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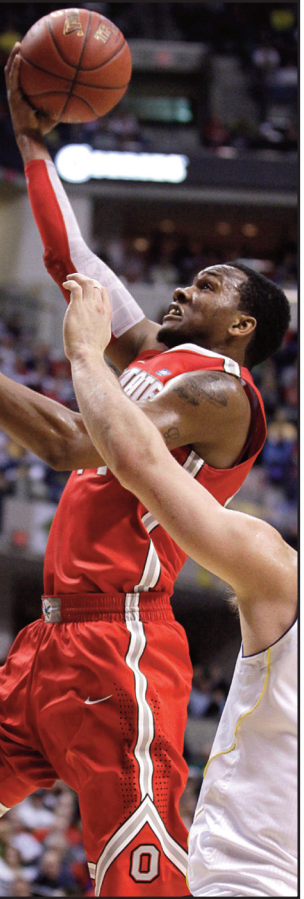
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New ratings system would impact schools

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

► COLUMBIANA COUNTY

LISBON — Every school district in Columbiana County would drop a grade under the new system for rating districts being implemented by the Ohio Department of Educa-

tion.
This means the six school districts that received an A last year would see their grades lowered to a B had the proposed new state report card system been in place then.
The state wants to use the new academic evaluation system starting the next school year as part of its request for a waiver from certain requirements contained in the federal No Child Left Behind law.
"NCLB has actually inhibited

schools by its focus on minimum standards instead of helping more students gain the knowledge and skills they need to be successful once they graduate," said state Superintendent Stan Heffner, in

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Music and good food!

The Salem Band Boosters hosted its annual spaghetti dinner Saturday afternoon in the high school cafeteria, featuring performances by the fifth and sixth-grades, junior high, high school and jazz bands. Proceeds from the event will be used for the school system's band program. Shown above, from left, Brooke Hughes on trumpet, Preston Henceroth on percussion, Brandon Craig on saxophone and Delaney Willoughby on flute performing with the fifth-grade band. For additional photos visit cu.salemnews.net. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)

SALEM

Women's Night Out is March 28

► **WHAT:** Women's Night Out
► **WHERE:** Salem Community Center
► **WHEN:** 4 to 9 p.m. March 28
► **TICKETS:** \$25 each. Ticket sales close March 19. Tickets available at the Salem Community Center, Giant Eagle and the Look Nook at Salem Community Hospital

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

The third annual Women's Night Out which combines health and nutrition educational opportunities with shopping, eating, chocolate and tuxedo-clad men is set from 4 to 9 p.m. March 28 at the Salem Community Center.

The event caters to women, but benefits children through funding for the Children's Fitness Center and its programs within SCC.

SCC Executive Director Heather Young said the hope is for the women to have a night for themselves, but to also gain an education that could roll into a lifetime of changes and healthy options for themselves and their families.

Those changes could trickle down to the younger generation, which

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Alternate voting locations in Salem considered

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — The Columbiana County elections board is already considering new voting locations should the Salem school district no longer make the elementary schools available.

Elections Director Adam Booth reported at this week's board meeting he has spoken to Salem School Superintendent Tom Bratten since Bratten told his board he would

"We've got plenty of time to sit down... to work things out."

— Elections Director Adam Booth

prefer their three elementary schools no longer be used as polling places.

Bratten said he has safety concerns created by the additional traffic in the parking lot and the possibility sex offenders may be among the voters coming to the

schools.

"I can see that," said board member David Johnson, and board member Larry Bowersock agreed.

Booth said they have already been looking for alternate locations in the same precincts of the schools that could be used as

polling places in future elections.

"We've got plenty of time to sit down ... to work things out," he said.

In other action, the board learned the staff had yet to order any new furniture for the office for when it relocates to the new county government services building under construction north of the downtown off state Route 45. The board

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Taser purchased through grant aids Columbiana police

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

COLUMBIANA — A city police officer may have been spared a more serious injury during an assault last week if a Taser had not been used, Police Chief Tim Gladis said Tuesday.

The Taser used by Officer Mark Edwards at 22 E. Salem St. was purchased through a Columbiana Community Foundation grant.

Edwards used the Taser as a stun gun on a man at the home who reportedly knocked Officer Tab Bailey to the ground injuring his knee.

The assault happened as Bailey and Edwards attempted to take him in custody for domestic violence.

Bailey was treated at Salem Hospital for the injury and released later that day.

"I read in the paper that an officer got hurt ... I am glad it wasn't worse," Council President Lowell Schloneger told Gladis during the Council meeting last week.

He thanked Gladis and Fire Chief Rick Garrity for securing grant funding for new technology for the departments.

The fire department was recently

awarded two new thermal imaging cameras through a federal grant and the Community Foundation grant paid for five new complete Taser X2 units for the police department. The grant was awarded last year and was for \$7,500.

"Keep after those grants. It is commendable we have two men working like this," Schloneger said.

Gladis said the department is "very fortunate" to have the Tasers.

"We are using this instance as an example. Without a Taser weapon we would have had to likely fight him to get him under control. Peo-

ple get hurt doing that. In this case we were able to put a rapid stop to it by using this tool," he said.

The Taser X2 units can shoot darts up to 25 feet and deliver 50,000 volts of electricity.

"(These) will drop a 1,500-pound steer in a New York Minute," he said. Although very powerful, the Tasers do not cause permanent injury when used properly.

He also said some of the department's officers even volunteered to be subject to a Taser deployment.

As for Bailey, he returned to work on Wednesday.

Ordinance would require registration of vacant homes

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

► LEETONIA

Leetonia Zoning Inspector John Rydarowicz Wednesday night presented the Zoning Committee with an ordinance requiring the registration of vacant homes.

The ordinance would require anyone with foreclosed upon property to notify the village within 10 days of vacating the home who will be responsible for maintaining the property. Anyone living outside the

Village Council did not address the issue in its meeting immediately following the committee's meeting.

According to Rydarowicz, there are currently 27 abandoned properties, most in foreclosure, for which the village must mow the lawns. In 2011 the village spent \$2,500 in mowing that is assessed as a tax lien on the property every Sept. 1. He said that if a property is sold prior to following Sept. 1, the village will lose all the money spent on main-

taining that property within that year.

After visitors at the meeting questioned how the village would be able to get people who are abandoning their homes to register with the village for \$75, Rydarowicz acknowledged that the ordinance is not an ultimate solution, but just a starting point to recover money spent on the properties.

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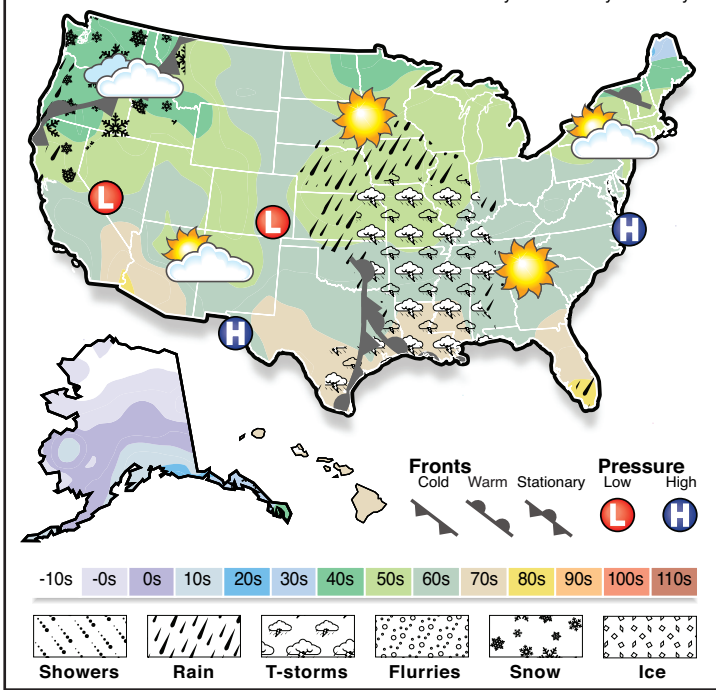
THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Sunny. Not as cool with highs around 60. Tonight...Partly cloudy in the evening...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Not as cool with lows around 40. Monday...Showers likely with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 60. Chance of rain 60 percent. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. Tuesday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Thursday...Partly sunny with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Chance of rain 40 percent. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Friday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Mostly sunny. Not as cool with highs in the upper 50s. Tonight...Partly cloudy in the evening...Then mostly cloudy with a chance of showers after midnight. Not as cool with lows in the mid 40s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Monday...Showers likely with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Chance of rain 60 percent. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. Tuesday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Thursday...Partly sunny with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Chance of rain 40 percent. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s

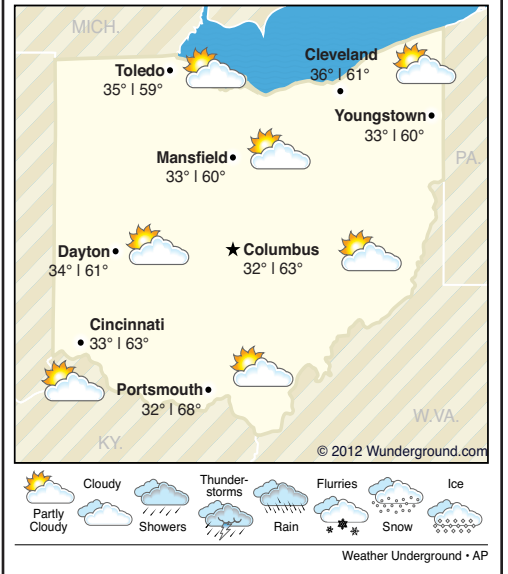
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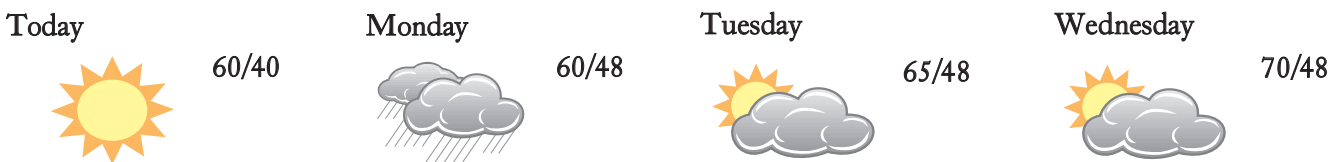


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Forecast for Sunday, March 11



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ALMANAC

On March 11, 2011, a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Japan's northeastern coast, a combined disaster that killed nearly 20,000 people and caused grave damage to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station in the world's worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl. In 1810, French Emperor Napoleon I was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria. In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln removed Gen. George B. McClellan as general-in-chief of the Union armies, leaving him in command of the Army of the Potomac, a post McClellan also ended up losing. In 1888, the famous Blizzard of '88 began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

Governor's tax proposal might save \$500M

COLUMBUS (AP) — The new tax structure set to be proposed by Ohio Gov. John Kasich might not lead to a cut in the income tax until 2014 but might save Ohioans' a half-billion dollars on those taxes by 2017. The Columbus Dispatch reports it obtained a copy of the plan showing the state would immediately get more revenue from oil and gas companies. The governor initially wants a 1.5 percent tax on certain resources extracted through a new form of oil and gas drilling known as hydraulic fracturing. The money generating by the drilling tax would be used to help offset the government's cost of instituting a cut in the personal income tax. The extent of that tax cut could depend on the amount of revenue that's received.

Crews fix landslide, rockslide sites

BRILLIANT, Ohio (AP) — Workers are removing trees from hills in eastern Ohio to prepare for blasting work to improve roadway safety in areas where a landslide and a rockslide caused big problems for drivers a year ago. WTOV-TV reports crews are removing trees from a hillside near the town of Brilliant, about 125 miles east of Columbus. A rockslide there last year heavily damaged two cars on state Route 7. An engineer with the Ohio Department of Transportation says crews this summer will blast the hillside to remove rock and create more of a catch area on one side of the road. The work is part of a nearly \$34 million landslide repair project. Similar work is being done further north near Wellsville, which had a rockslide last year.

Police: Officer killed man reaching for gun

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland police say an off-duty officer fatally shot a man who reached for a gun while sitting in a car that had fled the scene of a fight outside a bar. Sgt. Sammy Morris tells multiple media outlets the officer witnessed the fight shortly before 3 a.m. Sunday and saw a man in the car fire a handgun. The officer ran after the vehicle and called for help from other officers, who stopped the car. They ordered the three people inside to exit the car, but one remained and ignored police orders, even after an officer broke a car window. Morris says the man reached for a gun, and the off-duty officer shot the man in the head. The man was taken to a hospital, where he died.

Corruption case may lead to name change

BEDFORD HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) — The leader of a Cleveland suburb is pushing to rename a community center that's named for a former local mayor who's been convicted of dozens of corruption charges. Former Cuyahoga County Commissioner and Democratic official Jimmy Dimora was accused of arranging contracts and jobs in return for bribes. He was convicted of dozens of corruption charges Friday in a long-running case that led to voter-approved changes in the Cleveland-area political system. He previously was mayor of Bedford Heights, which dedicated its community center to him 12 years ago. Current Mayor Fletcher Berger tells WKYC-TV he wants the city council to consider changing the name to Bedford Heights Community Center. Council President Philip Saunders, who was sworn in by Dimora, says he would oppose the change.

ACROSS OHIO & OUR NATION

Village cops shut down after stun gun used

MOUNT STERLING, Ohio (AP) — Officials say the small police force in a central Ohio village has been shut down after an officer used a stun gun on a 9-year-old boy and the police chief didn't tell village leaders about it. Authorities haven't released many details about the Tuesday incident in Mount Sterling, about 20 miles southwest of Columbus. The Madison County prosecutor says police were called to an apartment about a boy who wouldn't go to school, and the situation somehow escalated before the stun-gun was used. Council President Lowell Anderson tells The Columbus Dispatch the police chief was suspended for not reporting what happened, and part-time officers are no longer working. The mayor says state investigators are looking into the officer's use of force. No further information about the boy was available.

Baby boys weighs in just under 14 pounds

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Southern California woman says doctors predicted she would give birth to a big baby boy, but nobody was prepared for just how big. Jayden Sigler weighed in at 13 pounds, 14 ounces, when the healthy boy was delivered Thursday by cesarean section, the North County Times reported Saturday. His mother, Cynthia Sigler of Vista, said that her immediate reaction was: "How'd he fit?" Doctors initially estimated that Jayden would weigh about 9 pounds, but that number jumped to 11 by early March, the mother told the newspaper. Dr. Jerald White, who delivered the baby at Tri-City Medical Center, said Jayden was the biggest of the 20,000 newborns he has helped usher into the world since he started in 1961. The doctor said delivering a very large baby via cesarean section is more challenging, but "it wasn't so difficult that it created a problem for anybody." While Jayden will likely make a big dent in the doctor's memory, he's small compared to the largest baby ever delivered: a baby born at 23 pounds, 12 ounces in January 1879, according to the Guinness Book of Records. That newborn was said to have died 11 hours after birth. The largest surviving birth, according to Guinness, was a boy born in 1955 who weighed 22 pounds, 8 ounces. But Jayden's weight hasn't lost its shock value to Sigler's family. She said her cousin didn't believe her until she showed a photo of the scale readout. Jayden's birth weight is almost twice that of his sister, Jailyne, now 2 1/2. She was 7 pounds, 2 ounces at birth. Sigler said she'll have to exchange all the baby clothes she bought for larger sizes.

Woman threatened to blow up school

MILTON, Del. (AP) — A Delaware woman has been charged with threatening to blow up an elementary school. Police say 48-year-old Lisa Thomas was arrested Friday morning after saying that she would blow up Brittingham Elementary School in Milton. She was charged with disorderly conduct and felony terroristic threatening. Police say Thomas entered the school and started cursing and shouting at the staff, and then went outside and threatened to blow up the school. The school was placed on lockdown.

Capt. John Cornwell tells the News Journal of Wilmington that Thomas was released on \$2,500 unsecured bail and ordered to have no contact with the Cape Henlopen School District. A phone message left at a listing for Thomas was not immediately returned Saturday.

Fishermen missing after debris field spotted

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — Authorities say four fishermen are missing after Coast Guard helicopters spotted a debris field and an oil sheen several miles off the Washington coast. The Guard says the emergency beacon from an Oregon-based fishing boat led rescuers to the debris field early Saturday. Coast Guard Petty Officer Shawn Eggert says the ship's owner told them four people were aboard the 62-foot fishing vessel. Helicopter crews spotted a damaged lifeboat but no sign of the four people. The debris field is about 17 miles west of Leadbetter Point near Willapa Bay. Crews were searching the water near Seaview, Wash. The boat's home port is in Warrenton, Ore.

Pastor seriously burned in rectory fire

PALISADES PARK, N.J. (AP) — The longtime pastor of a Roman Catholic church in northern New Jersey has been seriously burned in a fire at the church rectory. Officials tell The Record that the Rev. James Reilly had burns over 40 percent of his body and was hospitalized in critical condition. Two adjunct priests who also live in the St. Michael's Church rectory in Palisades Park weren't injured in the blaze, which broke out around 1 a.m. Saturday. Officials say Reilly, who is in his early 70s and has health issues, was sleeping when the fire started. Another priest heard the fire alarm and ran to Reilly's room. But the door was locked, so he called 911 and got the third priest to safety. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Dick Van Dyke marries makeup artist

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dick Van Dyke is a very happy newlywed at age 86, his spokesman said Friday. Van Dyke and makeup artist Arlene Silver, 40, were married last week in a small Leap Day ceremony at a Malibu chapel near the actor's home, publicist Bob Palmer said. "I've never seen him happier. She adds a lot to his life," he said, adding that the couple has much in common, including a love of singing. Members of Silver's family and some of Van Dyke's close friends were on hand for the intimate wedding. Van Dyke suggested the couple may hold a bigger ceremony in the future, Palmer said. Silver and the stage, film and TV star became friends about five years ago after meeting at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, Palmer said Friday. Michelle Triola Marvin, Van Dyke's partner of 30 years, died in October 2009 at age 76. Van Dyke gained fame in the musical "Bye Bye Birdie," for which he won a Tony Award in 1961, and starred in the 1963 film based on the play. His other movie credits include "Mary Poppins" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." The 1961-66 "The Dick Van Dyke Show" made him a TV star, and he's proved an enduring one: His other series include "Diagnosis Murder" (1993-2002) and made-for-TV movies such as 2008's "Murder 101: New Age." Van Dyke, who had a longtime marriage that ended in divorce, has four children.

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DEATHS

Mary N. Maniscalco

SALEM — Mary N. Maniscalco, 83, died at 1 a.m. Saturday at the Cleveland Clinic.

Arrangements are pending at Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

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Gene V. Carlson

SALEM — Gene V. Carlson, 88, a former Salem resident, died Saturday afternoon at the Fairlawn Haven Nursing Home in Archibold, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

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Rita M. Griffin

COLUMBIANA — Rita M. Griffin, 59, of Poland, died Friday at her home following an extended illness.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1952 in Youngstown, a daughter of George and Helen (Phulmurski) Aaron, and was a lifelong area resident.

Mrs. Griffin attended Austintown Fitch High School. Rita had worked as a cashier for Valu King and Giant Eagle in North Lima.

Survivors include her husband, Gregg, whom she married on June 9, 1976; a son, Jesse (Natalie) Griffin; two sisters, Elaine Wilson of Statesville, N.C., and Georgeann Patzak of Austintown.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Seederly-Mong & Beck Funeral Home in North Lima with Pastor Harold Carter officiating.

Friends may call from 12-2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at the Mt. Olivet United Church of Christ Cemetery.

Material contributions may be made to the Hope Center for Cancer Care, 835 Southwestern Run, Poland, Ohio, 44514.

Family and friends are invited to visit www.seederly-mongandbeck.com to view this obituary, sign the guest registry, or send private condolences online.

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Richard M. "Mick" Harrold

LISBON — Richard M. "Mick" Harrold, 65, of Middle Beaver Road, died at 11:05 p.m. Friday at Blossom Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following an 11-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Harrold was born Dec. 18, 1946 in Salem, a son of the late Delmar and Jane (Daugherty) Harrold, and had lived in the area all of his life.

A 1965 graduate of Beaver Local High School, Mick worked as a meat cutter, working most recently at the Salem Giant Eagle.

He also served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Harrold also served as a firefighter with the Lisbon, Calcutta, and Liverpool Township fire departments.

He is survived by his wife, Linda (Goodballet) Harrold, whom he married Dec. 8, 1977; a daughter, Robin Maley of Culpeper, Va.; a son, Michael Harrold of Culpeper, Va.; stepson, Christopher Yanni of Hudson, N.H.; sister, Judy White of Salem; brothers, Dennis Harrold of Columbiana, Steve Harrold of Washingtonville, and Robert Harrold of East Liverpool; and three grandchildren.

No calling hours or funeral services will be observed at this time. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Friends may view this obituary and send condolences online at www.eells-leggett-stauffer.com. The arrangements are in the care of the Eells-Leggett-Stauffer Funeral Home.

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Donald E. Hoopes

SEBRING — Donald E. Hoopes, 81 of Damascus died Saturday at home.

Mr. Hoopes was born in Beloit on July 10, 1930, the son of the late Arlan (Bud) and Evelyn (Scheoni) Hoopes.

Mr. Hoopes was a graduate of Goshen High School Class of 1948, earned a BS in education in 1969, and a master's of education in 1971 from YSU. He was a teacher and principal in the West Branch School District for 24 years. Donald was a member of the Alliance Retired

Teachers Association, Damascus Friends Church, Mason's, and Eastern Star of Alliance.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Cressie May (Wharton) Hoopes; five children, Mark (Cathy) Hoopes of Salem, Marsha (Rex) Johnson of Florida, Laura (Mike) Sanor of Lisbon, Diane (George) Banar of South Carolina and Monte (Kathy) Hoopes of Hartsville; 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and a brother Buddy (Lela Mae) Hoopes.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert L. Hoopes, Harold (Butch) Hoopes; a sister, Marilynn (Hoopes) Haynam and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Damascus Friends Church with Rev. John Ryser officiating.

Friends may call on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Gednetz-Ruzek funeral home and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Highland Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Damascus Friends Church Building Fund 28857 Walnut Damascus, OH 44619. Friends may send condolences and sign the guest register online at www.grfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by Gednetz-Ruzek Funeral Home.

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Coontz benefit set at Lisbon church

LISBON — New Lisbon Presbyterian Church is hosting a benefit dinner for 10-year-old cancer victim Olivia Coontz from 4 to 6:30 p.m. March 17 at the church.

All proceeds will be used to help with Olivia's care. Pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages will be served. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. Carryouts will be available. For information call 330-424-5107.

Frank Gleason Coy Jr.

SALEM — Frank Gleason Coy Jr., 72, of Salem, died at 11:30 p.m. Friday at Salem Community Hospital.

He was born on June 3, 1939 in Alliance to the late Frank and Minnie Coy Sr.

He was a lifetime area resident and a longtime employee of Eljer Mfg. in Salem. He attended the Salem First Christian Church and was a member of the Faithful Friends Sunday School class. Mr. Coy was active in the Salem City as well as Columbiana County Democratic Party. In 2001 he was named the Democrat of the year. An active member of the AFL-CIO.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, the former Winifred Valaise Carlisle, whom he married on April 26, 1968; two daughters, Larena G. Mckinley of North Canton and Annette V. Coy of Salem; and a brother, John (wife Ruth) Coy of Alliance.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Dean Coy.

A time of visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen Funeral Home, Salem. The funeral service will immediately follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Leonard Moore of the church, officiating. The burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery in Greenford.

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Pauline Edna (Everson) Bixler

SALEM — Pauline Edna (Everson) Bixler, 97, of Salem, died at 11 a.m. Saturday at Essex of Salem #3.

She was born on March 15, 1914 in Alliance, to the late Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Fites) Everson.

Mrs. Bixler was a lifetime area resident. She was a 1932 graduate of the Greenford High School, a former member of the Greenford Historical Society and a member of the Greenford Lutheran Church.

Survivors include sons Larry (wife Thelma), Philip, Norman (wife Mona) and Daryl (wife Mary Caye) Bixler, all of Salem; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death on Oct. 20, 1980 by her husband, P. Ray Bixler; and three brothers, Charles, William and Benjamin Everson.

A time of visitation will be observed on Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen Funeral Home in Salem. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael McCarthy of the church officiating. Burial will immediately follow in Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to be made to the Memorial Fund of the Greenford Lutheran Church.

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POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— Michael P. Hazen, 35, 1622 Quaker Lane, Salem, was cited for failure to yield following a two-vehicle crash on East Third Street at 14:13 p.m. Thursday in which he was east-bound and allegedly pulled into the intersection at North Union Avenue, colliding with a northbound vehicle driven by Judy K. Potts, 50, West 14th Street, who had also pulled from a stop sign.

— Police responded to an Olive Street business at 12:56 p.m. Friday where the owner reported someone had taken two metal I-beams and two ladders from the property.

— A patrolling officer observed a large amount of smoke coming from behind a Maple Street home at 5:15 p.m. Friday and found it to be a resident burning leaves. The resident was warned against the action.

— Police responded to the 600 block of East Third Street at 8:36 p.m. Friday for a report of the brakeline of a vehicle parked along the street having been cut.

— Officers responded to a Woodland Avenue home at 9:51 p.m. Friday where David Baker reported someone at a neighboring home had thrown a breakable object onto his driveway. Officers spoke to two juveniles who admitted throwing a plate onto the drive and agreed to clean it up.

— Police responded to a South Lincoln Avenue home at 3:05 a.m. Saturday where a resident reported a man was lying in his driveway. The man was found to be intoxicated and given a ride to his home a block away.

— Jimmie L. Dubose, 207 Apple St., Salem, was arrested for disorderly conduct after police responded to an assault report at a Newgarden Avenue home at 6:36 a.m. Saturday.

PERRY TOWNSHIP REPORTS

— Jacob E. Andrews, 330 Columbia St., Leetonia, was cited for driving under suspension following a traffic stop in the 1600 block of North

Ellsworth Avenue at 2:05 p.m. for fictitious plates.

— Police responded to a report of a fire in the woods in the 1600 block of Grant Street at 9:27 p.m. Wednesday and found it to be a controlled burn. Officers stood by until the fire department arrived.

— Police responded to the 1800 block of Goshen Road at 10:48 p.m. Wednesday for a possible fire in a breaker box and found it to have shorted out but caused no flame. Officers stood by until the fire department arrived.

— An officer responded to a business in the 1100 block of West State Street at 6:56 p.m. Thursday where a driver allegedly attempted to turn around and became stuck in the front yard. A second vehicle from the same company as the stuck one was able to pull it out. The driver agreed to make arrangements for compensation.

— A West Pine Lake Road man reported at 9:08 p.m. Thursday that someone had been knocking on his door and yelling. Officers searched the area but were unable to find anyone.

GOSHEN POLICE DISTRICT

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Audit of BWD results in non-compliance citations

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — A routine audit of the Buckeye Water District resulted in nine citations for failing to follow mandated bookkeeping procedures and other recommendations on how to do things better.

The non-compliance citations resulted from a routine state audit of BWD books for 2010 and 2011. The following is a list of citations for failing to comply with state bookkeeping procedures:

— In 2010, the BWD purchased a crew cab truck from America's Body Work for \$42,915, which would have required competitive bidding since the dollar amount exceeded \$25,000. "The District was unable to provide support that this purchase was properly bid, with the lowest and best bidder being awarded the contract," according to State Auditor David Yost, in the management letter that accompanied the audit.

BWD Director Al DeAngelis said there was no reason to seek bids because the company was the only one in the area that sold the particular truck with the specifications being sought.

— The BWD failed in 2010 to create funds for bond payments, which are used to pay for specific construction projects, with debt payments instead being recorded in the water operating fund. Yost said a bond payment fund needs to be established for each bond series. "This would ensure debt activity is accurately accounted for and the terms of debt covenants (sic) are met," he said.

DeAngelis said they had a reserve account into which they deposited money to cover bond payments, but the state insisted there be a separate bond payment fund.

— The BWD failed to file its 2010 annual financial report in the prescribed form established by the state.

— In 2011, BWD officials charged \$250 for meals on a BWD credit card without attaching the necessary documentation showing who was in attendance and why the meal was necessary. They included meals at Casa De Emanuel in East Liverpool, Dee Jays in Weirton, W.Va., and three meals at McDonald's.

Two meals were purchased with a BWD credit card in 2010 at Casa De Emanuel that failed to include the required supporting documentation, but this did not result in a non-compliance citation.

"That was my fault," DeAngelis said of the lack of accompanying documentation. "I just probably handed over the receipts and forgot."

These meals, described by DeAngelis as "work sessions," involved staff and/or board members and often occurred during long work days when they were involved in a particular project, he said.

— Funds were transferred several times from the general fund without the BWD board's authorization, and enterprise debt service funds were created without board approval.

— The BWD failed to submit annual financial information about its two revenue bonds to the Electronic Municipal Market Access system.

— In 2011, the BWD was required to maintain a minimum reserve of just over \$2 million for revenue bonds, but the current reserve was \$1.89 million because of some equipment purchases.

