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Fat Tuesday celebration will benefit Pantry

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

Area residents can prepare for the Lenten season of sacrifice by feeding themselves and the Salem Community Pantry funding coffers during a Fat Tuesday celebration from

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5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.
Sponsored by the Salem Kiwanis, Salem Rotary and the Salem Community Center, which will host the event, Fat Tuesday will feature a

variety of main dishes and desserts for visitors to get their fill before Lent begins.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season of penance, reflection and fasting in preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter

Sunday. The day before Ash Wednesday is known as Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday and can be celebrated with quite a bit of revelry in New Orleans. Mardi Gras means Fat Tuesday in French.

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Checking out the winter sale and flea market

A smiling 8-year-old Jasmine Karshuk of Port Clinton examines a thermos from a lunch box at the Salem Memorial Building Association's indoor winter sale and flea market Saturday. Jasmine was in town visiting her grandparents. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)

SALEM

Cruise meeting planned

By LARRY SHIELDS
Staff Writer

The second organizational meeting for the 7th annual Salem Super Cruise will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in city hall.

More than 30 people including Mayor John Berlin and several city council members attended the first meeting on Jan. 25.

This year's super cruise is scheduled for the June 21-24 weekend and will be the third year under city management.

The event, previously called the Quaker City Weekend Cruise, was renamed the "Salem Super Cruise" earlier this month shortly after the first organizational meeting.

Service Safety Director Ken Kenst said the Salem High School art department is working on a new

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Sheriff wins grievance decision based on technicality

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — The sheriff has won a grievance filed by a Columbiana County deputy who wanted the entire day off after being dismissed from jury duty, but the decision was based on a technicality.

Arbitrator Margaret Johnson dismissed the grievance on Feb. 6, ruling that the deputy had failed to officially file a complaint within the required time.

The dispute dates back to May 9,

COLUMBIANA COUNTY

2011, when Deputy Wes Smith was summoned to jury duty to serve in the pool of possible jurors for a trial. He reported to the county courthouse at 8:30 a.m. but was dismissed from jury duty at 10:40 a.m. after having never been selected.

Smith returned home until a supervisor called at 12:44 p.m. and told him to report to work to serve

out the remainder of his day shift. He complied and then asked to be paid 2-1/2 times hours overtime for those hours he worked.

Smith also asked that in the future any deputy called for jury duty be excused from work that day, regardless of whether they actually serve on a jury. The grievance was filed as a group complaint after other deputies signed on, which means all of them would have been compensated had the grievance been upheld.

The grievance was denied by Chief Deputy Sheriff Allen Haueter because he said Smith failed to file the grievance within the required five days after his appeal was turned down verbally by another supervisor, Lt. Brian McLaughlin. Arbitrator Johnson agreed, saying the verbal denial was sufficient to start the five-day clock for initiating a timely appeal.

Haueter said at the time he would

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Leetonia Library will honor McKinley on President's Day

IF YOU GO:

"Favorite Son: The Life and Times of William McKinley"
6:30 p.m. Tuesday
Leetonia Community Public Library

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

LEETONIA — In recognition of President's Day, The Leetonia Community Public Library will host a local historian and educator to speak about former President William McKinley a native of Niles.

Presented by New Middletown resident Paul Rohrbaugh, the free lecture, "Favorite Son: The Life and Times of William McKinley," will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. It will touch on the 25th president's birth, childhood, personal and working relationships and the issues present during his administration.

"It's about his legacy, really," Rohrbaugh noted. "How his life and his work relate to the world today."

Rohrbaugh, husband of the li-

brary's director, Lisa Rohrbaugh, is a former librarian and manager of the McKinley Memorial & Library in Niles. His master's thesis, "Friendship Memorialized," is the only published document about a presidential memorial. He is also attempting to have published a manuscript of the same name as the lecture he will present Tuesday.

Noting that McKinley has seemed to have been lost in history, Rohrbaugh said the man's life — as well as those of his local associations such as Joseph Butler — has

much to offer.

"We need to be reminded of that history...if we want to proceed into the future," he said. "This area has had a number of leaders who have had a profound impact on our way of life. In these tough economic times, it's important that people know that what they do does matter...they did it before and we can do it again."

A part-time teacher in the education department at Youngstown

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Sectional wrestling

West Branch's Joe Karlen wrestles his way to a 185-pound sectional title against Howland's Brian Puharich Saturday at the Division II sectional wrestling tournament at West Branch High School. West Branch qualified numerous wrestlers for districts. Story, 1B. (Salem News photo by B.J. Lisko)

19-year-old Alliance man killed in Knox Twp. crash

LISBON — The Lisbon Post of the State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred at 9:08 p.m. Friday in Knox Township at the intersection of Knox School Road and Hartley School Road.

A 2003 Chevy Cavalier driven by Jesse E. Mitchell, 19, of Alliance, was traveling east on Hartley Road when it was struck by a 1996 Toyota Celica driven by Connor R. Sell, 19, of Damascus traveling south on Knox School Road.

Mitchell was pronounced dead at the scene. Sell and a passenger, 16-year-old Taylor R. Steed, were transported to Aultman Hospital in Canton for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The crash is still under investigation.



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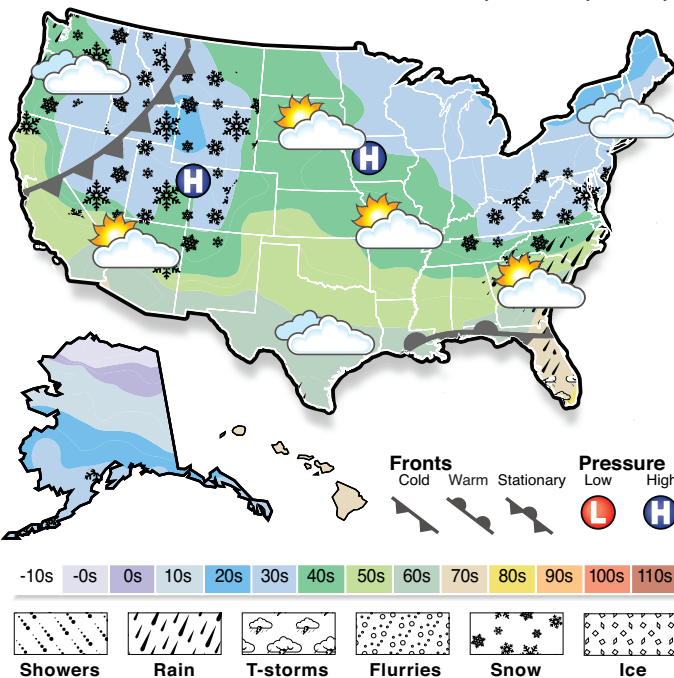
WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. Tonday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 18. Washington's Birthday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night...Clear in the evening...Then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain showers. Not as cool with lows in the mid 30s. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Friday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. **CLEVELAND:** Today...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Washington's birthday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night...Mostly clear in the evening...Then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain showers. Breezy with highs in the upper 40s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Wednesday night...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers.

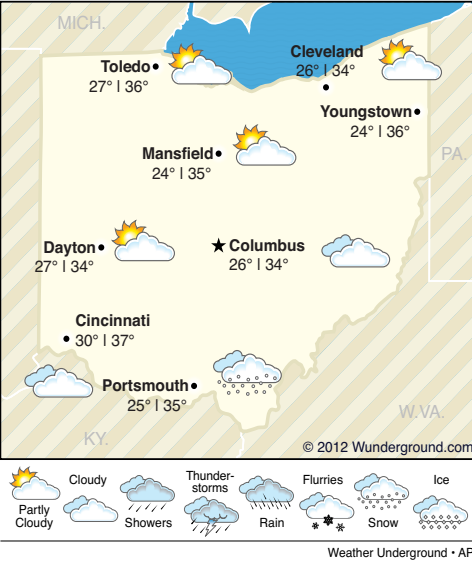
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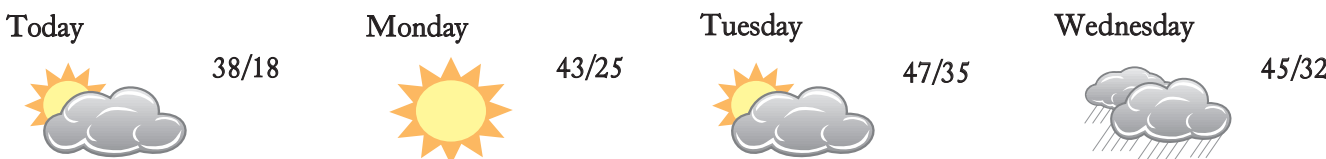
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ALMANAC

On Feb. 19, 1942, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which authorized the U.S. military to exclude people from designated areas. (The order was used to relocate and intern American residents of Japanese ancestry, a majority of whom were native-born U.S. citizens.) In 1473, astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland. In 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution. In 1878, Thomas Edison received a U.S. patent for "an improvement in phonograph or speaking machines." In 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 U.S. Marines began landing on Iwo Jima, where they commenced a successful month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

Extended Forecast



KSU Salem's Society of Professional Nurses hosting banquet
Kent State University at Salem's Society for Professional Nurses will host The Banquet of Salem from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the Memorial Building. Pictured from left are Assistant Nursing Professor Teresa Santilli, sophomore Jacob Sezek, BSN Program Director Mary Lou Ferranto, sophomore Joe Flask and Assistant Nursing Professor Lorene Martin. (Submitted photo)

Houston voice soars at NJ hometown funeral

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The best voices of a generation all paid tribute to her. But in the end, the most powerful voice at Whitney Houston's funeral was her own.

The first notes of "I Will Always Love You," at the end of a 3 1/2-hour remembrance of the pop superstar, played as her casket left the hometown church where she first wowed a congregation. Her mother, gospel singer Cissy Houston, walked right behind her, sobbing, "My baby."

Houston's voice — "you wait for a voice like that for a lifetime," mentor Clive Davis said — moved her daughter, mourners like Oprah Winfrey and a packed church to tears after the biggest names in gospel and pop music sang about God, love, lost angels and moving on.

Stevie Wonder rewrote lyrics to "Ribbon in the Sky" for Houston — "you will always be a ribbon in the sky," he sang. So did gospel's the Rev. Kim Burrell for "A Change is Gonna Come," which cousin Dionne Warwick said was Houston's favorite song of all time. R. Kelly brought the

New Hope Baptist Church to its feet with a stirring version of "I Look to You," the title of Houston's final studio album.

Wonder and Alicia Keys may have been the most famous singers offering tributes, in a congregation of mourners that included Oprah Winfrey, Mariah Carey, Kevin Costner and Chaka Khan. But the church choir and performances from the Winans family, the gospel star Rev. Donnie McClurkin and Burrell were equally powerful.

Houston's 18-year-old daughter, Bobbi Kristina, sobbed and embraced Houston's close friend, singer Ray J at length, as her mother's voice began to drift through the church. His sister, singer Brandy, put her arm around him throughout the service.

Clapping hands, swaying and singing along with the choir to gospel hymns, the biggest names in entertainment joined Houston's family and fans in the New Jersey city where she was first born and found her in voice in church.

Costner imagined a young Hous-

ton using her winning smile to get out of trouble, Houston's cousin Dionne Warwick offering short insights about the singer. Her co-star in "The Bodyguard," which spawned her greatest hit, remembered a movie star who was uncertain of her own fame, who "still wondered, 'Am I good enough? Am I pretty enough? Will they like me?'"

"It was the burden that made her great and the part that caused her to stumble in the end," Costner said.

Filmmaker Tyler Perry praised Houston's "grace that kept on carrying her all the way through, the same grace led her all the way to the top of the charts. She sang for presidents."

Warwick presided over the funeral, introducing speakers and singers.

Houston's mother was helped by two people on either side of her as she walked in and sat with her granddaughter and other family to begin the service. Houston's ex-husband, Bobby Brown, briefly appeared at her funeral, walking to the casket, touching it and walking out.

Library

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State University who also works freelance in historical research and publication, Rohrbaugh said he first became interested in McKinley while a fourth-grader in Austintown. When he mentioned over the supper table that he needed to write a report on a president and then told his father he did not believe a president was from the area, the family immediately visited the memorial in Niles and Rohrbaugh had found a life-long passion, he said.

"[McKinley] was an amazing man that faced a lot of the same problems we're facing today," Rohrbaugh explained. "His life is a very interesting study. Plus, not every community can say one of its own became president."

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Fat Tuesday

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Admission to Salem's version of Fat Tuesday is \$10 for adults and \$2 for kids 12 and under. Tickets are limited so they should be purchased ahead of time at the Salem Community Center or from a Kiwanian or Rotarian.

Fat Tuesday co-chairman Mark Equizi, who is a member of Kiwanis, said this is the event's third year and was started when he was president of the club and Gina Dermotta was president of the Salem Rotary. They thought the two clubs should do an event together and this was a way to help the Salem Community Pantry at the same time. The SCC partnered with them, donating the use of the facilities and serving as a ticket outlet.

Equizi credited Dermotta with the Fat Tuesday idea, with the theme of the evening to "Feed the Salem Community Pantry." In the last two years, the event has raised at least \$6,000 for the pantry.

"Every dollar that people pay for their ticket goes to the food pantry," he said, noting that all the food is donated with other costs assumed by the clubs.

In the past he said they would find people in the community to cook food, telling them to bring enough to feed about 50 people or more, leaving them with plenty of food for everybody. Equizi said this year some restaurants called and wanted to get involved, so there will be food from several different restaurants, too, in addition to the area cooks.

Tables will be set up in the gym, with two vendors at each table, an area for desserts and then tables and chairs where guests can dine. Mardi Gras beads will be available and New Orleans-style music will be playing. Some of the cuisine will have a New Orleans flair, but he said there will be a variety to please everybody.

The list of food providers includes at least 31 names of individuals or businesses. The menu will include pasta vegetables, mild and spicy chili, mini Cajun meat pies, lasagna and breadsticks, enchiladas, honey-baked ham, cake, Monkey salad, shrimp and grits, prime rib roll-ups, rolls, cheesy potatoes, jambalya, sloppy joes, popcorn chicken, chicken strips, potato wedges, macaroni and cheese, sausage, peppers and onions, beef wellington, pasta salad, fruit trays, pheasant and venison trail and snack sticks, chicken scampi, burritos, frozen drinks, coffee and water.

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DEATHS

Pamela Jean Davidson



COLUMBIANA — Pamela Jean Davidson, 50, of Greenford, passed into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at 9:40 p.m. Friday at Hospice House in Poland.

Mrs. Davidson was born June 14, 1961, in Youngstown, a daughter of Joseph and Carol White Bush, and had lived in this area all of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Columbiana.

Besides her parents of Greenford, she is survived by her husband, Joseph G. Davidson, whom she married April 9, 1994; a daughter, Molly E. Davidson, and two sons, Matthew J. Davidson and Jacob T. Davidson, all of the home; a sister, Amy Bush-Witzeman of Poland; her mother-in-law, Betty Jane Davidson of Negley; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Warrick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home in Columbiana, with the Rev. Paula K. Archdeacon officiating. Burial will follow in Washingtonville Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

Sign the register and send condolences at www.family-careservices.com.

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(Paid obituary)

Sterling Russell "Rusty" Lambert

LEETONIA — Sterling Russell "Rusty" Lambert, 43, died at home Friday.

Born July 15, 1968 in Logan, WV, he was the son of Numan W. and Mary Ann (Hayes) Lambert.

Mr. Lambert had worked as a superintendent at Mountain Spring Coal Company in Bergholz.

Survivors include his mother of Danville, WV, his father and stepmother June Lambert of Hanoverton; a son, Josh Lambert of East Palestine; a sister, Krystal Ann (Brian) Meadows, of Charlotte, NC; and his fiancée, Stephany McDevitt of Leetonia.

Calling hours will be from 7-9 p.m. Monday at the Weber Funeral Home in Lisbon. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Handley Funeral Home in Danville, WV with Pastor John Barker officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

View this obituary and leave condolences at www.weberfh.com.

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James A. Wilcox

SALEM — James A. Wilcox, 52, of Salem died Saturday at the Salem Community Hospital. Arrangements pending at Stark Memorial.

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In Ohio, Santorum questions Obama's Christian values

COLUMBUS (AP) — White House candidate Rick Santorum on Saturday questioned President Barack Obama's Christian values and attacked GOP rival Mitt Romney's Olympics leadership as he courted tea party activists and evangelical voters in Ohio, "ground zero" in the 2012 nomination fight.

Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator known for his social conservative policies, said that Obama's agenda is "not about you. It's not about your quality of life. It's not about your jobs. It's about some phony ideal. Some phony theology. Not a theology based on the Bible. A different theology."

Obama campaign deputy press secretary Ben Labolt said Santorum's comment was "the latest low in a Republican primary campaign that has been fueled by distortions, ugliness, and searing pessimism and negativity." He said it was "a stark contrast with the President who is focused everyday on creating jobs and restoring economic security for the middle class."

Trailing Romney in money and campaign resources, Santorum is depending on the tea party movement and religious groups to deliver a victory March 6 in Ohio, one of Super Tuesday's biggest prizes.

More delegates will be awarded in Ohio than in any other state except Georgia in the opening months of the Republican campaign. Ohio and Georgia are two of the 10 contests scheduled for March 6, a benchmark for the primary campaign that often decides who can continue to the next level. Even as he criticized Obama, Santorum also went after one of Romney's most promoted achievements — his leadership at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Salem man arrested for allegedly trying to break into pharmacy

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff writer

SALEM — Police Friday night arrested a Salem man for allegedly trying to break into Fred's Family Pharmacy located at 1136 East State Street.

David A. Tedder, 297 Rose Ave., was arrested for disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing and criminal damaging after witnesses claimed he had shattered a window at the drugstore before fleeing eastbound at approximately 8:26 p.m. Officers found a metal tool at the base of the window, as well as fresh damage on the window, which had not been shattered.

Tedder was detained near Washington Avenue and transported back to the station, where he received treatment for lacerations and abrasions sustained from falls due to his intoxicated state.

He was transported to the Salem Community Hospital for further treatment of the wounds.

Less than two hours earlier that night officers had responded to Tedder's home for a report of a domestic disturbance and at that time warned him against leaving the residence in his condition.

POLICE

PERRY TOWNSHIP REPORTS

— Police responded to a Grant Street home at 8:03 p.m. Wednesday where a man reported his cousin had requested a ride to Sebring, but was unable to advise where once they had arrived. Upon returning to his home, the cousin allegedly attempted to steal some items and then tried to strike the complainant when he escorted her out. The cousin was taken to an area business to wait on a ride.

Police returned to the residence at 4:51 p.m. Thursday where the man reported a relative had ransacked the home and taken several items while he was away.

— Paula L. Stinson, Norton, Ohio, was cited for driving under suspension following a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Pidgeon Road at 11:55 a.m. Thursday.

SALEM REPORTS

— Cynthia Sines, East Fifth Street, reported at 3:45 p.m. Friday that a company took money from her bank account without authorization.

— Police responded to a domestic dispute in the 200 block of Rose Avenue at 6:44 p.m. Saturday and found that despite several items being broken no physical violence occurred.

— Christine A. Bailey, Northside Avenue, East Liverpool, reported at 9:42 p.m. Friday that someone had attempted to pry open the door of her vehicle while it was parked at a business in the 1600 block of South Lincoln Avenue.

— Police responded to a domestic dispute in the 500 block of East School Street at 11:43 p.m. Friday and found it to be verbal only.

— Police responded to Centennial Park at 11:59 p.m. Friday for a report of several people vandalizing a street sign. Upon arrival officers observed multiple individuals fleeing the area on foot, six of which were detained. They were let go after giving conflicting accounts of the incident.

— James M. Doychak, Enon Valley, Pa., was arrested for operating a vehicle intoxicated following a traffic stop at 12:56 a.m. Saturday for no headlights and failing to stop for a stop sign.

— A Pembroke Drive man reported at 1:41 a.m. Saturday that he had been at a local business with a female friend who left on foot without telling anyone and he was concerned for her safety.

— Police responded to a domestic dispute in the 700 block of East Third Street at 2:34 a.m. Saturday and found it to be verbal only.

— Robert E. Chester, last of 254 W. Wilson St., Salem, was arrested for violation of a protection order after police responded to the residence at 2:31 a.m. Saturday where he was allegedly attempting to break through plywood on the front.

— Police received a report of a red truck traveling off the roadway in the 700 block of Liberty Street at 1:34 a.m. Saturday and then leaving the scene. Perry Township police reported finding the truck unoccupied crashed near West Perry Street and Granite Street.

— An officer responded to a home in the 1400 block of Ridgewood Drive at 6:26 a.m. Saturday for a report of someone knocking on the windows. The officer searched the area but was unable to find anyone.

LISBON REPORTS

— Gregory Gooding, 34, of Lisbon, was cited for failure to stop an assured cleared distance after the SUV he was driving struck a van operated by Nikolous Mikouis, 67, of Cortland, who was stopped in traffic on North Market Street at noon Saturday.

— Michelle Deville, Saltwell Road, reported her home was egged Thursday and Friday nights.

— Felicia Houtenbrink reported Saturday she wanted to file a harassment report against a male she knows.

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Pancake supper set

GREENFORD — The community is invited to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 21 from 5-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Greenford Lutheran Church, 7450 West South Range Road (Rt 165) in Greenford.

Donations from this supper will go to the summer youth camperships at Camp Frederick.

Cruise

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event logo. Brevity was the reason for the name change.

"From my standpoint, every time I wrote it I forgot it," Kenst said about the old name. "And it's not weekend ... this really pinpoints it with Salem in it."

Jim Bonfert, a cruise volunteer organizer and longtime Salem hot rodder, said the name had more "snap" to it.

Kenst said he has received several entertainment packages from DJs and bands looking to perform but has yet to appoint an entertainment committee.

"We do have a person to head the sponsors and advertisers committee," Kenst said Friday.

Ron Waite will head that "most important" committee, Kenst said.

The two top committees include concessions, sponsors and advertisers.

A number of other committees including sales, entertainment, registration, parking, Arby's cruise and show 'n shine are being looked at and Kenst suggested a motorcycle committee that would help organize riders "rather than just have them show up."

"I have a lot of volunteers, I just haven't matched them up with committees ... we need to name committee heads," he said.

Wednesday's meeting is open to the public.

"We're looking for volunteers all the way through," he said.

Larry Shields can be reached at lshields@salemnews.net

Sheriff

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have denied the grievance regardless based on contract language that states an employee "called for jury service" is to be excused from work for the day with pay. While the deputy was summoned for jury duty, Haueter and Sheriff Ray Stone were of the opinion that is not the same thing as being chosen to serve on a jury.

The arbitrator's services cost \$4,154, with the expense split between the union and the sheriff's office.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

— Chris Beaver, Sixteen School Road, Wellsville, reported Saturday a person he knows left him threatening text messages and voice mails and also threatened his girlfriend. Beaver was advised how to obtain a protection order.

— Gary Carter, Westville Lake Road, Beloit, reported Friday a truck became stuck while driving through his field but later managed to get loose and leave prior to the deputy's arrival.

Carter said the truck driver told him he worked for a drilling company, but Carter told him he never leased his property.

— Lisa Bentfield, Buffalo Road, East Rochester, reported Friday someone entered her home and the only thing they did was let her dog outside, and then someone called the dog warden and humane officer on her.

Bentfield said the humane officer has been harassing her and she believes she knows who let her dog out and contacted authorities.

— Homer Carnes, state Route 154, Elkrun Township, reported at 4:48 a.m. Saturday two of his relatives showed up and attempted to cause problems, but they left when he called the sheriff's office.

— Robert Clark, Trinity Church Road, Hanover Township, reported being punched by his wife at 11:58 p.m. Friday, but Clark declined to press charges.

— A bundle of newspapers were reportedly stolen Thursday morning from outside the Rogers Food & Fuel, Depot Street, Rogers.

— Deputies responded to a domestic dispute at a home on Yeager Drive, East Liverpool, at 11:34 p.m. Friday, resulting in domestic violence charges being filed against John Shields, 43, and Tina George, 43

Naked girl, 12, found eating from trash can

TEMECULA, Calif. (AP) — Authorities say a naked 12-year-old girl was discovered eating food out of trash cans in Temecula and her mother has been arrested on suspicion of child endangerment.

Riverside County sheriff's officials say when police responded to a 911 call Thursday, they found the girl in a car where she was allegedly left by her 40-year-old mother, who was later arrested.

Dominique Prado tells the Riverside Press-Enterprise that she and her husband were in their yard when they saw the girl rooting through a trash can.

The girl was found in a BMW with tinted windows around the corner from the

Prado's home.

Prado says the girl was struggling to cover herself with a floor mat from the vehicle. She gave her an apple, children's snacks and a bottle of water.

The girl is in protective custody and was given medical care at a nearby hospital for unspecified ailments.

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SUN/19

CANFIELD

Columbiana-Mahoning County Beekkeepers, meeting, 2 p.m., Canfield Experimental Farm; potluck lunch, 1 p.m.

LISBON

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

SALEM

Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892, 496 Arch St.; \$4 per meal.

MON/20

COLUMBIANA

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

DAMASCUS

Lupus Support Group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., Damascus Friends Church; 330-509-9015.

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 Public Library, board of trustees, 4:30 p.m.

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; sponsored

by students of the Salem Kent State University's nursing program.

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.

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

TUE/21

BEAVER TOWNSHIP

South Range Local Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., K-12 campus.

COLUMBIANA

Michele Gianetti, author of "I Believe In You," speaking at Columbiana Public Library, 323 N. Middle St., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration is required; 330-482-5509.

ELKTON

Elkrun Township trustees, meeting, 7 p.m., township garage administration building on Route 154.

GREENFORD

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5-6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Greenford Lutheran Church, 7450 West South Range Road (Rt 165). Donations will be accepted. 330-337-7982.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Ad-

ministration Building.

HANOVERTON

United Local High School Class of 1961, lunch, 1 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

LEETONIA

Computer class, 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library; register, 330427-6635.

Shrove Tuesday pancake-sausage supper, 5-7 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 29 Spruce St.; \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 5 to 12.

"Favorite Son: The Life and Time of William McKinley," 6:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

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

LISBON

Family and Children First Council, mandated member meeting, 9 a.m., Mental Health board office; general member meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Beaver Local School Fiscal Commission, 4 p.m., high school media center.

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

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Assoc. monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Columbiana County Emergency Management Agency, 215 S. Market St.

SALEM

Deming Retirees and former

employees, breakfast, 8 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1943, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

Goshen High School Class of 1941, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

"Meet and Greet" the candidates, 6:30 p.m., Living Faith Church, 166 Vine St.; US Senator, US House of Representative and Ohio House candidates

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.

Salem High School Chapter of National Honor Society, induction ceremony, 6:30 p.m., high school auditorium.

Salem Community Center, Salem Rotary Club and Salem Kiwanis Club's Fat Tuesday "Feed the Salem Community Pantry" dinner fund raiser, 5-7 p.m., Salem Community Center; \$10 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. Tickets sold at the Salem Community Center or from club members.

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

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

Quota International, conference meeting at the clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

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

SEBRING

Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

UNITY

Area Singles, 6 p.m., Roadhouse.

WED/22

LEETONIA

Gentle Basic Yoga with Julia Fuhrman Davis, 6 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM

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

Men of the Salem High School Class of 1960, lunch,

noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Officer election, Salem Senior Citizens, 12:30 p.m., Memorial Building.

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

Car building workshop for March 4 Citywide Pinewood Derby. Workshop, 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays Feb. 22 and 29 at 777 South Ellsworth Avenue. Pre-registration available. Open to boys and girls of all ages. For information call Jock Buta at 330-277-2011 or email stpaulspack6@yahoo.com.

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Salem Post 892, 7 p.m., post home.

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

THU/23

BELOIT

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

COLUMBIANA

Craig Newbold will present "Acknowledgement of the Deficiency Free Survey," 10 a.m., Whispering Pines Village, 937 E. Park Ave.

DAMASCUS

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

HANOVERTON

United Local High School Class of 1959, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Skyline Diner in Salem.

LEETONIA

New teen vampire movie, 5:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Leetonia Exempted Village Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., K-12 campus Room 20.

LISBON

Board of revision hearings, 9 a.m., auditor's conference room.

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

Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Operations Committee, 5 p.m.

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

NORTH LIMA

Alzheimer's Association, Caregiver Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Common Ground Church Community, 2310 W. South Range Road; 330-650-0552.

SALEM

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

Salem High School Class of 1954, 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.

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

FRI/24

SALEM

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

Fish fry, 5-7 p.m., Saxon Club, 1980 state Route 9. Carryouts, 330-222-1770 after 4:30 p.m.

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/25

COLUMBIANA

Used prom gown, drop off, Columbiana Women's Club, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 121 N. Main St. Handling fee \$5; 330-482-2832.

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.

LEETONIA

Family movie, 1:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

NEW WATERFORD

Mystery Dinner Theater presents Mystery at Montley's Manor, 6 p.m., New Waterford United Methodist Church, 46925 S. State St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, \$20; 330-457-7436.

NORTH LIMA

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

Safe at Last Dog Rescue and F5RS' all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast fund raiser, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., old South Range High School, 11836 South Ave.; \$7 for adults, \$4 for 12 and under.

SALINEVILLE

Salineville High School Class of 1961, lunch, 1 p.m., Taste of Country in Lisbon.

SALEM

Public breakfast buffet, 7:30-10 a.m., Masonic Building, 788 E. State St.; \$6 for adults, \$3 for under age 10, free for under 2. Handicapped accessible elevator available.

Denise Richardson Ozenghar "Fight for Denise" cancer benefit and spaghetti dinner, 4-8 p.m., AMVETS Post 45, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, free for 5 and under; 330-565-3712.

SUN/26

COLUMBIANA

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Just make the violence stop

By CATHY BROWNFIELD

Family Recovery Center

Everyone won't leave an unhealthy relationship. Why?

How do you abandon someone so unhappy, so angry, so lost... who used to love you? How do you leave someone who used to be fun to be with, who used to laugh with you, hold your hand, tell you how beautiful you are? How do you walk away from the vows you made before God and man? How do you give up on something you made a commitment to? On the other hand, how do you remain in contact, in the relationship, when it hurts you so much?

Rachel Ramirez-Hammond is a training coordinator for Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) and, in her article (Fall 2011, Ohio Domestic Violence Network newsletter, Network News) relates her story about a client she met in Tampa, Florida when she was working at a domestic violence shelter. She jumped right in to help this young woman, pregnant and a toddler in tow, to escape her abuser. She didn't see that leaving her husband, whom she loved, was not what the woman wanted.

