake each netted nine.

The Raiders beat the Golden Eagles 35-24. South Range's Taymer Graham and Nate Daniszewski each recorded six points.

United's Jake Clark scored 16 points.

The Blue Devils turned away Mineral Ridge 50-10 with Bailey McCullough scoring 18 for Lisbon and Jason Thompson chipping in 11. The Rams' Jacob Rhodes scored three.

The second round of the tournament will be played on Wednesday at Lisbon. Columbiana and Springfield will play at 5 p.m. South Range and Lisbon will meet at 6:15 p.m.

Both losing teams will play at 10 a.m. Saturday in the consolation final. The winning teams will play at 11:15 a.m. for the championship.

Lisbon eighth-grade team wins Round 1

NEW MIDDLETOWN — The Lisbon eighth-grade boys basketball team won a first-round ITCL tournament game on Saturday.

The Blue Devils defeated Springfield 44-26. Austin Rutecki scored 19 for Lisbon. Avery Andric added 10 points.

Lisbon will play at Springfield against South Range on Monday.

NBC Tournament
Louisville, Carrollton, Salem, Alliance win

BELOIT — Louisville, Carrollton, Salem and Alliance all earned first-round wins in the NBC Eighth Grade Tournament on Saturday at West Branch.

Louisville topped Canton South 51-23. The Leopards' Stephan Kerzan scored 10. Carrollton defeated West Branch 36-23.

NCAA BASKETBALL

NO. 2 Syracuse beats UConn; No. 4 Missouri tops No. 4 Baylor

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Scoop Jardine sparked a game-deciding rally with 3-pointers on consecutive possessions in the closing minutes, and No. 2 Syracuse beat Connecticut 85-67 on Saturday.

Jardine had a season-high 21 points as Syracuse (25-1, 12-1 Big East) earned its fifth consecutive win since suffering its only loss of the season at Notre Dame.

Connecticut trailed the entire second half but closed to 63-61 on a free throw by Tyler Olander with 6:26 to go.

Jardine then hit 3-pointers from the right side as the Orange closed the game with a 19-3 surge.

Jeremy Lamb scored 18 points for Connecticut (15-9, 5-7), which has lost six of seven.

No. 4 Missouri 72, No. 6 Baylor 57
COLUMBIA, Mo. — Phil Pressey scored 19 points, making four of Missouri's season-best 14 3-pointers.

Sixth man Michael Dixon also had four 3-pointers and Marcus Denmon added three for Missouri (23-2, 10-2 Big 12), which shot 50 percent from long range.

Missouri is 14-0 at home and got an easier test a week after needing an 11-0 run to beat Kansas by three. Both games were sellouts although the matchup against Baylor (21-4, 8-4), carrying a higher ranking, failed to match that atmosphere.

Quincy Miller had 20 points and Perry Jones III had just four on 2-for-12 shooting for Baylor.

No. 5 N. Carolina 70, No. 19 Virginia

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tyler Zeller had 25 points and nine rebounds to power North Carolina to the victory.

Harrison Barnes added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Tar Heels (21-4, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who regrouped from Wednesday night's stunning loss to rival Duke on a last-second 3-pointer. North Carolina blew the game open with a 22-5 run that

started early in the second half, with Zeller scoring seven points during the spurt that pushed the Tar Heels to a 15-point lead with about 6½ minutes left.

No. 7 Kansas 81, Oklahoma State 66

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Jeff Withey and Thomas Robinson each logged impressive double-doubles for Kansas, which wasted a big chunk of a 29-point second-half cushion before pulling away for the victory.

Withey finished with 18 points and a career-best 20 rebounds, while Robinson burned his player of the year credentials with 24 points and 14 boards for his 18th double-double of the season.

Tyshawn Taylor added 12 points, Elijah Johnson had 11 and Travis Releford 10 for the Jayhawks (20-5, 10-2 Big 12), whose 55-26 lead was trimmed to a dozen with 6:43 to go.

Tennessee 75, No. 8 Florida 70

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Trae Golden scored 17 points, Jeronne Maymon added 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Tennessee ended Florida's home-winning streak at 19.

Coming off a 20-point loss at top-ranked Kentucky and wearing gray uniforms to commemorate the program's back-to-back national championships in 2006 and 2007, Florida trailed by double digits early and never mustered anything resembling a comeback.

It didn't help that the Gators (19-6, 7-3 Southeastern Conference) played most of the game without their top two reserves, guard Mike Rosario and forward Will Yeguede.

Rosario missed the game because of a hip pointer, and Yeguede suffered a head injury early in the first half when he slammed into the padding at the base of the basket.

Skylar McBee had 13 points for Tennessee (13-12, 5-5), which swept the season series for the first time since 2009.

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on the floor after tangling on a rebound. But that was the last skirmish between the two frontrunners for Big Ten player of the year.

Sullinger finished with 10 turnovers — Ohio State totaled 15.

Green had nine rebounds, two assists and a steal to go with his 12 points. He drew extra attention every time he touched the ball, but Ohio State was not able to neutralize him as the Spar-

tans did Sullinger.

Despite the early surge by Ohio State, things still didn't change for the Spartans. Sullinger seldom if ever got an open view of the hoop and Buford and Thomas failed to relieve the pressure by hitting perimeter shots.

Buford had what appeared to be an open lane to the basket but Payne blocked the shot, with Appling scoring quickly at the other end to make it 44-34.

Swapping body blows and occasional buckets,

No. 10 Duke 73, Maryland 55

DURHAM, N.C. — Miles Plumlee had 13 points and a career-high 22 rebounds, helping Duke pull away for the win.

Seth Curry scored 19 points and Mason Plumlee added 16 points and 10 rebounds while big brother Miles became the first Duke player with 20 rebounds since Elton Brand in 1998.

No. 14 UNLV 65, No. 13 San Diego St. 63

LAS VEGAS — Mike Moser scored 19 points and made a key steal late that helped UNLV to the close victory.

The Runnin' Rebels (22-4, 6-2 Mountain West) forced three turnovers in the final 42 seconds to win.

Moser's steal and pass set up Anthony Marshall for the go-ahead layup. The Aztecs' Chase Tapley had made a 3-pointer to put San Diego State up by one with less than two minutes to play.

San Diego State (20-4, 6-2) didn't score again, despite several chances to tie or take the lead. Tapley finished with 22 points.

No. 15 Florida State 64, Miami 59

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Bernard James scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half and Florida State snapped Miami's five-game winning streak.

Michael Snaer had 12 points and Ian Miller finished with 11 for Florida State (17-7, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), which bounced back from a disappointing 64-60 loss at Boston College on Wednesday.

The 6-foot-10 James went 7 for 8 from the field in the second half and matched his career scoring high. The 27-year-old Air Force veteran also had six rebounds, blocked four shots and added two steals.

Kenny Kadji led Miami (15-8, 6-4) with 14 points and Durand Scott added 12.

Wichita State 89, No. 17 Creighton 68

OMAHA, Neb. — Joe Ragland scored 24 points, Ben Smith matched his ca-

reer high with 22 and Wichita State moved a step closer to the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season championship.

Wichita State (22-4, 13-2) has won 12 of its last 13 games and 20 of 22. The Bluejays (21-5, 11-4) have lost three straight.

reer high with 22 and Wichita State moved a step closer to the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season championship.

Shane Ellsworth and Jeremy Gorby each netted six points for West Branch.

Carrollton's Isaiah Donahue scored 10 and Luke Leslie scored seven.

Salem came out on top of Marlinton 38-34. D.J. Pullie registered 19 and Trey Toothman added 11.

The Dukes' Jacob Beague scored 12.

Alliance outdid Minerva 27-15. The Aviators' Malcolm Sampson scored seven, while the Lions' Dylan Ossler notched four.

No. 1 Louisville will meet No. 4 Carrollton on Monday at 5 p.m. No. 2 Alliance will meet No. 6 Salem at 6:30 p.m.

Jr. High Girls
ITCL Tournament
Raiders, Eagles, Clips and Devils advance

COLUMBIANA — South Range, East Palestine, Columbiana and Lisbon all advanced in the ITCL Upper Tier Eighth Grade Tournament on Saturday.

South Range defeated Mineral Ridge 43-9 with 22 points from Emily Moretti.

The Rams' Macey Garland scored four points. United edged East Palestine 28-24.

Lauren Beech scored 14 for the Eagles, while the Bulldogs were led by Haley Hall's eight points.

The Clippers downed Crestview 47-10.

Elise Hammonds notched 22 for Columbiana. The Rebels' Taylor Colbebtz scored four.

Lisbon beat Springfield 22-12. The Blue Devils' Taylor Sieke scored nine points. Springfield's Quinn Crowe came up with seven.

On Monday, South Range will take on United at 6:15 p.m. Columbiana will play at 5 p.m.

ton Siva scored 10.

Blackshear, a McDonald's All-American, saw in his first action of the season. He injured his right shoulder in October and wore a protective sleeve in the game on his 20th birthday.

Kevin Jones had 22 points and 11 rebounds for West Virginia (16-10, 6-7).

Princeton 70, No. 25 Harvard 62

PRINCETON, N.J. — Ian Hummer had 20 points and Princeton handed Harvard its first Ivy League loss of the season.

T.J. Bray added 12 points for the Tigers (13-10, 4-3), who defeated the Crimson at home for the 23rd straight time. Princeton has not lost to Harvard at Jadwin Gym since 1989.

Keith Wright had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Harvard (21-3, 7-1), which had won nine straight and was attempting to go 8-0 in the Ivy League for the first time. Brandyn Curry had 15 points and Kyle Casey added 12 points and eight rebounds.

Youngstown State 71, Valparaiso 53

YOUNGSTOWN — Kendrick Perry scored 23 points and Dushawn Brooks had 20 points and nine rebounds as Youngstown State rolled to a 71-53 victory over Horizon League leader Valparaiso on Saturday night.

Brooks scored eight points and Perry six during a 16-0 first-half run that gave the Penguins (14-11, 9-6) a 28-16 lead, as they defeated the Crusaders (18-9, 11-4) for the first time in their last 15 meetings.

Blake Allen hit three straight jumpers for Youngstown State during a 10-0 second-half run that increased the lead to 44-27 with 14:57 remaining.

The Crusaders, who shot 31.9 percent (15 of 47), never got closer than 13 points the rest of the way.

Richie Edwards led Valparaiso with 19 points.

Valparaiso, which took over first place by beating Cleveland State on Thursday night, held on to the top spot as Cleveland State lost 52-49 to Butler Saturday night.

layup to stretch the lead to 10.

Ohio State never got closer than eight again.

The teams will meet again in the regular-season finale on March 4 in East Lansing, Mich.

The Buckeyes had won the last three meetings, although Michigan State has now won six of the last eight in Columbus.

There were few surprises in a first half that was both physical and dominated by defense.

Payne made all five of his shots from the field

and led all scorers with 11 points. At the other end, the Spartans surrounded Sullinger whenever he got the ball low. As a result, he was just 2 of 6 from the field with some awkward attempts in traffic. He did have nine points and eight rebounds, but also was forced into five turnovers.

Ohio State had not lost at home since falling to Purdue two years ago. The 39-game streak was the second-longest in the nation, and the second-longest in school history behind the 50 in a row in the early 1960s.

▶ GOLF

Korda takes 1-shot lead at Down Under

U.S. teen shoots par 73 in windy conditions at Royal Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — American teenager Jessica Korda moved into position for a two-sport, father-daughter Australian double, shooting par 73 in windy conditions Saturday to take a 1-shot lead at the Women's Australian Open at Royal Melbourne.

Korda, the 18-year-old daughter of 1998 Australian Open tennis champion Petr Korda, had a 4-under 215 total in the LPGA Tour opener on the historic club's difficult Composite Course. She opened with rounds of 72 and 70 at the 2011 Presidents Cup venue that's hosting a women's professional event for the first time.

"It would mean a lot," Korda said about following her father with a Melbourne victory. "My Dad was world No. 2. I told him I want to beat that. It would be a great accomplishment, an awesome thing."

So Yeon Ryu, the U.S. Women's Open champion who took a one-stroke lead into the third round, was a stroke back along with fellow South Korean player Hee Kyung Seo and Australia's Nikki Campbell. Ryu shot a 76, Seo had a 75, and Campbell a 70.

"Normally my play style is very aggressive, but this course, it's definitely not," Ryu said. "Always my plan is just par."

Top-ranked Yani Tseng, the winner the last two years at Commonwealth Golf Club, topped the group at 2 under after a 71. The Taiwanese star was still smarting from a three-hole stretch Friday in her second-round 76 when she dropped six strokes with a quadruple-bogey 8 and two bogeys.

"I think I'm in very good position, especially with a course like this," Tseng said. "So, tomorrow I'll play more aggressive and try to get as many birdies as I can."

She knows that could get her in trouble.

"Today, I just tried to slow down a bit and be patient all the time because these greens, it's hard to make birdie and easy to make bogey," Tseng said. "So, you also just have to be patient."

Canada's Lorie Kane and American Katie Futcher also were 2 under. The 47-year-old Kane had a 72, and Futcher shot a 71.

Korda birdied Nos. 7, 9 and 10 — all par 4s — for a share of the lead with Ryu at 6 under, but dropped strokes with bogeys on the par-4 13th and par-5 17th.

"As things started going on and on, I started feeling shaky as the wind gusted toward the end of the day," she said. "I finished pretty

strong and kept at level par."

Last year as a rookie, she made eight cuts in 15 LPGA Tour starts.

"It was a learning curve," Korda said. "I was finishing up high school, so it was more of a juggling act than anything. I was not grown up enough. I had to realize a lot of things. It was tough. It was not an easy conversation to have with myself and with my team. I had to grow up a lot last year."

Ryu birdied the second and third holes to reach 8 under, but played her final 14 holes in 5 over with six bogeys and a birdie. She bogeyed the par-4 18th to drop out of a tie for the lead.

Campbell had the best round of the day with her 70. She had five birdies and two bogeys.

"Every player would want to win her national championship in any sport," said Campbell, a regular on the Japan LPGA. "Being in a position where I have a chance is more than I could have asked for."

Only nine players were under par after three rounds, with long-hitting American Brittany Lincicome and Paraguay's Julieta Granada three strokes back at 1 under. Lincicome had a 73, and Granada shot a 76.

A day after shooting a tournament-best 66, Seo had three birdies, three bo-

geys and double bogey in her 75.

"It's one of the hardest courses I have ever played," said Seo, a playoff loser to Ryu last year in the U.S. Women's Open. "It's probably in the top five or the top three and sometimes the breeze is quite crazy. Also the greens are firm and fast, plus the undulations. Most of the players struggled at times, but that's golf."

American Stacy Lewis, 4 under after opening rounds of 69 and 73, was even par after a 77.

Fourteen-year-old New Zealand amateur Lydia Ko was 3 over after a 72, one of only nine sub-par rounds Saturday. She won the New South Wales Open two weeks ago to become the youngest winner of a sanctioned professional tour event.

Australian star Karrie Webb, a four-time winner in the event, was 6 over after her third straight 75.

Second-ranked Suzann Pettersen also was 6 over after a 74. The Norwegian star opened with an 80 — the second-highest score of her LPGA Tour career — and had a 71 on Friday to make the cut.

The LPGA Tour is sanctioning the national championship for the first time, teaming with Australian Ladies Professional Golf and the Ladies European Tour.

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Pavin, Senior tied for lead at Allianz

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Corey Pavin and Peter Senior — both winless on the Champions Tour — shared the lead Saturday after the second round of the Allianz Championship at Broken Sound Golf Club.

Pavin followed his opening 8-under 64 with a 70 to match Senior at 10 under. Senior had a 68. Mark Calcavecchia and Bernhard Langer were a stroke back. Calcavecchia had a 68, and Langer a 69.

Pavin had a two-shot lead with two holes left, but bogeyed the 17th — his lone bogey of the day — and Senior birdied the 18th. Pavin is making his 35th career Champions Tour start, Senior his 48th.

First black NBA player gets honor at Hawks game

ATLANTA (AP) — Earl Lloyd remembers when he suited up for the Washington Capitols more than 60 years ago as the first black to play in an NBA game and wondering if he would make a good enough impression to stick around.

Lloyd and the Capitols lost the game. But he played well enough to earn a roster spot and break the color barrier in a league that had only three black players in 1950 and now features the highest percentage of African-American athletes in any of the major professional leagues.

"Before the game, I was terrified," recalled Lloyd, who scored six points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Capitols in a 78-70 loss to the Rochester Royals on Oct. 31, 1950. "I had a fear of disappointing the people who depended on me. Luckily, letting people down was not a part of my DNA."

"I'm glad I was part of something that helped pave the way for others."

Now, as part of Black History Month, the 83-year-old Hall of Famer will be honored for his breakthrough at halftime of the Atlanta Hawks-Miami Heat game on Sunday. The former West Virginia State standout along with six other African-Americans will be recognized at all Hawks home games this month.

"I'm blessed to still have my health," said Lloyd, who also became the Detroit Pistons first black coach in 1971. "I know that there are a lot of people who didn't make it to 61 years of age. So for me to be around this long and still get some recognition."

Since Lloyd made history, the NBA has increased its number of black players to 78 percent, according to the league's racial and gender report last year. About 83 percent of the players in the league are people of color.

Lloyd, who was drafted in the seventh round, was one of three blacks to play in the NBA in 1950. His debut was a couple of days before two other African-Americans who helped integrate the NBA — Chuck Cooper of the Boston Celtics, the first black draftee; and Nat Clifton of the New York Knicks, the first black to sign a league contract.

The 6-foot-5 Lloyd had his best season in 1955, averaging 10.2 points and 7.7 rebounds for Syracuse, which beat Fort Wayne for the NBA title. He and Jim Tucker became the first blacks to play on an NBA championship team.

Lloyd played in more than 560 NBA games in the league and became known for his defensive prowess. In eight seasons, he averaged 8.4 points and 6.4 rebounds.

NCAA denies UConn waiver request

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — The NCAA on Friday turned down the University of Connecticut's request for a waiver that would allow its men's basketball team to play in the 2013 national championship tournament.