The reports also contained a series of recommendations based on what was found during the state audits. One

of those recommendations addressed cell phone usage policy, which the state audit found deficient, resulting in the BWD paying for "coverage costs on cellular phone bills for text messages in excess of the district's plan allowance" in 2010, Yost wrote.

The audit report noted this occurred again in 2011, with the district again paying for text messaging in excess of policy allowances.

DeAngelis disputed this, saying the cell phone plan they have has unlimited text messaging, so no additional costs were incurred.

The state also issued a number of bookkeeping recommendations regarding spending transactions and how they were recorded. The state found that amounts paid did not always agree with the invoice, that some invoices were paid twice, interest payments were incurred for late payment of bills, and the vendor name on record failed to always match the check.

The audit also found the signature cards on file at Huntington National Bank included the names of past BWD board members, overtime payrolls reports were not always approved by a supervisor, and the board meeting minutes failed to reflect detailed financial information that should be included.

Huntington National Bank is no longer their main depository and the only account they have at bank is less than \$1,000, DeAngelis said. As for the late payment penalties, he said this occurred just once and during the transition period after their fiscal officer resigned and a new one was hired.

DeAngelis said much of what is in the audits are items the BWD is made aware of at monthly finance committee meetings, which is when they go over budgetary items in detail. He said there is no need to go into the same detail during the financial report at regular BWD meetings unless a member has a question.

DeAngelis noted there were no findings for financial recovery, which are the most serious citations that can result from a state audit. "I thought, overall, the audit went rather well, and they always have to come up with something," he said.

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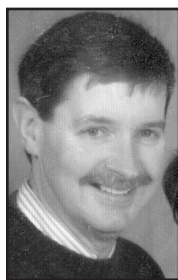
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POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— Michael P. Hazen, 35, 1622 Quaker Lane, Salem, was cited for failure to yield following a two-vehicle crash on East Third Street at 14:13 p.m. Thursday in which he was east-bound and allegedly pulled into the intersection at North Union Avenue, colliding with a northbound vehicle driven by Judy K. Potts, 50, West 14th Street, who had also pulled from a stop sign.

— Police responded to an Olive Street business at 12:56 p.m. Friday where the owner reported someone had taken two metal I-beams and two ladders from the property.

— A patrolling officer observed a large amount of smoke coming from behind a Maple Street home at 5:15 p.m. Friday and found it to be a resident burning leaves. The resident was warned against the action.

— Police responded to the 600 block of East Third Street at 8:36 p.m. Friday for a report of the brakeline of a vehicle parked along the street having been cut.

— Officers responded to a Woodland Avenue home at 9:51 p.m. Friday where David Baker reported someone at a neighboring home had thrown a breakable object onto his driveway. Officers spoke to two juveniles who admitted throwing a plate onto the drive and agreed to clean it up.

— Police responded to a South Lincoln Avenue home at 3:05 a.m. Saturday where a resident reported a man was lying in his driveway. The man was found to be intoxicated and given a ride to his home a block away.

— Jimmie L. Dubose, 207 Apple St., Salem, was arrested for disorderly conduct after police responded to an assault report at a Newgarden Avenue home at 6:36 a.m. Saturday.

PERRY TOWNSHIP REPORTS

— Jacob E. Andrews, 330 Columbia St., Leetonia, was cited for driving under suspension following a traffic stop in the 1600 block of North

Ellsworth Avenue at 2:05 p.m. for fictitious plates.

— Police responded to a report of a fire in the woods in the 1600 block of Grant Street at 9:27 p.m. Wednesday and found it to be a controlled burn. Officers stood by until the fire department arrived.

— Police responded to the 1800 block of Goshen Road at 10:48 p.m. Wednesday for a possible fire in a breaker box and found it to have shorted out but caused no flame. Officers stood by until the fire department arrived.

— An officer responded to a business in the 1100 block of West State Street at 6:56 p.m. Thursday where a driver allegedly attempted to turn around and became stuck in the front yard. A second vehicle from the same company as the stuck one was able to pull it out. The driver agreed to make arrangements for compensation.

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CORRECTION

Matt Galladay's name was misspelled in the article about Congressman Bill Johnson's visit to Ohio Pet Foods in Lisbon which appeared in Saturday's paper.

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Scouts visit Salem News
Members of Boy Scout Pack 32 from the Ellsworth-Berlin Center area were special visitors to the Salem News Saturday. They were given a demonstration of the editorial process by managing editor J.D. Creer. Front, from left, Jacob Gorge, Logan Fair, Nathan Robinson, Mason Sharo; back, from left, Aidan Sharo, Matthew Brown, Dylan Fair, Tyler Robinson and P.J. Beres. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)



is the whole idea behind the Children's Fitness Center.

"That's our goal with this — educating early and creating a habit...for exercising and eating properly," she said.

Women's Night Out is the biggest fundraiser for that area to provide access to the Children's Fitness Center and its programs, including the program for area school children, at no cost to the children.

"We're truly blessed the community is behind a project like this," Young said.

Tickets are \$25 per person and available for purchase at SCC, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem Giant Eagle, 2401 E. State St., and The Look Nook Gift Shop inside Salem Community Hospital, 1995 E. State St. Ticket sales close March 19.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend two 45-minute breakout sessions by physicians and other local health experts, choosing from a list of seven topics.

The sessions will be held from 6 to 6:45 and 7 to 7:45 p.m., with the keynote address at 8 p.m. by Julia Fuhrman Davis of North Lima.

Davis is described as an author, motivational speaker, environmental activist, licensed massage therapist and certified yoga teacher. Her topic will be "The Art of Taking Care of Yourself: It's an Inside Job."

According to her bio, she shares her life lessons by writing books and speaking professionally, encouraging others to "get more in tune with their true feelings, and express those feelings in a clear, direct, kind way."

The breakout sessions will include: — "You Can Eat Anything" by Linda Ro, a registered and licensed dietitian at the Salem Area Visiting Nurse Association, the Ohio Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps for Columbiana and Mahoning counties and an instructor at Youngstown State University.

— "Top 10 Exercises and Stretches You Shouldn't Live Without" by Laurie Camp, who has been on staff at SCC since 2002 and currently serves as a fitness instructor, personal trainer and wellness assistant, leading both Fit, Fabulous Females and Run Salem.

— "Edible Landscaping Basics" by Maurice Peoples, the Horticulture Facilities Coordinator at Kent State University Salem Campus who assists in classroom and lab instruction and oversees green-

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house, nursery and display plantings. — "Minimizing Migraines" by Anita Hackstede, M.D., vice president of medical affairs at Salem Community Hospital and board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, practicing part-time at the Lisbon Community Health Center.

— "10 Most Common Questions Women Want To Ask Their Doctor" by Michael Sevilla, M.D., Family Practice, board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and practicing at SCH since 2001 as an active staff member.

— "Skin Through the Ages" by Susan Woods, M.D.

— "Who Has Mental Stress" by Jamie Benner, a 2002 graduate of Mount Union College with a bachelor's degree in psychology and several years of experience in the mental health field, working at SCH since July.

"The talks are going to be a little more interactive, which is a little bit different from last year," Young said. "I'm very excited about all of our speakers."

As in previous years, attendees who don't have as much time available can still have access to the shopping, the chocolate fountain and the dinner served by Steve James and The Fifth Seasons throughout the evening.

The menu will include wedding soup, broccoli cheese soup, roasted vegetable bruschetta, chicken caesar wrap and pulled pork sliders, along with a selection of finger foods, such as cheese, vegetables and fruits.

The Vendors' Marketplace will include a variety of offerings with over 75 local vendors. There will also be a variety of gift baskets to be raffled off at the end of the evening, with all attendees receiving a gift bag full of fun sample products and information.

Platinum sponsors for the event include Salem Community Hospital, Stadium GM Superstore and Haltec Corporation. Other sponsors include Copeland Oaks/Crandall Medical Center, BOC Water Hydraulics Inc., Essex of Salem, Salem Radiologists Inc., Piranha Aquatic, Sterling House, Bahama Bay Tanning, and BPW Business & Professional Women's Club.

SCC can be reached at 330-332-5885 or check the website at www.salemcommunitycenter.com.

Mary Ann Greier can be reached at mgreier@salemnews.net

Voting

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expects to be able to move in by May.

"Go ahead and order it," Bowersock told Booth.

Johnson said keeping the same furniture they have been using during his 20 years on the board would be an "atrocious."

"To move into new offices with this rickety furniture would be a shame," he said.

Booth said he has begun checking around for newer used office furniture as an option. "It doesn't have to be brand-spanking new. It just doesn't have to be 50 years old," Johnson told him.

Johnson, who is a Republican, and Bowersock, who is a Democrat, said they would speak with the county commissioners from their party about purchasing new furniture and filing cabinets.

The board also reappointed Booth to another two-year term as director and Kim Meek to another two-year term as deputy elections board director. This was the year the two were supposed to swap positions according to board policy, but Booth said the decision was made for the swap to occur every four years instead so the director would preside over a gubernatorial and presidential election instead of just one or the other. Booth and Meek are paid the same, regardless.

Finally, Patty Colian was re-elected board chairman and Jim Beardsley was named vice chairman.

PATROL

— Walter J. Hucko, 67, Davnor Road, Lisbon, was eastbound on Tower Road in Butler Township at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday and Craig A. Schmidt, 23, Kelly Park Road, Columbiana, was westbound on Tower Road when a side door opened striking Hucko's vehicle. Schmidt was cited for all loads to be properly secured.

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Schools

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a news release issued last week.

"Getting this waiver is part of raising the bar for Ohio schools so that we can remain competitive. This new accountability system will give Ohioans a more honest picture of how our schools are really performing," he added.

The waiver application includes a request to move to an A-F letter grade system as part of a new evaluation system that is supposed to present a more accurate analysis of a district's academic performance.

According to a story in the Columbus Dispatch, Ohio students are doing well on the annual state tests that serve as the basis for the report card, but they are scoring considerably lower on the national math and reading exams. In addition, more than 40 percent of Ohio's college freshman must take remedial courses.

"Our current accountability system is based on minimum standards that no longer make sense in a global economy, where good-paying jobs require higher skills than are currently being expected of our students," Heffner said.

Under the current system, 92 of districts statewide received an A or B, which would drop to 66 percent under the new system. As noted above, six of the 12 districts in the county received an A, as did more than half the districts in Ohio.

One of those achieving its first A grade last year was the Lisbon. "We were obviously pleased last year when we received our excellent rating," said Lisbon Superintendent Don Thompson, pointing out this was the result of extra

The following is a list of the school districts in the county and the grades they received under the current system compared to how they would have fared under the new system:

District	Current	New
Beaver Local	A	B
BOSS	C	D
Columbiana	A	B
Crestview	A	B
East Liverpool	C	D
East Palestine	B	C
Leetonia	B	C
Lisbon	A	B
Salem	A	B
Southern Local	B	C
United Local	A	B
Wellsville	C	D

steps taken by the staff and administration to provide more assistance to students who needed it.

But having said that, Thompson noted there was a feeling among administrators the results might be skewed since so many districts were now receiving As. "But we don't make the rules, we just play by them," he said.

Thompson said academic rating systems for districts are here to stay. "I believe in accountability. We should be held accountable for the work we do," he said.

The current report-card system is based mostly on the results of annual state exams taken by students, but he hopes the new system goes beyond that. "I think what is happening every day (academically) should have some bearing, and I think they recognize that," Thompson said.

The new grading system would take into account: academic performance based on state tests; graduation rates; a school performance index; student progress; and the progress of poorer, minority, disabled and other categories of students.

The Columbus Dispatch contributed to this story.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

— Ron Baker, Sigler Road, Salineville, reported at 10:39 a.m. Saturday audio equipment he was storing in a friend's basement had been dismantled. A deputy told him it was a civil matter.

— Bill Superak reported at 9:21 a.m. Saturday a pop machine was broken into at Middleton Ace Hardware on Crestview Road in Columbiana.

SHALE PERMITS

LISBON — Five more permits to drill for shale gas in Columbiana County have either been applied for or issued by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources:

— Elkrun Township: Morris unit in Section 28, with access from Morris, Middle Beaver, Cream Ridge and Damer roads; Chesapeake Exploration is the applicant.

— Elkrun Township: Reed unit in Section 28, with access from Cream Ridge and Elkton roads; Chesapeake Exploration is the applicant.

— Fairfield Township: Mellinger unit in Section 7, with access from Beeson Mill and Leetonia roads; Chesapeake Exploration is the applicant.

— Unity Township: Fowler unit in Section 32, with access from Mill-rock Road; Chesapeake Exploration is the applicant.

— West Township: Henderson unit in Section 25, with access from Buffalo and Watson roads; Chesapeake Exploration is the applicant.

This brings to 27 the number of new gas permits sought and/or issued in the county since July 2010, although more than one well may be drilled per site. The following are the list of permits by township: Butler, 4; Elkrun, 2; Fairfield, 2; Franklin, 2; Hanover, 5; Knox, 2; Madison, 2; Middleton, 3; Unity, 1; Washington, 2; and West, 2. One of the permits in Franklin Township has been withdrawn by Chesapeake.

Leetonia

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"There is no easy solution, but I have to start somewhere," he said. "I need the tools to get these mowing bills down."

Rydarowicz said there are currently 37 communities in Ohio with a similar ordinance.

Additionally several rental property owners attended the meeting and sub-

sequent council meeting in reference to a landlord-tenant agreement Rydarowicz had reintroduced to council last month, but neither the committee or council addressed the issue.

The owners stated that they had formed a group and were willing to work with Rydarowicz and council to develop an ordinance more acceptable to the landlords. Mayor Artie Altomare responded that the group would be welcome and promised that it would be notified when the issue will be discussed.

The revised ordinance still requires the owners to pay a registration fee, open the property to inspections and purchase hazard and general insurance for the home, but eliminates the requirement for proof of the occupant's legal citizenship or residency. It also eliminates the requirement that each additional members living in a unit register as an occupant.



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SUN/11

BELOIT

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

HAMMONDSVILLE

Stanton Ruritans, baked steak dinner, noon-3 p.m., Saline Township Complex.

SALEM

Basic Ohio CHL class (concealed carry), 8 a.m., Salem Hunting Club. Pre-registration required, 330-332-9847.

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

Sons of Union Veterans, 19th Ohio, meeting, 2 p.m., Salem Historical Society meeting room; visitors welcome.

Kent State University Musical Theatre Students perform Broadway hits, free concert, 3 p.m., KSU City Center.

Spaghetti dinner and silent auction fund raiser for Lexi Karlen, 4-7 p.m., First Friends Church, 1028 Jennings Ave. Spaghetti dinner, \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Carryouts available. To donate items for the dinner, silent auction, or in general call Jason Green at 330-692-5637.

SALINEVILLE

Southern Local Little Indians football and cheerleading organization, spaghetti dinner fund raiser, 1-4 p.m., United Methodist Church, \$6 each or \$25 for a family of five; carryout available.

MON/12

CANFIELD

Parl board, Mill Creek MetroParks, 5 p.m., MetroParks Farm, Route 46.

COLUMBIANA

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

EAST PALESTINE

East Palestine Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

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

LEETONIA

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

Movie for Seniors, 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

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

Nonfiction Book Discussion, 6 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON

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

330-793-8153.

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

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

Reservation deadline for Mary Anne Creator's presentation "Discovering your Irish family ancestors;" 330-429-4896.

Public Employee Retirees, 1 p.m., Taste of Country Restaurant.

National Alliance on Mental Illness support group, meeting, 7 p.m., Counseling Center, state Route 154.

SALEM

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

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

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; chicken noodle soup, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, fresh vegetables, fruit, ice cream sundaes.

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.

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

Gettin' Crafty program, 6:30 p.m., Quaker Room, Salem Public Library. Registration required at adult circulation desk or 330-332-0042 (choose option 2).

SALINEVILLE

Southern Local Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., room E136, junior/senior high school.

WASHINGTONVILLE

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

TUE/13

COLUMBIANA

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

Elkrun-Fairfield Homemakers, meeting, 10 a.m., Southern Terrace Park; bring a coverdish and scissors.

HANOVERTON

United Local's kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year begins with a par-

ent orientation meeting, 6 p.m., elementary cafeteria; 330-223-8001.

LEETONIA

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

Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Leetonia Community Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m.

Shade Tree Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., village hall.

LISBON

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

Lisbon Exempted Village Board of Education, 5 p.m., board room, BOE office

Salem-Lisbon La Leche League, support group meeting, 7 p.m., WIC office, 7876 Lincole Place; 330-821-2585 or 330-420-0822.

NEW WATERFORD

Village council, 7 p.m., community building, 3760 Village Park Drive.

SALEM

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

St. Paul Seniors of St. Paul Catholic Church, luncheon/program meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club; reservations, 330-332-9728.

Salem Historical Society, program presented by Lou Raymond, "Antique Music Boxes," 7 p.m.; visitors welcome.

Salem Junior Mothers Club, Reading Is Fundamental NASA Space presentation given by Elaine Pappas of NASA, 9:30 a.m., Buckeye Elementary School.

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

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

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

Quota International of Salem, regular meeting, 6 p.m.; board meeting, 5 p.m., clubhouse.

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

WED/14

COLUMBIANA

Columbiana High School

Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Das Dutch Haus.

Crestview Local Board of Education, special meeting, 6 p.m., Crestview Local Performing Arts Center. Regular meeting, 7 p.m., music suite at the high school.

EAST PALESTINE

East Palestine High School Class of 1954, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Bojangles Restaurant.

LEETONIA

Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Pierogies available, St. Patrick Church, 167 Main St., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$6/dozen, potato & cheese, potato & cheese jalopeno, cabbage and kraut, special flavors by request, place large orders or special flavor requests by calling 330-301-3886 or 330-427-6577.

LISBON

David Anderson High School Class of 1956, breakfast, 9 a.m., Taste of Country Restaurant.

Area Singles, 6 p.m., Shale Tavern and Grille.

SALEM

Electric Furnace retirees and former employees, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Kent State University, Read-In to celebrate National Women's History Month, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Salem campus library.

Salem High School Class of 1956, luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Chamber Business Connection luncheon, Salem Community Center, 11:45 a.m. Reservations required, 330-337-3473 or tpeppel@salemohiochamber.org; speaker, Howard Rohleder.

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

Salem United Commercial Travelers Council #590, dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., Perkins Restaurant.

Free math tutoring service to all area students in grades seven-12, Quaker Room, Salem Public Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

Columbiana County Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., Salem Historical Society meeting room; speaker, Betty Bailey.

Salem High School Class of 1967, reunion meeting, 7 p.m., alumni office.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m.,

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

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

Electric Furnace retirees and former employees, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

SEBRING

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

League, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Salvation Army, 1249 N. United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 40 S. Market St., \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-10. Carryouts available; 330-426-2629.

WASHINGTONVILLE

Cleaning supplies and health products distribution, 4-6 p.m., while supplies last, Robbins United Methodist Church; for residents of Leetonia and Washingtonville, bring proof of residency.

THU/15

DAMASCUS

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

GREENFORD

Greenford High School Class of 1958, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Smokehouse Restaurant at the Bobcat Center.

LEETONIA

Stretch/Exercise class, 11:45 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

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

LISBON

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

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

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

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Family to Family Education classes, 6 p.m., Lepper Library; register at 330-424-5772 or 330-332-4863.

SALEM

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

Salem High School Class of 1947, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club. TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First

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

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

Girls of the Salem High School Class of 1957, lunch, noon, BB Rooners.

College Information Night, 6 p.m., Kent State University Salem campus, 2491 state Route 45 S. Reservations, 330-332-0361.

"Learn How to Attend College for Free," 6:30 p.m., Room 192, Kent State Salem, 2491 state Route 45 S; reservations, 330-337-4247.

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

Deadline to remove all Christmas decorations at Grandview and Hope cemeteries.

FRI/16

COLUMBIANA

Reservation deadline for Lunch and Learn Program, Columbiana Women's Club, 121 N. Main St., "Impromptu;" 330-207-1470.

LEETONIA

Leetonia High School Class of 1962, 9 a.m., breakfast, Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

Pierogies available, St. Patrick Church, 167 Main St., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$6/dozen, potato & cheese, potato & cheese jalopeno, cabbage and kraut, special flavors by request, place large orders or special flavor requests by calling 330-301-3886 or 330-427-6577.

LISBON

Fish fry, 4:30-7 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4111.

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.

SALEM TOWNSHIP

Deadline to remove all fall and winter decorations at Salem Township cemeteries.

SALINEVILLE

Southern Local alumni basketball game; 30 and over co-ed game, 6 p.m., followed by under 30 co-ed game, \$10 entry fee. Register at 330-853-8369.

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Abuse is devastating in Appalachia

By **CATHY BROWNFIELD**
Family Recovery Center

Which problem came first, economic depression or substance abuse? Does anyone even know the answer to that question? As the economy has suffered over the long term since the Economic Malaise of the early 1980s, has substance abuse become more of a problem? Recent reports say that "there is a growing concern that substance abuse is eroding the economic and social fabric of the Appalachian Region," according to the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) Online Research Center.

At the heart of the matter are the abuses of OxyContin in Central Appalachia, more alcohol and drug use among youth in rural areas and limited access to substance abuse treatment programs. Kentucky is a severely depressed state. According to the Kentucky Division of Substance Abuse (June 2002), "Appalachian Kentucky is experiencing drug-related deaths at about four times the rate of the rest of the state." In Ohio, the abuse problem is growing, but also, there is the problem of limited substance abuse treatment.

Some of the limitations may be related to stigma. People are afraid they will be ridiculed for seeking treatment for mental health or substance abuse

issues. It's reported that there aren't enough mental health professionals to go around. And there may not be enough local support for such agencies, forcing those who seek help to go outside their communities.

ARC reports "a greater proportion of people in Appalachia abuse prescription drugs and report mental health problems than in the nation as a whole...In the poorer counties in the region, reports of drug abuse and general mental health problems are significantly higher than in the rest of Appalachia."

The National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago reports that "poverty, depression, mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse reinforce each other, especially in the coal mining regions of central Appalachia."

The prescription drug abuse is interfering with the region's ability to improve the economy there. And as the economy worsens, drug abuse and mental illness become more common among the youth. The senior population is affected, as well, with senior citizens being arrested and spending time in jail for selling their prescription drugs to make their ends meet.

Appalachia is comprised of 410 counties including all of West Virginia and parts of Alabama, Georgia,

Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Substance abuse is bad for economic growth and social development. In fact, OxyContin is now regarded as "the street drug of choice in Appalachia."

Typically Appalachians live in significantly high poverty, in substandard housing, in an area with high unemployment. The people are socially isolated, are subject to discriminatory attitudes about their culture and lack health care coverage.

Knowing these facts about substance abuse and its effects in Kentucky should serve as an advisory to other Appalachian communities that are seeing a rise in substance abuse. Substance abuse isn't the problem of just the person who has it. It's a family issue. It's a community problem that affects everyone and needs everyone to contribute to correcting it.

Family Recovery Center promotes the well-being of individuals, families and communities with substance abuse and mental health education, prevention and treatment programs. For assistance or more information about this topic, contact us at 964 N. Market St., Lisbon; phone, 330-424-1468; or e-mail, info@familyrecovery.org.

SALEM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Menopause is process of transition not an illness



DR. DRAKE

For most women, natural menopause occurs between the ages of 45 and 55, with the average age of onset being 51.4 years of age.

Due to increases in the average life span, many women are now spending about one third of their lives in menopause. However, some mistakenly believe that symptoms like mood swings, weight gain, hair loss, fatigue and low libido are just a few examples of the common signs of aging that should be

brushed off as "the change of life." "Menopause is a natural process of transition, not a medical illness," explained David Drake, D.O. "A woman may experience many physical and emotional changes during her transition into menopause. Although some women have a mild transition, others suffer from more significant symptoms, like hot flashes, mood swings or incontinence."

As menopause approaches, women often experience a number of physical and emotional symptoms including:

- Irregular menstrual periods
- Hot flashes and night sweats
- Disturbed sleep patterns, early morning awakening or fatigue
- Anxiety, irritability or depression
- Dry skin
- Vaginal dryness
- Difficulty concentrating
- Frequent urination or leaking of urine

Causes and Stages

"Menopause usually begins naturally when a woman's ovaries start making less estrogen and progesterone," Dr. Drake continued. "During the reproductive years, these hormones regulate a woman's monthly cycles of ovulation and menstruation. In her late 30s, the amount of progesterone a woman's body produces diminishes. Eventually, menstrual periods stop, and she can no longer become pregnant."

Because this process takes place over time, menopause is usually divided into two stages:

- **Perimenopause:** The normal process leading to menopause, usually lasting about 4-5 years. "This is a time when menopausal symptoms are starting, even while a woman is still ovulating," Dr. Drake said. "Hormone levels rise and fall, with possible hot flashes and period irregularity."

- **Postmenopause:** The time that follows 12 months since a woman's last period. The ovaries produce much less estrogen and progesterone, and they don't release eggs.

"It's important to see your doctor during both perimenopause and post-menopause for preventive health care, as well as care of medical conditions that may occur with aging," Dr. Drake advised. "Although some problems attributed to aging are unavoidable, others can benefit from lifestyle changes or medical treatment."

Several chronic medical conditions tend to appear after menopause, such as osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease. "The two major female hormones, estrogen and progesterone, control the female reproductive system and have an effect on many other systems throughout the body," Dr. Drake said. "As hormone production declines at menopause, bones begin to thin, especially during the first 5 to 10 years. Also at menopause, women begin to lose their natural resistance to heart disease; and by age 65, their risk of heart attack equals that of men."

Managing Symptoms

Fortunately, many of the symptoms associated with menopause are temporary and women can often take steps to reduce or prevent their effects, such as:

- Cool hot flashes by dressing in layers and pinpointing hot flash triggers, such as hot beverages, spicy foods, alcohol, or a warm room.
- If you have trouble sleeping, avoid caffeinated beverages or exercise before bed.
- Strengthen your pelvic floor muscles by doing Kegel exercises, which can improve some forms of urinary incontinence.
- Eat a balanced diet that includes a variety of fruits, vegetables and whole grains and limits saturated fats, oils and sugars. If you are over 50, aim for 1,000 milligrams of calcium and 400 to 800 international units of vitamin D a day.
- Don't smoke. Smoking increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and a range of other health problems and may also increase hot flashes and bring on earlier menopause.
- Get at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity, weight-bearing physical activity on most days to protect against cardiovascular disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and other conditions associated with aging
- Schedule regular checkups. Talk with your doctor about how often you should have mammograms, Pap tests, and other screening tests.

March 13th: Menopause On Venus and Beyond

On Tuesday, March 13, Dr. Drake will present a free community program, "Menopause on Venus and Beyond," to help people understand the transitions occurring for both women and men at this time in their lives. Dr. Drake will also discuss ways that women can achieve optimum levels of health; along with new menopause management strategies, such as bioidentical hormonal therapy.

The March 13 program will be held in the Pearce Room at the Salem Community Center, 1098 North Ellsworth Avenue in Salem. Starting at 6:30 p.m., participants will have the opportunity to view educational displays, which will be followed by Dr. Drake's presentation, "Menopause on Venus and Beyond," at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided along with door prizes. Contact Salem Community Hospital's Marketing department at 330-332-7152, to register for this free program.

Out of bed! Hospitals aim to keep elderly strong

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) — Bob Landorf walked miles during his hospital stay, dragging his IV pole along, too, on a mission to upend disturbing statistics for patients his age.

At least one-third of hospital patients older than 70 leave more frail than when they arrived, and many become too weak to go home. Nursing home care or rehabilitation often are needed, and even then, research suggests more than two-thirds remain weaker a year after being in the hospital.

Elder-care experts challenge the idea that this decline is an inevitable part of growing old. They say conventional hospital care focusing on treating disease rather than preventing frailty contributes to the problem.

"Non-medical people say, 'Grandma went to the hospital with pneumonia ... and she was never the same again,'" said Dr. Kenneth Covinsky, a geriatrics specialist at University of California at San Francisco. "Pneumonia is a serious illness, but it is treatable" and should not leave patients disabled.

He and other advocates say hospitals need to revamp old-fashioned models of patient care to address the nation's aging population — from getting patients out of bed to offering better food and homey surroundings.

"Life has 100 percent mortality. But if you can change the age at which people lose function," they may live longer, better lives, said Covinsky, who wrote about the issue recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Some already are heeding the call, including the suburban Chicago hospital where Landorf was recently treated.

Intestinal discomfort sent Landorf to Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights last month. Doctors put the 74-year-old part-time chemist on intravenous fluids and ran tests for

a suspected blockage. But they didn't confine him to bed.

Two hospital units have volunteers who accompany patients on daily walking sessions of at least 15 minutes, their course marked by footprint decals on hallway walls. Landorf figures he did at least 20 laps daily during his stay.

His only complaint? "It would be nice if they had longer paths," he said.

Doctors found no intestinal blockage and sent him home after three days. Now he's back to working out three times a week, just like before his hospital stay.

Landorf thinks all that walking helped keep him in shape. The benefit is obvious, he said. "Any kind of exercise you can get when you're bedridden is good."

