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GOOD MORNING!

TODAY'S FORECAST

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► **Opening win**
Buckeyes win season opener over Albany

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Mary C. Detwiler
Helen Loraine (Skidmore) Webb
Pamela Lynne Lester

LOTTERY

Rolling 5.....	3-4-8-28-38
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Night Ohio Pick 4.....	9-1-6-7
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E-POLL

Saturday's Question

Will we make it to 2013 before someone talks about running for president?

12%

88%

Yes

No

Today's question

Are churches in a downtown area a hindrance to development?

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SALEM

12 Days of Christmas Raffle set

► **WHAT:** Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle
► **TICKETS:** \$10 each or 3 for \$20
► **DEADLINE TO PURCHASE:** Nov. 26

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

SALEM — The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its own Twelve Days of Christmas giveaway beginning Dec. 1 in a raffle to raise funds for beautifying and promoting Salem.

For the price of one \$10 ticket or three for \$20, area residents have multiple chances to win 78 different prizes with a combined value of more than \$8,000, including the grand prize on Dec. 12 of a \$1,000 yard

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TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS			
► Dec. 1 (12 gifts) 12 ham & bacon packages ► Dec. 2 (11 gifts) (8) Pass Movie Basket Home Ladder & First Aid Kit Basket Farm & Dairy Basket KSU basket with signed football Knit-Wits basket and Elizabeth Renea's Gift Certificate Gift basket with \$25 gift card \$50 auto service certificate & bike \$50 auto service certificate & bike Gift basket with \$25 gift card Salem Community Theatre basket with show tickets Gift basket with \$25 gift card ► Dec. 3 (10 gifts) (4) Tickets Saxon Club Fish Fry basket \$50 gift basket \$65 tire alignment	(2) \$25 gift cards \$50 gift card \$50 gift card \$50 gift card \$50 gift card Party at the Fun Factory (2) \$25 gift cards ► Dec. 4 (9 gifts) Five Swipe Day Pass at Salem Community Center (Restricted) Five Swipe Day Pass at Salem Community Center (Unrestricted) Ten Swipe Class Pass at Salem Community Center Ten Swipe Class Pass at Salem Community Center \$50 DeReinzo gift certificate Designer Sunglasses gift basket \$50 Home Depot gift card \$50 gift card \$50 gift card	► Dec. 5 (8 gifts) Gift basket Lexmark Photo Printer Lexmark Photo Printer \$75 furnace cleaning \$75 gift certificate Ellyson Plumbing & Heating Gift basket with wine and gift card \$25 gift certificate: Natural Solutions, Sport Connection, Ricky's English Pub \$25 gift certificate: Natural Solutions, Sport Connection, Ricky's English Pub ► Dec. 6 (7 gifts) Seven \$100 Giant Eagle gift cards ► Dec. 7 (6 gifts) \$100 Christmas basket \$100 Dunkin' Donuts gift card \$100 gift certificate and wine Two hour tax planning & consulta-	tion (\$200 value) \$100 Skyline Diner gift certificate \$100 gift card ► Dec. 8 (5 gifts) Five \$100 Giant Eagle gift cards ► Dec. 9 (4 gifts) \$125 gift card Water cooler w/\$100 worth of water \$125 Marriott gift card \$200 teeth whitening set ► Dec. 10 (3 gifts) Three \$200 Walmart gift cards ► Dec. 11 (2 gifts) Two bedroom condo in Myrtle Beach (Sept. 14-21) Two bedroom condo in Myrtle Beach (Sept. 14-21) ► Dec. 12 (1 gift) \$1000 yard makeover OR \$500 in Christmas cash

SALEM

Company protects ground from spills

Mid-Ark Utilities seals oil well drill sites after pad installed

By LARRY SHIELDS
Staff Writer

Containment.

That's job number one for Mid-Ark Utilities and Rig Services a company that seals the oil well drill site right after the pad is installed and protects the ground from any spillage after the rig is up.

Mid-Ark is based in the small industrial park on South Range Road, next to Quaker City Motorsports Park and Jay Larouche, the supervisor for the Pennsylvania and Ohio operations, has been in Ohio for about a year.

The company is headquartered in Heber Springs, Ark. There are 10 full-time "hands" at the Salem operations including Field Supervisor Dakotah Anthony. Together Larouche and Anthony oversee the crew leaders and 11 Mid-Ark vehicles that service Chesapeake Exploration drill sites. Chesapeake subcontracts the drilling to Patterson UTI and Nomac.

Mid-Ark goes "wherever Chesapeake wants us," Larouche said, "and right now Chesapeake seems to be hitting Carroll County pretty hard." He said people around here should be happy that Chesapeake is the company drilling

See MID-ARK, 5A



Dakotah Anthony, left, and Jay Larouche run the Mid-Ark Utilities and Rig Services operations in Salem. The company's local headquarters is on South Range Road, next to Quaker City Motorsports Park. Larouche is the supervisor for Pennsylvania and Ohio operations while Anthony is his field supervisor. Ten employees work for Mid-Ark which moved onto the property owned by Dan Swindell in September of 2011. The Arkansas-based company places heavy duty spill containment plastic on the well sites. (Salem News photo by Larry Shields)

COLUMBIANA

Councilmen say position should be advertised

Officials say planning commission chairman shouldn't be appointed until info on the spot is made public

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

COLUMBIANA — The planning commission chairman who ran for council last year should not be appointed to the commission for another term without the vacancy advertised first, Councilmen Bob Bieshelt and Bryan Blakeman said this week.

Bieshelt was opposed to appointing Richard McBane to another six-year term without first giving other community members a chance to apply.

He said doing so without advertising first is "reckless,"

especially since McBane shared campaign advertising with two people who currently serve on council.

McBane and Lowell Schloneger and Mary Harold Calinger were listed together on campaign signs distributed throughout the area last year.

If elected, McBane would have ousted Bieshelt, who was running as an incumbent at that time. Bieshelt retained the seat by earning 20 more votes.

While Blakeman agreed the positions should have been advertised first, he indicated that Bieshelt's inten-

tions may have been more personal.

"I understand your position on why you are trying to do this— and the public can see through it as well— but I don't think it's right," he said of the appointments.

Bieshelt asked City Manager Keith Chamberlin if anyone else had expressed an interest in the seats, to which Chamberlin said he wasn't sure.

Bieshelt then said that he was "fairly certain" Don Oberholtzer had applied, and asked Chamberlin if his application was on file.

Chamberlin said he did

not have the application and then explained that the vacancies weren't listed in the newspaper because the individuals were suggested by assistant building and zoning inspector Bob Belding.

"Since they were already serving in those capacities and expressed an interest it was not posted in the paper," he said.

Bieshelt then made a motion to table the appointment, but it failed by a 3-2 vote.

The motion to re-appoint McBane passed by a 3-2 vote, with Bieshelt and Blakeman opposed. The six-

year term will begin Jan. 1.

"I want to go on the record saying I'm very disappointed that three members of council" are OK with this, Bieshelt said.

The remaining two appointments also passed by a 3-2 vote, with the same two councilmen opposed.

Terry Kelley and John Sutherin were re-appointed to the board of zoning appeals. The three-year terms will both begin on Nov. 25.

Councilman James King was absent from the meeting.

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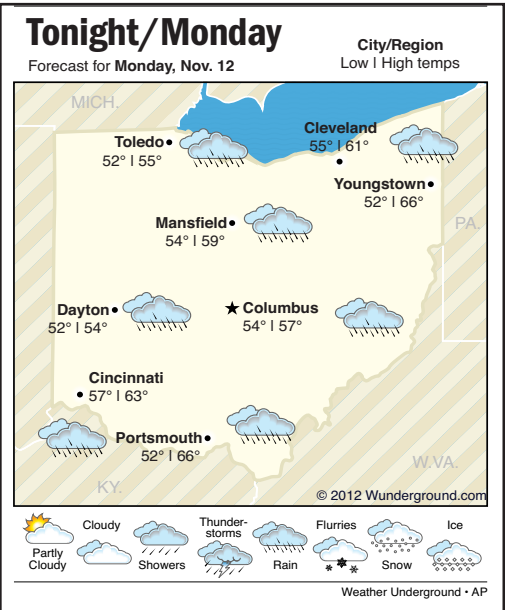
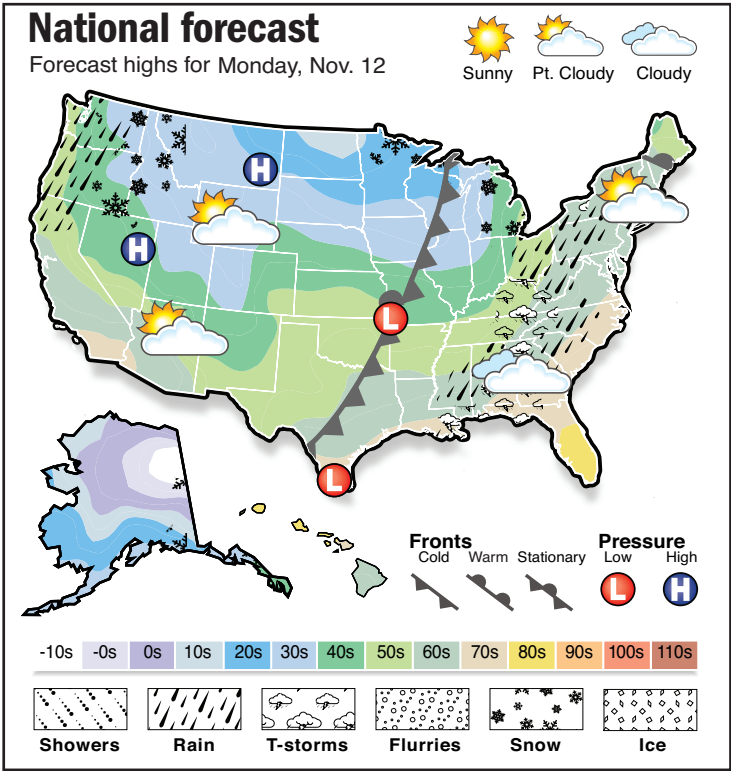
Good morning Bonnie Reinhardt. Thank you for subscribing to the Salem News.

WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Partly sunny with a chance of showers in the morning... Then showers in the afternoon. Breezy with highs in the lower 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain near 100 percent. Tonight... Rain showers. Much colder with lows in the upper 20s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain near 100 percent. Tuesday...Partly sunny. Much cooler with highs in the lower 40s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows in the upper 20s. Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows around 30. Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows in the lower 30s. Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 50.

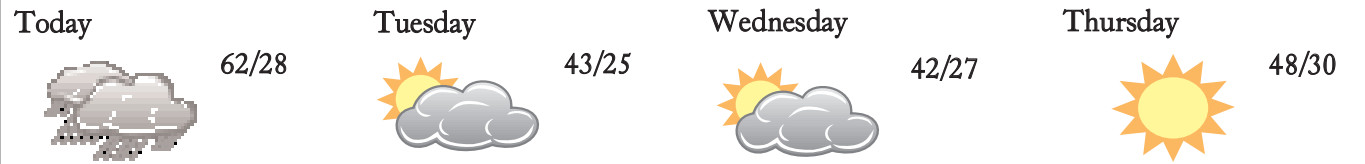
CLEVELAND: Today...Mostly cloudy. Showers...Mainly in the afternoon. Breezy and cooler with highs in the lower 60s. South winds 20 to 25 mph...Becoming west 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Chance of rain 90 percent. Tonight... Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Much colder with lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Tuesday...Partly sunny. Much cooler with highs around 40. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows around 30. Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Cold with lows in the lower 30s. Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.



ALMANAC

On Nov. 12, 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over Japanese forces.) In 1787, severe flooding struck Dublin, Ireland, as the River Liffey rose. In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party. In 1936, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., giving the green light to traffic. In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal. In 1969, news of the My Lai Massacre in South Vietnam in March 1968 was broken by investigative reporter Seymour Hersh.

Extended Forecast



ACROSS OUR NATION

Congress wants answers on Petraeus affair

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress said Sunday they want to know more details about the FBI investigation that revealed an extramarital affair between ex-CIA Director David Petraeus and his biographer, questioning when the retired general popped up in the FBI inquiry, whether national security was compromised and why they weren't told sooner.

"We received no advanced notice. It was like a lightning bolt," said Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, who heads the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The FBI was investigating harassing emails sent by Petraeus biographer and girlfriend Paula Broadwell to a second woman. That probe of Broadwell's emails revealed the affair between Broadwell and Petraeus. The FBI contacted Petraeus and other intelligence officials, and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper asked Petraeus to resign.

A senior U.S. military official identified the second woman as Jill Kelley, 37, who lives in Tampa, Fla., and serves as an unpaid social liaison to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, where the military's Central Command and Special Operations Command are located.