UConn doesn't qualify for the tournament because of below-standard academic results, but it requested a waiver last month.

The school proposed alternate penalties, including playing a shorter schedule next season, forfeiting the revenue awarded to the Big East for participating in the 2013 tournament, and barring coach Jim Calhoun from meeting off-campus with prospective recruits during the fall 2012 contact period.

University President Susan Herbst said she's disappointed by the decision of NCAA staff to reject that proposal, but said the school will appeal.

Under rules approved in October, a school must have a two-year average score of 930 or a four-year average of 900 on the NCAA's annual Academic Progress Rate, which measures the academic performance of student athletes.

Connecticut's men's basketball scored 826 for the 2009-10 school year. UConn's score for the 2010-11 school year is expected to be about 975.

That would not be high enough. It would give Connecticut a two-year score of 900.5 and a four-year average of 888.5.

In its waiver request, obtained this week by The Associated Press under a Freedom of Information request, UConn proposes it be allowed to play in the tournament if it agrees to forfeit the tournament revenue, reduce the number of regular-season games played in the 2012-13 season from 27 to 23 and bar Calhoun from meeting off-campus with prospective recruits during the fall 2012 contact period.

Parents: Hazed students not allowed to play sports

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The parents of two boys who say the teens were punched during high school baseball hazing rituals say they're being victimized again — this time because they aren't being allowed to play sports after switching schools.

State rules prevent high school students from switching districts just to play sports, ostensibly to prevent star athletes from essentially being recruited by rival districts. But the parents of these two boys say school officials made no effort to help them escape the hazing that sent them both to hospitals for treatment.

Both boys, who were 15 years old at the time of the alleged abuse last year at Picayune Memorial High School, transferred to other schools because they said the verbal tormenting persisted after the physical abuse. But the Mississippi High School Athletic Association ruled them ineligible to play sports, a move that caused one boy's new school to forfeit more than a dozen basketball game wins because he had been on the team.

The boys had applied for a hardship from the association, which would have allowed them to play sports. But the guidelines allow such exceptions only for medical reasons, and the boys' request was denied.

"I want to bring it to the public what they are condoning. They are not worried about the kids," said Brent Travis, who said his son Christian was punched so hard by a teammate in January 2011 that he may have fractured a rib. The doctor couldn't tell on the X-ray because the boy's bruise was so severe, Travis said.

Travis said the boy who punched his son is the Picayune School District superintendent's nephew. The boy was given a two-game suspension, but that was reduced to a one-game suspension, Travis said.

The superintendent, Dean Shaw, didn't respond to a message left by The Associated Press on Friday. Brent Harrell, assistant superintendent, said officials couldn't comment because of pending litigation in a separate case.

Travis' son is the second player to come forward with allegations of hazing at Picayune Memorial. Amy Dixon said she removed both her sons from Picayune after the older one, Jeffrey Dixon Jr., suffered a seizure and was hospitalized after being punched in the chest before a game in April 2011.

No one has been criminally charged.

Westwood has 1-shot lead in Dubai; McIlroy 2 back

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Lee Westwood took advantage of some shaky play from Rory McIlroy and Thomas Bjorn, shooting a 5-under 67 for a one-stroke lead on Rafael

Cabrera-Bello after the third round of the Dubai Desert Classic.

Westwood was three shots behind overnight leaders McIlroy and Bjorn at the start of the round but

closed the gap with three birdies in his first four holes. The third-ranked Englishman birdied the 13th for a share of the lead with Bjorn and led when the Dane bogeyed the 15th.

"I got off to a good start," Westwood said. "The only time I dropped two shots was when I hit two poor drives on 6 into the left rough, got a heavy lie and at 8 hit it into the sand on right. Other than that, very solid and gave myself lots of birdie chances."

Joining Cabrera-Bello at one-shot back were Stephen Gallacher (68) and Marcel Siem (68). McIlroy, who struggled early, finished with a 72 to trail Westwood by two shots. Bjorn was three behind the leader with a 73.

Coming into Saturday, it appeared Westwood's biggest challengers this weekend would be U.S. Open champion McIlroy and Bjorn, who beat Tiger Woods in 2001 to take the Dubai title.

But McIlroy's tee shot on No. 7 went into the water for his first bogey. He had three more bogeys on the back nine.

"It was pretty ragged to say the least," McIlroy said. "I think the conditions were a little tougher, the wind got up. The greens got a little firmer, pin positions were a little tougher ... just definitely didn't come as easy to me as it did the first couple of days."

With McIlroy faltering, it seemed the 40-year-old Bjorn would take advantage. He took the lead with a birdie at No. 7 and added another birdie on No. 10. But he struggled on the remainder the back nine after a tee shot in the bunker led to a bogey on 15. Bjorn added two more bogeys in his last three holes.

McIlroy stayed in contention, making three birdies on the back nine, including the 18th. McIlroy said he had a similar experience in Hong Kong where he shot a 65 to win the tournament, so he's confident of claiming his first victory in Dubai since 2009.

"Today is just not going to be a day where you hit it well and you're going to make plenty of birdies and give yourself opportunities," he said. "A day like today, you just have to try to stay as close to the leaders as possible and not let them get away from you. That's what we tried to do today, and luckily I'm only two back."

Joining McIlroy were Martin Kaymer (70), Scott Jamieson (70) and Joel Sjoeholm (66). Bjorn was in a three-way tie for ninth with George Coetzee (69) and Ben Curtis (67).

With 21 European Tour titles, Westwood is a veteran among the three players who trail by one shot. They've earned a combined three titles.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	19	9	.679	—
Boston	14	12	.538	4
New York	12	15	.444	6½
Toronto	9	19	.321	10
New Jersey	8	20	.286	11
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	7	.741	—
Alliant	18	9	.667	2
Orlando	16	11	.593	4
Washington	5	22	.185	15
Charlotte	3	24	.111	17
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	23	6	.793	—
Indiana	17	10	.630	5
Milwaukee	12	14	.462	9½
Cleveland	10	16	.385	11½
Detroit	8	20	.286	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	9	.667	—
Dallas	16	11	.593	2
Houston	16	11	.593	2
Memphis	14	13	.519	4
New Orleans	4	23	.148	14
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	21	6	.778	—
Denver	16	12	.571	5½
Portland	15	12	.556	6
Utah	13	12	.520	7
Minnesota	13	14	.481	8
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	17	8	.680	—
L.A. Lakers	15	12	.556	3
Phoenix	11	15	.423	6½
Golden State	9	14	.391	7
Sacramento	10	16	.385	7½

Friday's Games	
Chicago 95, Charlotte 64	
Toronto 86, Boston 74	
Atlanta 89, Orlando 87, OT	
Miami 106, Washington 89	
L.A. Clippers 78, Philadelphia 77	
Milwaukee 113, Cleveland 112, OT	
Detroit 109, New Jersey 92	
Portland 94, New Orleans 86	
Dallas 104, Minnesota 97	
Memphis 98, Indiana 92	
New York 92, L.A. Lakers 85	
Oklahoma City 101, Utah 87	
Saturday's Games	
L.A. Clippers 111, Charlotte 86	
Denver 113, Indiana 109	
Philadelphia 99, Cleveland 84	

▶ **PENS BOX**

Winnipeg 2 1-2—5
Pittsburgh 2 3-3—8
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Wellwood 11 (Enstrom, Byfuglien), 5:17. 2, Winnipeg, Burmistrov 10 (Miettinen, Stapleton), 8:04. 3, Pittsburgh, Jeffrey 3 (Staal, Letang), 12:11. 4, Pittsburgh, Neal 29 (Malkin), 16:42.
Second Period—5, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 15 (Malkin, Fleury), 3:12 (pp), 6, Pittsburgh, Letang 6 (Malkin, Kunitz), 9:53. 7, Winnipeg, Stapleton 8 (Wheeler), 14:19. 8, Pittsburgh, Malkin 30 (Kunitz, Neal), 17:08.

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was at 15-under 199, has a 54-hole lead for only the second time on tour. He had a one-shot lead at Colonial last year and was runner-up to David Toms.

This time, Wi will be in the last group with someone in a familiar spot. Ken Duke, who is winless in 142 starts on the PGA Tour, shot a 65 at Monterey Peninsula.

The last two weeks haven't been too kind to 54-hole leaders. Kyle Stanley lost a five-shot lead at Torrey Pines, and Spencer Levin blew a six-shot lead the following week in the Phoenix Open. Both were going for their first PGA Tour win.

Your turn, Charlie. "I haven't really thought about that," Wi said, when asked if it were a blessing or a burden to be in front. "But I enjoy being in the lead. It's a lot more fun than trying to come from behind. I know that tonight is going to be very exciting, and I'm sure I won't sleep as well as if I'm in 50th place. But that's what we play for, and I'm really excited."

Along with Woods in the hunt, Phil Mickelson managed to stay in contention despite playing the par 5s at Pebble Beach in 1-over par. He saved par on the 18th for a 70. That put him in a tie for fourth, six shots behind, and a possible date in the final round with Woods.

Padraig Harrington was chasing the lead until a sloppy finish at Spyglass Hill — a bogey on the par-5 seventh, and a double bogey on the eighth. He had to settle for a 72 and dropped seven shots behind in a tie for ninth.

Even so, it served up quite the finale for Sunday.

Wi is No. 175 in the world, while Duke is at No. 258. They have combined for 304 starts without a win. Right behind them are Woods and Mickelson, who have combined for 18 majors and 110 PGA Tour wins.

Also in the group at 9-under 205 are two-time Pebble Beach winner Dustin Johnson, who had a 70 at Monterey Peninsula, and Hunter Mahan, who had a 70 at Spyglass Hill.

With a short burst of birdies, it looked as though

▶ **NHL**

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
N.Y. Rangers	53	35	13	5	75	150	108			
Philadelphia	55	31	17	7	69	179	165			
Pittsburgh	55	31	19	5	67	171	146			
New Jersey	55	31	20	4	66	154	155			
N.Y. Islanders	54	23	23	8	54	130	155			
Northeast Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Boston	53	34	17	2	70	184	120			
Ottawa	58	28	22	8	64	169	181			
Toronto	56	28	26	6	62	171	166			
Montreal	56	23	24	9	55	149	149			
Buffalo	55	24	25	6	54	136	158			
Southeast Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Florida	54	26	17	11	63	137	151			
Washington	54	28	21	5	61	151	152			
Winnipeg	57	26	25	6	58	139	161			
Tampa Bay	54	24	24	6	54	153	171			
Carolina	56	20	25	11	51	142	172			
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Detroit	56	37	17	2	76	178	132			
St. Louis	53	32	14	7	71	133	109			
Nashville	56	32	18	6	70	158	148			
Chicago	55	29	19	7	65	174	168			
Columbus	54	15	33	6	36	125	179			
Northwest Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Vancouver	54	34	15	5	73	176	135			
Colorado	56	28	25	3	59	144	156			
Minnesota	54	25	21	8	58	124	141			
Calgary	55	25	22	8	58	131	149			
Edmonton	55	22	28	5	49	147	165			
Pacific Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
San Jose	52	30	16	6	66	153	124			
Los Angeles	56	26	19	11	63	120	122			
Phoenix	55	26	21	8	60	145	144			
Dallas	54	28	23	3	59	143	153			
Anaheim	54	21	24	9	51	139	160			

Friday's Games	
Buffalo 3, Dallas 2, SO	
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1, SO	
Colorado 4, Carolina 3, OT	
San Jose 5, Chicago 3	
Saturday's Games	
Boston 4, Nashville 3, SO	
Florida 3, New Jersey 1	
N.Y. Islanders 2, Los Angeles 1, OT	
N.Y. Rangers 5, Philadelphia 2	
Edmonton 4, Ottawa 3, OT	
Pittsburgh 8, Winnipeg 5	
Tampa Bay 2, Buffalo 1	
Montreal 5, Toronto 0	

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

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▶ **SLALOM**

SOLDEU-GRANDVALIRA, Andorra (AP) — Marlies Schild of Austria won her sixth World Cup slalom of the season Saturday after over-all leader Lindsey Vonn and defending champion Maria Hoefl-Riesch crashed out in the opening run on the windy Pyrenees course. Schild blazed through the 59 gates to clock a best time of 1 minute, 39.44 seconds. She's one victory shy of 34 slalom wins held by Swiss great Vreni Schneider. Vonn started the first run well, but fell after taking a gate wide and slid down the center of the hill. Frida Hansdotter of Sweden trailed Schild by 0.80 seconds, while Kathrin Zettel of Austria was 0.86 seconds back in third.

Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 10-4-11—25. Pittsburgh 14-15-10—39.
Goals—Winnipeg, Pavelec. Pittsburgh, Fleury. A—18,602 (18,387). T—2-24.

Woods was having a blast. Coming off his lone bogey at No. 12, Woods looked as though he were headed for another one. From the left fairway bunker on the 13th, he overcut his 9-iron so much that it was headed for deep rough right of the green. Instead, it bounced off a mound back toward the green, took the grain and settled a foot beneath the hole for a tap-in birdie.

Woods watched the ball take the hard hop, listened to the gallery around the green cheer wildly, and just smiled. "Looked like I was having a tough time making par, and I was making birdie, and off we go," Woods said. "Sometimes, we need those type of momentum swings in a round, and from there, I made some putts."

He rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 14th, then had a 25-foot putt up the slope on the 15th. One of the amateurs in his group had a similar putt, so Woods was able to look at the break. He learned well, extending his left arm as he often does before the putt drops. And it did.

Woods made good birdie putts from 20 feet on the 17th and 8 feet on the 18th, where he also got a small break. Not wanting to hit driver in the first place because he couldn't reach in two, he came out of the shot. It looked like it might go out-of-bounds until it hit a CBS spotter and settled behind the bunkers.

Woods made an easy birdie on the par-5 second, but that was hit. He had to save par on the short par-4 fourth from a bunker, and didn't give himself enough good looks the rest of the way.

No matter. He moved up the leaderboard, higher than he has been in some time on this tour.

Woods played in the final group two weeks ago in Abu Dhabi, tied for the lead with Robert Rock, and he had his poorest day striking the ball and finished in a tie for third. He played in the final group at his Chevron World Challenge at the end of last year and birdied the last two holes to beat Zach Johnson.

Woods doesn't distinguish between tours, or even official events. Winning is winning. Losing is losing. All he sees at the moment is progress, and it's hard to

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▶ **DAVIS CUP**

GRAHAM DUNBAR, AP Sports Writer
FRIBOURG, Switzerland (AP) — Given a supremely tough draw in the 2012 Davis Cup, the United States is off to an exhilarating start. It swept Roger Federer and Switzerland in the first round, with Mardy Fish and Mike Bryan winning the doubles match on clay, a surface selected by Federer to exploit what was perceived as an American weakness.

But Fish and Bryan, paired for the first time in more than three years, were clearly up for this challenge Saturday before a Swiss crowd that at times turned angry. They defeated Federer and Stanislav Wawrinka, the reigning Olympic champions, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. "This is probably going down as one of the most memorable (wins)," said Bryan, who played on the 2007 winning team. The doubles victory gave the Americans a 3-0 lead in the best-of-five, first-round series. Fish and Bryan built on the momentum from Friday's riveting singles matches when John Isner stunned Federer in four sets and Fish outlasted Wawrinka in five.

Handling partisan fans is among those demands, and sections of the crowd of some 7,000 were not pleased in the least when Bryan hit Federer and Wawrinka with volleys at close range.

The U.S. will again be on the road for the next round of Davis Cup, an April 6-8 quarterfinal against France or Canada.

In the seven other first-round series in the World Group, three other nations completed 3-0 sweeps Saturday. Czech Republic (vs. Italy), Spain (vs. Kazakhstan) and Argentina (vs. Germany). Ahead 2-1 are Japan (vs. Croatia), Serbia (vs. Sweden) and Austria (vs. Russia). Canada and France are 1-1.

Charlie Wi	61m-69p-69s—199-15
Ken Duke	64p-73s-65m—202-12
Tiger Woods	68s-68m-67p—203-11
Phil Mickelson	70s-65m-70p—205-9
Kevin Na	66s-69m-70p—205-9
Dustin Johnson	63p-72s-70m—205-9
Brendon Todd	67p-69s-69m—205-9
Hunter Mahan	65m-70p-70s—205-9
Bob Estes	67s-70m-69p—206-8
Ricky Barnes	70s-66m-70p—206-8
Padraig Harrington	68m-66p-72s—206-8
Aaron Baddeley	66m-72p-69s—207-7
Kevin Strelman	70m-69p-68s—207-7
Ryan Palmer	72p-71s-64m—207-7
Ryan Moore	72s-64m-71p—207-7
Geoff Ogilvy	70m-69p-68s—207-7
Greg Owen	68s-67m-72p—207-7
Vijay Singh	68p-68s-71m—207-7
Jason Kokrak	68m-67p-72s—207-7
Jimmy Walker	69s-68m-71p—208-6
Nick Watney	66s-73m-69p—208-6
Joseph Bramlett	66m-69p-73s—208-6
Shane Bertsch	68p-75s-65m—208-6
Brian Gay	69s-65m-74p—208-6
Brian Harman	64p-73s-71m—208-6
Robert Garrigus	68m-69p-71s—208-6
Jonas Blixt	70p-69s-69m—208-6
Roland Thatcher	71p-68s-70m—209-5
Mathew Goggin	69m-71p-69s—209-5
Spencer Levin	69m-69p-71s—209-5
Richard H. Lee	65m-71p-73s—209-5
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Ward willing to restructure deal with Steelers

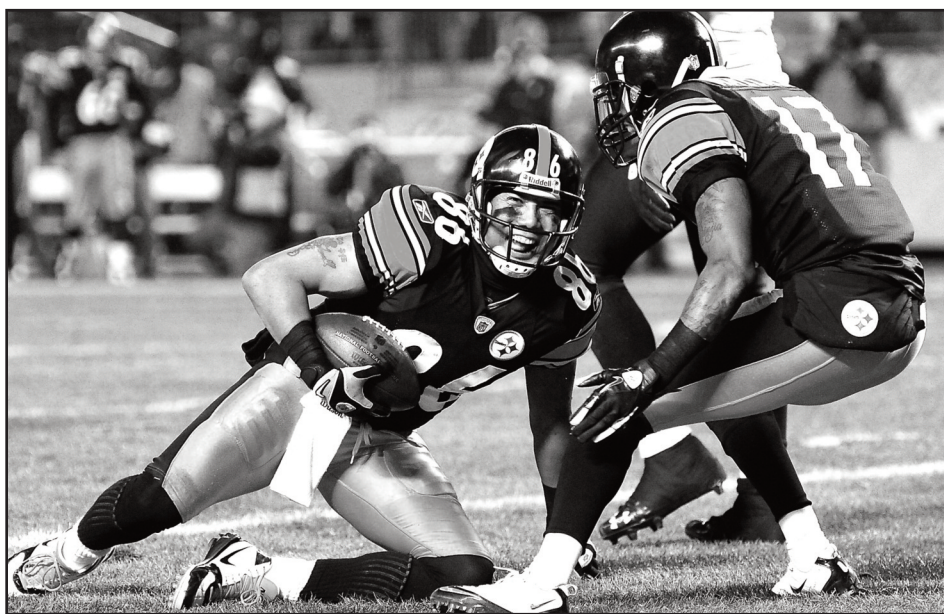
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers' wide receiver Hines Ward wants to retire with the Pittsburgh Steelers, offering to restructure his contract to do it.