Days of bed rest raise chances for infection, can slow recovery from common conditions in the elderly including pneumonia, and contribute to surprisingly rapid loss of muscle strength in older patients. Dina Lipowich, Northwest's head of nursing and geriatrics, said the hospital is evaluating whether the walking program has reduced those risks.

"We want to preserve their independence," Lipowich said. "Gone are the days when we needed to stay in bed to get better."

Other hospitals, like Highlands Hospital in Birmingham, Ala., are changing standard mealtime practices to keep patients from losing weight. Busy staff may overlook whether patients eat, said Dr. Kellie Flood, medical director of a special elder-care unit at Highlands, operated by the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

One impediment is plastic wrapping the food, often a challenge for an older person's arthritic hands. Flood has enlisted college students to help remove the wrappers. Volunteers sometimes help feed patients, spending time with them during meals, making conversation that often helps lonely older people feel more like eating,

Flood said.

The program is modeled after one at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and Flood is evaluating whether the Alabama program has improved patients' function or shortened hospital stays.

She called it "one tiny piece" of maintaining baseline functioning.

The elder-care units where such efforts occur are one of the best-known models of geriatric hospital care, typically featuring specialists, nurses, physical therapists and other staffers who collaborate to keep older patients from becoming frail.

Often there is carpeting, special lighting or curtains to make older patients feel more at home. But the concept also involves challenging standard practices, from bed rest and feeding methods to routine use of things like urinary catheters that can increase risk of infection and which studies have shown are often needlessly used in older patients.

Developed more than a decade ago, the units have been slow to catch on. Fewer than 300 hospitals have them, or less than 10 percent of the nation's more than 4,000 hospitals.

Startup costs, typically at least \$200,000, may be a key reason, but these units can save money in the long run, said Dr. Kyle Allen, an elder-care expert who worked for Summa Health System in Akron, Ohio.

A comparison showed that hospital stays for patients in these settings there were almost half a day shorter than for those in standard hospital units, Allen said. "That doesn't sound like a lot," but it translates to hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual savings, he said.

Now he is helping Riverside Health System develop an elder-care unit at its regional medical center in Newport News, Va.

Northwest Community Healthcare:
<http://www.nch.org>

NICHE: <http://www.nicheprogram.org>

Survey: 1 in 5 families struggle with medical debt

ATLANTA (AP) — A survey shows 1 in 5 Americans say their families are having trouble paying their medical bills. Worse, half of those who are struggling say they are unable to pay a single dime toward those debts.

The survey of 52,000 people was conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from January through June of last year. It's the first time the government agency has looked at the issue in such a comprehensive way.

Peter Cunningham, who studies the issue for an independent health policy research group, says it may be the largest such study ever done on the matter.

Lower-income people struggled

the most. They were three times more likely to have difficulty paying their medical bills over the past year. It's the first time the CDC has asked the medical debt question in its long-standing, in-person health survey, so there is no previous data to compare it with.

But another organization — the nonpartisan Center for Studying Health System Change, where Cunningham works — believes the number of people struggling with medical debt actually has been stable in the last five years.

The statistic of 1 in 5 who struggle with medical bills was reported by Cunningham and his colleagues in a smaller study in 2007 at the start of the recession.

That figure remained the same in their 2010 survey, and that's surprising since the ranks of the unemployed and uninsured grew by millions.

"As the number of uninsured increased, and there was higher unemployment, you'd expect that more people would report having problems paying medical bills," Cunningham said.

However, he and other experts believe there's something else at play here: Many Americans are likely just cutting back on doctor visits, prescription purchases and other health care spending.

Online:

CDC report:
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

Business

OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Keep 3-year fund returns in perspective

By MARK JEWELL

AP Personal Finance Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Investing is all about numbers. Portfolio returns are critical, details about how they were achieved secondary. But numbers sometimes confuse more than they inform.

Understanding that reality is essential to make sense of current 3- and 5-year returns for stock mutual funds.

Current gaps between those common performance benchmarks are so huge that they don't seem credible. For example, most index funds tracking the Standard & Poor's 500 have delivered 3-year annualized returns around 28 percent a year — phenomenal, if those numbers could be sustained. Yet over five years, returns averaged less than 2 percent, roughly keeping pace with inflation.

The index fund results are on par with the 26 percentage-point difference between 3- and 5-year returns for diversified stock funds, the type that make up the bulk of most investor portfolios. The average is based on data from fund tracker Morningstar, through Wednesday.

The reason the numbers are so disparate? Funds are now wiping their 3-year records clean of the stock meltdown that ended March 9, 2009. Five-year records look comparatively awful because they include the market's 57 percent plunge from October 2007 to March 2009.

The gaps are even larger at many funds using high-risk strategies unsuitable for most investors. Among more than 5,000 diversified stock funds, the biggest gap is 92 percentage points, belonging to Direxion Monthly Small Cap Bull 2x (DXRLX). Its annualized 3-year return is a dazzling 75 percent per year, while it has lost an average 17 percent over five years. The fund tracks an index of volatile small-company stocks, delivering double the average monthly gains — or losses — of the Russell 2000.

And there's no shortage of mainstream, large funds whose volatile re-

turns have resulted in 3- vs. 5-year gaps far wider than the 26 percentage point average. For example, Legg Mason Capital Management Opportunity (LMOPX) has a 48-point gap, while Vanguard Capital Value (VCVLX) has a 42-point spread.

The bottom line for investors is that it's crucial to put current 3- and 5-year returns in context. They're a quirk of the calendar, and an illustration of the market's bust-to-boom cycle the past few years. The huge gaps are mostly noise for long-term investors who stay on track with a well-designed plan. But over a volatile stretch like the past five years, the damage can be long-lasting for investors who got scared and sold investments as the market was hitting bottom, missing the recovery.

Here are a few tips for keeping current 3- and 5-year fund returns in proper context:

— **Seek steady returns:** Funds with unusually volatile returns frequently outperform peers over brief periods, and in some cases for several years. But such volatility can often bring out the worst in investors prone to making short-term moves based on emotion. Fear bred by market declines often causes investors to miss eventual recoveries, and greed during rallies can lead to buying into a market that's near its peak. Consider a low-volatility approach.

Tom Roseen, a Lipper Inc. fund analyst, puts it this way: "Find a fund with a good steady manager at the helm, who can hit doubles and triples, even if they don't hit many home runs." Several funds that aim to deliver smooth returns currently have small 3- vs. 5-year gaps, with strong overall returns. One example: Forester Value (FVALX), with a 3-year average return of nearly 17 percent, and a 5-year average of 3 percent. Credit manager Tom Forester's defensive style, emphasizing stable dividend-paying stocks. This fund also frequently maintains a large cash position in its portfolio, providing a cushion when stocks are declining.

— *Be mindful of the difference a year*

can make: Many funds with the best records of recent years stand out because they limited their losses in 2008, when stocks plunged 38 percent. Out-performance during market declines can be crucial, because losses have a bigger impact on long-term results than comparable gains. If stocks lose 50 percent in value, it's important to remember that you'll need a 100 percent gain — not 50 percent — to get back to where you started. It's a reality that led to standout performance from Reynolds Blue Chip Growth (RBCGX). Sensing trouble in the housing market, manager Frederick "Fritz" Reynolds began selling stocks and holding on to cash as subprime mortgage troubles rippled into the stock market. His fund lost just 5 percent in 2008, among the smallest losses that year for large-cap growth funds. As the market turned in March 2009, Reynolds was shifting back into stocks. Reynolds' 5-year record, with an average annualized gain of 14 percent, is best among hundreds of funds in its category. Reynolds achieved that distinction with just 9 percentage points separating its 3- and 5-year returns.

— *Invest based on performance over long periods:* Quirks like the current 3- vs. 5-year gaps crop up from time to time after the market has gone through a volatile stretch. Volatility is likely here to stay, so don't overemphasize those 3- and 5-year numbers when assessing a fund's record. Give more weight to a fund's 10-year record, or even a longer period if data are available.

— *Diversify:* For most investors, diversification — spreading holdings among several types of investments, across a broad swath of the stock and bond markets — pays off. It means an investor will rarely outperform the market by a significant margin. But diversification can limit losses in downturns, and usually results in stronger long-term returns. To stay truly diversified, rebalance holdings periodically to restore an appropriate balance of stocks to bonds.

Stocks double in 3 years, but it's been a lonely party

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market is missing you. For more than three years, ordinary investors disgusted with wild swings have pulled money out of stocks. They've missed a breathtaking bull market: The Dow Jones industrial average has almost doubled from its low point during the Great Recession on March 9, 2009.

In the meantime, corporate America has racked up double-digit profit gains. If investors valued stocks at normal historical levels based on profits, we would be celebrating Dow 15,000, not Dow 13,000.

But the profit explosion is over, and the Wall Street pros who trade stocks mostly for big institutions and the rich are getting antsy. They've been doing the buying. And if Main Street doesn't join them, the historic rally could slow or even end.

Everyday investors "are more aware of the risk of the market," says Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at Standard & Poor's. "They're nervous. They're scared."

The Dow closed above 13,000 last week for the first time since May 2008, four months before the financial crisis. In a sense, the milestone was disappointing: Profits are at an all-time high, yet the Dow is well below its record of 14,164, set in October 2007.

Even though profits are growing, individual investors aren't buying. That shows up in something called the multiple — the ratio of what investors are willing to pay for a company's stock, compared with its annual profits.

If a stock trades for \$100 and the company has made \$5 in profit per share, its multiple is a fairly high 20. A higher multiple means more confidence that profits will grow. Maybe investors believe the company will turn a bigger profit next year of \$7 or \$8.

These days the multiples don't show much confidence.

Investors are paying a multiple of 13.5 times the past year's earnings for stocks. The typical multiple over the past 75 years is 16. If that were the multiple today, the Dow would be sitting above 15,000.

"We've built profits in the past three years," says Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management. "Now we need to value them differently."

The chatter on Wall Street about multiples comes as stock analysts worry that the double-digit profit growth is largely over. For the first three months this year, profits of companies in the widely followed S&P 500 index are expected to grow just 0.4 percent over the same period last year, according to FactSet, a provider of financial data. For all of 2012, they are expected to climb 9 percent. That assumes they will pick up toward the end of the year. That would be a healthy gain but will leave the index short of its record high unless investors get more excited.

If the earnings predictions for this year come true and the multiple stays in its rut, the S&P 500 will reach 1,421, well shy of its own record of 1,565. And the earnings projections may prove optimistic. Analysts have been slashing them lately.

The modest profit picture doesn't necessary doom the rally. There have been periods when earnings barely budged and stocks soared. In the five years through 1986, stocks in the S&P 500 nearly doubled while earnings slipped 2 percent.

The explanation is the magic of rising multiples. The average zoomed from nine times earnings to nearly 17 times. Could we be entering a similar period of growing confidence? Paulsen thinks so. He says that investors have shaken off fears of another recession and that debt-ridden Europe appears on the mend. He expects investors will value profits at closer to the average 16 times by the end of year, pushing the Dow and S&P near or past their records. But Jeffrey Kleintop, chief market strategist at LPL Financial, one of the nation's largest brokerages, thinks the market won't reach a record anytime soon. First, "people need to embrace stocks," he says. "Maybe next year."

One measure to watch is the flow of money in or out of U.S. stock mutual funds. From June through January, investors pulled \$137 billion more from these funds than they put in, according to Strategic Insight, an industry consulting group. Their apparent skittishness has led to less trading. About 3.9 billion shares of stock have traded on an average day this year at the New York Stock Exchange, down a third from three years ago.

The refusal by ordinary investors to buy stocks is even more surprising when you consider how little they're making from the alternatives. Their favorite assets of refuge — CDs, money market funds and U.S. government debt — don't even throw off enough interest income to compensate for inflation.

If stocks do return to a more normal 16 times profits, they're not likely to hover there for long. They tend to trade at widely varying multiples. Since World War II, stocks have traded as low as six times earnings and as high as 47.

What's more, stocks can stay at seemingly cheap or expensive multiples for long stretches. For the three years during the boom in dot-com stocks in the late 1990s, stocks in the S&P 500 traded at an average 37 times their previous year's profits. In the 10 years through 1951, they rarely broke 10.

At today's earnings, a 37 multiple would put the Dow at more than 36,000, according to FactSet. A multiple of 10 would sink the average to about 9,800.

All these hypotheticals can mislead, of course. To judge whether stocks are cheap or expensive, experts say you need to look at many figures, not just last year's earnings. Some also like to look at an average of earnings over the past 10 years to iron out the peaks and valleys in business cycles. By this measure, stocks are trading at 22 times earnings compared with a historical average of 16. In other words, stocks may be too expensive.

One school of thought holds that multiples of all kinds should be lower now because the U.S. has entered a period of slow economic growth and lower profits as governments and households pay off their enormous debts.

Retirees' withdrawal syndrome: How much to live on

By DAVE CARPENTER

AP Personal Finance Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Avoiding the nightmare financial scenario in retirement — running out of money — is getting trickier.

Rising life expectancy means having to pay for a longer retirement. The lack of a pension or frozen benefits translate to fewer, smaller checks from ex-employers. And the days of being able to count on averaging 10 percent annual returns from the stock market are over.

All that makes it even more important for retirees to know just how much they can take out of their portfolios every year without drawing them down too fast.

There isn't one model that fits all. It depends on individual circumstances, best reviewed with a financial adviser.

But the classic guideline long followed by many, and still respected, is widely known as the 4 percent rule. It holds that if you withdraw no more than 4 percent from your savings the first year of retirement and adjust the amount upward for inflation every year, you can be confident you won't run out of money during a 30-year retirement.

The strategy is credited to financial planner William Bengen, who published his research in the *Journal of Financial Planning* in 1994.

The twist is this: The father of the 4 percent rule says the complete number is actually 4.5 percent.

"A 4 percent rule is just so easy to think about. People just kind of ignore the extra half," chuckles Bengen, 64, who operates Bengen Financial Services in La Quinta, Calif.

Bengen spoke about his rule and the proper approach to withdrawals in a recent interview. Edited excerpts follow:

Q: How did the rule come about?

A: I started getting clients who were thinking seriously about retirement. They asked me, "How much can I take out of my portfolio when I retire?" I really hadn't a clue. So I started looking and I found no substantial information anywhere. I looked at data on investments and inflation going

back to 1926 and reconstructed the investment experience of retirees over the decades.

Q: The Wall Street Journal characterized your findings at the time as "scary for retirees and depressing for everybody else" because they suggested you can't squeeze nearly as much income out of retirement savings as had been thought. Did financial planners resist the new number?

A: I met a lot of resistance initially. I was surprised, too. People were assuming it was 6 percent, 7 percent. But they were using average rates of return, which is very dangerous.

It's like the guy who drowned in a lake with an average depth of 3 feet. You go out to the middle of the lake and it's 10 feet. So that doesn't help you to know what the average depth is. You have to be able to survive worst-case scenarios.

Q: What has changed, if anything, since you did your research?

A: Not much. I still think the rule is valid, although we're in a period of time which may challenge it.

People who retired in 2000 are of the greatest concern. They're the ones who started and had two major bear markets, which is unprecedented — two big 50 percent drops in the market.

A lot of it depends on what happens to stock market returns and inflation over the next five years. The real problem will come about if we get a big boost of inflation (well above its historical average of 3 percent), in that retirees are required to increase their withdrawals. That may make it hard for the 4½ percent rule to fly.

Q: What about the outlook for those retiring now?

A: If you're retiring today, you probably can't expect much more than 5 percent a year from U.S. stocks over the next five to seven years. That's a pretty bad start to your retirement. Bonds also don't look very good.

People retiring today have to be very careful. They may be better off not retiring for a couple of years.

The greatest asset you have in an environment like this is a good-paying job so you're not dependent on the

stock market or the bond market to support you.

Q: You mentioned having enough money in your scenarios for a 30-year retirement. With lifespans lengthening, is that a long enough period to use as a base?

A: If you feel you could live for 40 years in retirement, either because you're retiring early or you have an exceptional genetic predisposition, you wouldn't want to take 4.5 percent, you'd want to take 4.1 or 4.2 percent. If on the other hand you expect a very short retirement — you have bad health — you could think about taking out 6 percent or 7 percent.

Q: What else can retirees do to help their savings last besides sticking to the withdrawal strategy?

A: Besides cutting back on expenses, there's a couple of things they can look at.

One is to utilize the equity in their home and consider a reverse mortgage. That could take the pressure off their withdrawals. If they can get some money out of their house, they can take less out of their investment portfolio.

The other is maybe convert a portion of their portfolio to a fixed annuity. If you're age 80, you can get a fixed annuity paying you 8 percent, and if you're 85, almost 10 percent. So you could take 10 or 20 percent of your investment portfolio and convert it to a fixed annuity and get a very high payout.

Q: Do you have any other financial advice for retirees?

A: Be conservative in both your living expenses and your investments. It's also a good time to actively manage your portfolio. Buy and hold in this environment probably is counterproductive.

It worked in the '80s and '90s and I think it'll work again someday, but not in this environment, where there are so many risks and threats to capital.

Protect your nest egg. Don't let any one step on it.

AP Personal Finance Writer Dave Carpenter can be reached at <http://www.twitter.com/ScribblerDave>.

Obama strikes back at GOP critics on gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is hitting back at Republican criticism of his energy policies and his role in controlling gasoline prices.

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to underscore his administration's work to develop alternative energy sources and increase fuel efficiency.

"I'm going to keep doing everything I can to help you save money on gas, both right now and in the future," Obama said. "I hope politicians from both sides of the aisle join me."

He accused Republicans of a

"bumper sticker" approach to solving the nation's energy problems.

It's a familiar theme — Obama stuck many of the same chords during two out-of-town trips this week and during a White House news conference on Wednesday.

"We can't just drill our way to lower gas prices — not when we consume 20 percent of the world's oil," Obama said in the address, recorded during a visit Friday to a Virginia jet engine component plant.

In the Republican weekly address, North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple accused the Obama administration of blocking proj-

ects and technology that would allow greater energy production. He singled out the Keystone XL pipeline project, which Obama deferred.

"We cannot effectively market our crude oil domestically without a large north-south pipeline," Dalrymple said. "North Dakota oil producers were scheduled to feed the Keystone pipeline with 100,000 barrels of crude oil per day."

Obama said there wasn't enough time to properly study the project ahead of the deadline forced upon him by Republican congressional lawmakers. On Thursday, the Democratic-con-

trolled Senate blocked another Republican bid to speed approval of the pipeline, which would stretch from Canada to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Also Thursday, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said Obama is partly to blame for higher prices at the pump.

Gasoline prices paused this week in their march toward \$4 per gallon.

After 39 straight days of increases, prices fell nearly a penny from Tuesday to Thursday and held steady on Friday at \$3.758 per gallon for the national average. The lull won't

last long, and gas is still nearly 50 cents higher than it was at the beginning of the year.

Despite Romney's assertions, economists say there's not much a president of either party could do about gasoline prices. The current increases at the pump have been driven by fears of a war with oil-rich Iran and by higher demand in the U.S. as well as in China, India and other growing nations.

Online:

Obama address: www.whitehouse.gov

GOP address: www.youtube.com/gopweeklyaddress

Missing for weeks, hiker found alive

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Snuggled in a blue sleeping bag, Margaret Page and her cat survived 3 1/2 weeks in a rugged New Mexico national forest, even though temperatures dropped below freezing nearly every night.

Family members reported her missing Feb. 14. But for various reasons, authorities didn't start searching for her until this week. The 41-year-old Page, who has a history of mental illness, was found Wednesday emaciated and malnourished but well-hydrated.

Relying on a creek for drinking water, Page and her cat named Miya lived on just a handful of supplies, rescue workers said Friday. The nearest town — tiny Dusty, N.M. — was 10 miles away.

"Her cat was in better shape than she was," said Marc Levesque, New Mexico State Police Search and Rescue incident commander. "Her cat was also hunting. (Page) ran out of food a while back."

Page apparently purposefully hiked off a trail between Feb. 10 and Feb. 12. A Forest Service law enforcement agent spotted her silver Chevy passenger car on Feb. 12, but didn't think much of it because hikers leave vehicles near trails all the time, said Lt. Robert McDonald, a spokesman for the state police. Another Forest Service agent noticed the car on Feb. 25 but didn't con-

tact state police until 10 days later. Members of the Grant County Search and Rescue and other crews began the search for Page on Tuesday after her family notified state police that Page's car had been found at a campground.

She was found the following day about a mile up the Railroad Canyon Trail in an area known as the Black Range.

The area had seen average highs reach around 60 degrees with evening lows in the 20s. It didn't see much rain or snow, but there were some high winds.

Authorities don't believe Page intended to stay in the forest for as long as she did when she first set up camp, and they aren't sure what she ate after she ran out of food.

"She is an experienced backpacker," search crew leader Dave Kuthe said. "She had adequate shoes...she just took a bag of pretzels with her."

Also, Page's car was towed as crews began their search mission — something Robert Matulich, a field certified member of the Dona Ana County Search and Rescue team, said was unusual. Crews sometimes use vehicles to give the search dogs a scent to use, he said.

"It looks to me like somebody dropped the ball on this one," Matulich told the Silver City Sun-News. "Why'd they tow the truck? Who towed the truck?"

Woman loses a daughter and, months later, a son to shootings

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mary Schaab's only daughter was fatally shot 17 months ago, so she understood the horror and pain of losing a child, even before a Pennsylvania state trooper knocked at her door late Thursday to tell her the same thing had happened again — this time to her son.

Up until then, Schaab had not been especially worried as she watched the television news coverage that day about a gunman who killed one person and shot several others at the Pittsburgh psychiatric hospital where Michael Schaab worked.

"We sat and watched the news for hours and not even thinking (he might be a victim) because he worked on another floor, an upper floor," Mary Schaab said, referring to news accounts of the shooting on the first floor lobby of the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic.

Police now believe Michael Schaab was returning from a lunch break and just happened to be in the lobby when police say John Shick, 30, opened fire. University of Pittsburgh police shot and killed Shick, but not before the gunman wounded six others.

"A trooper came by and told us, about 10 or 11 last night," the Greensburg mother said Friday.

Her 25-year-old son, who lived in Edgewood, had indeed been the lone dead victim of the shooting she had followed on TV all day. Nancy Schaab, her 26-year-old daughter, was fatally shot Oct. 23, 2010, at the residence she shared with a man named Jordan Just. Although her death was just as up-

setting to her mother, authorities say Nancy Schaab was involved in the violence that ended her life.

Police say Just shot Nancy Schaab during an argument over heroin. They say he suffered a concussion, broken nose, and a small stab wound to his arm before the fatal shooting. Just pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter last June and is currently serving a six- to 15-year sentence at the State Correctional Institution-Cresson in central Pennsylvania.

The killing of Mary Schaab's son is less clear-cut, especially since Pittsburgh police have yet to determine the gunman's motive.

Michael Schaab had worked at the clinic since getting a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. His mother was too distraught after learning of her son's death to recall the year he graduated. The clinic is part of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, a hospital network that dominates health care in western Pennsylvania.

"He was just going back to school to get his masters, in occupational therapy. He just got engaged. We were just planning his wedding," she sobbed. "March 2013."

Schaab said that her son loved his job and that his patients in the clinic's geriatric unit and their families thought highly of him.

"I have letters from patients' families that just raved about him, about how good he was to their spouses or mother or father," Schaab said. "If you say anything, just say he was the best person in the whole world."

Cops in shooting had trained for campus gunman

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A gunman who shot to death a worker and wounded six others at psychiatric hospital at the University of Pittsburgh this week was himself killed by campus police who had trained for a Virginia Tech-style shooting, authorities said.

John Shick began shooting almost immediately upon entering the lobby of the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic on Thursday afternoon, Pittsburgh major crimes Cmdr. Thomas Stan-grecki said at a news conference Friday. Then, Shick went up a stairwell to a second-floor parking area, where he apparently tried to leave but couldn't open a secured door. A window on

the door was shot but didn't shatter, suggesting Shick tried to shoot his way through. Shick came back down the stairs and into the lobby, perhaps planning to escape through the front door. That's where he encountered university police officers, firing at them through the door as they arrived. Six Pitt officers had responded to the clinic within two minutes of the first emergency call, Pitt campus police Chief Tim Delaney said. They were trained to split into two groups of three to outflank the gunman and draw his attention.

"We practice this," Delaney said. "A lot of these (law enforcement techniques) came out of Vir-

ginia Tech. They engaged in gunfire as soon as they entered the front door."

The first three officers returned fire and killed Shick. So many shots were fired in the brief gunbattle that smoke hung in the lobby afterward, Delaney said.

No witnesses have reported that Shick, 30, said or did anything to explain his motives, and police said they found nothing on him to indicate a reason.

The 292-bed psychiatric clinic is in the city's Oakland neighborhood, which includes several hospitals and two other universities. That's why, Delaney said, his officers had trained for a shooting like the one at Virginia Tech, where dozens of people were killed in April 2007, and knew at once they had to stop the shooter at any cost.

Clinic geriatric therapist Michael Schaab was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after the shooting, the medical examiner's office said. The wounded are expected to recover.

Officials at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, which is affiliated with the clinic, said they had treated five adults for gunshot wounds. Kathryn Leight, a 64-year-old front lobby receptionist identified by her family as a victim, and a man were listed in serious condition. Two others were still hospitalized, and one had been discharged.

Shick lived in the city's trendy Shadyside neighborhood, blocks from the clinic. Police hadn't determined if he had a history of criminal or mental health problems, but an online database of state criminal court records revealed no arrests or convictions in Pa.



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Not quite right
Adam Scott putts Saturday at Doral. While practical use of the belly putter is up for debate, it's widely regarded as awkward looking. (AP Photo)

Thank you Washington for helping to keep Cleveland from making another terrible draft decision. The Redskins gave up three first-round selections and a second-rounder to

move into place to presumably select Heisman winner Robert Griffin III.

Now it looks like the Browns may go after Matt Flynn, Kevin Kolb, Jason Campbell or Kyle Orton in free agency, none of whom are exactly going to cause major waves off Lake Erie.

If the Browns are going to draft a quarterback they'd be better served to go after Texas A&M's Ryan Tannehill or take a chance on someone like Boise State's Kellen Moore in the later rounds. While Colt McCoy might not exactly be setting the world on fire himself, there are still far bigger areas of need before quarterback for Cleveland.

The PGA needs to ban the belly putter.

Forget that it gives players an anchor while they're on the green and basically obliterates the idea of the putting stroke ("It's called a putting stroke, not a putting anchor," said Sir Nick Faldo).

The belly putter makes otherwise respectable looking golfers appear as if they're sweeping spectators Sunday trash off the green.

Adam Scott's belly putter is longer than his driver, and it's so long he anchors it under his chin. He looks like he's performing surgery with an ugly stick every time he stands over a putt.

I myself would be a perfect candidate for one given my head moves more than a prize fighter every time I stand over a three-footer. Call me old fashioned but my golf game is inconsistent enough as it is. I don't need to look like a gangly doofus on top of it.

Tiger Woods thinks it should be banned, and I couldn't agree more. His reason of course is far more practical than my argument of how nerdy it looks.

While we're at it, they should ban visors for the same reason. If you're going to wear something on your head, a baseball cap, a fedora, even the Rory Sabbatini cowboy hat look would be more acceptable. But I digress. Golf has never exactly been a sport highly regarded for its fashion (see the 70s, John Daly, Payne Stewart).

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▶ **NCAA BASKETBALL**



Ohio's Walter Offutt, left, and Akron's Zeke Marshall battle for a rebound in the first half of the Mid-American Conference title game Saturday in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

Bobcats punch ticket

Ohio outlasts Akron for MAC Championship, headed to NCAA tourney

CLEVELAND (AP) — D.J. Cooper scored 23 points and Ohio had to nervously wait through a TV replay in the final seconds before beating Akron 64-63

in the championship of the Mid-American Conference tournament on Saturday night.

Ohio (27-7), which set a school record for wins, crowned its season by getting the MAC's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for the second time in three years.

The Zips (22-11) nearly rallied from eight points down in the final minutes. Akron thought it may have

tied it at 64 with 3.1 seconds left on a tipped free throw. But the officials reviewed the videotape at the scorer's table and determined the free throw had dropped in without being touched by anyone.

Cooper was fouled with 2 seconds left. The tournament's most outstanding player missed the first free throw, and then intentionally missed the second.

Cooper made four 3-pointers and added six assists and four steals in 36 minutes.

Alex Abreu led top-seeded Akron, appearing in its sixth consecutive title game, with 19 points. Diggs had 12 points and Brian Walsh added 10.

As is almost always the case, the MAC final had some craziness and controversy. In the past, there have been last-second shots, clock malfunctions and punches exchanged after the final horn.

This one will be remembered for a free throw Abreu made that he tried to miss.