Staffers for Petraeus said Kelley and her husband were regular guests at events he held at Central Command headquarters. A U.S. official said the coalition countries represented at Central Command gave Kelley an appreciation certificate on which she was referred to as an "honorary ambassador" to the coalition, but she has no official status and is not employed by the U.S. government.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the case publicly, said Kelley is known to drop the "honorary" part and refer to herself as an ambassador.

The military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the investigation, said Kelley had received harassing emails from Broadwell, which led the FBI to examine her email account and eventually discover her relationship with Petraeus.

A former associate of Petraeus confirmed the target of the emails was Kelley, but said there was no affair between the two, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the retired general's private life. The associate, who has been in touch with Petraeus since his resignation, says Kelley and her husband were longtime friends of Petraeus and wife, Holly.

Attempts to reach Kelley were not immediately successful. Broadwell did not return phone calls or emails.

Petraeus resigned while lawmakers still had questions about the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate and CIA base in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens. Lawmakers said it's possible that Petraeus will still be asked to appear on Capitol Hill to testify about what he knew about the U.S. response to that incident.

Rep. Peter King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said the circumstances of the FBI probe smacked of a cover-up by the White House.

"It seems this (the investigation) has been going on for several months and, yet, now it appears that they're saying that the FBI didn't realize until Election Day that General Petraeus was involved. It just doesn't add up," said King, R-N.Y.

Petraeus, 60, quit Friday after acknowledging an extramarital relationship. He has been married 38 years to Holly Petraeus, with whom he has two adult children, including a son who led an infantry platoon in Afghanistan as an Army lieutenant.

Broadwell, a 40-year-old graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and an Army Reserve officer, is married with two young sons.

Broadwell has not responded to multiple emails and phone messages. Attempts to reach Kelley were not immediately successful.

service member who has worn a uniform and served the nation.

In a speech at the Memorial Amphitheater during the brisk, sunny morning, Obama said America will never forget the sacrifice made by its veterans and their families.

"No ceremony or parade, no hug or handshake is enough to truly honor that service," the president said, adding that the country must commit every day "to serving you as well as you've served us."

He spoke of the Sept. 11 generation, "who stepped forward when the Towers fell, and in the years since have stepped into history, writing one of the greatest chapters in military service our country has ever known. You've toppled a dictator and battled an insurgency in Iraq. You pushed back the Taliban and decimated al-Qaida in Afghanistan. You delivered justice to Osama bin Laden."

Lessons from Appomattox: Can we find harmony among discord?

Do we even want to?

APPOMATTOX, Va. (AP) — Baine's Books sits in the heart of this historic village, a Main Street institution where townspeople gather for coffee and conversation and, every Thursday after sundown, an open mic night that draws performers from near and far with guitars and banjos in hand, bluegrass and blues on their lips.

Talk of church and school, and most certainly music, almost always takes precedence at Baine's. But we've stopped in at election time, and Lib Elder is at a corner table tucking into a chicken pot pie, an Obama-Biden button pinned to her blouse right next to her heart.

She knows without asking why a reporter has come to this corner of southern Virginia to write about an election that divided America among so many lines.

Red or blue. Left or right. Big government or small. Tea party or Occupy. Ninety-nine percent or 1. Employed or out-of-work. Black or white or brown.

This is, after all, "where our nation reunited," said Elder, her voice tinged with slight sarcasm as she quotes the slogan adorning every sign into the town where, on Palm Sunday 1865, Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant, marking the beginning of the end of the Civil War.

Moved by images of Sandy's devastation, Katrina survivors repay kindness shown 7 years ago

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The chaos wrought by Superstorm Sandy, the homes tossed from foundations and landmarks buried beneath seawater, delivered a gut-wrenching dose of déjà vu for survivors of Hurricane Katrina like Joe and Gloria Robert.

Their own home flooded beneath 7 feet of salty water when the levees broke after Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in August 2005, and they know all too well what their countrymen to the north will face: years of debris removal, cleanup, rebuilding, haggling with insurance companies, paying mortgages on homes left unlivable. And they knew they had to help.

"When you watch things like this, you relive all the memories, all the heartache," said Joe Robert, his voice cracking with emotion. He said the images of Sandy victims rummaging through what could be salvaged of their toppled and flood-ravaged homes were painful reminders of his own loss. "I don't have any pictures of my daughter when she was little."

Seven years after Katrina destroyed neighborhoods, killed more than 1,800 people and caused some \$108 billion in damage, many of the people caught in its crosshairs are reaching into their wallets and cupboards to try to bring relief to the Atlantic Coast.

Church groups, nonprofits, City Hall and individuals in New Orleans and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast have begun sending care packages, donating money and staging volunteers for the clean-up and recovery efforts.

Bond soars with record \$87.8M 'Skyfall' debut in US; worldwide haul climbs toward \$500M

LOS ANGELES (AP) — James Bond's "Skyfall" has extended its worldwide box-office rule to North America, hauling in a franchise-record \$87.8 million in its first weekend at U.S. theaters.

Adding in \$2.2 million from Thursday night previews at IMAX and other large-format theaters, "Skyfall" has taken in \$90 million domestically, according to studio estimates Sunday.

That lifts the worldwide total for "Skyfall" to \$518.6 million since it began rolling out overseas in late October. Internationally, the 23rd Bond flick added \$89 million this weekend to raise its overseas revenue to \$428.6 million.

The third installment starring Daniel Craig as British super-spy Bond, "Skyfall" outdid the \$67.5 million U.S. debut of 2008's "Quantum of Solace," the franchise's previous best opening. "Skyfall" more than doubled the \$40.8 million debut of Craig's first Bond film, 2006's "Casino Royale." "Skyfall" already has passed the \$407.7 million overseas total for "Quantum of Solace" and by Monday, it will top the \$432.2 million international haul for "Casino Royale."

About 150K without power from storms; homes too damaged to get power affect thousands

NEW YORK (AP) — New Yorkers railed Sunday against a utility that has lagged behind others in restoring power two weeks after the superstorm that socked the region, criticizing its slow pace as well as a dearth of information.

At least 150,000 people in New York and New Jersey remained without power Sunday, including tens of thousands of homes and businesses that were too damaged to receive power at all. More than 8 million lost power during the storm, and some during a later nor'easter.

The lack of power restoration for a relative few in the densely populated region at the heart of the storm reinforced Sandy's fractured effect on the area: tragic and vicious to some, merely a nuisance to others.

Perhaps none of the utilities have drawn criticism as widespread, or as harsh, as the Long Island Power Authority. More than 60,000 of the homes and businesses it serves were still without power Sunday, and another 55,000 couldn't safely connect even though their local grid was back online because their wiring and other equipment had been flooded.

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DEATHS

POLICE

Olivia Sage Thompson

SALEM — Olivia Sage Thompson, 9, of 927 Franklin Avenue, Salem, Ohio, died at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Akron Children's Hospital in Akron.

She was born March 7, 2003 in Brewton, Alabama, the daughter of Billy and Elizabeth I. (Dickey) Thompson.

Olivia was a fourth grade student at Reilly Elementary School and a member of the First United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Children's Church Choir. She loved fishing, being outdoors and swimming.

Her parents, Billy and Beth Thompson of Salem, survive her along with a brother, Skylar Thompson of Baring, Missouri; maternal grandparents, Bill and Fran Dickey of Port Clinton, Ohio, formerly of Salem; and paternal grandmother, Glenda Schulte of Brewton, Alabama; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

An aunt, Allison Fithian, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Douglas George officiating. Calling hours will be held at the church on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. Interment will be at Bunker Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Reilly Wall Project, Salem Preservation Society, P.O. Box 1034, Salem, Ohio 44460 and Humane Society of Columbiana County, P.O. Box 101, Salem, Ohio 44460.

Arrangements were handled by the Stark Memorial Funeral Home. This obituary may be viewed and condolences may be sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

11/12/12

Mary C. Detwiler

SALEM — Mary C. Detwiler, 89, of Salem died at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, November 10, 2012, at the St. Elizabeth Boardman Health Center Emergency Room.

She was born February 20, 1923 in Salem, the daughter of the late David J. and Catherine (Miller) McCloskey.

Mary worked for 11 years for the former Daniel E. Smith Jeweler in Salem and retired in 1988. Previously she worked for 15 years for the former Perskey's store in Salem. She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, L.C.B.A., and C. D. of A. Mary was a 1940 graduate of Salem High School and a volunteer for AID.

Her husband, Homer R. Detwiler, whom she married June 15, 1946, preceded her in death on September 19, 1967.

Survivors include two daughters, Gayle (Richard) Juliano of Canfield and Janet (Lee) Lucas of East Liverpool; a son, John R. "Jack" (Wendy) Detwiler of Columbus; five grandchildren, Evan and Halle Detwiler, Chuck Juliano, Carrie Parente and Stephen Lucas; and four great-grandchildren, Josh and Richie Juliano and Amanda and Brandon Parente.

Three brothers, Edward, Charles and George McCloskey also preceded her in death.

A funeral Mass service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the Saint Paul Catholic Church with Father Robert Edwards officiating. On Tuesday at 10 a.m., L.C.B.A. and C.D. of A. services will be held at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be in Grandview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady's Purse, 935 E. State St., Salem, Ohio 44460, Senior Independence Hospice, 6715 Tippecanoe Road, Bldg. E, Canfield, Ohio 44406 and L.C.B.A., c/o Frances Ziegler, 435 Fair Ave., Salem, Ohio 44460.

The obituary may be viewed and condolences may be sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

11/12/12
(Paid obituary)

Helen Loraine (Skidmore) Webb

SALEM — Helen Loraine (Skidmore) Webb, 86, of Salem, died at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Blossom Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff of Blossom for the love and kindness they extended to Helen. They were there to give comfort and support at the most difficult time for the family.

Helen will be missed by many, but will never be forgotten. The people she met over the years at Pop Jackson's Restaurant where she worked for 25 years until her retirement in 2001. She enjoyed her family and spent time with them in West Virginia. There were many trips to Atlantic City as well to see the grandchildren. She most definitely enjoyed her puzzles of all sorts, bingo, and most of all baby sitting the grandkids. She became a member of the ladies Red Hat Society after moving to Blossom. She was a member of the Salem First Baptist Church and attended until her health made attending not practical.

She was born on July 23, 1926 in Braxton County, West Virginia to John H. and Arnett V. (Paul) Skidmore. She and her siblings, Phyllis, Eleanor, James and Hazel grew up in West Virginia.

She met the love of her life, Benjamin J. Webb, and married on July 28, 1951.

She has been a resident of the area since the early 50's, coming from West Virginia. She and Ben raised their family in the area.

In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death on August 13, 1989 by her husband Benjamin, and two siblings, James L. Skidmore and Hazel E. Miller.

Helen and Ben had two wonderful children, David A. (wife Nancy) Webb of Salem and Janet S. Wischerman of Leetonia who survive her, two siblings, Phyllis Roach and Eleanor Miller, both of South Charleston, W. Va., two grandchildren, Jefferson (wife Sarah) Manning and Ashley J. Webb, and one great-granddaughter, Kaylee N. Manning.

A service will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 1 p.m. at the Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen & Sons Funeral Home with the Rev. Claye Folger of the church officiating. The burial will immediately follow at Highland Memorial Park, Beloit, Ohio.

A time of visitation will be held on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

The family had requested that memorials be made in Helen's memory to Hospice of the Valley who cared for her during her final days.

The obituary may be viewed and guest book signed at www.apgreenisenfh.com.

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Pamela Lynne Lester

NEW WATERFORD — Pamela Lynne Lester, 55, died Friday morning at her home surrounded by her family.

Pamela was born Oct. 28, 1957 in Salem, a daughter of Lloyd and Margot Shreeves Campbell and had lived in this area all of her life.

She worked as a cashier for Marathon Gas Station in Columbiana and had also shown shorthorned steers for R.C. Farms and moved houses for Ron Coppock House Movers in New Waterford. She was a member of Lake Mount Church of Christ.

She is survived by four daughters, Tatum (Renauld) Ray and Brandon Rupert, both of Austintown, Mandi (Jeff) Smith of Columbiana and Dara Rupert and her fiancé Frank Price of Petersburg; a son, Dwayne "Duke" (Abbey) Rupert of New Waterford; two sisters, Judy (Roy) Koch of Petersburg and Jane (Pat) Glasser of Boardman; two brothers, Edgar "Skip" Campbell of New Waterford and Lloyd "Butch" (Suzanne) Campbell of Kensington; and eleven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her fiancé, Ron Coppock, who died Nov. 14, 2003.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012 at Lake Mount Church of Christ with Roy Seaux and Pam's brother, Lloyd Campbell, officiating.

Arrangements were made with the Van Dyke-Swaney-Rettig Funeral Home, East Palestine.

Sign the guest register and send condolences to the family at www.familycareservices.com

11/12/12

SHERIFF

— Cheryl Eichler reported Sunday trees had been cut on property owned by the Columbiana County Archery Club on Kelch Road, Lisbon. Wood from the trees was in piles to be loaded. The property is posted and no one had permission to cut trees, Eichler told deputies.