"Ultimately, her contact with me didn't help her that much because she wasn't looking for assistance in leaving her relationship. She was looking for assistance, support and help to create strategies to increase her and her child's safety while staying in the relationship. She also wanted validation that not only was the abuse at the hands of her husband wrong, but that it was okay that she still loved him," Ramirez-Hammond writes.

While some victims of domestic vi-

olence want no further contact with their abusers and are ready to move on with their lives, others "just want the abuse to stop." It's not just about physical safety. The victim may perceive she doesn't have job skills or enough education to enable her to find a job that will provide for herself and her children. Where will she live if she can't find work? Who will help her with the care of her children if she does work? Will she be safe out on her own or will she always be looking over her shoulder, stalked by her ex until he chooses the time to attack her? What resources are available to her?

Twenty years ago a therapist advised "Cynthia" that she was in an unhealthy relationship and needed to leave. She was almost convinced. Then the therapist added that she was the trigger. Whatever she decided to do would trigger a reaction in her husband. She decided it was better to stay and have some control than to leave and have none. She didn't believe that her husband would ever be able to physically harm her, but there always was that little seed of doubt in the back of her mind. The stress of the unhealthy relationship still weighs on her. "He was victimized, too."

She and Edgar would be connected through their children forever. Many victims are intent on staying in the relationship to make things work, to build relationships between the children and the parents, in spite of the violence.

"Domestic violence is a pattern of controlling and coercive conduct that serves to deprive victims of safety and autonomy," advises ACADV (Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence.)

"Perpetrators believe they are entitled to power and control over their partners and perceive all interactions within relationships through a prism of compliance or disobedience. Perpetrators use abusive tactics to reinforce their rules and maintain absolute control over their victims."

Domestic violence is a learned behavior. The abuser has witnessed it or experienced it within their family, community or culture. Also, the batterer is responsible for any abuse inflicted by them.

"A batterer abuses because he wants to, and thinks he has a 'right' to his behavior. He may think he is superior to his partner and is entitled to use whatever means necessary to control her," according to ACADV.

Many people think that joint marriage counseling is needed, but it is documented that joint counseling only compounds the couple's troubles. It is the batterer's problem. It is the batterer who needs the help.

There are people who do not want to leave their relationship, for whatever reason. They are in need of strategies that will help them to stay and maintain their home and family.

Family Recovery Center promotes the well being of individuals, families and communities. For more information about domestic violence, contact FRC at 964 N. Market St., Lisbon; phone, 330-424-1468; or e-mail, info@familyrecovery.org. The agency provides education, prevention and treatment programs and can point you in the right direction for assistance in seeking recovery. FRC is funded, in part, by the United Way of Northern Columbiana County.

SALEM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Triggers that can change metabolism



DR. WAGNER

If you've ever had trouble losing weight, you may have placed the blame on having a slow metabolism.

"The rate at which your body uses energy is called your basal metabolic rate," explained Family Medicine physician Timothy Wagner, D.O. "Your metabolism involves a complex network of hormones and enzymes that not only convert food into fuel, but also affect how efficiently you burn that fuel."

"Because metabolism establishes

the rate at which we burn our calories, it also affects how quickly we gain or lose weight. Some people burn calories at a slower rate than others, but there are many other factors that can affect a person's metabolism."

Age: "As people get older, their ability to quickly use up energy diminishes and metabolism can slow," Dr. Wagner continued. "It is estimated that metabolism naturally slows about 5 percent per decade after the age of 40."

Lack of exercise: "Exercise not only helps you expend more calories while you're physically active, but there's also some evidence that it may increase your resting metabolic rate," Dr. Wagner continued. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests that adults 65 and older get two and a half hours of moderate-intensity aerobic activity every week and do strengthening exercises on all the body's major muscle groups at least twice a week."

"Older people also tend to have less muscle mass than younger people, which translates to a reduced metabolic rate. Since muscle burns more calories than fat, even while at rest, the more muscles you have, the higher your resting metabolic rate, which means the more calories your body will be burning."

Stress: When you are stressed, your body releases cortisol, which is a hormone produced by the adrenal system that is linked to weight gain. "There are definite links between psychological stress and the adrenal system," Dr. Wagner said. "To make sure that stress isn't making it harder for you to take off pounds, try to calm yourself by reducing the controllable stressors in your life. For example, try regular physical activity, deep breathing, or seek help from a counselor."

Poor sleep habits: The lack of sleep is significant enough to alter a person's metabolic processes enough to give them more insulin resistance, which is a risk factor for diabetes. Insulin resistance has also been associated with obesity. To increase the chances of boosting metabolism, adults should get seven to nine hours of sleep each night.

Weight: Extra weight causes your body to work harder just to sustain itself at rest, so in most instances, an overweight person's metabolism is usually running a bit faster.

"That's one reason it's almost always easiest to lose weight at the start of a diet, and harder later on," he said. "When people are very overweight, their metabolism is already running at a higher rate, so any small cut in calories can result in an immediate weight loss."

"However, when significant amounts of body fat and muscle are lost, our bodies need fewer calories to sustain themselves. That helps explain why it's so easy to regain weight after you've worked so hard to lose it."

Diet: It may be tempting to severely restrict your calories or skip meals to lose weight, but that may be a self-defeating practice. "Not eating enough can actually cause your metabolism to slow down in an attempt to conserve calories," Dr. Wagner advised. "Instead, small, but frequent meals help keep your metabolism in high gear, and that means you'll burn more calories overall. When you put too many hours between meals, your metabolism actually slows down to compensate."

Medications: Certain drugs can make it easier to put on pounds and harder to lose them. "Some antipsychotic drugs used for bipolar disorder and depression can contribute to patients putting on significant amounts of weight," Dr. Wagner added. "If you feel your medications may be causing your body to hang on to extra weight, talk to your physician. He or she may be able to switch you to another drug that's less likely to have those unwanted side effects."

Illnesses: "There are some medical conditions that can make losing weight more difficult," Dr. Wagner stated. "For example, thyroid problems like hypothyroidism, a condition in which the thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroid hormone, can cause body functions to slow down and weight gain to result. In men, low testosterone levels can also have the same effect."

"Medications are available to relieve most of these conditions or eliminate these symptoms. If you've been trying to lose weight for some time and have been unsuccessful, ask your doctor about screening tests for these conditions."

In summary, your best bet for keeping your metabolism functioning efficiently is to build muscles; snack on low-calorie, high-protein foods; get enough sleep; reduce stress and keep moving.

Tim Wagner is affiliated with Salem Community Hospital's active medical staff and Firestone Health Care. Firestone Healthcare offices are located at 28885 state Route 62 in Damascus; 132 North Market Street in East Palestine; and 2364 Southeast Boulevard in Salem. Dr. Wagner is currently accepting appointments, which are available by calling Firestone Health Care's Damascus office at 330-537-4661; or the East Palestine office at 330-426-9484.

Ohio launches 'Don't Get Me Started' campaign

By PAT ROSS

Administrative Assistant,

Columbiana County MHRS Board

LISBON — Continuing the state's efforts to address the growing problem of prescription drug addiction, Orman Hall Director of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) announced in a recent press release the launch of Don't Get Me Started, a statewide public service campaign that speaks to young adults and their friends and family, in partnership with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA).

According to the Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics, in 2007, accidental drug overdose became the leading cause of injury death in Ohio, surpassing motor vehicle crashes and suicide for the first time on record.

In addition to a dedicated web site (www.dontgetmestartedohio.org), highlighting Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Boards in each county and a link to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for treatment options across the state, the campaign will also utilize a dedicated Facebook Page that will provide useful information on the state's opiate abuse epidemic (including localized treatment and support resources) and serves as a sounding board for those touched by opiate abuse to engage with the campaign and share their stories with others.

On the "Don't Get Me Started" website, Ohio residents can watch videos of five Ohioans who each share a unique story about how prescription drug addiction has impacted their lives.

The site features an interactive map of local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards; a link to treatment options in each county; information about the opiate abuse epidemic around the state; and links to

other partners in the war on drugs, including GenerationRx, a joint venture between Cardinal Health and the Ohio State School of Pharmacy, as well as the Ohio Department of Health Prescription for Prevention campaign.

Governor John R. Kasich commented on the campaign, "Prescription drug abuse has besieged communities across the state, destroying the lives of young people and adults."

"We've made tremendous strides to improve access to treatment, shut down illegal pill mills, go after doctors over-prescribing prescription painkillers, and educate young adults statewide about the dangers of prescription opiate abuse. This lifesaving effort will grow even stronger through this campaign."

The campaign will be featured on posters at hundreds of convenience stores and other organizations around the state, each with a link to an individual's personal story; limited billboards in highly affected counties; online banner ads on music, social media and gaming sites popular with young adults.

In Columbiana County, community leadership team members of the ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team) Coalition are distributing campaign posters.

"In a little more than a decade, there's been a 900 percent increase in the number of prescription opiates prescribed for pain per Ohio resident," said Cheri L. Walter, chief executive officer of OACBHA.

"We applaud the ODADAS and Ohio's Alcohol and Drug Addiction Boards and their local partners for demonstrating a strong commitment to addressing the opiate epidemic in Ohio."

Here are some facts regarding prescription drug use in Ohio:

— Between 1999 and 2009, there was a 335 percent increase in Ohio's death rate due to drug poisonings.

(Ohio Dept. of Health Office of Vital Statistics)

— Between 2006 and 2009 there were 635 homicide deaths and 1,377 drug overdose deaths. (Ohio Dept. of Health Office of Vital Statistics)

— According to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, in 2010, there were 776,163,404 doses of opioids dispensed legally in Ohio.

— Between 2003 and 2011 among persons aged 12 or older who used painkillers for non-medical purposes, 55 percent obtained them free from a friend or relative; 17 percent were stolen from a friend or relative; 11 percent were bought from a friend or relative; 5 percent were prescriptions from a doctor, and 4 percent were purchased from a drug dealer or stranger.

— Ohio is ranked No. 3 in the nation in the total number of pharmacy-related robberies.

— According to the Ohio Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2007, 27 percent of Ohio's students were using illegal prescription drugs.

— SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that there were 2,700 first time teen prescription drug users in the U.S. per day.

ODADAS Director Orman Hall added, "The steps we are taking to wipe out this opiate epidemic have to include less opiate prescribing and effective addiction treatment for Ohioans who need it."

"With support across state government and in the nonprofit and corporate sectors, we will change the course of opiate addiction, whether it's from painkillers or heroin."

For more information, go to the "Don't Get Me Started" website listed above; visit the Board's website at www.ccmhrs.org or call the Board at 330-424-0195.

To join in the prescription opiate conversation online, visit www.facebook.com/dontgetmestartedohio.

Flu season off to slowest start in nearly 25 years

ATLANTA (AP) — Health officials say the flu season is finally here — the slowest start in nearly 25 years.

Until this month, there weren't enough flu cases in the U.S. to signal the start of the season. This is the latest start to a flu season since the winter of 1987-1988.

Flu season usually starts in December or January. Often, it's half over by late February.

CDC officials don't know why this season was slow but it could be a combination of factors.

On Friday, CDC officials said one state — California — has had wide-

spread cases for the last two weeks, and Missouri has seen a spike in reports of flu-like illness.

So far the flu vaccine seems well-matched to the strains making people sick.

Last flu season was considered average.

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Can small-cap stock rebound last?

By MARK JEWELL

AP Personal Finance Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Optimism has returned to the market. And the clearest evidence is the rebound of small company stocks.

After being beaten by large-caps last year, more nimble small-caps are back in the lead. They rewarded investors with their best January since 2006. It's one sign that investors are getting more comfortable and not rigidly avoiding risk by sticking with the market's biggest and most stable companies.

How long the comeback can last is a pressing concern, because small-caps are the market's proverbial canaries in the coal mine. When trouble hits, these frequently volatile stocks typically feel it first and suffer deeper losses than bigger stocks. On the flip side, small-caps are usually early leaders in a sustained market rally.

Ask small-cap investing specialists whether this turnaround has run its course and you may get very different answers. One crucial factor: whether the Federal Reserve is gearing up for a third round of quantitative easing. Fed officials recently discussed launching another bond-buying program. The aim would be to boost the economic recovery by making borrowing cheaper and encouraging risk-taking through investments in stocks. Small-caps are among the highest-risk stocks and would benefit from another round.

The need for market stimulus hasn't been great lately. Just a couple months into the year, a small-cap index, the Russell 2000, has posted a return of 10 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average is up half that much, while the Standard & Poor's 500 has gained 7.1 percent.

Below are two contrasting views on the small-cap rebound. They're from managers of mutual funds specializing in small-caps, generally defined as stocks with market values of \$300 million to \$2 billion.

Both funds are top performers. Their average annualized returns over the last five years place them within the top 2 percent of their small-cap value peers.

The more cautious outlook is from

Jayne Wiggins, lead manager of Intrepid Small Cap (ICMAX). More than a third of the fund is held in cash, a defensive position in line with Wiggins' dim outlook.

Taking a more optimistic view is Adam Peck, co-manager of Heartland Value Plus (HRVIX). He believes small-caps will outperform large-caps. That's because profit margins at larger companies have nearly returned to pre-recession levels, while smaller firms still have a ways to go.

Here are excerpts from recent interviews:

Q: How do you explain this year's small-cap comeback?

Wiggins: The economic and company-specific news hasn't been great. We suspect many professional investors have been buying in anticipation of another quantitative easing announcement. We don't play that game. Eventually, we think others will regret participating in yet another Bernanke risk trade.

Peck: Investors have been warming up to risk and to small-caps. Over the last three years, we've had phases of risk-on, risk-off. It was risk-on through last July, and then the European debt crisis came to head and it was risk-off. Then Europe seemed to get its act together temporarily and it was risk-on again toward the end of the year. That risk-on trade has continued this year and I think it will continue to help small-caps.

Q: Are small-caps good investments now, compared with other segments of the stock market?

Wiggins: We don't make short-term market predictions. Small-caps continue to be priced at a premium to larger companies. Ultimately we expect that premium to diminish. We're having difficulty finding cheap small caps and we've tried to position our portfolio defensively with companies that are less sensitive to changes in economic growth.

There will always be opportunities to take advantage of market volatility to purchase misunderstood smaller-cap names.

The businesses we own are undervalued, but in my opinion, they are the exception in the small-cap universe. If you asked me whether I

would rather own the S&P 500 or Russell 2000 index for the next five years, I would choose the S&P 500.

Peck: Small-caps are a good place to be because they've got more room for profit growth than large-caps.

The ratio of net profits to revenues at large companies averaged 10.8 percent at the end of last year. That's nearly back to where the average was in 2007, when large-cap profit margins were at their historic peak of 11 percent. Smaller companies averaged 5.4 percent at the end of December. There's still quite a ways to go before they return to their peak of 6.8 percent, reached in 2006.

Profit margins at larger companies are approaching pre-recession levels because they were able to cut costs faster than small companies.

Even in a period of slow economic growth, we can find small companies that are growing rapidly. That's more difficult for the mega-caps (the biggest stocks, such as Exxon Mobil and General Electric) that are more closely tied to the general health of the economy.

Q: Is there any particular segment of the market you're looking to invest in now?

Wiggins: We don't segment our portfolio by sectors, or by value versus growth stocks. However, the types of companies we invest in are generally strong generators of free cash flow.

Peck: We like small banks. Banks in general have been a hated sector since the financial crisis. But for the most part, small community banks were not swept up in all the bad stuff the larger guys did. But the investor sentiment has been negative for small banks, just as it has for large ones.

Because the sentiment has been so bad, small banks have been trading at valuation levels that have reached the lowest in decades, on a price-to-book basis.

They're currently under-earning versus their potential. Banks' return on assets usually runs at around 1 percent and the vast majority of banks are earning under that. Everything is inherently cyclical and someday they will return to historic averages.

Questions? E-mail investorinsight(at)ap.org

How to invest in the coming housing market rebound

By DAVE CARPENTER

AP Personal Finance Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The housing market recovery hasn't taken off yet, but a rally in its stocks sure has. The Standard & Poor's homebuilders index is up 60 percent since October.

Given that stock prices tend to anticipate business trends, does that mean a housing market rebound is imminent during the spring home-selling season?

Not necessarily.

The biggest sustained rally in homebuilding stocks in years and recent upbeat home sales data, however, have injected some long-absent optimism into the outlook for housing.

Sales of previously occupied homes rose for three straight months at the end of last year.

The glut of houses on the market is diminishing, down to 2.4 million previously owned homes on the market in December from 3.8 million in June. And buyers are slowly regaining a little bit of confidence.

"The housing market enters the spring selling season in absolutely the best shape it's been since 2005," says analyst Eric Landry, who follows homebuilding stocks for Morningstar. "Sales will still likely be below normal, but inventories are in the best shape they've been in years."

The government's landmark \$25 billion settlement of foreclosure abuses is the latest dose of good news. Financial analysts see it as helping to clear the way for builders to gear up construction activity.

The CEOs of some of the biggest homebuilders said during earnings conference calls this month that the housing market has stabilized. But they were cautious about making any bullish forecasts.

Major improvement in the industry won't take place until next year, according to a forecast by the chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders, David Crowe.

More important for investors, the big run-up in stock prices in the last four months makes a correction likely soon.

Homebuilding stocks have a history of declining after rising in the months ahead of spring selling season.

The current rally is seen by some as the opening act in a multi-year recovery for the stocks. Low interest rates, more affordable home prices and pent-up demand should help them rise further.

But the stocks are no longer cheap. Most are currently trading at roughly 1.5 times book value — considered the best way to value this group. Book value is the value of a company's assets if it were to be liquidated. Their current value strongly suggests they are overpriced.

Investors would be wise to keep an eye on housing-related stocks. With prices having shot up, though, they should exercise caution.

Waiting for a pullback and buying after spring home-selling season, if the industry still has momentum, makes more sense. That should put investors in much better position to profit from the coming rebound.

Here are four stocks to watch, along with an exchange-traded fund that invests in homebuilders:

D.R. HORTON INC. (DHI)

Shares of D.R. Horton are up 74 percent since an industry low-water mark on Oct. 3. That's well above the 23 percent climb of the Standard & Poor's 500, but shares are still about where they were two years ago.

The company caters mostly to low-end buyers and builds homes in 26 states. Financial analysts believe that its broad customer base can help the company grow annual revenue by double digits for years.

LENNAR CORP. (LEN)

With lean construction practices, a healthy balance sheet and other strengths, Morningstar says Lennar

sits poised to reap major economic gains from an eventual rebound in housing.

Its revenue was up 12.5 percent and orders were up 21 percent in the fourth quarter, its highest growth in several years.

The company recently created a distressed real estate unit, Rialto, that allows it to obtain land more cheaply than competitors.

It also provides financial services including mortgage financing, title and closing services. Its backlog of orders is 36 percent higher than a year ago, leaving it in good shape to wait for a future surge in sales. The stock is up 88 percent since early October.

TOLL BROTHERS INC. (TOL)

Toll Brothers builds higher-priced homes in urban markets with job growth, particularly in the Northeast. That focus on the high-end consumer should enable the company to profit from a recovery in housing.

Like Lennar, it has a distressed investment arm, Gibraltar, that helps it lock in land at bargain prices in marquee locations, an advantage that will show on the bottom line when home-selling picks up. It also has modest net debt of just \$400 million. Along with Lennar, it may be the best-positioned of the homebuilders to profit from the recovery, according to analyst Jack Micenko of Susquehanna Financial Group. Toll Brothers shares are up 74 percent since early October.

SPDR S&P HOMEBUILDERS (XHB)

This exchange-traded fund includes seven of the largest homebuilders. It also owns shares of companies that sell building materials or furniture and other items for the home. Many of the homebuilders are sitting on large piles of cash.

That will allow them to expand in the coming years. The fund is cheaper than the other homebuilder ETF, with an expense ratio of 0.35 percent versus 0.47 percent for iShares Dow Jones U.S. Home Construction.

Shale job fair for vets scheduled Thursday

Special to the Salem News

VIENNA — The Regional Chamber is joining with ShaleDirectories.com and the Tip of the Arrow Foundation for the Mahoning Valley's first Veterans Hiring Event and Life Advancement Fair for the oil and gas industry. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Vienna.

The fair will focus on career hiring in the burgeoning oil and gas industry in eastern Ohio, as well as opportunities for veterans to discover educational advancement opportunities at Youngstown State University, Eastern Gateway Community College and Weekend College at Hiram College.

Eight companies will be looking to hire more than 100 veterans for positions either open immediately or in the near future.

In addition, the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. will be on hand to announce an innovative financial assistance program for obtaining a home in the City of Youngstown, a program that will also be available to veterans.

Companies participating in the veterans hiring event include V&M Star, KS Drilling / Keane Frac, Chesapeake Energy, Dynamic Structures Inc. and North American Field Services.

Access to the event is restricted to those who have pre-registered. To pre-register, contact Vera Barone at 570-337-7149 or vera@shaledirectories.com.

Farmers Bank to celebrate 125th anniversary Tuesday

CANFIELD — Farmers National Bank is making plans to celebrate 125 years that have taken it from a small rural bank with \$170 in deposits on its first day Feb. 19, 1887, to \$840.1 million at Dec. 31 and a place on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

The bank, which has more than \$1 billion in assets, said it will mark the occasion on Tuesday because branches will be closed Monday for Presidents Day.

Each location will be decorated and offer birthday cake, officials said. Customers also will get commemorative magnets and be entered into a drawing for a \$125 gasoline card.

"We appreciate the loyalty that has made Farmers a rock-solid institution for 125 years," President and Chief Executive Officer John S. Gulas said. "(Farmers) has not only survived, we have also implemented a strategic growth plan that has allowed us to increase profitability over the past two years. These are extraordinary times, and the next 125 years promise to be very exciting."

Mowery joins expanding Birch Realty

LISBON — Birch Realty is announcing the addition of Susan Mowery to its firm, as well as its expansion, adding a new office in Lisbon at 40 N. Park Avenue, directly across from the Columbiana County Courthouse.

A lifelong resident of Columbiana and Mahoning counties, Mowery has over 30 years of experience in the real estate industry.

"We are excited to have someone with Susan's talents join us as we expand to Lisbon," said Janet Birch.

Mowery is former president of the Lisbon Area Chamber of Commerce, and founding member and current co-chair of the Lisbon Landmark Foundation, whose mission is to protect and preserve the historic buildings of Lisbon. She has also been active in preserving the history of Lisbon, by restoring, with her sister Kathy Mowery, the historic Vallandigham home on West Lincoln Way, built in 1811, by the father of Lisbon's most famous son, Clement L. Vallandigham of Civil War fame.

Mowery has a farm south of Lisbon with her husband Jim Thompson, daughter Philadelphia Mowery and grandson Landon Mowery.

Survey: Lexus most dependable

Staff, wire report

DETROIT — Lexus is the top performer in a survey of vehicle dependability released Wednesday, but most other brands also showed improvement in an industry that has reached historically high dependability levels.

Consulting firm J.D. Power and Associates polled 31,000 owners of 2009 model-year vehicles and rated brands by the number of problems owners of three-year-old cars have experienced in the last 12 months. Problems can range from stalling engines and transmission issues to peeling paint and electronics glitches.

The well-received Lordstown-built Chevrolet Cruze wasn't listed because it debuted in September 2010 as a 2011 model. The Cruze replaced the lower-rated Cobalt, which the plant no longer builds but was making for the 2009 model year.

The top complaint in this year's survey was excessive wind noise, followed by noisy brakes.

Lexus owners reported 86 problems per 100 vehicles. Porsche, Cadillac, Toyota and Scion rounded out the top five. The worst performers were Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram and Jaguar. Chrysler owners reported 192 problems per 100 vehicles.

The industry average was 132 problems per 100 vehicles, a 13 percent improvement from last year and the highest rate since the survey began in 1990. The results are particularly surprising since the industry was in turmoil in 2009. Both General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC went through bankruptcy that year, and U.S. auto sales fell to a 30-year low because of the recession.

"Despite facing immense challenges in 2009, automakers placed a keen focus on delivering outstanding levels of quality, which they understood would be essential to their long-term success," J.D. Power automotive vice president David Sargent said in a statement.

Guilty plea given in connection with wreck that killed Marine recruits

By **CHRISTOPHER BOBBY**

Special to the Salem News

WARREN — A truck driver from Austintown pleaded guilty Friday to a series of charges in connection with a chain reaction crash in Leavittsburg that claimed the lives of three U.S. Marine Corps recruits and injured several others nearly two years ago.

Donald P. Williams Jr., 46, remains free on bond while he undergoes a pre-sentence investigation before a sentence is handed down by Judge Andrew Logan.

Friday's plea heads off a trial that was scheduled to start March 5 in Logan's courtroom.

Williams faces a maximum of 31 years behind bars after pleading guilty to three counts of aggravated vehicular homicide, three counts of aggravated vehicular assault, three other counts of vehicular assault and possession of drugs.

Assistant county prosecutor

Michael Burnett said he will review the pre-sentence investigation before recommending any sentence to Logan.

The chain-reaction crash March 31, 2010, killed Michael T. Theodore Jr., 19, of Howland; Joshua A. Sherbourne, 21, of Southington; and Zachary Nolen, 19, of Newton Falls.

The three along with another recruit and a recruiter were headed to Cleveland to finalize their enlistment papers when they were rear-ended by the semi driven by Williams at the intersection of state Route 5 and Burnett Road in Leavittsburg.

In a presentation to the court, Burnett mentioned Williams' "complete lack of reaction during the crash" that was recorded by a video camera that showed simultaneous images of the driver and what was seen through the windshield.

The video that would have served as key evidence during a trial showed Williams traveling 581 feet without braking after

first making contact with the rear of the Pontiac G6, where Theodore, Sherbourne and Nolen were sitting.

The truck plowed through six different vehicles, killing the trio and injuring another nine people, three seriously.

"This gave me a little closure, I suppose, but the other families are dealing with much more," said Carl McDermott III, 20, of Masury, another recruit who was in the front seat of the car driven by recruiter Sgt. Charles Keene, 27, of Youngstown.

McDermott said he tried to enlist with the Marine Corps. But the permanent injuries — including those to his neck — have made him ineligible for the military.

Instead, McDermott said he is attending Penn State University and studying nursing.

"It's what God wanted," he said.

Theodore's parents, Michael and Lauren Theodore, said they were relieved they wouldn't have

to sit through a lengthy trial.

"It's close to closure for us. I'm glad he (Williams) is taking responsibility for this," Lauren Theodore said.

Besides up to five years each on the aggravated vehicular homicides and vehicular assaults, Williams faces another year on the drug charge since he was found to have diazepam and nordiazepam in his system.

The impairment of the drug along with recklessness are spelled out in the formal charges against the defendant.

Burnett pointed out in court that Williams did not have a prescription for the drugs and had been convicted in Mahoning County in 1989 of aggravated drug trafficking and drug abuse.

Burnett also was prepared to reveal at trial a review of the case by Dr. Lauren Marinetti, chief forensic toxicologist with the Montgomery County Coroner's Office and the Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory. Marinetti said the drugs

Williams took produce drowsiness, mental confusion and impaired motor functions, including impaired reflexes, coordination and balance.

The doctor's review of the driver's camera video reinforced her opinion since it showed no apparent reaction by Williams to the upcoming traffic and no attempt to turn the wheel away from stopped vehicles or any attempts to stop the truck, Burnett said.

He said the doctor described it as a hypnotic stare and a classic effect of the drugs Williams had consumed.

Williams, who was driving for Strimbu Trucking at the time, also has been named along with the company in a consolidated civil suit in connection to the crash.

A status conference in that case, also assigned to Logan, is scheduled for March 16.

Logan has combined the wrongful death and personal injury claims in several suits.

At \$3.53 per gallon, gas prices are highest ever for this time of year

NEW YORK (AP) — Gasoline prices have never been higher this time of the year.

At \$3.53 a gallon, prices are already up 25 cents since Jan. 1. And experts say they could reach a record \$4.25 a gallon by late April.

"You're going to see a lot more staycations this year," says Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research. "When the price gets anywhere near \$4, you really see people react."

Already, W. Howard Coudle, a retired machinist from Crestwood, Mo., has seen his monthly gasoline bill rise to \$80 from about \$60 in December. The closest service station is selling regular for \$3.39 per gallon, the highest he's ever seen.

"I guess we're going to have to drive less, consolidate all our errands into one trip," Coudle says. "It's just oppressive."

The surge in gas prices follows an increase in the price of oil.

Oil around the world is priced differently. Brent crude from the North Sea is a proxy for the foreign oil that's imported by U.S. refineries and turned into gasoline and other fuels. Its price has risen 11 percent so far this year, to around \$119 a barrel, because of tensions with Iran, a cold snap in Europe and rising demand from developing nations. West Texas Intermediate, used to price oil produced in the U.S., is up 4 percent to around \$103 a barrel. That's 19 percent higher than a year earlier.

Higher gas prices could hurt consumer spending and curtail the recent improvement in the U.S. economy.

A 25-cent jump in gasoline prices, if sustained over

a year, would cost the economy about \$35 billion. That's only 0.2 percent of the total U.S. economy, but economists say it's a meaningful amount, especially at a time when growth is only so-so. The economy grew 2.8 percent in the fourth quarter, a rate considered modest following a recession.

High oil and gas prices now set the stage for even sharper increases at the pump because gas typically rises in March and April.

Every spring, refiners suspend operations to switch the type of gasoline they make. Supplies of wintertime gas are sold off before March, when refineries need to start making a new formula of gasoline that's required in the summer.

That can mean less supply for service stations, resulting in higher gas prices. And summertime gasoline is more expensive to make. The government mandates that it contain less butane and other cheap organic compounds because they contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone, a primary constituent in smog. That means more oil, a costlier component, is needed to produce each gallon.

The Oil Price Information Service predicts that gasoline could peak at \$4.25 a gallon by the end of April. That would top the record of \$4.11 in July 2008.

The national average for gasoline began the year at \$3.28 a gallon. The average price for February so far is \$3.49 a gallon. That's up from \$3.17 a gallon last February, a record at the time. Back in 2007, before the recession hit, the average for February was \$2.25 a gallon.

Prices are higher on the

East and West Coasts, where gasoline has risen above \$3.70 in Connecticut, New York, Washington D.C. and California. This isn't unusual — states on the coasts charge some of the nation's highest gas taxes.

High gas prices put a strain on many people's budgets.

Americans spent 8.4 percent of their household income on gasoline last year when gas averaged an all-time high of \$3.51 a gallon. That's double the percentage a decade ago. They could pay even more this year, even though demand is the lowest in 11 years as people drive fewer miles in more efficient cars, says Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at OPIS.