With Ohio leading 64-61, Abreu went to the line with 3.1 seconds left with a chance to pull the Zips within one. The sophomore

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▶ **BIG TEN SEMIFINALS — OSU CRUSHES MICHIGAN IN BIG TEN TOURNEY**

Bucks heating up

Ohio State advances to Big Ten final against Michigan State

WHAT2WATCH
BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP
No. 7 Ohio State vs. No. 8 Michigan State
3:30 p.m. in Indianapolis/CBS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — In less than five minutes, Ohio State's Jared Sullinger had Michigan on the ropes.

The bruising 265-pound forward scored eight of Ohio State's first 10 points to set the tone. Once Michigan started double teaming to compensate, other Buckeyes took advantage.

Sullinger scored 24 points, Deshaun Thomas scored 22 points and William Buford added 10 to help No. 7 Ohio State defeat No. 10 Michigan 77-55 on Saturday in the Big Ten tournament semifinals.

Sullinger sensed he was breaking Michigan's spirit with his early success.

"When I feel that, I understand that my teammates are going to come down to me," he said. "I started passing it out and (Michigan) didn't know what to do. I think it's awesome when you can keep a defense on its toes."

Ohio State's performance left an impression on Michi-

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Big game

Ohio State forward Jared Sullinger goes up for a shot over Michigan forward Jordan Morgan in the first half of the semifinals of the Big Ten Conference tournament in Indianapolis, Saturday. (AP Photo)



▶ **GOLF**



Bubba Watson chips onto the 18th green during the third round of the Cadillac Championship Saturday in Doral, Fla. (AP Photo)

Bubba still in front at Cadillac

Watson eyes first WGC title; Tiger, Rory can't catch up

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. — Rory McIlroy thought he might have a chance at 59. Tiger

Woods opened with three straight birdies and made a charge of his own. None of this bothered Bubba Watson, who figured he could go just as low Saturday at the Cadillac Championship.

All the noise about McIlroy and Woods soon disappeared when Watson started eagle-birdie. And even when Justin Rose ran off four straight birdies to catch him, Watson responded with a style of golf only he plays. He plunked a man in the gallery on one hole and regained the lead with a birdie. His target on another hole was a man in an orange shirt, and he hit that one to tap-in range for another birdie.

When his wild day ended with what Watson called his best shot of the day — "I chipped a low bullet 7-iron" — on the 18th for a routine par on a hole that makes him nervous, he had a 5-under 67 and a three-shot lead.

If the last two days were not enough evidence, Watson likes to play golf his way.

Notables:
Tiger Woods -9
Rory McIlroy -9
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▶ **NFL**

Cleveland could pursue Kolb

With Washington trading for No. 2 pick, Browns have to explore other QB options

By JEFF SCHUDEL
Associated Press

The Browns were aggressive trying to get the second pick in the draft from St. Louis. In the end, the Redskins' offer was more attractive, according to a report by ESPN.



Washington agreed to trade the sixth overall pick this year plus its No. 1 pick in 2013 and 2014 and a second-round pick for the second overall pick it plans on using on quarterback Robert Griffin III from Baylor.

The Browns also offered three first-round picks and a second, according to the report, but the Rams chose to ac-

cept Washington's offer instead. The Rams pick sixth, 33rd and 39th in the first two rounds. The trade cannot be finalized until after 4 p.m. Tuesday, when the league year begins with the start of free agency.

The trade was agreed upon Thursday afternoon, according to the report, just a few hours after Browns general manager Tom Heckert met with media covering the Browns.

"We're not allowed to have handshake agreements," Heckert said Thursday when asked about working out a deal with the Rams early.

"What are you talking about? We can ... the trades can happen starting Tuesday."

So now the Browns have to look in another



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- CYCLING**
11 p.m.
NBCSN — Paris-Nice, final stage, Nice to Col d'Eze, France (same-day tape)
- GOLF**
1 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour-WGC, Cadillac Championship, final round, at Doral, Fla.
3 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour-WGC, Cadillac Championship, final round, at Doral, Fla.
7:30 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Puerto Rico Open, final round, at Rio Grande, Puerto Rico (same-day tape)
- MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**
3 p.m.
WGN — Preseason, Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers, at Glendale, Ariz.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
1 p.m.
ABC — Southeastern Conference, championship game, Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt, at New Orleans
CBS — Atlantic 10 Conference, championship game, Saint Bonaventure vs. Xavier, at Atlantic City, N.J.
ESPN — Atlantic Coast Conference, championship game, North Carolina vs. Florida St., at Atlanta
3:30 p.m.
CBS — Big Ten Conference, championship game, Michigan State vs. Ohio State, at Indianapolis
6 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Division I tournament Selection Show, at Indianapolis
- NBA BASKETBALL**
3:30 p.m.
ABC — Boston at L.A. Lakers
NHL HOCKEY
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NBC — Boston at Pittsburgh
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SOCCER
3 p.m.
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March 11
1958 — Manhattan upsets top-ranked West Virginia 89-84, in the first round of the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament. Jack Powers leads the Jaspers with 29 points. Manhattan holds sophomore Jerry West to 10 points in the Mountaineers' second loss of the year.
1963 — Chicago Loyola blows out Tennessee Tech 111-42 for the largest margin of victory (69) in the history of the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament.
1979 — St. John's and Penn post two of the biggest upsets ever in the NCAA tournament in the second round of the East regional in Raleigh, N.C. St. John's, the 40th and last team selected, beats No. 2 seed Duke 80-78, and Penn comes from behind to beat No. 1 seed North Carolina 72-71.
2003 — The longest winning streak in women's Division I history ends at 70 games when No. 18 Villanova hands No. 1 Connecticut its first loss since the end of the 2001 season, 52-48 for the championship of the Big East Conference tournament.
2009 — Mike Singletary leads Texas Tech to the biggest rally in Big 12 tournament history, scoring all 29 of Texas Tech's points during a second-half surge that pushed the Red Raiders to a 88-83 win against the Aggies. The Red Raiders erase a 21-point deficit. Singletary, who outscored A&M 29-18 to give Tech the lead for the first time, finishes with 43 points.

▶ **NCAA BASKETBALL**

Michigan State drops Wisconsin 65-52

Spartans set up Big Ten showdown with OSU

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan kept searching for an explanation as to what went wrong Saturday.

BIG

Eventually, he settled on this: The Badgers just ran out of steam.

No. 8 Michigan State used runs of 13-0, 11-0 and 13-2 to rally from an early deficit and defeat No. 14 Wisconsin 65-52 in the Big Ten tournament semifinals.

"These guys, that was a hard fought game yesterday, that's a hard fought game today," Ryan said. "That 13-0 run in the second half showed me something about our guys. I just, I don't know what we had left. Michigan State obviously had more, but there were some runs in that game that were, more so than usual."

The Badgers (24-9) were led by Jordan Taylor with 19 points and Ryan Evans with 18 but shot just 34.7 percent from the field and committed an uncharacteristic 12 turnovers, their highest total in five games.

Whether the loss will affect Wisconsin's seeding for next week's NCAA tournament will be determined a few blocks away from Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

But Wisconsin, which had won tourney titles in 2004 and 2008, was hoping that it could rekindle some election year magic. It didn't work

this time. "You got to shoot better than that, and we had some guys that didn't score," Ryan said. "We need it from everybody, we need bunches scoring and when we get that, we've proven 24 times that we can get some things done."

On Saturday, it was Michigan State proving what it could do — finish the job against a good team after blowing two chances to clinch the outright league title last week.

Draymond Green led the Spartans with 14 points and 16 rebounds, and Austin Thornton scored all 12 of his points on 3-pointers.

It's the first time since 2000, when Michigan State (26-7) won its second national championship, that it will play for the league's postseason title.

"It's just another opportunity for us. We had two chances to win the Big Ten outright, we didn't do it," Green said. "You can't really make up for it, but it's an opportunity to feel better about it if we get this conference tournament championship. It's just another way to leave that footprint, leave your legacy."

The Spartans' next chance comes Sunday against — No. 7 Ohio State. The Spartans went 1-1 against the Buckeyes this season and finished in a three-way tie with them atop the regular-season standings.

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gan coach John Beilein.

"I've seen some really good teams that have played some really good games," he said. "That's as good of a game as I've ever seen a college team play."

The third-seeded Buckeyes (27-6), advanced to play No. 8 Michigan State in the final on Sunday.

Michigan State defeated No. 14 Wisconsin 65-52 in the other semifinal on Saturday to set up what in boxing lingo is a title unification bout.

Ohio State, Michigan State and Michigan tied for the conference regular-season title. Michigan has been knocked out of the tournament, and now, just two remain, each with the chance to claim both the regular-season and tournament titles and become an undisputed champion.

There's more. With No. 3 Kansas and No. 6 Duke already having lost in conference tournaments, the door to a No. 1 seed might be open for the winner of Sun-

day's final. "I really don't care," Sullinger said. "The NCAA — if we're No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3, we just want to get there. We just want to play."

The Buckeyes shot 49 percent from the field to earn a shot at their third straight Big Ten tournament title.

Tim Hardaway, Jr., led No. 2 seed Michigan with 13 points, but he made just 3 of 10 shots. Trey Burke, Michigan's other star player, scored five points on 1-for-11 shooting and had eight turnovers while being guarded primarily by Aaron Craft, the conference's defensive player of the year.

"It was definitely a team effort tonight," Craft said. "I tried to not make it about me against him. Everyone did a good job of zoning out, but not giving up easy baskets. He is a great player and fortunately enough today, he didn't make too many shots."

The Wolverines (24-9) shot 31 percent from the field, made just 4 of 25 3-pointers and committed 18 turnovers in one of their worst offensive performances of the season. Ohio



Salem finishes second

The Salem fifth-grade team recently finished second to Austintown in the Salem Club Basketball League at First Friends Church. Pictured front, from left, Jarod Cannon, Dylam Metzgar, Jack Madison, Luke Weingart and Bruce Owen. Middle, from left, Zac Hawkins, Robbie Sarginger, Adam Wilson, Shawn Chappell and Trey Double. Back, from left, coaches Jason Hawkins, Ken Double and Mike Paulini. The team was sponsored by Ventra Salem, The Vista Center in Lisbon, Kendrick's Corner and Hunt Club. (Submitted photo)



League champions

The Western Reserve eighth grade girls basketball team recently won their second consecutive league title and tournament championship by defeating Lowellville 31-10. The team members from left, are Maddie Kreitzburg, Heather Lude, Sydney Miller, Kalina Wisniewski, Lauren Falasca, Alexis Miller, Alexis Cadle, coach Miller, and Jenny Stubbs. (Submitted photo)

State coach Thad Matta said Sullinger had a lot to do with that.

"I know everybody's looking at his 24 points, but I think his defense was as good as it's been all season," Matta said.

Ohio State and Michigan, better known for their football rivalry, have ramped up the one on the hardwood in recent years, too. The teams met the previous two years in the Big Ten tournament.

Ohio State won 68-61 last year in the semifinals. Evan Turner's 37-foot jumper as time expired gave the Buckeyes a 69-68 quarterfinal

win in 2010. This year, Ohio State and Michigan split their games during the regular season, setting up expectations for a competitive game on Saturday.

That never materialized because Michigan looked helpless against Sullinger from the start. The Buckeyes led 16-3 early as Michigan missed nine of its first 10 shots.

At one point, Hardaway drew the much bigger and stronger Sullinger, and Sullinger got an easy put-back basket. He finished the first half with 16 points, and

the Buckeyes led 34-21 at the break. Ohio State shot 52 percent in the first half and held the Wolverines to 26 percent shooting. Hardaway and Burke combined for six points on 1-for-9 shooting in the first 20 minutes.

The Buckeyes continued the onslaught in the second half. Thomas scored in the paint to extend the lead to 41-24. Craft's 3-pointer pushed the lead to 20 points four minutes into the second half, and Ohio State remained comfortably ahead from there.

"We could not stop them, really," Beilein said.

▶ **NFL**

Manning watch moves to desert, but no sign of QB

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Peyton Manning stakeout moved to Arizona on Saturday, even though there was no sign of the superstar in the desert.



Manning spent nearly six hours at the Denver Broncos' facility on Friday, and speculation was high that the Cardinals would be his next stop.

The Cardinals' facility was a bee hive of activity as the setting for Kurt Warner's annual "Ultimate Football Experience," a fundraiser for his First Things First foundation that features current and past football stars. Among them was Cardinals

star wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, who said he knew nothing of any contact the team may have made with Manning.

"I haven't heard anything," he said. "I'd like to feel like if he was going to be here I would probably hear something from somebody."

The presence of Fitzgerald, one of the best receivers in the game, is considered a major reason Manning would consider the Cardinals, who finished last season 7-2 after a 1-6 start to wind up 8-8. The team has already invested millions in quarterback Kevin Kolb and is scheduled to pay him \$7 million if he is on the roster Thursday. The Cardinals, though, had more success with second-year quarter-

back John Skelton starting than with Kolb, who missed much of the season with turf toe and a concussion.

Fitzgerald, the Cardinals' career leading receiver, said he understood why Arizona would be interested in Manning. "He's a four-time MVP. He's a Super Bowl champion," he said. "He's arguably the best quarterback to ever play football. He's a free agent. If he's healthy, I know he's somebody that can help any team that he goes to. I understand the interest. It makes sense."

Fitzgerald said he wasn't surprised Arizona is in the mix.

"After last year, Michael (team President Michael Bidwill) said he was going to continue staying aggressive,"

Fitzgerald said, "and he's going to do everything he can to make sure we're going to be able to compete for an NFC West championship everything single year. He hasn't done anything to this point to make us believe anything different."

Besides Fitzgerald, the Cardinals can offer a state-of-the-art stadium with a retractable roof and natural grass field that slides out into the sunshine when not being used. Then there is the weather — sunshine with the temperature in the high 70s on Saturday.

The Cardinals have a strong young defense but Manning might be concerned with an inconsistent offensive line that could lose left tackle Levi Brown, unless

he restructures his contract. Other than Fitzgerald, the receivers are young.

Warner, who led St. Louis and Arizona to the Super Bowl, said he's a bit surprised the Cardinals are in the running, mainly because of the investment they have made in Kolb, who was acquired from the Philadelphia Eagles for cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and a second-round draft pick. "But I think that speaks volumes about where the organization is at right now," Warner said, "how far they've come, in saying 'Hey, we want to win. No offense to the guys that we have, but if we feel like we can upgrade a position and we can be better, we're going to make a play at that.'"

KOLB

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direction if they are serious about getting competition for Colt McCoy.

Heckert said Thursday it is doubtful the Browns will go after a big-name quarterback in free agency, which would mean they won't chase Matt Flynn, the quar-

terback who played behind Aaron Rodgers for four years in Green Bay.

Heckert could decide to go after Kevin Kolb, a quarterback entering his sixth season and trying to establish himself in the NFL. Kolb, a former Eagle, is on the Cardinals' roster and his future is uncertain.

Heckert drafted Kolb with the Eagles in 2007. Kolb is

due a \$7 million bonus on March 17. The Cardinals won't keep him if they sign Peyton Manning.

Heckert could trade for Kolb after 4 p.m. Tuesday and before Kolb is due the bonus. Such a trade might cost the Browns their second-round choice — pick 37 overall. The Browns would have to absorb the \$7 million bonus.

"I still think Kevin is going to be a good player," Heckert said Thursday.

"Time will tell on that. He hasn't really played a whole lot. Even last year he was hurt." Kolb played behind Donovan McNabb and Michael Vick in Philadelphia. He suffered a turf-toe injury and a concussion last year with Arizona and played only seven games.

John Skelton replaced Kolb, and the Cardinals won five of their last six games, leading to speculation the Cardinals might dump Kolb even if they don't sign Manning.

The Browns have the fourth and 22nd picks in the first round. They could use one of them to draft Ryan Tannehill from Texas A&M or Brandon Weeden from Oklahoma State.

▶ GOLF

McNeill clings to one-shot lead in Puerto Rico

RIO GRANDE, Puerto Rico (AP) — George McNeill shot a 5-under 67 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Henrik Stenson and Kevin Stadler into the final round of the Puerto Rico Open.

McNeill, at 13-under 203, is trying to win for the first time since the Frys.com Open in 2007 when he was a PGA Tour rookie. He eagled the par-5 fifth, dropped strokes with three-putt bogeys on No. 7 and 8, then birdied five of the last 10 holes on the Trump International layout.

The former Florida State player has a conservative approach on the wind-swept course.

"First of all, patience," McNeill said. "This morning the wind didn't blow at all. The wind picked up this afternoon, so you got to stay patient when it's windy. You got to hit some different shots. And sometimes you just take what it gives you. Just patience is what I'll be trying to do.

"I don't foresee trying to do anything different. Obviously, I'm not going to try and force anything unless I have to come down the last few holes."

He finished fifth last year. "Last year was my first year here, and I played well," McNeill said. "It looks a lot like the golf courses back in Florida where I'm from. I'm playing on Bermuda grass and Bermuda rough, and saltwater ponds. We have a lot of that at home. So I don't feel uncomfort-



Ben Curtis watches his shot from the tenth tee during the third round of the Puerto Rico Open in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, Saturday. (AP Photo)

able at all. When I go out on the West Coast, it's very uncomfortable because it's just foreign to me. So I get out here and I'm very comfortable."

Stenson had a 65, and Stadler shot a 66. "If I can stay patient, as I've done these first couple of days, and chip and putt well, I hope I get a chance tomorrow," Stenson said.

Stadler birdied four of the first five holes in his bogey-free round.

"I putted very well," Stadler said. "It was great today. For the most part this year, I've putted a lot better than I have

in the past four or five, six years. I felt really comfortable on these greens.

"I've played well here in the past where I've hit the ball just phenomenally well every day and struggled with the putter, and it's funny to be up near the top this week with the complete opposite."

Second-round leader Matt Jones was two strokes back at 11 under after a 72.

Ryo Ishikawa, in Puerto Rico because he failed to qualify for the World Golf Championship this week at Doral, shot a 69 and will go into the final round just three shots out of the lead.

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He has never had a swing coach since his late father showed him the fundamentals at age 10. He once jokingly said he shouldn't take advice from anyone who couldn't beat him. And when asked if his caddie helps him out, Watson replied, "He's not very good. That's why he's a caddie."

Now he's one round away from his first World Golf Championship.

Watson was at 17-under 199, three shots clear of PGA champion Keegan Bradley

(66) and Justin Rose, who lost out on playing with Watson for the fourth straight day when he three-putted the 18th from long range and had to settle for a 69.

As for McIlroy, Woods? They were eight shots behind on a Blue Monster course that is yielding plenty of birdies in moderate wind, but where it's tough to catch a guy with a pink driver who belts it where few others can.

The only other player within five shots of the lead was Peter Hanson of Sweden, who nearly holed a bunker shot from a downhill

lie on the 18th and shot 69. Only once did Watson worry that his shot might go too far.

Having survived a turbulent stretch at Doral — he lost a four-shot lead over Rose in three holes — Watson's lead was back to three shots when he was in a fairway bunker on the 16th, just over 100 yards away. He tried to blast a 64-degree wedge, caught too much of the ball, and saw it sail over the green toward a pond Watson didn't know was there.

It hit a tower, dropped to the side and Watson escaped with bogey. He followed with another wild tee shot on the 17th, though he managed to save par with a good pitch from the front of the green. And on a closing hole he called "ridiculous," he had an easy two-putt par.

"All in all, it was a great day," he said.

No one is ready to concede victory to Watson, even Rose, who has seen enough of his action the last three days. They had a better-ball score of 59 on Friday, and 60 on Saturday.

"Three back, it's a lot to Bubba on this golf course," Rose said. "But at least there's not a lot of guys ahead of you. There's only one guy at 17 under, and the rest of the pack is right there, so it doesn't take much."

Matt Kuchar (66) and Zach Johnson (67) were another shot behind. Adam Scott looked as though he might give Watson a run until the Australian started missing short putts, the pulled his tee shot into the water on the 18th and made double bogey. Scott dropped four shots over the last three holes.

McIlroy played the last six holes in 2 over and still shot 65, while Woods failed to do

much after his birdie-birdie-birdie start. He twice made bogey on the par 5s and shot 68. They were eight shots behind.

The wind has been decreasing since the opening round, and so have the scores.

McIlroy hit two fluffy wedges at the start of his round, but he atoned for the second one by chipping in for birdie, and away he went. McIlroy shot 30 on the front nine without making birdie on the two par 5s, then made up for that with a fairway metal into about 18 feet for an eagle on No. 10. That put him 10 under for the tournament, only two off the lead.

Watson was still on the practice range, though, and this was a day when just about everyone went low.

Neither McIlroy nor Woods could keep up. McIlroy hit a good chip from short of the par-5 12th, with his right foot deep in the sand and his left foot on the hill, and converted that into a birdie that put him one shot behind. He was 9 under for the day through 12 holes, and the kid couldn't help but think of a 59.

"You're thinking four (birdies) of the last six and here we go," McIlroy said. "But obviously, it didn't happen like that."

McIlroy made bogey from a poor lie in the bunker on the 14th, and then turned a birdie hole into a bad bogey on the par-4 16th then his lob wedge from the rough barely reached the green. He had to remind himself that 65 wasn't awful.

Woods, meanwhile, made a bad bogey on the par-5 eighth when he pulled a 2-iron over the green, dumped his third shot in the bunker and couldn't get up-and-down. He also took a penalty shot on the par-5 12 and made bogey, and his momentum was gone.

Doral is the only course left on his regular PGA Tour schedule where he has never finished out of the top 10. That streak remains in play, though he is too far back from the leaders to be considered a serious threat.

"The scores being as low as they are, the winning score is probably going to be in the 20s," he said. "So you're going to have to take care of those par 5s."

Even though both flirted with contention, neither was a factor late in the day.

DIVOTS: Thomas Bjorn went 49 holes without a bogey until a double bogey on the 14th. He then made bogey two of the next four holes for a 75, falling from contention. ... McIlroy is among those happy to see Donald Trump has purchased Doral. Given the low scoring, McIlroy said it was a resort course and needs work. "It was a tough test 15 years ago, but now it's just outdated," he said. "They definitely need to do something with it, and it's great to see that Trump is taking over the place."

AROUND THE HORN



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Damascus Friends Church to hold basketball leagues

DAMASCUS — Damascus Friends Church will hold basketball leagues again this spring.

The women's league is open to all women in the surrounding area and is geared towards players in high school and up. There is no age limit.

The sixth season will begin March 24 at 9 a.m. with a skills evaluation to determine teams. Registration forms are available at www.dfcnow.com. A fee of \$39 needs to accompany registration form. Registration can be completed on or before March 24th.

The men's league will begin its third season March 19 at 7 p.m. The league geared to men of all ages and skill levels. Skill level will be evaluated for team placement. Registration must be completed by March 19. Forms are available online at www.dfcnow.com.

Team shirts will be provided for players in both leagues and games played at Damascus Friends in the gym.

For more information, the church at (330) 537-2581, Elaine Owen at (330) 412-4590 or Bob Owen at (330) 495-0043

Valencia hits homer for Twins in win over Bucs

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Erik Bedard's attitude was the same even though his line was much better.

Bedard pitched three scoreless innings six days after allowing two runs in two innings, but the Pittsburgh Pirates lost 4-2 to the Minnesota Twins on Saturday.

"I didn't work on anything specific," Bedard said after allowing one hit. "Just trying to get all my pitches in the strike zone and get my arm strength."

The Twins finally broke out of a prolonged slump after Bedard left. Danny Valencia had two of the Twins' six hits. He doubled and scored in the fifth inning and hit a three-run homer in the sixth.

It was the first time in six games that the Twins had an extra-base hit. On Friday, they snapped a run of 27 scoreless innings by getting a pair of bases-loaded walks.

Twins starter Terry Doyle went 2-3 innings and allowed two runs on seven hits and a walk. The right-hander left the game with the Twins trailing, 2-0.

The Twins also played a "B" game Saturday, but manager Ron Gardenhire wanted Doyle to face the Pirates' everyday players.

The Pirates had 11 hits, the sixth game in a row that they have reached double digits. Nate McLouth went 2 for 2 and Casey McGehee went 3 for 3 with one RBI.

"Our at-bats are better throughout the lineup," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "We've had more two-strike hits. We're putting balls in play and getting down the lines. We believe it will catch on."

It was a solid game for McGehee, who will open the season platooning at first base with Garrett Jones. Three days earlier, McGehee got extra at-bats in an intrasquad scrimmage to refine his swing.

"You're always looking for rhythm and timing," Hurdle said. "The results come quicker with some guys than others. He's trusting himself a little bit more. He had some really good at-bats (in the scrimmage) and we saw more on the field today."

Moseley throws 3 shutout innings, SD beats Indians

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Dustin Moseley was told to lighten up for a change. He did, and it worked wonders.

Moseley, loosening the grip on his changeup, pitched three scoreless innings and Will Venable had three hits to help the San Diego Padres beat the Cleveland Indians 5-2 Saturday.

Shin-Soo Choo hit his second home run and doubled for Cleveland. Rookie Russ Canzler had an RBI double in the seventh off new Padres closer Huston Street. "He had quality at-bats all day," Indians manager Manny Acta said of Choo, who was 2 for 2 with a walk. Choo made three trips to the disabled list last year and hit a career-low .259 with only eight homers.

Moseley had a career-best 3.30 ERA in 2011, but went only 3-10 in 20 games in his first season in San Diego. He gave up two runs in his first two innings this spring, but was sharp against Cleveland, allowing one hit and striking out three.

Indians starter Justin Masterson struck out four and gave up one run and four hits over three innings. That was a marked improvement from his spring debut in which was tagged for six runs and walked three over 1 1-3 innings.

"I was pounding the zone, exactly on pace," said Masterson, already picked by Acta to start on opening day against Toronto on April 5. "The ball was going where I wanted."

Masterson said knowing where he stands instead of having to battle for a rotation spot makes it a little more pleasant this spring.

"I can just come in relaxed and get ready," he said. "I will just continue to make minor adjustments."

"There's only 30 opening day starters and I take it with humility and pride," he said.

Edwards hoping for more wins in 2012

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Asked about not winning a race in a year, Carl Edwards had a quick correction.

"I did win the All-Star race, so that's something," he said. True, Edwards did win the All-Star race in May, pretty handily. Earned \$1 million for it, too.

The problem with that victory was that it didn't count in the season standings. To find a race that earned him points, Edwards has to go back to last March, when he kicked off his championship chase with a win at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"It doesn't feel like that to me," Edwards said. "I guess it's reality, but we go out every week and race as hard as we can and there were many races last year that we very well could have won if things would have gone slightly different. We obviously ran very well."

That's for sure. Despite winning the one race, Edwards tied Stewart for the championship, doing it on the strength of a series-high 19 top-five finishes and 26 in the top 10. But not winning more ended up costing Edwards: Stewart earned his third Sprint Cup title on a tiebreaker with five wins to Edwards' one.

Disappointing? Sure, but Edwards knows his car was strong all season, even if it only crossed the checkers first one time that counted.

"The way this sport works is if you run that well, you'll win your fair share of races," he said. "Any week would be a good week to go ahead and win another one, so this would be just fine."

No. 3 Tigers leaving Big 12 with championship

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri is leaving the Big 12 on top.

Kim English capped a phenomenal conference tournament with 19 points, Phil Pressey added 15 points and eight assists, and the fifth-ranked Tigers beat No. 12 Baylor 90-75 on Saturday night to win their second championship in the past four years.

The Tigers (30-4), who led from start to finish, will head off to the Southeastern Conference next year savoring a title in coach Frank Haith's first season in charge.

English wound up 29 of 40 from the field in a virtuoso performance in Kansas City. Michael Dixon added 17 points, and Ricardo Ratliffe and Marcus Denmon had 15 each.

Perry Jones III led Baylor (27-7) with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Brady Heslip scored 14 and Deuce Bello came off the bench to add 13 for the Bears, who were turned away short of their first conference tournament title since 1950.

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National League
 CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned RHP Dae-Eun Rhee and C Micah Gibbs to their minor league camp.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
 ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with LB Lofa Tatupu.
 MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Released G Steve Hutchinson, G Anthony Herrera and CB Cedric Griffin.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled F Dane Byers from Springfield (AHL).
 DETROIT RED WINGS—Reassigned F Joakim Andersson Grand Rapids (AHL).