— Michael Bonifate, Mick Road, Wellsville, reported his wife's nephew came to his home in reference to a recent property transaction and wanted him to sign something. When Bonifate refused, the nephew became irate, shoving and threatening him. He asked for a report to be filed and also for information on obtaining a protection order.

— Lee Scott and Lee Davis, both of Wallace Road, New Waterford, reported ruts in their yard after a vehicle apparently went off state Route 14, went through their yards and through Scott's fence, also striking a pile of bricks in Davis' yard. There were parts of the vehicle strewn through the area, according to reports.

— Gerome Chuey, Applegate Road, Lisbon, reported his garage entered and two, five-gallon cans of gasoline taken. He also advised deputies of hearing shooting and loud noises in the Chemline area at night.

HIGHWAY PATROL

— Kimberly K. Vandress, 49, Westville Lake Road, Beloit, was cited for assured clear distance Friday after her vehicle reportedly struck the rear of a van driven by Tina M. Lippitt, 43, Carey Road, Salem, while both were westbound on township Road 800.

— Albert J. Lattanzio, 18, Dyke Road, Rogers, was cited for assured clear distance after reportedly striking the rear of a vehicle driven by Robert Lee Keaton, 47, North Hollywood Drive, East Liverpool, while both were southbound on state Route 7. According to reports, Keaton had slowed in traffic when his vehicle was struck.

— Theresa H. Leasure, 37, North Park Avenue, Alliance, was cited after turning left from county Road 401, striking a vehicle being driven east on U.S. Route 62 by Laurie A. Thomas, 61, West Nevada Avenue, Sebring. Both were transported by EMT ambulance to Alliance Hospital.

— Thomas R. Blocksom, 60, state Route 517, Columbiana, was cited after he reportedly made a wide right turn while northbound on Vine Street, striking a vehicle driven by Gregory Allen Snider, 41, Moundsville, W.Va., who was westbound on Main Street.

— Elliott P. McMurray, 22, East State Street, Salem, was cited for assured clear distance and leaving the scene of an injury accident after striking the rear of a vehicle driven by Salvatore M. Raneri, 38, Jersey Ridge Road, Salem, while both were westbound on state Route 344. After the crash, Raneri's vehicle went off the road, striking a tree, and McMurray reportedly left the scene but came to the patrol barracks four days later after attempts were made to contact him.

Skeptical judge warms to Ohio execution policies

COLUMBUS (AP) — A federal judge who has skewered Ohio in the past over the way it carries out executions heaped unusually warm praise on the system and the state prisons director in a recent ruling.

The comments by U.S. District Court Judge Gregory Frost raise the possibility that successful challenges focusing on the process of putting inmates to death in Ohio could be coming to an end.

Frost has delayed executions over such challenges, though he has also let some proceed when it appeared the state had fixed problems.

Frost's most recent ruling last week declined to stop the execution of Brett Hartman, scheduled to die Tuesday for stabbing an Akron woman to death in 1997.

The ruling doesn't mean that possible future problems carrying out executions couldn't create a new set of challenges. Though Ohio executions generally go as smoothly as such procedures can, it has had some notable exceptions.

The most infamous of those was the botched attempt in 2009 to execute Rommel Broom, whose execution was halted after two hours during which time he was unsuccessfully jabbed with IV needles 18 times. Broom is back on death row fighting a second attempt to put him to death. He was only the second person in U.S. history whose execution was halted.

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SALEM REPORTS

— Joseph M. Petro, of 8523 Duck Creek Road, Berlin Center, was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence, marked lanes and a red light violation after a traffic stop at 2:32 a.m. Sunday in the area of North Ellsworth Avenue and East Fourth Street.

— A woman in the 200 block of West Wilson Street called at 1:45 a.m. Sunday to request assistance from medical personnel at her residence. Fire department first responders and police responded.

— A domestic was reported at 11:09 p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of North Lincoln Avenue where two people were involved in a verbal dispute that led to an altercation. Neither side wanted to pursue the matter and the male half left.

— Loud persons were reported at 9:02 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of Fair Avenue where juveniles were running in the street being loud. A resident said she would take care of the problem.

— An officer on patrol at 8:36 p.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of East State Street found a license plate on the ground near the base of a utility pole. The plate was recovered and taken to the police station.

— A suspicious vehicle was reported at 8:21 p.m. Saturday in the 2300 block of East State Street where people were found to be doing a scavenger hunt.

— Police received a report at 8:15 p.m. Saturday of a possible intoxicated person in a silver PT Cruiser in a parking lot in the 2800 block of East State Street, but the vehicle could not be located.

— Stephen Vishak, of 42842 state Route 518, Lisbon, was taken into custody for an active warrant through the Columbiana County Sheriff's Office after police responded to the 200 block of South Lundy Avenue at 7:46 p.m. Saturday to check for a person with a warrant. A deputy picked him up for transport to the county jail.

— A woman from the 1100 block of Prospect Street came to the police station at 7:33 p.m. Saturday to report an ongoing problem with a known person bothering her children within the city limits.

— An anonymous caller at 4:09 p.m. Saturday reported an intoxicated person in the area of South Lundy Avenue and Franklin Street. The male was located at the rear of his residence in the 400 block of Aetna Street. He was found to be slightly intoxicated and told the consequences if he leaves his residence.

— Police were called at 3:03 p.m. Saturday to the 100 block of West Pershing Street for a man down in the gravel lot. Officers could see the man laying on the ground and when they arrived, he said he had not fallen. He was sitting in a chair talking on the phone and was intoxicated, but said he was going to move since this was the second time in two days that the cops were there. He said he was fine.

— A woman in the 400 block of Aetna Street reported at 2:09 p.m. Saturday that someone dragged her vehicle from behind the residence out onto Aetna Street and proceeded towards South Broadway Avenue, then the marks stopped. She was attempting to make contact with the leasing company who she purchased the vehicle from to make sure they did not take it.

— Police were called at 1:18 p.m. Saturday to the 500 block of Walnut Street for an alleged burglary in progress and found the owner of the residence used an object to break out the glass in the rear door to gain entry since he did not have his key. Officers learned from his wife that he was having medical issues and needed to go to the hospital. He agreed to go on his own and was transported to Salem Community Hospital by EMT Ambulance.

— A woman in the 900 block of Fair Avenue reported at 10:12 a.m. Saturday that sometime after 10:30 p.m. Friday, she heard a noise by the side of her residence and the outside light came on but she didn't see anyone. On Saturday morning, she found a wooden coffee table and what appeared to be a hair dryer in her yard. The items were placed in front of the residence and a note was left for the street department to pick them up.

— A wallet was found in the 900 block of East Fifth Street at 12:11 p.m. Saturday and taken to the police station.

— A woman in the 100 block of East Fourth Street reported at 10:28 a.m. Saturday that an older-looking black Sunfire was parked across the street from her residence for 25 minutes and the male operator, who was wearing an orange shirt, got out and stared at her residence. The vehicle then left and has gone by her residence three times since then. An officer stayed in the area and checked for awhile but did not see the vehicle.

PERRY TWP. REPORTS

— An officer on patrol at 1:34 a.m. Sunday saw a vehicle pull into the parking lot of a closed business in the 1800 block of state Route 9 and made contact, learning a male and female were arguing. The man behind the wheel, Ryeann Sutton, 28, of Hanoverton, was found to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and was charged with having physical control of a motor vehicle.

— A woman on state Route 344 reported at 10:54 a.m. Saturday that her soon-to-be ex-spouse keeps sending harassing text and voice messages. An officer spoke to the person and they said they would stop.

— Police were called at 2:19 a.m. Saturday to the 1300 block of Andrew Avenue for the third time for a barking dog. The first two times, no barking dog was found. The third time, an officer found the animal and attempted to contact the owner to no avail.

— William C. Batton, 27, of 1013 Jones Drive, Salem, was charged with criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct and aggravated menacing after police were called at 5:42 p.m. Friday to a property in the 900 block of Jones Drive where he was allegedly threatening to harm a resident and refusing to leave. The report said he finally left after one of his family members escorted him to his residence. While police were attempting to investigate the incident, he became agitated and was placed under arrest for criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct. The additional charge was added after he made threats against the arresting officer.

— Police were called at 12:08 p.m. Friday to the 1100 block of Hampton Place for an unruly juvenile, spoke to the parent and advised them of their options.

— Police were called at 9:04 p.m. Thursday to talk to a man about a person harassing him over text messages on the telephone.

— Ashley Brooks, 22, of 1136 E. 10th St., was cited for non-compliance suspension after a traffic stop at 11:10 a.m. Thursday in the 300 block of Georgetown Road.

FIRE

SALEM REPORT

— No injuries were reported after firefighters were called at 10:39 a.m. Sunday to the Salem Care Center, 1985 Pershing St., for a fire alarm. Capt. Shawn Mesler reported a can of cooking spray on a shelf above the stove in the kitchen fell onto the stove while personnel were cooking, causing a fire. The sprinkler system extinguished the fire, but melted two sprinkler heads and partially damaged another one. Firefighters had to stop the water flow from the sprinklers by shutting off the water. The report said the heat source, in this case the can of cooking spray, was too close to a combustible.

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OUR SIDE

Still smoking? Don't Thursday

Here's an alarming statistic: an estimated 43.8 million Americans were smokers in 2011.

We've brought this to your attention because Thursday is the 37th-annual Great American Smokeout, a day dedicated to helping smokers take the first step in quitting smoking. Put down those cigarettes, cigars or pipes, or don't put a pinch between your cheek and gum this Thursday.

It's not so hard, if you consider the alternatives: Lung cancer, lip cancer, cancers of the mouth, throat and digestive tract.

The American Cancer Society has a list of benefits of ending smoking, including:

- A drop in carbon monoxide levels in the blood to normal in 12 hours.

- An increase in lung function within three months.

- A reduction in coughing and shortness of breath and a gain in the body's natural defenses against lung infections within nine months.

- In a year, the risk of coronary heart disease is dropped to half that of a smoker.

If the health statistics aren't enough, calculate the cost of your particular form of tobacco on your weekly, monthly and annual budget.

The cancer society has scheduled the smokeout for the third Thursday of November for decades, dating back to an event in California in 1974.

The day isn't just about struggling through a single-day commitment to go tobacco free. It's about learning, and about finding and using tools to reduce and eventually end personal tobacco use. If cold turkey quitting is too much for you, consider the availability of counseling, nicotine replacement products, group support, telephone hotline support, guidebooks and encouragement, including nagging, from friends and family.

Today is about making a commitment. Trying to stay away from tobacco for a day is the first step on what is a quick road to a healthier lifestyle. When you're breathing better, when your heart is functioning better, you can be more active, which puts you in better health overall, which leads to a change in mood.

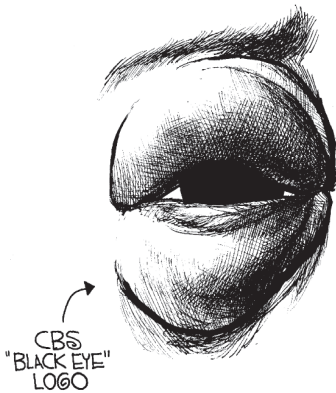
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Romney's uncertain legacy



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ents — could make him a pariah in both circles from now on.

Most losing presidential nominees have remained in good graces with their old colleagues, and some have been revered as sympathetic figures or heroes. Think of Democrats Adlai Stevenson, Hubert Humphrey and even George McGovern, and Republicans Barry Goldwater, Bob Dole and John McCain.

Some losers were fortunate enough to have been president before losing the job — Democrat Jimmy Carter and Republicans Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush — but to have retained considerable public luster and cachet. McCain and Democrat John Kerry retained their clout in the Senate. Where will Mitt Romney go for solace? Certainly not back to Bain Capital or the State House on Beacon Hill.

The three other presidential losers going back 60 years — Democrats Walter Mondale, Michael Dukakis and Al Gore — all remained committed and respected members in their party long after their political careers had ended. If their effectiveness as campaigners was questioned, their devotion to the party's core liberal, New Deal catechism never was.

By contrast, neither among the tea party nor in what is left of moderate Republicanism is Mitt Romney likely ever to have statues raised in his honor. It is hard to imagine that, after flip-flopping on everything from abortion and immigration to his embrace of aspects of "Obamacare" — for which he provided the model in Massachusetts — he will ever join the list of the GOP beloved.

Even the Republicans' acknowledged bad apple, Richard Nixon, had enough resilience in the party

after his narrow defeat in 1960 by John Kennedy and subsequent loss in the California gubernatorial race to make a political comeback in 1968. Throughout, Nixon was a tireless if not exactly selfless foot soldier in the party ranks, helping engineer the major Republican congressional comeback in 1966.

It is difficult to picture Romney slogging in the political trenches with the same single-minded ambition and drive Nixon had. Late in this year's campaign, Obama needled Romney as being afflicted with "Romnesia" for seemingly forgetting previous issue positions he had taken. More likely, it is Romney himself who will fade from the memories of the Republican faithful, if not his political gaffes.