Gary Goodman commutes into Manhattan from Edgewater, N.J., because gas, tolls and parking make the cost of driving prohibitive.

Goodman, an accountant, commutes by bus. He uses his car mostly for trips to the grocery store or for occasional nights out. He says he has no choice but to eat the higher gas costs.

"I already drive as little as possible," he says.

Paul Dales, a senior economist at Capital Economics says it would take a bigger shift in the global economy — say, a deep recession in Europe or a slowdown in Asia's manufacturing — for pump prices to drop noticeably. Either event would slow oil demand, depressing prices.

But experts expect demand to keep rising. World oil demand is expected to increase by another 1.5 percent to 89.25 million barrels a day in 2012, according to the Energy Information Administration.

In the short term, tensions with Iran are feeding fears that oil supplies could be blocked.

The U.S. and Europe are tightening economic sanctions against Iran over what the West believes is Iran's attempt to build a nuclear bomb. World leaders fear Israel may be planning a strike against Iran, the world's third largest oil exporter.

JFK intern recounts long-ago affair

NEW YORK (AP) — Mimi Alford was terrified in 1998 when the Monica Lewinsky scandal turned the word "intern" into a dirty joke, exposing an affair with a president. Her decades-old secret about her trysts with John F. Kennedy was still safe then.

Outed in a 2003 biography and a New York newspaper account, Alford has learned to tell her story and not be ashamed of it — from the moment she said Kennedy seduced her on her fourth day working at the White House until the affair ended shortly before his death.

In "Once Upon a Secret: My Affair with President John F. Kennedy and its Aftermath," published last week by Random House, she writes of her first encounter as a naive teenager, her "varied and fun" sex life with Kennedy, whom she always called Mr. President.

The Rumson, N.J., native was 19 and had no sexual experience when she first went to bed with Kennedy in his wife, Jacqueline's, bedroom. It was June 1962.

"Short of screaming," she writes, "I doubt I could have done anything to thwart his intentions."

Nor did she want to thwart his intentions.

"I wouldn't describe what happened that night as making love," she writes. "But I wouldn't call it non-consensual, either." Addressing people who have questioned the encounter, she said: "I don't consider it was rape. I have never considered it rape because I was willing."

The relationship continued, even after Alford had become engaged while attending college in suburban Boston, until Kennedy's 1963 assassination, she wrote.

The two raced rubber ducks in the bathtub; they had multiple sexual encounters, though he never kissed her; when he called her at her college dorm, he would use the code name Michael Carter, she wrote.

Her account seems "quite credible," said Robert Dallek, whose Kennedy biography made a passing reference to a college sophomore who was a favorite of the president's.

"This is how he operated," Dallek said. "He was a compulsive womanizer."

A lawyer for the Kennedy family did not respond to requests for comment over the weekend.

Writing the book was liberating, Alford said in an interview last week in her publisher's midtown Manhattan offices. Now 68, Alford was slim and elegant in a gray knit dress, gray page-boy hairstyle and pearl earrings.

She was Marion "Mimi" Beardsley when she arrived at the White House press office the summer after her freshman year at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, then an all-girls school.

The affair began during her summer internship and continued when she returned to Wheaton in the fall, she wrote. It continued while she dated and until a few months after her engagement to Tony Fahnstock, a senior at Williams. She was deep into wedding preparations when Kennedy was shot.

Overcome with grief, she confessed the affair to her fiancé. He told her never to breathe a word of it. She promised, fearful that the only alternative was to break off the engagement, and she largely kept the promise, telling only a trusted few. It took years for her to see the connection between her silence about the relationship and "the emotional shutting down" that had blighted much of her life.

"I needed to look at the secret and then look at the impact of having kept the secret for so long," she said.

Mimi and Tony Fahnstock divorced in 1991 and he died in 1993. Alford married again in 2005, to Dick Alford. Her two daughters from her marriage to Fahnstock are in their 40s, are mothers themselves and have supported her decision to write of her experience, she said.

The book took several years and multiple drafts. Alford supplemented her memory with research at the Kennedy Library, where she found her name on passenger logs from plane trips with Kennedy's entourage.

The story she tells is not always flattering to Kennedy or to Alford her-

self.

She felt no guilt, she wrote, with regard to the first lady, whom she never met.

"I do now," she said.

But at the time, "it wasn't as if I was trying to replace her or that the president was trying to replace her. I think I just went along. And so I didn't feel guilty. It's kind of embarrassing to say that."

Alford knows that readers may judge her harshly; "it doesn't frighten me," she said.

She describes Kennedy as "a kind and thoughtful man." And then, she tells stories of what she calls his darker side.

She says Kennedy once asked her to "take care of" his aide Dave Powers, who had served as the go-between facilitating the affair; she performed oral sex on Powers while Kennedy watched. The president later apologized to both of them.

On another occasion, she wrote, he asked her to do the same for his brother Teddy. She refused.

Then there was a party with a "fast Hollywood crowd" at Bing Crosby's house in Palm Springs, Calif., that she attended with the president. A guest offered yellow pills that she believed were poppers, or amyl nitrate, a drug often used to enhance sexual pleasure.

Kennedy asked her if she wanted to try one and she said no, but she said he popped the capsule and held it under her nose anyway.

"Within minutes of inhaling the powder, my heart started racing and my hands began to tremble," she writes. "This was a new sensation, and it frightened me. I panicked and ran crying from the room, praying that it would end soon."

Alford debated whether to share episodes like this, taking them out of the book and putting them back in. If she had excluded them, she said, "it would have felt like I was not telling the whole story."

When the affair with Kennedy was revealed in 2003 — the Daily News of New York published her name — Alford spent a few days holed up in her apartment with the media camped outside. Then they left and she started going to work and going grocery shopping again.

After interviews to promote "Once Upon a Secret," she expects to return to her quiet life once more.

"It's sort of like closing a chapter on that 18 months," she said, "and closing a chapter on keeping secrets."

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► **GOLF**

Lefty's wild ride keeps him on top

Mickelson remains in front at Northern Trust

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One shot clipped an ash tree and kept Phil Mickelson out of worse trouble than he was in. Another landed behind a Bottle Brush, blocking his path to the 10th green at Riviera. On yet another hole, Mickelson

had to thread a 9-iron through the limbs of five eucalyptus trees.

So when he walked into the gallery to find his tee shot on the 15th hole and saw a man flat on his back, Mickelson assumed the worst.

"It wouldn't be the first time, so I thought for sure I took him out," Mickelson said Saturday.

Instead, the spectator was being still because the ball was inside the hem of his

See PGA, 3B



Phil Mickelson tees off on the fifth hole in the third round of the Northern Trust Open at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles Saturday (AP Photo)



LEADERBOARD

Keegan Bradley	-7
Phil Mickelson	-7
Bryce Molder	-6
Jonathan Byrd	-6
Notables:	
Dustin Johnson	-5
Jason Kokrak	E

► **NCAA BASKETBALL**

Michigan gets back at Ohio St.

Wolverines avenge earlier season loss, drop No. 6 Buckeyes



Ohio State forward Deshaun Thomas, top, and Michigan guard Matt Vogrich, bottom, scramble for a loose ball under the basket in the first half Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich. (AP Photo)

► **PREP ROUNDUP**



South Range's Lexi Naples had a game-high 16 points to help lead the Lady Raiders past Grand Valley in first round tournament action Saturday. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

Range wins tournament opener vs. Grand Valley

Western Reserve wins first round D-IV game

Girls Basketball Division III Tournament @ Mineral Ridge

South Range 46, Grand Valley 27

MINERAL RIDGE — The South Range Lady Raiders earned a win in first-round Division III tournament action over Grand Valley 46-27.

Leading the Lady Raiders was Lexi Naples with a game-high 16 points. Stevie Taylor added six points.

South Range moves on to face Newton Falls at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

SOUTH RANGE: 15 8 10 13 — 46
GRAND VALLEY: 2 4 8 13 — 27
SOUTH RANGE SCORING: Sierra Patrella 1-1-3, Starla Sharp 1-0-2, Kelsey Maynard 1-1-3, Alison Oliver 2-1-5, Stevie Taylor 3-0-6, Lexi Naples 4-5-16, Kristen Robinson 2-1-5, Hannah Wiery 0-2-2, Sara Durr 1-0-2, Kendall Syms 0-2-2. **TEAM TOTALS:** 16, 13-22, 46.
GRAND VALLEY: Jessica Vormelker 2-6-10, Bailey Holmes 2-1-5, Tiffany Heath 1-2-4, Chris Fitty 1-1-3, Holly Nye 1-1-3, Sarah Wilcom 1-0-2. **TEAM TOTALS:** 8, 11-19, 27.
THREE POINTERS: South Range 1 (Naples).

LaBrae 59, East Palestine 27

MINERAL RIDGE — LaBrae knocked off East Palestine in first-round Division III tournament action 59-27.

Leading the Lady Vikings was Ashley Stubbs with 15 points.

Leading East Palestine

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► **PREP WRESTLING — WEST BRANCH 2ND AT DIVISION II SECTIONAL**

Warriors advance

West Branch cards second place finish at sectionals, Karlen, Sharp take 1st place



Heavyweight win

West Branch's Connor Sharp wrestles his way to a 285-pound championship against Howland's Austin Hutchins Saturday during the Division II sectional wrestling tournament at West Branch High School. Sharp, along with teammates Joe Karlen, Mikey Estock, Aaron Page, Clayton Bates, Travis Pidgeon, D.J. Anderson, Kenny Faulkner and William Paynter will all compete in the Division II district tournament in Alliance next weekend. More photos, 2B. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

Staff Reports

BELOIT — The West Branch Warriors wrestling squad had a fine showing Friday and Saturday at the

Division II sectional meet at West Branch High School.

The Warriors finished as a team in second place at 218 points.

Howland won the sectional with 255.50. Crestwood was third at 166, Field was fourth at 141.50 and Canfield was fifth at 124.

Connor Sharp (285) and Joe Karlen (185) both went 3-0 over two days scoring all of their wins by pin-fall to capture first place finishes.

Mikey Estock (138), Aaron Page (170), and Clayton Bates (220) all took home second place finishes.

Estock went 3-1 over two days. Page and Bates both went 2-1.

Arek Hively (106) finished sixth, Travis Pidgeon (113) finished third, D.J. Anderson (120) finished fourth, Braycen Shelton (132) took fifth, Kenny Faulkner (145) took third, Tyler Pidgeon (152) took sixth, William Paynter (160) took fourth, and Matt Unkefer (195) took sixth.

The Salem Quakers had three wrestlers place in the tournament. Scott Lodge (145) took fourth place. Max Schuster (182) took fifth place, and James Norkus (285) took fourth place.

All wrestlers carding first through fourth place finishes will compete next weekend at the Division II district tournament in Alliance. Fifth-place finishers will go as alternates.

► **PREP BASKETBALL**

Crestview too much for Bears

By **MICHAEL S. BURICH**
Staff Writer

GREENFORD — Crestview's girls basketball team set a Bear sat Saturday in opening round action of the South Range Division IV sectional tournament.

Employing an aggressive half-court trap in the first quarter, the Rebels blanked Leetonia through the first nine minutes en route to a 59-23 victory.

Crestview, the third seed in the tournament, improved to 15-6 and will take on Jackson-Milton at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the sectional final. Jackson-Milton beat Youngstown Christian 37-33 in the first game of the day at South Range.

Led by junior Ashley Harrison's 23 points and seven rebounds, the Rebels had no trouble in almost replicating the same result as the two



Crestview's Ashley Harrison tries to get past Leetonia's Alexa Summers. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

See REBELS, 3B

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Jordan Morgan had 11 points and 11 rebounds, playing All-America forward Jared Sullinger to a virtual stalemate as No. 17 Michigan beat No. 6 Ohio State 56-51 on Saturday night

to remain unbeaten at home.

Trey Burke scored 17 points and Tim Hardaway Jr. added 13 for the Wolverines (20-7, 10-4 Big Ten), who improved to 15-0 at the Crisler Center by snapping a six-game losing streak to their longtime rivals.

Deshaun Thomas had 25 points and 13 rebounds for Ohio State (22-5, 10-4). Sullinger scored 14 on 6-for-14 shooting.

The Buckeyes and Wolverines are both a half-game behind first-place Michigan State in the Big Ten standings.

With the Michigan student section revved-up in its "Maize Rage," the first half was a defensive struggle, with neither team able to break 40 percent from the floor. Ohio State's seven turnovers were the major difference — the Wolverines had only three while taking a 25-20 lead.

The Buckeyes missed all nine 3-point attempts in the first half, but Thomas knocked one down on Ohio State's first possession after the break.

Morgan, though, had a pair of fast-break dunks, both off long bounce passes from Burke, to give Michigan a 33-25 advantage. The lead got as big as 10 before three straight baskets by Sullinger pulled Ohio State within 42-38.

The Buckeyes couldn't get any closer than three, however, and Burke's layup made it 54-49 with 1:17 left. Burke blocked a shot at the other end, then missed the front end of a 1-and-1.

Aaron Craft made two free throws, but Burke ran the clock down to 11 seconds before hitting a game-clinching runner high off the backboard.

Burke also finished with five assists.

Ohio State finished 19 of 49 from the field (39 percent) and 3 of 16 (19 percent) from 3-point range. Thomas was the only player to connect from deep, going 3 for 6. Michigan went 3 of 13 from beyond the arc, with Hardaway hitting both of his attempts.

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Tiger struggles again in his final round. Will he win a tournament in 2012?



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- GOLF**
9 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Avantha Masters, final round, at New Delhi (same-day tape)
- 1 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Northern Trust Open, final round, at Los Angeles
- 3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Northern Trust Open, final round, at Los Angeles
TGC — LPGA Thailand, final round, at Chonburi, Thailand (same-day tape)
- 7 p.m.
TGC — Champions Tour, ACE Group Classic, final round, at Naples, Fla. (same-day tape)
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
1 p.m.
CBS — Michigan St. at Purdue
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3 p.m.
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FSN — UCLA at Southern Cal
5 p.m.
ESPN2 — Purdue at Michigan St.
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Feb. 19
1955 — Bernie Geoffrion of the Montreal Canadiens scores five goals in a 10-2 victory over the New York Rangers.
1977 — Rod Gilbert of the New York Rangers gets his 1,000th career point with a goal in a 5-2 loss to the New York Islanders.
1982 — Atlanta's 127-122 four-overtime win over Seattle equals the fourth-longest game in NBA history and the second-longest since the institution of the 24-second clock.
1984 — Phil and Steve Mahre of the United States become the first brothers to finish 1-2 in an Olympic event, the men's slalom, at the Winter Games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. The Soviet Union beats Czechoslovakia 2-0 to win the gold medal in hockey.
1984 — Cale Yarborough sweeps into the lead two turns before the finish to win the Daytona 500. He becomes the second driver to win consecutive Daytona 500s; Richard Petty was the other.
1996 — Charles Barkley of Phoenix becomes one of 10 players with 20,000 points and 10,000 rebounds in the NBA when he grabs 14 rebounds in a 98-94 victory over Vancouver.
2005 — Lindsay Kennedy becomes the first woman to play in a Major Indoor Soccer League game. Kennedy, a St. Louis forward, participates in the final 76 seconds of Milwaukee's 7-3 win over the Steamers at Savvis Center.



Above, Salem's Max Schuster wrestles his way to a fifth-place finish against Tony Rupert of Marlinton Saturday at the Division II sectional tournament at West Branch High School. Below, West Branch's William Paynter competes in a third-place match with Poland's Mike Audi. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



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was Brooke Gedeon with eight points.

LaBrae moves on to face top-seeded Ursuline at 6 p.m. Thursday.

EAST PALESTINE: 8 2 8 9 — 27
LABRAE: 14 19 13 13 — 59
EAST PALESTINE SCORING: Nicole Kiehl 1-0-2, Marisa Gorby 1-0-2, Shannon Jurjovic 1-3-6, Logan Gatchel 2-1-6, Brooke Gedeon 3-2-8, Courtney Weber 1-1-3. TEAM TOTALS: 9, 7-11, 27.
LABRAE SCORING: Nicole Riningier 1-0-2, Sadie Sutton 3-0-7, Lindsey Jaros 3-0-7, Maddie Kiser 3-4-10, Demari Brown 6-0-12, Some McCoy 5-0-10, Angelica Parker 1-0-2, Vicki Woodyard 0-1-1, Ashley Stubbs 6-3-15. TEAM TOTALS: 25, 8-21, 59.
THREE POINTERS: East Palestine 2 (Gatchel, Jurjovic), LaBrae 1 (Jaros).

Other tournament scores:

Pymatuning Valley 29, Springfield 28 — Pymatuning Valley moves to to face Girard 6 p.m. Saturday.

Division IV Tournament @ South Range

Western Reserve 57, Mineral Ridge 46

CANFIELD — Western Reserve proved too much for Mineral Ridge in an opening round Division IV tournament contest at South Range High School beating the Lady Rams 57-46.

Sissy Stubbs led Western Reserve with 17 points. Hannah Mowery added 14 points, and Colleen Kennehan had 10.

Abby Riffe had 17 for Mineral Ridge. Western Reserve (18-3) moves on to face Southern at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

WESTERN RESERVE: 14 13 14 16 — 57
MINERAL RIDGE: 6 12 20 8 — 46

WESTERN RESERVE SCORING: Colleen Kennehan 4-2-10, Rachel Maslach 1-0-2, April Lude 4-0-8, Taylor Kilbert 0-1-1, Hannah Mowery 4-3-14, Tory White 1-0-2, Sissy Stubbs 8-0-17, Linley Mamonis 1-1-3. TEAM TOTALS: 23, 7-14, 57.
MINERAL RIDGE SCORING: Abby Riffe 7-2-17, Lea Whitmer 7-0-14, Alissa Sparks 1-1-3, Alyssa Harkins 1-0-2, Chastity Diganman 5-0-10. TEAM TOTALS: 21, 3-6, 46.
THREE POINTERS: Western Reserve 4 (Mowery 3, Stubbs), Mineral Ridge 1 (Riffe).

Other tournament scores:

Jackson-Milton 37, Youngstown Christian 33 — Jackson-Milton moves on to face Crestview 6 p.m. Thursday.

Boys Basketball East Palestine 58, Heartland Christian 49

COLUMBIANA — East Palestine outlasted Heartland Christian 58-49 Saturday. Tyler Foster had a game-high 16 points. Jake DiCello added 14 points and eight assists, and Zak Brockman had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

East Palestine also won the jayvee game 27-16. Steve Parker had 12 for the Bulldogs.

East Palestine (10-8) hosts Brookfield Tuesday.

East Palestine also hosts United on Thursday in a make-up contest from earlier in the season.

EAST PALESTINE: 12 19 14 13 — 58
HEARTLAND: 8 14 13 14 — 49
EAST PALESTINE SCORING: Tyler Foster 6-0-16, Nate Keylor 0-0-0, Austin Reiser 2-2-6, Jake DiCello 5-2-14, Travis Cope 2-0-4, Zak Brockman 4-2-10, Cody Stewart 3-2-8. TEAM TOTALS: 22, 8-23, 58.
HEARTLAND SCORING: Matt Baker 5-2-14, Grant Ramsey 2-0-4, Kyle Burgess 2-0-5, Brandon Crawford 6-2-15, Jared Robinson 2-2-7, Glen Hoffman 1-2-4, Durand Winnale 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 18, 8-10, 49.
THREE POINTERS: East Palestine 6 (Foster 4, DiCello 2)

Minerva 56, United 31

HANOVERTON — Minerva rallied from a 12-6 first quarter deficit to beat United handily 56-31.

Leading the Lions was Eli Maurer with 14 points. Jantsen Locke added 13 points.

United was led by Garrett Beech with seven points. Kyle Widlicka added six.

Minerva also won the jayvee contest 46-31. Chase Capelli and Nick Clapper had 12 points each for the Lions.

United (1-18) travels to East Palestine Thursday.

MINERVA: 6 16 21 13 — 56
UNITED: 12 5 8 6 — 31

MINERVA SCORING: Eli Maurer 7-0-14, Adam Anderson 0-2-2, Zach Wade 0-4-4, Jantsen Locke 5-2-13, Cody Parrish 1-0-2, Keenan Locke 1-2-4, Evan Forst 2-0-4, Chase Petree 2-0-5, Jacob Eberling 1-2-4, Nick Apisa 2-0-4. TEAM TOTALS: 21, 12-23, 56.
UNITED SCORING: Brandon Miller 2-0-4, Garrett Beech 3-1-7, Brett Albright 2-0-5, Paul Faulkner 2-1-5, Caleb Conser 2-0-4, Kyle Widlicka 3-0-6. TEAM TOTALS: 14, 2-8, 31.
THREE POINTERS: Minerva 2 (Locke, Petree), United 1 (Albright).

Lisbon 80, Mineral Ridge 70

LISBON — Lisbon used a 47-point first half to defeat Mineral Ridge 80-70 Saturday.

Leading the Blue Devils was Zach Rovnak with a team-high 25 points and six assists. C.J. Dawson and Zac Barnes had 12 points each, and Drew Sweeney added 10 points and four steals. Jake Borg had 13 rebounds.

For Ridge, Nathan Palmer



West Branch's Joe Karlen wrestles his way to a first-place finish against Brian Puharich of Howland. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



West Branch's Aaron Page wrestles Marlinton's Dymonte Thomas in a championship bout. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



Salem's James Norkus wrestles Southeast's David Krauss in a third-place match. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)



West Branch's Matt Unkefer grapples with Canfield's Sam Conner Saturday at West Branch High School. (Salem News/B.J. Lisko)

had 27 points. Mineral Ridge won the jayvee game 57-34. Corey Brammer had 14 for Lisbon. Michael Eaton had 14 for the Rams.

Lisbon (10-8) hosts Sebring Tuesday. Mineral Ridge finishes the regular season at 7-13.

MINERAL RIDGE: 18 14 20 18 — 70
LISBON: 27 20 16 17 — 80

MINERAL RIDGE SCORING: Jonathan Baker 2-3-9, Nathan Palmer 10-6-27, Zach Hagy 1-5-7, Chris Kirby 4-1-10, Kyle Hanshaw 4-0-9, Brandon Perkins 0-1-1, Jacob Fowler 1-0-2, Jeff Marsolo 2-1-5. TEAM TOTALS: 24, 17-33, 70.
LISBON SCORING: Zach Rovnak 7-9-25, Drew Sweeney 5-0-10, Matt Spencer 4-0-8,

Ben Spencer 4-0-8, Jake Borg 2-1-5, Zac Barnes 4-2-12, C.J. Dawson 6-0-12. TEAM TOTALS: 32, 12-25, 80.
THREE POINTERS: Ridge 5 (Baker 2, Palmer, Kirby, Hanshaw), Lisbon 4 (Rovnak 2, Barnes 2).

Junior High Basketball

7th Grade ITCL Girls Tournament

HANOVERTON — Crestview defeated South Range 18-17 to win the seventh ITCL Tier 1 girls tournament Saturday. Leading the Lady Rebels was Gates with six points. Ferris and Bowker added five points each.

Lisbon won the consolation game over Springfield 35-20. McVay had 14 and Pezzano 11 for the Lady Blue Devils.

7th Grade ITCL Boys Tournament

LISBON — Lisbon defeated Springfield 29-28 to win the ITCL Tier 1 seventh grade boys tournament Saturday. Bailey McCullough had nine points to pace the Blue Devils.

Lisbon finishes the year 14-4.

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Perry breaks Champions Tour's 36-hole record

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — After the first round, Kenny Perry deadpanned that it was a typical day on the Champions Tour when he shot 8 under and wasn't in the lead. Saturday, it was time for the others to talk about him. Perry shot a 10-under 62 and set the Champions Tour's 36-hole scoring record at 18-under 126 in the second round of the ACE Group Classic.

"That's amazing," said Perry, three shots ahead of first-round leader Larry Mize. "So many great players have played this tour, and to be able to now say I've had the lowest 36 of all time is pretty neat. It's a neat accomplishment. It's just amazing I can make 20 birdies in 36 holes. That's just phenomenal."

Tom Lehman was four back, and defending champion Bernhard Langer another stroke behind at 13 under.

"What he's done the first two days is spectacular, but not surprising," Lehman said. "Nothing anybody does out here surprises me, and especially from him."

Perry made five birdies on the front nine on The TwinEagles Club's Talon Course, and six more on the back. He bounced back from a bogey on No. 15, with birdies on the last three holes. Perry made a 25-footer for birdie on No. 1, and followed that up with a 35-footer on No. 2.

"That really loosened me up, relaxed me, kind of really freed my game up," he said. "It was off and running."

Mize followed his opening 62 with a 67.

Miyazato leads Tseng by one at LPGA Thailand

"Kenny played a great round," Mize said, who had a 62 on Friday. "Gee whiz, that's pretty special."

Mize and Lehman were tied for second most of the day, then Mize birdied the last two holes to move into sole possession of second. "Otherwise, I'm five back, which is a lot bigger mountain to climb," said Mize, who has one Champions Tour win. "But three back, the way Kenny's playing, it's going to be a lot bigger mountain to climb anyway."

Lehman was 5 under for the day after eight holes, but parred nine of the last 10, with a tap-in birdie on the par-5 17th. He had a 66. "From the ninth hole to about the 15th hole I had some really, really good chances, and just couldn't cash in," Lehman said. "So today was a bit disappointing."

Langer, 13 under for his last 27 holes, made a late charge by eagling the par-5 17th for the second straight day. He ended up with a 65.

"It looks like we're all playing for second place, but we still have 18 holes to go," said Langer, the winner last year at The Quarry.

Perry broke the record of 17 under held by six players. Of those, only Don Pooley in the 2006 MasterCard Championship in Hawaii failed to win. Tom Kite (2001 Gold Rush), Jim Ahern (2003 Music City Invitational), Langer (2007 Administaff Small Business Classic), Russ Cochran (2011 Mitsubishi Electric Championship), and Fred Couples (2011 AT&T Championship) also were 17 under.

Langer set the tournament scoring record last year at 20 under, and had 23 birdies. Perry already has 20 birdies.

Perry won the Franklin Templeton Shootout, an unofficial PGA Tour event hosted by Greg Norman, twice in Naples, in 2005 with John Huston and 2008 with Scott Hoch. Both times, Perry credited Huston and Hoch with helping him read Bermuda grass greens. But this week, Perry said the greens look like bentgrass ones to him, without much grain.

"All of my wins have been on bentgrass on tour," Perry said. "I've not really had much luck on Bermuda. This week I think no grain, and the ball rolling as pure as it's rolling, I feel like I'm on bentgrass."

LPGA THAILAND

CHONBURI, Thailand (AP) — Ai Miyazato shot a 7-under 65 to take a one-

stroke lead over top-ranked Yani Tseng after the third round of the LPGA Thailand.

Miyazato, the Japanese

player who won the 2010 tournament, birdied five of the first six holes on the back nine. She had a 14-under 202 total on Siam Country Club's Pattaya Old Course.

Tseng, the winner last year, shot her second straight 65 after opening with a 73. The Taiwanese star had 12 worldwide victories last year, seven on the LPGA Tour.

Australia's Karrie Webb and South Korea's Jiyai Shin were 12 under. Webb shot a 71, and Shin had a 68.

Webb had a three-stroke lead in the morning after the completion of the lightning-delayed second round, playing the final four holes in 1

under for a 65.

NEW ZEALAND

WOMEN'S OPEN

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — Fourteen-year-old amateur Lydia Ko shot her second straight 3-under 69 for a share of second-round lead in the New Zealand Women's Open.

Ko, the world's top-ranked amateur, became the youngest winner of a professional tour event last month in the Women's New South Wales Open in Australia. She briefly held the outright lead before a bogey on the par-17th dropped her into a six-way tie at 6 under at Pegasus Golf Club.

Ko was tied with Colombia's Marijo Uribe (68), Australia's Lindsey Wright (68), South Korea's Haeji Kang (69), American Alison Walshe (70) and Spain's Carlotta Ciganda (69).

Canadian star Lorie Kane (67) was a stroke back along with Americans Cindy Lacrosse (67) and Gerina Pillier (71) and Australians Julia Boland (68) and Stephanie Na (69).

AVANTHA MASTERS

NEW DELHI (AP) — South Africa's Jbe Kruger shot a 6-under 66 in the

third round of the Avantha Masters to take a one-shot lead in the European Tour event.

Kruger had two eagles and two birdies in his bogey-free round to finish at 11-under 205. Germany's Marcel Siem (68), France's Jean-Baptiste Gonnat (69) and Scotland's Peter Whiteford (72) were tied for second.



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shorts.

Despite all these adventures, Mickelson managed a 1-under 70 on Saturday to share the lead with PGA champion Keegan Bradley in the Northern Trust Open.

On a day when "routine par" was not part of his vocabulary, Phil was thrilled.

"This was a great round for me because I did not play well, and I shot 1-under par and I'm atop the leaderboard," Mickelson said. "Usually when I win, I'll have two good rounds and I'll have two rounds that aren't so great that I've got to keep somewhere in it to give myself a chance."

The last two days weren't his best. He still has a great chance to end his West Coast Swing with back-to-back wins.

The toughest part might be ahead of him.

Bradley took only five putts over the last five holes, including a 10-footer for par on the last hole that got him into the final group, for a 5-under 66 and his best chance at a win since he captured the PGA Championship in August.

What made the par so meaningful was getting a chance to play with Mickelson, whom he considers a mentor. Mickelson invited Bradley in on one of his money games before The Players Championship, where Mickelson graciously showed him the nuances of the TPC Sawgrass, until they reached the last green and the cash was on the line.

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— Phil Mickelson

Mickelson told Bradley and Brendan Steele to get out their wallets, and then he poured in a putt.

"He's a very competitive guy, but he's very helpful at the same time," Bradley said. "I think him for his advice and help. But he's going to try to beat me tomorrow, and I'm going to have to try to do the same."

Even so, this is hardly a two-man race at Riviera.

Mickelson and Bradley were at 7-under 206, one shot ahead of Pat Perez (70), Jonathan Byrd (69) and Bryce Molder (66). Mickelson wasn't the only player on a wild ride along the fabled course off Sunset Boulevard.

Molder one-putted the last eight greens, five of them for par. Perez three-putted from 10 feet on No. 3, and on the next hole took four putts from 60 feet on the fringe, the last three from inside 5 feet.

Byrd took only 21 putts in 18 holes, courtesy of only hitting six greens in regulation.

"My short game was marvelous," Byrd said.