▶ NASCAR

- NASCAR Nationwide-Sam's Town 300 Results**
The Associated Press
Saturday
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas, Nev.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
 1. (6) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 200 laps, 141.7 rating, 48 points, \$107,863.
 2. (7) Mark Martin, Toyota, 200, 123.9, 0, \$55,650.
 3. (1) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200, 113.3, 42, \$53,668.
 4. (14) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 200, 105.8, 40, \$37,293.
 5. (9) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 200, 100.9, 0, \$32,993.
 6. (22) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 200, 96.6, 38, \$31,143.
 7. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 106.5, 37, \$22,625.
 8. (8) Justin Algaier, Chevrolet, 200, 98.9, 36, \$28,018.
 9. (13) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 200, 92.8, 35, \$26,928.
 10. (2) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 200, 109.4, 0, \$21,075.
 11. (18) Kenny Wallace, Toyota, 200, 88.4, 33, \$28,418.
 12. (12) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 200, 87.5, 32, \$25,268.
 13. (21) Michael Annett, Ford, 200, 83.7, 31, \$24,718.
 14. (11) James Buescher, Chevrolet, 200, 81.8, 0, \$24,208.
 15. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 200, 81.9, 29, \$18,455.
 16. (17) Taylor Malsam, Toyota, 200, 76.5, 28, \$23,738.
 17. (24) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 198, 73.5, 28, \$23,753.
 18. (32) Blake Koch, Ford, 198, 67.9, 26, \$23,418.
 19. (15) Johanna Long, Chevrolet, 198, 68.9, 25, \$23,308.
 20. (31) Joe Nemecek, Toyota, 198, 63.5, 24, \$23,873.
 21. (25) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 197, 66.7, 23, \$23,088.
 22. (43) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, 197, 54.1, 22, \$16,485.
 23. (5) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 196, 109.1, 0, \$16,350.
 24. (40) Robert Richardson Jr., Chevrolet, 196, 49.9, 20, \$22,708.
 25. (27) Eric McClure, Toyota, 196, 46.9, 19, \$23,033.
 26. (42) Daryl Harr, Chevrolet, 194, 39.2, 18, \$22,438.
 27. (10) Jason Bowles, Toyota, 188, 57.6, 17, \$22,303.
 28. (16) Kyle Fowler, Ford, oil cooler, 165, 54.3, 16, \$15,690.
 29. (35) Tim Schendel, Chevrolet, 164, 39.5, 15, \$15,540.
 30. (29) Benny Gordon, Chevrolet, 146, 35.6, 14, \$15,705.
 31. (38) T.J. Bell, Chevrolet, engine, 140, 43.2, 13, \$21,763.
 32. (36) Derrick Cope, Dodge, electrical, 137, 39.9, 12, \$21,653.
 33. (20) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 127, 58.2, 0, \$15,075.
 34. (4) Brian Scott, Toyota, accident, 94, 92.5, 11, \$21,433.
 35. (34) Erik Darnell, Chevrolet, fly wheel, 91, 55.9, \$14,855.
 36. (37) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Dodge, steering, 72, 36.5, 0, \$14,820.
 37. (30) Joey Gase, Ford, accident, 41, 41.6, 7, \$21,243.
 38. (23) J.J. Yeley, Ford, oil pump, 39, 57.9, 0, \$14,740.
 39. (33) Chase Miller, Chevrolet, electrical, 6, 36.6, 5, \$14,490.
 40. (28) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 4, 32.9, 4, \$14,455.
 41. (39) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, electrical, 4, 31, 0, \$14,400.
 42. (26) Scott Speed, Chevrolet, vibration, 3, 30.9, 0, \$14,355.
 43. (41) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, vibration, 3, 29.8, 0, \$14,311.
 Top 10 in Points: 1. E.Sadler, 131; 2. A.Dillon, 116; 3. R.Stenhouse Jr., 114; 4. T.Bayne, 112; 5. C.Whitt, 109; 6. S.Hornish Jr., 98; 7. T.Malsam, 90; 8. M.Annett, 82; 9. J.Algaier, 76; 10. B.Koch, 66.

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Keegan Bradley	69-67-66	-202	-14
Justin Rose	69-64-69	-202	-14
Peter Hanson	70-65-69	-204	-12
Matt Kuchar	72-67-66	-205	-11
Zach Johnson	70-68-67	-205	-11
Johnson Wagner	70-69-67	-206	-10
Rory McIlroy	73-69-65	-207	-9
Webb Simpson	75-66-66	-207	-9
Tiger Woods	72-67-68	-207	-9
Luke Donald	70-68-69	-207	-9
Charl Schwartzel	68-69-70	-207	-9
Martin Kaymer	73-64-70	-207	-9
Steve Stricker	69-70-69	-208	-8
Bo Van Pelt	73-65-70	-208	-8
Charles Howell III	70-67-71	-208	-8
Adam Scott	66-68-74	-208	-8
Hunter Mahan	71-72-66	-209	-7
Graeme McDowell	75-67-67	-209	-7
Greg Chalmers	71-70-68	-209	-7
Jason Day	73-67-70	-210	-6
Hennie Otto	73-66-71	-210	-6
Martin Laird	72-73-66	-211	-5
Lee Westwood	76-67-68	-211	-5
Aaron Baddeley	69-74-68	-211	-5
John Senden	76-67-68	-211	-5
Anders Hansen	70-72-69	-211	-5
K.J. Choi	74-67-70	-211	-5
Gary Woodland	71-70-70	-211	-5
Jason Dufner	66-72-73	-211	-5
Thomas Bjorn	68-68-75	-211	-5
Jonathan Byrd	72-70-70	-212	-4
Juvic Paguanan	69-71-72	-212	-4
Chez Reavie	72-73-66	-213	-3
Robert Rock	75-70-68	-213	-3
Garth Mulroy	73-71-69	-213	-3
Nick Watney	71-73-69	-213	-3
Marcus Fraser	76-68-69	-213	-3
Nicolas Collaerts	73-70-70	-213	-3
Robert Karlsson	75-68-70	-213	-3
Miguel A. Jimenez	69-71-73	-213	-3
Branden Grace	78-72-64	-214	-2
Brandt Snedeker	75-69-70	-214	-2
Bill Haas	74-70-70	-214	-2
Phil Mickelson	72-71-71	-214	-2
Alvaro Quiros	69-74-71	-214	-2
Francesco Molinari	75-68-71	-214	-2
Mark Wilson	72-70-72	-214	-2
Kyle Stanley	69-69-76	-214	-2
Paul Casey	76-71-68	-215	-1
Y.E. Yang	72-67-76	-215	-1
Darren Clarke	74-74-68	-216	E
Geoff Ogilvy	73-73-70	-216	E
K.T. Kim	74-72-70	-216	E
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	9	.769	—
Orlando	26	15	.634	5½
Atlanta	23	17	.575	8
Washington	9	30	.231	21½
Charlotte	5	33	.132	25
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	34	9	.786	—
Indiana	23	15	.622	8½
Milwaukee	16	24	.400	16½
Cleveland	15	23	.395	16½
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Pittsburgh	67	41	21	5	87	214 171
Philadelphia	67	39	21	7	85	219 193
New Jersey	68	39	24	5	83	191 178
N.Y. Islanders	68	28	31	9	65	157 202
Northeast Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Boston	67	40	24	3	83	220 159
Ottawa	70	36	25	9	81	216 206
Buffalo	69	32	29	8	72	171 194
Toronto	68	30	30	8	68	200 210
Montreal	68	26	32	10	62	179 192
Southeast Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Florida	67	31	23	13	75	164 191
Washington	68	34	28	6	74	182 193
Winnipeg	69	32	29	8	72	181 195
Tampa Bay	68	31	30	7	69	191 233
Carolina	68	26	27	15	67	181 205

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Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	26	13	.667	—
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► NASCAR

Stenhouse earns 1st win of 2012 at Las Vegas

Danica Patrick 12th in first race at LVMS since IndyCar star Wheldon killed in crash last fall

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nationwide races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway have been dominated by Sprint Cup drivers, big names like Carl Edwards, Kevin Harvick and Matt Kenseth crossing the checkers first since the inaugural race in 1997.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. ended the run in emphatic fashion.

Stenhouse, the defending series champion, led the final 54 laps at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Saturday to become the first non-Sprint Cup driver to win a Nationwide race on the 1.5-mile oval.

"This is really cool," Stenhouse said. "Looking at all the fans in the stands before the race was really cool and to win the race was fun."

Stenhouse was the top Nationwide rookie in 2010 and earned the season championship last year after

winning two races and posting 26 top-10 finishes. He opened this season by finishing 19th at Daytona after being caught up in a late wreck and entered Saturday's race fifth in points after taking third at Phoenix last week.

Stenhouse started sixth at Las Vegas and stayed near the front, taking the lead with 54 laps left. He pulled away from Mark Martin out of two cautions down the stretch of the 200-mile race and had a cushion of nearly 6 seconds when he crossed the checkers at the tri-oval in the desert.

Martin, who had won four of his previous six Nationwide starts at Las Vegas, finished second in his first race for Joe Gibbs Racing. Pole-sitter Elliott Sadler to finish third after a lengthy mid-race pit stop to fix a vibra-

tion and Danica Patrick was 12th in the first race at LVMS since IndyCar star Dan Wheldon was killed in a fiery crash last fall.

"We kind of new where we started that if the track did what we thought it would toward the middle of the race, our car would start to find its way to the front," said Mike Kelley, Stenhouse's crew chief. "And it did."

Martin was in the No. 18 Toyota that Kyle Busch drove in 38 of his series-record 51 wins before moving on to start his own team. The 53-year-old was solid in the middle of the race, leading 44 laps and managed to stay behind Stenhouse after the two cautions. He just didn't have enough to keep up with Stenhouse on the restarts or track him down over the closing laps.

"That was one serious

beatdown he put on me that last run. I mean just a beat-down," Martin said. "I kept up with for a while and about wrecked five times, and that's it. I'm not ashamed to say, it wasn't even close."

Patrick was back at LVMS for the first time since Wheldon was killed in IndyCar's 2011 season finale.

The two-time Indy 500 champion died on Oct. 16 when his car was involved in a 15-car pileup on the 12th lap and sailed into a catch fence, where his head struck a pole.

Patrick watched the wreck unfold in front of her and narrowly missed becoming involved. So instead of a triumphant departure from IndyCar, she headed off to NASCAR dejected after seeing a friend die in front of her.

Patrick was somber when she arrived at LVMS on Friday, saying the walk from the garage back to the media center brought back a flood of memories.

She was able to keep her emotions in check once inside the car, though, putting together a decent qualifying run to start 12th in Saturday's race.

Patrick struggled early, dropping toward the back of the pack before starting to move up. She made a daring pass around lap 60, ducking under two cars to move up to 16th, and was 10th coming out a caution near the race's midpoint.

Patrick moved up to sixth, but fell back a few spots on a restart with about 50 laps left and never made up the ground.

"It was one of those day where the result didn't really

show how I felt about my car," she said. "It was a solid day. Wish we could have gotten in the top 10, that was my goal, but there's not really much I can do about that. I was trying."

Sadler was strong early, but the team decided to lift the hood to fix his car after he complained of vibrations midway through the race. He returned to the track 20th and made his way back through the field to pull out a solid finish after breaking a 14-year winless streak in the Nationwide series last week in Phoenix.

"We showed a lot of guts and effort today," said Sadler, the points leader, 15 ahead of Austin Dillon. "We had a good race car and anytime you can go through what we did today and get a third-place finish, we're very happy with that."

SPREAD FROM 1B

In the words of the immortal Happy Gilmore, "If I saw myself in clothes like that, I'd have to kick my own ---."

Anyone who says they can't believe the Colts got rid of Peyton Manning needs to have their head evaluated. Manning is coming off at least three major surgeries of his neck and back in the past two years, and it's affecting his throwing motion. Would you pay someone a \$28 million bonus and a \$7.4 million salary that's got a giant health question mark hanging over his head? He had his neck fused. How can anyone be certain the first big hit he takes isn't going to send him right back to the hospital? Sure it's sad that he's gone after 14 seasons in a Colts uniform, but it's not like some other team isn't going to pay big bucks and take the chance on him. I know exactly why the Colts did what they did, and even though Indianapolis has been a terrible team without him, they have to start again somewhere.

"This is a simple game. You throw the ball. You hit the ball. You catch the ball. You got it?"

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► NASCAR NOTES

EFI system proving to be glitchy
LAS VEGAS (AP) — A new electronic fuel injection system is causing some head scratching in the Sprint Cup garage.

NASCAR introduced the EFI system to the series this season and through the first two races there have been glitches that weren't uncovered in off-season testing.

"It's certainly an issue that has arisen that we're all aware of and we all have to work through it as best we can and figure out the

solution to the problem," Kyle Busch said. "Whether that solution is this week or whether it's not until May or not until the end of the year I don't know, but certainly those guys are working through all the different scenarios as best they can."

The biggest problem drivers have had with the new system is getting the car to restart once it's been turned off.

Often when drivers are fighting fuel mileage at the end of a race, they'll turn the car off to

save gas, then turn it back on.

But instead of just letting the clutch out and getting the car to re-fire, drivers now have use the starter switch to get it going again. It hasn't always worked.

Joey Logano had a problem restarting his car at Daytona, while Tony Stewart, Mark Martin and Jeff Burton all had issues at Phoenix International Raceway last week.

The teams are working to figure out what's going wrong, but they haven't zeroed in on it

quite yet.

"I don't know if we've seen all the issues that there's going to be," Brad Keselowski said.

"I think that when the races get hotter, there's a lot of potential for failure, but I don't think anyone can really quantify what those potentials are or put any odds on it because we are seeing things that I don't think we even predicted we would see."

Until the EFI issues get worked out, drivers

could be forced to try different tactics to save fuel at the end of races, things like coasting, pushing in the clutch in the corners, not hitting the throttle so hard.

"Vegas very easily can come down to a fuel mileage race, any of these races could," Busch said. I think the best case scenario obviously is to try to keep your car running the best you can — whether you're pushing the clutch in getting it into the corners and just letting the thing idle or what have you.

OHIO FROM 1B

guard dropped his first attempt to make it 64-62. He intended to miss the second one, hoping to get a rebound and possible tying putback.

He shot it high in the air with a ton of backspin, but the ball hit the back of the rim, bounced off the front and then the back again before dropping through.

When the scoreboard clock showed: Akron 64, Ohio 64, the Zips' fans erupted thinking the intentional miss had somehow been tipped in.

But after a lengthy discussion and several looks at the replay monitor, the officiating crew determined the ball had gone through on its own — to the relief of the Bobcats and their fans.

Cooper could have given Ohio a three-point cushion, but he missed his two free throws, firing the second one long on purpose.

When Diggs' fling sailed wide, Ohio's players raced around the floor in celebration, their NCAA tourney dreams fulfilled. Cooper's 3-pointer with 4:19 left to put Ohio ahead 59-52 was the game's biggest shot.

With the 35-second shot

clock winding down, Cooper got the ball at the top of the key and was guarded closely by Akron's Nikola Cvetinovic. Cooper used a ball fake to create some space and then ducked underneath Cvetinovic, shot-putting the ball toward the basket as the horn sounded.

It dropped, and Cooper stared at Ohio's bench as if to say, "You had any doubt?"

Even Cvetinovic threw his arms in the air in disbelief.

Baltic followed with a 3-pointer from the corner to make it 62-54 and the Bobcats appeared to be in line to win their sixth MAC title.

But Diggs made a 3-pointer in rhythm from the right wing, and the Zips scored seven straight to close to 62-61 on Marshall's layup with 1:42 to play.

With the conference's NCAA bid up for grabs, the Bobcats and Zips scrapped for everything. Bodies hit the

floor, elbows flew near chins and there was some rough stuff on nearly every possession. In a balanced conference where everyone beats everyone, Akron has been the MAC's one constant in recent years. The Zips were appearing in their sixth straight title game, a league record and the nation's second-longest streak, behind only Gonzaga, which made it to 15 consecutive West Coast Conference finals.



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In 'Friends,' Westfeldt counters convention

By JAKE COYLE
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — “First of all, I’m an Aquarius.”

Jennifer Westfeldt is only half-joking in explaining how she came to be a combatant of convention. In the past 10 years, she has written and starred in three films, each of which takes the anxiety of a particular passage of adulthood — dating, marrying, parenting — and comically, candidly pursues them from an untraditional perspective.

In 2002’s “Kissing Jessica Stein,” the film that catapulted Westfeldt to chic indie status, her character tires of the kind of men who describe themselves as “self-defecating” and gives lesbianism a shot.

Five years later, in “Ira & Abby,” she played a twice-divorced woman who abandons the considered courtship that led only to heartbreak, and gets hitched on a hunch.

And now, after another five years, Westfeldt is back with “Friends With Kids,” which opened Friday in limited release, and she’s directing for the first time, too.

Westfeldt plays Julie, a 30-something New Yorker who has a child with a platonic friend, Jason (Adam Scott), in hopes of maintaining a romantic single life and foregoing the trappings of married parenthood.

“If someone says something’s impossible, I’m always like, ‘Re-



JENNIFER WESTFELDT

ally?” says Westfeldt over tea at an Upper West Side restaurant. “I don’t just follow or believe things that are dictated. I’m always wondering why it has to be that way.”

Westfeldt, 42, doesn’t look like a rebel. She’s a smiley, earnest, down-to-earth, fashionable Upper-Westsider, who chats cheerfully while brushing back her long blonde hair.

“She’s an open book,” says Jon Hamm, her boyfriend of 14 years and a co-star of “Friends With Kids.” “There’s not a lot of subterfuge or deflection in her, probably to her detriment. Sometimes the press can be a nasty beast, no offense. She is the most open-hearted, sweetest most loving

person that I know. And I think that’s pretty obvious in the work that she does.”

That work includes stints on Broadway and numerous TV series, but her most personal work are her three penned films, all of which bely an instinct to reexamine society’s assumptions.

“Friends With Kids” may sound like a facile premise, but the title has a double meaning. As much as the film is about a pair of friends having a baby, it’s about the experience of seeing your close friends marry, move to the suburbs (or, in the film, Brooklyn) and lose their old identities behind a BabyBjorn wall.

Julie and Jason’s circle of friends have all crossed the child Rubicon, with varying results. Maya Rudolph and Chris O’Dowd play a sleep-deprived couple drowning in diapers but making it through, while Kristen Wiig and Hamm are paired in a relationship becoming undone by the stress of parenting.

Much of the film, shot on a small budget over four weeks last year in the midst of one of New York’s snowiest winters, is centered on a trio of dinner scenes. With cinematographer Will Dexter, Westfeldt studied the camera movements of large dinner scenes in films like “Hannah and Her Sisters” and “The Big Chill.”

“It really was the ensemble dynamic that I was most interested in,” says Westfeldt. “The original kernel was just being out of sync with my peer group.”

Scott and his wife, producer Naomi Sablan, are longtime friends of Hamm and Westfeldt. With two kids of their own, they were very much a part of those peers.

“My first reaction when I read the script was that I was very moved by it, but at the same time, I was just kind of like, ‘Oh s---. I’m sorry, you guys,’” says Scott. “We were exactly those friends who disappeared when we were at home with a colic-y baby.”

Hamm and Westfeldt don’t have children, themselves. They split time between New York and Los Angeles, where they have a house and a beloved shepherd mix rescue.

“Jon says we live in L.A. I say we’re entirely bicoastal,” says Westfeldt, unready to divorce herself from a Manhattan identity. She grew up in Guilford, Conn., the younger of two daughters to divorced parents. (Full disclosure: Jennifer’s sister, Amy Westfeldt, is a reporter for The Associated Press.)

The relatively recent fame that “Mad Men” has brought Hamm has made their relationship more public than either Westfeldt or Hamm would like. Westfeldt stresses the importance of keeping a separate, private life outside of “the swirl,” and shrugs at the prying: “What are you going to do?”

Westfeldt, who fell for acting in the fourth grade playing Alice in “Alice in Wonderland,” had renegade leanings from the start.

Laughing at her “checked past,” she recalls being kicked out of a theater camp after stepping out for pizza with a boyfriend.

“I guess I have been a rule breaker,” she says. “It’s funny because in some ways, I’m so traditional,” says Westfeldt. “I’m such a romantic. I’m a serial monogamist.”

But it was the same spirit of ingenuity that birthed Westfeldt’s writing career. After bouncing around sitcoms and various TV pilots, Westfeldt attended a workshop that led to an unexpected writing collaboration with actress Heather Juergensen. Their play, “Lipschick: The Story of Two Women Seeking the Perfect Shade,” ran for just three nights in a small New York theater but attracted Hollywood’s attention. They turned it into “Kissing Jessica Stein.”

Westfeldt may have found a minor generational sensation again with “Friends With Kids,” a film easy for those in their 30s and 40s to relate to, and one New York Magazine has hailed as “the best breeder movie in years.”

Though the film — like her previous ones — inevitably edges toward a more conventional ending, Westfeldt, predictably, isn’t so sure of such a tidy future for any of her characters.

“There’s never an end to the ways in which arrangements and relationships get complicated and the two sides tested,” she says. “Life is complicated, right? And it continues to be.”

Capsule reviews of newly-released movies

By The Associated Press

▶ **“Friends With Kids”** — Jennifer Westfeldt seems interested in exploring the complications that come with pondering parenthood with a mix of candor and heart. She touches on the stages so many of us find ourselves going through in our 30s: steadfast reluctance, vaguely nagging interest, strong yearning and, eventually, the what-the-hell-have-we-done? realism of it all. Unfortunately, as writer, producer, star and (for the first time) director, Westfeldt takes a topic full of complex emotional shadings and turns it into something that is, for the most part, reductive, cliched and even sitcommy. You want to believe that she means well, that perhaps she has experienced some of these stages herself. She’s so adorably neurotic here (as she was in her acclaimed screenwriting debut “Kissing Jessica Stein”), and she’s amassed such a strong supporting cast, including her real-life romantic partner Jon Hamm, that you wish “Friends With Kids” were better, truer. Westfeldt and Adam Scott co-star as Julie and Jason, best friends since college who decide to have a baby together to avoid the romantic baggage that burdens their married friends (Maya Rudolph, Chris O’Dowd, Hamm and Kristen Wiig). *R for sexual content and language. 102 minutes. Two stars out of four.* — *Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic*

▶ **“John Carter”** — Yes, there is life on Mars, and it’s deadly dull. These are not words you would expect to use in describing a film from Andrew Stanton, director of the Oscar-winning Pixar favorites “Finding Nemo” and “WALL-E,” who’s making his live-action debut. And yet there they are, and they’re inescapable. Except for a strong cast, a few striking visuals and some unexpected flashes of humor, “John Carter” is just a dreary, convoluted trudge — a soulless sprawl of computer-generated blippery converted to 3-D. It’s the unfortunate film that’s loaded with exposition and yet still ends up being massively confusing. It probably will also seem rather derivative, but that’s because the source material, Edgar Rice Burroughs’ classic pulp tale “A Princess of Mars,” has been so influential on pop culture in general and science fiction specifically for the past century. Glimmers of “Star Wars,” “Superman” and “Avatar” are evident, but the uninitiated may still find it impenetrable. “Friday Night Lights” star Taylor Kitsch plays the title character, a Civil War veteran who’s suddenly transported to Mars (or Barsoom, as it’s known here) and finds himself in the midst of a different kind of civil war as well as an interplanetary romance. Lynn Collins, Ciaran Hinds, Willem Dafoe and Mark Strong co-star. *PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action. 131 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.* — *Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic*

▶ **“Silent House”** — Let’s just get something out of the way off the top: “Silent House” creates the illusion that it’s a haunted-house thriller crafted in one long, continuous shot. The camera follows “Martha Marcy May Marlene” star Elizabeth Olsen around a creepy, creaky lake house that’s under renovation, and we’re right there with her for every bump, jump and thump of her heart. This isn’t exactly the case, and husband-and-wife directors Chris Kentis and Laura Lau acknowledge as much — they actually pieced together several long takes to create one seemingly seamless feature-length film, a process that must have required a great deal of planning, choreography, breath-holding and prayer to pull off in its own right. But once you realize that what you’re watching is a trick — albeit one that’s beautifully executed from a technical standpoint — with a final twist that’s really a gimmick, its novelty loses a bit of its luster. Still, Olsen always makes the movie watchable. She has to — she appears in nearly every single frame. Olsen plays Sarah, a 20-something who’s helping her father and uncle fix up the family’s summer home, which is boarded up from the inside. Claustrophobia and paranoia ensue. *R for disturbing violent content and terror. 88 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.* — *Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic*

Calling TV stupid makes you seem smart — by what?

By FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It’s not my place to defend TV-watching.

Being a TV critic, I call attention to particular shows, good and bad. I assume the people I’m addressing have no problem with the notion of watching TV.

But what about TV’s teetotalers?

How many times have I heard their lofty pronouncements: “I don’t watch TV” or, even more blunt, “I don’t own a TV.”

They say it with a sly mix of apology and boastfulness. Their frequent explanation: TV is filled with reality shows, and who wants to see that crap? Or maybe no excuse is offered, as if TV’s stigma as a waste of time were too self-evident to mention.

It seems to me that kind of logic is like refusing to eat anything because you might get fat. And yet: If you publicly reject TV, you rise in many people’s estimation, even triggering guilt among many TV devotees (in the same way an outspoken vegan can inspire guilt among frequenters of Burger King).

It’s a response unique among the many forms of arts and entertainment. Has anyone ever burnished his image by boasting of never going to the movies? Or never seeing plays or attending concerts?

But condemn TV as inherently stupid — and in many people’s eyes you look smart.

It was ever thus. TV has been getting a bad rap since its earliest days.

Just consider its earliest nicknames: boob tube; idiot box.

Consider the words of pioneering TV wiseguy Ernie Kovacs: “Television is a medium because it is neither rare nor well done.”

Consider the timeless words of bygone FCC Chairman Newton Minow: “I invite you to sit down in front of your television set when your station goes on the air and stay there ... until the station signs off. I can assure you that you will observe a vast wasteland.”

“Vast wasteland” was coined in a speech by Minow a half-century ago, when there were just three commercial networks, no cable-network options, few shows in color, and fuzzy, snowy pictures (with high-def transmission barely dreamed of). And yet “vast wasteland” is a term still wielded against TV today, as if nothing had changed. In short, the snob appeal of dissing TV is as attractive today as it was when Milton Berle was cavorting in drag as Mr. Television.

But do TV defectors need to be reminded that TV’s wasteland, immeasurably more vast today as it sprawls across hundreds of channels — far more than the handful of channels in the past — is relieved by broad swaths of solid entertainment, and by patches of inarguable brilliance?

I’ve given up trying to remind one friend of that. She makes a point of seeing every feature film when it opens in theaters, but disdains TV as a septic tank of reality shows and nothing else. She has never seen programs such as “The Sopranos” and “Modern Family,” “Breaking Bad” and “Downton Abbey.” And no, she doesn’t own a TV.

Even the people who perform on TV seem likely to voice a dismissive attitude toward their own medium.

A few years ago I wrote about my experience interviewing TV stars and realizing that, out of hundreds I had spoken to, fewer than a dozen copped to being gung-ho fans of TV. The rest of them (if the subject came up) would tell me they were too busy to watch. They don’t shun just the programs they appear in. They don’t watch TV, period. Watching TV is what their public does, not they, who have better things to do. Or so they claim, almost visibly holding their nose as they say it.

The stigma of “television” becomes all the more nonsensical as the nature of TV (what does “TV” even mean?) is increasingly in flux.

Is watching a TV show on an iPad more socially acceptable than watching it on TV? (Maybe so: I’ve heard people who boast of not owning a TV readily admit to watching shows online, as if that somehow redeemed them.)

And, as time goes on, more and more shows all too similar to “TV shows” are originating not on TV but on websites. Will people need to skip those, too, in order to maintain their no-TV cred?

Meanwhile, social media are offering an enhanced way to “watch” television. The so-called second screen (of a computer, tablet or smartphone) offers companion sites for a communal experience to viewing any given TV show, and for offering feedback to that show. Increasingly, TV is a two-way street, though it remains to be seen whether this active-response system to what you watch will de-stigmatize TV viewing as shamefully passive.

But what’s wrong with passive viewing anyway? People who see lots of shows on TV are slammed as couch potatoes, while people who see lots of films at their local movie house earn the honorific of cineaste.

Don’t get me wrong. I don’t recommend watching TV as a default mode. I don’t advocate binge viewing, any more than a wine critic encourages binge drinking.

But I’d like to see a new attitude about consuming TV. In 1958, the great TV newsmen Edward R. Murrow said that, if TV didn’t rise to its prosocial potential, it would be “merely wires and lights in a box.”

More than 50 years later, Murrow would surely cringe at “Jersey Shore” and “Hillbilly Handfishin’.” But there aren’t many wires in a modern flat-screen, nor, strictly speaking, are there lights, and its components aren’t contained in what you’d call a box.

So maybe it’s time to consider what TV is. And to rethink who we are as its viewers — and what that makes those of us who refuse to watch.

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HOROSCOPE

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, March 11, 2012

The Scorpio moon stirs our deeper passions and focuses our attention on the serious matters of life, death and the transformations that occur between and beyond those two points. The moon's journey angles Venus, Jupiter, Pluto and Mars, and many feelings, tones and areas of life will be visited over the course of the day.

ARIES (March 21—April 19). You'll have the opportunity to focus on your strengths. This doesn't come along every day! When you play to your talents, the people around you perk up, and something magical occurs.

TAURUS (April 20—May 20). You'll be engaged in your activities and will successfully complete what you set out to do. The most important element of your day will be the planning of it, however informal that process may be.

GEMINI (May 21—June 21). You'll connect with people you like immensely and also with those you like a little less. The real social genius in you comes out when those people don't know which category they fall into.

CANCER (June 22—July 22). You have a way of lifting the energy around you, especially when you talk about what you believe in and your dreams. You'll be elegant and persuasive as you speak from the heart.