All last year, Romney was said to be driven by the political misfortune of his father, the Michigan automaker-turned-governor Geroqe Romney, who ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 1968 and lost to that year's comeback kid, the same Richard Nixon. But it seems unlikely that son Mitt will ever lift himself off the canvas and try again in the national political arena.

And why should he? He is not driven by the kind of ideological conviction and certitude that is the stuff of successful comebacks. He has demonstrated without question his success in high finance and business, while laying bare his shortcomings in politics. Most notable was his inability to convince voters that he would be on their side in their current travails.

One can only wonder what Mitt Romney's future in the Republican Party might have been had the party adhered to the moderation of George Romney rather than pivoting to the conservatism of Ronald Reagan in the 1980s. As governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney emulated his father's moderation, but in the recent election he bent himself out of shape trying to become the conservative he professed to be, inviting the flip-flopper image that contributed to his defeat.

Mitt Romney's political identity accordingly is left straddling the fence: mistrusted on the Republican right he so ineffectively courted, and on the party's left regarded as a pretender unfaithful to his father's moderate posture and intentions.

Jules Witcover's latest book is *Joe Biden: A Life of Trial and Redemption* (William Morrow). You can respond to this column at juleswitcover@comcast.net.

OTHER VOICES

Nov. 1
Wisconsin State Journal, Madison,
on campaign disclosure:

Six billion dollars.

That's how much money campaigns and their supporters are expected to spend on the 2012 elections, according to the latest estimate by the Center for Responsive Politics.

It's a huge and stunning amount that's only likely to increase in future elections. So voters at least deserve to know where all the big money is coming from.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that money is essentially speech that must be allowed. But the same court has encouraged Congress to require more disclosure of the donors who are doing the speaking.

Money that goes directly to the candidates is already tracked. But money spent by outside groups that mostly attack political opponents is harder to identify. This includes groups such as Americans

for Prosperity on the right and the Greater Wisconsin Committee on the left.

Congress should require these shadowy organizations to disclose all of their donors who give \$10,000 or more. That won't take the money out of politics. But it will give citizens more information about who is trying to influence their votes. And it will hold accountable more of these groups for what often are terribly misleading if not flat-out wrong claims and accusations.

The race for president, of course, is the biggest-spending affair, accounting for about \$2.6 billion of the projected \$6 billion for federal campaigns this cycle, according to the CRP. ...

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Republicans need to take party back from fringe



FROMA
HARROP

Americans wanted to keep the country they know, and said so Tuesday. Now it's time for responsible Republicans to take their party back from the fringe that loses them elections.

It's not true that Republicans needed better can-

didates. They had excellent contenders. The problem was that the electable ones couldn't leap the lunacy barrier erected by the right wing. They couldn't clinch nominations. Or they withdrew from races in the face of the party base's social nastiness, scientific ignorance and fiscal irresponsibility.

In Indiana, Republicans had the superb Sen. Richard Lugar — a sure shot for reelection. Lugar was a statesman who refused to transform himself into a right-wing gargoyle during the primary. The party replaced him with a tea-party favorite, who like the Republican loser in the

Missouri Senate race, made weird comments about rape during the campaign.

In Connecticut, the totally unappealing Linda McMahon lost her second quest for a U.S. Senate seat after spending \$91 million of her own money — but not before having managed to defeat two plausible Republican moderates this year and in 2010. In this round's Republican primary, the wrestling magnate with a yacht named "Sexy Bitch" swept away the much-respected former Rep. Chris Shays on a tide of cash.

Another admired Republican, Jon Huntsman, withdrew from the race for the presidential nomination rather than debate himself with arguments that the Earth was formed 5,000 years ago. The former conservative governor of Utah provided the most noble tweet of the campaign: "I believe in evolution and trust scientists on global warming. Call me crazy."

You knew he couldn't survive the sort of primary race that included threats against Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke. ("We would treat him pretty ugly down in Texas," Texas Gov. Rick Perry actually said.) By catering to this mentality but seeming just a bit

saner than the others, Mitt Romney won the nomination and lost the election.

The morning after, Steve Schmidt, a Republican strategist turned MSNBC commentator, minced no words: "We have given away five U.S. Senate seats over two election cycles by nominating losers. I mean, people who are fundamentally, manifestly unqualified to be in the United States Senate."

Lest we forget, Republicans put out some very strange senatorial candidates two years ago. In Delaware, Christine ("I'm not a witch") O'Donnell lost to the Democrat — after defeating the revered Republican Rep. Mike Castle in the primary. In Nevada, Sharron Angle ("Sharia law" has taken over Dearborn, Mich.) lost to a struggling Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

So entranced was the right wing by its own propaganda that it persisted in framing Republican Sen. Scott Brown's surprising 2010 win in Massachusetts as local hostility to Obamacare. Brown got away with promising to help defeat the Affordable Care Act only because the electorate already had a state version of it. His luck ran out on Tuesday.

In olden days, when moderate Republicans freely roamed New England, Brown would have enjoyed stronger odds for reelection. And in nearby Maine, Republican survivor Olympia Snowe would have probably gone back to the Senate had she not retired, exhausted by attacks from the right.

The tea party didn't build this alone. It had help from the punditry-industrial complex — the radio mouths and book-peddling professionals who make a fine living telling the troops that they're always right and they're always winning.

Republican analyst Schmidt also said on Wednesday that the likes of Donald Trump and Rush Limbaugh need to be "shut down." What he undoubtedly means is that mature Republican leaders should stop trying to ingratiate themselves with the publicity bottom feeders.

Conscientious Republicans do want their party back. May they get it.

To find out more about Froma Harrop, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

According to Tiffany Davis, fourth-grade teacher and elementary literacy coach, the program

Groups change depending on the individual needs and goals for every student and instruction is determined by the students' need," she added. Through the program, teachers are better able to know their students' skill sets and how they are progressing, Davis explained. Teachers discuss with the students the goals on which they

Based on a model developed by teaching professional that has proven successful at other area districts including United Local and Struthers, the Guided Reading Program at Leetonia incorporates over 90 minutes of reading

Davis said that through the program, teachers can set learning targets and then go a little above the reading levels, encouraging the students to improve and establishing running records of

their skill sets.

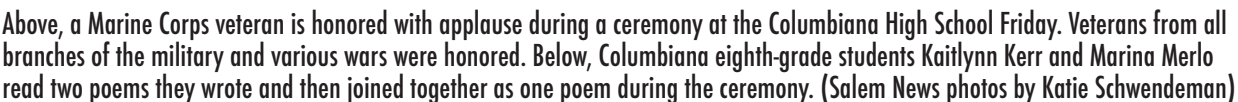
"There is a constant increase in abilities," she said.

For those who have trouble, though, there is individualized intervention. Teachers can work individually with students while the rest of the class works as a group or parents can come in and work with the students who are having trouble keeping up, Davis noted.

"We realized there was a student need and saw that [the program] was working at other schools," she said. "It's fun for the students, too. It's just a great program with tremendous support from the administration."

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

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Melnick commissioned as 2nd Lt. U.S. Army



2nd. Lt. Melnick

GREEN TOWNSHIP — Cadet Joel Russell Melnick was commissioned into the U.S. Army as 2nd. Lt. on May 3. He graduated on May 5 from the University of Mount Union, cum laude, with a bachelor's

of arts degree in international business and economics, and minors in sport business, German, and leadership. He also graduated from Kent State University Golden Eagle Battalion U.S. Army ROTC. 2nd Lt. Melnick has served as the cadet battalion SI, S2, and S3. He graduated from Airborne School receiving the Parachutist Badge, Gold German Proficiency Badge, Expert Marksmanship Badge and Physical Fitness Badge. He received the American Legion Award for Military Excellence, and the Reserve Officer's Association Award. He served as an enlisted soldier in the Army National Guard for three years and was awarded a full two-year ROTC scholarship as a cadet. He will continue service in the Army National Guard in Military Intelligence and will leave this month for his six month Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca in Arizona. Melnick is a 2010 honors graduate

from basic training and advance individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He is a 2011 officer graduate from Leadership Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Wash. Melnick is the son of Atty. Robert and Diana Melnick of Green Township, and the grandson of Gladys Melnick of Boardman and the late Atty. Arseny Melnick, and Frank Annaheim of Kin-nelon, N.J., and the late Isabelle Annaheim. Homeschooled from kindergarten to sixth grade, Melnick then attended and graduated from South Range High School in 2008. He has three brothers and one sister. Melnick played Green Beaver and Salem youth baseball, Canfield soccer, All Star Babe Ruth, b and B baseball, and varsity baseball and football at SRHS. He played college baseball freshman year at MU. He officiated soccer games in Salem, Boardman, and Canfield since age 12.

Recovery from eating disorders can be done

By CATHY BROWNFIELD
Family Recovery Center Publicist

When she received the news that a young friend of hers died due to an eating disorder, MJ was hit hard by the news. The family, struggling to understand their loss, was primary in MJ's mind when she reached inside herself to shed light on the problems of eating disorders. At Facebook she writes, "I hate remembering this bad time in my life. I had an eating disorder as a teenager. My mother loved me enough to lock me up. I know she saved my life...I want you all to know it is not easy to recover from this disease. But it can be treated." The National Institute of Mental Health describes eating disorders as serious disturbances to diet, either eating too little and becoming emaciated or eating too much and purging afterward. MJ was 220 pounds at one time. Other kids bullied her, called her names because she was overweight. At the height of her battle with eating disorders she weighed only 89 pounds. She remembers skipping breakfast and riding to school with a friend who begged her to eat crackers or something. Eat something! Instead she popped strawberry Lifesavers in the car. Lunch was likely to be a can of diet Coke.

"I thought I looked great!" She also recalls her mother and brother arguing with her. When she turned away from them she collapsed on the floor, unconscious. "I died," she said. But she was one of the lucky ones. The first responders were able to revive her. She explains the role of potassium and the heart. When potassium level drops below a certain level you can go into heart failure. Her heart stopped beating. "There is more information available now," she said, noting how important electrolyte balance is. When you purge, she said, the hydrochloric acid from your stomach will eat the enamel off your teeth as well as causing acid reflux. MJ has spent a small fortune on dental work and will likely be on medication for acid reflux for the rest of her life. She warns that, because of low weight, hair falls out, too. "My parents divorced when I was 16." She suffered with her problems for years, up and down in remission until she finally arrived at the door of reality. "I was a social worker in the healthcare field. A few of the cases I came in contact with hit home. In social situations I was being dishonest. I knew I had to be honest with myself if I wanted to get better and live." And her healing began. It was a long road between age 16 when the problems with eating disorders began and when she finally was able to close that book at age 37.

She notes there is still stigma attached to eating disorders. She shares her story because there are others who need to know about the disease, some who need to know they aren't alone. And, although talking about it makes it real, it also helps to dispel the mystery of it and erode the stigma. "I was popular in school, involved in everything: band, track, bowling...I gave it all up for this. And I got hungry. I learned about purging. It was my new best friend." Eating disorders, she said, start with a problem that is not resolved. For MJ, she didn't talk about the problems. Now she talks. But, "It's not about me. It happened to me, but it's about the teens going through it." Now 44, she is comfortable with herself. "I'm finally who I always was." And she likes that woman. But she didn't get through it alone. "You can't do it by yourself." She worked with her family doctor, her counselor. "I did some counselor shopping. You have to find someone you're comfortable with." Though she lost a lot of her friends—she thinks they were afraid and didn't understand-- there were family and friends who stuck with her through her illness, like her husband, David, her mother and her friends, Tina, Beth, Dee, Lisa, Susan and others. And she worries about friends that she knows are still battling eating disorders. Today MJ works a job, volunteers for a food pantry, participates in the Relay for Life and has been a guardian ad litem as well as volunteering for the Salvation Army. Her family is at the core of her world. "I had to reacclimate myself to life." She says she's cured. She writes. She hangs out at Facebook. And she worries about young people who are where she has been. She hopes that sharing her story publicly will help someone else. Family Recovery Center promotes the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities with education, prevention and treatment programs for substance abuse and other mental health issues. For more information about eating disorders contact us at 964 N. Market St., Lisbon; phone, 330-424-1468; or e-mail, info@familyrecovery.org.

ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

Craft show is Dec. 15 at Slovak Club

SALEM — The annual Christmas craft show at the Slovak Club at 313 S. Ellsworth Ave. will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 15. Among the vendors scheduled to participate are Scentsy, Miche, Pampered Chef, Avon and Tastefully Simple. There also will be jewelry, tied blankets, gift bags, Christmas wreaths, crochet items, water globes, baked items, etc. For available table space call 330-337-8426.