Ward posted on his Facebook page Saturday that he's already told the Steelers he's willing to work with them on altering his deal so he can remain

with the team. Ward's comments came after NFL.com reported the Steelers are planning to cut the franchise's all-time leading receiver.

"I don't normally like to respond to rumors, but as I've said all along, I want to finish my career with the Pittsburgh Steelers," Ward posted.

The 14-year veteran is scheduled to make \$4 million in 2012. He's coming off a season in which he finished with 46 receptions for 381



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward, left, celebrates a touchdown catch with Mike Wallace during the second half of an NFL divisional football game against the Baltimore Ravens in Pittsburgh on Jan. 15, 2011. (AP Photo)

yards and two touchdowns, the lowest totals in each category since he was a rookie in

1998. Ward, who turns 36 next month, became the eighth

player in league history to reach 1,000 career receptions in the regular-season

finale against Cleveland. He and Jerry Rice are the only players in league history to reach 1,000 receptions and win multiple Super Bowls.

Yet Ward's role within the offense diminished as Antonio Brown and Emmanuel Sanders passed him on the depth chart and Mike Wallace became a Pro Bowler. Ward pushed aside speculation he would retire after the Steelers' season ended with a 29-23 overtime loss to Denver in the wild card round.

"No, I'm not even thinking about that," Ward said at the time.

The 2006 Super Bowl MVP did not catch a pass against the Broncos, the first time in Ward's career he was held without a reception in a postseason game. His future is one of several questions that will need to be addressed during what's already been an active offseason for one of the league's most stable franchises.

Offensive coordinator

Bruce Arians was not offered a new contract and spent just over a week unemployed before taking the same position with the Indianapolis Colts. The Steelers hired former Kansas City head coach Todd Haley to replace Arians, though Haley didn't mention Ward's name at all during an introductory press conference on Thursday.

The Steelers will look for receiver depth after releasing veteran Arnaz Battle this week and the possible departure of Jericho Cotchery, who will be an unrestricted free agent. Pittsburgh has just four receivers under contract for 2012, including Ward.

Wallace, Brown and Sanders have spoken at length about Ward's leadership and all want his No. 86 to be on the field next season.

"He sets the tone in the room," Brown said of Ward. "We definitely want to help a guy like him win."

AP Enterprise: NFL nixed Nixon bid on TV blackouts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL, which is trying to maintain its TV blackout of home games that don't sell out, missed an opportunity 40 years ago to preserve an

even more restrictive policy when it rebuffed an effort by President Richard

Nixon to lift the hometown blackout just for playoff games.

On a previously unreported tape recording, now in the National Archives, Nixon told his attorney gen-

eral to offer the league a deal: Allow playoff games to be televised in the hometown city, and the president would block any legislation requiring regular-season home games to be televised as well. At the time, the NFL blacked out all home games, whether they were sellouts or not.

The president was a serious fan and in the early 1970s, he shared the anger of Washington residents who couldn't watch Redskins games on TV, former aides recalled. The Redskins routinely sold out and the NFL blackout policy left no

way for Washington fans without tickets to watch home games. In October 1972, Nixon's Justice Department had even told Congress it was time for some modification of the blackout policy "in the public interest."

By December it was clear the NFL would block out that season's playoff games, including the first-round Redskins-Green Bay Packers game in Washington.

In a Dec. 19, 1972, telephone call just days before that game, Nixon told Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst to relay this

message to NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle: "If you make the move, for these playoff games, we will block any — any — legislation to stop anything else. I will fight it personally and veto any — any — legislation. You can tell him that I will veto it. And we'll sustain the veto. ... Go all out on it and tell him he's got the president's personal commitment. I'm for pro football all the way, and I think it's not in pro football's interest to allow this to build up because before you know it, they'll have the damn Congress go all the way. We don't want Congress to go all the way."

Nixon told his attorney general that the NFL "should have absolute protection on all regular-season games" and that "if we can get the playoff games, believe me, it would be the greatest achievement we've ever done."

As Kleindienst began to outline what he would tell Rozelle, Nixon interrupted him.

"But let me say, that I want us to get some publicity out of this," the president said. "I just don't want to do this to accomplish it."

"I understand that," Kleindienst responded. "And that's what I'm going to tell him. That without putting your neck on the line ..."

"Oh, I don't mind my neck on the line at all," Nixon said.

"Now see if you can work that out and tell him this would be the greatest move he could ever make," Nixon said at the end of the call. "He'd be a hero to the nation."

Incredibly, the next day Rozelle rebuffed the attorney general.

News stories at the time reported that Rozelle declined Kleindienst's request to televise the upcoming playoff games, but made no mention of Nixon's offer to maintain the regular-season blackouts in exchange. Kleindienst responded by announcing the administration would "seek legislation that is more in keeping with the public interest."

The league had predicted that broadcasting home games would hurt attendance, and Rozelle repeated his oft-stated fear of pro football becoming a "studio show." As Congress considered legislation the following year to lift the blackout, Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson wrote Nixon on Aug. 2, 1973, that "lifting of the 'blackout' on sold-out games poses perhaps the most serious threat to the overall well-being of professional football that it has faced in recent history."

But Congress did pass legislation the following month preventing blackouts of professional sports games that are sold out 72 hours beforehand. Nixon signed it in time for the 1973 season.

NFL executive Joe Browne, a college intern under Rozelle in the 1960s and now senior adviser to the current commissioner, Roger Goodell, said in an email to The Associated Press this past week that Rozelle faced a "pick-your-poison" choice.

"The reason the White House/DOJ deal did not pan out was that Pete was more comfortable with what he was hearing from Congress," Browne wrote. Rozelle simply preferred lifting the blackout for 72-hour advance sellouts to the risk

that postseason games might end up with half-filled stadiums, Browne believes.

The blackout law has since expired, but the NFL agreed to make it league policy.

The Federal Communications Commission passed a regulation in 1975 preventing cable systems from carrying a sporting event that is blacked out on local broadcast television stations, effectively reinforcing the NFL blackout policy. But the FCC is now considering a petition by the Sports Fans Coalition to rescind this rule, which would seriously dent the league's blackout policy, although it wouldn't affect viewers who don't subscribe to cable or satellite.

At his news conference before the Super Bowl, Goodell noted that the league had only 16 blackouts in 2011 and said the goal is zero. The commissioner said the NFL has to balance making games available on free TV with encouraging fans to come to the stadium.

"The policy has served us very well over four-plus decades," he said.

The number of blackouts has decreased steadily over the years: 50 percent of games in the 1970s (after the 1973 law), 40 percent in the 1980s, 31 percent in the 1990s, and 8 percent in the 2000s. Last season's 6 percent was the fifth-lowest, according to the NFL.

But some teams still have high numbers. The Cincinnati Bengals had six of their eight home games blacked out last season, for example, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were blacked out five times.

"Blackouts may be down nationally, but tell that to the folks in Tampa," said Brian Frederick, executive director of the Sports Fans Coalition. "By and large, the cities paid for these stadiums."

That group receives money from Verizon, which provides pay TV, and has received funding from Time Warner Cable in the past. But Frederick insisted the coalition "driven by fans."

In another previously unreported taped White House conversation the week before the first 1972 playoff game, Nixon vented to Kleindienst and White House aide John D. Ehrlichman about the game not being televised locally.

"The folks should be able to see the goddam games on television," he said. "Playoff games. Playoffs — all playoff games should be available."

"Now, you might say this. You might also point out, and say listen, just so you understand ... the president is not speaking for himself in this instance, because he's going to be in Florida. And he's going to be watching the game in Florida — it's going to be carried there. But he's speaking for all the people in Washington that didn't vote for him," Nixon said to laughter. The president had lost only the District of Columbia and Massachusetts in his landslide 1972 victory over Democrat George McGovern.

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Daniel Radcliffe dishes on post 'Potter' life

By ALICIA QUARLES

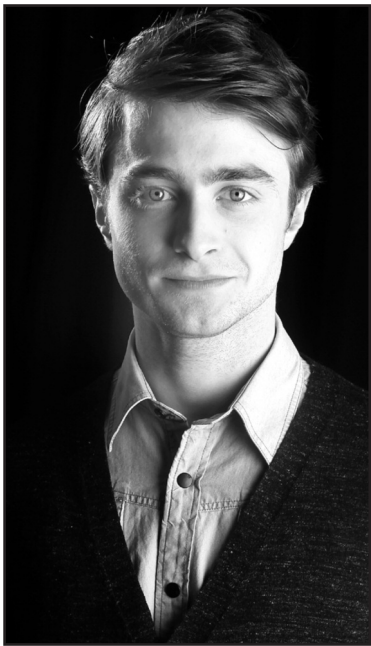
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Daniel Radcliffe had to decide what his first starring film role would be after the "Harry Potter" franchise ended in 2011, and he didn't make that decision lightly.

Despite demonstrating his acting range by starring in "Equus" and "How to Succeed in Business" on Broadway, the pressure was on for Radcliffe to prove he could play more than Potter on the big screen.

He chose "The Woman in Black," a dark thriller about a recently widowed father who is haunted by his wife's death. The movie opened in theaters Feb. 3.

"I never expected the first thing I did after 'Potter' to be a horror film or anything like that. That was one of the reasons it was intriguing to me as well because it was so unexpected," Radcliffe said in a recent interview. He also talked about growing up fast, getting praise from actor Sean Connery, who starred in James Bond



Actor Daniel Radcliffe poses for a portrait in New York. Radcliffe stars in the film "The Woman in Black." (AP Photo)

films, and why he isn't ready to marry his longtime girlfriend.

AP: You knew the world was

watching to see what movie you picked after "Harry Potter" ended. Why did you decide on "The Woman in Black"?

Radcliffe: This film is a film that has a great story but it is driven by characters at the heart of it. It fit in perfectly. It was going to be filming when I was on break from finishing "Potter" and starring in "How to Succeed," so it was perfectly timed out. Also, when I was reading the script, I was surprised to be enjoying a horror film because I have never gravitated towards that in my own life.

AP: Did any former child stars, or people who have made the transition from doing iconic roles to having diverse careers give you advice about how to avoid being typecast?

Radcliffe: Not particularly, but I did hear the other day from a friend of mine who is friends with Sean Connery and apparently Sean Connery asked him to pass along to me how well he thought I was doing and how well I seem to be handling everything and mak-

ing good choices. For me, that was great because he is a great actor. He had this amazing start to his career in Bond and managed to create a fantastic career for himself outside that, so to hear that from him was very flattering.

AP: You play a father in this role. Did you feel that was a stretch?

Radcliffe: It is very hard to create that chemistry with a 4-year-old boy who you have never met before and who is stepping onto a film set going, "What in the hell is all of this?" That was one of the reasons that I suggested (director) James (Watkins) audition my real-life godson who auditioned and was great and is great in the film. At the time when we were filming, I was so obsessed with him having a good time and making sure he wasn't cold or wasn't freaking out that I didn't really pay attention to the fact that he is actually quite a good little actor.

AP: This movie is dark, but it is also about love. Did you think about the love you have for your

longtime girlfriend, Rosanne Coker, for inspiration?

Radcliffe: At the time we had been filming this we had only been going out for a couple of months. There is actually one shot in the film where Rosie had to play the woman in black because we didn't have a double for her that day so she is actually in one of the reveal shots in the film. She is going to kill me for telling you that. I don't think I probably drew on things at that time, but I am sure now I will probably use — the fear of losing her will be a very good motivating tool.

AP: Are you thinking of marriage?

Radcliffe: Who knows. God, I am not even thinking about that for a long time.

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Review: Harrelson rages in weary 'Rampart'

By JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

The crazy eyes and idiosyncratic drawl of Woody Harrelson are enough to carry the dirty cop study "Rampart," but even such powers as those can't make engaging this weary L.A. noir.

Without Harrelson's inherent intrigue, the heavy-handed provocations of "Rampart" would be difficult to suffer. But Harrelson's intense and committed performance keeps Oren Moverman's film moving, even while the grim and overdone story wallows affectedly.

Among the dirty cops of movies — Harvey Keitel in "Bad Lieutenant," Denzel Washington in "Training Day" — Harrelson's LAPD officer Dave Brown is particularly ugly. He's nicknamed "Date Rape Dave," a moniker he came by from killing a serial date rapist years ago. The name may hint of Brown's most decent side (a protector of women) but it also serves as a frightening warning.

"Rampart" is set in 1999 Los Angeles and its title refers to a notoriously scandal-plagued police division. The film, which Moverman wrote with crime novel writer James Ellroy ("L.A. Confidential"), doesn't try to analyze what led to a corrupt division, but rather the specific formation of a badge-wearing monster.

"How do we solve a problem like Dave Brown?" asks police attorney Joan Confrey (Sigourney Weaver).

By then, we've already seen Brown lament "Rodney King wannabes," abuse a handcuffed suspect and beat to a pulp a man who had the misfortune of colliding with Brown's cruiser. That incident is caught on camera and replayed on the evening news, sparking protests and an investigation.

"This used to be a glorious soldiers' department," sneers Brown to a mixed-race female officer. "And now it's ... you."

Nice guy, right? At home, we see a softer, complicated side. Brown has two ex-wives (Cynthia Nixon and Anne Heche, both looking lost) who are sisters and neighbors, with whom he has a teenage daughter (Brie Larson) and a younger daughter (Sammy Boyarsky).

It's an incredulous arrangement and we can only be glad, for basic clarity, when the younger girl sweetly asks her father if she's inbred. (He laughs and tells her she isn't and that she's "native.")

The bizarre domestic situation aside, Brown's face genuinely glows around his daughters, surely his only possible pathway to salvation.

But Brown is in a self-destructive tailspin: acting out violently, desperate for departmental cover

(Ned Beatty plays a sinister LAPD retiree) and picking up women easily. He approaches one (Robin Wright) at a bar by commenting on her "litigator eyes."

Their relationship forms as one based on mutual self-loathing, and Wright is captivating in every moment.

How does he live with himself? Quite self-assuredly, actually. The most interesting quality of Brown is how hyper-literate he is.

He might curse all manner of citizens as "scum," but, when confronted by superiors or lawyers (Steve Buscemi makes a cameo as one), he responds with a torrent of dubious legalese and moral equivocation.

He shrouds his behavior in a labyrinth of caginess, defending himself as a Vietnam vet and a true-blue of the old guard.

This is Moverman's second stab at direction following 2009's "The Messenger," which also fitted the famously liberal Harrelson in a uniform (as a soldier whose duty is to inform the families of the fallen).

With cinematographer Bobby Bukowski, Moverman's jerky, handheld camera keeps LA always in the background.

The first shot is a profile of Brown driving, smoking and stoic behind sunglasses, while Los Angeles passes behind as mere backdrop. The protests over his beating, we never see, just hear.

Harrelson dominates the picture, but the story of Brown's unraveling feels increasingly unrealistic and uninteresting while it circles around ideas established in the first half hour. Instead of leading toward understanding, "Rampart" remains a dirty cop caricature, more a complaint than a story.

"Rampart," a Millennium Entertainment release, is rated R for pervasive language, sexual content and some violence. Running time: 108 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

► "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" — There's little mystery to this island. This 3-D sort-of sequel wears its formula-for-dollars purpose with pride, delivering a dash of cinematic nonsense that represents Hollywood calculation at its shrewdest and most shameless. Again poking Jules Verne's remains with a sharp stick, the producers of the 2008 hit "Journey to the Center of the Earth" present their second modern take on the 19th-century fantasist's wild stories.

And "Mysterious Island" is every bit the amusement park ride cloaked as a movie that the first "Journey" was, the new flick stranding a misfit band of adventurers on Verne's lost island of freak-

ish creatures.

Dwayne Johnson stars this time as stepdad to a youth (Josh Hutcherson, reprising his role from the first movie) whose family has discovered Verne's sci-fi stories were true. Joining them as they rush from giant lizards and electric eels are Michael Caine, Luis Guzman and Vanessa Hudgens. Director Brad Peyton oversees a collection of impressive but annoying visuals, serving up gimmicky 3-D that's continually trying to poke things in your eye.

PG for some adventure action and brief mild language. 94 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

► "Safe House" — "Forgettable" probably isn't a word you'd expect to use to describe a film starring Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds, Vera Farmiga, Brendan Gleeson and Sam Shepard.

But unfortunately, that's one of the most apt. Directed by Daniel Espinosa from a script by David Guggenheim (not to be confused with "An Inconvenient Truth" director Davis Guggenheim), "Safe House" is a frenetically paced jumble of shaky-cam tricks and quick edits, dizzying car chases and deafening shootouts.