LEO (July 23—Aug. 22). You are enterprising and courageous today, and you'll delight people whether or not it's your intention to do so. You have a grand sense of showmanship and presentation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23—Sept. 22). It's your day to go for the long shots. Be an optimist and maybe a bit of a gambler, too. You'll enjoy unlikely results. A scatter-shot strategy will be surprisingly effective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23—Oct. 23). The details have a way of weighing you down. You refuse to get mired in minutiae. You'll dim your critical thinking skills in order to get a sense of the big picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24—Nov. 21). When someone asks how you are doing, it's really an opportunity for you to network, further a cause or share a bit of news that puts you in a nice light. Think of what you want to say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22—Dec. 21). Relationships are complicated. But things don't have to be sorted out all in one day. Consistent efforts over a long period of time will have the most meaningful effect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22—Jan. 19). Without being bossy or overbearing, you'll just naturally run things. Everyone will step out of your way. You'll express yourself with an easy confidence and enjoy a heightened appeal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20—Feb. 18). You make every effort to ensure that you show up strong for your loved ones. You also care about how you're being perceived by outsiders, and this perception will definitely impact the opportunities that are made available to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19—March 20). You have a nice connection with fellow water signs, Cancer and Scorpio. Consider going into business together, making family introductions and/or other ways of taking these relationships to the next level.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 11). You'll enjoy a certain inner peace and evenness throughout the year.

Whether there are flowers or snow on the ground, your internal weather is mild. Loved ones give you the kind of care that makes you feel special. Big events come together in the spring. June brings excitement and culture. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 14, 33 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK

AHEAD: When Mercury goes retrograde, as he will on Monday, the learning opportunities abound. Through April 4 of this year, Mercury will travel backward, first through Aries and then through Pisces, to help us review and reconsider the workings of day-to-day life. During this transit, the merry prankster may seem to behave like a mischievous elf, hiding your car keys or playing memory games that make you forget where you parked. What other fun tricks will Mercury have up his sleeve? Dropped calls and miscommunications are his specialties. He also enjoys traffic jams, overdue library books and long lines at the grocery store. So where do the lessons come in? It's up to you to draw conclusions, but the key is to look for the opportunity your situation affords. For instance, miscommunication may be an opportunity to get to know what another person really wanted to hear. Or maybe it's a chance to assess and manage your expectations and the expectations of others in the future. Or perhaps it's a chance to learn another person's love language or particular style. Losing things might provide an opportunity to get organized, downsized for simplicity's sake or determine what is truly important to you. Stay positive this week, and keep looking for the benefits.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This Pisces is considered one of the greatest scientific thinkers of all time, even though early in his life Albert Einstein struggled to harness and focus his extraordinary genius and was even expelled from school. Born under a Sagittarius moon, his expansive ideas changed the world. His natal Mercury, Venus and Saturn were in headstrong, curious Aries. Jupiter in Aquarius shows a mystical side.

ANTIQUES

BY TERRY KOVEL

St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in Ireland for more than a thousand years. The modern celebration on March 17 is a religious holiday in Ireland, with church in the morning, then a parade and dancing, eating and drinking later in the day. American collectors are beginning to look for decorations and memorabilia from St. Patrick's Day, often to join their more popular Christmas and Halloween collectibles.

Get started on a St. Patrick's Day collection before it gains on the other holidays. Look for green, the holiday's color. From about 1910 to 1930, holiday candy containers were made in Germany out of cardboard or composition. A green pig, an Irishman's head topped by a traditional hat, and children dressed in Irish costumes were popular shapes. There are many St. Patrick's Day postcards from the 1910s and 1920s, too, and Avery Dennison and other companies made green crepe paper and cutouts for holiday tables. In the 1920s, the Japanese also made St. Patrick's Day memorabilia featuring the traditional shamrock, leprechaun and pipe.

More recent holiday pieces include a red-haired Irish Madame Alexander doll, a green Fenton glass set of bears with bowties and shamrocks and even a limited edition Longaberger basket. A 2005 Boston Red Sox green jersey, a Guinness T-shirt, a Franklin Mint sword and a Hamm's beer stein all date from after the 1960s. Most of these items are still inexpensive. And most of them will be found not at auctions, but at ephemera shows, garage sales and flea markets. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Q: You recently wrote about the dangers of using old baby cribs. Can you explain? I have the one I slept in as a baby in 1942. I have that crib set up for my 10-month-old granddaughter for naps. Is the crib safe?

A: Your old crib is not safe. Nearly every crib made before about 10 years ago is not safe. The problems include slats that are too far apart, which can trap a baby's head. Slats should be closer than 2 3/8 inches apart. Drop sides can crash down and throw a standing toddler onto the floor or trap a baby against the mattress. And many early cribs are covered in lead paint. A child chewing on the rails could swallow paint chips and get lead poisoning. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's homepage (CPSC.gov) has a "Cribs" link that provides all the safety information you need. Some collectors use old cribs to hold dolls or stuffed animals. It is illegal to sell old cribs.

Q: My sister recently received an antique German "napkin plate." It's a small majolica plate with a design in the center that looks just like a square folded napkin. When were these plates popular?

A: Majolica napkin plates were made not only in Europe, but also in the United States. They were popular in the late 1800s and were used to serve cake. Today the plates sell to collectors for prices ranging from \$90 to \$150.

Q: Back in 1968, I bought a grandfather clock for \$275. The plywood cabinet is 75 inches tall and 19 inches wide. It's marked "F. Resch" inside and is also signed "Resch." The brass ornaments on the case were made in Italy. What can you tell me?

A: Your clock was made in Austria by Gebruder Resch (Resch Brothers), a clockmaking firm that operated in Vienna from 1862 to 1871, then in Ebensee, Austria, from 1871 to 1901. Its production peaked in the mid 1880s, when it made 12,000 to 15,000 clocks a year. Today your clock would sell for a price in the thousands. Keep it in good working order.

Q: I would like to know the start and stop dates when items were marked "People's Republic of China," "Occupied Japan" and "U.S. Zone" (on German china).

A: The presence of a country name on a piece of china helps date the piece. After the passage of the McKinley Tariff Act in 1891, china and other goods imported into the United States had to be marked with the country of origin. However, only one piece of a set of china had to be marked and some pieces were marked with a paper label, which could easily fall off. The mark "Made in [name of country]" usually means the item was made after 1915. Beginning in 1921, the country name had to be written in English. At the end of World War II, some new marks were used. The words "Occupied Japan" indicate that a piece was made in Japan between 1947 and 1952, when Allied forces occupied the country after World War II. Items marked "U.S. Zone" were made in Germany between 1945 and 1949, when Germany was divided into four Allied occupation zones. The People's Republic of China was established on Oct. 1, 1949, and still is in existence.

Q: I inherited an old collar necklace and would like to know more about it. It's 16 inches long and 1 1/4 inches wide with five rows of beads, each row slightly larger than the one above it. There's a label sewn to the fabric backing that says

"Handmade, A Top Hit Fashion, Baar & Beards, Inc., Japan."

A: Baar & Beards was a retail store established in New York City in 1941 by Sylvan M. Baar and Milton Beards. It specialized in women's neckwear, including scarves and collar necklaces like yours. In the 1940s and '50s, when "Your Hit Parade" was a popular radio and TV show, Baar & Beards started selling scarves with pop music themes. It seems that the company used the brand name "Top Hit" for other designs, too, including costume jewelry collar necklaces they ordered from Japan. Top Hit necklaces sell online for about \$25 to \$100.

Tip: Forged glass signatures, including Steuben, Quezal and Tiffany, are appearing on newer glass. This has been true for years. Do not trust a signature. Be sure the glass is the proper shape and type to have been produced by the original factory. Some fake marks are written with a diamond-tipped drill; some are acid-stamped. All look real.

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.

▶ Wade English figural cottage, porcelain, L-shape, copper shingled roof, 4 x 3 inches, \$20.

▶ Morton Salt advertising coffee set, ring handles, 1914, 1921, 1956 and 1968 logos, navy blue and white, four mugs, sugar and creamer, 3 5/8 x 2 3/4 inches, \$50.

▶ Ann Southern paper doll book, two dolls, 16 outfits, Saalfeld, 1959, 1 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches, \$55.

▶ Finger bowl, cut glass, Strawberry Diamond & Fan pattern, 1800s, 5 x 2 3/4 inches, \$100.

▶ Perfume bottle, "Gone With the Wind," Scarlett O'Hara figural, glass, flowing pink gown, hard plastic stopper, 1939, 7 inches, \$115.

▶ Hand puppets, "The Three Stooges," Larry, Curly and Moe, cloth body, 1960s, Remco, 9 inches, set of three, \$230.

▶ Crazy quilt, jewel-tone velvet and satin, burgundy border, dated 1891, 64 x 72 inches, \$235.

▶ Hanging shelf, Eastlake, ebonized finish, gold highlights, three shelves, six finials at base, c. 1900, 32 x 34 inches, \$595.

▶ Bank, mechanical, William Tell, cast iron, J. & E. Stevens Co., c. 1896, 10 x 6 inches, \$1,200.

▶ Sign, Esso Motor Oil, cardboard, reads "To keep your wife happy with the old car, change to Esso," image of a pair of eyes, one closed from a black eye, 21 x 37 inches, \$1,500.

That's seriously funny: Comics tackle tough issues

By MATT MOORE

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA —

There are wedding bells in Riverdale, but it's not Archie and Betty or Veronica. It's Army Lt. Kevin Keller and the physical therapist who helped him overcome his war wound — Clay Walker.

Meanwhile, in the comics pages, Gil is an 8-year-old boy being raised by his divorced factory-working mom, and Dustin is 23 and living at home, unable to find a job after graduating from college.

Comics have always been a portal for escapism and fantasy but have also labored to reflect a contemporary climate, a process that shows no signs of slowing whether it involves super villains, breast cancer or other complicated realities of modern life.

Writers and artists fold real-world events into their fictional worlds, blending boundaries to make readers not just laugh and escape, but also reflect and think.

"Comics have always been a reflection of our world," said Brendan Burford, comics editor at King Features Syndicate in New York. "People want to see a reflection and, chances are, that the reflection is something that rings through with their world, their life, their family and their friends, they can relate and laugh."

The title character in "Gil" is an elementary

school student, slightly portly and always picked last for sports, who lives with his mom. He would love a nuclear family because it would mean he'd have superpowers.

"Growing up in a single-parent family during America's first 'Great Recession' wasn't always easy, but I look back on my formative years fondly," said cartoonist Norm Feuti, who debuted "Gil" in January and has based it, partly, on his own experiences.

He noted that with the national divorce rate rising, there are parents and kids who can probably relate to his title character, an 8-year-old quintessential underdog who lacks the latest toys or electronic gadgets.

"Gil is a very personal comic to me," Feuti said. "It's a celebration of the resiliency and indefatigable spirit of childhood."

In another strip, Dustin has finished college but is living with his parents, unable to find a significant job or afford his own apartment, experiences not uncommon among many recent graduates.

"It's humor therapy for people," said Steve Kelly, who, along with fellow cartoonist Jeff Parker, created "Dustin" in 2010 and has seen it expand to some 300 newspapers since then. "If you were to sit at home and you were unemployed and you thought you were the only one, that would be a lot

more difficult to deal with."

But seeing it in the comic strips, or in the comic books, may soften the blow, he said.

"In these tough economic times, there are a lot of people sitting in their parents' houses and they think you're making fun of them and, honest to God, we're not," Kelly said. "I've been unemployed — worked at the newspaper in San Diego, got fired and was unemployed for a year. I know how you can feel isolated and depressed and you wonder what the future hold."

Sometimes, the topics can be rife with politics or challenged different social values.

In Riverdale, longtime home of the high school jinks of Archie, Betty, Veronica and others, issues ranging from gay marriage to cancer are finding new readers and story lines, bringing up topics not typically found in the funny pages.

A story about the wedding of Army Lt. Kevin Keller and the physical therapist who helped him overcome his war wound sold out its print run.

It also drew a protest from one group concerned that its cover showing the two men in front of a "just married" sign was too bold for a magazine sold not just in book stores, but also in drug stores and toy stores.

One Million Moms, a project of The American Family Association, recent-

ly asked retailer Toys R Us not to display the magazine near its checkout aisles, noting that a "trip to the toy store turns into a premature discussion on sexual orientation and is completely uncalled for."

Archie Comics co-chief executive Jon Goldwater said the company isn't aiming to ruffle feathers. Instead, he said, it's reflecting a contemporary world where in some states, gay marriage is legal.

"We believe in a Riverdale that doesn't judge or condemn. Maybe someday the rest of America will follow in the town's idealized example," Goldwater said.

In another story line, Cheryl Blossom, who lit out for California to pursue a film career, is now in her 20s and facing not celluloid dreams, but breast cancer.

So, said Victor Gorelick, Archie editor-in-chief, she returns home to be among friends, family and a familiar environment even if she's got guilt over being able to afford her treatment.

"One of the things that comes out is that she feels she's very fortunate that she can have all this treatment because she has medical insurance, the money, to be able to do it," Gorelick said.

The story "opens the door that there are a lot of people who cannot afford this kind of treatment and we have to see where that's kind of going to lead."

ASK STACY

BY STACY JENEL SMITH

DEAR STACY: Years ago, there was a reality show called "The Starlet," and the girl who won was supposed to appear on "One Tree Hill." Whatever became of her? She was a really beautiful girl. — **Jordan S., Wheeling, W.V.**

DEAR JORDAN: You are referring to Minneapolis — born Michelynne McGuire, who did appear on "One Tree Hill" in 2005 — the same year "The Starlet" came and went. It is readily apparent that her career did not take off. Her only other credit is in a film called "The Olivia Experiment," which is in post-production.

DEAR STACY: My friend will buy me a box of the stuff if I'm right; I say that Yvette Nicole Brown of "Community" did a Fiber One commercial a while back. And the actress who plays Mrs. McCluskey on "Desperate Housewives" was in the same commercial. Do I win? — **Jamie G., Fullerton, Calif.**

DEAR JAMIE: You win. The old spot has "Desperate Housewives" actress Kathryn Joosten asking, "What's the deal?" Good memory.

DEAR STACY: Is Deanna Durbin still living? I still think of her in "Lady on a Train." — **A.W., Fairmont, Minn.**

DEAR A.W.: Yes. She's 90 years old and living in the French village of Neauphle-le-Chateau. The hugely popular singer/actress of the 1930s and '40s — for two years, the top-salaried woman in America — moved to Paris and retired from show business after her 1948 film "For the Love of Mary." She lived in France and Switzerland with her third husband, her "Lady on a Train" director Charles David, until his death in 1999.

She had obviously had her fill of fame. It's been reported that when they wed, David agreed to give her what by then she wanted most: "the life of nobody." Durbin has remained true to her plan to stay away from Hollywood despite numerous attempts to woo her back for various projects and events. She is the mother of a daughter and a stepson.

DEAR STACY: Please settle a long-standing disagreement. My friend says that "The Golden Girls" theme song was sung by the late Rue McClanahan. I say no way. Who is right? — **Lorna A., Jamestown, N.Y.**

DEAR LORNA: "Thank You for Being a Friend," written by Andrew Gold, was sung by Cynthia Fee.

Bieber's mom has book deal

TORONTO (AP) — Pop star Justin Bieber's mom has inked a book deal to tell the story of the role she played in her son's rise to superstardom.

Pattie Mallette signed a deal with Revell Books to publish, "Nowhere But Up: The Story of Justin Bieber's Mom."

The book's publisher said in a statement Tuesday that Mallette will share details of the trauma, abuse and addiction that plagued her early childhood and young adult years, leading to a suicide attempt when she was 17.

The Stratford, Ontario, native became pregnant at age 18 and gave birth to Bieber in 1994. The book, written in collaboration with A.J. Gregory, will include a foreword by Bieber. It is slated for release Sept. 18.

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Can men and women co-workers be friends?

Dear Annie: Is it possible for two married co-workers of the opposite sex to be friends?

I have been married to "Jane" for 15 years. A year ago, she discovered that I was texting my co-worker "Lisa,"



Annie's Mailbox

with whom I have a professional relationship. Jane became upset and said a male and female could not have a friendship because eventually one of them would want more. So I discontinued all outside communication with Lisa.

Eight months later, Lisa caught her husband cheating and moved out of her house. I began texting her to inquire if everything was OK during this difficult time. Well, my wife saw those messages, and now she thinks I'm cheating on her. She is ready to file for divorce.

For the record, I have never once seen Lisa outside of work or ever called her, just texted. I am being persecuted for something I never did, which still boils down to my question: Can a male and a female be friends without strings attached? — **Not Guilty, but with a Good Female Friend**

Dear Not Guilty: Yes, but with provisions. You should not be so attracted to the co-worker that you are vulnerable to an affair, and you may not contact the co-worker about personal, non-work-related matters without your spouse's knowledge and consent.

We don't know whether you are guilty of the first, but you are certainly guilty of the second. By hiding your initial communication with Lisa, you raised doubts in your wife's mind, and she became suspicious of your motives. By resuming clandestine contact after agreeing not to do so, you also violated her trust. It will go a long way if you can acknowledge your part in this mess and appreciate your wife's feelings on the subject. Get some counseling if you cannot reach an understanding.

Dear Annie: I am in a quandary. I asked my brother and his wife to buy a raffle ticket to benefit my grandchildren's youth athletic boosters. They agreed and promised to get the money to me the week before the drawing.

By the night of the drawing, they still had not paid for the ticket, so I paid for it myself. This ticket actually won the raffle. I asked the people in charge what to do, and they said the ticket was mine at the time of the drawing, so the winnings belong to me.

My brother showed up a week later with a check that was dated the night of the drawing. I told him the raffle was over, but he would not take his check back. I didn't tell him the ticket won. What should I do? — **Want To Do What Is Right**

Dear Want: Technically, the ticket belonged to you at the time of the drawing. However, it is obviously still a source of anxiety, so we suggest a compromise. You purchased this ticket for your brother and were holding it for him. He provided a check in good faith, albeit late. Unless there are legal repercussions, we think you should give him the winnings or at least offer to split them. You'll feel better.

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"LE PUZZLE" By ELIZABETH C. GORSKI

ACROSS

- 1 Not more than
- 7 Mayo to mayo, e.g.
- 10 "Blue": George Strait hit
- 13 One of the Three Bears
- 17 Pacify
- 18 No
- 20 Quieted
- 22 Cheap laugh?
- 24 It can knock you out
- 25 Commentator
- 26 "Evita" role
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Kim Novak explains feelings behind 'Artist' protest

By DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kim Novak is clarifying why she used the word "rape" to describe how she felt about "The Artist."

The 79-year-old "Vertigo" actress, who will be honored next month at the TCM Classic Film Festival, said during a phone interview Monday that hearing the score from the Alfred Hitchcock film used in the recent Oscar-winning homage to the silent-film era reminded her of the same feelings she experienced when she was raped as a child.

"It was very painful," said Novak. "When I said it was like a rape, that was how it felt to me. I had experienced in my youth being raped, and so I identified with a real act that had been done to me. I didn't use that word lightly. I had been raped as a child. It was a rape I never told about, so when I experienced this one, I felt the need to express it."

Novak, who played the dual role of both a suicidal trophy wife and a morose working girl opposite Jimmy Stewart in the 1958 thriller, said in a statement

released in January by her manager that she "wanted to report a rape" and that the filmmakers of "The Artist" had no reason "to depend on Bernard Herrmann's score from 'Vertigo' to provide more drama."

Novak's comments drew criticism from rape crisis groups, who noted that plagiarism was not the same as a sexual assault. Other actors have similarly been chastised for misusing the word "rape." Johnny Depp and "Twilight" star Kristen Stewart both issued apologies after they compared having their photos taken to being raped in respective interviews.

"I never reported my real rape, so I felt the need to report this one," said Novak, who left Hollywood in the 1970s for Big Sur, an isolated section of California coastline, before eventually relocating to Oregon. "I felt that someone needed to speak up because the music has been taken advantage of too much. I hope that in the future, maybe somehow it will do some good."

Michel Hazanavicius, the writer-director of "The Artist," which won five Academy Awards last month, including best picture and original score, re-

sponded to Novak in January, noting that the film was "a love letter to cinema" and that he loves "Bernard Herrmann, and his music has been used in many different films, and I'm very pleased to have it in mine."

Novak said that the motion picture academy sent her a letter disapproving of her making the statement while "The Artist" was in Oscar contention. She acknowledged that after getting "over the shock" that the "Vertigo" love theme was used in "The Artist," she actually enjoyed the film and thought it deserved its Oscar glory — except for the best original score trophy.

On April 14, as part of the TCM Classic Film Festival, Novak will add her hand and footprints to the Grauman's Chinese Theater forecourt, where Hollywood stars have been honored since the 1920s. She will also introduce a screening of "Vertigo" and participate in an interview with TCM host Robert Osborne for a special scheduled to be broadcast next year.

"I was an original," said Novak of her highly lauded "Vertigo" role. "I didn't give a performance that was prepared for in a Holly-

wood or theatrical sense. I didn't study a style of acting. I gave a performance that was from my gut. I've always just been who I am. That doesn't go out of style because it's real. It's not based on the fads or fashions of today."

Novak's other films include the musical "Pal Joey," with Frank Sinatra and Rita Hayworth; "Jeanne Eagels," featuring Novak in the title role as a troubled 1920s star, with Jeff Chandler as her love interest; and "Bell, Book and Candle," starring Novak as a witch who again entrances Stewart — this time on the eve of his marriage.

Obama campaign to release documentary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's re-election campaign plans to release a 17-minute documentary next week about his first term in office.

Campaign manager Jim Messina says the documentary was directed by Davis Guggenheim, whose credits include the Academy Award-winning, "An Inconvenient Truth," about Al Gore's global-warming campaign.

Messina says the documentary will, in his words,

Brooks leads Country Hall 2012 class

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An emotional Garth Brooks said his addition to the Country Music Hall of Fame at 50 is probably a little premature when you look at the long list of his influences who haven't yet been inducted.

The "Friends in Low Places" singer transformed country music, but on Tuesday he was more interested in talking about the singers who transformed him. Brooks spoke during a news conference to announce he will be inducted later this year with singer Connie Smith and keyboard player Hargus "Pig" Robbins.

"You're excited," Brooks said. "You feel very honored. But at the same time there's this kind of guilt or, I don't know what it is, a kind of embarrassment, so you feel uneasy because I wouldn't be standing here today talking to you if it wasn't for Randy Travis. I wouldn't be standing here talking to you today if it wasn't for Ricky Skaggs, Keith Whitley, Steve Wariner, these guys. ... I think eventually they will get in, but it probably should've been before Garth Brooks came in. That's the whole feeling for the day."

The announcement was made at a news conference at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Brooks, Smith and Robbins will be officially inducted at a ceremony later this year. Brooks, who is in semi-retirement in Oklahoma, took country music to a new level over a 15-year period, becoming the top-selling solo artist in the U.S. with more than 128 million albums sold.

He busted down the walls of what had been a regional sound, taking country music to stadiums and major metropolitan markets. He opened the door for scores of artists who joined him on a platinum-selling spree in the 1990s never before seen in the genre.

Smith, the wife of country singer Marty Stuart, will be inducted as a veterans era selection. She is among a pioneering wave of female singers who helped lay the foundation for today's success by women in country music and released her 53rd album last year.

Robbins, blind since childhood, is considered among the top session players in Nashville over a 50-year career that's included work for everyone from George Jones to Bob Dylan. He was inducted in the rotating category of recording/touring musician active before 1980.

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ACROSS OUR CLASSROOMS

Crestview plans kindergarten registration

COLUMBIANA – Registration and screening for kindergarten students for the 2012-13 school year will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 6 at Crestview Elementary School, 3407 Middleton Road. The child's birth certificate, Social Security number, immunization record, proof of residency, (example utility bill, etc.) and custody documentation should accompany the child.

To be eligible for kindergarten the child must be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2012.

State law requires a kindergarten experience prior to attending first grade. Appointments may be made by calling the school at 330-482-5370.

Southern Local honors top students

SALINEVILLE – The following students were honored by being named "Students of the Month" for February at the Southern Local Elementary School.

They are: Alexis Ensinger, Kaiden McCulley, Annalise Kramer, Jhenna Corbin, Aiden Spahlinger, Jordyn Sanlo, Emily Walker, Jada Call, Stephanie Householder, Zach Halfhill, Kayla Wiley, Nyla Clevenger, Rebecca Show, Steven Richards, Jacob Spencer, Caden Clark, Justin Roberts, Sarah Dean, Allison Forbes, Terry Naylor, Abby Walker, Stella Karcher, Kaley Nicholson, Chelsea Groves and Paula Custer.

Llewellyn earns dean's list at BGSU

BOWLING GREEN – Kristen Llewellyn of Columbiana was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bowling Green State University where she is a senior majoring in two dimensional art.

She is the daughter of Kathy Reash of Columbiana and Kenneth Llewellyn of Liberty.

Lisbon schedules kindergarten registration

LISBON – Parents of children who will be 5-year-olds on or before Aug. 1 may register their children for kindergarten March 26-30 at the Lisbon Board of Education Office, 317 N. Market St.

Appointments may be made by calling 330-424-7714. Screenings for kindergarten will be held April 25 and 26. Appointments will be made at the time of registration.

Registration for the Lisbon Preschool will also be available at this time for the 2012-13 school year.

There are a limited number of places available for 4-year-olds with 3-year-olds taking the remaining spots. Applications are available at the BOE office.

Parents enrolling children in Lisbon Schools must bring a photo ID of themselves, the child's original birth certificate, original Social Security Card, immunization records, proof of residency, and custody paper, if applicable.

WB kindergarten registration is May 2-3

BELOIT – Kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year will be held May 2 and 3 by appointment only. Registration will be held in the West Branch High School auditorium lobby.

Any child who is 5 years of age on or before Sept. 30, 2012 and resides within the West Branch School District is eligible to be registered. To schedule an appointment call Anna Lesch in the superintendent's office at 330-938-9324.

Non-residents planning to apply for open enrollment must also schedule an appointment. Open enrollment applications will be available beginning April 16 and will also be available at registration.

To be eligible for open enrollment, the child must be 5 years of age by the date set by your district of residence. Contact the superintendent's office in your resident district to confirm that date.

The following items will be required at registration: birth certificate, immunization records, Social Security card, custody/court papers (if applicable) and proof of residency (utility bill, purchase/lease agreement, driver's license) and a copy of the form of ID of the person who is registering their child.

Only the custodial parent/guardian can register a child for kindergarten. Registration will not be complete until all required forms are provided.

CCCTC students excel in Skills USA

LISBON – The regional Skills USA competition was held Feb. 25 at the Maplewood Career Center. Several students from the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center competed and placed.

The students who placed in the top three at the regional competition will advance to the state competition to be held April 27 and 28 at The Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus.

From the cosmetology career path, Haydon Gorby of Wellsville competed in the category of Job Skill Demo A in which she placed first. She is a junior and the student of instructor Karen Grimes.

Ivy Miller, a junior from Lisbon, placed first in the category of prepared speech. She is the student of instructor Christy Mays.

From the health academy career path, senior Beaver Local students Michael Gorby and Kenny Cunningham both placed second which advances them to the state competition. Gorby competed in the category of medical health while Cunningham competed in the category of basic healthcare skills. They are students of instructor Daneen Hughes.

The public safety services career path had three students advance to the state level. Lance Smith, a senior from Beaver Local, and Steven Dixon, a senior from Lisbon, both won the local competition in the firefighter combat challenge which advances them straight to the state competition. Senior Jordan Cope, a United student, won third place at the regional competition in the category of CPR/First Aid.

The public safety services students are under the instruction of Bill Burns.



The West Branch Middle School Power of the Pen eighth-grade team are regional champions. West Branch beat 31 other teams from nine counties on March 3 at Malone University. Front row, from left, Megan Winters, Torie Stratton, Elsa Buehler, Kaylie Day, and Brianna Long; back row, from left, coach Libbie Romigh and Paige Walsh.

West Branch Middle School Power of Pen eighth-grade team captures regional title

BELOIT – The West Branch Middle School Power of the Pen eighth-grade team became regional champions by beating 31 other teams from nine counties March 3 at Malone University.

This same team won regionals as a seventh grade team in 2011 as well. Team members are Elsa Buehler, Kaylie Day, Brianna Long, Torie Stratton, Paige Walsh, and Megan Winters.

Winning individual awards and qualifying for the state tournament in May at the College of Wooster were Torie Statton, daughter of Crystal and Robert Stratton of Salem, who earned an eighth place medal; and Megan Winters, daughter of Mary and Edwin Winters of North Benton who won first place out of 102 eighth-grade regional writers. She also received a college scholarship award from the College Advantage Savings Plan.

Competing at the seventh-grade level were Zoie Bailey, Maddie Buehler, Madi Definbaugh, and Ragan Kirksey who will find out in the next two weeks if they have qualified for state competition. A total of 24 percent of the regional writers will advance to the state tournament. Helping out as ballot runners were WBMS Power of the Pen extra writers Kaley Anderson, Shae

Haas, Bailey Polinori, Erica Scarpitti, Lauren Stille, Taylor Vence, Sarah Yerkey and Johnathen McFall.