Breakfast scheduled at Masonic Building

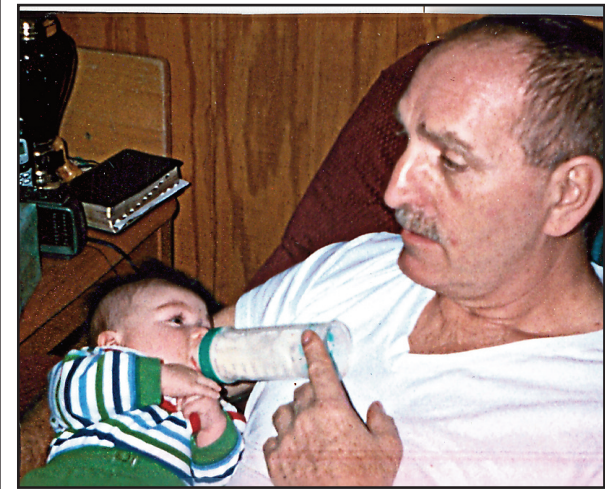
SALEM—A public breakfast buffet will be served from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Nov. 24 at the Salem Masonic Building, 788 E. State St. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 10 and free for children under 2. The menu offers pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade sausage gravy, biscuits, homefries, toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee and tea.

Crown Theater presenting singer

COLUMBIANA — Crown Theater Productions will present singer and songwriter, Karen Spurlock at 8 p.m. Nov. 17 at Main Street Theater. Spurlock lives in Huntington, W.Va., and is touring this fall in West Virginia, Indiana and Ohio. Admission is \$5. Tickets may be purchased at the door. "The Christmas Carol" will be presented on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. Shows on Fridays and Saturdays begin at 8 p.m. Sunday performances start at 2 p.m. Admission is \$13 for adults, and \$10 for children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased ahead at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/238911>.

One-act plays scheduled at Crestview HS

COLUMBIANA — Crestview High School will perform four one-act plays beginning at 7 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets will be on sale at the door at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students, and free for 4 and under. One dollar from each ticket sold will be donated to the Pelino family benefit that evening. Arts and crafts will be set up in the lobby for a silent auction.



Benefit dinner is Nov. 17 at Winona Friends

A benefit spaghetti dinner for Palmer McGuire Jr. will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Winona Friends Church, 4615 Whinnery Road, Salem. McGuire is recuperating from gastrointestinal stromal tumors. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and free for under 4. Carryouts are available. For more information or donations call Carol McGuire at 330-341-9649 or Leona Weber at 330-223-1996. (Submitted photo)

Crestview having Bully Prevention Assembly

COLUMBIANA — Crestview Elementary School will have a Bully Prevention Assembly at 1:15 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Performing Arts Center. Students will receive bully prevention T-shirts that say "Bee Nice" on the front and "Real Rebels Don't Bully" on the back. Students will be asked to wear their shirts on Tuesdays to show that students are united against bullying. Detective Steve Walker, from the Columbiana County Sheriff's Department, will be at the assembly to talk about bullying along with high school students who are members of Teen Institute. Fourth-grade students will also speak about the effects of bullying. At the assembly, students will sing the school song, and will take the anti-bullying pledge.

South Range Music Boosters holding breakfast Nov. 17

BEAVER TOWNSHIP — The South Range Music Boosters will hold its third annual all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Nov. 17 at the K-12 school complex cafeteria. The high school jazz band will perform along with the middle school' seventh and eighth-grade choir.

Breakfast set at Damascus United

DAMASCUS—The Damascus United Methodist Church will host its all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Nov. 17. Proceeds will go in the youth director's fund.

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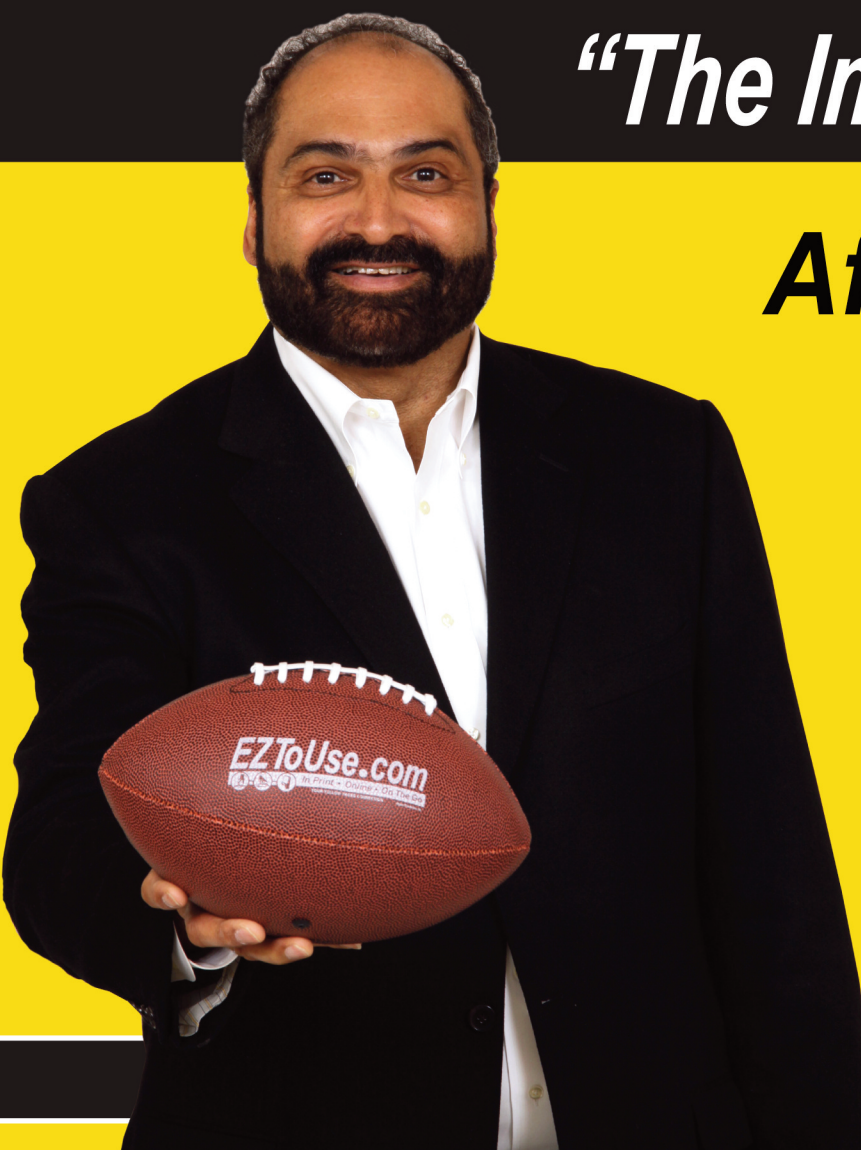
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MON/12
COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins 9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

Community Christian Women, lunch meeting, First Christian Church, 12:30 p.m., reservations made with your church representative or 330-482-2155 or 330-482-2152.

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

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

HANOVERTON
United Local High School Class of 1961, lunch, noon, Skyline Diner at the Salem Air Park.

Power Puff volleyball games, 6 p.m., United High School; admission \$3.

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

LISBON
Chapter 59 Columbiana County Public Employee Retirees, lunch, noon, Taste of Country; business session, 1 p.m.

... ON THE Calendar THIS WEEK ...

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

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

SALEM
Reservation deadline for Salem Community Center's bus trip to Ross Park Mall on Nov. 30; 330-332-5885.

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.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Dunkin Donuts, west side; 330-332-1045.

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; fried chicken, parsley potatoes, cole slaw, corn and peas, cake.

Southern Gospel Concert, 7 p.m., with Ted Thorne, Salem Community Center; free admission.

Salem Memorial and Patriotic Association's fund raiser, 6 a.m.-10

p.m., at Bob Evans, 2299 E. State St. Pick-up flyer at AMVETS Post 45, VFW, Salem Computer Center, Salem News.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Getting Crafty class for adults, 6:30 p.m., Quaker Room, Salem Public Library. Registration required, 330-332-0042.

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

WASHINGTONVILLE
Life membership drawing, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532 Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

TUE/13
CALCUTTA
Fund raiser for the Humane Society of Columbiana County, with author Connie Randolph book signing, 4-9 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant, 16230 Dresden Ave. Coupons at HSCC or The Chef's Table, 130 S. Market St., Lisbon or printed at www.columbianahumane.org.

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

Pasta buffet and silent auction, 4-7 p.m., Heartland Christian School, 28 Pittsburgh St. carryout available.

LEETONIA
Lifeline of Columbiana County Pregnancy Center, fund raiser dinner, 6 p.m., St. Patrick's Hall, 167 Main St.; reservations, 330-853-9282 or 330-503-9781.

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

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

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

SALEM
Salem Community Hospital retirees and former employees, informal lunch, 11 a.m., Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

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

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

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

Visiting Angels and Salem Area Visiting Nurse Association's free, confidential memory screenings, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St. Appointments recommended, 330-332-1203 or 888-527-1200.

Fall Jazz Concert, 6 p.m., with the Jack Halkides Quintet with Peggy Coyle and special guests, Salem Community Center; free admission.

Salem Historical Society, meeting, 7 p.m.; program by Bill Ward, Dale Shaffer Library, 239 S. Lundy Ave.; 330-337-8514.

The Columbiana County Genealogical Society meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salem Historical Society's Dale Shaffer Library. Entrance off Lundy Street with parking available across the street in the Municipal lot.

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

Quota International of Salem, dinner meeting, 6 p.m.; board meeting 5 p.m. Bring items for Christmas auction.

Salem Jubilee Chorus practice. Male singers wanted, 7-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-337-6682.

WED/14
COLUMBIANA
Crestview Local Board of Education, meeting, 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center, 44100 Crestview Road.

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

EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine High School Class of 1954, meeting, 11:30 a.m., Antone's.

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

Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities, meeting, 7 p.m., administration offices, 7675 state Route 45.

NEW WATERFORD
New Waterford High School Class of 1955, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Taste of Country.

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

United Commercial Travelers, Council #590, dinner, 6:30 p.m., Perkins Restaurant; business session follows.

Salem Music Club, meeting, parlor, Education Building, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.; program by Lelia Mitchell.

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

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

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.

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

THU/15
BELOIT
West Branch Local Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., high school Media Center.

COLUMBIANA
Country music jam, 6:30-10 p.m., St. Mary's Alzheimer's Center.

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., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

LEETONIA
Leetonia First United Methodist Church, 50 Lisbon St., "drive by" chicken dinner, 4-6 p.m., or until sold out; \$7.

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

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

Balloon release ceremony, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Columbiana County Mental Health Center; 330-223-2592.

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

SALEM
Former Ohio Bell-Ameritech-AT&T Telephone Operators, breakfast, 8:30 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.



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► COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Kelly begins campaign

Notre Dame head coach pushing for BCS title game consideration

By **JIMMY GOLEN**
Associated Press

Brian Kelly waited until the end of the presidential election to start campaigning for a spot in the BCS title game. The Notre Dame coach made his case on Sunday for a Top 2 spot in the polls that would allow the Fighting Irish (10-0) to play for a national championship. Oregon and Kansas State may be getting a lot of attention with their high-powered of-



fenses, but Kelly said Notre Dame's defense is every bit as impressive. "Each team has their own distinctions. The distinction of this football team is it's the No. 1 scoring defense in the country," he said on a conference call with reporters a day after a 21-6 victory over Boston College helped the Irish move up to No. 3 in The Associated Press Top 25. "It's proven that against very, very good teams all year. ... If you look at national championship-caliber football, you've got to look at a defense, and so that's why

we feel strongly that our football team has put themselves in the discussion. We'll let others decide, but I think we've played our way into the discussion." Notre Dame had been the consensus No. 4 team in the country heading into the weekend, with only a remote chance at a national championship until top-ranked Alabama was upset by No. 15 Texas A&M on Saturday. The Irish moved up to No. 3 in the poll released Sunday, still behind new No. 1 Oregon and second-ranked

See **IRISH, 3B**



In this April 21 file photo, Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly leads his team onto the field for their spring game in South Bend, Ind. Kelly, in his third-year as head coach, has the unbeaten Fighting Irish in the national championship discussion with their best start in a decade at 10-0. (AP Photo)

► NFL



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo looks to pass in the first half against the Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, in Philadelphia. (AP Photo)

Cowboys rally past Eagles

Falcons suffer first loss of season

COWBOYS 38, EAGLES 23

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tony Romo threw a pair of touchdowns, Dwayne Harris had a 78-yard punt return for a score and Brandon Carr returned an interception 47 yards for a TD to lead the Dallas Cowboys to a 38-23 win over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

The Cowboys improved to 4-5, and are second in the NFC East, 1½ games behind the New York Giants.

The Eagles (3-6) lost Michael Vick to a concussion after consecutive bruising hits in the second quarter and have lost five straight games under coach Andy Reid for the first time in his 14 seasons.

Nick Foles filled in for Vick and briefly rallied the Eagles until the Cowboys started showing some touchdown versatility. Romo hit Dez Bryant on a 30-yard pass on the final play of the third quarter, and Harris and Carr scored their TDs in the fourth quarter.