You'd be forgiven for mistaking it for yet another action thriller from Tony Scott, given that it bears his aesthetic markings as well as the presence of Washington, his usual star.

This time, Washington plays the notorious Tobin Frost, a brilliant former CIA operative who's turned traitor, selling secrets to any nation or enemy cell willing to buy them.

After years on the run, he's captured and brought to an agency safe house in Cape Town, South Africa, where Reynolds, as the ambitious and idealistic Matt Weston, is its bored minder. Matt longs to prove himself and see some real action in the field, and he gets it sooner than he expects when the house comes under attack and he and Tobin must go on the run. Farmiga, Gleeson and Shepard play the suits back in the United States who are tracking their whereabouts and wondering whether they're in cahoots. But everyone here is a potential rogue, because red herrings and double-crosses abound; it's a tactic to keep us guessing and (theoretically) distract us from the fact that the movie doesn't have anything novel to do or say during its overlong running time.

R for strong violence throughout and some language. 115 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Five movies with titles that tell you everything

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Some movie titles are wordy and complicated ("Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan") or generically forgettable ("Someone Like You"). Others, like this week's "Man on a Ledge," tell you everything you need to know about the movie in just a few tidy words.

Here are five other movies whose titles say it all. I also thought about doing this list when Cameron Crowe's feel-good "We Bought a Zoo" came out at the end of last year. Somehow, though, my choices all turned out to be genre pictures — probably because they're so hilarious:

— "Snakes on a Plane" (2006): This was one of the most fun experiences I've ever had at the movies: I saw it at a packed, late-night screening with a bunch of rowdy college kids in Boston. And that's really the best way to watch a movie like this. Somehow, sitting alone on your couch in the middle of the day just doesn't produce the same effect. It is, of course, about snakes ... on ... a plane. They get loose and they get angry. All kinds of gnarly carnage ensues at 35,000 feet. And Samuel L. Jackson gets to shout one of the greatest lines in film history (which, sadly, we'll have to paraphrase): "I have had it with these (13-letter expletive) snakes on this (13-letter expletive) plane!"

— "Hobo With a Shotgun" (2011): It's a bit of a one-note gimmick. Rutger Hauer plays the titular vagabond who rides into a new town and finds himself in possession of the aforementioned firearm. Transforming himself into a vigilante killer, he cleans up this cartoonishly depraved place full of dealers and junkies, pimps and prostitutes. It's a funny central nugget of an idea, the novelty of which wears off pretty quickly. But Hauer plays it completely straight in the kind of stoic, quietly violent character Clint Eastwood built a career on, and he makes the repetitively gory material work better than it should. Plus, it's just a fun title to say. Go ahead: "Hobo With a Shotgun." Feels good, right?

— "The Human Centipede" (2010): Yep, that's pretty much what it is. A mad German scientist abducts and mutilates three people, then stitches them together mouth-to-anus to create a human centipede. It's a wild idea that writer-director Tom Six executed with surprisingly artistry — at least here, in part one. This is just the beginning of a trilogy; the disappointing part two came out last year, and Six is working on part three. But this original film is more suspenseful and less gratuitous than the title and the concept might suggest, with an unexpected, simple elegance to the storytelling.

— "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes!" (1978): I have fond memories of watching this as a child on Elvira's "Movie Macabre." Yes, that's how old I am. This spoof of B-horror movies is gleefully silly and hilariously low-tech. Menacing, mutant tomatoes threaten humanity. The rumbling, grumbling pieces of produce are seemingly unstoppable. Running is no use. Weaponry is insufficient. They can even kill you underwater (in a parody of "Jaws"). Only one thing makes them vulnerable: playing the shrill hit song "Puberty Love," which causes the tomatoes to shrink. The San Diego Chicken even makes an appearance. That's how you know this is a quality piece of filmmaking.

— "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians" (1964): This is a cheapo B-movie classic: a weird, goofy combination of family comedy and sci-fi adventure. The children of Mars are unhappy, so Martian leaders cook up a scheme to kidnap Santa Claus from Earth and bring him to their planet. There, he can set up a toy factory to please all the good little girls and boys. But Santa eventually wins on his terms because ... well, because he's Santa. This movie is also notable as the film debut of a young Pia Zadora as one of the Martian children. Everyone's gotta start somewhere.

Think of any other examples? Share them with AP Movie Critic Christy Lemire through Twitter: <http://twitter.com/christylemire>.

HOROSCOPE

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012

The mood starts out light and busy and then gets more serious as the moon moves from Libra into Scorpio. Mercury and Saturn are lining up to bring greater ease to some of the weightier day-to-day issues. As the messenger planet travels Aquarius, many problems have a technological fix that is actually simple and inexpensive — really!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The pendulum swings between the mundane and madress. You appreciate each tone more because the other one exists. The varied pace keeps you on your toes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are firing on all cylinders today, and you are primed to make excellent choices. You will act as though you thought things through and think as though you were in action.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Most people are likely to choose the road they know, perceiving it to be the safest route. Just because it's right in front of you doesn't make it the best choice. Go out of your way to find the best option.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get the inside story. Seek knowledge over information. Better to learn how to learn than assemble to be given answers that will only work for you in a particular circumstance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in just the fighting mood to break records and push through barriers. In order to break through to the realm of the extraordinary, you have to require yourself to do things that can't be done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A developmental process is beginning. In much the same way that children show early signs of the adults they will turn into, you are showing signs of the person you will be in but three short months.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you value humor, you'll love the odd scenarios that drop into your world. The day will be a series of interesting and entertaining events, strange little tests and funny problems to solve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When a loved one isn't giving you the kind of attention you want, it may lead you to wonder whether you are giving your loved one the kind of attention he or she would prefer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being the sign of expansion, you sometimes equate moderation with boredom. But now you'll see how a little restraint can bring you great contentment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be alert to the feelings and moods of those around you. Do not, however, change your whole schedule to accommodate others. Doing so will only start a trend that you will not enjoy later down the line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is no sense in worrying about what you cannot control. Also, the things that *might* happen are not worthy of your energetic investment. Concentrate on what's actually going on right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be like a human buffer as you attempt to protect people from news that might bring down the mood or from details that may cause unnecessary worry. You'll be quite successful in this, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 12). Your heart's desire bums bright this year, giving you fuel to reach your goals. In March, you'll receive the happy repercussions of a move you made last year. May is your chance to see what you've always wondered about. You sincerely want to help people, and you'll be proud of how you're able to do this in June. Virgo and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 1, 24, 39 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK
AHEAD: Aquarius sunbeams seem to have a special activation code to unleash the great waves of imagination that are vital to human progress. During this last week of the solar journey through Aquarius, we'll be reminded of what it means to be human and of all the positive and unique qualities that humans possess. The associations of music, technology, humanitarianism, philanthropy, invention, social change, individuality, eccentricity and unpredictability will continue to weave themselves through the cosmic tapestry this week. Perhaps you have seen these themes working through your life in recent weeks and they have in some way changed you. Maybe you're inspired to join with the times in new ways. Maybe you're now eager to adopt methods of communicating, socializing or helping others that you simply haven't been ready for until now. Maybe you're accepting that in your own way you are also an inventor, a music maker, an intellectual and a philanthropist. Whatever you've discovered, this is your week to take the ball and run with it. Late Saturday or early Sunday the 19th, depending on your time zone, the Pisces sun will move the action in a different direction. Slay tuned!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, the humanitarian Aquarian leader who saved the union and emancipated the slaves. His moon in Capricorn shows hardworking determination and a character unfazed by challenge.

ANTIQUES

BY TERRY KOVEL

Valentine's Day has been celebrated for centuries. By the 1790s, romantic cards were being given to that "special" person. The idea of cards and gifts has continued, and collectors search for all types of valentines of the past — everything from pasted-together lacy cards and "mechanical" cards that pop open into a 3-D display, to very modern talking cards. Sometimes collectors think any picture or figure with a romantic message is an old valentine. One of the most famous of these is the "sailor's valentine." It usually is an octagonal wooden box that holds a picture made of seashells placed in a geometric pattern. Often the design included sentimental words like "Love the Giver" or "Forget Me Not."

For many years, collectors thought these boxes were made by sailors on long voyages as gifts for a girlfriend or mother. They were considered nautical folk art in a category with carved whales' teeth and other scrimshaw. They were expensive, selling for about \$200 to \$500. In the 1970s, a sailor's valentine was discovered that had a label on the back: "B.H. Belgrave, Dealer in Marine Specimens ... Bridgetown, Barbados." There was even a crushed Barbados newspaper under the shells. Further research showed that the shells were from local waters and some of the boxes had slogans that were not romantic. It was determined that the boxes were sold to sailors who visited Barbados and took them home as souvenirs. The name "sailor's valentine" continues to be used, though, and folk art collectors still pay high prices for old examples. San Rafael Auction Gallery in California sold a 19th-century example in 2011 for \$1,800. It had a heart in the center formed by shells. Copies of these shell pictures made today sell for about \$500 to \$2,500. There are also companies that sell the shells, boxes and other parts needed to make your own new sailor's valentine.

Q: I have an old fireplace screen from the "P.B.M. Co." in Hoboken, N.J. It's a lovely piece, wood-framed and with a laminate finish. Can you tell me anything about this?

A: The initials on your fireplace screen probably are "F.B.M. Co.," which refer to the Ferguson Brothers Manufacturing Co. The company was in business from 1898 to 1953, when it was bought by Sun-Glo Industries and moved to Virginia. Ferguson Brothers made inexpensive furniture, including folding screens, folding tables and chairs, cellarettes, magazine racks, smoking stands and "furniture novelties." Fire screens are not a popular type of furniture. Unless they date from the 1700s or 1800s, they sell for about \$100 to \$150.

Q: I found two prints that are signed by Lionel Barrymore. They are on gold foil paper. One is titled

"Purdy's Basin" and the other, "Point Pleasant." I knew him as an actor and I'm curious about his other artistic talent. Can you tell me something about these prints?

A: Lionel Barrymore (1878-1954) began his acting career on stage in the 1890s. He is a member of the famous Barrymore family of actors, brother of Ethel and John and great uncle of Drew Barrymore. The family surname actually is Blythe. The first member to appear on stage, Herbert Arthur Chamberlayne Blythe, took the stage name Maurice Barrymore so that he wouldn't embarrass his family by being an actor. In 1906 Lionel Barrymore moved to Paris to study painting. He returned to the United States a few years later and appeared in his first movie in 1911. He continued to do etchings and paintings and also composed music and wrote a novel. After he died, reproduction prints of some of his etchings were made. Prints on gold or silver foil were made after his death. Your prints are worth about \$25 each.

Q: For about 45 years, my family has owned a gold-painted vase stamped "Dixon Art Studios, 22 Kt Gold." The vase is 22 inches tall and 5 inches in diameter. The gold appears to be layered with liquid droplets. Please tell us something about its history and value.

A: Your vase is decorated in a style collectors call "weeping gold." Any piece marked "Dixon Art Studios" was made at Bel Terr China, Inc., in East Palestine, Ohio. Bel Terr was founded in 1961 by Belden Ham and his wife, Terry Ham (the company's name is a combination of their names). Most Bel Terr pottery is marked with the corporate name, but some lines, like Dixon and an early line marked "Good Earth Pottery," are not. Dixon Art pieces generally sell for under \$100.

Q: I have a figural bottle that says "Leading Lady Cologne." It's in the shape of a woman wearing late 1900s attire. Her hat comes off to open the bottle. It was made by the Fuller Brush Co. Can you tell me anything about it?

A: Fuller Brush introduced its Leading Lady Cologne in 1957. But the bottle was made in Japan. The company introduced eight more fragrances in the early 1960s. Fuller Brush began in 1906 when Alfred C. Fuller began selling custom-made brushes door-to-door. Today more than 2,000 items, including cleaning products for home and business as well as some personal-care products, are made in the Fuller Brush manufacturing facility near Great Bend, Kan.

The products can be bought through independent distributors, in stores and from the company's website. The company operates under three basic rules: "Make it work. Make it last. Guarantee it no matter what." The bottle is worth less than

\$30.

Tip: Treat your tables to custom-made glass tops. They will save the finish and make you a more relaxed hostess, knowing that wet glasses will not damage your tabletops.

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CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

► Charlie Brown Valentine cookie cutter, Charlie surrounded by a bunch of hearts, Snoopy with a heart in his thoughts, red plastic, copyright 1958, 4 1/2 inches, pair, \$15.

► Murano glass ashtray, heart shape, silver with rows of concentric bubbles trimmed in vivid pink, 1940s, 5 x 4 1/4 inches, \$50.

► Valentine card, black child pulling baby in wheeled basket, Raphael Tuck, 1908, 7 x 6 inches, \$60.

► Milk glass plate, embossed cherub playing mandolin, dark green wings, gold border of flowers, leaves and vines, 7 1/2 inches, \$65.

► Lady head vase, red hair, thick eyelashes, red lips and nails, dangling faux pearl earrings, Napco, 1962, 4 1/2 x 4 1/4 inches, \$90.

► Kamm's Beer sign, embossed "To My Valentine," side profile of Victorian-era woman reading card, heart shape, red border, Germany, 8 1/2 x 9 1/4 inches, \$225.

► Pluto the Pup toy, wood, decal on collar says "Pluto the Pup, Walt Disney Enterprises," Fun-e-Flex, 1930s, 6 3/8 x 2 1/8 inches, \$260.

► Silver-plated basket, grape and vine pattern, ferns and leaves interior and bail, c. 1900, 11 x 12 inches, \$325.

► Vogue Toddles doll, Valentine Girl, composition, painted blue eyes, auburn hair, red taffeta dress, white heart-shaped organdy apron with arrow-pierced heart emblem, 1950, 7 1/2 inches, \$885.

Hollywood going to the dogs; canine award show draws attention

By SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — With

Uggie stealing hearts in

"The Artist," snagging the

spotlight at celebrity events

and reportedly preparing

for a sketch with Oscar host

Billy Crystal, Hollywood

really has gone to the dogs

this year. There's even a

brand-new award show

honoring canine performers.

The first annual Golden

Collar Awards drew inter-

national attention when

Martin Scorsese recently

published a letter in the Los

Angeles Times demanding

recognition for Blackie the

Doberman, who appears

alongside Sacha Baron

Cohen in "Hugo." Scorsese

encouraged a write-in cam-

paign and now "Hugo" adds

one Golden Collar nomination

to its 11 Oscar bids.

Antonio Banderas, who

voiced the leading cat in the

Oscar-nominated animated

film "Puss in Boots," fol-

lowed up with his own let-

ter in the Huffington Post,

urging Hollywood to

"please overcome this anti-

feline-ism" and consider

recognizing Puss with a

Golden Collar nod. (No

word yet whether the direc-

tors of "Kung Fu Panda 2"

and "Rango" are demand-

ing panda and lizard inclu-

sion in the competition.)

Forget it, says Golden

Collar Awards founder

Alan Siskind. His show is

just for live-action dogs. As

creator of Dog News Daily,

a website and marketing

firm, Siskind came up with

the idea to honor on-screen

dogs in January when he

noticed how many awards

contenders prominently

featured man's best friend.

"It was just an excuse to

have a party," he said.

But Hollywood really

sunk its teeth into the con-

cept.

When Harvey Wein-

stein's office got word of

the Golden Collar Awards,

he offered Uggie and a co-

star of "The Artist," actress

Penelope Ann Miller, to

help announce the nomi-

nees. With that starry boost,

the show, like a Labrador

after a tennis ball, was off

and running.

Uggie is the night's lead-

ing nominee, with nods for

his work in both "The

Artist" and "Water For Ele-

feline-ism" and consider

recognizing Puss with a

Blackie (real name: Maxi-

milian), the other feature-

film nominees are Cosmo

from "Beginners," Denver,

who played Skeletor in

"50/50" and Hummer, who

played Dolce in "Young

Adult." Small-screen ca-

nine stars are also being

honored.

Charlize Theron, star of

"Young Adult" and long-

time animal activist, will re-

ceive a special recognition

at the Golden Collar

Awards.

Siskind says he's already

been approached by TV

networks interested in

broadcasting the show next

year, and the Hollywood

Reporter has signed on to

stream Monday's ceremony

on its website.

"Everybody's having fun

with it. It's tongue in cheek,

but also recognizing the joy

that dogs bring to people's

lives," he said. "Unlike

films and TV shows that

only appeal to a particular

demographic, an awards

show for dogs transcends

any socio-economic or gen-

der or political or geograph-

ic boundary."

But what about the cats,

horses and other creatures

who entertained moviego-

ers this year? They're not

eligible for the Golden Col-

lars, but could be among the

honorees at the

PAWSCARS, American

Humane Association's an-

nual recognition of animal

actors and the productions

that feature them.

The group, which advo-

cates for animals on set and

issues the "no animals were

harmed" certification to

films, commercials and TV

shows, has presented its

PAWSCARS for the past

four years. This year's win-

ners will be announced

Thursday.

"We not only base it on

the actual film people see in

theaters, but we also have

firsthand knowledge on

how the animal action was

achieved," said Jone

Bouman, spokeswoman for

the American Humane As-

sociation's film and televi-

sion unit, which works on

about 2,000 productions a

year.

All kinds of animals are

eligible for PAWSCARS,

she said, noting that a taran-

tula won best supporting

arachnid for its role in

"Salt" with Angelina Jolie.

"He was honored for his

acting job with the most fa-

mous actress on the planet,"

Bouman said.

Among the categories

this year are best use of

technology and best scene-

stealer, along with the first

people's choice

PAWSCAR. Voters can

ASK STACY

BY STACY
JENEL SMITH

DEAR STACY: We caught a showing of "The Flintstones" on ABC Family the other night, and that got us wondering what Kristen Johnston has been doing lately? -- **Gerry H., Rochester, Minn.**

DEAR GERRY: The Emmy-winning former "3rd Rock From the Sun" star is now starring on TV Land's "The Exes" with Donald Faison, Wayne Knight and David Alan Basche. The sitcom -- about three newly divorced men who live across the hall from their divorce attorney/landlord -- recently got a second-season pickup.