Defending champion Aaron Baddeley had a 66, while Dustin Johnson chopped up the end of his round before a birdie on the 18th that gave him a 67.

They were in the group two shots behind, along with FedEx Cup champion Bill Haas, who had a 68. Johnson three-putted

from just outside 3 feet on the par-5 17th and made bogey.

"I'm going to come out tomorrow and give it everything I've got," Johnson said.

Twelve players were within three shots of the lead, so it could be anyone's game on Sunday. Mickelson still likes his position.

"I was six back last week, so I would prefer where I'm at this week," he said.

Mickelson rallied with a 64 in the final round at Pebble Beach, and to win at Riviera would make him the first player to win consecutive PGA Tour events since Tiger Woods in August 2009.

Mickelson's only regret was not taking advantage of birdie putts, missing from inside 8 feet on the ninth and 16th holes, and not giving himself a chance on the par-5 17th when his wedge rolled off the front of the green.

Nothing was more entertaining, however, than his journey into, through and over the trees.

He pulled his tee shot so far right on the par-3 sixth that it was headed for the ivy-covered fence until clipping the ash tree and dropping down.

Then, instead of hitting a lofted chip that could run to the pin, he chose to chip some 25 feet past the hole, have it run up the bank and come down.

It rolled 12 feet past the hole, and he made it for a par.

On the par-4 eighth, which gives players the option of two fairways, Mickelson found his own route. He blasted a tee shot so far left it went over a white fence and landed at the base of the stairs of a corporate tent. After getting a free drop, he threaded a 9-iron through five eucalyptus trees to 12 feet.

It would have been one of the more amazing birdies in his career, except he missed the putt.

He was introduced to a Bottle Brush on the 10th. That was the name of the tree between the pin and where his tee shot landed. Mickelson caught a tiny branch and didn't reach the green, but hit a skillful pitch to 3 feet for par.

"I'll get it turned around," said Mickelson, who spoke to Butch Harmon after his round and headed to the practice range before his private jet commute home to San Diego. "Today was a big day, because if I didn't fight hard and make pars from some of the places I was at, then I'd be trying to play catch-up to a lot of guys."

"Now, there's a lot of players that are right in it, within a couple of shots of the lead," he said.

"And it's going to take a good round tomorrow. But I'm pleased that I put myself in it."

— Paije Kiraly led Jackson-Milton with 18 points in the Bluejays win.

— Western Reserve got 17 points from Sissy Stubbs in its 57-46 win over Mineral Ridge in the day's final game.

CRESTVIEW: 17-12-15-13—57
LEETONIA: 0- 6- 6-11—23
CRESTVIEW SCORING: Ashley Harrison 10-1-23, Morgan Newbauer 1-0-2, Alexis Summers 10-2-6, Maria 2-0-6, Gerie Sickle 4-1-9, Annie Hardenbrook 2-2-6, Tristan Huff 1-0-2, Marissa Leon 1-0-2, Alexys Brooks 1-2-4, Taylor Chamberlain 0-1-1, Alexis Marnegon 1-0-2.
TEAM TOTALS: 22, 7-18: 57.
LEETONIA SCORING: Delaney Gardner 1-0-3, Abbie Kopcsak 0-3-3, Alexis Summers 0-0-0, Mara Newton 1-0-3, Kinzie Smith 3-0-6, Emily Schneider 0-0-0, Bethany Basich 0-0-0, Kelsie Valentine 1-0-2, Haley Scoville 0-2-2, Autumn Champney 0-0-0, Nicole Mann 2-0-4.
TEAM TOTALS: 8-50, 5-11: 23.
THREE POINTERS: Crestview 2 (Harrison 2, DeMaria 2), Leetonia 2 (Gardner, Newton).

REBELS

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team's regular season meeting on Dec. 22. In that game, Crestview won 57-23.

"Practice has been going really well and we're peaking at the right time," Harrison said.

Crestview scored the game's first 18 points. During that span Leetonia (4-17) committed 18 turnovers.

"We came into the game wanting to be aggressive on defense," Crestview coach Rick Gates said. "We trapped at half court, got in the passing lanes and got off to a good start."

Leetonia, which was 8 for 50 from the field, never got any significant offensive at-

tack established. Crestview led 29-6 at the half.

"It's rough," Leetonia coach Kelly Paxson said. "We worked on dealing with the trap all week in practice. I think we just get so nervous out there that we do everything we're not supposed to do."

Leetonia, which started the season 0-9, has scored in the 20s seven times this season.

Crestview, which saw every player score against Leetonia, has its sights set on making it to the district final where top-seeded Lowellville should avoid baring any major upsets.

"We've wanted to play Lowellville for the last three years," Harrison said.

Gates said the Rebels have tried to get the Rockets on the regular season schedule, but Lowellville has mostly used its non-league games to play teams from outside the Inter-Tri County League.

"To get there though we still have to beat a pretty good Jackson-Milton team and possibly a very good Western Reserve team," Gates said. "It's not going to be easy."

Game notes

— Gerie Sickle had nine points and five rebounds for the Rebels. Morgan Newbauer had five steals.

— Kinzie Smith had six points to top the Bears. Nicole Mann added four points and six boards.

AROUND THE HORN

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Penguins C Jordan Staal fined \$2,500 by NHL

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL has acted quickly, fining Pittsburgh Penguins center Jordan Staal \$2,500 for boarding Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Braydon Coburn just hours after the infraction in an afternoon game.

Staal received the maximum fine allowed following his hit on Coburn during the Penguins' 6-4 victory over the Flyers on Saturday. Staal was given a minor penalty on the play at 9:56 of the second period.

The fine money will go to the Players' Emergency Assistance Fund.

Morrison leads Oral Roberts past Akron 67-61

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Dominique Morrison's double-double helped Oral Roberts run its home winning streak to 23 games with a 67-61 victory over Akron on Saturday.

Morrison led the Summit League regular-season champion Golden Eagles (25-5) with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Damen Bell-Holter scored 15 points and Warren Niles 12 in the BracketBusters victory.

Alex Abreu's 16 points led the Zips (19-8), whose eight-game winning streak ended. Nikola Cvetinovic added 11.

In winning its fifth in a row, Oral Roberts piled up a 28-13 lead with 4:42 left in the first half. The Golden Eagles were up 33-22 at intermission.

Cvetinovic's layup pulled the Zips within 50-49 with 8:16 to play. But Oral Roberts responded with a 10-2 run built around two baskets by Morrison to go ahead 60-51 with 4:51 to play.

The Golden Eagles outrebounded the Zips 41-26 and outshot them 46 percent to 41 percent.

College of Charleston holds off Kent State 80-73

KENT (AP) — Nori Johnson scored 27 points, Trent Wiedeman recorded a double-double and College of Charleston held off a late rally by Kent State in an 80-73 win on Saturday night.

Wiedeman finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Cougars (17-11) in the Bracket Busters matchup. Antwaine Wiggins had 17 points and eight rebounds.

College of Charleston led 67-48 — its largest of the game — when Jordan Scott knocked down a 3-pointer with 8:58 left in the second half. Kent State would not go away easily, answering with an 18-1 run that spanned over the next five minutes to cut lead to 68-66.

Randal Holt made three 3-pointers and Charlton Guyton had two from beyond the arc during the spurt for Kent State. However, the Golden Flashes (19-7) were unable to pull to closer, as Wiggins scored seven points in the last two minutes to help the Cougars prevail.

No. 11 Green Bay women tip YSU 77-72 in OT

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Adrian Ritchie scored 26 points, including nine in the last 35 seconds of regulation to force overtime, as No. 11 Green Bay edged Youngstown State 77-72 on Saturday.

Julie Wojta had her third consecutive double-double with 18 points and 15 rebounds for the Phoenix (23-1, 13-1 Horizon League), and Lydia Bauer scored 14.

Keny Middlebrooks scored 22 points while Brandi Brown had 21 points and 19 rebounds for the Penguins (10-16, 4-11). Kelsea Fickiesen and Melissa Thompson scored 12 points apiece.

After Fickiesen sank a free throw to put Youngstown State ahead 65-57 with 42 seconds left, Ritchie hit a 3-pointer and then converted a three-point play.

Fickiesen made another free throw to put the Penguins up 66-63 with 28 seconds to go, but Ritchie responded with three more foul shots to tie it at 66 with 19 seconds left.

Green Bay never trailed in overtime.

Klitschko unanimously outpoints Chisora

MUNICH (AP) — Chaos broke out after Vitali Klitschko unanimously outpointed Dereck Chisora to retain his WBC heavyweight belt Saturday night when Chisora got into a brawl with former WBA champion David Haye at the post-match news conference.

Haye called for a fight between the two British boxers, leading to a heated exchange before Chisora descended to face Haye and they came to blows.

Camera equipment went flying and reporters fled before security eventually managed to separate the men and police arrived at the scene.

"You've really lost it this time," Chisora told Haye.

Klitschko beat Chisora in a bruising encounter in which the Ukrainian claimed to have fought from the fourth round with only his right fist after hurting his left hand.

"I think we all heard excuses about a broken toe," Chisora later retorted, referring to Haye's loss to Klitschko's younger brother, Wladimir, for the WBA belt in Germany last July.

Wladimir is the "super" WBA champion and also holds the IBF and minor WBO and IBO belts.

Chisora found little support from the sellout crowd of 12,500 after slapping Vitali Klitschko's face at the weigh-in on Friday, and ensured the ill feelings continued when he spat in the 40-year-old's face as the champion's record was being called out before their bout.

"I wanted to knock him out, to be honest," Klitschko said. "Such a cheek."

Wladimir acted as a buffer as Chisora continued to goad his older brother.

Vitali was clearly incensed, but it took some time before he could assert control against the Briton's aggressive approach. The champion's greater reach and experience made the difference.

The judges scored it 118-110, 118-110 and 119-111.

Chisora said after the bout he wanted a rematch, or a bout with Wladimir.

"He won't fight me again. I don't blame you. I wouldn't fight me either," Chisora said.

Klitschko improved to 44-2 (40 KOs) with the 10th successful defense of the title he won from Corrie Sanders in 2004.

It was arguably the toughest bout he's had to endure since losing on a technical knockout to Lennox Lewis in 2003.

"I'm not proud of my performance tonight because I feel I let my fans down," Klitschko said.

ESPN sorry for offensive headline on Lin story

NEW YORK (AP) — ESPN has apologized for using a racial slur in a headline for a story on Knicks sensation Jeremy Lin.

ESPN ran the headline "Chink in the Armor" after Lin had nine turnovers in New York's loss to the New Orleans Hornets on Friday night on its mobile website that could be seen on phones and tablet computers.

Lin is the NBA's first American-born player of Chinese or Taiwanese descent. He has captivated sports fans with unexpected dominance on the court that sparked a seven-game winning streak.

ESPN says in a statement Saturday it removed the headline 35 minutes after it was posted. The cable network says it is "conducting a complete review of our cross-platform editorial procedures and are determining appropriate disciplinary action to ensure this does not happen again. We regret and apologize for this mistake."

The story was first reported by Outsports.com.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Luis Mendoza, INF Eric Hosmer, INF Mike Moustakas and OF Lorenzo Cain on one-year contracts.
National League
 HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with LHP Fernando Abad, OF Brian Bogusevic, C Jason Castro, RHP Paul Clemens, IF Chris Johnson, RHP Fernando Rodriguez and IF Brett Wallace on one-year contracts.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 NHL — Fined Pittsburgh Penguins F Jordan Staal has been fined \$2,500.
 DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned F Tomas Tatar to Grand Rapids (AHL).
 FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled D Nolan Yorkman from San Antonio (AHL). Reassigned D Colby Robak to San Antonio.
 NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned G Jason Missiaen to Connecticut (AHL).
 PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled D Michael Stone and F Matt Watkins from Portland (AHL).
 ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled G Ben Bishop from Peoria (AHL).
COLLEGE
 IOWA — Named Brian Ferentz offensive line coach. Promoted administrative assistant LeVar Woods to linebackers coach.
 PENN STATE — Named Charlie Fisher quarterbacks coach.

AREA BRIEFS

Alliance Adult Softball meeting set
 ALLIANCE — Alliance Adult Softball will hold a manager's meeting for Tuesday Night Men's League, Sunday Afternoon Men's League and Thursday-Friday Night Co-Ed League March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Silver Park Office Conference Room.
 For information or to sign up a team, call Floyd at (330) 371-3624 or (330) 823-2008.

Lisbon Baseball-Softball to hold signups
 LISBON — The Lisbon Baseball-Softball Association will hold signups on Saturday at the Lisbon Fire Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration forms are available at www.lisbonbaseballasoc.com.
 A late fee will be charged for all registration completed after Saturday.
 For information, call David Tolson at (330) 606-3201.

Hot Stove League signups on tap
 SEBRING — Sebring-West Branch Hot Stove League signups will be held Feb. 25 at the Sebring Fire Station from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

EURO PGA

Avantha Masters Leading Scores
 The Associated Press
Saturday
At DLF Golf and Country Club
Gurgaon, India
Purse: \$2.4 million
Yardage: 7,156; Par: 72
Third Round
 Jbe Kruger, South Africa 70-69-66—205
 Marcel Siem, Germany 69-69-68—206
 Jean-Baptiste Gonnet, France 68-69-69—206
 Peter Whiteford, Scotland 66-68-72—206
 Jose Manuel Lara, Spain 74-69-64—207
 Andrea Pavan, Italy 69-71-67—207
 Paul McGinley, Ireland 70-69-68—207
 Marc Warren, Scotland 72-67-68—207
 Marcus Fraser, Australia 69-69-69—207
 Prom Meesawat, Thailand 72-64-71—207
 Tano Goya, Argentina 74-70-64—208
 Rhys Davies, Wales 70-69-69—208
 Alejandro Canizares, Spain 66-73-69—208
 Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark 71-67-70—208
 Chaphai Nirat, Thailand 70-69-71—208
 Jorge Campillo, Spain 72-71-66—209
 Joost Luiten, Netherlands 70-69-70—209
 Gregory Havret, France 68-70-71—209
 Soren Hansen, Denmark 70-68-71—209
Also
 Berry Henseon, United States 70-70-74—214
 Peter Uihlein, United States 69-73-73—215

KENT ST. BOX

COLL. OF CHARLESTON 80, KENT ST. 73
COLL. OF CHARLESTON (17-11)
 Baru 1-1 1-4 3, Wiggins 3-10 10-16 17, Wiedeman 4-11 6-8 14, Lawrence 1-4 0-0 2, Johnson 8-13 6-27, Sundberg 2-3 2-2 8, Scott 3-4 1-1 9. Totals 22-46 26-37 80.
KENT ST. (19-7)
 Henniger 4-7 1-2 9, Manns 4-10 0-1 8, Pormi 2-12 3-6 8, Holt 3-11 0-0 9, Guyton 7-16 0-0 16, Gaines 2-8 3-4 7, Evans 6-12 4-4 16, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0, Manley 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-78 11-17 73.
Halftime—Coll. of Charleston 36-33. 3-Point Goals—Coll. of Charleston 10-18 (Johnson 5-7, Sundberg 2-3, Scott 2-3, Wiggins 1-3, Lawrence 0-2), Kent St. 6-29 (Holt 3-10, Guyton 2-8, Pormi 1-5, Manley 0-1, Gaines 0-2, Evans 0-3). Fouled Out—Gaines, Lawrence. Rebounds—Coll. of Charleston 34 (Wiedeman 13), Kent St. 47 (Evans 13). Assists—Coll. of Charleston 13 (Lawrence 8), Kent St. 14 (Holt, Pormi 5). Total Fouls—Coll. of Charleston 15, Kent St. 23. A—3,682.

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CHAMPS TOUR

ACE Group Classic Par Scores
 The Associated Press
Saturday
At TwinEagles Golf Club (Talon Course)
Naples, Fla.
Purse: \$1.6 million
Yardage: 7,193; Par: 72
Second Round
 Kenny Perry 64-62—126 -18
 Larry Mize 62-67—129 -15
 Tom Lehman 64-66—130 -14
 Bernhard Langer 66-65—131 -13
 Mike Goodes 65-68—133 -11
 David Frost 68-66—134 -10
 Joey Sindelar 68-66—134 -10
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 Gil Morgan 72-66—138 -6
 Fuzzy Zoeller 69-69—138 -6
 Bob Tway 69-69—138 -6
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 Joe Daley 71-68—139 -5
 Mark Wiebe 74-65—139 -5
 Gary Koch 68-71—139 -5
 Loren Roberts 71-69—140 -4
 Peter Senior 70-70—140 -4
 Dave Rummells 72-68—140 -4
 Craig Stadler 69-71—140 -4
 Hale Irwin 70-71—141 -3
 D.A. Weibring 70-71—141 -3
 Peter Jacobsen 70-71—141 -3
 Tom Kite 72-69—141 -3
 Steve Pate 69-72—141 -3
 Nick Price 68-73—141 -3
 Corey Pavin 70-72—142 -2
 Chien Soon Lu 71-71—142 -2
 Olin Browne 70-72—142 -2

PGA

Northern Trust Open Par Scores
 The Associated Press
Saturday
At Riviera Country Club
Los Angeles
Purse: \$6.6 million
Yardage: 7,349; Par: 71
Third Round
 Keegan Bradley 71-69-66—206 -7
 Phil Mickelson 66-70-66—206 -7
 Bryce Molder 74-67-66—207 -6
 Jonathan Byrd 68-70-69—207 -6
 Pat Perez 72-65-70—207 -6
 Aaron Baddeley 73-69-66—208 -5
 Dustin Johnson 71-70-67—208 -5
 Bill Haas 72-68-68—208 -5
 Ryan Moore 72-69-68—209 -4
 Jarrod Lyle 73-65-71—209 -4
 Bo Van Pelt 74-68-68—210 -3
 J.B. Holmes 67-73-70—210 -3
 Marc Leishman 70-69-71—210 -3
 Minnesota 111, Houston 98 72-66-72—210 -3
 Oklahoma City 110, Golden State 87 72-70-69—211 -2
 Justin Rose 70-70-71—211 -2
 Zach Johnson 71-69-71—211 -2
 J.J. Killeen 71-69-71—211 -2
 Bubba Watson 70-69-72—211 -2
 Nick Watney 73-70-69—212 -1
 Hunter Mahan 67-75-70—212 -1
 Kyle Stanley 74-68-70—212 -1
 Relief Goosen 73-67-72—212 -1
 Johnson Wagner 73-71-68—212 -1
 Spencer Levin 73-66-73—212 -1
 Tommy Gainey 70-73-70—213 E
 Jason Kokrak 76-67-70—213 E
 Luke Donald 70-72-71—213 E
 Brendon de Jonge 73-69-71—213 E
 Cameron Tringale 70-74-69—213 E
 Y.E. Yang 72-72-69—213 E
 Briny Baird 71-70-72—213 E
 Adam Scott 73-71-69—213 E
 Kevin Chappell 73-67-73—213 E
 Brandt Snedeker 75-70-68—213 E
 Ryan Palmer 76-69-68—213 E
 Matt Kuchar 69-69-75—214 E
 Joe Ogilvie 71-71-72—214 +1
 Kevin Stadler 71-71-72—214 +1
 Ernie Els 73-68-73—214 +1
 Graham DeLaet 73-68-73—214 +1
 Rickie Fowler 75-69-70—214 +1
 Charlie Wi 75-69-70—214 +1
 K.J. Choi 69-71-74—214 +1
 Stewart Cink 69-71-74—214 +1
 Bobby Gates 73-72-69—214 +1
 Carl Pettersson 68-70-76—214 +1
 Erik Compton 73-72-69—214 +1
 John Senden 73-70-72—215 +2
 Vijay Singh 74-70-71—215 +2
 Kevin Streelman 74-70-71—215 +2
 Fredrik Jacobson 72-72-71—215 +2
 Bud Cauley 74-70-71—215 +2
 Michael Thompson 72-72-71—215 +2
 Sergio Garcia 69-76-70—215 +2
 Sunghoon Kang 72-71-73—216 +3
 George McNeill 76-67-73—216 +3
 Vaughn Taylor 72-71-73—216 +3
 Cameron Beckman 70-75-71—216 +3
 Jeff Overton 73-72-71—216 +3
 John Mallinger 71-71-75—217 +4
 Brendan Steele 69-74-74—217 +4
 David Hearn 70-73-74—217 +4
 Jason Dufner 72-72-73—217 +4
 Billy Mayfair 72-73-72—217 +4
 Padraig Harrington 74-70-74—218 +5
 Gary Woodland 73-71-74—218 +5
 Ricky Barnes 71-71-77—219 +6
 Ryo Ishikawa 73-70-76—219 +6
 Ken Duke 69-72-78—219 +6
 Jason Day 73-71-75—219 +6
 Bill Lunde 73-72-74—219 +6
 Harrison Frazer 71-74-74—219 +6
 Troy Matteson 68-75-77—220 +7
 Matt Bettencourt 73-70-77—220 +7
 Kevin Na 74-71-78—223 +10

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	11	.645	—
Boston	15	14	.517	4
New York	15	16	.484	5
New Jersey	9	23	.281	11½
Toronto	9	23	.281	11½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	7	.774	—
Orlando	20	11	.645	4
Atlanta	19	11	.633	4½
Washington	7	24	.226	17
Charlotte	4	26	.133	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	8	.758	—
Indiana	18	12	.600	5½
Milwaukee	12	18	.400	11
Cleveland	11	17	.393	11½
Detroit	10	22	.313	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	22	9	.710	—
Dallas	20	11	.645	2
Memphis	18	14	.563	4½
Houston	17	14	.548	5
New Orleans	7	23	.233	14½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	23	7	.767	—
Denver	17	14	.548	6½
Utah	15	14	.517	7½
Portland	16	15	.516	7½
Minnesota	15	16	.484	8½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	19	10	.655	—
L.A. Lakers	18	12	.600	1½
Golden State	11	17	.393	7½
Phoenix	12	19	.387	8
Sacramento	10	20	.333	9½

Friday's Games

Charlotte 98, Toronto 91
 Orlando 94, Milwaukee 85
 Miami 111, Cleveland 87
 Detroit 114, Sacramento 108
 Minnesota 111, Houston 98
 Oklahoma City 110, Golden State 87
 Memphis 103, Denver 102
 New Orleans 89, New York 85
 Dallas 82, Philadelphia 75
 Utah 114, Washington 100
 L.A. Lakers 111, Phoenix 99

Saturday's Games

San Antonio 103, L.A. Clippers 100, OT
 New Jersey 97, Chicago 85
 Memphis 104, Golden State 103
 Atlanta at Portland, (n)

Sunday's Games

Dallas at New York, 1 p.m.
 Orlando at Miami, 3:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 Boston at Detroit, 6 p.m.
 Charlotte at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Utah at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Denver at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games

Atlanta at Chicago, 4 p.m.
 New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	56	37	14	5	79	158	114
Philadelphia	58	32	19	7	71	193	177
Pittsburgh	58	33	20	5	71	182	154
New Jersey	57	33	20	4	70	161	158
N.Y. Islanders	58	25	25	8	58	139	168

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	56	35	19	2	72	190	130
Ottawa	60	30	22	8	68	179	183
Toronto	59	29	24	6	64	178	180
Montreal	59	24	25	10	58	159	161
Buffalo	58	24	27	7	55	142	173

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	57	27	19	11	65	144	160
Washington	58	29	24	5	63	159	163
Winnipeg	60	28	26	6	62	148	169
Tampa Bay	58	26	26	6	58	163	195
Carolina	59	22	26	11	55	153	181

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	59	40	17	2	82	187	137
St. Louis	58	36	15	7	79	149	114
Nashville	58	33	19	6	72	162	152
Chicago	59	31	21	7	69	186	177
Columbus	58	17	35	6	40	134	192

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	58	37	15	6	80	189	142
Calgary	58	27	22	9	63	141	155
Colorado	59	29	26	4	62	150	163
Minnesota	58	25	24	9	59	129	154
Edmonton	57	22	29	6	50	151	172

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	56	31	18	7	69	165	139
Phoenix	59	29	21	9	67	152	147
Los Angeles	58	27	20	11	65	124	125
Dallas	58	25	24	9	59	129	154
Anaheim	58	24	24	10	58	150	168

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

Friday's Games

New Jersey 3, Anaheim 2, SO
 Montreal 4, Buffalo 3, SO
 Carolina 3, San Jose 2
 Washington 2, Florida 1
 Detroit 2, Nashville 1
 Winnipeg 4, Boston 2
 Colorado 3, Edmonton 1

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 4
 Chicago 6, Columbus 1
 St. Louis 4, Minnesota 0
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Carolina 3
 Tampa Bay 2, Washington 1
 Vancouver 6, Toronto 2
 Phoenix 2, Dallas 1, OT
 Calgary at Los Angeles, (n)

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
 Boston at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Montreal, 6 p.m.
 Anaheim at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Nashville at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Columbus at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
 Colorado at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games

Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

PENGUINS

Pittsburgh 1 2 3-6
 Philadelphia 2 1 1-4
 First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Cooke 10, 3:17.2, Philadelphia, Jagr 14 (Briere), 15:16.3, Philadelphia, Jagr 15 (Groux, Timonen), 15:34 (pp). Penalties—Coburn, Phi (cross-checking), 4:07; Adams, Pit (interference), 14:03; Simmonds, Phi (goaltender interference), 14:18; Staal, Pit (holding), 15:21; van Riemsdyk, Phi (slashing), 19:58.
 Second Period—4, Pittsburgh, Staal 18 (Adams), 15:14 (sh), 5, Pittsburgh, Cooke 11, 16:57 (sh), 6, Philadelphia, Wellwood 1, 18:41. Penalties—Martin, Pit (slashing), 4:51; Vitale, Pit (roughing), 7:52; Staal, Pit (boarding), 9:56; Timonen, Phi (unsportsmanlike conduct), 9:56; Grossman, Phi (holding), 11:32; Dupuis, Pit (tripping), 14:58; Orpik, Pit (hooking), 15:31.
 Third Period—7, Pittsburgh, Jeffrey 4 (Cooke), :37.8, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 13 (Staal, Sullivan), 2:09.9, Pittsburgh, Neal 30 (Malkin, Kunitz), 9:02.10, Philadelphia, Simmonds 21 (van Riemsdyk), 19:41. Penalties—Vitale, Pit misconduct, 17:57; Hartnell, Phi, misconduct, 17:57.
 Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 7-8-15—30. Philadelphia 13-10-8—31.
 Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 3; Philadelphia 1 of 6.
 Goalsies—Pittsburgh, Fleury 30-14-3 (31 shots-27 saves). Philadelphia, Bryzgalov (13-10), Bobrovsky 12-8-1 (16:57 second, 17-14). A—19,958 (19,537). T—2:28.
 Referees—Stephane Auger, Paul Devorski. Linesmen—Anthony Sericolo, Brad Kovachik.

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▶ NHL

Jeffrey, Cooke lead Penguins over Flyers

Pittsburgh scores twice shorthanded to turn game in its favor

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Down one man and then two, the Pittsburgh Penguins were at their best shorthanded. Dustin Jeffrey scored a go-ahead goal 37 seconds

into the third period, Matt Cooke had two goals and the Penguins beat the Philadelphia Flyers 6-4 on Saturday. Jordan Staal, Pascal Dupuis and James Neal also scored goals for the Penguins, who moved into a tie with Philadelphia for fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

The Penguins not only killed a 5-on-4 and a 5-on-3 on the same power play, but scored twice shorthanded to turn the game around after Jaromir Jagr's two goals against his former team put the Flyers ahead 2-1.

"Our penalty-killing was huge," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said.

"To come out of special teams a plus-1 with a couple shorthanded goals was a big part."

Eric Wellwood notched his first NHL goal and Wayne Simmonds also scored for the Flyers.

Philadelphia lost for the sixth time in eight games and got another poor performance from goalie Ilya Bryzgalov, who was benched after allowing three goals on 13 shots.

"It's easy to find a scapegoat, to put at one guy," Bryzgalov said.

"I was frustrated with my game. I will continue to work."

In a matchup of the league's two top scorers, Evgeni Malkin and Claude Giroux each had one assist. Malkin has a two-point lead over Giroux.

Jeffrey put the Penguins ahead 4-3 by scoring off a rebound after a turnover by Kimmo Timonen, the Flyers' top defenseman.

A few minutes later, Dupuis slid a shot from the left side of the net that went through the goal crease, hit Sergei Bobrovsky's skate and went in.

Neal scored his 30th goal on a breakaway midway through the third period to make it 6-3.

"Our penalty-killing has been a huge part of our team all year," Jeffrey said. "You don't usually see a 5-on-3 (shorthanded) goal. It was huge for us."

Playing his first game since turning 40, Jagr shook off the effects of a flu that forced him to miss Thursday night's 7-2 win over Buffalo and notched his first two-goal game since Dec. 2. His goals came 18 seconds apart in the first period to put Philadelphia up 2-1.

But the Penguins answered with two goals in a span of 1:43 in the second period. Staal broke in and ripped a slap shot through a screen over Bryzgalov's

glove to tie it at 2.

Then, with two Penguins in the penalty box, Cooke avoided Timonen's hook and scored on a breakaway to send Bryzgalov to the bench.

Bobrovsky replaced Bryzgalov, who skated off the ice to a chorus of boos. Bryzgalov has been a big disappointment since the Flyers acquired him from Phoenix and gave him a \$51 million, nine-year contract last summer.

"We can be better in a lot of different areas and (goal-tending) is one of them," Flyers coach Peter Laviolette said.

Wellwood, playing in his seventh NHL game, tied it at 3 by capitalizing on Deryk Engelland's turnover. Engelland slipped and lost the puck in front of the net, allowing Wellwood to stuff it past Marc-Andre Fleury.

That gave the Flyers some momentum going into the second intermission only to have Pittsburgh take it away

early in the third period.

"They scored right after to give momentum right back, so I don't think it had that much affect on them," Cooke said of his team's short-handed goals.

Jagr established himself as one of the greatest players in hockey history during his first 11 seasons in the NHL with the Penguins. He won an MVP award and two Stanley Cup titles before leaving Pittsburgh after the 2000-01 season.

Jagr showed off the skills that made him a nine-time All-Star with vintage goals from nearly the same spot in the left face-off circle. First, he took a pass from Danny Briere near the Flyers blue line, skated down the right side, stopped, and fired a shot past Fleury.

The next one came on the power play. Jagr held the puck, looked at Scott Hartnell in front of the net and ripped a top-shelf goal to make it 2-1.

Cooke picked up a loose puck in the Flyers' zone, skated down the left side, eluded Jagr's swipe from behind and fired a slap shot past Bryzgalov for a 1-0 lead 3:17 in.