Writers wrote three rounds of writing, in groups of six, never having the same judge, never a judge from their own school, or ever having to compete against the same writers more than once. Students are ranked out of six and also assigned quality points for each piece of writing. For immediate feedback, the writers get to go home with scores and comments from the judges. This year's regional writing prompts were in seventh grade: "Outnumbered develop a narrative based on this word"; "The weapon write about one that succeeds in getting you what you want"; and, "The gold frame is beautiful but empty. Why is there no picture in it?"

In eighth grade the prompts were as follows: "Obsessed with what?"; "The prize describe one that is not worth winning"; and, "The letter write about one you were never intended to read. Its contents are disturbing."

Parents Tamara Buehler and Mary Winters helped as volunteers in the tab room, and teachers Susan Hartzell, Tonya Edie, and Heidi Katabi-Kekel helped judge at the tournament. Also judging was the WBMS Power of the Pen Team Coach Libbie Romigh.



American Legion sending delegates to Buckeye Girls State

The revived American Legion Auxiliary Charles H. Carey Unit 56 will be sending four delegates from Salem High School to the 2012 session Buckeye Girls State held at University of Mount Union in Alliance. The four delegates are, from left, Reegan Barnett, Nicole Slaven, Mallory Maher and Jessica Martinelli. Buckeye Girls State is designed to educate Ohio's young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. Through hands on experience delegates have the opportunity to not only learn the mechanics of local and state government; they learn citizenship, patriotism and the love of God and country; they gain self-confidence, poise and character. While there the delegates will learn about local, county and state governments. Co-sponsors contributing to the Buckeye Girls State program are Charles H. Carey Post 56, AMVETS Post 45, Kiwanis Club of Salem and VFW Post 893. (Submitted photo)

'An Artistic Discovery' contest open to area high school students

MARIETTA – U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson (R-Marietta) today announced that high school students in eastern and southeastern Ohio can participate in the 2012 Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." The winning artist will have his or her artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Runners-up will have their artwork displayed in Johnson's Marietta, Salem, Ironton, or Washington, D.C. offices.

All high school students living in eastern and southeastern Ohio are eligible to enter. "I'm pleased to be able to showcase the artistic talents of high school students in eastern and southeastern Ohio," Johnson said in a press release. "The Congressional Art Competition is a great opportunity to highlight students in our region. We had many outstanding submissions last year, and I look forward to seeing the artwork produced by our students this year. I also look forward to proudly displaying their work in my offices and in the U.S. Capitol."

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 and features artwork from students in nearly every congressional district in the country.

All artwork must be no larger than 28 x 28 x 4 including the frame and can weigh no more than 15 pounds. The artwork should be original in design, concept

and execution. Acceptable media include:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor.
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers.
- Collage.
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints.
- Mixed media: use of more than two media such as pencil, ink, watercolor.
- Computer-generated art.
- Photography.

Full guidelines can be found at <http://house.gov/content/educate/art-competition/>

All submissions are due by April 27 and can either be mailed or delivered in person to Johnson's offices at 246 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750, 192 E. State St., Salem, Ohio 44460, or 202 Park Avenue, Suite C, Ironton, Ohio 45638. The top five submissions will be selected by a three-person panel of experts and winners will be notified the first week of May. Questions should be directed to Ben Keeler in the Marietta District Office at 740-376-0868.

Opinion

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"It's all right to hesitate if you then go ahead."

— Bertholt Brecht, German poet and dramatist (1898-1956)

ROSES & THORNS

Roses to the United Local girls basketball team. The Golden Eagles won a district title before falling to unbeaten Smithville in the regional. United Local finished 21-4 under head coach Sam Mathias. The Golden Eagles weren't expected to be that good heading into the season. They had a first-year head coach and didn't boast a ton of varsity experience. But their season-long efforts — including a district title win over favored and perennial area power Youngstown Ursuline — proved what can be accomplished by believing in yourselves and committing to a goal. Well done, girls.

Roses to city council, we guess, for approving a final reading on an ordinance limiting the number of dogs and cats permitted in a residence to five. Sort of an arbitrary number but, hey, if not five then what? Of course, it's the noise component that is involved here. There are plenty of single-pet owners out there whose only dog is capable of incessant nocturnal barking. Sometimes one pet is enough when it comes to nuisance noise. And there are multiple pet owners whose dogs and cats don't make a whimper. Or a bark or loud meow for that matter. It all comes down to who your neighbor is.

Roses to all area residents who are part of our agricultural community. Around here there are hundreds. National Agriculture Day was observed Thursday. It is well deserved. To all the farmers and food producers out there, thank you very much for what you provide us to eat and also for the businesses you support.

Roses to the voters of Perry Township. On Election Day Tuesday, they resoundingly supported a 1.5 continuous levy by nearly a 2-to-1 margin. The extra money will be needed due to rising costs with expenses such as medical insurance and fuel. Chief Mike Emigh and his officers do efficient work covering an expansive area. It is good to know most residents realize and appreciate that.

Roses for March Madness. And, of course, tournament bracket sheets completed and pored over strictly for entertainment, snicker, purposes only.

Thorns to idiot(s) riding dirt bikes on the lawn of the Friends Cemetery located behind the Hickory Rib. Many don't even know that there is a cemetery there because it has been inactive for decades. But it is sacred land and it is clearly marked. Where's the reverence? Make those found guilty to pay for damage and as a community service make them help with the upkeep of the land.

Thorns to an audit issued Thursday involving the Mullins School and, indirectly, Salem Schools. Anytime the words "findings for recovery" comes attached to a released audit it's not good news. Auditor of State Dave Yost called it the mystery of the missing money. Well, not really. Someone took it. Let the due law process run its course. Our county prosecutor and his office are good at doing such things. It's too bad this had to happen because it will reflect poorly on the Hannah Mullins School as a whole to some naysayers out there. That would be those always-at-the-ready acidic-tongued critics who load their verbal slingshots at every opportunity and blindly fire away. Which shouldn't happen because it is a wonderful facility that has well-served Salem and our area for decades. And of course the Mullins School is connected to the Salem School District which oversees its finances. It was the district which did uncover the missing money and prudently acted. Roses to the treasurer's office. The amount missing, over \$23,000, is substantial. But it is bonded. This all harkens back to the Cougras school treasurer debacle from years ago. And what a mess that was.

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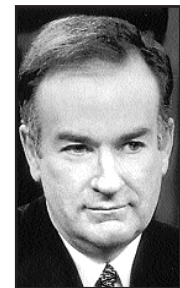
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Decent citizen behavior



BILL O'REILLY

The Washington Post fancies itself a very influential newspaper, an opinion-shaper among the powerful D.C. ruling class. So when it editorialized last week about Rush Limbaugh's commentary concerning Georgetown law student Sandra Fluke, some heads snapped back. It is very unusual

for the poobahs at the Post to involve themselves with talk radio. It's kind of like Al Gore playing rugby: far too rowdy and dirty.

The primary point in the Post editorial is that demeaning a fellow American with personal attacks is not the way "a decent citizen" behaves. Fine.

In general, that is true. However, there are times when evil must be confronted and vigorously attacked using very personal terms.

Of course, Fluke is not evil. In fact, she looks to be a very sincere young woman. Her argument for government-subsidized birth control should be debated on its merits. Whatever she does in private has nothing to do with the issue. It's nobody's business.

But Fluke's announced sense of entitlement is every taxpayer's concern. And here is where the rhetorical battle should be fought.

President Obama is trying to force health insurance companies to provide things such as female birth control free of charge.

Of course, the companies will pass the cost of that on to consumers in the form of higher premiums. Since Obamacare appeared in the public square, my health insurance costs have risen by about 30 percent.

If the Supreme Court rules this year that Obamacare is unconstitutional, which

could very well happen, I doubt I will get a refund.

Fluke and millions of other Americans apparently believe it is their birthright to receive gratis contraception anytime they want it. But why do they believe that? Where in the Constitution does it say that we the people are responsible for the personal behavior of our fellow citizens? Paging James Madison! Where does it say that?

Besides, under Title Ten of the Public Health Service Act, the feds do provide free female birth control for Americans at taxpayer expense. You can pick that up in clinics all over the USA. And if you don't want to do that, a local Target store just three miles from where Fluke lives sells a monthly supply of the pill for \$9.

The Washington Post is a liberal paper that generally supports government subsidies for social justice causes.

With a \$16 trillion national debt, the Post easily can be challenged on its editorial posture, and surely the editorial people know the pill issue is bogus, a contrived controversy designed to fog up the real issue: the imposition of the federal government on the teachings of the Catholic Church.

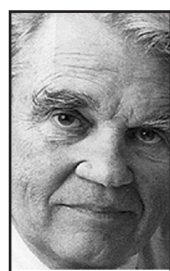
There is also the continuing advancement of the Nanny State involved in the Fluke case. I hope I am not getting too personal in mentioning that. Decent citizens have a right to know.

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Unpleasant tasks in all of our lives



Classic Andy Rooney

(This classic column was originally published July 8, 1996.)

There is solace in the fellowship of adversity. I am, therefore, undertaking the job of cataloging some of life's unpleasant little tasks in an effort to bring us all together.

The following are hard jobs: Filling out a form that has boxes that are

too small for what they want you to put in them.

Washing the frying pan in which you've cooked scrambled eggs.

Mowing the lawn when the grass is too long — and wet.

Pulling out the stem of a watch to reset the time.

Cleaning the garlic press.

Untwisting the wire gadget that cleaners use to hold two hangers together when you don't know which way to twist.

Lowering your car window to ask directions when it's pouring rain.

Recording a television show you want to see that's being broadcast next Tuesday when you'll be away on vacation in France.

Looking up a word you don't know how to spell to find out how to spell it.

Choosing the fastest lane at the check-out counter in the supermarket.

Choosing a melon that's ripe.

Remembering which side the gas tank is on if you have two cars that have them on opposite sides.

Getting back to sleep if you have to get up in the middle of the night when there's a full moon.

Finding anything you want to watch on television in the listings in the newspaper.

Opening a carton of milk that doesn't open when you press where it says, "Open here."

Attaching a hose to the faucet and the nozzle to the hose so neither of them spray water all over you when you turn them on.

Listening to or reading a lot of computer jargon you don't understand.

Changing a light bulb in the ceiling when all you have is a short ladder.

Separating the bottles, the newspapers, the cans and the garbage when you suspect the people who pick up your trash dump them all together wherever they take them.

Keeping a canoe going in a straight line when you're the only one in it paddling.

Maintaining a handy balance of money in your pocket without ending up with too many dimes, nickels and pennies and not enough 5- and 10-dollar bills.

Finding anything in the Yellow Pages. If you look under "Doctors," it'll be under "Physicians." If you look under "Cars," it'll be under "Automobiles," but if you look under "Automobile Rental," it'll be under "Car Rental."

Getting the wire on the back of a picture to catch the hook you hammered in to hang it from.

Cooking the right amount of rice or pasta without making either too much or too little.

Not letting someone dumber than you are, know that you think so.

Throwing away something you've had for a long time which is of absolutely no use to you.

Leaving the theater in the middle of a movie you hate, but that you paid a lot of money to see.

Reading in bed when the table lamp is on, is too low.

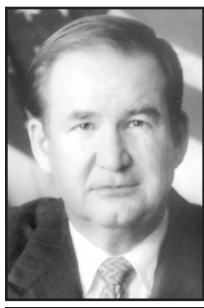
Doing anything just because it's good for you.

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The remaking of America by Obama



PAT BUCHANAN

Anyone who believes America's culture wars are behind her should have started out a week ago Friday reading The Washington Times.

The headlines on the three top stories on page one read:

"California judges asked to say if they are gay."

"'Tebow Bill' for home-schoolers dies in Virginia Senate panel."

"Opt-out on birth control defeated in Senate."

The California judges story dealt with the lately passed Judicial Appointments Demographic Inclusion Act, which mandates a survey of all of the state's 1,600 judges — to find out how many are homosexual.

Purpose of the law: "Promote and increase the representation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the ... judicial branch."

The questionnaire sent to the judges asked each to identify themselves by race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation.

Forty percent of the judges balked, refusing to reveal their

sexual orientation. One percent said they were gay. One percent said they were lesbian. One judge identified himself as transgendered.

Welcome to 21st century America.

Under the old American ideal, the lawyers who proved the most qualified by wisdom and experience were to be elevated to the bench.

The new ideal is that California's judiciary should mirror the diversity of the state. Whites, Asians, Hispanics, males, females, blacks, gays, straights and bisexuals are to be represented on the bench in the proportion that they are found in the population.

Yet another triumph of diversity over excellence.

Were an Olympic team or symphony orchestra to be chosen on the basis of this kind of diversity, they would be a joke.

The "Tebow Bill," named for Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, who played high school football while being home-schooled, was crafted to allow home-schooled Virginia kids to try out for the tennis, football, baseball and basketball teams at their local high schools.

The Virginia House approved the measure 59-39.

But a Senate panel sank the Tebow Bill on an 8-7 vote, denying 38,000 Virginia home-school-

ers their last chance to play high school sports. Every Democrat on the panel voted as the Virginia Education Association dictated.

But it is the top story in the Times, about the 51-48 defeat of the Blunt Amendment, that best reveals the shifting correlation of forces in the religious and cultural wars sundering the country.

The amendment of Sen. Roy Blunt would have assured Catholic institutions and Catholic employers of their freedom to opt out of providing health insurance coverage for contraception, abortifacients and sterilizations for employees, if they have religious objections.

The position of the Catholic Church on this issue is neither new nor is it unknown. It was reaffirmed in 1968 in the famous encyclical "Humanae Vitae" of Pope Paul VI. Artificial birth control is unnatural and immoral. This is high among the beliefs that differentiate Catholic teaching from other Christian faiths.

Nor is it any secret. And any government that orders Catholic institutions and employers, against their religious beliefs, to provide contraceptives, "morning after" pills or sterilizations for employees has crossed the line between church and state to trample upon the First Amendment religious freedom it was established to protect.

Sandra Fluke, a 30-year-old student at Georgetown Law School, has emerged as the heroine of the Democratic establishment, being phoned by President Obama after her excoriation by Rush Limbaugh.

And what is Fluke's demand? That Georgetown University pay for and provide birth control for herself and all coeds and law school students.

Consider if you will thechutzpah on display here.

Fluke attends one of the most prestigious law schools in America. She is among a cognitive elite whose future is secure. Why should she not pay for her own birth control, even if she has to borrow money? Why is providing her birth control someone else's obligation?

This is not an abandoned woman on welfare. Why should other students or the university be forced to foot the bill for Fluke's exercise of her freedom to pursue her personal lifestyle? She has talked of \$3,000 a year being the annual cost of birth control for a Georgetown student.

Georgetown University and its law school presumably remain Jesuit institutions.

For Fluke to demand contraceptives or birth control pills for herself and her fellow students is to demand that Georgetown enable and subsidize behavior the church

and the Jesuit community teach to be immoral.

Fluke has an extraordinary sense of entitlement.

Undeniably this episode, where the Democratic Party, traditional political home of America's Catholics, is now demanding that Catholic institutions and employers be forced to subsidize what their church teaches to be immoral conduct, tells us much about the sea change that has taken place and is taking place across America.

The America of Barack Obama that is emerging appears to be a country where civil disobedience may yet become a duty of traditional Christians and devout Catholics.

The historian Arthur Schlesinger Sr. once called anti-Catholicism "the deepest-held bias in the history of the American people."

In Obama's Washington, it is becoming so again.

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Family of LCpl Daniel McVicker thankful for scholarship support

To the editor:
The family of LCpl Daniel McVicker would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the support we've once again received from the Sebring American Legion Post 76 and our dear friends within the community by attending our annual breakfast. We are humbled each year at the continued assurance that Danny's memory will stay alive because of your overwhelming support and encouragement.

Since its inception in 2006 the funds generated from this event has allowed us to provide financial assistance to over 24 West Branch students, with another two being provided in May. Students interested in applying can obtain information through the WBHS guidance office.

The simple words "thank you" seem inadequate for the way the entire community reaches out each year to our family, but "thank you." There is no greater gift anyone can give us than helping us keep Danny's memory, sacrifice and service alive in our youth of tomorrow. We were honored and humbled once again this year.

God bless you,
THE FAMILY OF LCPL DANIEL MCVICKER

Urges to kill the problem and not the suffering animals

To the editor:
I write in the faint hope that part of my message will reach some of the reading public.

People are now loudly complaining, decrying, and protesting about the number of stray cats roaming the neighborhoods. Pet overpopulation and strays is not an animal problem. It is a people problem and if the people are not part of the solution then they are part of the problem.

One of the most effective ways to resolve the problem of pet overpopulation is by spaying and neutering. This would require the involvement and cooperation of the citizens, veterinarians, shelters, and anyone in animal care and custody. The definition of cooperation: collective action for the benefit of others!

Bless the veterinarians who support the affordable spay/neuter programs available to low income and fixed income elderly pet

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owners. The others just "don't get it."

Does spaying and neutering completely resolve the problem of too many companion animals and not enough homes? No, it does not but in this time of financial stress, it does effectively reduce it. Our community is now facing the inevitable results of its failure to competently address the burgeoning problem of pet overpopulation. In all probability, they will attempt to resolve it as they always have — by killing the animals en masse. Has it worked? Certainly not, but they still persist. (A prime example of Einstein's definition of insanity). The persistent, inhumane, unethical, and unacceptable killing of the animals is not a viable solution.

Kill the problem — not the suffering animals!

**SUNSHINE PERRY,
East Liverpool**

President doesn't seem to care that country is broke

To the editor:
Is our president ever going to learn that vast new spending programs with an economy unable to come up with a balance budget and stifling from a \$15 trillion national debt will only hasten the monetary collapse of this country?

The country is broke. We are barely paying the interest on our debts and meeting our domestic requirements. We have also suffered deep and dangerous cuts in the military. The president will have to print and borrow more money to finance this crazy scheme.

Obama is calling for an additional \$3.8 billion to be used for schools and roads. He claims a \$4 trillion deficit saving over the next 10 years. Programs requiring 10 years to show results could be compared to shooting at the moon with a pellet gun. An exercise in futility with no results. We need to act now. Every day, every hour our economy is falling deeper into a total collapse. When are those people in Washington going to get their heads out of the sand and inform the people of the true condition of our economy? We, a government of the

people, by the people and for the people have the right and the need to know.

We are not immune from what is taking place in Greece. There they have a Socialist Democratic system at work and have discovered to their sorrow a proper economical balance must exist between a government and its people. The Greece government while trying to spread the wealth have over extended their economy to a point of bankruptcy. This is what can happen when a government refuses to monitor spending and over extends it self by allowing excessive entitlements. The consequences, the workers of Greece, are in the street demonstrating and demanding money that doesn't exist. The people in Washington should take a lesson from some of the towns and small cities here in Ohio. They are taking steps to secure their future economy by making reasonable reductions in expenditures and they are doing it now.

I hope and pray I live long enough to see this great country find the right road to recovery and that our leaders will finally acquire the good sense to follow it.

**LEON J. WHITE,
Columbiana**

Democratic Party leadership is the party of death

To the editor:
To the rescue! Riding in on a giant white Trojan horse comes Charlie Wilson. Remember that Smilin' Charlie was a herald of the (Nancy) Pelosi Posse charged with trumpeting the virtues of Obama-care.

Charlie Wilson cannot ask the question, "Miss me, yet?" since the recent attempt to deny the Catholic church its First Amendment rights and then the president ordering private companies (citizens) to foot the bill for free contraceptives. Maybe he (Charlie) misses chumming it up with Senator Sharrod (no budget) Brown.

Yeah, the Senate hasn't passed a budget for over three years, America is \$15 trillion in debt, and our economy is dying because of that. Smilin' Charlie and (no budget) Brown are the quintessential representatives of the Democratic Party.

Both are ardent supporters of Obama who voted for the right to kill a child born after an abortion failed. The Democratic Party leadership is the party of death.

**WILLIAM E. EARDLEY,
East Liverpool**

Why do so many racial prejudices still exist?

To the editor:
Why is it that we are living in the year 2012 and we are still faced with so many racial prejudices?

It's just really upsetting to me that people are so closed-minded when it comes to people of such diversity! I mean people have hearts, and feelings and all have

blood flowing through our veins in the same way, no matter where our origins lie.

We need to look at people for their talents and gifts and for their contributions to the world. It doesn't matter what color they are. You honestly have to be very closed minded to base someone's worth on their color, where they are from, or what language they speak.

I'm not sure what the main underlying reason is for our continued issues with race. I'm not sure if it is uneducated people, poverty, or just sheer ignorance, but I encourage you to truly look beyond someone's origin, their color, their disabilities. It doesn't matter, they are still people and they deserve to be loved and accepted for who they are, overlooking all environmental features.

When I meet someone I don't say "Oh, he's black, I can't talk to him because my friends all hang with white friends." Step up and embrace diversity. Learn about their culture, ask how they were raised and where, or if they have different foods in their culture. Educate yourselves and truly learn about a culture that you are not familiar with.

Most people are ignorant to other cultures because they are curious and they don't know the answers to their questions and rather than ask they are just rude. I encourage you to just ask people about themselves. Maybe go to an event with someone of a different culture or ethnic background.

The bottom line is that this is 2012, and if we don't teach our children to start embracing diversity and learn to love and respect everyone for who they are, when will they learn? Will they ever? If not folks, this prejudicium will live forever. Let's put this ugliness to sleep forever and let's just all live on knowing that we are all God's children, no matter what color!

There is no excuse for racial ignorance. If you have questions, ask them. If you are undereducated, educate yourself. If your family has always been that way, why are they like that? Start thinking for yourself and not why you believe what you do in terms of race issues.

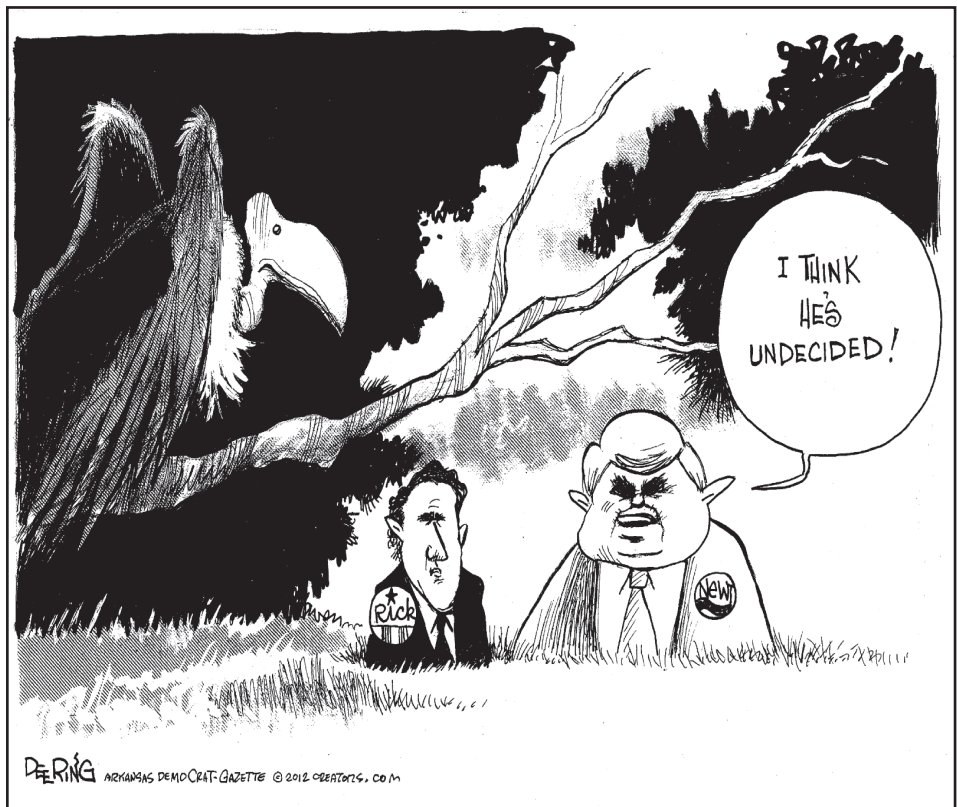
There is no reason anyone should be treated badly because of their race. None! Think about it and then ask what have you taught your children or grandchildren about race? Do your actions match what your words say?

Wouldn't our world be a beautiful place to live in if all were accepted no matter what. If we start teaching our children about values and the importance of acceptance, it is more than possible!

I encourage everyone to look at your values. Establish why you believe what you believe. We will gradually get closer to race equality in this country! All colors are beautiful.

I leave you with this: When my son was younger he had a friend that was African American. We were talking one day and we had said that his friend John was black. He looked at me and said "He's black, Mommy?" He never saw color, he saw him. We can all take a lesson from this.

**ANGELA SUE WILLIAMS,
East Liverpool**



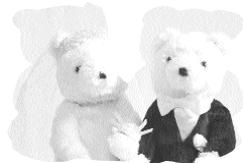
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ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

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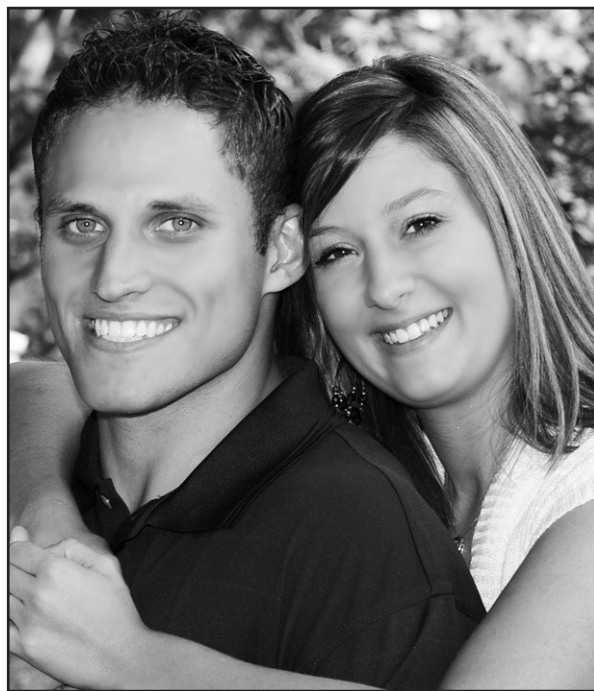
Rachel Stanwood to exchange vows with Tyler Boyle

Jay and Margie Stanwood of Columbiana are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Stanwood, to Tyler Boyle. He is the son of Jim and Lori Boyle of Salem.

Invitations will be extended for an afternoon ceremony on July 14 at the First Friends Church in Salem. The private evening reception will follow at The Georgetown in Boardman.

Miss Stanwood graduated from the University of Akron where she earned a bachelor's of science with a degree in special education. She is a middle school special education teacher at Coventry Local Schools in Akron.

Mr. Boyle is a graduate



Rachel Stanwood and Tyler Boyle

of the University of Akron with a bachelor's of science with a degree in special education. He

is a high school special education teacher at Field Local Schools in Brimfield.

Kristen Jean Evans to wed James Alan Moland

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Evans of New Waterford are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristen Jean Evans,

to James Alan Moland of Peoria, Ill. He is the son of Ray Moland and Linda Slater of Peoria, Ill.

The bride-elect is a hospitality major at Youngstown State University.

The prospective bridegroom is employed in the hospitality industry in Boardman.

The couple is planning an April wedding in East Palestine.



Kristen Jean Evans and James Alan Moland

Katelyn A. Carson to marry Benjamin A. Siembida

Chris and Janice Carson of East Rochester are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Katelyn A. Carson, to Benjamin A. Siembida. He is the son of John Siembida of Poland and Deborah McMurray of Salem.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of United Local and a 2010 graduate of The Ohio State University.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2006 graduate of United Local and a 2011 graduate of The Ohio State University.

The couple is planning an Aug. 1 wedding and reception at The Palms at Pelican Cove in St.



Katelyn A. Carson and Benjamin A. Siembida

Croix, Virgin Islands, where they both currently reside.

Kenneth C. Alford Sr. marks 90th birthday

Kenneth C. Alford Sr. of Columbiana recently enjoyed a two-day celebration in Lady Lake, Fla., on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Mr. Alford was born on Feb. 25, 1922, in Cremona, Va. He lived in a family with 10 other siblings and went to a one-room school house.

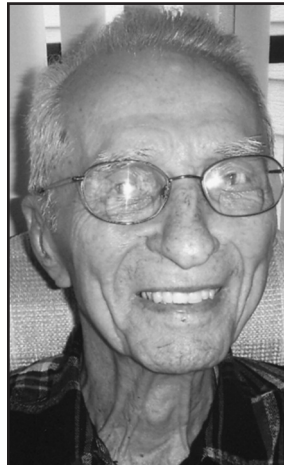
In 1936 he joined the Navy and served on a submarine as a Machinist 1st Class Petty Officer until

1944. He is very proud of his military service and, in his former years, he liked to fish, travel and gamble.

After his discharge he worked at Crucible Steel in Midland, Pa.

He summers in Columbiana and winters in Florida.