I must also point out that Johnston played Wilma Flintstone in 2000's big-screen romp, "The Flintstones in Viva Las Vegas" -- which was actually a prequel to the 1994 "Flintstones" film, with Elizabeth Perkins as Wilma.

DE

Student's behavior worries mother

Dear Annie: Our 22-year-old son is in college. He lives at home, and we pay all his expenses, which is fine with us. He was never particularly interested in school until his last year of high school. Now he's doing really well.

The problem is, he wants to go to medical school and needs to pass the MCAT exam. He is studying very hard and barely speaks to us. This is frightening for us. He is our only child, and we are trying very hard to be nice to him, but he dismisses us completely. When he eats dinner with us, he barely answers our questions and gets up as soon as possible. Even when he's watching TV in his room, he locks his door.

It's hard to deal with this. How we can make him understand that success isn't everything? -- Worried Mom

Dear Mom: Right now, doing well in school and passing his MCATs are the most important things in your son's life, and he is working hard to achieve his goals. Instead of demanding his attention, try to support his ambition. Keep in mind that you get to see your child more often than many parents whose college-age children are home only during semester breaks (and not always then). And it's harder for him to have the independent, adult life he craves, because he still lives with you.

We know it's difficult that he is so uncommunicative, and you can ask him to be civil enough to respond politely when spoken to. But beyond that, please accept his presence as it is. If it's at all possible for him to live in a dorm room or get a part-time job to support an apartment, we highly recommend it.

Dear Annie: I think your answer to "Dreaming of Long Hair" may have reflected your own negative bias. How could you say some people see it as "effeminate, unprofessional or the sign of a slacker"? Others might view long hair as the mark of an artist, musician, soccer player or independent thinker.

The real issue is how much control parents need to exert over personal choice issues such as hair length for a 14-year-old boy. It seems to me that by this age, he should be allowed to decide how he wants to wear his own hair. The ties between teens and their parents are usually already so strained that it just makes sense to cut a kid some slack on the less critical issues. You might have suggested he approach his parents from this perspective, armed with your column. -- It's Only Hair

Dear Hair: You misunderstand our position. Long hair is neither positive nor negative. However, it is obvious that this young man's parents find it unacceptable. We hoped understanding the possible reasons might help him to counter their objections. Nonetheless, they are still his parents and are allowed to set the rules in their home.

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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"GIVE B'S A CHANCE" By JAYNE AND ALEX BOISVERT

- ACROSS
1 Corrupt, in a way
6 Ignore
12 Sleeping
18 Ayes
19 "Lady Marmalade" group
20 Caesar salad topper
22 Unpleasant pair to choose from
23 "To reiterate ..."
24 Deep-fried Japanese dish
25 Jaded ballplayer?
27 Grain of sand?
28 Mocha native
29 Fantastic
31 As well
32 Vase-shaped pitcher
33 Drama with two spin-offs
36 Scarlett, to Rhett, ultimately
38 1983 Keaton title role
42 Tweet
44 Alka-Seltzer sound
46 New York college whose team is the Gaels
47 Coal receptacle building blocks?
51 Steer groups?
54 2001 French film nominated for five Academy Awards
55 One reason to work
57 Energy meas.
58 Tell
59 Stain-removal brand
60 Turning parts
61 Grasps
62 Sharpen
63 Family name in Kafka's "The Metamorphosis"
64 Shark's practice
66 Tell
70 Field division
71 They get tipped in lots
73 1971 Clapton classic
74 Psyche part, to Freud

- General at Antietam
White Label Scotch maker
Roaches, e.g.
Fish with a bad cold?
Pointed front of a two-wheeler?
Jai ___
Deserve
Browns
Cheers
Slightly burned
Was in charge of
Insect stage after larva
Morning morsel
"Got me"
Ear problem
Sound of Crosby's doorbell?
Collection of yokels?
Kuwait, for one
How a team should work
"Love Story" co-star

- Timeline divisions
Reddish-brown horses
Like some mythology
Malevolent beings
From Aconcagua, say
Lamb piece
Costumed kid's hope
"Pretty Woman" genre, briefly
Blissful
Broadway souvenir
Songwriter
Amos
Bldg. with stacks
Rebellious
Turner
Singer Lionel
NBAers' game
RSVP
Word seen in brackets
Trying
See 69-Down
Comedian Jay
Draft status
Sail support
Short review?
H.S. exams
Crack filler
Gala
Letters before an online view
Krypton relative
Word after sky or powder

- Grill partner
Sea witch in "The Little Mermaid"
Frat letters
Bakery array
49-Down, for example
Braver
Part of an act
Southern Slavs
Zinger
Connecticut town for which a disease is named
Et ___
With 37-Down, Bonnie and Clyde
Ex-boxer Laila
Litter reactions
Reduced
Auction site
Warning
Like much history
Steve's sidekick in "Hawaii Five-O"
Washington's mount?
About 2.2 pounds
"___ it on!"
Kipling python
Domingo
Marti with an onion
Einstein's second son
Reserved
Some uprights
Says
Web image-viewing software
Scarlett's love
On a scale of one ___
Sleep problem
Beef cut
Flower place
Wrote online, briefly
Pleasing
Storied loch
Potter's oven
"___ a Wonderful Life"
Botanist Gray

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Company cited for Indiana State Fair stage collapse

By CHARLES WILSON Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The company that built the stage ahead of last summer's deadly Indiana State Fair collapse appeared to be indifferent to safety standards, the state Department of Labor said Wednesday.

The agency cited Mid-America Sound Corp. with three major safety violations in connection with the collapse of outdoor stage rigging Aug. 13 when a powerful storm swept into the fairgrounds. The stage toppled onto a large crowd of people who had gathered to watch the country duo Sugarland perform, leaving seven people dead and 58 injured.

"The evidence demonstrated that the Mid-America Sound Corp. was aware of the appropriate require-

ments and demonstrated a plain indifference to complying with those requirements," Labor Commissioner Lori Torres told reporters at the release of an Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration report on the collapse.

The department issued a \$63,000 fine against the Greenfield, Ind.-based company. Mid-America did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment.

Torres said the OSHA report investigated workplace violations but was not aimed at determining what caused the collapse.

It also issued a small fine against the Indiana State Fair Commission for failing to conduct proper safety evaluations of its concert venues. The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage

Employees Local 30 also came under fire, accused of five workplace violations.

Bill Groth, a union attorney, said the report found that the union, not the commission, was the employer of the stagehands who were working Aug. 13 when the stage collapsed. Groth said the commission controls the fairgrounds and that the union was being made a scapegoat for the mistakes of others.

"Local 30 is not an employer. They're a labor organization, a union," Groth told WTHR-TV. "I just think it's reprehensible. The state ought to look in the mirror, because that's where the culpability begins."

The union was also issued a small fine.

Sugarland was not penalized. The agency said the

band didn't employ the workers and wasn't responsible for building the stage.

State officials have hired two out-of-state companies to review the stage collapse and the state's emergency response to the disaster. International engineering firm Thornton Tomasetti is conducting an investigation of the rigging collapse and national emergency planning advisers Witt Associates are reviewing the state's emergency plans and its response to the collapse.

Torres said fair officials didn't have an adequate plan for evacuating the area as a severe thunderstorm packing high winds and lightning approached the fairgrounds.

"Plan or no plan, the wind blew over the stage structure," she said. "It was their duty to evacuate timely."

Russell Simmons discouraging use of cow's milk

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Music mogul Russell Simmons wants New York's governor to pull the plug on milk from cows.

The hip-hop impresario writes in a letter to Andrew Cuomo that milk should no longer be the state's official beverage.

Simmons, a vegan who

has taken on several animal rights causes with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, says milk from cows is less healthy than milk from rice, almonds or soy.

He tells The Associated Press he knows dairy is big business in New York but says other industries could

spring up in its place. Simmons and Cuomo go way back.

They're both from Queens, and they worked together a decade ago to help soften New York's strict drug laws.

Cuomo spokesman Matt Wing said the governor's office would not comment.

San Fran to honor Bennett

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco is honoring legendary crooner Tony Bennett, whose famous song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," was recorded 50 years ago.

Mayor Ed Lee, Sen. Diane Feinstein and Rep. Nancy Pelosi are among those expected to attend a

Jim Thompson crime novels set as e-books

NEW YORK (AP) — Novels by acclaimed crime writer Jim Thompson are coming out as e-books.

Mulholland Books announced Tuesday that "The Killer Inside Me," "The Grifters" and other Thompson classics will be released in digital editions this year. The publisher says e-books for 25 of Thompson's 29 novels are planned.

Thompson is widely credited with turning the pulp fiction genre into an art form. Sam Peckinpah and Stephen Frears are among those who have made films based on his books.

Thompson died in 1977. The publisher is an imprint of Little, Brown and Co.

Dierks Bentley returns to charts with new release

By MICHAEL MCCALL For the Associated Press

Dierks Bentley, "Home" (Capitol Nashville)

A banjo kicks off Dierks Bentley's new album "Home," recalling a backwoods sound prevalent on his previous, bluegrass-inspired album "Up on the Ridge."

The similarities stop there. The bluegrass album generated rave reviews but no radio hits. With "Home," Bentley returns to contemporary country music and the top of the charts — in the distinctive fashion that has established him among country music's most interesting hit-makers.

Bentley always utilizes banjo, fiddle, mandolin and especially dobro in his music, but with a modern beat and energy that, along with his distinctive voice, gives him a compelling sound of his own.

Like his peers, he regularly offers songs about celebrating with friends. "Am I The Only One," already a No. 1 hit, as well as "Tip It On Back" and "5-1-5-0" are as entertaining as any partying songs coming from Jason Aldean and Eric Church.

But the Arizona native separates himself from his peers with love songs, which feature a sensual quality rare in modern country music. The steamy "Breathe You In" and the tortured "In My Head" are outstanding relationship songs, while "Home," a valentine to America, is a patriotic ode that doesn't stoop to jingoism.

"Home" indeed finds Bentley back where he belongs: On the top of the country music charts.

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"A day wasted on others is not wasted on one's self."

— Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

Opinion

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ROSES & THORNS

Roses to the Salem Community Pantry and Reach and every person and organization supporting it. Last year the pantry served 4,215 people including 1,528 children under 17 years old. Those are startling figures and vividly reflect an urgent need for a continual backing of the pantry. Those service-minded groups and individuals should keep the pantry in mind when planning goodwill projects.

Roses to the United Local boys basketball team. After 14 straight defeats, the Golden Eagles beat Columbiana last week for that first elusive win and the first of Matt Mowery's head coaching career. Getting a boys basketball program under its feet will take some time at United Local and here's hoping Matt will be given every opportunity to do so. This moment was special because it came just days after the death of his mom, Janie. She was a longtime beloved Salem teacher and active civic member who died of cancer. Yeah the guess here is that a tear or two was shed after that first win.

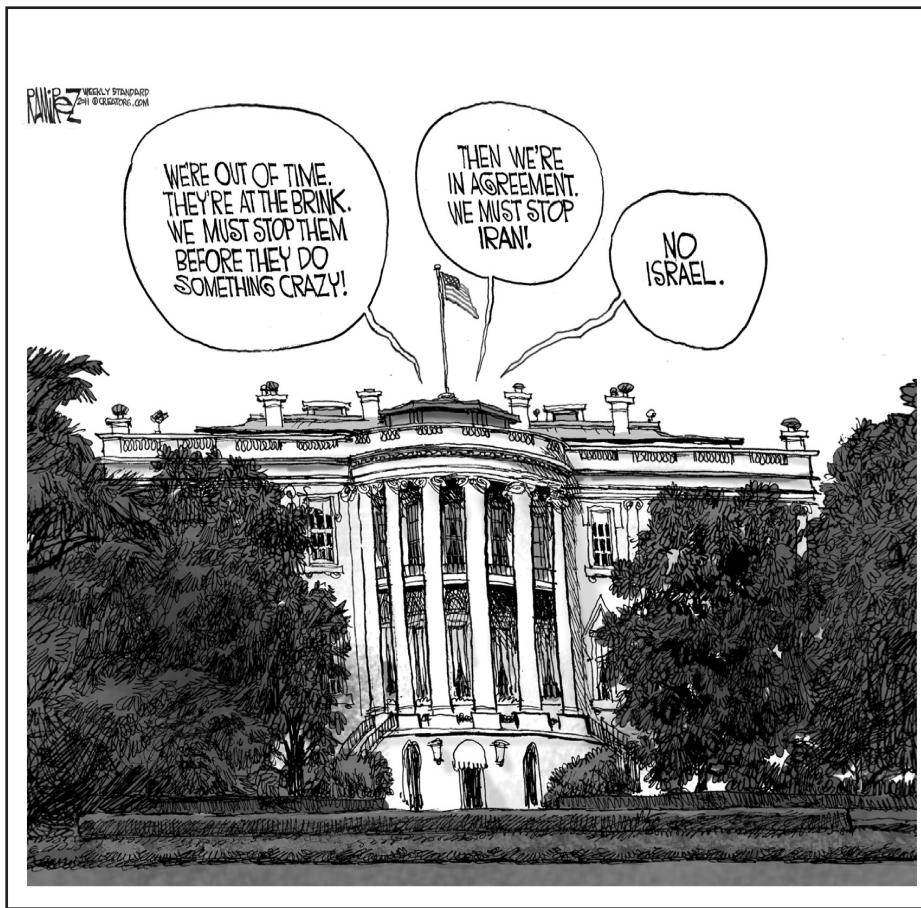
Roses to Salem Fire Chief Jeff Hughes. He was proactive last year in applying for grant money. The result is a federal grant of \$46,456 awarded for equipment replacement with just a \$2,445 match. What a great deal! Applying for grant money when available should be a no-brainer for taxpayer-paid employees and elected officials. But there are those who never even bother. So good for the Salem FD.

Roses to the Salem High School academic challenge team that survived a close final round to take home its fifth consecutive championship at the county meet on Jan. 28 at the high school. The team will now represent Columbiana County at the Regional Ohio Academic Competition April 21 at Jefferson Community College in Steubenville. This victory marked the seventh time in the past eight years the team has won the tournament, but it didn't come easy as Salem narrowly defeated runner-up East Palestine in the tournament's final round to finish 9-0 and avoid a tie breaker match. Talk about excitement. The Bulldogs finished with seven match victories while Beaver Local and East Liverpool finished tied for third with six. Salem's coach is Elaine Habeger. "There was a lot of great competition this year and I'm proud of our team for rising to the occasion," she said. And we wholeheartedly agree. Beaming with pride and accomplishment, and rightly so, are the champion Salem team members of Stephanie Wood, Nick Costa, Ian Chandler, Thomas Panek, Jocelyne Samu and Ciara Andrews. Roses also to the Columbiana County Educational Service Center which has coordinated the event for the past 13 years.

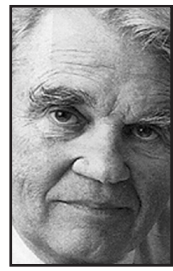
Roses to Salem Buckeye Elementary second-graders. They participated in the Camp Fire USA's program called "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans." The kids made Valentine cards for veterans in VA hospitals throughout Ohio. What a bunch of sweethearts! It's also good to hear about our young children being made aware of veterans and their importance in our society.

Roses to all the true sweethearts out there as Valentine's Day approaches. That includes the beaming little guy who will bring home from school a colored-outside-the-lines handmade Valentine's card for his best girl — his mom, of course. She will proudly display the artwork on the refrigerator door and will never forget the special moment she shared with her son and the glint in his eye. Thorns to anyone profiting by marking up prices of Valentine's Day gifts, candy, flowers, etc.

Thorns to those we call the "same people, same noise." That would be those who access our site and spew poison about others through our comments funnel. Usually it is about office holders but not always. They hide behind their web names. It is virtually always the same few people doing it. There were many malicious comments made following the posting of two separate subject stories this past week. Some were outright brutal and have no place anywhere including on this newspaper's website. Which is why we removed the comment access for those stories. So a few ruin it for everyone else. We certainly do encourage a healthy exchange of comments, insights and opinions on our site — the whole agree to disagree within the bounds of decency thing. The vast majority of those who comment do keep it clean, keep it non-slanderous and keep to the topic. We thank those mature folks. And for those who feel the Salem News, insert loud chuckle here, was suppressing some kind of freedom of speech by removing the filth from our site, let's do this: the next time you want to comment skip the stealth of the web, send a letter to the editor void of virulence (in other words non-libelous). Oh, and a reminder that your letter can't be anonymous. Show some guts. Include your name (your real name and not some cockamamie web name), address and phone number which is used for confirmation. We will be glad to run such a letter. We do it every week. It's just too bad that comment bins on web sites have become dumping grounds for rumor, gossip, sarcasm, innuendo and viciousness. That's not the intent.



Please pass the eponyms



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Classic Andy Rooney

It's fun to know more about the English language than is necessary to speak or write it. Eponyms, for example, are an interesting linguistic aberration.

The word "eponym" is one I thought I knew. I thought it was a thing called by a name taken from a person who invented it or was closely associated with it. I would have called "diesel" an eponym because the word was taken from the name of the inventor, Rudolph Diesel. Wrong!

According to several dictionaries, it is Rudolph himself, not his diesel engine, which is the eponym: "One whose name is so prominently connected to a thing as to be a designation for it."

One of the keys to this really having happened to a person's name is when you describe the thing by that name without capitalizing it. The word "diesel" fits that again. There are other examples:

The bunsen burner was named after Robert Bunsen, but it is not spelled "Bunsen burner."

When I was a kid, girls wore bloomers when they played a game like field hockey. Bloomers have gone out of style, but they'll be back. Every style in women's clothing comes back eventually. They were named after Amelia Bloomer.

There are other articles of clothing named after people. "Cardigan," the sweater, was named after Lord Cardigan, the British soldier who led the famous "Charge of the Light Brigade." I guess he wore a sweater instead of a coat of armor.

"Mackintosh" was a waterproof coat named after its inventor, Charles Macintosh, who didn't spell his name with a K.