Notes: Jagr now has 661 goals, seven shy of tying Hall of Famer Luc Robitaille for 10th on the all-time list. He had just one goal in his previous 16 games. ... Engelland flattened Giroux with a hard, clean check in the first period, drawing loud boos from the crowd. ... F James van Riemsdyk returned for Philadelphia after missing 15 games because of a concussion. ... Simmonds, who needed 25 stitches to his lower and upper lips after getting hit with a puck in warmups Thursday, wore a smaller face shield instead of the full protective mask he had on when he scored two goals against Buffalo. ... Jagr has 20 goals and 19 assists for 39 points in 38 career games vs. the Penguins.

▶ NCAA BASKETBALL

No. 1 Kentucky handles Mississippi; Baylor, UNLV upset Saturday

NO. 1 KENTUCKY 77, MISSISSIPPI 62

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Terrence Jones had 15 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 1 Kentucky to a 77-62 victory over Mississippi on Saturday, the Wildcats' 50th consecutive win at home.

The Wildcats (26-1, 11-0 Southeastern Conference) are 49-0 at home under head coach John Calipari as part of the nation's longest active home winning streak.

Kentucky took an early 16-5 lead,

but the Rebels took advantage of freshman center Anthony Davis sitting for much of the first half because of foul trouble.

Ole Miss forwards Terrance Henry and Murphy Holloway took the ball inside without the nation's leading shot blocker looming. Henry, who had 16 of his 18 points in the first half, helped the Rebels (15-11, 5-7) take a 31-29 lead.

But the Wildcats hit three straight 3-pointers to take a 43-35 halftime lead, and they never trailed in the second half.

Doron Lamb had 16 points for Ken-

NO. 3 MISSOURI 71, TEXAS A&M 62

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Kim English scored 21 points and Marcus Denmon had a key 3-pointer late to lift Missouri over Texas A&M for its seventh straight win.

It was Missouri's 12th win in Big 12 play, tying a school record for most in a season.

Texas A&M cut the lead to five on a 3-pointer by Elston Turner with 1:22 re-

maining, and a turnover by Phil Pressey on the next play gave A&M the ball back.

But Denmon hit a 3-pointer to make it 68-60 with 35 seconds left, and his two free throws seconds later sealed the win for Missouri (25-2, 12-2).

Chris Middleton had 15 points to lead A&M (13-13, 4-10).

NO. 8 NORTH CAROLINA 74, CLEMSON 52

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Harrison Barnes scored 24 points and Tyler Zeller added 14 to help North Carolina beat Clemson.

The Tar Heels (23-4, 10-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) improved to 56-0 all-time against Clemson (13-13, 5-7) in Chapel Hill — a record for consecutive home wins over one opponent.

North Carolina led by 15 points in the first half and never let Clemson closer than six in the second before blowing it open late.

John Henson added 13 points for the Tar Heels, while Kendall Marshall had 13 assists.

Andre Young scored 13 points to lead the Tigers, who shot 38 percent.

KANSAS ST. 57, NO. 9 BAYLOR 56

WACO, Texas (AP) — Angel Rodriguez had 15 points and six assists, and Kansas State made up for the freshman's potentially costly turnover in the final seconds against Baylor.

Rodriguez had an apparent breakaway layup with 13 seconds left after a turnover by Baylor guard Pierre Jackson. But Rodriguez was called for traveling, wiping out the basket and giving the Bears one more chance.

Baylor (22-5, 9-5 Big 12) got it inside to Quincy Miller, whose shot was

blocked. Rodney McGruder also had 15 points for the Wildcats (18-8, 7-7).

Quincy Acy led Baylor with 14 points.

NO. 10 GEORGETOWN 63, PROVIDENCE 53

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Hollis Thompson and Jason Clark scored 13 points each and Georgetown shut down Providence's shooters for the second time this season.

The Friars made just 14 of 54 field goals (25.9 percent). In the previous meeting Dec. 31, they hit only 13 attempts and shot 25.5 percent in a 49-40 loss.

Georgetown (20-5, 10-4 Big East) held Providence (13-15, 2-13) without a basket for a 14-minute stretch in the first half and led 31-20 at the break. The Friars cut it to 36-32 before the Hoyas went on a 13-3 run to open a 49-35 lead with 9:43 remaining.

Providence was led by Vincent Council with 13 points.

NEW MEXICO 65, NO. 11 UNLV 45

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Drew Gordon scored a career-high 27 points and grabbed 20 rebounds to lead New Mexico to its seventh straight victory with a win over UNLV.

It was the second win this week over a ranked team for the Lobos (22-4, 8-2 Mountain West), who beat No. 13 San Diego State 77-67 on Thursday.

Anthony Marshall had 18 points to lead UNLV (22-6, 6-4), which lost for the third time in four games.

UNLV, which led 27-26 at halftime, had just four field goals during a second half in which Gordon had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

NO. 12 MARQUETTE 79, CONNECTICUT 64

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Jae Crowder had 29 points and 12 rebounds to help Marquette beat UConn and remain in position for a double bye in next month's Big East tournament.

Darius Johnson-Odom added 24 points for Marquette (22-5, 11-3 Big East), which won for the 10th time 11 games.

Johnson-Odom and Crowder combined for 29 first-half points as the Golden Eagles ran out to a 43-29 halftime lead.

UConn cut the deficit to four early in the second half, but could not stay with Marquette.

Jeremy Lamb had 19 points to lead Connecticut (16-10, 6-8).

AIR FORCE 58, NO. 13 SAN DIEGO ST. 56

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — Michael Lyons scored 27 points and Air Force upset San Diego State when Xavier Thames' off-balance 3-point attempt fell short at the buzzer.

The Falcons (13-11, 3-7 Mountain West) won for just the second time in 74 games against a Top 25 team. They also beat then-No. 22 UTEP on Feb. 15, 1992.

The short-handed Aztecs (20-6, 6-4) lost their third straight, something they hadn't done since 2008, a span of 124 games.

The Aztecs fell two games behind conference leader New Mexico, which upset No. 11 UNLV 65-45 earlier Saturday.

Chase Tapley scored 17 points, and Tim Shelton had 13 points and 11 rebounds for SDSU.

NO. 14 FLORIDA 98, ARKANSAS 68

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Erving Walker scored a career-high 31 points and Florida ended Arkansas' perfect home record.

The Gators (21-6, 9-3 Southeastern Conference) shot a season-high 58.3 percent (28 of 48) from the field, hitting 13 of 23 from 3-point range.

Florida led 53-27 at halftime after connecting on 9 of 14 from long range. Kenny Boynton had 25 points and Bradley Beal added 21 for the Gators.

The loss ends a 17-0 start to the season in Fayetteville for the Razorbacks (17-10, 5-7), who were led by BJ Young's career-best 31 points.

NO. 16 MURRAY ST. 65, NO. 21 SAINT MARY'S 51

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Isaiah Canaan scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half as Murray State beat Saint Mary's for its most convincing win over a nationally recognized opponent.

The Racers (26-1) have already clinched the Ohio Valley Conference regular-season title, but were still short of victories over quality opponents since beating Memphis in early December before hosting this Bracket Buster matchup with the Gaels.

Murray State jumped out to a 10-2 lead and never trailed, building a double-digit advantage early in the second half and cruising from there in front of a sold-out CFSB Center.

Matthew Dellavedova scored 17 for Saint Mary's (23-5), which has lost three of four.

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Houston legacy to continue in final film, song

By **ANTHONY McCARTNEY**
AP Entertainment Writer

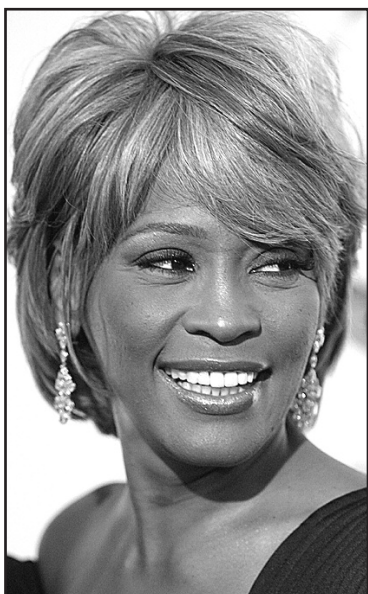
LOS ANGELES (AP) — For Bishop T.D. Jakes, watching Whitney Houston sing a classic gospel hymn two months ago made him sure the long-struggling singer was poised for a comeback.

Instead, her soulful rendition of “His Eye is on the Sparrow” will be the last chance for audiences to see Houston perform new music. Her performance was filmed for a scene in the upcoming movie “Sparkle,” in which Houston stars as the mother of a family of girls who form a singing group and struggle with fame and addiction.

Houston’s death on Saturday in the bathroom of her room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel thwarted any chance for the singer to rebound from years of damage to her voice and reputation caused by drug abuse and erratic behavior.

The footage of Houston singing is nowhere near as voluminous as the rehearsal videos left behind by Michael Jackson that were crafted into the film “This Is It.” Yet “Sparkle” represents a similar opportunity for audiences — the chance to see a once-gifted but since-tarnished artist perform one last time.

Jackson’s film, released four months after his death, earned more than \$250 million worldwide; the success of “Sparkle,”



In this Oct. 28, 2006, file photo, singer Whitney Houston arrives at the 17th Carousel of Hope Ball benefiting the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes in Beverly Hills, Calif. (AP Photo)

scheduled for release on Aug. 17, remains to be seen. But Jakes predicted audiences would be moved by Houston’s singing of the “Sparrow” gospel classic and another song recorded for the film.

“She delivered it with such conviction that it was a very touching moment in the filming of the movie,” recalled Jakes, a Texas minister who helped produce the film. “She just left such a deep impression on everybody.”

Houston’s performance, filmed in Detroit, brought tears to the eyes of those on the “Sparkle” set, Jakes said.

The film’s executive producer, Howard Rosenman, said the film will show audiences a “Whitney that people have never seen, Whitney that people have never heard.”

By the time of her death, Houston was far removed from her defining film role in 1992’s “The Bodyguard,” which not only became a blockbuster, but also broke down cultural barriers and produced an award-winning soundtrack anchored by the singer’s vocals.

Posthumous releases are nothing new to modern audiences, who watched Heath Ledger’s Oscar-winning turn as the Joker in “The Dark Knight” in the summer of 2008, months after his accidental overdose death. A day after Houston’s death, Amy Winehouse’s parents accepted a Grammy Award for her duet with Tony Bennett, “Body and Soul,” which appeared on the crooner’s best-selling album “Duets II.”

The cache of rehearsal footage for his comeback concerts that Jackson left behind when he died in June 2009 helped his estate dig out of debt and showed the world the first images of Jackson performing that it had seen in years. Concert promoter AEG Live re-

leased 30-seconds of footage a week after the singer’s death and the hundreds of hours of video were crafted into “This Is It,” which not only demonstrated the King of Pop’s showmanship, but also aided prosecutors who secured an involuntary manslaughter conviction against the singer’s personal physician.

Clips from the film were played for jurors during last year’s trial of Dr. Conrad Murray, and even a defense attorney had to admit after watching unreleased footage that it didn’t show the singer was impaired as Murray’s team had hoped it would.

Sony Pictures Entertainment, which will distribute “Sparkle,” declined to comment for this story or say whether it planned to release any footage of Houston’s singing before the film’s release.

The movie is a remake of a 1976 film written by Joel Schumaker and Rosenman, who said it became a cult favorite in the African-American community because of its complex characters during an era when so-called “blaxploitation” films focused on caricatures. The upcoming version co-stars Jordin Sparks, who rose to fame after appearing on “American Idol.”

Sparks has not commented on Houston’s death or her work with the singer on the film.

Jakes said Houston’s role in the

film mirrors her own life and struggles. Houston was professional and courteous during filming, he said.

“I think the coming production will in many ways memorialize the depth of who she is,” Jakes said.

By the time the film and soundtrack are released, some of the questions surrounding Houston’s demise should be answered. Although investigators found some prescription medications in Houston’s hotel room, officials are awaiting the results of toxicology tests before determining her cause of death.

Jakes said although he wasn’t on set every day, he never saw Houston act unprofessionally.

“I certainly got the feeling she was trying to reposition her life and move forward with more focus and commitment to her faith,” he said.

Although famous for her love songs, Houston began singing in church in New Jersey, where her mother, Grammy-winning gospel singer Cissy Houston, led a choir for many years.

Whitney Houston apparently felt comfortable returning to those roots in recent months. In addition to her work in “Sparkle,” she sang “Yes, Jesus Loves Me” for an audience in Hollywood two days before her death. It was her final performance.

Capsule reviews of ‘Bullhead,’ others

By **The Associated Press**

► **“Bullhead”** — This Academy Award-nominated foreign-language film from Belgium is a dark, haunting and wholly original exploration of what it means to be a man. Writer-director Michael R. Roskam’s auspicious film debut looks like a crime thriller, full of shady figures making secret deals, with a tension and a seamy, muted color palette reminiscent of David Fincher. But eventually it reveals itself to be a character drama about the way the past shapes us and our inability to escape it, no matter how convincingly we believe we’ve transformed ourselves. Matthias Schoenaerts gives a fierce and frightening turn as Jacky, a steroid-addicted cattle rancher who works out an arrangement with some meat-trading mobsters, only to try and back out when an investigating federal agent is gunned down. This sequence of events forces him to revisit a horrific incident from his childhood 20 years ago, as well as the people who were crucial to that pivotal moment. Schoenaerts turns Jacky into a hulking beast given to volatile fits of rage, but he also makes you feel his character’s loneliness, awkwardness and a desperate need to be loved.

R for some strong violence, language and sexual content. In Dutch and French with subtitles. 126 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

— *Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic*

► **“The Secret World of Arrietty”** —

Considering the eccentric, almost psychedelic fantasy worlds created in Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki’s tales, a story of tiny people living beneath the floorboards of a house seems almost normal.

This latest from Miyazaki’s Studio Ghibli also is a pleasant antidote to the siege mentality of so many Hollywood cartoons, whose makers aim to occupy every instant of the audience’s attention with an assault of noise and images.

Slow, stately, gentle and meditative, the film is a marvel of image and color, its old-fashioned pen-and-ink frames vividly bringing to life the world of children’s author Mary Norton’s “The Borrowers.” Directed by Hiromasa Yonebayashi, with sound designer Gary Rydstrom directing a Hollywood voice cast for the English-language version, the film follows the adventures of tiny teen Arrietty (Bridgit Mendler) and her parents (Amy Poehler and Will Arnett), who live off things scavenged from the oversized human world above. Befriended by a sickly human youth (David Henrie) and menaced by a busybody housekeeper (Carol Burnett), Arrietty stands at the center of a sweet, chaste, sort-of first love story told with warm simplicity and grandly fluid visuals.

G. 94 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— *David Germain, AP Movie Writer*

► **“This Means War”** — Having great-looking actors who actually can act makes this noisy romp more tolerable than it ought to be. It’s essentially a love-triangle version of “Mr. and Mrs. Smith” rendered even more bombastic in the hands of “Charlie’s Angels” director McG. So you’ve got your sport utility vehicles tumbling in slow motion, your gravity-defying shootouts and your obligatory explosions galore. Naturally, the premise is the most high-concept contrived confection: Two CIA agents (Chris Pine and Tom Hardy) who happen to be best friends also happen to fall in love with the same woman (Reese Witherspoon). Screwball and high-tech, it aims to provide laughs and thrills at the same time, and only intermittently achieves its goals. Still, the sight of Pine and Hardy one-upping each other for this woman’s affections through ridiculously elaborate dates and outright stalking (with the help of government resources) has its amusing moments. And McG unsurprisingly keeps the action humming at a nearly nonstop pace. All in all, it’s not an entirely insufferable distraction. Chelsea Handler shows up as Witherspoon’s wisecracking, married best friend living vicariously through her dating adventures, which is even more implausible than the film’s outsized stunts.

PG-13 for sexual content including references, some violence and action and for language. 97 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— *Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic*

► **“Undeclared”** — It seems impossibly feel-good, this tale of sacrifice and redemption, tragedy and triumph. It may also sound like the kind of uplifting football drama you’ve seen countless times before — and comparisons to both “Friday Night Lights” and “The Blind Side” will be inevitable. Still, this Oscar-nominated documentary knocks you over with a power all its own; told in intimate, unadorned fashion, it comes from a pure place that’s irresistible. It isn’t trying too hard to inspire us — and that’s precisely why it does. Dan Lindsay and T.J. Martin, who directed, shot and edited the film, know well enough to get out of the way and let the story and the characters work their magic. Their focus is the 2009 football team at Manassas High School in North Memphis, a predominantly black school in a blighted part of town that hadn’t won a playoff game in its 110-year history. Volunteer Coach Bill Courtney hopes that by working with these kids and developing their strengths on the field, they’ll recognize the importance of being strong men off the field. “Undeclared” follows three players fighting to overcome their circumstances, but the larger-than-life Courtney is the film’s de facto star. Bring tissues. You’ve been warned.

PG-13 for some language. 113 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

— *Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic*

Revealing paternity with Maury Povich and friends

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Behind a backstage door, Maury Povich leafs through papers and listens to his producers brief him on that day’s paternity mysteries. He checks the pronunciation of a name or two, tries to get straight which man is claiming a childhood testicular injury. Then he’s ready.

“Let’s play the game,” the veteran TV personality says as he rises and heads toward the door. A couple of turns down a hallway later, he steps onto a stage filled with women dancing to “Sexy and I Know It” over the loudspeaker. A roar of recognition greets him. Maury’s people.

In the post-Oprah Winfrey daytime world, these are good days to be Maury Povich, who shares with Jerry Springer and Steve Wilkos a studio converted from a theater 45 miles northeast of New York. His show has its best ratings in five years. “Maury” is the top talk show among young viewers.

Of course, talk show is a general term here. What Povich does is more specific. A backstage whiteboard reveals that most upcoming shows are about establishing paternity through DNA tests or smoking out cheating spouses with the help of a lie detector. Ads soliciting future participants also detail the subject matter: “Do you believe the man you’re in love with is cheating on you? If so, call Maury” and “Do you believe your boyfriend or husband is having sex with one of your family members? If so, call Maury.”

“Maury” clearly gets some interesting phone calls. Not to judge harshly, but if you’re sitting onstage in front of a hooting, hollering audience waiting for Povich to pull a piece of paper from a manila envelope and tell you who the father of your child is, your life has probably taken a couple of wrong turns. To Povich’s good fortune, there’s an inexhaustible supply of people who don’t mind telling cringe-worthy stories about themselves. “Maury” is a milder version of what Springer does — no flashing or free-for-alls — but is no different from the type of program that 15 years ago drew end-of-civilization media attention. Now they essentially exist in a vacuum. Nobody notices except regular fans.

“I haven’t heard from (corporate bosses) NBC in a long time about the content on my show,” Povich said. The show makes money, and there’s a more liberal view of what is acceptable on television today. “In terms of what’s on cable, we’re kind of tame,” he said. What was once shocking now seems routine, said Walter Podrazik, curator for the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago. Turn down the sound and you’d be hard-pressed to know whether you’re watching a rerun of Povich or Springer from a dozen years ago, he said. It was around that time that Povich did his first paternity show with DNA test-

ing. Now they’re a staple, four stories each hour. It’s a parlor game: A woman wakes up naked in bed next to her husband, memory foggy from a wild party the night before. The man’s best friend, also naked, wakes up on a futon at the foot of the bed. Who’s the daddy?

“There was an argument back then that if you beat people over the head with the same thing, they’d get tired of it,” Povich said. “Well, guess what? The opposite is true. They want it more. They want DNA more. They want lie detectors more. They want crazy teenagers so that they can realize they’re not as bad as some of those other people out there. When we narrowed our focus, the more popular we became.” Povich is also convinced a snap decision he made for the first paternity show pays dividends now. He learns the back stories of his guests but doesn’t peek at the results. He finds out the real father when he opens the envelope onstage. Povich said that enables him to better ask questions he thinks the audience wants to know.

Povich was a longtime broadcast journalist in Washington before entering the syndicated world. He owns a newspaper in Montana, where he has a home with his wife, TV journalist Connie Chung. His \$1 million gift last year to his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, established a fund for journalism programs. His dad was the legendary Washington Post sportswriter Shirley Povich. He knows his way around big-name media circles.

Yet since he went to “A Current Affair” in 1986, Povich knows he’s going to get some disapproving looks from other guests at snooty cocktail parties. That’s when he heads to the kitchen, or talks to the bartender. His people.

He said he’s always wanted to tell stories, and still does. If people look down on him for doing that, he looks down on them.

“Inside, I’m telling these people, ‘You don’t know me,’” he said. “I could be like you for the rest of my life. I just decided not to be. I could be one of your elite journalists. For Christ’s sake, I was for a long time. It’s not the end-all and be-all. It never was.” Sometimes it bothers Chung. She’ll say to her husband that no one knows anymore that he was a good reporter and writer. They don’t remember what he did before refereeing shouting matches between estranged spouses. “I always say, ‘It doesn’t matter, honey, as long as you know,’” he said. “Who cares?”

One night while driving in a Midwestern city with some golf buddies, Povich got lost in a dicey part of town. He stopped at a convenience store for directions, and his fearful friends locked the car doors behind him. A few minutes later, Povich emerged laughing and talking with three men thrilled that their favorite talk-show host had paid a visit.

HOROSCOPE

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012

This week the sun and Neptune are exploring the early degrees of Pisces, the sign of faith, spirituality and deeply held beliefs. A conjunction of these dreamy influences will inspire contemplation and new insight regarding belief systems. Soul searching is favored. Good fortune comes when the subconscious becomes conscious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your social talents shine. You have a knack for summarizing what's been said and coming up with an action plan. Other talents of yours include bringing things full circle and helping people move on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is tremendous happiness in making others happy. You'll strive for this and love the challenge of it. Bigger isn't better in this regard. It's about being tuned in to the very specific things that make a person smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Financial matters need to be spelled out completely. It would be risky to assume others are on the same page as you if you never read aloud said "page." Spell out the terms in a non-emotional way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your energy comes from enjoying your life. When you feel tired, it's because you haven't made "fun" a high enough priority. Decide what would bring more humor and levity into your world, and take action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have the gift of gab over the next three days. You'll use your words to entertain and enlighten others. Your ability to actualize your ideas depends on how well you can express them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can be under-confident at times. You are so focused on what you need to improve that you forget to give yourself credit for all you have accomplished. Cultivate a healthy regard for yourself and your powers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you have an active, curious mind, you are likely to follow distractions a bit longer than is good for keeping to your schedule. However, when it's time to get down to business, you do what needs to be done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your first priority will be to get along with people. It is from this intention that all good things will come to you. You genuinely care about what's best for those around you just as much as you care about what's good for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be inspired by the prospect of getting an award. Is it silly to strive for the validation of others? Not really. Tangible evidence of your talents will motivate you to continue to strive for excellence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll enjoy a bit of cosmic mathematical justice, which doesn't always follow a logical path. For instance, shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness, when shared, is doubled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is nothing to be gained from unfair self-criticism. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to be confident of yourself if you are habitually hard on yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). One way to deal with tense situations is to avoid them altogether. You correctly will sense when to make a speedy exit. Follow-through is key. You'll depart the scene in as friendly a manner as possible.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 19). You'll be proud of what you're able to accomplish. March is romantic. You feel you know everything about a loved one, but you'll continue to learn and deepen your connection. Professional changes lead to lifestyle upgrades in May. You'll make a significant contribution in June, possibly to help animals. Virgo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 32, 40 and 29.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Surrender is often the move that comes when all other options are exhausted. When the enemy has you surrounded, your ship is going down and your choices are either to drown or give in, out comes the white flag. But there is another kind of surrender that's more of a lifestyle choice than a last resort. It's the artful surrender that acknowledges that there are other options, that there are fights to fight, struggles to endure, weapons to reveal, and yet the choice is still to surrender. This kind of surrender is an act of love, devotion and faith. This is the kind of surrender we are challenged to make as Neptune and the sun form a conjunction in Pisces and the moon disappears into the Piscean sea, as well. The new moon on Sunday leaves the sky dark but the soul bright, illuminating exactly to what or whom you are willing to surrender your ego, resistance and all else that stands in the way of your complete loyalty. The end of the week brings an opposition of Mercury and Mars. Watch what you say. Debates get heated, and arguments have the potential to boil over and cause harmful damage. Wherever possible, avoid conflict altogether.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Renaissance astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus had a rather outlandish idea that perhaps the Earth revolves around the sun and not the other way around. Future scientists were imprisoned for such notions, but Copernicus managed to avoid major controversy, perhaps because most people didn't believe him. Copernicus was an ethereal Pisces with Mars in forward-thinking Aquarius.

ANTIQUES

BY TERRY KOVEL

Presidents Day, still officially named George Washington's Birthday, is celebrated on the third Monday in February. But it has not always been celebrated on that day. George Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, was first celebrated as a federal holiday in 1880. It was moved to the third Monday in February in 1971 as part of a law that made many holidays fall on Mondays so citizens could enjoy a long weekend. In 1951 there had been an attempt to change the holiday to Presidents Day to honor all presidents, not just George Washington, but for years there were arguments about when to schedule it, what to name it and whom to honor. In the mid-1980s, the use of the term "Presidents Day" instead of "Washington's Birthday" spread across the country, spurred by stores advertising sales. While some states honor various presidents, usually those from the state, on the holiday, George Washington is part of all of the celebrations. When Washington died, the public bought Staffordshire figurines picturing him, textiles with pictures of him ascending to heaven and many memorial medals and plates. Photographs did not exist, so these souvenirs, along with oil paintings, show how he looked. Many of the souvenirs are inaccurate representations of Washington, but they're of interest to collectors today.

Q: I recently acquired an antique buffet made in a traditional style. A nameplate in a drawer says "Joerns Bros. Furniture Co., Stevens Point, Wis." Please tell me something about the maker and what the piece might be worth.

A: Brothers Charles, Paul and Frederick Joerns founded their furniture manufacturing company in St. Paul, Minn., in 1898. Within a few years, the company moved to Sheboygan, Wis., a center of furniture-making at the time. After a fire at the Sheboygan plant, Joerns Brothers Furniture Co. moved again in 1927, this time to Stevens Point. Joerns made high-quality bedroom and dining-room sets until the late 1950s, when new management changed the company's focus to less-expensive furniture. When that business model failed, the company began making furniture for nursing homes and has thrived in the health-care business ever since. Your buffet was made after Joerns moved to Stevens Point in 1927, so it is not technically an "antique" because it

is not 100 years old. And its traditional style probably indicates that it dates from no later than 1940. But it is a good solid piece of furniture. If it's in excellent condition, you might get several hundred dollars for it.

Q: I have two matching framed prints, one with a portrait of Abraham Lincoln and one with a portrait of George Washington. The first one has a small metal plaque that says "Abraham Lincoln by George P.A. Healy - The White House Collection from The President and Mrs. Nixon - Christmas 1971." The George Washington print has a similar plaque and is dated Christmas 1969. Do you know anything about these?

A: President Richard Nixon and his wife gave prints of famous presidential portraits to White House staff members as Christmas gifts each year he was in office. Each print was in a red presentation folder and included a parchment sheet with an explanation of the portrait, a ribbon and an embossed presidential seal. Hallmark made 3,500 copies of Gilbert Stuart's portrait of Washington for the 1969 gift. A print of Jefferson's portrait was given in 1970, Lincoln in 1971, Theodore Roosevelt in 1972 and James Monroe in 1973.

Q: I own a glass plate that belonged to my grandmother, who was born in 1885. It is decorated with an embossed figure of President William McKinley, showing his birth date on the left side above his elbow and his death date on the right side. At the top of the plate it reads, "It is God's way," and on the bottom, "His will be done." There is no name of a company to identify who made this.

A: William McKinley was elected president of the United States in 1899. He was shot by an anarchist, Leon Czolgosz, while he was visiting the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y., on Sept. 6, 1901. McKinley died the next week, on Sept. 14. His last words were: "It is God's way. His will be done." Your pressed glass plate was made in 1901, but its manufacturer is unknown. Value: \$50.

Q: I have a Mary Marvel wristwatch that dates back to 1948. My parents had this watch for sale in their jewelry store in Berlin, Wis. It still keeps time. I'd like to know what it's worth.

A: The character Mary Marvel first appeared in a Captain Marvel

Adventures comic book published by Fawcett Publications in 1942. She was Captain Marvel's sister and possessed the same powers as her brother. Mary Marvel had her own series of comic books from 1945 until 1948. She continued to appear in other Marvel comics published by Fawcett until 1954. Mary Marvel wristwatches came with different colored bands and in different boxes. We have seen them with red, green, blue and black bands. The earliest boxes had a Mary Marvel cover pasted over the original Captain Marvel cover. Value of your wristwatch is \$200 to \$300.

Tip: Do not wash or rinse gold-decorated glass with very hot water or strong soap. It will remove some of the gold.

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.

▶ Flash cards of U.S. presidents, picture on front, biography and dates on back, Edu-Cards, copyright 1978, 44 cards, \$15.

▶ Little Orphan Annie Pastry Set, pastry board, rolling pin, star cookie cutter, Transogram, original box, 1930s, \$20.

▶ Abraham Lincoln penny bank, bust, bronze color, Banthrico, Chicago, 5 x 3 1/2 inches, \$35.

▶ Curtain panels, red, white and blue stripes, stars, initials "USA," pleated, white lining, 1970s, 27 x 45 inches, pair, \$50.

▶ Gen. Ulysses S. Grant pressed glass plate, "Patriot & Soldier," surrounded by stars, raised dots on edge, Bryce, Higbee & Co., c. 1885, 9 inches, \$65.

▶ Navajo sterling-silver belt buckle, 5 turquoise stones, bear claw center, 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches, \$225.

▶ Effanbee Bubbles doll, composition, blue tin sleep eyes, open mouth with 2 teeth, pink dress with white lace, pink ribbons, pink mohair booties, 1924, 26 inches, \$325.

▶ Majolica oyster server, 12 wells, Sarreguemines, signed, 1940, 14 7/8 inches, \$380.

▶ Trench art U-boat, brass, gun rotates, swing-out periscope, World War I, 12 1/2 inches, \$395.

▶ Chippendale-style sofa, camelback, rolled arms, mahogany legs, green upholstery, down cushion, 20th century, 84 x 38 inches, \$470.

Browning, Barrett letters: Devotion goes digital

By DENISE LAVOIE

Associated Press

WELLESLEY, Mass. — "I love your verses with all my heart, dear Miss Barrett ..."