The honoree has two sons, Kenneth "Buck" Jr. of Columbiana and Joseph of Oak Island, Va., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Mary Williams feted for 90th birthday

Mrs. Mary (Riddle) Williams of Sebring, formerly of Lisbon, was recently feted on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Williams is the daughter of the late Atty. Lynn and Mrs. Tamar Riddle.

Attending the luncheon held in Alliance were four generations of the family: Mrs. Williams, daughters Suzanne

Cowen and Sandra Arter, grandsons Nathan (Laurie) Arter, and Seth Arter. A special guest in attendance was Mrs. Williams' fourth great-grandchild, Callie Rose Arter, recently born first child of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan (Laurie) Arter.

Unable to attend were Mrs. Williams' daughter Maia (Janie) Williams and Ashley Matthews, fiancée of Seth Arter.



CABPW donates to Christina House

The Columbiana Area Business and Professional Womens Club recently donated \$300 to the Christina House. The club received unclaimed funds and donated a portion of those funds to the shelter. This donation was over and above the club's usual support of the shelter from funds raised from its annual style show in October. The club also donates items to the shelter throughout the year for supplies. Another donation to the Beatitude House for \$200 was also donated. Pictured are, Beth Schmitt, left, shelter director and Lori Everly of Bahama Bay Tanning, club president. (Submitted photo)

BOOKBEAT

By Renae Ault, Children's Librarian, Salem Public Library

April 15, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of one of the most tragic, deadliest, and fascinating maritime disasters in history: the sinking of the RMS Titanic. The ruins of the then-largest ocean liner to ever be built have been sitting at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean for 100 years but the stories of her greatness, her luxury, and her death continue to compel audiences even today. The year leading up to this monumental anniversary has seen a large influx of children's books, non-fiction and fiction, about the great ship.

"Titanic Sinks!" by Barry Denenberg is a large, beautiful book full of primary source information. Every page has photographs and the majority of the text is formed from newspaper articles, journal entries from the captain, telegrams, and interviews with survivors. It's an amazing glimpse into writings about the ship, the people on board, and those involved with her creation, operation, and sinking. Peter Benoit's "The Titanic Disaster" is much more straightforward and presents the facts of the ship, its maiden voyage, and its sinking clearly and precisely. Where "Titanic Sinks" is a romantic journey back to the days of the horrible tragedy, "The Titanic Disaster" explores the incident from a modern point of view and discusses the press coverage, entertainment

industry and exploration of the ruins.

Several authors have penned fictional tales about the people on that ship the night it sank. "Dangerous Waters: an Adventure on the Titanic" by Gregory Mone tells the tale of a 12 year old boy who anticipates the adventure of a lifetime when his father gets him a job as a steward. Mystery, intrigue, and the ultimate battle for survival fill the pages of this historical fiction. Gordon Korman has long been popular as a writer of adventure stories for young readers and he hits a home run with his new Titanic Trilogy. "Unsinkable," "Collision Course" and "S.O.S." tell the story of four children on the ship. A stowaway, a criminal, a wealthy girl with a mad father, and one with a dark secret come together in a fast-paced mystery set aboard the ocean liner. "Can You Survive the Titanic" by Allison Lassieur puts the readers in the position of a 12 year old boy working on the ship. This chose-your-own-adventure style book allows the reader to decide what actions they should take next as the character faces the irony of the unsinkable Titanic sinking.

If you have Titanic fever or just want to learn more about it, call 330-332-0042, visit our website www.salem.lib.oh.us or stop by to put one of these or other titles on reserve.

Send community-related items and photos, including weddings, engagements and anniversaries to: Community Desk, Salem News, P.O. Box 268, Salem, OH 44460. Faxes can be sent to: 330-332-1441 and e-mails at: salemnews@salemnews.net. Or visit our Virtual Newsroom at salemnews.net.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS
EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

SHS '68 breakfast

SALEM – The Salem High School Class of 1968 will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Ricky's English Pub.

LHS '43 lunch

LEETONIA – The Leetonia High School Class of 1943 plans to meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Das Dutch Haus. All classes are welcome.

La Leche League to meet

LISBON – The Salem-Lisbon La Leche League, a breastfeeding support group, will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the WIC office, 7876 Lincolne Place. The discussion topic will be "The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties." All pregnant or nursing mothers and their babies are welcome. For more information call 330-821-2585 or 330-420-0822 or visit www.llo-hio.org/groups/salem-lisbon.html.

Salem Masons buffet

SALEM – A public breakfast buffet will be served from 7:30 to 10 a.m. March 25 at the Salem Masonic Building, 788 E. State St. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 10 and free for children under 2. The menu offers pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade sausage gravy, biscuits, homefries, toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee and tea. The building is equipped with a handicapped accessible elevator. Proceeds will be directed to the Salem Masonic Building Fund.

Winona Ruritans meet

WINONA – The Winona Ruritan Club met on Feb. 28 at the Winona Methodist Church. A total of 76 attended the club's annual father-son-grandson dinner, including 32 members and 44 guests. A Swiss steak dinner was served by the Hazel Circle of the church. Song leader Elmer R. Stamp led the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to Tad Lease, Buster Rogowsky, John Gamble Jr., Homer Huprich, and Jason

McDevitt. Matthew D. Kleinman, grandson of Lee Stamp and great-grandson of Elmer R. Stamp, is eligible for the club's Build Your Dollar College Scholarship.

The club, along with the American Legion Lepine Rush Post 684, have selected the following United High School students to attend Boys State: Ian Hardgrove and Tyler Plummer. Selected to attend Girls State are Emily Guappone and Emily Zehentbauer. The club's all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast fund raiser will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24 at Willow Grove Grange.

Park Board meets

DAMASCUS – The Damascus Community Center Park Board met Feb. 27. It was announced that the Easter egg hunt at the park begins at 10 a.m. March 31. Registration is needed to participate by signing up at Damascus Hardware, post office or G's Pizza. The bid sheet for a mowing contract for the upcoming season may be acquired by contacting Jerry Hollback at 330-537-8647. Board members are giving attention to various projects in preparation for the park's opening on March 31. Pavilion rental for various gatherings is available by calling 330-537-4010. The public is welcome to the next meeting at 7 p.m. March 26 at the park.

Event vendors sought

HANOVERTON – Members of the Peddlars Days Committee met on March 5 at the home of Jane Blazer. It was announced that vendors are being notified that all spaces are \$25 for the entire weekend of July 14 and 15. Tables will be available for an additional \$10. The ghost walk was also discussed. For more information call Blazer at 330-223-2131 or Marge Frost at 330-223-2485.

Scrapbookers meet

SALEM – The Scrapbooking Club at Emmanuel Lutheran Church meets approximately three

times per month. Open crop time is featured. Attendees will learn the basics of scrapbooking and get ideas for pages/albums.

For more information or to register call Angela McCoy at 234-567-4148. There is a \$5 fee to use the materials in the scrapbooking room which includes paper, stamps, stickers and other embellishments, cutters (circle, heart, octagon), Cricut cartridges, and a Cricut machine. Child care is provided at some crops.

R-Weigh meets

SALEM – Lois Scharf of Salem, an award winning cook, presented an informative program on easy preparation of low calorie low fat foods at the March 5 R-Weigh meeting. She distributed the recipes and members enjoyed samples of the foods she prepared. At the afternoon meeting the goalie for the week was Sue Carver. Patty Mills won the monetary can-do drawing and Carver earned the birthday award. Karen Morris presented a program on eating the power foods to keep your heart healthy. Team one won the basketball game, 6 to 3. At the evening meeting the goalie for the week was Catherine Baird and Peggy Kurtz won the can-do monetary award. Team one won the basketball game, 23 to 16. Jennifer Oettinger, Sarah Nelson, Patty Hartman and Beth Antram scored three point baskets for their teams.

TOPS 1380 meets

SALEM – TOPS 1380 met March 5 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and held its officer elections. Officers for 2012 are Shirley Bullis, leader; Eleanor May, co-leader; Shirley Hartman, secretary; and Nancy Finch, treasurer. Appointed officers will be selected at a later date. Best losers were Joanne Harrold, TOPS; Virginia Spatholt, runner-up; Cindy Eastman and Hartman, honorable mention; and Margaret Phillips, KOPS. There was no winner for the Rolling Cash Five. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Debra May. Bullis read for the "circle of light."

SALEM DURING THE CIVIL WAR



With the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Salem Historical Society would like to recall our local activities during the years, 1861-1865. At the same time, we would like to learn stories of local citizens. If you have a story or photo you could share with us, we would be appreciative. You can contact the Salem Historical Society at 330-337-8514 or TheSalemHistoricalSociety@gmail.com if you have items of interest for display.

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The Salem Republican is the society's primary source for information on Salem activities during the years of the Civil War, although other sources such as Daniel Howell Hise's diary will contribute to activities and reactions to the events that affected the citizens of Salem.

From the daily journal of Daniel H. Hise:

Feb 4 Cloudy & cool. got a letter from Ezra Wait he is still at Bardstown Ky.

Feb 8 Cloudy & cold. news of another Battle & Union Victory at Fort Henry on the Tennessee River 60 miles above its confluence with the Ohio.

Feb 18 Clear & warm all Day. great Rejoicing in Town in consequence of the Capture By the Federal Troops of Fort Donelson with 15000 troops. Firing of Commons marching etc etc.

Feb 26 Cloudy & cool a very little Snow fell last night. Spent the Day up Town. no war news to Day.

Feb 28 Clear & cold at Daylight wind blowed very cold from the northwest all Day the coldest it has seemed this winter. got a letter from Ezra G Wait he is at Bardstown yet & is well.

The 22nd of February was duly celebrated as the anniversary of Washington's Birthday. At the town hall was held on the evening of that day a public meeting of which Dr. Harris was made president. Marius Robinson read Washington's farewell address. The string band played a number of national airs. Jesse Hise sang the "Star Spangled Banner," the audience joining in the chorus. The martial band played "Yankee Doodle" with variations and Rev. Ask made a few remarks.

During the week ending February 26, flags were displayed along Main Street on account of union victories. There were also bonfires and martial music.

Army Correspondence.

From Sherman's Brigade, Lincoln Co., Ky., Jan. 26, 1862.

Friend Rukenbrod [editor of The Salem Republican]; - Dear Sir, - thinking that perhaps you would like to hear from the Salem boys, who belong to Sherman's Brigade, I take the present opportunity of informing you of our situation, health, &c. We are now encamped on a hill; (you would call it a mountain in Ohio,) in Lincoln county, at the foot of which, it is said the Hon. Abraham Lincoln was born. We arrived at our present encampment two days ago. When we first came here, there was nothing to be seen but trees and underbrush, but we soon cleared away the rubbish. It don't take three or four thousand men long to clean up a few acres of woodland, and make it have a homelike appearance. We make the grand old woods: sing with merry songs, such as "get out of the wilderness," "Home, sweet home," and the "Gal I left behind me;" such songs were very suitable for the occasion. I must tell you of a little adventure, which fell in my way, while on the march from Lebanon to our present encampment. We left our camp near Lebanon, on Tuesday morning, the 21st of January; it was very muddy and disagreeable marching, but the boys were all in good humor for the march; I kept up with the regiment for a few miles, and then I had to fall back, throwing my knapsack and drum into a wagon belong-

ing to the Sutler of the 65th regiment. Having a rather slow team we did not catch up with the regiment that night, so we took up night's lodging with an old "Secesh," or "Southern Rights man," as he gloried in calling himself. After seeing to our horses and baggage, we boldly marched, double file, into the house, and told the old gent that we granted to stay all night with him. He accordingly, rather gruffly, invited us to be seated, and that we should have the best the house afforded. After partaking of a good supper consisting of all the delicacies of the season. We sat down and talked of the terrible state of things in this country, and hinted gently on the slavery question, the most delicate of all other question to preach to a southern man; but being very tired we soon returned to our sleeping apartment. Imagine, sir, if you please, how we felt on the reaching the bedroom to find some "huge" old feather beds to rest our weary limbs upon.

What a luxury to a soldier after laying for months on the soft-side of a two-inch plank, with a knapsack for a pillow. But we soon came to the conclusion to "pitch in," and as we did we said to ourselves, "That we would have the honor of sleeping on Secesh feathers, if we never get to see the elephant!" Our sleep was sound, and rising at an early hour the next morning, we had, for the first time in our lives, a servant to attend to our wants, &c. After partaking of a good breakfast, which was smoking hot on the table, when we got to the dining room, the servants, brought out our teams, and bidding our hostage an affectionate farewell and thanking him for the hospitality shown us during our stay, we started on our journey rejoicing. We reached Danville, Boyle county, Kentucky, about 5 o'clock, P.M., where our regiment had encamped. Danville is a town about the size of Salem. The inhabitants appear to be mostly Unionist. I have not seen a place since I left Ohio, that I like as well as Danville. There are any quantity of "pretty gals" here, which, probably, makes it more interesting to a "young man." We left Danville on the 22d, and arrived at our present camp, Hall's Gap, - I believe the call it - on the 24th ult., since when I have had but little to do, so I gave been roving around loose over the hills, gathering up a few of the curiosities of Old Kentuck. I am now drummer boy of company B, (the Salem boys,) and all I have to do is to beat the "revile" and "tattoo,; morning a d evening. Occasionally a Salem Republican makes its appearance in camp. By the time it gets around, I tell you, it is well thumbed. It is the most welcome visitor we have. We are now encamped thirty-five miles from where the late battle was fought between Zollicoffer and our forces. Our regiment, the 65th Ohio, is now building corduroy bridges, or rather roads. We have all put in our time on the roads, as they say in Ohio, and, are now ready for another "forward march," if we don't have to take another contract. The health of the Salem boys is good, and I never enjoyed better health, than I do now. I believe I have told you all I have to say at present, so I will bring my letter to a close, by giving you the respects of all the Salem boys. Yours, &c., G.F.B. [believed to be George F. Ball]

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Century House Valentines
The Century House of Salem celebrated Valentine's Day by crowning a king for the day. King Don Rhinemiller elected to have a court of nine queens. The festivities ended with a special supper enjoyed by residents on their own heart-shaped plate with a heart of chocolates. ABOVE: The king with his court of queens, first row, from left, Lena Scullion and Grace Donohue; second row, Mildred Fiscus, Rubie Schnurrenberger, Rena Milcetch, Ann Dzik, Anna Mae Wutrick; standing, Jane Dietrich. LEFT: Rhinemiller with queen Helen Bass. (Submitted photos)



Whispering Pines honored

Whispering Pines Village recently received acknowledgment from the Ohio House of Representatives for its 2011 deficiency free survey. This was presented to Whispering Pines by State Representative Craig Newbold who visited with the residents and staff. Pictured are, from left, Sandy Havlin, activity director; Jeni Razo, LPN/resident care director; Roseanne Schwartz, owner; Richard Schwartz, owner; Newbold, Robert Schwartz, CEO; Lisa Schwartz, hospitality; Maryann Channell, office manager; Pam Kerrigan, admission/marketing; and Jack Nordquist, NHA administrator. (Submitted photo)

A sweet potato rendition of shepherd's pie

By **J.M. HIRSCH**
AP Food Editor

Some folks are as adamant about their shepherd's pie as others are their chili.

Which is to say, just as some people are quite certain that nothing with even a trace of a bean should ever dare call itself chili, there are others who maintain that shepherd's pie must be nothing but ground lamb and mashed potatoes.

I'm afraid my life, as well as my need to get a good dinner on the table fast, just doesn't allow for such absolutes.

In my family, we've always taken a loose interpretation of shepherd's pie (and chili, for that matter). We'll gladly make it with whatever ground meat we have handy, including a blend. It always has a layer of corn (because that's what my great grandmother did), and finally a thick bed of mashed potatoes.

And so it was with that sense of creative culinary liberty that I created this sausage-based shepherd's pie topped with mashed sweet potatoes (made all the more sweet thanks to a bit of brown sugar).



Shepherd's Pie, made with sweet potatoes, corn and Italian sausage is shown. (AP Photo)

The result is savory and sweet in just the right balance.

SWEET POTATO AND SAUSAGE SHEPHERD'S PIE
Start to finish: 1 hour (25 minutes active)

Servings: 6
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
1 tablespoon olive oil

4 cloves garlic, minced
1 medium yellow onion, diced

1/2 pound loose Italian sausage meat
1/2 pound lean ground beef
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
6 ounces (half a bottle) stout or other dark beer

1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons cool water
15-ounce can corn kernels, drained
8 1/4-ounce can creamed corn
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon packed brown sugar

Salt, to taste
Heat the oven to 400 F. Lightly oil a standard loaf pan.

Place the sweet potatoes in a large pot and add enough water to cover by 1 inch. Bring to a boil and cook until tender, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet over high, combine the olive oil, garlic and onion. Saute for 5 minutes, or until just tender.

Add the sausage, beef and pepper. Saute until the meat is browned and cooked through, about 8 minutes. Add the beer and simmer until reduced by half, about 4 minutes.

In a small glass, mix the cornstarch with the cool water. Add the cornstarch mixture to the meat and stir until thickened. Remove from the heat.

Spread the meat and onion mix-

ture evenly in the loaf pan. In a small bowl, mix the corn kernels and creamed corn, then spread in an even layer over the meat. Set aside.

Once the sweet potatoes have cooked, drain and return them to the pot. Add the milk, butter and brown sugar, then mash the potatoes until smooth. Season with salt.

Spoon the potatoes evenly over the corn. Bake for 35 minutes, or until the potatoes are lightly browned at the edges.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 420 calories; 210 calories from fat (51 percent of total calories); 23 g fat (9 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 65 mg cholesterol; 31 g carbohydrate; 17 g protein; 3 g fiber; 740 mg sodium.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Food Editor J.M. Hirsch is author of the cookbook "High Flavor, Low Labor: Reinventing Weeknight Cooking." Follow him to great eats on Twitter at http://twitter.com/JM_Hirsch or email him at [jhirsch\(at\)ap.org](mailto:jhirsch(at)ap.org).



A chimichurri-like sauce with pepitas tops grilled flank steaks on toasted sourdough bread. (AP Photo)

Pepitas: What they are and how to use them

By **J.M. HIRSCH**
AP Food Editor

Plenty of people will have a tough time taking pumpkin seeds seriously.

Fair enough. Americans unfamiliar with Hispanic foods generally only encounter them in the glop you scrape out of jack-o-lanterns.

But roasted, hulled pumpkin seeds (properly known as pepitas) are a delicious, nutty backbone of many Mexican dishes and are well worth getting to know.

And thanks to the popularity of Hispanic foods, they are easy to find. Trader Joe's alone sells several varieties — raw, roasted, salted and not, among others.

Pepitas resemble, long, narrow teardrops and are greenish in color (because their hard, white hulls have been removed).

Don't buy regular "snacking" pumpkin seeds still in their hulls.

Like many nuts and seeds, pepitas taste best when toasted and salted.

The flavor is nutty, pleasantly oily and crunchy, but not hard.

If you can only find raw pepitas, they are easy to toast at home. Simply add a handful or so to a dry skillet over medium heat. Stir constantly until the seeds puff and begin to brown.

If you like, stir in a few drops of vegetable oil, then salt.

Traditionally, pepitas are used both ground and whole. They often are included in mole, a rich and thick sauce-like dish that usually includes chicken.

They also can be mixed into roasted vegetables (especially butternut and other squash varieties) for a pleasantly nutty crunch.

Pepitas really shine when added to salads. Think of them as this decade's update of the rather tasteless sunflower seeds that have long populated salad bars.

For more ideas for using pepitas, check out the Off the Beaten Aisle column over on Food Network: <http://bit.ly/wYEx3M>

Grilled Flank Steak with Pepita-Cilantro Sauce

This bold sauce is inspired by chimichurri. The steak can be served alone with the sauce, or thinly sliced over toasted bread.

Start to finish: 20 minutes, plus marinating

Servings: 4
For the steaks:
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

2 pounds flank steaks

For the sauce:
1 cup packed fresh flat-leaf parsley
1/4 cup packed fresh cilantro
1/2 cup toasted pepitas
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
2 cloves garlic
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper. Add the steaks, turn to coat, then refrigerate for 30 minutes (or up to several hours).

To make the sauce, in a food processor combine the parsley, cilantro, pepitas, olive oil, vinegar, oregano, cumin, salt, garlic and red pepper flakes. Process for 2 to 3 minutes, or until very smooth. Set aside.

When ready to cook, heat a grill to high. Remove the steaks from the marinade, then grill for 7 minutes per side for medium-rare. Transfer the steaks to a cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes.

Slice the steaks across the grain into thin slices. Serve topped with the sauce.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 750 calories; 500 calories from fat (67 percent of total calories); 55 g fat (11 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 75 mg cholesterol; 6 g carbohydrate; 55 g protein; 2 g fiber; 740 mg sodium.

Rethinking a classic casserole to be healthy

By **ALISON LADMAN**

For The Associated Press

Foodies probably don't like to admit it, but nearly everyone loves a good casserole.

Trouble is, casseroles don't have a lot of love for healthy diets. Especially when you reach back to the '60s, an era of classic casseroles — like turkey tetrazzini — that were made all the more delicious with the help of gobs of heavy cream, butter and cheese.

So without sacrificing the "creamy" comfort of the dish, we set out to make a delicious casserole minus the guilt.

As with traditional versions of this dish, we started out with leftover turkey.

Be sure to use the leaner turkey breast and trim off any skin or fat. If you don't happen have cooked turkey handy, a rotisserie turkey breast or chicken from the grocer are fine.

We also kept the mushrooms, though we opted for fresh ones over the canned variety favored back in the day.

We threw in some chopped red bell pepper and chopped asparagus, too.

Color in vegetables adds more than just eye appeal; different colors are indicative of different nutrients. So the more color, the better.

But the real heavy hitters in this casserole are the white pasta, cream sauce and cheese.

The pasta was an easy fix. Using whole-grain pasta adds lots of fiber and nutrients. The cream sauce was another matter.

We used fat-free half-and-half as our base, but you also could substitute fat-free evaporated milk.

Thickened up to a creamy consistency, without the use of half a stick of butter, we were off to a good start.

Lastly, instead of using a cup or more of shredded cheese, we used just a bit of assertive Parmesan.

Then we topped it all off with seasoned panko breadcrumbs for a nice crunch.

Turkey Tetrazzini

Start to finish: 45 minutes (30 minutes active)



A plate of Turkey Tetrazzini casserole is shown. (AP Photo)

Servings: 8
12 ounces whole-grain spaghetti, broken into 2-inch pieces

1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil

8 ounces cremini mushrooms, sliced

1 clove garlic, chopped
Salt and ground black pepper

1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces

1 red bell pepper, cored and diced

2 teaspoons onion powder, divided

1 1/2 teaspoons paprika, divided

1/4 cup dry sherry

3 cups cubed cooked turkey breast

2 cups fat-free half-and-half

3 tablespoons instant flour (such as Wondra)

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Heat the oven to 400 F. Coat a large casserole dish with cooking spray.

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil and cook the spaghetti according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the mushrooms and garlic, then season with salt and black pepper. Saute until the mushrooms are well browned and release all

their liquid, about 10 minutes. Add the asparagus and red pepper and cook for another 4 minutes.

Stir in 1 teaspoon of the onion powder, 1 teaspoon of the paprika and the sherry. Cook for 1 minute, then remove from the heat. Add the turkey and set aside.

In a small saucepan over low heat, bring the half-and-half to a simmer. Whisk in the instant flour, then bring to a boil.

Cook until thickened, about 1 minute. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the Parmesan. Season with salt and pepper.

In a small bowl, stir together the panko, garlic powder, parsley, remaining 1 teaspoon of onion powder and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of paprika.

To assemble the casserole, stir the cooked spaghetti and the cream sauce into the skillet with the turkey and vegetables.

Spoon this mixture into the prepared casserole dish, then sprinkle the seasoned panko over it. Spritz the top of the panko crumbs with cooking spray and bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until golden.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 330 calories; 45 calories from fat (13 percent of total calories); 5 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 40 mg cholesterol; 48 g carbohydrate; 23 g protein; 6 g fiber; 250 mg sodium.

Warm winter may bring pest-filled spring

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The mild winter that has given many Northern farmers a break from shoveling and a welcome chance to catch up on maintenance could lead to a tough spring as many pests that would normally freeze have not.

Winters are usually what one agriculture specialist calls a "reset button" that gives farmer a fresh start come planting season. But with relatively mild temperatures and little snow, insects are surviving, growing and, in some areas, already munching on budding plants.

Almost every state had a warmer-than-usual January, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In Albany, N.Y., for example, the average high in January was 37 degrees, when it's usually less than freezing, according to the National Weather Service. In Tulsa, Okla., the average high last month was about 57 degrees, 9

degrees higher than normal.

The Upper Midwest, Great Plains and a few other areas were "much above normal" in temperature, NOAA said.

Dawn Allen, who has an 89-year-old, family-run bog in Freetown, Mass., said her family will likely start sweeping bogs with a contraption similar to a butterfly net in April to catch winter moth caterpillars, instead of waiting until mid-May, when they typically start. The winter moth caterpillars are aggressive and eat buds, potentially ruining a crop for a whole year.

Martha Sylvia, a research technician at the University of Massachusetts cranberry station, said growers should expect to start spraying earlier and more often because there's "definitely an upswing" in winter moths, she said.

"We just know we're in for it," Sylvia said.

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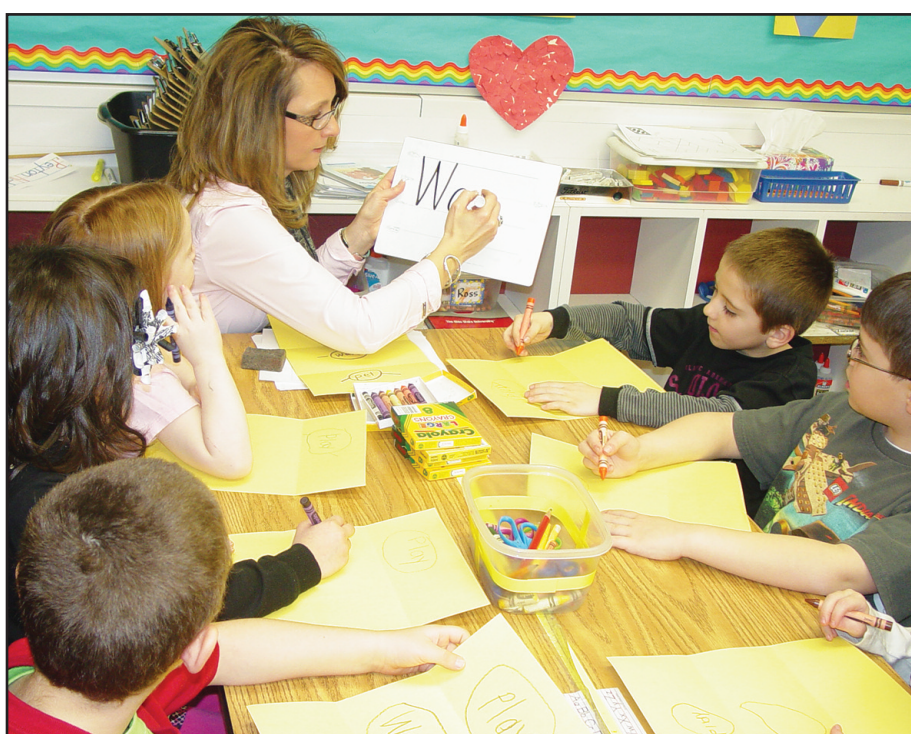
at BUCKEYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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The weekly School is Cool Page highlights students within the Salem Schools District. Businesses interested in sponsoring a page can call the Salem News at 330-332-4601.



Klempay's second-grade class has been studying the Chinese culture. Each student made a giant panda book to reflect this popular Chinese animal. From left, Hunter Carlisle, Haley Orndoff, Liam Miller, Lilly Kozma and Ethan Shafer.



Mrs. Zeigler (above) and Mrs. Gottschling (below) are co-teaching in order to impact student learning. During this inclusive lesson the students are working with each teacher in small groups. They are working on a language arts project.



Students in Mrs. Arnoto's kindergarten class helped decorate the hallways in celebration of Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday. From left, Dominic Perry, Blaze DiCross and Megan Miller.



Students in Mrs. Arnoto's class made Cat in the Hat posters as an introduction to Read Across America week. From left, Riley Flickinger, Selena Lopez, Natalie Summers and Will Madison.



Students found many different ways to jump during the Jump Rope for Heart event held at Buckeye. They learned about heart healthy habits, how to take their pulse, along with various rope jumping skills during the week-long event. The students collected \$4,508.30 for the American Heart Association.



Adri, Peyton, Mckenzy, Parker and Colton show off the bald eagle puppets they made in Mrs. Crouse's kindergarten class.



The students in Mrs. Crouse's kindergarten class have been learning about American symbols and celebrating patriotism. Eric, Cody, Shane, Ellie, Sky, Morgan and Braylon show off their pictures of the White House and books they have read.



In celebration of Leap Year's Day, Mrs. Folger's students completed a mini study about the life cycle of a frog. They learned how to draw a frog and read frog jokes just for fun.