One of the most famous eponyms is the life preserver they carry on aircraft flying over water, named after the buxom actress. The flotation device is universally known as a "Mae West."

The Earl of Sandwich is a famous eponym. He was hooked on gambling and hated to leave the gambling table long enough to eat, so he ordered a waiter to bring him some meat between two slices of bread so he could eat without stopping.

"Boycott" recalls Charles Boycott. He worked as an agent for some lord in Ireland, and people disliked him so much that they wouldn't speak to him or do business with him and they tried to get everyone else to do the same. They boycotted him.

Louis Braille invented a system of raised dots on a page that spelled words which blind people can read by feeling the dots.

A lot of diseases are named after the people who discovered them: "Alzheimer's" after Alois Alzheimer, "Addison's Disease" after Thomas Addison and "Huntington's Disease" after George Huntington.

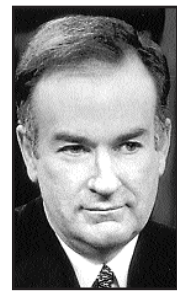
"Freudian slip" is named for Sigmund Freud. It means you've said something you didn't mean to say because of an idea in your head you were not conscious of having.

The names of several people who discovered electrical phenomena are eponyms. James Watt was a talented Scottish inventor and a unit of electrical energy is named for him.

The abbreviation "amp," short for "ampere," was named for Andre Ampere, a Frenchman, and a "volt" was named after an Italian, Allesandro Volta. He invented the first battery.

Perhaps, at later date, I will explain, in detail, the difference between a watt, an ampere and a volt. Not now, though.

A gay time at JC Penney



BILL O'REILLY

Every Halloween, New York City residents are greeted by homosexual parade marchers dressed to impress bystanders with a message that "gay is good."

Some folks take the parade in stride, some are offended by more than a few outrageous displays, and others simply could not care

wrong by making their disenchantment known. As long as they don't try to hurt DeGeneres or any other individual, I have no problem with the Moms.

In the 1950s, Sen. Joseph McCarthy got a whole bunch of Americans fired from jobs because he said they were communists.

There was even a blacklist in Hollywood that banished perceived leftwing job seekers from employment in the entertainment industry. That was awful and flat-out un-American. In this country, you have a right to be a communist, and nobody should punish anyone for their political beliefs.

In my opinion, Kim Kardashian is a far worse role model than Ellen, and the Million Moms might want to check that out. Kardashian is all over the media peddling an aggressively self-involved image that is anything but healthy for teenage girls. In fact, there are scores of media people who are celebrated for bad behavior.

If the Moms want to be consistent in their outrage about dubious behavior, they are going to be very busy.

So let's leave Ellen alone and allow the marketplace to dictate exactly what Americans believe is worthy. That is the American way. Witch-hunting against certain people and groups is not.

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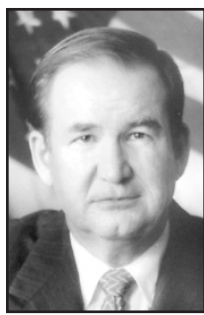
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2012 is shaping up as a war-or-peace election



PAT BUCHANAN

Appearing alongside CIA Director David Petraeus before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence last week, James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, said of Iran:

"We don't believe they've actually made the decision to go ahead with a nuclear weapon."

Before the hearing, as James Fallows of The Atlantic reports, Clapper released his "Worldwide Threat Assessment." It read, "We do not know ... if Iran will eventually decide to build nuclear weapons."

Clapper thus reaffirmed the assessment of 16 U.S. intelligence agencies in 2007, reportedly repeated in 2011, that the U.S. does not believe that Iran has decided to become a nuclear weapons state.

In December, when Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said that if Iran went all out, it might be able to build a nuclear weapon in a year, Pentagon spokesman George Little hastily clarified his

comments:

"The secretary was clear that we have no indication that the Iranians have made a decision to develop a nuclear weapon."

On Jan. 8, Panetta himself told CBS:

"(Is Iran) trying to develop a nuclear weapon? No. But we know that they're trying to develop a nuclear capability. And that's what concerns us. And our redline to Iran is: Do not develop a nuclear weapon."

On Super Bowl Sunday, President Barack Obama told NBC's Matt Lauer that he hopes to solve the Iranian problem "diplomatically."

From the above, we may conclude that the administration does not believe that Iran has crossed any redline on the nuclear issue — and President Obama does not want war with Iran.

Who, then, does want war? Ayatollah Ali Khamenei? Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad?

From their actions, it would appear not. If Iran wanted war with the United States, any terror attack inside this country or on U.S. forces in Iraq or Afghanistan could bring that about in an afternoon.

Expulsion of the International Atomic Energy Agency inspec-

tors from the Natanz enrichment facility, covering up the IAEA cameras, breaking the seals on the low-enriched uranium stockpiled there, or removing the LEU would be a fire bell for the Pentagon.

But the IAEA inspectors and LEU are still there.

When the alleged plot by a used-car salesman in Texas to hire Mexican cartel criminals to blow up a D.C. restaurant and kill the Saudi ambassador was revealed, Iran denied it emphatically and demanded to interview the alleged mastermind.

Moreover, Tehran has yet to retaliate for the assassinations of five of its nuclear scientists and four terror attacks by Jundallah in Sistan-Baluchistan and PJAK, a Kurdish terrorist organization operating out of Iraqi Kurdistan. Iran has alleged Western and Israeli involvement in these attacks.

Now that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has denied any U.S. involvement, Mossad is the prime suspect behind the killing of the nuclear scientists. And U.S. writer Mark Perry, in Foreign Policy, alleges that Mossad agents posed as CIA and used U.S. dollars in London to recruit Jundallah.

If this is true, this would be a false flag operation to provoke

Iran into lashing out at America. Apparently, Iran did not take the bait.

Why have the Iranians not followed through on their threat to close the Strait of Hormuz and begun to dial it back?

War with the United States would be a disaster. Though the Tehran regime might survive — as Saddam Hussein's survived Desert Storm — Iran's navy, most of its armor, anti-aircraft and anti-ship defenses, and its strategic missile force would be destroyed, as would much of the country's infrastructure. Iran would be set back years.

Who, then, wants war with Iran?

All those who would like to see exactly that happen to Iran.

And who are they? The Netanyahu government and its echo chamber in U.S. politics and media, the neoconservatives, members of Congress, Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum.

And as the Obama administration is the major force in U.S. politics opposed to war with Iran, its defeat in November would increase, to near certitude, the probability of a U.S. war with Iran in 2013.

Yet if the Pentagon and U.S. intelligence community are correct — Iran does not have a

bomb and has not decided to build a bomb — why should we go to war with Iran?

Answer: Iran represents "an existential threat" to Israel.

But Israel has 200 atomic bombs and three ways to deliver them, while Iran has never built, tested or weaponized a nuclear device. Who is the existential threat to whom here?

And though a U.S. war on Iran would be calamitous for Iran, it would be no cakewalk for Americans, who could become terrorist targets for years in the Gulf, Afghanistan, Baghdad's Green Zone, Lebanon and even here in the USA.

Year 2012 is thus shaping up as a war-or-peace election, with Republicans the war party and Democrats the peace-and-diplomacy party.

And as the months pass between now and November, this will become clear to the nation. *Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?" To find out more about Patrick Buchanan and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.*

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Thanks to residents who attended meeting

To the editor:

Residents of the Second Ward:

I want to thank the residents who came out on a snowy day to attend my meeting last Saturday. I received several messages stating many of you couldn't attend due to illness, road conditions and previous commitments.

Until 15 minutes till 10, I was thinking, calling a meeting with the residents of my ward was a mistake. I turned and looked out the window. I saw two people kicking snow and heading for the door.

The 15 Second Ward residents in city council chambers and I discussed many concerns in their neighborhoods. Some were stray cats, unsightly rental properties, time limit on trash cans on the curb, the need for additional stop signs and/or street lighting and of course my Streets Alleys and Sidewalk Committee. The list goes on and it includes the salvage yard on West Pershing Street.

The Second Ward meeting lasted almost two hours. One person asked if I was going to hold additional meetings. They nodded and said they liked the idea. I told them we could meet again in June and to bring a neighbor. I'm looking forward to seeing my report card for the first six months of 2012.

I also want to thank, former Fourth Ward Council Member MaryAnn Dzuracky and her husband Andy, for taking three pages of notes during the meeting.

CLYDE BROWN,
Second Ward representative,
Salem City Council

Upset that 'grandma' was pulled over and ticketed

What is with the police force now in Negley? Granted, they are welcomed, but really, pulling over a 72-year-old for "rolling through a stop sign?" If they feel Negley needs policing, why not be there on Friday or Saturday nights (especially Fridays, remember the Rogers sale?), when people are blowing through at 50 mph, or kids are out and about trashing peoples belongings?

No, now there is a police force in Negley that pulled over and ticketed 11 people in an hour, not including the 72-year-old grandma!

What's going on?

BOBBIE SWENSON,
Harker Heights, Texas

Reminder that police officers are people too

To the editor:

Recently, one of our longtime police officers passed away after providing 30 years of dedicated service to our community. While attending his funeral service, I read through the service program and printed within was the following poem by an unknown author:

I have been where you fear to be;
I have seen what you fear to see;
I have done what you fear to do;
All these things I have done for you.
I am the one you lean upon,

The one you cast your scorn upon,

The one you bring your troubles to,

All these things I have been for you.

The one you ask to stand apart,
The one you feel should have no heart,

The one you call the "man in blue;"

But I am a person, just like you.

And through the years,
I have come to see

That I am not what you ask of me.

So take this badge, take this gun;
Will you take it? — Will anyone?
And when you watch a person die

And hear a battered baby cry,
Then do you think that you can be

All these things you ask of me?

The next time you see a police officer in your community, remember this poem. It is a stark reminder of what he or she does for us on a daily basis. Thank you Jim and the rest still serving because we ask for so much and you willingly give us your all.

RICHARD LOTZE,
Beaver Township

Government stands between workers, industry

To the editor:

We are not the middle-class but the middleman in the eyes of this government.

The actions of the president and his party is to eliminate the "middleman" so as to cut cost. This is part and parcel to Social engineering too sustain economic growth which is a time honored and failed marxist/socialist doctrine.

Pipelines won't get built and coal firing plants are being shut down. GM and Chrysler has moved parts manufacturing plants to South Korea while GE has moved several of its plants to China.

Let's not forget Mexico that now manufactures the incandescent light bulb. Shell Oil seeks to build a plant within the tri-state region and that will fair as well as the BAARD coal refinery.

The true middleman is the government standing between the American worker and American industry. Conventional wisdom tells you which middleman needs to go.

WILLIAM E. EARDLEY,
East Liverpool

Ex-coach didn't live up to the 'The Pitt Way'

To the editor:

Panthers players suffer as Graham pursues his own interests.

For last year's Pittsburgh Panthers football players their season must have seemed like it had come from hell.

The Panthers started the season fresh after firing six-year under-achiever Dave Wannstedt, only to have to restart the process all over

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again three weeks later when Mike Haywood lost his job in light of a domestic violence charge.

The organization and it's players thought they had fixed their coaching woes when Todd Graham was named the head coach on Jan. 10, but the challenges were far from over.

It would only be 11 months before Graham, who shouted "Hail to Pitt!" on national television during his post-game interview with ESPN after a victory over No. 16 South Florida, would alert his players via text message that he was leaving to coach elsewhere.

"Coaching there has always been a dream of ours and we have family there," Graham said in the message.

What about the dreams of your young players, coach?

Graham also stated in the text message that the timing and circumstances prevented him from telling his players directly of his decision to take the coaching job at Arizona State.

Players reacted to their coach's sudden departure on Twitter.

Linebacker Adam Lazenga posted, "All I can say is wow.. Talk about committed haha."

Defensive end Brandon Lindsey posted "Ok so this is the 'The Pitt Way,'" making a reference to Graham's enforcement of character from his student athletes.

It seems Graham could not hold himself to the same level of standards.

His leaving Pittsburgh was an example of hypocrisy and a breach of contract, according to a public statement made by Pitt executive vice

chancellor and general counsel Jerry Cochran.

To recap, in just over a year Pitt players saw their head coaches departure because of over a half-decade of mediocrity, a felony arrest, and a sudden departure that has shocked and infuriated the locker room.

Graham should have considered the events of the past before deciding to add insult to injury and continued to coach at Pitt.

Quitting on your teammates, I'm sure, was not part of "The Pitt Way."

KEVIN ALQUIST,
Youngstown

Liberals, far left backers attracted to mobs

To the editor:

Occupiers or mobs?

Gustave L. Bon, a French physician, scientist and social psychologist in his book "The Crowd" writes of the human mind, and has painted a disturbing picture of the behavior of mobs. Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini used his book to learn how to excite a mob.

Even the left wing Guardian has admitted the La Bon' study of crowd behavior "is possibly the most influential work of psychology ever written.

The French revolution was a graphic and bloody example of where mob violence can lead. Thousands were beheaded. Most for no reason at all. Just a nod from a neighbor to the wrong person could cause a trip to the guillotine. If there were a trial it was a mockery of jus-

tice with crowds always screaming for blood.

We can turn our attention to the Middle East for current examples of mob and mob reaction. People thirsting for legitimate changes in their government take to the streets, peacefully to send their message, but as time passes with no response from their government, patience begins to wear thin and violence begins to occur, minor at first, then it escalates into blood shed and property damage.

L. Bon writes, "The demon is a mob and the mob is demonic. The mob cannot be controlled from within. A mob is an irrational child-like often violent organism that derives it's energy from the group, with the promise of instant gratification."

Since the beginning of civilization groups have used the mob as a medium to communicate. We should look to the Middle East for current examples of the bloodshed and destruction taking place there. There has to be a better way.

Two years ago when Glen Beck said it would be happening here he was scoffed and laughed at. We can call them occupiers disenchanted, progressives or dub them any other political correct title, but the group on Wall Street and elsewhere in the country had the ingredients of mobs.

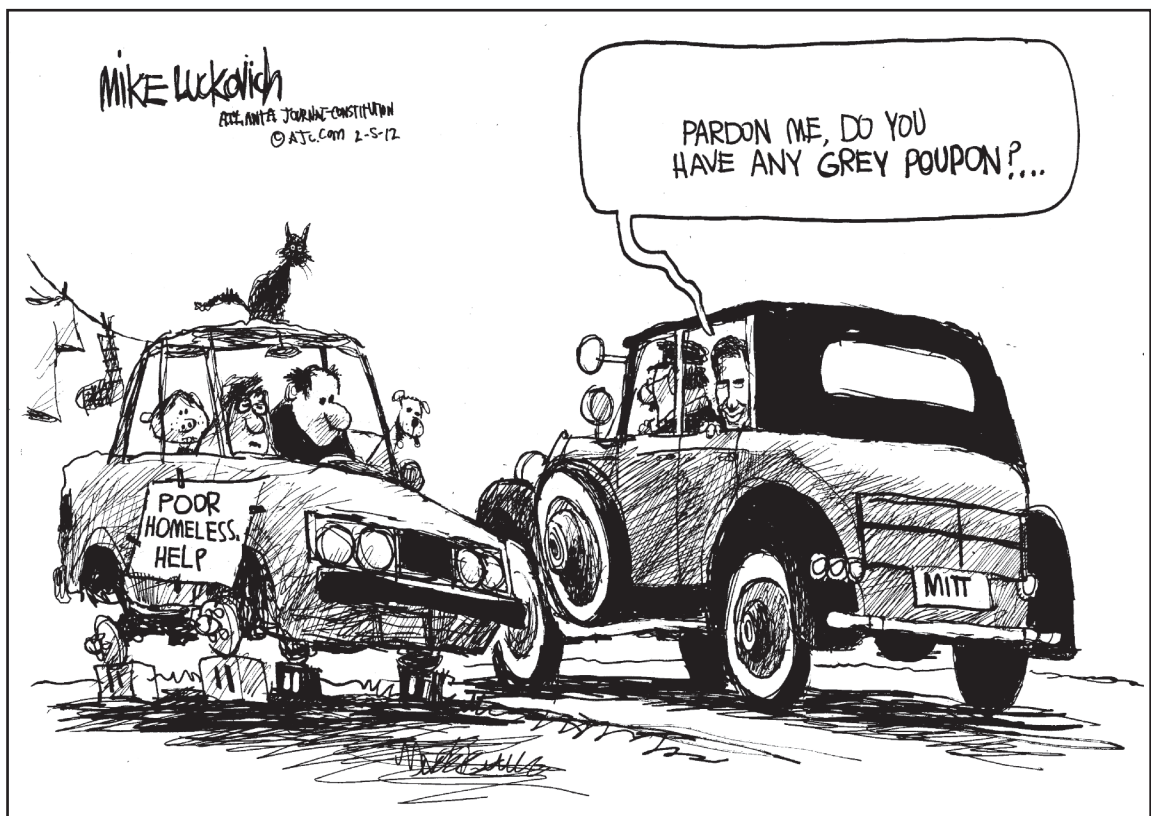
Large groups may congregate and remain orderly. An example, when nearly a million people assembled at the Lincoln Memorial two years ago. Not only did everyone behave, but they left the grounds just as they found them, clean.

It would seem that liberals and those at the far left are attracted to mobs.

LEON WHITE,
Columbiana

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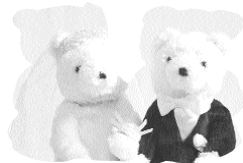
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ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Katherine Pylypiak to exchange vows with Benjamin Detwiler

Dennis and Andrea Pylypiak of Macedonia are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Katherine Pylypiak, to Benjamin Detwiler. He is the son of Samuel and Monica Detwiler of Columbiana.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Nordonia High School. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Youngstown State University in 2009, and a master's of occupational therapy from Cleveland State University in 2011.

Her fiancé is a 2005 graduate of South Range High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor of accounting and business administration from YSU in 2011 and is currently pursuing



Katherine Pylypiak and Benjamin Detwiler

a master's degree in electrical engineering at Stanford University.