So begins the first love letter to 19th-century poet Elizabeth Barrett from her future husband, fellow poet Robert Browning.

Their 573 love letters, which capture their courtship, their blossoming love and their forbidden marriage, have long fascinated scholars and poetry fans. Though transcriptions of their correspondence have been published in the past, the handwritten letters could be seen only at Wellesley College, where the collection has been kept since 1930.

But on Tuesday, Valentine's Day, their famous love letters were made available online, where readers can see them just as they were written — with creased paper, fading ink, quill pen cross-outs, and even the envelopes.

The digitization project is a collaboration between Wellesley and Baylor University in Waco, Texas, which houses the world's largest collection of books, letters and other items related to the Brownings.

Wellesley administrators hope the project will expose students, romantics, poetry fans and others to their love story.

Barrett, one of the best-known poets of the Victorian era, suffered from chronic illness and was in her late 30s when Browning first wrote her in 1845 to tell her he admired her work. In their fifth month of correspondence, they met for the first

time, introduced by Barrett's cousin.

After more than a year of almost daily letters between them, the couple wed in secret in September 1846, defying her father's prohibition against her ever marrying. They fled from London to Italy, where doctors had told Barrett her health might improve. Her father disinherited her and never spoke to her again.

"It's the fact that she defied her father, she was in ill health, they fell in love through letters, she left with hardly anything," said Ruth Rogers, Wellesley's curator of special collections.

"If you want a perfect romance, just read the letters," she said.

The website set up for readers to see the correspondence includes both the handwritten letters and transcriptions, as well as a zoom function for readers to try to decipher faded or illegible words. The body of letters will also be searchable by keywords.

Readers can see for themselves how they fall in love, while corresponding about other writers, philosophy and their own work. Barrett first wrote the lines of what would become her most famous poem after she met Browning, "How Do I Love Thee? Let me count the ways."

Consider this, from Barrett's letter to Browning on June 4, 1846: "You are too perfect, too overwhelmingly good & tender — dearest you are, & I have no words with which to answer you."

Or this, from Browning to Barrett, Sept. 18, 1846,

shortly before their marriage: "God bless and strengthen you, my ever dearest ... Write to me one word more — depend on me ..."

"She met someone who she could share a seriously important part of her life with," said Sandra Donaldson, an English professor at the University of North Dakota and a scholar of Barrett Browning.

"Seeing these things that they touched — even though we are seeing it on the screen — has much the same effect as being able to see and touch the manuscripts," she said.

"When you look at the transcriptions, it's cold, black and white. It's nothing like these letters," she said of the handwritten online manuscripts.

Rogers said one of the most interesting things about the love letters is that Barrett almost left them behind when she and Browning left for Italy.

In her last letter to Browning, dated Sept. 18, 1846, she says she had to take them with her.

"I tried to leave them, & I could not — That is, they would not be left: it was not my fault — I will not be scolded," she wrote.

Henry Durant, who founded Wellesley College in 1870, admired the Brownings and considered Barrett Browning to be an example of a strong, educated woman who would be a good role model for the young women of Wellesley. Durant gave his large personal library to the college, including many first editions by both poets.

Because the college was

already known for its Browning room and collection, Robert Browning donated Elizabeth's handwritten poem, "Little Mattie" to the college in 1882.

Former Wellesley President Caroline Hazard purchased the collection of Browning letters, and in 1930, donated them to Wellesley, where they have remained.

The library even has the actual mahogany door to the Barrett house in London, where Browning's letters to Elizabeth passed through a brass letter slot.

The slot was screwed shut by a Wellesley librarian more than 40 years ago because students slipped through letters of their own to pay homage to the Brownings. Rogers said she is considering re-opening the slot.

The digitized letters are being made available free online through Baylor's digital collections.

Baylor transformed 1,723 raw digital images from Wellesley into more than 4,200 edited page and envelope images, said Darryl Stuhr, manager of digitization projects for Baylor's electronic library. Baylor also digitized more than 800 other letters written by or to the couple by friends, family and other literary greats of the era.

Stuhr said Baylor needed 107 gigabytes for the love letters alone.

"It is giving worldwide access to the collection, where somebody can actually see what the letters look like without having to travel, from the comfort of their own homes," Stuhr said.

ASK STACY

BY STACY JENEL SMITH

DEAR STACY: I'm addicted to "Once Upon a Time"! Please give some background about that wonderfully wicked queen/mayor, Lana Parrilla. She looks familiar. -- **Elise T., Riverside, Calif.**

DEAR ELISE: Brooklyn, N.Y., native Parrilla, 34, is the daughter of the late Puerto Rico-born baseball player/scout Sam Parrilla, who briefly played with the Philadelphia Phillies.

It's no wonder she looks familiar. Her past series include "Spin City," "Boomtown," "Prison Break," "Swingtown," "Miami Medical" and "Windfall." She was also aboard the fourth season of "24" as counter-terrorist unit agent Sarah Gavin. She starred in the Lifetime movie "The Double Life of Eleanor Kendall" and has a long list of episodic guest-star roles as well. Parrilla, who studied at the Beverly Hills Playhouse, is really breaking out with her dual role in the ABC hit.

DEAR STACY: I used to enjoy seeing Kevin Eubanks on "The Tonight Show." What's become of him? -- **Shirley R., Alpharetta, Ga.**

DEAR SHIRLEY: The bandleader/guitarist recently toured Europe and plans to return there for more performing dates this summer. He has U.S. tour dates starting next month and a new album slated for August release. Eubanks, a vegetarian, is also a foodie and has a cookbook titled "Zen Food." He serves as the Artistic Director of the Jazz in the Classroom Program of the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz.

DEAR STACY: Wasn't there going to be a sequel to the movie "Independence Day"? Has it been made? -- **George B., Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

DEAR GEORGE: Nope. It's been a long road for a follow-up to "Independence Day." The first sequel expectations bloomed in 2004 -- and died after producer Dean Devlin and director Roland Emmerich decided the script they'd written wasn't right, concluded the idea was unworkable, and returned the money 20th Century Fox had paid them.

But then, a few years ago, news broke that Emmerich was reconsidering and had a trilogy in mind that he'd actually dreamt up when he was a kid. Last year, Devlin confirmed that he and Emmerich had written a treatment for this proposed trilogy and were hoping that Will Smith would return to star.

At present, the proposed film(s) are not on his agenda, though, and there's talk of the sequels being made as stand-alone films. Either way, the long road to "Independence Day" Parts 2 and 3 doesn't look to be coming to an end any time soon.

DEAR STACY: I just heard that Omarosa and Michael Clarke Duncan are girlfriend and boyfriend. Whaaaaat?! How in the world did those two get together? -- **P.B.G., Newark, N.J.**

DEAR P.B.G.: The woman who rose to fame on the original "The Apprentice" and the Oscar-nominated ("The Green Mile") actor, who is currently seen in "The Finder," met in a grocery store a couple of years ago. They told BET that he approached her and said, "Aren't you the mean girl from that reality show?" -- and she got offended and walked away. Duncan then caught up to her and apologized, and there began their relationship.

To find out more about Stacy Jenel Smith and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Woman's behavior worries roommate

Dear Annie: My roommate, "Michelle," is suffering from depression. Six months ago, she suddenly



Annie's Mailbox

lost interest in going out with friends and would cry for no reason. She began calling

in sick so many times that she was fired. She cashed out her 401(k) and now sits in her room all day watching TV and eating.

Today, she went to the mall, and I cleaned her bedroom so we wouldn't get ants from the dirty dishes.

I finally asked Michelle to move out, and she threatened to OD on the drugs. I called the police, who told me they could put her on suicide watch for 48 hours,

What else can I do? I care about Michelle, but I can't keep living like this. -- Stressed-Out Roomie in Michigan

Dear Roomie: The depression combined with the out-of-control shopping could indicate that Michelle is bipolar. Please contact the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (dbsalliance.org) for suggestions.

Dear Annie: My daughter-in-law says if food is on the floor for three seconds or less, it is OK for her 4-year-old son to eat it.

At my house, I insist that he wash his hands before eating, and when I can, I clean his fingernails with a small brush and soap because his nails are always filthy.

Dear Concerned: Unless your grandson is frequently sick, say nothing. A lot of people follow the "three-second rule" about dropped food.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"E-TAILS" By JIM HOLLAND

ACROSS

- 1 Grades
6 X3 and Z4
10 Pumped (up)
15 Ripe, so to speak
19 Ecuadoran province named for a metal
20 Cream's Clapton
21 New York restaurateur
22 An orchestra tunes to one
23 Hockey legend makes a particular fashion statement?
26 Adds (up)
27 Beatles title critter
28 One may be chartered
29 Water holder
30 Rhein tributary
31 Two-bagger: Abbr.
32 New England senator's winter tools?
35 Olympics chant
37 "Well played"
38 Pampering place
41 Hist. majors' degrees
42 Business abbr.
44 Provençal capers spread
48 Author Thomas blows a tune?
53 Guitar great Paul
54 Concert beginning?
55 According to
56 Connect (with)
57 Car roofs with removable panels
59 Department
60 "So-so" reactions
62 Wyoming hrs.
63 Mumbai nurse
65 Author Graham's lament?
73 Cyberseller's site
74 Workers' rights assurance, in ads
75 Bill dispenser
76 Sharp relative
77 Put up
80 Talk show host spanning five decades
83 Mel of many voices
84 Fido's response

- 85 In back
88 Writer Oscar's groupies?
91 Seductive greeting on the docks
94 Caviar, e.g.
95 Like USN volunteers
96 Narc's org.
97 Most idiotic
100 Works with dough
102 Routines that crack up patriot Thomas?
106 Stand
107 Quarterback
111 One way to think
112 "Say Anything ..." actress
113 Final, maybe
115 Split apart
116 Maintain vital info on actor
119 Jazz combo
120 Established fact

- 121 Bit of Realtor slang
122 Coupe alternative
123 Pre-wedding party
124 Hagar's hound
125 Formerly, once
126 Low Hold 'em pair

DOWN

- 1 Bombay-born conductor
2 Pacific greeting
3 Oarsman
4 Mardi Gras parade group
5 Scotch partner
6 Frat social
7 Enterprise helmsman
8 It's good to keep them about you
9 It may be elem.
10 Part of ASAP
11 Zambia neighbor
12 Take under one's wing
13 Old Tokyo Bay capital

- 14 Cartoonist Browne
15 Had one's revenge
16 Overhead
17 _ 6
18 Okays
24 "A stitch in time ..." e.g.
25 Mideast "son of"
29 Texas flag symbol
32 Big bag carrier
33 Ball-balancing performer
34 Cross one's fingers
35 Prefix with mensch
36 Enthusiastic acceptance, in Acapulco
38 Eastern guru
39 Assume
40 Barre des Écrins range
43 Surmount
45 Fuss
46 Guacamole, for one
47 Ogee shape
49 Aromatic herb
50 Rick's love

- 51 Caesar's being
52 "Contact" acronym
58 Bad thing to catch
60 Hr. affected by delays
61 "Yo!"
63 Rep. with a cut
64 Vegas's _ Grand
66 Put one's hands on
67 Cainites, e.g.
68 Listless assent, perhaps
69 S.F. Giants' league
70 Spiral-horned antelope
71 '30s V.P. John _ Garner
72 _ Sketch
77 "Phooey!"
78 Mentalist Geller
79 Conditions
81 Furry Endor dwellers
82 Yours, in Tours
83 Oil meas.
86 Criticism
87 Nobelist Morrison

- 89 Cell user's problem
90 Make lovable
92 Canine also called a Hokkaido
93 Come out of the bullpen
98 Sewing pattern
99 Flat fee payer
101 Stands by an artist
102 Romeo and Juliet, e.g.
103 Warn
104 Ancient Samos' region
105 Seminary subj.
107 Send (to) for help
108 Rust, say
109 Asia's _ Peninsula
110 Dark clouds and such
113 Pitcher with a big mouth
114 Baseball's "Walking Man" Eddie
116 Metric wts.
117 Beethoven's A?
118 Pacific st.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-126 and clues.

Book reveals life in college at age 8

By JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press LOS ANGELES — The one thing 14-year-old Moshe Kai Cavalin dislikes is being called a genius.

All he did, after all, was enroll in college at age 8 and earn his first of two Associate of Arts degrees from East Los Angeles Community College in 2009 at age 11, graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Now, at 14, he's poised to graduate from UCLA this year. He's also just published an English edition of his first book, "We Can Do."

The 100-page guideline explains how other young people can accomplish what Cavalin did through such simple acts as keeping themselves focused and approaching everything with total commitment.

"That's always the question that bothers me," Cavalin, who turned 14 on Valentine's Day, says when the G-word is raised. "People need to know you don't really need to be a genius. You just have to work hard and you can accomplish anything."

And maybe cut out some

of the TV. Although he's a big fan of Jackie Chan movies, Cavalin says he limits his television time to four hours a week.

Not that he lacks for recreational activities or feels that his parents pressured him into studying constantly. He writes in "We Can Do" of learning to scuba dive, and he loves soccer and martial arts.

He used to participate in the latter sport when he was younger, winning trophies for his age group, until his UCLA studies and his writing made things a little too hectic.

Indeed one of the key messages of his book is to stay focused and to not take on any endeavor half-heartedly. "I was able to reach the stars, but others can reach the 'Milky Way,'" he tells readers.

It was a professor at his first institution of higher learning, East Los Angeles City College, who inspired him, Cavalin says. He didn't like the subject but managed to get an A in it anyway, by applying himself and seeing how enthusiastic his teacher, Richard Avila, was about the subject.

Avila, he says, inspired him to write a book explain-

ing his methods for success so he could motivate others.

It took four years to finish, in part because Cavalin, whose mother is Chinese, decided to publish it in Chinese, and doing the translation himself was laborious.

Han Shian Culture Publishing of Taiwan put the book in print, and it did well in Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia, as well in several bookstores in Southern California's Asian communities.

He then brought it out in English for the U.S. market. Because of his heavy study load, Cavalin has had little opportunity to promote the book, other than a signing at UCLA, where he also lives in student housing with his parents and attends the school on a scholarship.

After earning his bachelor's degree, the math major plans to enroll in graduate school with hopes of eventually earning a doctorate.

After that, he's not so sure. He points out that he's still just barely a teenager.

"Who knows?" he says, chuckling at the thought of what lies ahead in adulthood. "That's a very distant future, and I'm pretty much planning for just the next few years. That's too far into the future for me to see."

Niagara Falls tightrope walk set for summer

By Associated Press

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario (AP) — Daredevil Nik Wallenda is set to walk a 1,800 foot tightrope across Niagara Falls this summer, a feat the seventh-generation member of the famed Flying Wallendas said has been his childhood dream.

The Niagara Parks Commission, which months ago refused even to consider the idea, voted unanimously Wednesday to allow the walk between the United States and Canada.

Wallenda plans to run a 2-inch wire 60 to 70 feet above the 160-foot gorge, which will dip down in the middle, meaning he'll walk downhill during the first half of the 30- to 40-minute walk and uphill until the end.

Wallenda has until the end of March to work out details of the walk. He has a deal with Discovery television to broadcast the spectacle live.

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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

Rating: GOLD

Solution grid for the Sudoku puzzle.

Large grid of words and phrases, likely a word search or similar puzzle.

Bonnaroo to feature Grammy notables

By CHRIS TALBOTT

AP Entertainment Writer NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The reunited Beach Boys will celebrate sunshine and summer at the 2012 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival with Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish and Bon Iver.

The always eclectic four-day festival also will include Skrillex, Foster the People, The Avett Brothers, The Shins, The Roots and Alice Cooper on the 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. Bonnaroo will be held June 7-10.

The lineup has something of a ripped-from-the-headlines feel.

Several acts had notable nights at the Grammy Awards.

The reunited Beach Boys lineup of Brian Wilson, Mike Love, Al Jardine, Bruce Johnston and David Marks made their live debut at the awards, joined on stage by Foster the People.

Bon Iver won best new artist, Skrillex took home three trophies and two-time Grammy winners The Civil Wars are scheduled to play just a few weeks before singer Joy Williams' baby is due.

The Chili Peppers will play Bonnaroo as new Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members.

About half of the lineup was announced Tuesday and additions will be made later.

Bonnaroo will feature about 125 music acts and 30 comedians.

Tickets went on sale Saturday.

Other acts include comedian Aziz Ansari, Feist, Dispatch, the reunited Ben Folds Five and Dawes.

There's a little bit of something for everybody.

Skrillex will be leading a wave of electronic dance music acts and exotic DJs — like SBTRKT, Flying Lotus and Major Lazer.

Acoustic music fans can look forward to the Punch Brothers, Trampled by Turtles, Laura Marling, The Devil Makes Three and Sarah Jarosz.

There will be a heavy dose of roots rockers, too, including Delta Spirit, the Alabama Shakes, Gary Clark Jr. and The Word featuring John Medeski, Robert Randolph and North Mississippi Allstars.

Neo soul fans can turn to Charles Bradley and his Extraordinaires, Darondo, Little Dragon and The Soul Rebels.

And a year after rap dominated the 10th anniversary of Bonnaroo with Eminem, Lil Wayne, Wiz Kalifa, Big Boi and others headlining, it remains a large part of the Bonnaroo lineup.

Ludacris, Black Star, Mac Miller, Childish Gambino, Yelawolf, Danny Brown, Das Racist and others are on the schedule.

ACROSS OUR CLASSROOMS

Samu earns dean's list at the University of Cincinnati



SAMU

CINCINNATI — Richard M. Samu has been named to the dean's list for autumn quarter 2011-12 at the University of Cincinnati.

A 2009 Salem High School graduate, he is a biology/chemistry major at the university. Samu is the son of Attila and Jaccie Samu of Damascus. He has

been on the dean's list every quarter since his freshman year. This is his seventh consecutive dean's list.

Ours graduates from Pittsburgh Technical Institute



OURS

PITTSBURGH — Melissa Sue Ours of Lisbon, daughter of Michael Ours, graduated on Jan. 12 from Pittsburgh Technical Institute.

She received an associate's degree in graphic design. Ours, a 2009 graduate of David Anderson High School, is also the daughter of Lisa Keslar of Leetonia.

Leetonia schedules kindergarten registration on March 22-23

LEETONIA — Leetonia Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year from 3:30 to 7 p.m. March 22 and 9 a.m. to noon March 23.

Children who are age 5 by Sept. 30, 2012 are eligible to register for kindergarten. Parents should bring the following information: child's birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, Social Security number, parent identification and custody papers if applicable.

West Branch band members earn superior, excellent ratings

BELOIT — Members of the West Branch High School Band performed on Feb. 11 at the Ohio Music Education Association's Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event at South Range High School. Students from area schools throughout Ashtabula, Mahoning and Trumbull counties participated in this annual activity.

Earning Superior Ratings were soloists Katelyn Phillips, Jacqui Porter, Erica Huston, Hanna Morelli, Elizabeth Jarvis, Sarah Pigza, Justin Salancy, Brianna Rzuclidlo, David Evert, Ben Showmaker, Amber Adams, Matt Barker, Danny Schlueter and Shayna Jarvis along with members of the Clarinet Quartets #1 and #2, the Woodwind Quintet, the Saxophone Quartet, the Trumpet Quartet, and the Percussion Ensemble.

Receiving Excellent Ratings were Heather Ashworth, Brittany Ring, Drake Long, Valerie Weingart, the Flute Trio, the Low Brass Quartet and Brass Quintets #1 and #2.

Salem JH names 'Featured Students for December, January

SALEM — Salem Junior High School Principal Sean Kirkland announced "Featured Students" for December and January.

The following were named during December: Sarai Bodine, Wendy Cody, Alex Economous, Cody Ewing, Peyton Guiler, Brandon Kitts, Hanna Moran, Clara Richards, Hannah Shaffer, Brandon Warner, Owen Washam, and Elizabeth Willis.

"Featured Students for January were: Damian Cope, Celeste Fatherly, Madelyn Harter, Bethany Kholos, Jordan Nelson, Jarrod Polen, Eria Reymods, John Scheets, and Joshua Tungate. Their picture and biography was displayed at the school and later at McDonald's.

"Good Citizens of the Month" identifies and recognizes students for being nice, pleasant, and courteous individuals. The program is not academic based program as every student is eligible for the recognition.

Once a month students are nominated at random by their teachers. Selected students were invited to a lunch with the principal and staff.

Those selected for January were: Ethan Bailey, Alexandra Caudill, Crystal Elliott, Heather Layne, Jordan Nelson, Taylor Sienerth, Anthony C. Smith, Josh Tungate, Elizabeth Willis and Brittany Zamarelli,

CCCTC recognizes Business Professionals regional winners

LISBON — The Columbiana County Career and Technical Center's Information Technology Academy lab is recognizing its 2012 regional winners in the Business Professionals of America competition. This lab focuses on training students for entry-level computer support positions. It is taught by instructor Bob Melczak.

The regional competition included students from the Columbiana County, Mahoning County and Trumbull County career and technical centers. The CCCTC students advancing to the state competition where they will be competing on March 15 and 16 are Brad Merriman, Dylan Wellington, Zack Williams, Alex Hoagland, Wes Smith and Tyler Clark.

The following students placed at the regional level: In the category of Basic Office System Procedures, Wes Smith placed fifth. In the category of Administrative Support Concepts, Jeremy Reese placed first and Chase Klein placed second. In the category of Computer Network Technology, Wes Smith placed third and Brad Merriman placed fourth. In the category of Network Administration Using Microsoft, Tyler Clark placed first, Zack Williams placed second, Alex Hoagland placed third, Brad Merriman placed fourth, Dylan Wellington placed fifth, Wes Smith placed sixth, Ryan Shaffer placed seventh, Dakota Ziser placed eighth, Jeremy Reese placed ninth, and Mike Brewer placed 10th. In the category of PC Servicing and Troubleshooting, Wes Smith placed first; Alex Hoagland, second; Tyler Clark, third; Brad Merriman, fourth; Zack Williams, fifth; Ryan Shaffer, seventh; Dylan Wellington, eighth; Dakota Ziser, ninth; and Jeremy Reese, 10th.

In the category of PC Security, Zack Williams placed 10th. In the category of Information Technology Concepts, Brad Merriman placed first; Alex Hoagland, second; Ryan Shaffer, third; Wes Smith, fourth; Zack Williams, sixth; Kylie Angle, seventh; Tyler Clark, eighth; Larry Merriman, ninth; and Dylan Wellington, 10th. In the category of Extemporaneous Speech, Zack Allen placed sixth.

United Local schedules kindergarten registration

HANOVERTON — United Local's kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year will begin with a parent orientation meeting at 6 p.m. March 13 in the elementary cafeteria.

This will be a brief meeting for parents only. Information will be shared, registration packets will be distributed and appointments will be made for screenings which will take place on March 27, 28 and 29.

Children who are residents of United and who will be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1 are eligible to attend kindergarten for the upcoming school year.

Documents to be presented at the screening along with the completed registration packet are a parent's driver's license or photo ID and proof of residency, the child's birth certificate, immunization record, Social Security card, and custody papers, if applicable. Parents may call the elementary office at 330-223-8001 with any questions.

Local students earn degrees from the University of Akron

AKRON — The following area residents were graduates at the University of Akron's 2011 fall commencement.

► Alliance — Rachel Fox, bachelor's of arts in interdisciplinary anthropology; Eric Krizay, bachelor's of business administration; Amanda Montgomery, bachelor's of arts in fashion merchandising; Lynne Pultea, bachelor's of science in construction engineering technology; Danielle Sotcan, bachelor's of arts/social work; Erin White-Meece, bachelor's of science in accounting.

► Canfield: Courtney Maxim, bachelor's of science in education; Matthew Savko, bachelor's of science in accounting; Andrew Turocy, bachelor's of business administration.

► Lisbon: Craig Hartman, bachelor's of business administration.

► New Middletown: Kylie Leicht, bachelor's of arts in interpersonal and public communication.

► New Waterford: Brianne Henderson, master's of arts in education.

► Salem: Joseph Righetti, bachelor's of business administration; Caitlin Spillan, bachelor's of science; Emily Yang, bachelor's of science.



Top spellers at Damascus Elementary

Damascus Elementary recently held its school spelling bee, won by fifth-grader Olivia Sexton who will represent the school in the 79th Annual Vindicator Regional Spelling Bee in March. The alternate will be the runner-up, fourth-grader Taylor Crick, right. The bee was coordinated by fifth-grade teacher Robin Albrecht, while retired teacher Eleanor Carver served as pronouncer. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)



Knox students advance to Elks state competition

Reese Leone, left, and Peyton Alasaus, both fourth-grade students at Knox Elementary School, won the Regional Elks Hoops Shoot in Ravenna for their age group. They will participate in the state competition on Feb. 18 in Grove City. (Submitted photo)



Work of young artists on display

Scholastic Art and Writing awards were presented recently for Mahoning, Columbiana, and Trumbull counties. Crestview Middle and High school students have their art displayed at the Outreach Center in the Eastwood Mall in Warren throughout the month of February. Pictured is Gold Key winner Taylor Coblentz, eighth grade, with art teacher Jamie Perna.



Crestview High School senior Logan Rance won nine Gold Keys. She also won the American Vision Award, only five were chosen from the show. Rance won gold for her art portfolio of digital enhanced photos and also won the Steel Valley Art Teachers Association's \$500 scholarship for her portfolio. Pictured from left is the Rance family, Becky, (mother) Logan, Karen, (grandmother), John, (grandfather), and Brad (dad). Students will find out in April if their art goes to New York City for nationals. CHS art teacher is Michelle Pelino. Other students in the show that won honorable mention are Jessica Bowker, Jesse Boring, Alek Van Horn, Wylie Ricker and Alyssa Kordecki. (Submitted photos)

South Range schedules kindergarten registration for March 5-9

CANFIELD — Kindergarten registration for students in the South Range Local School District will be taken the week of March 5-9. Parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30 may register over the phone and make an appointment for screening by calling the elementary school office at 330-549-5578 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the designated week. Students to be registered must be residents of the South Range School district.

Opinion

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"Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still."

— President Harry S. Truman (1884-1972)

ROSES & THORNS

Thorns to the controversy and ugliness surrounding the Columbiana County Recorder's office. Craig Brown was recently accused by a former office employee of deliberately mispronouncing her first name so that it rhymed with a part of a female anatomy. She said it happened thrice more after she told Brown she was offended. He described it as a playful nickname he came up with it. No it's not Craig. It is offensive, tasteless and degrading. It never should have been spoken once — he does claim that the first time was the only time he used the "nickname." What an embarrassment for a county office. Elected officials are held up to a high standard. Last year Brown was accused of making improper comments. While serving as director for the Johnny Appleseed Festival queen pageant, he was accused by a mother of a queen contestant of making off-color remarks. We're certainly not being judge and jury here. We don't have that right. But by connecting-the-dots you have to be concerned. That may not matter at all to the county voters who in the March primary will determine Brown's future. As well they should. That how democracy works. Brown has his supporters and he has his detractors. The county Democratic Party met and said that the latest allegations against Brown left it no choice but to endorse his opponent, Brenda Dickey Myers, in the upcoming primary election. That is the party's right. Not endorsing a two-time elected incumbent is rare. Brown's reaction to his party's decision was outrage. We will see how this all plays out and real quick too with the primary coming on March 6. Brown has mastered getting face time. He has never stood in front of a camera he didn't like. However, this kind of exposure is the kind nobody would want.

Thorns to members of Salem High's boys basketball team becoming crime victims in Alliance the other day. While the Quakers were getting beat on the floor by the Aviators, they were getting robbed. According to an Alliance police report, nearly \$300 in cash as well as other assorted items including headphones were stolen from the team's locker room during the game. Nice security over there, huh?

Thorns to explosions being heard across Salem Township that are baffling everyone including the cops. Someone is up to something. The detonations must be illegal. If not there would be an explanation for them. Let's hope nobody gets hurt from any of this.

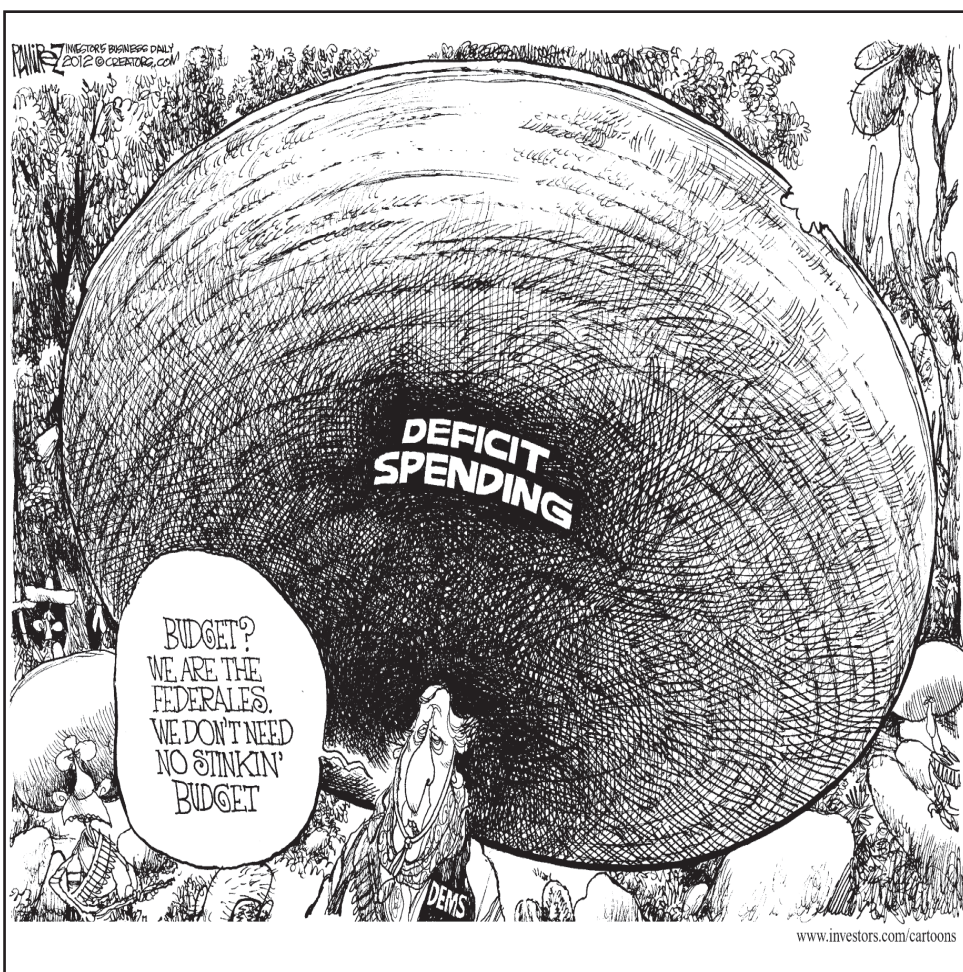
Roses to the students and staff at West Branch's Damascus Elementary. The school was recently recognized as a WasteWise Gold Achievement Award winner for paper reduction in 2010 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Students recycled nearly 130,000 pounds of paper in 2010. For some perspective, that is 65 tons or about the weight of 33 or so cars. Pretty impressive. For the past six years, the school has been a partner in WasteWise, a free program that provides guidance and recognition to over 2,700 participating organizations across the country working to find practical methods to reduce solid waste. It has won the Gold Achievement Award four out of five eligible years in various categories. Fourth-grade teacher Sue Dattilio, recycling coordinator, said that what began with trash bins purchased with a Hills department store grant in 1992 now involves the entire student body, faculty and staff. "We're always trying to do more. Everybody works together," she said. And that's good, solid advice that all of us should heed. We all need to get involved with recycling and stay involved. For information about EPA's WasteWise program call Green Team Education Specialist Kim Lewis at 330-740-2060 or visit the WasteWise website at www.epa.gov/wastewise.