49ERS 24, RAMS 24

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The St. Louis Rams and San Francisco 49ers played the NFL's first tie game in four

See **NFL, 2B**

► NCAA BASKETBALL — OHIO STATE ROLLS TO OPENING GAME WIN

Buckeyes tip off

Ohio State breezes to home win over Albany

COLUMBUS (AP) — Late in the first half, with his team trying but failing to create any opportunities, Ohio State coach Thad Matta called a timeout.

"I saw Thad jump off the bench and it looked like he had a 40-inch vertical," Albany coach Will Brown said. "I saw how animated he was. That timeout, obviously, I think that lit a fire under them."

Deshaun Thomas scored 13 of his 19 points in what turned out to be a 17-2 run to end of the half, leading No. 4 Ohio State to an 82-60 victory over the Great Danes on Sunday in the Buckeyes' belated season opener.

The Buckeyes were supposed to play on Friday night against Marquette in Charleston, S.C., aboard the USS Yorktown, but condensation on the court led to that game being canceled.

"When they announced we weren't going to play I looked at some of the crowd and some of the faces and I felt so bad that we didn't get to play," said Lenzelle Smith Jr., who added 18 points. "They go to war for us every day. I was thinking the least we could do was play a game for them."

Instead, the Buckeyes channeled their desire to play into their next game.

"They were itching to play," Matta said.

Thomas, one of the stars of the Buckeyes' Final Four run last season, hit just one

See **OSU, 3B**



3-point land
Ohio State's Aaron Craft (4) shoots over Albany's Mike Black during the first half in Columbus Sunday. (AP Photo)

► NBA



Cleveland Cavaliers forward Tristan Thompson loses control of the ball in the second quarter in Oklahoma City, Sunday. (AP Photo)

Westbrook leads Thunder past Cavs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Russell Westbrook banked in a half-court shot during a rough-and-tumble 27-point outing.

Kevin Durant added 26 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 106-91 on Sunday night.

Westbrook, a career 29-percent shooter from 3-point range, had made just 6 of 24 behind the arc to start the season and coach Scott Brooks suggested before the game that he needed to start making more if he was going to keep taking so many.

Westbrook may have tem-

porarily extinguished that talk with a few well-timed connections, the first one coming as he ran along the sideline and banked in a desperation shot at the end of the third quarter.

Kyrie Irving led the Cavs with 20 points. Alonzo Gee chipped in 18 points and reserve Daniel Gibson scored 16.

Westbrook's shooting spree came at a time when he'd normally be on the bench. Brooks kept him out for the closing stretch of the third quarter even though he hadn't scored since halftime, and Westbrook rewarded him with a jumper in the lane and a 3-pointer to help

See **CAVS, 2B**

► NASCAR



Kevin Harvick cheers with his pit crew as they pose for photographers after Harvick's win in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race victory at Phoenix International Raceway, Sunday in Avondale, Ariz. (AP Photo)

Wild race blows Cup chase open

Harvick wins; Keselowski takes points lead

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — When the fighting stopped, the oil had dried and the last



of the wrecked cars had been towed away, Brad Keselowski found himself on the brink of a first Sprint Cup title for himself and team owner Roger Penske.

Only he wasn't in a celebratory mood.

He entered Sunday's race at Phoenix International Raceway trailing five-time champion Jimmie Johnson by seven points and had the better car all day. And moments after Keselowski raced his way into the lead, a blown tire caused Johnson to crash and take his battered car to the garage for repairs.

"I wanted to take the points lead by winning a race and not relying on a failure," Keselowski said.

It was just the beginning of the drama in the most chaotic race of the year.

One many fans will likely call the best of the season.

Perhaps for all the wrong reasons, and that's what had Keselowski so upset.

"I'm more just disappointed in the quality of racing that we saw," he said. "I thought it was absolutely ridiculous, and I was ashamed to be a part of it."

Kevin Harvick snapped a 44-race losing streak by beating Kyle Busch on a pair of late restarts, and crossing

See **NASCAR, 3B**

2CHOICES

Weekly sports poll

Will Kansas State or Oregon slip up allowing an opportunity for Notre Dame to play for the BCS title?



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8:30 p.m.

ESPN — Kansas City at Pittsburgh

TENNIS

3 p.m.

ESPN2 — ATP World Tour Finals, championship match, at London

2DAYINSPORTS

Nov. 12

1892 — William "Pudge" Heffelfinger becomes the first pro football player by getting \$500 to play for the Allegheny Athletic Association against the Pittsburgh Athletic Club. Heffelfinger doesn't disappoint his bosses as he returns a fumble for a touchdown to give Allegheny a 4-0 victory.

1920 — Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is hired as the first commissioner of baseball.

1950 — Gene Roberts of the New York Giants rushes for 218 yards and a touchdown against the Chicago Cardinals.

1967 — Travis Williams of Green Bay returns two kickoffs for touchdowns against Cleveland as the Packers beat the Browns 55-7. The Packers score 45 points in the first half, 35 in the opening quarter.

1972 — Don Shula becomes the first NFL coach to win 100 regular-season games in 10 seasons as the Miami Dolphins beat the New England Patriots 52-0.

1994 — Prairie View loses 52-7 to Jackson State, breaking an NCAA Division I-AA record with 45 straight losses. Columbia lost 44 straight from 1983-88.

2000 — Keenan McCardell and Jimmy Smith each surpass the 100-yard mark in the same game for the eighth time in their careers, an NFL record, in Jacksonville's 28-21 loss to Seattle.

2003 — The Capitals' 7-1 win over the Hurricanes includes a third-period flurry in which the teams combine to score four goals in 1:16.

2006 — Devin Hester ties the NFL record for longest play by returning a missed field goal 108 yards in Chicago's 38-20 victory over the New York Giants.

2006 — Indianapolis edges Buffalo 17-16 to become the first team to have consecutive 9-0 records.

2007 — Top-ranked Roger Federer loses consecutive matches for the first time in 4½ years, falling to No. 7 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5 at the Masters Cup.

2010 — Minnesota's Kevin Love grabs a franchise-record 31 rebounds and scores 31 points, the NBA's first 30-30 game in 28 years. Love grabs 15 rebounds in the third quarter alone as the Timberwolves rally from a 21-point, third-quarter deficit to stun the New York Knicks 112-103. Moses Malone was the last player to have a 30-30 game with 32 points and 38 rebounds for Houston against Seattle in 1982.

► NFL

Backfield clarity only place Chiefs edge Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ask any of the people involved in the current — and at the moment only — drama surrounding the surging Pittsburgh Steelers about who should be the starting running back and you'll get a variety of answers. None of them definitive.

Jonathan Dwyer, whose 299 rushing yards lead the team, thinks the job belongs to injured Rashard Mendenhall, whenever Mendenhall's strained right Achilles heals.

Isaac Redman thinks it should be the "hot hand," which at the moment would be his after running for a career-high 147 yards in last week's season-defining triumph against the New York Giants.

Mendenhall, who has carried the ball just 19 times in the past 10 months after tearing the ACL in his right knee on New Year's Day, thinks the decision is out of his hands and would prefer to focus on his health.

Even the guy actually in charge of the depth chart is noncommittal.

"Whoever's being productive when healthy is going to get the totes," coach Mike Tomlin said. "I really think it's that simple. I'm not going to make it any more complex than it has to be."

Or any less murky either.

Redman will get the start on Monday night when the Steelers (5-3) host luckless Kansas City (1-7). The Chiefs have endured a miserable first half of the season, though the re-emergence of Jamaal Charles gives them clarity in the backfield.

A year removed from a torn ACL that ended his 2011 season after just two games, Charles is ninth in the NFL in rushing and remains one of the most explosive players in the league.

He ran for 233 yards — the second-highest total of the season — in a 27-24 overtime win against the Saints that remains Kansas City's lone victory.

"You just can't let the guy get daylight because he's gone," Pittsburgh defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau said. "New Orleans was doing a great job and had a pretty good lead. Then, in two snaps he erased it. He went 90 yards with one and 50 yards with the next."

Charles' numbers have tumbled the last three weeks thanks to erratic quarterback play that has done little to prevent defenses from crowding the line of scrimmage to keep him in check.

While the Chiefs are sinking, the Steelers are soaring.

Pittsburgh has won three straight and is getting production from whoever happens to be bending over next to quarterback Ben Roethlisberger in the huddle.

Mendenhall returned from his rehab to rack up 101 total yards and a touchdown in a victory against the Philadelphia Eagles on Oct. 7. The comeback lasted all of a game. He strained his Achilles tendon the following week against Tennessee and hasn't played since.

His absence, however, has hardly derailed the running game. Dwyer — the third-string back at the beginning of the season — went over 100 yards in wins over Cincinnati and Washington before tweaking his right quadriceps.

Enter Redman, who shook off minor injuries in both of his ankles to thrash the Giants in 26 angry and clock-chewing carries.

All three backs are quick to credit the suddenly dominant offensive line and coordinator Todd Haley's streamlined playbook for helping the Steelers find the balance necessary to take pressure off Roethlisberger's capable shoulders.

All three also know the leash is short if they don't perform.

"It's like basketball, if the shooter has the hot hand, we're going to feed him the ball and if all of us are feeling it, we'll just rotate or something," Dwyer said.

Something the Steelers did with little success early in the season. Redman began the year as the starter but neither he nor Dwyer found much traction while splitting carries.

Pittsburgh ranked 31st in the league in rushing during the first three weeks and heralded Mendenhall's return as the spark needed to kickstart the running game.

It did. The flame, however, didn't go out when Mendenhall headed back to the sideline during the first half of a 26-23 loss to Tennessee on Oct. 11.



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Isaac Redman is tackled by New York Giants strong safety Stevie Brown during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 4, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Steelers won 24-20. (AP Photo)

Dwyer and Redman have both thrived while not having to look over their shoulder. Redman and Mendenhall were both inactive when Dwyer rolled through the Bengals and Redskins, and Mendenhall and Dwyer weren't in uniform against the Giants.

The last time Dwyer and Redman played together they combined for 26 yards on 12 carries in a befuddling 34-31 upset at Oakland on Sept. 23, including a fourth-quarter fumble by Dwyer that helped the Raiders rally and led Tomlin to bench the former Georgia Tech star for the next two games.

Dwyer responded by becoming the first Steelers running back in

four years to top 100 yards in consecutive games. Did he earn more playing time? That's not his call.

"I've done my job," Dwyer said. "The two weeks they needed me to step up, I stepped up. I did what I needed to do to help us win some games. I went down and Red stepped up and he did his job. It just shows that there's no let off from our group."

And no pecking order either. At least, not at the moment.

"At times this season we've had a running back by committee approach because none of them had been overly effective at that time," Tomlin said. "When someone's effective, they'll get the ball."

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years as both team's kickers missed overtime field goals Sunday.

Greg Zuerlein kicked a 53-yarder, but the Rams were penalized 5 yards for delay of game. He tried again from 58 as coach Jeff Fisher played for the win, and missed wide right with 2:42 left in OT.

San Francisco's David Akers missed wide left on a 41-yard attempt that could have sealed it for the NFC West-leading 49ers (6-2-1), who lost quarterback Alex Smith to a first-half concussion.

On the first play of OT, Sam Bradford completed an 80-yard pass to Danny Amendola that took St. Louis (3-5-1) to the 2, but the play was called back for an illegal formation penalty. Some 49ers fans got up to leave, then returned to their seats.

SAINTS 31, FALCONS 27

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jimmy Graham caught seven passes for a career-best 146 yards and two touchdowns, cornerback Jabari Greer made a diving, touchdown-saving pass breakup on a late fourth-down play, and the New Orleans Saints held on to hand the Atlanta Falcons their first loss, 31-27 on Sunday.

Graham and his Atlanta counterpart, veteran tight end Tony Gonzalez, both were superb in a game that showcased all the intensity and drama of one of the NFL's most passionate and long-standing rivalries

Gonzalez finished with 11 catches for 122 yards and two scores for Atlanta (8-1), and in the process became the first tight end to catch 100 touchdown passes.

Brees threw for 298 yards and three TDs as the Saints (4-5) won for the fourth time in five games, keeping alive hope of getting back into the wild card race after an 0-4 start.

BRONCOS 36, PANTHERS 14

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Peyton Manning made sure John Fox's return to Carolina was a successful one, throwing for 301 yards and a touchdown.

Manning threw his 420th touchdown pass to move into a tie for second place on the NFL's all-

time list with Dan Marino. He trails only Brett Favre (508).

Manning had plenty of help from his teammates.

Von Miller harassed Cam Newton all day and Trindon Holliday returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown as the Broncos (6-3) won for the fifth time in six weeks. The Broncos sacked Newton seven times, including once for a safety, and Miller pressured him into an interception Tony Carter returned 40 yards for a score.

Fox, who coached the Panthers for nine seasons, downplayed his return all week, but celebrated with a few fist pumps Sunday.