The couple is planning a 2 p.m. March 31 open wedding ceremony at the

United Methodist Church of Macedonia.

Invitations are being issued for an evening reception at the SYB Hall in Stow.

Erica Faith Fringer to wed Justin James Sopko

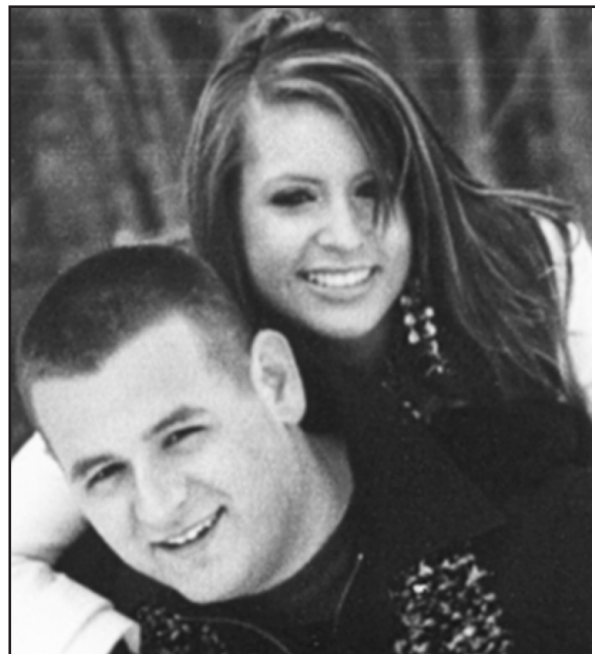
Erica Faith Fringer of 466 Bruce Drive, Brunswick, and Justin James Sopko are engaged and planning to be married. He is

the son of former Lisbon residents, James R. and the Rev. Patty Crowell Sopko, 19340 Whispering Pines Circle, Strongsville.

The bride-elect is employed at Parma Community Hospital.

The bridegroom is employed at Ferrotherm in Cleveland.

The couple's private, double-ring wedding ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 29 at Windows on the River in Cleveland.



Erica Faith Fringer and Justin James Sopko

Invitations will be issued for the reception to follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Greier mark golden anniversary

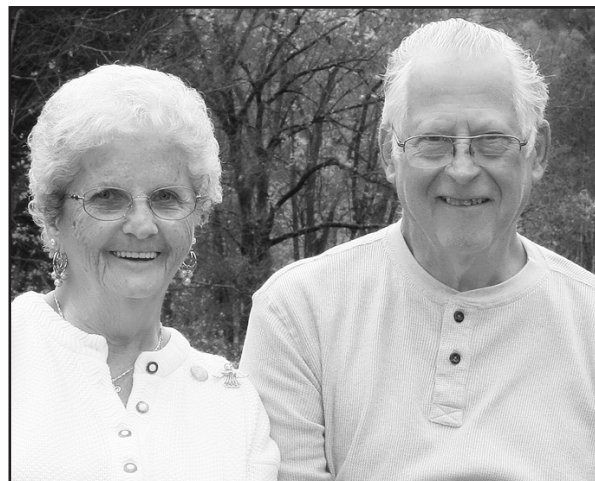
Eugene and Margaret Greier of Leetonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, with their children and grandchildren

hosting a surprise party in their honor on Nov. 20 at the St. Patrick Church social hall in Leetonia.

The former Margaret Mary Potts and Mr. Greier were joined in holy matrimony on Feb. 10, 1962 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Salem with Rev. Richard Gaffney officiating.

Mr. Greier retired in 2000 from J.E.S. Technology in Columbiana after 27 years as a machinist. He previously worked at Dan Dee in Leetonia and served three years in the U.S. Army, graduating from Leetonia High School in 1956.

Mrs. Greier retired in



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Margaret) Greier

2003 after working 23 years as a cook for the Leetonia Village School District. She previously worked at the G.C. Murphy Co. in downtown Salem and graduated from Salem High School in 1957.

They enjoy spending time with their two granddaughters, Kayla and Morgan, and attending their various athletic

and school events. They also spend a lot of time camping at Berlin Lake in the summer.

They are the parents of three children, Mary Ann Greier and Tony Greier, both of Leetonia, and Barbara (Rob) Hovorka of Salem. Besides their two granddaughters, they also have an honorary grandson, Corey Creamer, of Leetonia.

Waltons celebrating birthdays

The children of Bob and Mary Anne Walton are announcing that their parents are celebrating their 80th birthdays. Cards for the card shower may be sent to them at P.O. Box 24, Winona, Ohio 44493.

Mr. Walton was born Feb. 6, 1932, in Winona, the son of the late George and Gertrude (Stackhouse) Walton. He is also the stepson of the late Alice (Thomas) Satterwait Walton. He retired from NRM Steelastic in Columbiana and Summitville Tile in Pekin. He is also a Korean War Navy veteran and served as fire chief in Winona for 13 1/2 years.

Mrs. Walton was born Feb. 14, 1932, a daughter of the late Howard and Martha (Deweese) Hinshaw, in Sebring, Fla. She was employed at Deming Crane Pumps in Salem before her marriage. Since then she has been a babysitter for many, many children throughout the years. She is a member of the Winona Meeting.

Over the years they have been involved with the Winona Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, Winona Flax Scutching, Butler Grange, state and national granges, and most recently the Winona Area Historical Society.

The Waltons were married May 3, 1958, at the Sixth Street Meeting in Salem. Their children and spouses, eight grandchildren, and great-grandson are Gary and Stephanie Walton and daughters, Ashley, McKenzie and Jessica of



Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Mary Anne) Walton

Winona; Debbie and Mike Hanley and daughters, Miranda and Graceanne and her son, Konner of Winona; and Earl Walton and sons, Tyler and Ryan of Rochester, N.Y.

Katherine Roof marks 90th birthday

Family and friends helped Katherine (Barnard) Roof celebrate her 90th birthday on Feb. 5. She was born on Feb. 7, 1922, in Salem. More than 25 guests joined her in the recreation room at Salem Manor where they enjoyed lunch and cake. The room was decorated in shades of blue, her favorite color.

Guests reminisced as they looked at pictures. In attendance were Mrs. Roof's children and spouses, Frank (Nancy) Beeson of Chandler, Ariz., Linda Arter of Lisbon and Darlene (Steve) Shutler of Millington, Tenn. The honoree enjoys bingo, cards and spending time with family.



Lena Scullion celebrates 97th birthday



Lena Scullion, a resident of The Century House of Salem, is celebrating her 97th birthday. Scullion is a former flight nurse with the Army Air Corps, serving overseas in World War II. She helped bring the

front lines and helped those in need. When talking with Scullion, people find that her strong, determined personality always shines through. Often times you will hear her say, "It's a great life if you don't weaken."



CC Fairboard recognizes retiring member

Julie Herron, right, was honored at the Columbiana County Fairboard monthly meeting on Jan. 25 for her 12 years of service to the county 4-H programs and Junior Fair. Fairboard President Don Humphrey Jr. presented a token of appreciation from the board to Herron, who retired on Jan. 31. A farewell open house was held at the extension office in her honor. (Submitted photo)

Goshen HS Class of '58 to meet for lunch

SALEM — Goshen High School Class of 1958, and guests, will meet for lunch at noon Monday at the Skyline Diner at the Salem Airport on Route 45, north of Salem.

SHS Class of 1954 to meet for breakfast

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1954 plans to meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

LHS Class of 1949 to meet for lunch

LEETONIA — The Leetonia High School Class of 1949 will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. March 7 at the Iron Rails Cafe in Leetonia.

SCC to hold Italian-themed dinner

SALEM — The Salem Community Center will hold an Italian-themed wild game dinner, featuring Chef Steve James of the Fifth Season Restaurant from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 20. Reservations are required and are non-refundable. February's complete menu is available online at salemcommunitycenter.com. For more information call 330-332-5885. Proceeds from the fund raiser benefit the SCC Children's Fitness Center.

Damascus Ruritans meet, discuss plans

DAMASCUS — Members of Damascus Ruritan Club met recently at the Damascus United Methodist Church. A meal was served by the ladies of the church. Secretary Darlene Snyder called the roll with 21 members and one guest present. Vice President Al Lutz called on each of the community service committees for

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

their reports of activities.

Treasurer Roger Smith gave his December and January treasurer reports, which were accepted. He reminded members that their dues were due and gave a final report on the fall dinner accounting.

Ken Steer reported on the very successful Christmas Carol Sing which was held at the Damascus Friends Church prior to Christmas with nearly 100 people in attendance. He thanked the Damascus Garden Club for its part in furnishing hot chocolate and homemade cookies to those who attended.

A monetary donation was made to the Damascus Historical Society for the use of its printer, to help cover the costs.

President Dave Wingett announced the club would be serving the West Branch Future Farmers Association Banquet on May 10 and the club regular May meeting would be pushed ahead one week to May 17 because of the conflict in dates.

Wingett announced plans to hold a prospective new member night at the club's regular meeting April 12 at which time there will be a presentation of what Ruritans are and what they have done to help improve their community. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact one of the current members.

The program for the evening was a screen presentation by Snyder of the Membership Management System from Ruritan National, showing members how to access the Web site and what helpful information the member can receive from the site.

An American Red Cross blood drive was held Jan. 17 hosted by the Beloit, Damascus and Goshen Center Ruritan Club. The District Zone 6 meeting will be held Feb.

14 at Bunker Hill Methodist Church with the Goshen Center Club hosting. The annual spring Swiss steak dinner will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. March 24 at West Branch High School cafeteria. The Ohio District annual spring banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. April 21 at the Amish Door Banquet Center in Wilmot. Wingett handed out the 2012 tri-fold program /rosters to members.

TOPS 1380 rewards weight-loss winners

SALEM — TOPS 1380 met Feb. 6 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with 17 members present. Eleanor May led the TOPS pledge and prayer, while Cora Jean Briggs, Dorothy Mussler, Margaret Phillips and Laurie McBride recited the KOPS pledge. Best losers were Amy Lee, TOPS; Phillips, KOPS; and Nancy Finch, honorable mention. Cindy Eastman spoke on how to cut back on sweet treats for children.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Donna Mank and Shirley Hartman was wished a happy anniversary. Shirley Bullis read for the "circle of light."

Community Foundation holds quarterly meeting

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Community Foundation held its quarterly meeting on Jan. 31 at the Columbiana Public Library.

Dick Sell, vice president and member of the Screening Committee, presented applications for grant consideration with the board awarding \$3,500 to the Columbiana Meals on Wheels. The funds were designated for containers and food expense to assist with providing two meals that are delivered daily to residents of

the Columbiana Fairfield Township area who are unable to pay themselves.

President Norm Spiker announced that the foundation's Dr. James R. Garstick and Vylee Calvert Garstick Fund was substantially increased with a second donation from the Garsticks.

Grants are processed quarterly and should be received by March 1 to be considered for the April quarterly meeting. Applications may be picked up at the foundation office, 11 S. Main in Columbiana (330-482-3825) or are available from the financial assistance area of the Foundation's Home Page at

<http://www.columbiana.k12.oh.us/ccf/pages/financialassistance.htm>.

CC Firefighters Assoc. to meet Wednesday

LAWRENCEVILLE, W. Va. — The Columbiana County Firefighters Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lawrenceville, W. Va. Fire Station.

New Lisbon Masons to host spaghetti dinner

LISBON — A spaghetti dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at New Lisbon Masonic Center, 36192 state Route 172. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Dinner includes salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Carryouts are available.

Salem library to host 'Angry Birds' party

SALEM — The Salem Public Library is hosting an Angry Birds party at 11 a.m. and at 1 p.m. Feb. 20. Children in kindergarten to sixth grade will create birds and

try them out in a real life version of the popular app. No Smartphones or tablets are needed. This program is free, however, participants must register starting Feb. 13. For questions or to register, stop in or call 330-332-0042 option 3.

Southern Local HS '77 planning 35th reunion

SALINEVILLE — The Southern Local High School Class of 1977 is planning its 35th class reunion. For more information call 330-332-8290.

Former bank workers to meet for lunch

SALEM — Bank One retirees and former employees will meet for lunch at noon Feb. 21 at Annabell's Restaurant. For more information call Evelyn Babb at 330-332-5307.

Alchemy Acres to host spaghetti dinner

SALEM — A spaghetti dinner fund raiser for Alchemy Acres will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 4 at the Hickory Rib, 377 S. Ellsworth Ave. Cost is \$7 for adults and free for children under 5. Tickets will be sold at the door, or available in advance by calling 330-332-4897.

Salem Junior Mothers to host space program

SALEM — The Salem Junior Mothers Club will host a Reading Is Fundamental NASA Space presentation given by Elaine Pappas of NASA at 9:30 a.m. March 13 at Buckeye Elementary School.

SHS Class of 1948 to meet for breakfast

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1948 will meet for breakfast at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Adele's Place.



Friendly Squares host 1950s dance, featured on local TV
Tony Wildman from Cortland, Itala Landers of Canfield and JoAnn Sloan from Warren pose with an Elvis cardboard cut-out at a Friendly Squares 1950s theme dance held Jan. 18 in Niles and featuring Elvis impersonator Tom Montgomery. The group also held a dance Jan. 17 at the WKBN and WYTV television stations with 16 members dancing with Jeff Levkulich and Amy Radinovic on channel 27 and Len Rome and Jim Loboy on channel 33; and hosted an Akron Federation Student Dance on Jan. 22, with members and students from several clubs in attendance. Gene Hammond was the caller at each of these events and his wife, Frankie, was the line dance cuer. The next function for the club will be the Valentine dance from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Niles Senior Center. It is open to any plus-level western-style square dancer or new dancer level. The cost is \$5 per person. On May 4-6 the club will be part of the 52nd Ohio Dance Convention, held at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. The state convention is held in different parts of the state each year. For information call 330-534-4426 or go online to www.linksquares.com. (Submitted photo)

Bella Rose to host cut-a-thon

COLUMBIANA — Bella Rose Salon, located behind Das Dutch Haus will host a cut-a-thon to benefit Women's Heart Health from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday. The idea for the event comes from owner, Gloria Socciaelli, who survived a heart attack at age 48 and bypass surgery at 51. Those who make a monetary donation of any size will receive a complimentary shampoo and cut. Proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association.

Quota Club to hold garage sale

SALEM — Quota International of Salem Inc. will hold an indoor garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 3 featuring a soup and sandwich lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Emmanuel Lutheran Educational Building, 251 S. Broadway Ave. A limited number of tables are available for rent at \$10 each. To reserve a table, or for more information, call Jan Wells at 330-420-8490.

Give the gift of song for Valentine's Day

KIM COOK

For The Associated Press

This Valentine's Day, your gift could be one in a million, or one of 189 million.

The latter's the number of roses bought every February. The former? A personalized song or custom mixtape.

Some musicians have found a niche taking people's love stories and turning them into verse and tune. Peoria, Ill.-based Black Balloon Studio, for example, has created and recorded more than 400 custom songs since 2001. Founder William Beran says the process is simple. "Have an idea what you

want to say. Some clients have helped write lyrics, others have given us a poem that we worked into a song. Others simply tell us a story and leave the lyrics up to us," he says.

Beran asks clients about their favorite artists, bands and genres. The company often turns out a song in a couple of days, although he guarantees a finished product — including a lyric sheet and a CD with custom-designed case art — in 28 days. If you don't like how the song's developing, Beran will tweak things, with a different singer or instruments.

Black Balloon charges \$329 for a song, regardless

of length. As Beran observes, "Some people have a lot to say. Some would rather say more with less."

If you don't want to go all in on an original song, consider giving a mixtape of favorite songs that mean something to both of you. You can create one pretty easily online and then put the song list on a USB drive to wrap up.

ThinkGeek has a thumb drive that looks like an old cassette tape; add some meaningful tunes, don a handmade label and, depending on your vintage, it'll be an amusingly evocative nod to high school or college romance.

Check out

reach \$17.6 billion, with men spending an average of \$168.74 on clothing, jewelry, greeting cards, and more. Women are expected to spend about half that, shelling out an average of \$85.76.

"We've seen the trends start to swing upwards," said Kathy Grannis, a spokesman for the federation. "People are digging into their wallets and spoiling the ones that they love."

Beauty Bar, a West Toledo salon and spa, is booked for the weekends before and after Valentine's Day, as well as the day itself, manager Nicole Apodaca said. Couples have booked massages or other services and men have been coming in to purchase gift cards for their partners.

"Our Valentine's Day looks pretty good here," she said, adding that half the customers are buying services for someone else and the rest are treating themselves.

Frank Viviano, owner of Bartz Viviano Flowers & Gifts in Toledo and Oregon, said Valentine's Day is the florist's busiest holiday of the year. Roses are, of course, the most popular flower, but daisies, tulips, and carnations also are popular.

Roses typically cost more around Valentine's Day because they're not in season, Mr. Viviano said. A dozen roses start at about \$29.95 but can dip as low as about \$15 in summer.

Love, it seems, does have a price.

"The cost of our product goes up in winter," Mr. Viviano said. "Valentine's Day is a holiday that you have to be pretty precise on your prediction. If you buy too much product, it's hard to turn a profit, and if you buy too little, you miss out on sales."

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Rocco DiSpirito trims a Cajun dish for Fat Tuesday

By **ROCCO DISPIRITO**

For The Associated Press

Mardi Gras is the sort of celebration that can make every city in America want to be New Orleans. Between the parties and parades and all those rich foods, what's not to love?

Well, perhaps the after effects of all those rich foods.

That's why I came up with this downsized version of jambalaya, a classic Cajun dish. I wanted to take a little of the fat out of Fat Tuesday. Jambalaya is basically a one-pot meal in which rice is a main ingredient. The trouble with rice — especially white rice — is that it is loaded with carbs and calories.

To deal with that, I replace the rice in my jambalaya with a product called Miracle Rice. This is a variety of shirataki noodle, an increasingly popular variety of ultra-low calorie noodle products. Miracle Rice has no calories, no fat, no carbs and no sodium. It resembles a large cous-cous and has an extremely mild flavor.