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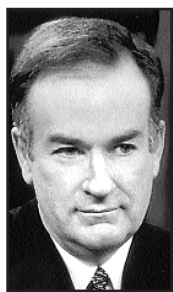
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Why Whitney Houston died



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The media have no bleepin' clue how to cover the death of Whitney Houston. That's because she was slowly dying for years and many in the press simply averted their eyes.

It was ultra-disturbing that a beautiful woman blessed with an extraordinary singing voice chose a self-destructive path in full view of the world. I mean, here is a person who signed a \$100 million recording contract, actually sold 170 million albums and commanded high six figures to deliver a 90-minute concert. Houston was a genuine international star, and yet she often was seen in public disheveled and confused, her substance addiction apparent. The media simply did not know what to say.

We live in a time in which addiction is categorized as a disease, and to do what Nancy Reagan once did and urge people to reject narcotics is considered uncool. How many young performers do we see doing public service announcements warning children to avoid intoxication? Right now, I can't think of one.

The national media pride themselves on being non-judgmental unless you are against abortion. Then you are dismissed as "anti-woman" or as a religious zealot. But in the arena of personal behavior, there's an excuse for just about every nonviolent activity and bad decision.

There is no question that some of us have a history of addiction in our families. There are folks who can use drugs casually and avoid dependence, but they are the exception. Once a person decides to dabble in cocaine, or opiates such as heroin and Oxy-Contin, they are putting themselves at grave risk. And they know it. There are legions of

famous people who wound up dead just like Houston. From Elvis Presley to Michael Jackson, the signposts are impossible to miss. No matter how rich and powerful you are, drugs can and will destroy you.

The current medical marijuana ruse is a great example of a society walking away from a responsible position. Ask any drug rehab counselor, and he or she will tell you that pot often leads a person to harder drug use and is mentally addictive itself. Yes, most people can function while stoned. But the more you alter your mind the more your perspective on life changes. Believe me, I know people who get stoned or drunk every day. They become incredibly desensitized to those around them.

On the kid front, the situation is dire. Once a child enters the world of intoxication, their childhood is gone. Presto, they are jaded. That's how dangerous drugs and alcohol are to immature minds. Society has an obligation to protect its children, not to tacitly accept or embrace mind-altering agents such as marijuana.

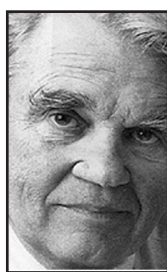
Houston, however, was an adult who made a decision to embrace the drug life. Reports say she tried to rehabilitate herself a few times, but you know how that goes. Once a person enters the hell of addiction, there is no easy way out.

And that's how the Whitney Houston story should be covered. As a cautionary tale. Another life vanquished by substance abuse.

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Don't fret fat people — it's not your fault



Classic Andy Rooney

(This classic Rooney column was originally published March 11, 1988.)

Im only talking to overweight people today. The rest of you can move on to something else in the paper.

Haven't you often felt it was unfair that you see skinny people eating French fries and chocolate fudge sundaes and never gaining

a pound? Haven't you noticed that a lot of people eat exactly the same things you eat and they stay the same weight, while you blow up? It is one of the unfair things I've come across in my lifetime, but there's good news.

Thin people of the world owe an apology to all of us average, normal, everyday overweight people. If we all had been falsely imprisoned, we wouldn't have been any more falsely maligned than we have been by thin people all these years.

They always suggest it's our own fault, and it is not. Why? Because according to an article in The New England Journal of Medicine, which seems to have a monopoly on medical announcements, it isn't the fault of fat people that they're fat.

It isn't us, it's our metabolism that's to blame. It was only a matter of time before scientists, in their maddeningly slow, methodical way, discovered it, but they finally have found out why a lot of people get fat through no fault of their own and why a lot of people stay thin through no virtue of their own. I've suspected all along that it wasn't my fault.

All overweight people know in their hearts it isn't their fault.

We can be around thin people who are eating the same things we eat for weeks and, while we get fat, they stay the same. Make no mistake about this, it's good news for overweights. It could mean the end of weight loss programs and the feeling of inferiority we all feel because we're fat. It's good to know my weight is not a result of weakness or a flaw in my character.

It is apparent I have a lethargic metabolism.

A big piece of chocolate cake goes further in my body than it does in the body of a skinny person. (I prefer "skinny" to "thin," just as I prefer the word "overweight" to "fat.") It isn't that fat people eat too much, it's that their furnaces are always banked. "Obese people," says Dr. Jules Hirsch, a doctor at Rockefeller University in New York, "are born with a handicap. Just like people born with other handicaps, they will have to learn to live with theirs."

Next thing you know, they'll be giving us handicapped, overweight-people stickers for the windshields of our cars so we can park right up near the entrance to the store in the handicapped-parking places. The doctors who made this report say that when an overweight person makes a big effort to diet and loses weight, his or her metabolism declines even further.

As metabolism declines, the body uses less of the food taken in and turns the rest to fat.

That's why it's so hard to keep off the weight you lose. The researchers for this project kept track of their subjects for two years.

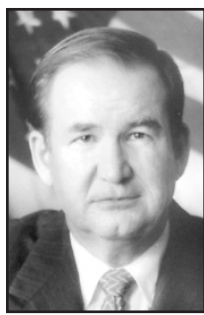
They found that the people who were destined to gain weight burned 80 calories a day fewer than people of comparable weight.

It is reported that a person who burns a mere 80 calories a day less than usual would gain nine pounds a year. According to these figures, I must have a world-champion low rate of metabolism.

It's wonderful to know that it wasn't my fault.

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Is it on to Tehran — or is it Damascus?



PAT BUCHANAN

Our War Party has been temporarily diverted from its clamor for war on Iran by the insurrection against the Syrian regime of Bashar al-

Assad. Estimates of the dead since the Syrian uprising began a year ago approach 6,000. And responsibility for the carnage is being laid at the feet of the president who succeeded his dictator-father Hafez al-Assad, who ruled from 1971 until his death in 2000. Unlike Egypt's Hosni Mubarak who buckled, broke and departed after three weeks of protests, Bashar is not going quietly. And, predictably, with the death toll rising, those champions of world democratic revolution — John McCain, Joe Lieberman and Lindsey Graham — have begun beating the drums for U.S. aid to a "Free Syrian Army." Last week, the three senators jointly declared: "In Libya, the threat of imminent atrocities in Benghazi mobi-

lized the world to act. Such atrocities are now a reality in Homs and other cities all across Syria. ... We must consider ... providing opposition groups inside Syria, both political and military, with better means to ... defend themselves, and to fight back against Assad's forces."

"The end of Assad's rule would ... be a moral and humanitarian victory for the Syrian people" and "a strategic defeat for the Iranian regime."

Danielle Pletka of the American Enterprise Institute, Neocon Central, is also pushing the Iranian angle.

"Syria is the soft underbelly of Iran, Tehran's most important ally, conduit for arms and cash to terrorists. ... A unique confluence of American moral purpose and America's strategic interest argue for intervention in Syria. ... It's time to start arming the Free Syrian Army."

What are the arguments against U.S. intervention?

First, there is no vital U.S. interest in who rules Syria. If we could live with Hafez al-Assad for decades — Bush I enlisted him as an ally in Desert Storm — and his son for a dozen years, what threat does Bashar's rule pose to the United States? Answer: none.

Second, while McCain & Co. insist that "the bloodshed must be stopped and we should rule out no option that could help save lives," arming the rebels would cause a geometric increase in dead and wounded.

Should America start funneling arms to the rebels, Assad will realize that, like Moammar Gadhafi, he is in a fight to the death.

In 1982, his father, to crush a rebellion centered in the city of Hama, rolled up his artillery and leveled the town, killing an estimated 20,000. This is what we are risking if we start arming the rebels.

Syria is not Libya. Assad's arsenal of missiles, tanks, planes and guns is far superior. He has a 270,000-man army and thousands of security police.

And with a tiny Shia Alawite sect dominant in Syria, and the rebellion rooted in a Sunni Muslim majority, Assad and his loyalists know that if they go down, they go to the wall.

"Christians to Beirut and Alawites to the wall," was an early slogan of the resistance.

And after seeing the atrocities visited upon the Christians in Iraq when Saddam went down, and on Copts when Mubarak went down, do we want to depose another secular dictator —

only to empower another regime of Islamic fundamentalists?

In Libya, the British and French led us in. Those NATO allies want no part of a Syrian civil war.

In Libya, a third of the country was rebel-held territory. With a single coastal road leading from Gadhafi's command post in Tripoli to Benghazi, NATO planes could easily interdict convoys trying to reach the rebel base.

In Syria, the rebels have no "liberated" territory.

The U.N. Security Council authorized a no-fly zone over Libya. But Russia, burned by what NATO did in Libya, stands ready to veto a no-fly zone over Syria. U.S. military aid to the rebels could bring Russian military aid to its client regime in Damascus.

U.S. intervention could also trigger a proxy war and a regional war. Assad's ally, Hezbollah, is already battling Syrian rebels in Lebanon. Sunnis in Iraq's Anbar province are shipping guns to their fellow Sunnis in Syria.

And if Assad falls, who rises? Would a triumphant Muslim Brotherhood in Damascus keep the peace on the Golan Heights, as the Assads did for 40 years? According to U.S. sources, al-

Qaida was behind the four suicide bombings that killed scores of Syrian soldiers and officials in Damascus and Aleppo.

Osama bin Laden's successor, Ayman al-Zawahiri, has called on Sunnis from all neighboring countries to join the war against Assad's "pernicious, cancerous regime."

If the ouster of Assad is good for al-Qaida, can it also be good for America?

As for the Free Syrian Army to whom U.S. military aid would go, it is divided with itself, and one ranking colonel has described the Syrian National Council, with whom we have been working, as "traitors."

Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya — none has turned out as was predicted when we plunged in. And other than neoconservative ideology, what makes us think intervening in Syria will?

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Patient praises Salem Community Hospital

To the editor:
I was recently a patient in DCU (heart department) at Salem Community Hospital and would certainly be amiss if I didn't send kudos their way. A lot of caring and TLC from admissions to the last transportation. Thanks to the RNs, LPNs and PCAs for their efficiency and lots of TLC. Thanks to the expertise and caring from Dr. Kuppler and Dr. Lileas. Thanks to the imaging department for their knowledge and their TLC for the little things they did to make me comfortable. Thanks to Richard and his crew in the food department for the very tasty foods and "great" coffee. Last but not least to the transportation department for the care they showed to an 89-year-old woman. My lasting gratitude to all.
MARY YONISH, Salem

Reader will make own decision regarding Brown

To the editor:
Politics is a messy business. It is getting harder and harder to know fact from fiction. In a time in which media and information are more accessible than ever it seems to be getting harder to make a good decision. It seems that somebody has something bad to say about everybody. Maybe we need to base decisions on what we know for sure. Still, there are some things I do know. Craig Brown has served as Columbiana County recorder since 2005. It costs less to run the office than it did in 2003. The recorder's office has been run competently and effectively. Those are things I know. I know I can't believe everything I hear, but results speak for themselves. I'll make my own decision.
BETH BEVERLY, Lisbon

Readers should speak out about 'anti-life mandate'

To the editor:
When the Obama Administration's healthcare financing plan was signed into law, President Obama and Congress promised that funds under the new law would not cover abortions. This has now been proven to be empty rhetoric. Why? Because the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has mandated that under the health care law, private health insurance plans must cover the "full range of PDA approved contraception" — in which category HHS explicitly included the abortion-inducing drug ella. This mandate includes a so-called "religious employer exemption," yet the exemption is so narrowly defined that most religious schools, colleges, hospitals and charitable organizations serving the public do not qualify. Even an expanded definition of "religious employer" would fail to protect non-religiously affiliated organizations, individuals and even religiously affiliated health insurers whose pro-life consciences are nonetheless violated. This is an unprecedented attack on the freedom of conscience of millions of Americans, eviscerating their freedom of choice to purchase private insurance that does not violate their ethical, moral or religious objections. I hope all readers will contact their elected representatives in Washington, D.C., and voice outrage over this anti-life mandate.
JOHN WISE, East Liverpool

Praises family-oriented Crown Theater Prod.

To the editor:
Recently I attended a "getting acquainted" event for Crown The-

ater Productions, which operates in the Main Street Theater in Columbiana. We were introduced to Crown Theater and its mission to provide family-oriented theater and movies.

We were taken on a tour of the theater to see the stage area, backstage and the projection room upstairs. We learned about history of the theater, the process of renovations and the old-fashioned projection equipment. It was very interesting. Homemade cookies were served in the Encore Room.

Crown Theater has a five show theater schedule for 2012 beginning with "The Sound of Music" in March. They also show free family movies on some Saturday nights. This is a wonderful opportunity for all families in our community.
DENA ROZESKI, New Waterford

Letter writer not a big fan of Mike Halleck

To the editor:
If you want to know something about Columbiana County politics a good place to start is by learning the Halleck Rule. The Halleck Rule is simple. If you want to know the truth about something then believe the opposite of whatever Mike Halleck says. Recently was a perfect example. An employee of the coroner's office has repeatedly tried to discuss an ethical issue regarding her employer. Mike Halleck did not want to discuss the issue. He wants to see it swept under the rug. Translation, the issue with the coroner is one that we need to know more about. Mr. Halleck claims that his self-righteous rant in a recent commissioner's meeting was not political. He is always quick to attack a Democrat, but will not even listen to something about the Republican coroner. The translation, Mr. Hal-

leck's rant was purely political. The Halleck Rule works every time.
MEGAN SCOTT, East Palestine

Encourages adoption of rescue rabbit as a pet

To the editor:
February is a busy month with Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and even the Super Bowl. February is also Adopt a Rescue Rabbit Month. We (Frisky Ferrets Fuzzies and Feathered Friends) are trying to raise awareness about the adoption of rescues and to encourage people to consider a rescue rabbit for a pet. Rabbits come to rescues and shelters in the same ways that other pets do. Some are surrendered to a rescue because the owners' circumstances have changed and they can no longer care for their pet. Some are found, often seriously injured and starving, after having been "set free" to fend for themselves. Many are rescued from neglectful or abusive situations. Like all rescues and shelters, rabbit rescues bring these pets back to health, spay or neuter, work with any behavior issues, and put these adorable pets up for adoption. These rabbits make wonderful pets. To find out more about adoptable rabbits check with a local rabbit rescue or on line at Petfinder.com.
JILL WILLIAMS, North Lima

Ron Paul supporter states his case

To the editor:
Pay attention Republican voters. I am a Ron Paul supporter. This election season, no candidate will get my vote for the Office of President of the United States of America except for Ron Paul. There will be no exceptions. If he does not

win the nomination, I will write his name on the ballot.

No amount of slick talking, flip-flopping, wooing, cajoling, threatening, or condescending will persuade... me to vote for any other contender for that office.

You don't want to admit it, but you know that the Republican Party cannot beat Obama without me, a Ron Paul supporter. It's long past time you admit it.

You and I have conflicting goals. I will only cast a vote for liberty, for peace, for small government, for fiscal sanity and respect for the Constitution of the United States and adherence to the oath of office of the Presidency. You however are content merely to vote for whatever Republican the GOP leadership and the media approve of.

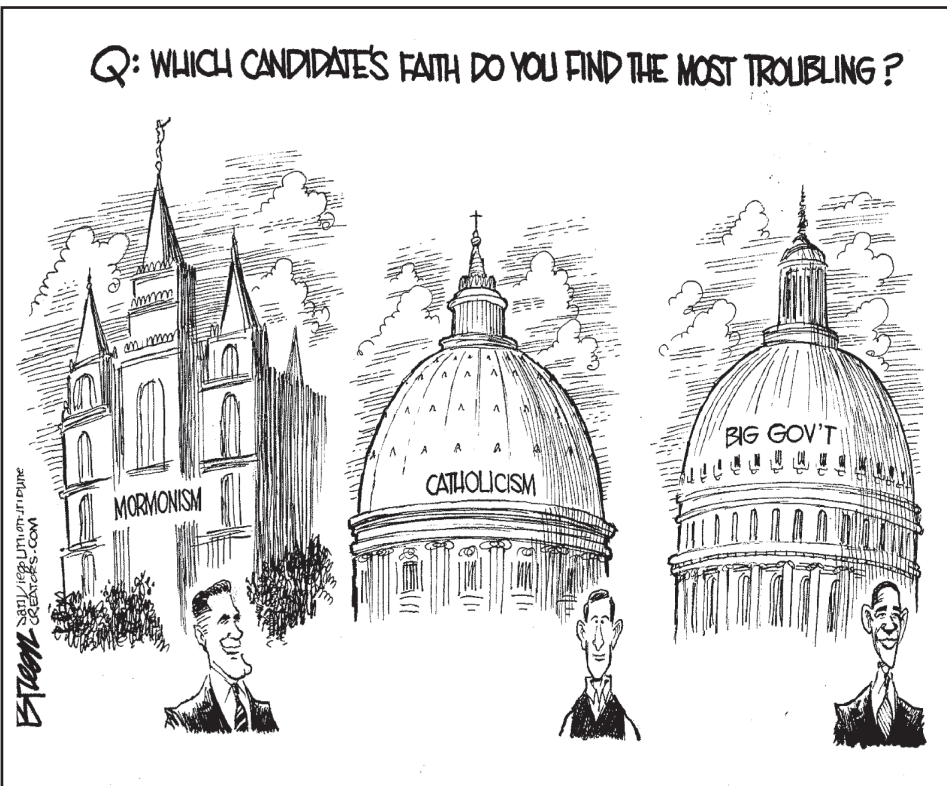
I will not move. I cannot be persuaded. You cannot win without me.

I am not here to convince you that Ron Paul's positions are superior. I am not here to convince you that his foreign policy is in line with traditional conservatism. I am not here to convince you that his understanding of economics put everyone else in Washington to shame. I am not even here to convince you that the positions of the other candidates are not materially different than Obama.

No, I don't need to do any of that. I only need to tell you that without me, you have lost. If you do not vote for Ron Paul in your primary or caucus, you are already defeated. If you fail to nominate Ron Paul to be the Republican candidate for President, Barack Hussein Obama will serve a second term.

This is not blackmail. This is not a threat. This is a simple statement of fact.

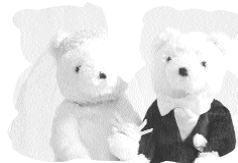
I stand firm and I will not accept anything less.
GRANT MINGUS, Salem





ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

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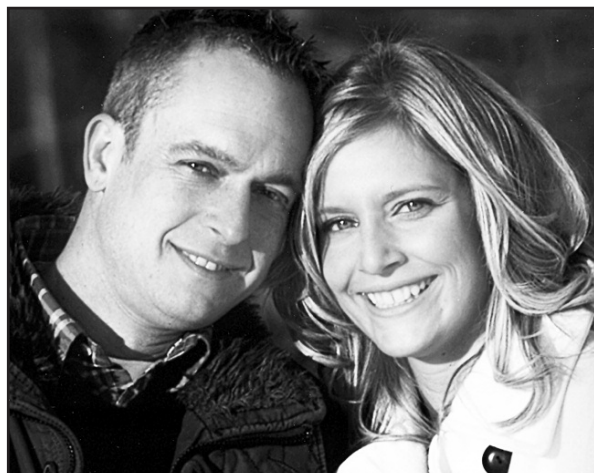


Kimberly Walker to exchange vows with Brian Koons

Kimberly Walker and Brian Koons, both Salem High School graduates, are engaged and planning a fall wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Neil and Sharon K. Walker of Canton. She received a bachelor's degree in dietetics from Youngstown State University. She is a registered dietitian and certified lactation counselor and supervisor at the Canton City Health Department, WIC Division.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Ken and Sue Kyser and Harry Koons of Canton. He is a



Kimberly Walker and Brian Koons

journeyman concrete finisher with Akron Local 109.

The couple's private wedding ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sept.

22 at the First Friends Church in Salem.

Invitations will be issued for the reception to follow at Dutch Inn in Columbiana.

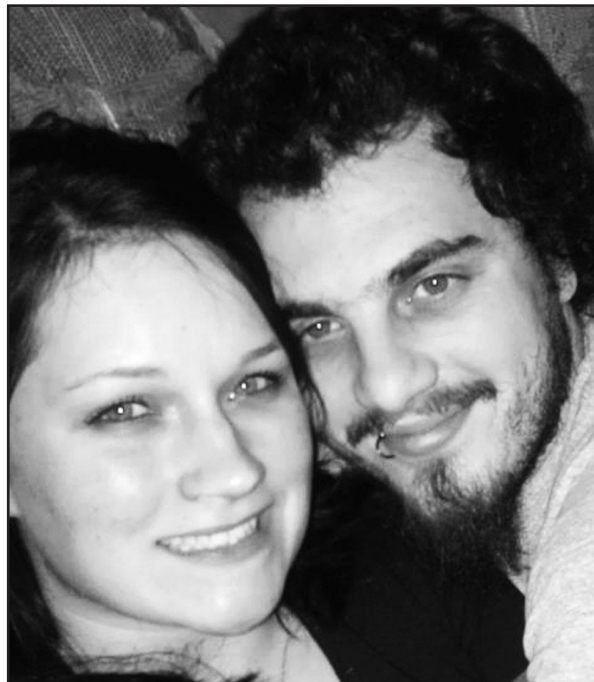
Jessica Nicole Croskey to wed Joshua David Cataldo

Mark and Mary Diane Croskey of Wellsville and Mark and Ginger Mills of Salineville are announcing the engagement of their niece, Jessica Nicole Croskey, to Joshua David Cataldo. He is the son of Ann Cataldo of Wellsville.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Cheryl Mills and a 2005 graduate of Wellsville High School. She is currently enrolled in the nursing program at Kent State University and employed at Save a Lot in Wellsville.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Wellsville High School.

The couple is planning an outdoor wedding at



Jessica Nicole Croskey and Joshua David Cataldo

Thompson Park at the Amphitheater on May 19. A reception will fol-

low at the Alumni Center in Wellsville.



Local Girl Scout earns award for community service

Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio has announced that Madezyn DeVivo, daughter of Richard and Arleen DeVivo of Columbiana, has earned the Silver Award as a Cadette Girl Scout. This award is the highest a cadette can earn and is an honor for Girl Scouts who desire to identify issues in their community and to bring about positive change by finding a solution to one issue of their choice. For her Silver Award, she focused on the generation gap that exists between young people and senior citizens. Under the mentorship of Sandy Havlin, activities director at Whispering Pines Village Assisted and Independent Living Center, DeVivo developed an "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program. In September, Girl Scouts were invited to a bingo and ice cream social as a means to introduce the grandparents to their young counterparts. DeVivo shared her experiences with younger Girl Scouts in the council. She has served on the Cadette Summit Leadership Team and is trained as a program assistant. She was asked to serve on the Cadette Summit Leadership Council and to continue serving as a PA to a cadette troop in Salem. DeVivo is a member of Mahoning County 4-H, National Junior Honor Society and the Columbiana High School cheerleading squad where she is a freshman. (Submitted photo)



From left, Junior Group of Goodwill volunteers, Jeri Kurian, Kathy Gerberry, Sue Miller and Laurel Cheveln display items to be auctioned off during the 20th annual Junior Group of Goodwill Antique and Collectible Auction at Stambaugh Auditorium on March 3. The two-day event begins with a gala on March 2 which includes a jewelry sale, live auction of new items, Chinese auction, silent auction and basket raffle. (Submitted photo)

Goodwill auction slated for March 2, 3

YOUNGSTOWN – The Annual Junior Group of Goodwill Antique and Collectible Auction will be held March 2 and 3. The two-day event will once again be held at Stambaugh Auditorium with George Roman Auctioneers presiding.

Proceeds from the 20th annual event will benefit Goodwill's job training and employment services for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Mercer and Lawrence counties. Home Savings Charitable Foundation, Aim National Lease, Hill, Barth and King, Gasser Chair Co., Yurchyk & Davis CPA's, V & M Star, USI Insurance and Allied Waste are sponsors of this year's auction.

The event begins Friday with a patron party from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Festivities include a collectible jewelry sale featuring several thousand pre-priced pieces, an auction of new items such as a Calvin Johnson autographed Detroit Lions football, Disney Park passes, sports tickets, fine jewelry and much more. The event also includes the popular basket raffle, a silent auction, a Chinese auction, 50-50 raffle, hors d'oeuvres, pastries and a cash bar.

Ticket prices for the Friday evening patron party are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the Goodwill offices on Belmont Avenue or at any of the eight area Goodwill stores. Tickets must be purchased in advance and the deadline is Feb. 27. Tickets purchased after the deadline will be \$30, if they are still available. Those who purchase a ticket for Friday evening get in

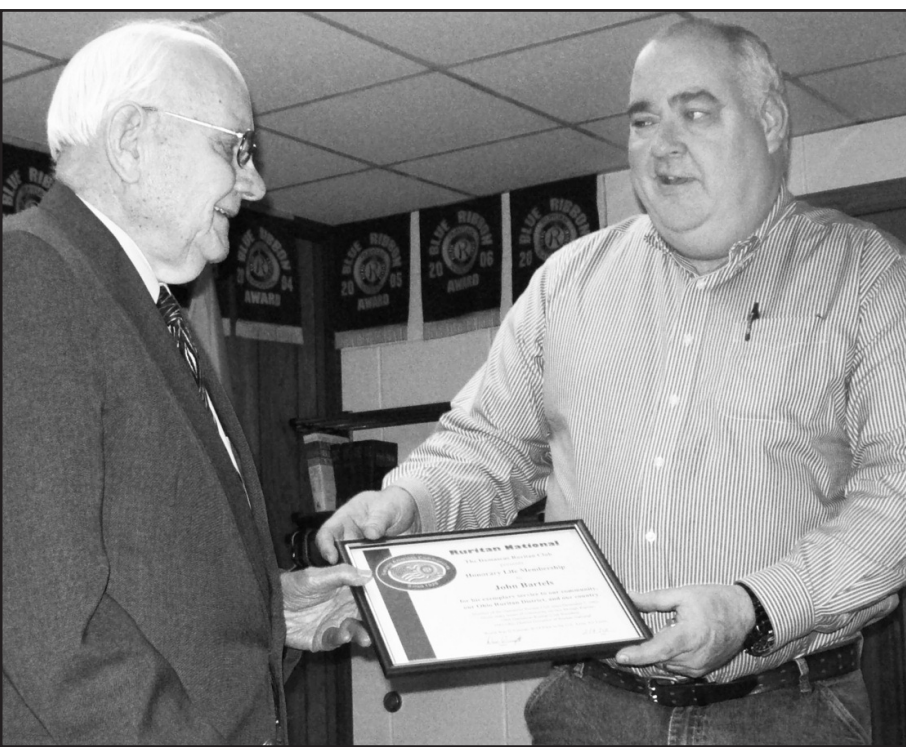
free on Saturday with their ticket stub.

Saturday will feature the antique and collectible auction of items collected through Goodwill donations. Preview for the auction will begin at 10 a.m. with the auction starting at 11 a.m. The collectible jewelry sale will open at 10 a.m. Admission is \$2 at the door. The auction will include many collectibles and antiques such as furniture, dolls, paper collectibles, pictures and frames, various ladies antique items, jewelry, glassware, vintage toys and games, military items, musical instruments, vintage Christmas decorations, Roseville, a large lot of HO gauge trains and much more.

For questions concerning the auction or for ticket information, please call Goodwill's marketing department at 330-759-7921 Ext. 1207.

Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries employs and provides vocational rehabilitation services to people with disabilities and other barriers to employment such as welfare dependency, homelessness and lack of education or work experience. Also provided are Radio Reading services and various other social services.

Through its services Goodwill helps people overcome barriers to employment and become independent, tax-paying members of the community. Goodwill operates eight stores and donation centers. All proceeds remain with Goodwill and stay in the community. For additional information about Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries visit www.goodwillyoungstown.org or call 330-759-7921.



Damascus Ruritan honored as life member

Damascus Ruritan President Dave Wingett, right, presents John Bartels with an Honorary Life Member certificate at the club's Jan. 12 meeting. Bartels is a Copeland Oaks resident who moved from Wellsville to Damascus, where he operated a 144-acre farm, and joined the club on Dec. 1, 1962. He served as club president in 1966 and Ohio district governor in 1985 and has 48 years perfect attendance. A member of the Damascus United Methodist Church, Bartels served as the Vocational agriculture instructor at West Branch High School in 1964, teaching agricultural mechanics and mechanical drawing. He also volunteered for eight years at United Local schools helping children learn to read. A World War II veteran, Bartels served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a B-24 pilot. (Submitted photo)

SHS Class of 1943

to meet for breakfast

SALEM – The Salem High School Class of 1943 will meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 21 at Adele's Place.

UHS Class of 1959

to meet for breakfast

HANOVERTON – The United Local High School Class of 1959 will meet for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Skyline Diner in Salem.

Church Women United to observe prayer day

SALEM – Church Women United will observe World Day of Prayer on March 2. A luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. at Faith Chapel. A program follows, to be presented by Pastor Larry Paxson. A free will offering will be take. All area women are invited. The February meeting for Church Women United has been canceled.

Lupus Support Group at Damascus Friends

DAMASCUS – The Lupus Support Group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Damascus Friends Church. The group plans to meet the third Monday of every month at the church. For more information call 330-332-8361.