PATRIOTS 37, BILLS 31

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady threw for two touchdowns, Devin McCourty ended Buffalo's hopes with an interception in the end zone and New England kept Buffalo winless at Gillette Stadium.

The Patriots (6-3) let a 17-3 lead slip to 34-31 with 7:47 left on Ryan Fitzpatrick's 2-yard touchdown pass to Donald Jones. Then the Bills (3-6) held the Patriots to a 27-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski with 2:06 remaining.

Buffalo then moved to a second-and-10 at the New England 15 before Fitzpatrick threw the ball right into the hands of McCourty while trying to hit T.J. Graham.

New England is 11-0 against the Bills at Gillette since it opened in 2002 and 20-2 overall in its last 22 games against Buffalo.

VIKINGS 34, LIONS 24

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Adrian Peterson raced 61 yards for the game-sealing touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, padding his NFL rushing lead with 171 yards on 27 carries for Minnesota.

Peterson had 120 yards in the final 15 minutes, 10½ months after reconstructive surgery on his left knee. Ponder bounced back from a rough game with 221 yards and two touchdowns on 24-for-32 passing for the Vikings (6-4).

Calvin Johnson had 207 yards on 12 catches, including a touchdown that brought the Lions (4-5) a little closer with 1:53 left. But Johnson's lost fumble near midfield on the previous possession

put Vikings rookie Blair Walsh in position for his fourth field goal.

BUCCANEERS 34, CHARGERS 24

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Josh Freeman threw two touchdown passes and the surging Buccaneers scored on a blocked punt and Leonard Johnson's 83-yard interception.

Freeman has thrown for 13 TDs with one interception in his past five games, helping the Bucs (5-4) win four times to climb back over .500 following a 1-3 start.

Rivers threw for 337 yards and three touchdowns for San Diego. He was intercepted twice in the fourth quarter to ruin any chance of the Chargers (4-5) coming from behind.

BENGALS 31, GIANTS 13

CINCINNATI (AP) — Andy Dalton threw a career-high four touchdown passes — each to a different receiver — and the Cincinnati Bengals ended their four-game losing streak by beating the New York Giants 31-13 on Sunday.

The Bengals (4-5) took advantage of a fumble and Eli Manning's two interceptions, which set up third-quarter touchdowns. That helped A.J. Green back up his observation there are holes in New York's defense.

The defending Super Bowl champions have a lot of holes everywhere.

The Giants (6-4) head into their bye week with back-to-back losses and a lot of issues, especially on offense. Manning had another subpar game, failing to live up to his family legacy of beating the Bengals.

Older brother Peyton improved to 8-0 against Cincinnati on the same field a week earlier, leading Denver to a 31-23 win.

The Giants turned it over four times in the second half.

RAVENS 55, RAIDERS 20

BALTIMORE (AP) — Joe Flacco threw for 341 yards and three touchdowns, and Baltimore set a club record for points.

The Ravens (7-2) scored on six of their first seven possessions against the struggling Raiders (3-6), who have yielded at least 40 points in two straight games for the first time since 1962. The 55 points tied an Oakland record for points ahead for good.

SEAHAWKS 28, JETS 7

SEATTLE (AP) — Russell Wilson threw touchdowns of 38 yards to Golden Tate and 31 yards to Sidney Rice, and the Seattle Seahawks sent the New York Jets to their worst start since 2007 with a 28-7 win on Sunday.

Wilson was harried for much of the day by the multiple looks from the Jets' defense. But the Seattle rookie responded with key throws, hitting Tate on the opening drive, then connecting with Rice early in the fourth quarter to give Seattle (6-4) a two-score advantage. Tate added a TD pass on a reverse to Rice later in the fourth quarter.

Mark Sanchez struggled in his reunion with Seattle coach Pete Carroll, his former coach at USC. Sanchez threw a costly interception at the goal line in the first half, then fumbled at the Seattle 32.

Muhammad Wilkerson's fumble return for a TD was the only score for New York (3-6).

quished the lead, though, with Kendrick Perkins scoring inside on a basket interference call before Durant's two-handed slam.

Then Westbrook took over.

Kevin Martin led Oklahoma City's reserves with 16 points and Serge Ibaka had 14 points and seven blocks. Westbrook had 10 assists but also eight turnovers.

Cavs coach Byron Scott mixed up his rotation, going with Jon Leuer and Omri

Casspi while holding out C.J. Miles. It didn't make much of a difference, although Cleveland held a 29-22 edge in bench scoring.

The Cavaliers hit eight of their first 10 shots and raced out to a quick 17-7 lead, but then fell just as cold as they had been hot as soon as Waiters checked out with his second foul.

Eight of Cleveland's next nine shots were off-target, giving the Thunder the opening they needed to pull

ahead for good.

Westbrook converted a finger roll and a jumper and set up Thabo Sefolosha's 3-pointer during a 15-2 comeback, and Oklahoma City kept rolling against Cleveland's reserves. Martin had a three-point play and a fast-break layup early in the second, and suddenly the Thunder's 10-point deficit had turned into a 34-23 advantage.

NOTES: The Cavs were Oklahoma City's second

straight opponent that was playing the fifth game of a six-game road trip. ... Daniel Orton made his first appearance with the Thunder with the game out of hand in the final 2 minutes. He blocked a Gibson 3-pointer and got his first points by running out for a layup at the other end. ... Orton was active because backup center Hasheem Thabeet missed his second straight game with a sprained left ankle.

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fend off a charge led by Irving.

Irving hit back-to-back 3-pointers after Oklahoma City had taken a 63-50 lead midway through the third quarter and his driving layups on consecutive possessions got Cleveland within 67-65 with 3:42 to go in the period.

The Thunder never relin-

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Beljan’s wild week ends with Disney win

Golfer overcomes panic attacks throughout tournament for first PGA Tour victory

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Charlie Beljan felt as if his heart was about to burst out of his chest Sunday at Disney, and he couldn’t have felt better. This wasn’t another panic attack gone wild, like the one that sent him to the hospital in an ambulance after the second round and made him feel like he was going to die. This was the prospect of winning on the PGA Tour for the first time.

The roller coasters at the Magic Kingdom are nothing like what Beljan went through in the final PGA Tour event of the year. Two days after he was wheeled out of the scoring room on a stretcher, the 28-year-old rookie was celebrating on the 18th green as the band played “Zippity-Do-Dah.” He arrived at the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals Classic with his job in jeopardy, and left with a two-year exemption that will send him to Maui at the start of the year, the PGA Championship at Oak Hill and lots of other tournaments where winners belong.

“Every day I drove underneath that Disney sign coming in here that said, ‘Where dreams come true,’ and that’s just what happened this week,” Beljan said after closing with a 3-under 69 for a two-shot win. “And I’m so grateful and so honored.”

By the sound of it, he was lucky to be playing. Beljan could hardly breathe and his blood pressure spiked during his second round, when paramedics followed him around the back nine. After

sleeping for only an hour or so in the hospital after a variety of tests, he played Saturday fearful of having another panic attack. And when he awoke Sunday morning, his head was throbbing and his stomach felt queasy.

Once he got on the golf course, the rest was easy. Beljan ran off five birdies in a six-hole stretch around the turn, twice knocking in putts from around 30 feet, and built a five-shot lead. A double bogey made it close, but only until he made birdie on the next hole. He topped in one last putt, tossed his putter to the side of the green, pumped his fist in celebration and hoisted his 7-week-old son.

Robert Garrigus and Matt Every each closed with a 68 and tied for second.

“It was incredible,” Beljan said. “I was happy that I was a PGA Tour champion. I was happy that my wife and my baby were here. It still isn’t real.”

Just three weeks ago, he feared he would have to go to the second stage of Q-school, no guarantee that he would have a tour card for next year. Suddenly, he can make plans for the Tournament of Champions at Kapalua, for events hosted by Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods.

“I don’t know what other perks come with winning, but I know every single one of them is pretty darn good,” he said.

Beljan finished on 16-under 272 and became the fourth rookie to win on tour this year.

Tim Herron was the other big winner Sunday, closing with a 69 to tie for ninth. That gave him enough

money to move from No. 138 to No. 124 on the money list, giving him his full card for the 2013 season.

Kevin Chappell finished at No. 125. He wound up \$1,809 ahead of Jerry Kelly, but Chappell wasn’t safe until Charlie Wi and Josh Teater each made par on the last hole. If either had made bogey, Kelly would have moved up one position — from a six-way tie for ninth to a seven-way tie for eighth — that would have allowed him to pass Chappell.

Instead, Kelly is out of the top 125 for the first time in his career.

Beljan earned \$846,000 for the victory, capping a long, hectic season in which he learned he was going to be a father, got married in March and first began suffering panic attacks after he passed out on a flight home from the Reno-Tahoe Open in early August.

Beljan showed a few signs that he might crack. He three-putted from behind the fifth green, and then was disgusted with an approach that just missed the green to the left on No. 7. After getting a drop because his left foot was on a sprinkler head, he rolled in an 18-foot birdie off the green, screamed “Go!” at a wedge that obeyed him and settled a foot away for a tap-in birdie on the eighth, and then holed a 30-foot birdie on the ninth.

He’s so long off the tee that the par-5 10th was the easiest of his four straight birdies, and when he knocked in a 30-footer on No. 12, Beljan’s lead was up to five shots.

There was only one nervous moment after that.

Instead of playing it safe off the tee at the 13th, he hit

driver into the woods, went into a bunker, then across the green, and made a quick double bogey. Garrigus made a birdie ahead of him on the 14th, and suddenly, the lead was only two shots.

No need to panic.

Beljan’s 12-foot birdie putt on the 14th caught just enough of the right side of the cup to fall. Garrigus didn’t make another birdie, and Beljan’s only other big blunder was knocking a birdie attempt some 7 feet by the cup at No. 16. He made that one coming back for par, and reached the 18th tee with a three-shot lead.

Typical of the final event of the year, all the drama was on the ever-changing money list.

Herron looked to be in good shape until he hit his tee shot into the water on the 17th hole and made double bogey, and then had a 20-foot birdie putt hang on the edge of the cup on the 18th.

He figured he needed that to get his card, and walking off the green he stepped on his bag and gave it a swift kick. He was ready to give the bag another kick when Golf Channel announcer Billy Andrade said he might be safe.

Wi and Teater, playing one group apart, hit the fairway and the green on the 18th for regulation pars to spare Chappell, who started the week at No. 123. Teater, in the final group, ran his birdie putt about 2½ feet by the hole, but knocked that in and Chappell was safe.

Chappell tweeted, “Well I am glad that is over thanks for all the support. I look forward to improving this off season and making sure this never happens again.”

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Kansas State.

The Irish were expected to be third when the new BCS standings were released later Sunday.

Alabama dropped to fourth in the AP poll.

Although Kelly had resisted politicking for a better ranking, his new poll position proved too tempting. He said he voted for his own team No. 1 in the USA Today coaches’ poll, up from No. 2 last week; it was the only first-place vote for the Irish, who were third in that poll as well.

Kelly’s case is that the

Irish have allowed 111 points in 10 games, tied with Alabama for fewest in the nation. He also pointed out that Notre Dame has played every game against an FBS foe; Oregon played Tennessee Tech, and Kansas State played Missouri State — both FCS division teams.

Notre Dame has beaten four teams that were ranked at the time the Irish played them: Michigan State and Oklahoma on the road and Michigan and Stanford at home. The case against Notre Dame is that five of its wins have been by seven points or fewer, including a triple-overtime victory over unheralded Pittsburgh two weeks ago after the Panthers

missed a 33-yard field goal to win it. Even the win over Boston College was uninspired: The Eagles are 2-8 and off to their worst start since 1989.

But Kelly noted that BC, the only other Catholic school in the FBS, failed to score a touchdown for the first time this season. Eagles quarterback Chase Rettig is among the national leaders with 2,803 yards passing and 16 touchdowns, but Notre Dame allowed just two field goals in the game.

“If you want style points, look at our defense, look at the schedule that we played: 10 FBS teams,” Kelly said. “I think it’s pretty clear that this football team has been

built around its defense, and we’ve lived up to that each and every week. We’ll just keep working on one at a time and let other people figure out where that puts us.”

Kelly said two players came out of the Boston College game with injuries.

Receiver DeVaris Daniels had surgery on Sunday to repair a broken collarbone and will be out for three or four weeks. He will miss the rest of the regular season but would return for a bowl game, Kelly said.

Defensive back KeiVarae Russell had a head injury.

“It cleared up nicely,” Kelly said. “He looks to be on track for practice on Tuesday.”

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of his first seven shots and Ohio State trailed 23-22 late in half. But he asserted himself as the Buckeyes took control.

Matta’s angry timeout talk ignited the Buckeyes.

“He just told us to play hard,” said Thomas, a junior who had contemplated jumping to the NBA before electing to return to Ohio State. “He said, ‘Don’t let up.’ As a team we just kept saying, ‘Boost it up. Let’s get (the lead) to 30.’”