This means it takes well to whatever other flavors you add, making it a perfect base for a high-flavor dish like jambalaya.

If you can't find Miracle Rice at the grocer, it is available online.

You also could substitute cooked brown rice, though this

will increase the calories and carbs.

The rest of this dish is built around the basic trinity of Cajun cooking — bell peppers, onion and beans. Chili powder provides the kick. I've trimmed the fat and calories from the protein, which usually consists of ham, sausage or duck. I use leaner chicken and turkey sausage instead.

The result has just 233 calories and 8 grams of fat per serving. Traditional recipes have 16 grams of fat and 767 calories.

TIPS:

— If you like, garnish this dish with fresh cilantro sprigs and a chopped scallion and add fewer than 2 calories per serving.

— This dish gets better with time, so don't hesitate to make it up to 24 hours in advance.

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CHICKEN AND ICE JAMBALAYA

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

4 large boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 2-inch chunks (about 15 ounces)

Salt and ground black pepper

1/2 tablespoon olive oil

3-ounces chicken and turkey andouille sausage (such as Applegate Farms), cut in to 1-inch slices

1 teaspoon adobo powder

1/4 teaspoon chipotle chili powder



Just in time for Mardi Gras, Rocco DiSpirito gives a the traditionally high-fat Cajun classic jambalaya a healthy makeover. Thanks to a zero-calorie rice-like product and various other nips and tucks, the result has lots of flavor, but not lots of calories. (AP Photo)

1 1/2 cups chopped yellow onions
1 cup chopped red bell pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
2/3 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth

Two 8-ounce packages Miracle Rice, rinsed

1/2 cup canned black beans, drained

Season the chicken with salt and pepper.

In a large nonstick saute pan over medium-high, heat the oil. Once the oil has started to smoke, add the chicken. Brown the chicken for 2 to 3 minutes, turning the pieces once. Remove

the chicken from pan and add the sausage, browning it for about 1 minute, turning the pieces once.

Add the adobo and chili powder and cook for 30 seconds.

Add the onions, then reduce heat to medium-low and caramelize them slowly until soft and browned, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the peppers and garlic and cook until soft, about another 2 minutes.

Add the browned chicken, broth, Miracle Rice and black beans.

Bring to a simmer. Simmer, uncovered, over medium to low heat for about 5 minutes, or until

the chicken is cooked through and the sauce is slightly thickened. Season with salt and pepper and divide between 4 serving bowls.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 233 calories; 8 g fat (30 percent calories from fat) (2 g saturated); 103 mg cholesterol; 13 g carbohydrate; 28 g protein; 4 g fiber; 862 mg sodium.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rocco DiSpirito is author of the "Now Eat This!" and "Now Eat This! Diet" cookbooks.



Shown is a plate of butternut Caesar salad with Romaine lettuce and roasted cubes of butternut squash. (AP Photo)



This one-dish meal is rich in savory flavors thanks to a blend of meat, mushrooms and cheese. (AP Photo)

A Caesar salad for the chillier months of the year

By **J.M. HIRSCH**

AP Food Editor

No matter how delicious a Caesar salad is, chilly temperatures tend to be a turnoff for all things leafy green.

Which is why I decided to tinker with the basics of this classic salad, to see whether I could make a winter-friendly version that was true to its tangy, cheesy roots, but also hardy enough to be desirable on a snowy night.

I kept the classic Romaine base, but bulked it up with roasted cubes of butternut squash. Warm and substantial, butternut is the perfect base for a robust Caesar dressing. Add to that some freshly made croutons (the oven is already on for the squash, so why not?) and it's a perfect vegetarian dinner.

Want to make it more substantial? No need to dirty a pan. Slice some boneless, skinless chicken breasts into thin strips, season with salt, pepper and garlic powder, toss them on the baking sheet with the croutons and squash for the last 20 minutes of baking, then cut them into chunks and toss with the salad.

BUTTERNUT CAESAR SALAD

Start to finish: 40 minutes

Servings: 4

For the squash:

20-ounces peeled and cubed butternut squash

1 tablespoon olive oil

Salt and ground black pepper

For the croutons:

10 ounces rustic bread, cut into croutons (about 4 cups)

2 tablespoons olive oil

Salt and ground black pepper

1 teaspoon garlic powder

For the dressing:

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

3 cloves garlic

4 anchovy fillets

Juice of 1 lemon

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/2 cup grated Parmesan, divided

2 heads Romaine lettuce, chopped

Heat the oven to 400F. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, combine the squash with the oil, tossing to coat. Season lightly with salt and pepper, then transfer to one half of the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, place the bread cubes in the same bowl, then drizzle with olive oil and toss to coat evenly. Season lightly with salt, pepper and the garlic powder. Set aside.

To make the dressing, in a blender, combine the olive oil, garlic, anchovies, lemon juice, Dijon, pepper and 1 tablespoon of the Parmesan. Blend until smooth. Set aside.

After the squash has roasted for 10 minutes, add the bread to the other half of the baking sheet. Return to the oven for another 20 minutes. Remove the squash and bread from the oven and set aside to cool until still warm, but not hot.

Set the Romaine in a large bowl, then drizzle with a bit of the dressing and toss well. Divide between 4 serving plates. Top each serving with squash and croutons, then drizzle with the remaining dressing. Sprinkle each serving with some of the remaining Parmesan.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 670 calories; 380 calories from fat (57 percent of total calories); 42 g fat (7 g saturated); 0 g trans fats); 15 mg cholesterol; 57 g carbohydrate; 17 g protein; 9 g fiber; 1,050 mg sodium.

Fiber is key to a healthy, delicious winter dinner

By **ALISON LADMAN**

For The Associated Press

The key to ensuring that dinner is both substantial and healthy? Fiber.

Adding plenty of whole grains and vegetables not only provides piles of nutrients, it also fills you up and keeps you full for long after the meal has finished. These foods also tend to be lower in calories, which means you can load up without getting weighed down.

This one-dish meal is rich in savory flavors thanks to a blend of mushrooms and cheese, as well as plenty of fiber from the farro.

The flavors of the stuffing combine with the sweetness of acorn squash and fresh, bright citrus and herbs to create a meal that will feel less like you're leaving something out and more like you're indulging in something hearty.

Farro is an ancient variety of wheat common in Italian and Middle Eastern cooking.

It usually is sold parcooked to make it quick-cooking, so be sure to check your package's instructions to determine the appropriate prep time.

FARRO AND MUSHROOM STUFFED ACORN SQUASH

Start to finish: 50 minutes

Servings: 4

1 large acorn squash (about 1 1/2 pounds)

1/2 cup farro

8 ounces mixed mushrooms, chopped

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 shallots, chopped

2 cups baby spinach

1/2 teaspoon orange zest

1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme

1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano

2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese

4 lemon wedges

Heat the oven to 375 F. Bring a medium pot of salted water to a boil.

Cut the acorn squash into quarters.

Scoop out and discard the seeds.

Trim off a small slice of skin from the curved side of each quarter to allow it to sit flat.

Spritz a 9-by-9-inch baking dish with cooking spray and arrange the squash in the pan, skin side down.

Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until just softened.

Meanwhile, make the stuffing. Add the farro to the boiling water and cook until tender but still al dente, about 15 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high.

Add the mushrooms, salt and pepper and cook for 10 minutes, or until well browned.

Add the garlic, shallots, spinach, orange zest, thyme and oregano, then cook for 3 more minutes. Stir in the drained farro.

When the squash is ready, spoon the stuffing into the center of each quarter. Sprinkle the feta cheese over the stuffing and bake for another 20 minutes, or until the squash is tender when pierced with the tip of a knife.

Serve each squash quarter with a wedge of lemon.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 170 calories; 15 calories from fat (7 percent of total calories); 2 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 5 mg cholesterol; 37 g carbohydrate; 7 g protein; 5 g fiber; 320 mg sodium.

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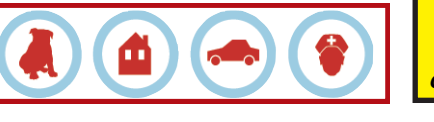
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The board honoring the "Citizens of Honor" is displayed at the Salem Historical Society Museum 208 S. Broadway Ave. (Submitted photo)

Historical Society seeks Citizens of Honor nominations

SALEM — The Salem Historical Society is seeking nominations for its 2012 Citizens of Honor award. The inaugural class of 24 citizens was installed in 2006 during the Salem Bicentennial and 10 added over the last five years for a total presently recognized of 34. Last year's recipients were Mary Dunlap Patterson and Holland Cameron.

The criteria are for Salem-connected citizens, from the present or

past, who have distinguished themselves with service to their community, their career, and/or to their country. The intent is to announce the addition of two citizens during the Founders' Day program in April.

Any field of accomplishment can be considered and should be described fully. Involvement in the community and other activities should be included when making a nomination for the committee to

consider. For further information contact the Museum, 330-337-8514.

Completed nominations are to be submitted to the Salem Historical Society by March 1. All nominations will be kept on file for present and future consideration. The address for submitting nominations is 208 S. Broadway Ave. to the attention of the "Citizens of Honor" committee.

Utility panel: closings could impact Ohio rates

TOLEDO (AP) — The closings of six coal-burning power plants operated by FirstEnergy Corp. could end up bringing higher electricity rates to much of northern Ohio several years from now, the state's utility regulators said.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio this week sent notice to the federal energy regulators that the closings "could have a dramatic impact on electric prices" in a region that stretches across the top of northern Ohio and dips into the central part of the state. That area includes Toledo, Cleveland and Youngstown and their suburbs.

FirstEnergy announced two weeks ago it was shutting down four coal-fired power plants in Ohio and one each in Pennsylvania and Maryland, blaming new environmental regulations aimed at reducing pollution.

It means there will be fewer power plants to meet the demand for electricity and that Akron-based FirstEnergy stands to make more money to keep their nuclear and coal plants available when the need for electricity spikes.

The end result is that customers in northern Ohio will pay higher prices than they otherwise would have in the coming years. How much will depend on the economy a few years now and the price of coal and natural gas.

Ohio's utility regulators have little influence over prices set at auctions that determine how much FirstEnergy receives to keep their plants available. But it does have the authority to regulate distribution rates, said commission spokesman Matt Butler.

The commission's notice filed this week is the first signal that it is keeping an eye on the situation. So far, it has

not heard any concerns from consumer or industry groups, Butler said.

FirstEnergy spokesman Mark Durbin said Friday that it's difficult to speculate about what consumers will pay three years from now. "We don't think the plant retirements will have any immediate impact on future rates," he said. He noted that current rates have been declining, pointing to a 4 percent drop approved last month that will take effect this summer.

Analysts have predicted that prices paid to FirstEnergy for future capacity will double at a power auction scheduled for May. Citi Investment Research analyst Brian Chin expects the prices to be even higher than that and draw closer scrutiny from Ohio's utility regulators. He said he thinks the public utilities commission will look for ways to keep down the prices.

Argentina: UK sent sub to Falklands

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Argentina said Friday it has information that Britain sent a nuclear-armed submarine to the South Atlantic near the disputed Falkland Islands in the latest verbal salvo in a dispute over the territory.

Argentina's Foreign Minister Hector Timerman told reporters at the United Nations that a submarine called the Vanguard with nuclear weapons was recently sent as part of Britain's deployment in the Falklands, which Argentina calls the Malvinas. HMS Vanguard is one of four British submarines armed with nuclear missiles.

"Argentina has information that within the framework of the recent British deployment in the Malvinas Islands they sent a nuclear submarine ... to transport nuclear weapons to the South Atlantic," said Timerman.

He said Argentina asked the United Kingdom through diplomatic channels if it had introduced nuclear weapons to the South Atlantic, but "thus far, the UK refuses to say whether it's true or not."

He said the deployment of nuclear arms in the region would violate the Treaty of Tlatelolco for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, designed to create a nuclear-free zone in the region.

Britain's U.N. Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant said later at his own news conference responding to Timerman: "We do not comment on the disposition of nuclear weapons, submarines."

"I don't know how he knows about submarines," he added. "I certainly don't know. The whole point of nuclear submarines is that they go all around the world and you don't know where they are. That's why they're a deterrent."

As for the treaty, Lyall Grant said that there would be no violation as long as nuclear submarines stayed out of Argentine waters.

Argentina and Britain fought a war over the islands that killed more than 900 people in 1982. With the approach of the 30th anniversary of the start of that conflict, which began when Argentina invaded on April 2, tensions have risen between the countries over the status of the British overseas territory.

Argentina claims the islands they call Malvinas, as well as the British-held South Georgia and South Sandwich islands, farther off its coast. At stake are not only the islands themselves — where sheep far outnumber people — but rich fishing grounds and potential undersea gas and oil in the surrounding seas.

Timerman said Argentina accepted an offer from Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to mediate with Britain. Grant said there's nothing to negotiate, because the Falklanders have now been there for nine generations and don't want change.

Britain's defense and foreign ministries on Friday also refused to discuss Timerman's claim about nuclear weapons, citing longstanding government policy not to comment on the deployment or movements of the country's submarines.

Britain's navy has 11 nuclear-powered submarines, seven armed with conventional weapons, including Tomahawk missiles, and four that carry Trident nuclear missiles, which can deliver warheads more than 4,000 miles (6,400 kilometers).

Last week, Britain's Daily Mail newspaper reported the U.K. had deployed a Trafalgar-class submarine, armed only with conventional weapons, to the South Atlantic.

"We are not looking to increase the rhetoric. We have not started a war of words," said Lyall Grant. "But clearly if there is an attempt to take an advantage of the 30th anniversary of the Falklands War, we will obviously defend our position and defend it robustly."

Wagging tails replace sad eyes in dog show ads

NEW YORK (AP) — Pet lovers won't have to look away anymore when those heart-wrenching TV ads appear during the Westminster dog show — the ones with the pitiful little faces peering out from behind those rusted bars of a cage and wondering "how I ended up in here."

Happy dogs will rule the air waves this year, thanks to a new sponsor for America's most prestigious dog competition and a decision to air ads that shift the focus away from sad-eyed animals in need of adoption.

"The feedback we got from our primary audience was that they were seeing commercials that made them want to turn the channel," Westminster spokesman and longtime TV host David Frei said Thursday.

Nestle Purina PetCare is the new sponsor for America's most prestigious dog competition that begins Monday at Madison Square Garden, replacing Pedigree after 24 years. The switch will bring a shift in the tone of the television commercials that drew nearly as much attention as who won best in show.

Gone will be the haunting music and woeful pictures of dogs with pleading eyes wasting away at the pound, hoping to be adopted. Instead, Purina's main spots will feature dogs running on the beach, catching a Frisbee, frolicking in the snow and riding a surfboard.

Frei said he thought the Pedigree commercials took the wrong approach, backed by viewers who either muted the spots or flipped the channel and didn't turn back.

"Show me an ad with a dog with a smile. Don't try to shame me," he said. "We told them that and they ignored us."

He added: "Our show is a celebration of dogs. We're not promoting purebreds at the expense of non-purebreds. We celebrate all dogs," he said. "When we're seeing puppies behind bars, it takes away from that. Not just because it's sad, but it's not our message."

More than 2,000 purebred champion dogs are entered in the 136th Westminster Kennel Club show, with the winner to be chosen Tuesday night. Each evening at the Garden, an announcement is read over the public-address system encouraging people to visit shelters and adopt a pet.

The commercials air on USA Network and CNBC, which share coverage of the event. About 3.4 million viewers watched last year when a Scottish deerhound called Hickory won.

Pedigree was "surprised and disappointed" when it was dropped by Westminster, senior brand manager Lisa Campbell said. Campbell said Westminster had made it clear in recent years "that we had become too focused on adoptions." She acknowledged that the ads struck a nerve and said there are other ways to encourage pet adoption.

She was certain, though, that the ads were effective. Campbell said shelters around the country had thanked Pedigree for raising the plight of homeless dogs. She said 4 million dogs get put in shelters each year and only half make it out. Among those who found a home was Sweet Pea, the pug mix she regularly takes to work with her.

"Westminster has been a great platform for us," she said. "We were able to tap into a dog-loving audience."

Melissa Martellotti, spokeswoman for parent company Mars Petcare US, said Pedigree had contributed \$7 million to the pet adoption cause since 2006.

Frei said Westminster has input into the commercials Purina will show during its multiyear deal as a sponsor. He said Westminster had the same understanding with Pedigree, "but things that ended up on the air were not what we were led to believe."



Leetonia Scrabble winner

Sue Buchanan of Leetonia recently won the Scrabble tournament held at the Leetonia Community Public Library. The library's next Scrabble night is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 28. Other upcoming events include "Favorite Son: The Life and Time of William McKinley" lecture at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21; Basic Yoga with Julia Fuhrman Davis at 6 p.m. Feb. 22; and a scarf knitting craft from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 29. The library will also begin hosting classic movies at 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month. For information about the library's community activities call 330-427-6635. (Submitted photo)

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Approximately 150 students enjoy the recent Honor Roll Breakfast consisting of milk, juice, doughnuts and fresh fruit.



The weekly School is Cool Page highlights students within the Salem Schools District. Businesses interested in sponsoring a page can call the Salem News at 330-332-4601.



The recent Southeast School Spelling Bee went an amazing 16 rounds. Congratulations to all 40 homeroom champions. From top, The top 10 spellers, including champion Bryce Owen, and alternate represented Southeast School at the City Spelling Bee; spellers during the bee; and parents and special guests joined the entire student body to support the spellers.



Honor Roll students enjoy the game, "What you don't know." They also get the chance to answer trivia questions for prizes.



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During Mr. Suchy's fifth-grade math class, Arthur James Thibedeau correctly explained and labeled quadrilaterals.



Following a literature unit on "Charlotte's Web," students in Mr. Suchy's and Mrs. Meals' language arts class decorated "Wilbur and Charlotte" cookies and learned how to write an acrostic poem about Wilbur the Pig. Tim Reno, left, is showing his cookies while on right Tyler Bowers, Dallas Tomlin and Peyton Howell work on their poems.