Primary meet and greet at Living Faith Church

SALEM – A "Meet and Greet" the candidates prior to the March 6 Ohio Primary begins at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at Living Faith Church, 166 Vine St. US Senator, US House of Representative and Ohio House candidates are scheduled to appear. The event will be moderated by radio host, Tracey Winbush.

Historical society to host dance

DEERFIELD – The Deerfield Historical Society's third Monday dance will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Deerfield Town Hall, 1450 state Route 14. A variety of music will be played for listening and dancing enjoyment. Admission is \$2 per adult. Refreshments are available for purchase.

Saxon Retirees to resume meetings

SALEM – Saxon Retirees will resume meetings at 11:30 a.m. March 7. Reservations for the

catered luncheon must be called in to 330-337-8467 prior to March 3.

SCH Auxiliary to meet March 8

SALEM – The Salem Community Hospital Auxiliary meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. March 8 in the small dining room at the back of the hospital cafeteria. Scheduled to speak is Michele Perry, director of laboratory services at SCH.

"All for Garrett" event slated for March 10

SALEM – The public is invited to the "All for Garrett" benefit from 5 p.m. to midnight March 10 at the Salem Little Quakers Hall, 16788 S. Lincoln Ave. A spaghetti dinner will be served family-style from 5 to 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Road Doggz, DJ Jay and Mega-Band. Tickets are \$15 per person and include door prizes, dinner and five drink tickets. Activities also include a 50-50 raffle and Chinese auction.

Tickets may be purchased at Friends Roastery, 474 E. State St., and also B&J Used Appliances, 824 N. Ellsworth Ave. Donations may be made at Farmers National Bank in care of Road Doggz (put "All for Garrett" on the check memo line). For more information call Tom Marple at 330-337-3175.

Auxiliary 290 sponsors boys/girls state students

COLUMBIANA – American Legion Auxiliary 290 will be sending seven area students to Buckeye Girls State in June. Buckeye Girls State in a resident intense week long program where high school juniors learn about the working of city, county and state government levels. The following were selected to attend June 10-16 at Mount Union University in Alliance:

Columbiana High School: Kristen Crisp, Victoria Drago and Angela Grate.

Crestview High School: Alexis Marnejon.

East Palestine High School: Megan Douglass.

Heartland Christian High School: Kristen Hilliard and Brianna Schaal.

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Women, East Palestine Eagles, Vaughn Musser, Kirby Zellers, Cliff Aiken and New Waterford Lions Club. Elouise Wilhelm will be co-sponsoring a student from South Range High School to be announced at a later date.

To contribute gas cards to help offset the students' travel expenses, mail them to P.O. Box 0143, Columbiana, Ohio 44408 attention BGS; or call Dawn Lichtenwalner at 330-482-5029.

R-Weigh recognizes weight-loss winners

SALEM – The R-Weigh weight groups met Monday at the Faith Chapel. A loss of 36 pounds was recorded for the past two weeks.

Good losers for the weeks were Cris Learn, Jennifer Oettwger, Lori Mehno, Rose O'Lenick, Sharon Bigalow and Rita Cecil. The goalies were Roni Fauver, Rachel Weaver and Jo Carol Gray. Patty Mills won the can-do monetary award two weeks in a row and received the birthday award at the 1 p.m. meeting. Gray won the can-do monetary award this past week at the 5 p.m. meeting.

Karen Morris presented a program on fiber in your diet and pointed out the good fiber food choices versus the low or no fiber foods at the day meeting. Karen Pauline presided at the evening meeting and Carol Held led the group doing exercises and held a discussion with the good losers of the week.

The "Lose for your Heart" contest continues until Feb. 27 when members will share the heart of money. Membership is open. Join R-Weigh and get paid \$1 per pound to lose weight.

For more information call 330-332-1078.

TOPS 1380 rewards weekly weight loss

SALEM – TOPS 1380 met Feb. 13 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with 16 members present. Jeannie Luxeuil, co-leader, presided.

Tye Wehr led the TOPS pledge and prayer. The KOPS pledge was recited by Cora Jean Briggs, Dorothy Mussler, Margaret Phillips and Laurie McBride. Best losers were Amy Lee, TOPS; Phillips, KOPS; and Eleanor May, honorable mention. Barb May was the Rolling Cash

Five and Barb Baughman celebrated her birthday. Luxeuil spoke on salt and sodium as part of "10 tips to help you cut back." Shirley Bullis read for the "circle of light" ceremony.

Damascus Garden Club holds winter picnic

DAMASCUS – The Damascus Garden Club's Winter Gardeners' Picnic themed meeting and luncheon was held Feb. 9 at the Damascus Friends Church. Celine Hallier, Canton district director of the Garden Club of Ohio, was greeted as a special guest.

Fifteen members enjoyed Marilyn Brumbaugh's mini-lesson emphasizing container selection in floral arrangements. Using a variety of containers as examples, she encouraged the members to consider what type of flower and materials would work with each. Imagination and coordination are two important elements of a successful floral presentation.

Following the lesson, members visited the Breezy Hill Farm on Bowman Road in Homeworth where Phil and Mindy Bartholomae conducted a tour of their high tunnel farming venture. Members had the opportunity to sample a special Japanese turnip, just one of the large varieties of greens and vegetables growing in the plastic tunnels at the farm. The Bartholomae take great pride in their ability to provide fresh produce to this section of Ohio throughout the entire year.

A short business meeting followed. Correspondence was read with greetings coming from Aggie Goss, Garden Club of Ohio president and a thank-you from that club for a donation made by our club to the Garden Club of Ohio Scholarship Fund. Community Care shared pictures taken at the recent flower arranging class members attended at the Pleasant Valley Nursing Home.

Joyce Steer, historian, reported she is working on a new club scrapbook and needs pictures and club news. Ginny Huffman for Ways and Means discussed the community calendar project and the sign for the post office garden.

Under old business, Marilyn Wingett reminded the members that the June Sebring Mansion tour money is currently due and that on Feb. 21 a Mardi Gras flower arranging class will be shared with the residents of

Pleasant Valley Nursing Home. Under new business, Lee Kuentz reported that she, Pat Hoopes, Val Knoedler, and June Wallace will comprise the Steering Committee for the 2012 garden show. Steer will serve as special consultant. Members are asked to read the National Garden Club publication Handbook for Garden Shows.

Wingett asked that members bring wrapped Easter candy to the March meeting to be used in the Easter egg hunt at the Damascus Community Center Park.

The meeting closed with remarks from our visiting district director who presented Peggy Stoffer, president, with a Garden Club of Ohio pin. She also complimented the quality of the club's yearbook and urged members to attend the state convention and the spring district meeting.

The picnic luncheon with favorite dishes provided by each member attending ended the session.

The March 8 meeting will be at the home of Rhonda Mitchell and the program will be "Spring and Summer Delight Bulbs" presented by Cindy Hutchmacher.

Salem UCT volunteers attend hockey festival

Many United Commercial Travelers members from Michigan and Ohio councils attended the first UCT Winter Hockey Festival held Feb. 11-12 at Toledo's Ottawa Park Ice Rink to assist as volunteers.

Volunteers from Salem Council 590 were Ronald Shively, Willard Martsof and Homer Huprich. Frigid temperatures and more than three inches of snow just made the outdoor event more exciting for the nine participating teams from Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

For many athletes it was the first time playing hockey outdoors, and they couldn't have been happier mixing it up on the ice while families, friends and fans cheered them on.

UCT is a longtime supporter of individuals with intellectual disabilities. The hockey festival kicked off year two of its partnership with the American Special Hockey Association and UCT's commitment to helping promote special hockey nationally and locally.

Participating teams included the Ann Arbor Rockets, CCYHA Blue Jackets, Detroit MORC Stars, Michigan Far Flyers, Steel City Icebergs and Washington Ice Dogs.

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Rocco rolls Swedish meatballs with a lighter side

By **ROCCO DISPIRITO**

For The Associated Press

Swedish meatballs are such a retro potluck throwback, they are simply rolling in ironic hipness.

Meaty, tender, juicy, sweet and sour, they are addictively easy to spear with a toothpick and pop one after another at a party. That's why I love to serve them at my Oscar party.

But I do it with a difference. There are countless recipes for Swedish meatballs, but most aren't all that diet-friendly. Most varieties pack nearly 74 calories and more than 4 grams of fat per meatball. I knew I could do better. So I mixed and matched to come up with a lighter, healthier version of this popular appetizer.

I cut the fat by using extra-lean ground turkey breast, 96 percent lean ground beef sirloin, low-sodium (and fat-free) chicken broth, olive oil cooking spray and evaporated fat-free milk (traditional recipes call for heavy cream).

Then I stirred in just enough puffed brown rice, egg white and arrowroot (a cornstarch-like thickener) to hold everything together. The result is a delicious meatball with 37 calories and less than a gram of fat per meatball.

Swedish meatballs traditionally are accompanied by lingonberry preserve, which is both hard to find and loaded with sugar. Instead, I used no-sugar spiced cranberry sauce, and I was good



Swedish meatballs are a retro potluck throwback. There are countless recipes for Swedish meatballs, but most aren't all that diet-friendly. (AP Photo)

to go. Try them and you'll be a star on Oscar night, too.

TIPS: If you can't find Steel's Gourmet Cranberry Sauce (my preferred brand of no-sugar cranberry sauce) you can make your own. In a medium microwave-safe bowl, combine 1/2 cup fresh or frozen unsweetened whole cranberries, 1/4 cup water, 3 packets of stevia sweetener, 1 tablespoon agave nectar and a pinch of salt. Cover loosely with plastic wrap, then microwave on high until the cranberries pop and the mixture boils, about 2 minutes. Carefully remove the plastic wrap and mash the mixture with a fork or potato masher to make a chunky cranberry sauce.

SWEDISH MEATBALLS

Start to finish: 40 minutes
Makes 20 meatballs
8 ounces extra-lean ground turkey breast
6 ounces 96 percent lean ground beef
2/3 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided
1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
1 egg white
2 cups puffed brown rice cereal
Salt
Red pepper flakes
1/4 cup evaporated fat-free milk
1 teaspoon arrowroot powder
Olive oil cooking spray
1/4 cup no-sugar spiced cranberry sauce (such as Steel's Gour-

met)

Heat the oven to 375 F.

In a large bowl, combine the turkey breast and ground beef and mix gently.

In a blender, combine 1/3 cup of the chicken broth, the onion and egg white. Blend until finely chopped, about 15 seconds. Add the puffed rice and blend to make a thick paste.

Add the egg mixture to the meats, then season with salt and red pepper flakes as desired. Divide the mixture into 20 even mounds, using about 1 tablespoon each. Shape each into a ball using slightly wet hands to help prevent sticking.

Coat a large nonstick saute pan

with cooking spray and heat over medium-high. Working in batches if necessary, once the pan is hot add the meatballs, leaving about 1/2-inch space between them.

Cook for 1 to 2 minutes, or until browned on the bottoms. Roll the meatballs onto the other side and brown evenly, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove the meatballs from the pan.

Add the remaining chicken broth to the pan and bring to a simmer. In a small bowl, mix the evaporated milk with the arrowroot, then stir into the chicken broth. Cook and stir for about 10 seconds, then return the meatballs to the pan, then place pan in the oven and bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the meatballs are cooked through.

Transfer the meatballs to a serving platter. Insert short skewers into each meatball.

Set the saute pan over medium heat and cook the sauce for 1 to 2 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Spoon the sauce over the meatballs and serve with the cranberry sauce.

Nutrition information per meatball (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 37 calories; 1 g fat (12 percent of calories from fat) (0 g saturated); 10 mg cholesterol; 3 g carbohydrate; 5 g protein; 0 g fiber; 68 mg sodium.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rocco DiSpirito is author of the "Now Eat This!" and "Now Eat This! Diet" cookbooks.

Reel Food: Sips, snacks inspired by Oscar winners

By **ALISON LADMAN and MICHELLE LOCKE**

For The Associated Press

Great movies and great food are box office gold, from Forrest Gump's chocolates to "Silence of the Lambs" anti-hero Hannibal Lecter's disturbing pairing suggestion for Chianti.

We've put together a selection of drinks and appetizers inspired by five Best Picture Oscar winners to help you get your Academy Award's viewing party rolling. So get ready to settle in with a beverage and a bite when Hollywood celebrates itself on Feb. 26. You've got all the bases covered — lights, camera, (snack) satisfaction.



Shown are Manchego cheese toasts and crimson cocktails featuring cranberry and cherry juice, inspired by the Academy Award winning film "Gone With The Wind." The drink and appetizer make an elegant pairing for an Oscar night cocktail party. (AP Photo)



Shown is a Box of Chocolate Cocktail and Honey Pecan Shrimp, inspired by the Academy Award winning movie "Forrest Gump," in Concord, N.H. The cocktail and shrimp dish are a perfect pairing for an Oscar night cocktail party. (AP Photo)

SCARLETT FEVER: "Gone with the Wind"

A starving Scarlett O'Hara resorts to grubbing up radishes in the famous "I'll never be hungry again" scene that ends the first half of "Gone With The Wind." Luckily, you can try something much tastier with this crimson cocktail featuring cranberry and cherry juice.

Serve some manchego cheese toasts on the side for an elegant nibble. This appetizer uses banana bread, a food that came into vogue in the 1930s as baking powder and baking soda became staples of the American kitchen. It's not likely you'll have leftovers, but if you do, fiddledeedee! Tomorrow is another day.

THE SCARLET COCKTAIL

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
2 ounces cranberry juice
2 ounces cherry juice
2 ounces citrus vodka
1 ounce lime juice
Fresh cherries, to garnish
In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the cranberry juice, cherry juice, vodka and lime juice. Shake and pour into a martini glass. Garnish with fresh cherries.

MANCHEGO BANANA BITES

Slice banana bread thinly and cut into 2-inch rounds with a small cookie cutter.
In a skillet, melt butter over medium-high. Toast the banana bread rounds in the buttered skillet. Serve topped with slices of manchego cheese and toasted pecans. Makes 24 rounds.

IN THE CHIPS: "Casablanca"

Everybody comes to Rick's Cafe Americain in the movie "Casablanca," whether it's for cocktails, eats, forged letters of transit or hopes of winning big at roulette. You'll probably want to stick to the first two, though.

Here's a recipe for a spicy whiskey sour that would be right at home in the '40s nightclub scene

that serves as the background for "Casablanca's" story of love and war.

And if you're looking to gamble on something new, why not try some potato chip cookies, a twist on the traditional snack. We can't guarantee your friends will be shocked — shocked! — but they may be mildly surprised.

MOROCCAN SOUR COCKTAIL

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
2 ounces whiskey
Juice of half a lemon
1 teaspoon extra-fine sugar
Pinch of dry ground ginger
Pinch of turmeric
Pinch of cinnamon
Seltzer water or club soda
Lemon twist, to garnish
In a double old fashioned glass, stir together the whiskey, lemon juice, sugar, ginger, turmeric and cinnamon until the sugar is completely dissolved. Add 1 ice cube and top with a splash of seltzer water or club soda. Garnish with a lemon twist.

POTATO CHIP COOKIES

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat together 1/2 cup unsalted butter with 1 packed cup of brown sugar. Add 1 egg and beat again. Add 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 cup finely crushed potato chips, and 1/2 cup sliced almonds. Mix just until combined. Scoop by the teaspoonful onto parchment-lined baking sheets and bake for 10 to 12 minutes at 350 F. Makes 30 cookies.

KILLER RECIPE:

"Silence of the Lambs"

Anthony Hopkins turned in a twisted but brilliant performance in "The Silence of the Lambs" as Hannibal "the Cannibal" Lecter, the serial killer who boasted of

consuming his victims. That's one way to solve the catering issue, but we're going with this much less creepy (not to mention non-criminal) combo of a delicious Chianti spritzer and fava crostini.

PEPPERED CHIANTI SPRITZER

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
1 ounce pepper-flavored vodka
2 ounces chianti wine
Seltzer water or club soda
Fresh raspberries, to garnish
In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the vodka and chianti. Shake well, then strain into a cocktail glass. Top with seltzer water. Garnish with fresh raspberries.

FAVA CROSTINI

In a large skillet, cook 2 sliced yellow onions in 2 tablespoons of olive oil until soft and brown. Add a 1-pound package frozen fava beans (if you can't find fava beans, use shelled edamame) and cook until soft. Season with salt and pepper. Add the juice of 1/2 lemon and 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley. Roughly mash the mixture. Serve spread on toasted slices of French bread with shavings of Parmesan cheese. Makes 24 crostini.

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YUM, FORREST, YUM:

"Forrest Gump"

The 1994 movie "Forrest Gump" followed the adventures of a goodhearted man of less-than-average intelligence who somehow found himself with a front seat to history, from the evolution of Elvis to the Vietnam war and beyond. Along the way he makes friends with Bubba, a shrimp fisherman who waxes lyrical about the many ways to cook the crustaceans.

This recipe calls for a simple baked preparation livened up with chopped pecans.

We paired it with a chocolate

cocktail commemorating the movie's catchphrase that life is "like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." In this case we feel reasonably safe in predicting that you're gonna get a delicious drink.

BOX OF CHOCOLATES COCKTAIL

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
Grenadine
Finely shredded coconut
1 tablespoon caramel ice cream topping
2 ounces milk
1 ounce amaretto liqueur
2 ounces Godiva chocolate liqueur

Pour a small amount of grenadine into a small, shallow plate. Sprinkle the coconut on a second small plate.

Dip the rim of a martini glass first in the grenadine, then in the coconut to coat the rim of the glass with coconut. Pour the caramel into the bottom of the glass.

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the milk, amaretto and Godiva liqueur. Shake well, then strain into the prepared glass.

HONEY PECAN SHRIMP

Arrange 1 pound raw, peeled and deveined shrimp on a lightly oiled baking sheet. Drizzle the shrimp with 3 tablespoons honey. Mix together 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, 1/4 teaspoon granulated garlic and a pinch of cayenne pepper. Sprinkle over the shrimp. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans. Bake at 400F for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the shrimp are cooked through. Serve warm.

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CORLEONE COCKTAIL

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
1/2 ounce Campari
1/2 ounce Amaretto liqueur
Dash of bitters
1 1/2 ounces Scotch whisky
Orange twist
In a double old fashioned glass, stir together the Campari, Amaretto, bitters and Scotch. Garnish with an orange twist.

ANGRY MEATBALLS

In a medium mixing bowl, combine 1/2 pound of loose spicy Italian sausage with 1/2 pound lean ground beef.

Form into 1-inch balls. In a large skillet over medium, heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Add 4 cloves thinly sliced garlic and saute for 3 minutes. Add the meatballs and cook until browned and cooked through, about 6 to 8 minutes.

Used a slotted spoon to transfer the meatballs to a plate. Add 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, 1 pint halved grape tomatoes and 1/2 cup torn fresh basil leaves to the pan. Saute for 1 minute, then season with salt and pepper. Spoon over the meatballs. Makes 24 meatballs.

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Dig Up THESE SAVINGS

Dig Up a deal

Ohio online auction for 55 military vehicles

By STEVE WARTENBERG

The Columbus Dispatch

COLUMBUS (AP) — There was no way to know whether any of the 55 battered military surplus trucks parked five deep on a vast and muddy field at the Defense Supply Center Columbus would actually start.

“Some of them start right up. Some have dead batteries — especially in this cold weather,” said Jean Pryor, the Government Liquidation site manager at the military center on E. Broad Street.

Pryor was sitting in the cab of a 1970 Kaiser Jeep XM813, a 5-ton cargo truck. She was surrounded by seven similar cargo trucks and 47 AM General M915A1 truck tractors. All 55 will go on sale Thursday in one of the hundreds of online auctions that Government Liquidation holds every year.

Bidding starts at \$150 on each truck — and ends Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Pryor hit the starter switch, and the Cummins six-cylinder engine — with 31,258 tough military miles under its belts — whined loudly for several seconds. Then, as clouds of black smoke billowed from the exhaust pipe, the engine sputtered and sprang to life, purring like the world’s loudest — and angriest — tiger.

“They’re all loud,” Pryor shouted over the din.

Government Liquidation has the Department of Defense contract to auction off a wide variety of surplus items that have been vetted to ensure they are not weapons or contain sensitive technology.

The company also turns thousands more items into millions of pounds of scrap metal every year.

“We get 10,000 items a week (for auction),” said Tom

Burton, president of the company.

Items regularly sold by the company through its online auctions include planes, trucks and boats.

Government Liquidation recently sold 30,000 pounds of used cooking oil from a military base in Alaska, 1.4 million pounds of topsoil from a base in Washington and a tugboat.

Burton estimated the 55 trucks being stored at the Defense Supply Center will sell for between \$2,000 and \$10,000. There is no way of knowing, he added, if they come from bases in the United States or abroad in Europe, Iraq and Afghanistan, although any of these locations is possible.

“About 95 percent of our customers are small businesses,” Burton said. “They’re people who don’t want to pay full price and know that the Department of Defense buys with certain standards.”

Andy Catsakis is a regular bidder — and winner — in these online auctions.

The Virginia farmer and military-truck collector has purchased about 20 trucks from Government Liquidation. Some he uses on his farm or in local parades as rides for groups such as the Cub Scouts; others he sells or uses for the parts.

The most Catsakis has paid is \$3,000.

“I have friends all over who collect and sell military trucks,” he said, adding these collectors have their own international organizations: the Military Vehicles Preservation Association and Steel Soldiers.

Other than being larger than most vehicles, military trucks are actually easy to work on, said Catsakis, a certified mechanic.

“There’s not that many electronics and no computers talking to each other,” he said. “You do need some bigger tools, and you have to take caution in lifting the big parts ... so they don’t fall on you.”

And best of all, he added, these trucks are built to last and to haul large loads.

Government Liquidation provides detailed descriptions of every truck it sells, including the mileage, and includes videos for many. The company also offers would-be bidders the opportunity for on-site inspections.

But, it is buyer beware. There are no guarantees a particular truck will start or be in drivable condition. It is up to the winning bidder to haul the truck off the military base where it is being stored.

“Some they can drive out, others they’ll need a tow truck,” Pryor said.

Government Liquidation provides a list of nearby towing services on its website.

“We don’t get paid by these companies, and if we get complaints, they’re off the list,” Burton said.

Catsakis recommends an on-site visit whenever possible, although he has bought a few trucks sight unseen.

“You want to make sure it’s not rusted out too bad,” he said.

Catsakis was never in the military but has loved trucks since he was a little boy.

“The bigger the better,” he said.



Presidential imposter

Fourth grade student Joy English of Central Intermediate School in Washington, Ill., lifts her President Obama mask during instructor Jane Woith's Wax Museum Hall of Presidents on Thursday. Students Woith's social studies classes portrayed the U.S. presidents as a class project as President's Day nears. (AP Photo)

Judge: Spain can take treasure from company

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge on Friday signed off on a Spanish government plan to begin moving a vast shipwreck treasure from Florida to Spain next week, culminating a five-year legal battle with the treasure hunters who found and raised it off the Portuguese coast.

U.S. Magistrate Judge James Pizzo ordered Tampa-based Odyssey Marine Exploration to give Spanish officials access to the 17 tons of silver coins and other artifacts beginning Tuesday. It's been stored in an undisclosed facility since Odyssey salvaged it from the wreck of the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes and brought it back to the Tampa area in May 2007.

The treasure is expected to be moved out of the storage facility by Feb. 24, but because of security concerns officials wouldn't disclose how or exactly when that would take place.

“This is a very complicated logistical operation that has been prepared well in advance,” said Guillermo Corral, who heads the cultural office of the Spanish embassy in Washington.

Odyssey, which uses remote-controlled vehicles to explore the depths and bring the tiniest of items to the surface, lost at every level of the federal court system in its attempt to keep all or most of the treasure. The Spanish government filed a claim soon after the coins were flown back to Tampa, contending that it never relinquished ownership of the ship or its contents. A federal district court first ruled in 2009 that the U.S. courts didn't have jurisdiction,

and ordered the treasure returned.

Melinda MacConnel, vice president and general counsel for Odyssey, said Spanish officials will be given access to the treasure and the company won't contest the ruling. She said the company followed federal maritime law and did nothing wrong in salvaging the wreck and bringing it back to the United States without the cooperation or permission of Spain. She blamed politics for the courts' decisions since the U.S. government publicly backed Spain's efforts to get the treasure returned, and she lamented that the company was unable to bring the case to trial.

She said the ruling against Odyssey will keep other explorers from working with governments on salvage projects and set the stage for the covert plundering of other shipwrecks.

“We'll allow (Spain) to celebrate, until they realize they've been very short-sighted in this case,” MacConnel said.

Spanish officials disagreed, with James Goold, the Washington attorney who fought Odyssey on the Spanish government's behalf, likening the salvage of shipwrecks for profit to plundering the wreck of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor for souvenirs.

MacConnel said Odyssey learned from the struggle with Spain, noting that it is working with the full cooperation of the British government on several efforts to salvage that nation's sunken ships, with agreements to share what it recovers.

Odyssey made an international splash in 2007 when it recovered

the 594,000 coins and other artifacts from the Atlantic Ocean near the Straits of Gibraltar. At the time, experts speculated the coins could be worth as much as \$500 million to collectors, which would have made it the richest shipwreck treasure in history.

The company said in earnings statements that it has spent \$2.6 million salvaging, transporting storing and conserving the treasure.

Odyssey fought Spain's claim to the treasure, arguing that the wreck was never positively identified as the Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes. And if it was that vessel, then the ship was on a commercial trade trip — not a sovereign mission — at the time it sank, meaning Spain would have no firm claim to the cargo. International treaties generally hold that warships sunk in battle are protected from treasure seekers.

The Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes was sunk by British warships in the Atlantic while sailing back from South America with more than 200 people on board.

People who claimed to be descendants of merchants who owned the coins also filed claims, but they were also rejected by the court. A Key West attorney, David Paul Horan, recently filed another lawsuit on behalf of the one of the descendants who is seeking 172,000 of the coins.

Goold told Pizzo that the coins will be taken in trucks to a secure location where they can be loaded onto a plane for transport. Spanish officials said the treasure will be distributed to museums where it can be studied, researched and exhibited.

Shell wins approval of Arctic spill response plan over bitter opposition

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Shell Oil cleared one of the last remaining hurdles to Arctic offshore drilling Friday as the federal government said it has approved the company's spill response plan for the Chukchi Sea.

Environmentalists and Alaska Natives living along the Arctic Coast have bitterly opposed drilling. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a prepared statement that the federal government was taking a cautious approach.

“In the Arctic frontier, cautious exploration — under the strongest oversight, safety requirements, and emergency response plans ever established — can help us expand our understanding of the area and its resources, and support our goal of continuing to increase safe and responsible domestic oil and gas production,” Salazar said.

The federal government estimates there are 26.6 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 130

trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the Arctic Ocean's outer continental shelf reserves. The total includes both the Chukchi Sea, off Alaska's northwest coast, and the Beaufort Sea off the state's north coast.

Shell Oil Co., the U.S. arm of Royal Dutch Shell PLC, hopes to drill up to three wells in the Chukchi during the short open water season this summer and two wells in the Beaufort.

Salazar said Shell must still obtain approval from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which must inspect and approve equipment that has been designed for spill response. That equipment includes Shell's capping stack, a device that could be lowered onto a well after a blowout.

Rebecca Noblin, an attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity in Anchorage, said Shell's cleanup plan relies on technology such as the capping stack that has

not even been built, much less tested.

“The reality is, we don't know how to deal with an oil spill in the Arctic,” she said.

Chris Krenz of Oceana, an environmental group that focuses on oceans, applauded the decision to test Shell's response equipment but questioned why officials would sign off on the spill prevention plan before the tests.

“It's really ludicrous to approve Shell's spill plan before those in-water tests are done,” Krenz said.

The decision presumes the next test will succeed, but the last public test of cleaning a spill in ice-filled waters was in 2000 and was a failure, Krenz said. Shell's spill response plan claims it can clean up nearly all oil spilled, even though the recovery from BP PLC's Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, a location with far more infrastructure, was

about 10 percent.

“It's crazy,” Krenz said. “It's just not going to be possible. It seems like the Obama administration had joined Shell in oil response dreamland.”

Shell Alaska Vice President Pete Slaiby said approval of the oil spill response plan is a major milestone. The decision, he said, validates the huge amount of time, technology and resources the company has dedicated to assembling an Arctic oil spill response fleet.

The company spent \$2.1 billion on leases in the Chukchi Sea at a 2008 lease sale that was challenged by environmental groups, which claimed federal regulators did not follow environmental law before putting leases up for bid. The sale remains under court review.

Salazar said the approval of Shell's plan was guided by the latest science, new safety standards and lessons learned from

Deepwater Horizon.

Besides the capping stack, Shell had to show the capability to capture and collect oil from the stack and to have a second drilling ship stationed nearby that was capable of drilling a relief well that could kill a well blowout.

Shell's Chukchi wells are proposed for the Burger Prospect, about 70 miles offshore in about 140 feet of water. Slaiby has said the site presents far fewer technical challenges and cannot be compared to the deep-water drilling and high pressures involved in the Deepwater Horizon blowout.

James A. Watson, director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, said Shell's plan underwent an exhaustive review and his agency had confidence that the company can pre-stage equipment and personnel for effective spill response.

School is Cool

at the SALEM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Students in Miss DeShields' guided writing classes have been working on creating their own personal pizzas. Each pizza is a graphic representation about the individual uniqueness of each student.



Students in Mrs. Hrvatin's eighth-grade technology classes (first and second period) are corresponding with students in Sweden through a program called Epals. The students are exchanging information about the USA and Sweden through a casual cultural exchange.



Students in Mrs. Miller's health classes recently had a representative (Pat Prikard) from Operation Keep-sake come and speak to the eighth-grade students regarding good choices and healthy relationships.



On Dec. 17 the eighth-grade choir ensemble traveled to the Playhouse Square in Cleveland to sing before the performance of "The Christmas Carol" by the Great Lakes Theater. The ensemble then stayed to enjoy the play.



This past holiday season, Junior High members of the Salem Spanish Club donated their time to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Pictured are eighth-graders Matthew Weingart, Kendra Richardson and Jarrod Polen.



Students in Mrs. Rothbauer, Mrs. Emerick and Mrs. Ellis' classes are seen being rewarded with ice cream sundaes and a movie for achieving their responsibility points in class this grading period.



Students in Mrs. Wolfgang's U.S. history class have been working on many projects this year in which they combine technology with the lesson being taught to enhance concepts being learned in class. In this particular assignment, students took pictures of themselves then attached a hand drawn graphic of their bodies depicting themselves as either a Patriot or a Loyalist. The students then had to defend why they chose the side they did with supporting details from what they had learned in class.