Aaron Craft, considered an outside-shooting liability a year ago, hit 5 of 7 3-pointers for a career-high 20 points to go with seven assists.

Asked he was now the

Buckeyes’ go-to guy on perimeter shooting, Craft cracked, “Could you say that again, please?” Nodding to Thomas and Smith, he added, “These guys didn’t hear you.”

Craft spent untold hours working on his shot for several months. It paid off in more confidence, not only for him but also by his teammates in Craft’s shooting.

“Teammates have to trust me to shoot the ball as well, too,” he said. “So throughout this summer and fall, I was trying to get their confidence in me as well. They did a good job of finding me. You get a lot of open shots when guys are driving and kicking (out passes). It’s not too difficult to knock down wide-open shots when you’ve got great players around you.”

Smith was 8 of 11 from the

field, making both 3s he attempted.

The Buckeyes shot 57 percent from the field (32 of 56) and made 12 of 20 shots behind the arc.

Smith gave Ohio State a 39-25 lead at the halftime buzzer by swishing a 3-pointer from the right wing off a pass from Craft.

Over the last 4:46 of the half during the Ohio State run, the Buckeyes hit 6 of 8 shots from the field to Albany’s 0 for 4, didn’t have a turnover and outrebounded the Great Danes 6-2.

Ohio State then opened the second half by scoring eight of the first 10 points to take a 20-point lead.

Craft and Ross hit 3s to make it 55-33. The lead hovered around 20 the rest of the game.

Matta conceded that his

timeout might have turned the game around.

“It definitely sparked a run,” he said, adding that he was unhappy with how the Buckeyes were handling adversity on the court. “Our team’s not good enough to let one negative compound to another negative. I kind of got into them and said, ‘Hey, let’s go.’”

The contest was a first-round game in the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament.

Mike Black had 20 and Jacob Iati 13 for Albany (1-1).

Brown was asked if he would’ve liked the Buckeyes to have played on Friday night.

“I wish they would have played, and that that game would have gone, like, five overtimes,” he said.

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the finish line ahead of a melee that broke out because NASCAR failed to throw a final caution flag for an oil spill on the track.

It was the final exclamation point in a sequence that included Jeff Gordon slowing his car on the track to wait for Clint Bowyer so he could intentionally wreck him as retaliation for several weeks of on-track contact between the two.

It led to a full brawl inside the garage between the crews for the two drivers, with Bowyer sprinting from his car to join the fracas. He was held back by NASCAR officials from entering Gor-

don’s hauler.

“It’s pretty embarrassing,” Bowyer said.

“For a four-time champion, and what I consider one of the best this sport’s ever seen to act like this is pretty ridiculous.”

Both drivers and their crew chiefs were called to the NASCAR hauler for a meeting with series officials, and police officers stood outside on guard.

Gordon said he’s had problems with Bowyer all season and had reached his limit.

“Things just got escalated over the year, and I’d just had it,” he said. “Clint has run into me numerous times, wrecked me, and he got into me on the back straightaway and pretty much ruined our

day. I’ve had it, fed up with it and I got him back.”

He said he didn’t know what penalties might be coming from NASCAR.

“They’ve got to do what they’ve got to do, and I guess I had to do what,” he said.

NASCAR vice president of competition Robin Pemberton said the situation would be looked at further this week. “That was surely a shame,” he said. “We’ll continue to try to get everybody back calm down and back to a working situation.”

But Keselowski was livid, questioning the double-standard a week after he was criticized for racing hard on the final restarts against Johnson last week at Texas.

He could have wrecked Johnson for the victory, and

three years ago he might have done just that. But Keselowski was only aggressive — yet clean — and even after losing the race was condemned by some of his fellow competitors.

Three-time champion Tony Stewart said Keselowski had “a death wish” and Kyle Busch felt some drivers wouldn’t give Keselowski a break on the track because he raced Johnson too hard on the last restart.

“It’s the double standard that I spent a whole week being bashed by a half-dozen drivers about racing hard at Texas and how I’m out of control and have a death wish,” he said. “These guys just tried to kill each other ... they should be ashamed. It’s embarrassing.”

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X-tra Mile Club meeting set for Wednesday

SALEM — The Salem X-tra Mile Club’s last meeting of 2012 will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the bottom floor meeting room of the Memorial Building. Topics will include a review of the 2012 cross country season, the upcoming 2012 track and field season and planning for the 2013 Star Trax Race. Parents of Salem High School and junior high cross country and track and field athletes are urged to attend. The meeting is open to anyone interested in the Star Trax Race.

K-State, Oregon on course for BCS title game

NEW YORK (AP) — Kansas State and Oregon are now on course to play for the BCS national championship.

After Alabama was upset by Texas A&M, the new BCS standings have the Wildcats (.9674) first and the Ducks (.9497) second.

Notre Dame (.9396) is third, not too far behind, but most likely in need of a loss by Oregon or Kansas State to reach the title game on Jan. 7 in Miami.

“These teams are in their order and the only way that order changes is if somebody gets beat,” said Jerry Palm, of CBS Sports and collegebcs.com.

As for Alabama’s run at three championships in four seasons, and the Southeastern Conference’s string of six straight BCS titles, both are in peril.

Five SEC teams follow Alabama in the standings: Georgia, Florida, LSU, Texas A&M and South Carolina. But it will take a couple of upsets to give the SEC champion a shot to reach the BCS title game.

Kansas State is second in both BCS polls — the coaches’ and Harris — and in the computer rankings. The Wildcats have two games left, at Baylor on Saturday and home against Texas on Dec. 1, the day of most of the conference championship games.

Oregon is first in the both polls and fourth in the computer ratings. The Ducks have two more regular-season games left, against Stanford on Saturday and the next week at Oregon State. They can clinch the Pac-12 North and a spot in the conference title game with a win against Stanford. If they get there, the Ducks would play either UCLA or Southern California in the league title game.

If the Ducks and Wildcats can avoid the type of upset that dropped Alabama — and there are plenty of good teams left on their schedules — they will play for the national title.

The Fighting Irish are third in the polls and first in the computer ratings.

“Notre Dame is not going to jump (Oregon and Kansas State) without their help,” Palm said. “They’re way too far behind in the polls. The voters are not on board with Notre Dame.”

The Irish play Wake Forest on Saturday and are at USC two days after Thanksgiving.

Alabama (or Georgia or Florida, which could also both win the SEC with just one loss) needs two of the top three to lose to get to the title game no matter how it finishes.

Oregon is No. 1 in AP Top 25; K-St 2, Notre Dame 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Oregon is No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll after Alabama gave up the top spot following a loss to Texas A&M.

The Ducks have 45 of 60 first-place votes. Kansas State is No. 2 with 14 first-place votes. Notre Dame is third and received one first-place vote.

The Crimson Tide, which had been No. 1 for 10 straight weeks, dropped to fourth after a 29-24 loss to the Aggies in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Saturday.

Texas A&M moved up six spots to No. 9.

The Ducks were last No. 1 in 2010. That was the first season in the history of the program that Oregon reached No. 1, and the Ducks spent seven weeks there and reached the BCS championship game, which they lost to Auburn.

No. 25 Kent State is ranked for first time since Nov. 5, 1973.

Commissioners to meet on football playoff format

NEW YORK (AP) — Conference commissioners will meet Monday, hoping to decide whether to have a six- or seven-game format for the new college football playoff.

Support has waned for adding a seventh marquee bowl game to the semifinal rotation. But there is still a strong possibility some automatic entry to the system will be given to the Big East and four other conferences now without a bowl of their own.

“Whether it’s seven games or six games, the commitment to access that was established at the Chicago meeting, I’m confident, is still in place,” Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson said Sunday from Denver, where the commissioners regular meeting with the BCS presidential oversight committee was being held.

The idea of adding a game to the playoff rotation that starts in 2014 came up at that September meeting in Chicago and initially had strong support.

The tentative plan was to match the best team from Big East, Mountain West, Conference USA, Sun Belt and Mid-American Conference against a team from the Pac-12 or Big 12.

But the game drew tepid interest from television networks, including ESPN, because adding a game to the format would increase the overall price tag on the new postseason package. ESPN.com reported two weeks ago the addition of a seventh game to the format was becoming unlikely. Big East Commissioner Mike Aresco responded there was still support for it among the commissioners.

Last week, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby told The Associated Press that both the six- and seven-game formats were still “on the table.”

A plan has also been discussed to have the best of the rest vs. Big 12 or Pac-12 bowl as part of the six-game format, but that, too, has met resistance.

In the new format, the Rose Bowl will keep its traditional Pac-12-Big Ten matchup in seasons it does not host a national semifinal. The Big 12 and SEC have locked up the Sugar Bowl when it’s not hosting a playoff game.

The Atlantic Coast Conference has a similar deal with the Orange Bowl, and another deal is being completed that would reserve the other spot in the Miami game for a team from the SEC or Big Ten or Notre Dame.

No progress made in new round of NHL labor talks

NEW YORK (AP) — As quickly as NHL labor negotiations got going again, they came to a screeching halt. Now there is no telling when the league and the players will return to the bargaining table.

After a one-day break following a series of formal discussions this week, the sides got back to business on Sunday. Less than 90 minutes after talks solely about player-contract issues started, they were over.

The players contend the NHL has dug in on its position and is not willing to negotiate. “The owners made it clear there is no give with respect to their proposals unless the players are willing to take them — this is my phrase, not theirs — down to the comma, then there is nothing to do, that we’re past the point of give and take,” players’ association executive director Donald Fehr said.

No new plans to talk were made, but Monday wasn’t ruled out. The sides will be in touch, and if they do decide to meet then, those talks will take place in Toronto where leaders from the NHL and the players’ association will be to attend Hockey Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. “The two sides will be talking,” Fehr said. “I don’t know when we will get back together again. I suspect it won’t be too long, but I don’t have any idea. We’ve indicated to them that when they resume, we’d like it to be in Toronto soon. We’re meeting down here in large part because of the convenience, especially after the hurricane, for the families and staff of the NHL. Now we’d like to get some of our people back to their families, too.”

► OSU NOTES

Buckeyes idle but get share of Leaders title
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)— What’s brewing with the 2012 Ohio State Buckeyes ...
BUCKEYES BUZZ: Despite not playing on Saturday, the Buckeyes did get some good news.
By virtue of Penn State losing to Nebraska, Ohio State captured at least a share of the Big Ten’s Leaders Division title. The Buckeyes need only win one of their remaining two games — Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Wisconsin, home at noon the following week against Michigan — to clinch the outright title.
Of course, the Buckeyes cannot play in the title game because of NCAA sanctions. They can, however, win the trophy which goes to the winner of the division.
POLL DANCING: Apparently the Buckeyes didn’t beat “bye” badly enough.
Ohio State’s week away from games dropped it a spot in the latest AP Top 25 released Sunday.
Alabama’s stunning home loss to Johnny Football and Texas A&M dropped the Crimson Tide from No. 1 to fourth. Oregon (10-0) took over the top spot, with 45 first-place votes and 1,485 points. Second is Kansas State (10-0) with 14 first-place votes and 1,451 points.
Notre Dame, 10-0 after yet another squeaker, picked up a single nod for No. 1 and 1,382 points. Behind 9-1 “Bama (which had 1,259 points), came Georgia (9-1), tied for fifth coming into the weekend with Ohio State.
The Buckeyes received 1,212 points, just 11 back of Georgia. Rounding out the top 10 are Florida, LSU, Texas A&M and Florida State.
Also representing the Big Ten are Nebraska at No. 16 and Michigan at No. 23.
First, Ohio made the Top 25, then it lost and dropped out. Then fellow Mid-American Conference member Toledo came in at No. 23 but dropped right back out after a home loss on Tuesday night to Ball State.
Now yet another MAC school made the rankings: Welcome to Kent State at No. 25.
The last time the Golden Flashes made the grade in the poll, in 1973, Don James was the head coach and Jack Lambert was at line-backer. A graduate assistant on the team was the captain the year before, a guy named Nick Saban. You might have heard of him. Now is the head coach at Alabama.
SO MUCH FOR A SHOWDOWN: Last week in this space, Periscope profiled the chances of Indiana, which was playing a meaningful game for the first time in years when it hosted Indiana.
Well, that didn’t work out that well for the Hoosiers.
Montee Ball and James White ran for 359 yards and five touchdowns and Ball moved into second place on the career touchdown list, leading the Badgers to a 62-14 rout.
The Badgers will return to the Big Ten title game for a third straight year.
Wisconsin finished with a school-record 564 yards rushing and crushed the Memorial Stadium record for an opponent — 441 yards set by Michigan State in 1974 and matched by Northwestern in 1999.
Meanwhile, Nebraska retained the inside track to the Legends Division title by beating Penn State 32-23 on Saturday. It marked the second straight week and fourth time this season the Cornhuskers have overcome a double-digit second-half deficit to win.
This time they came from 14 points down to beat Penn State 32-23 Saturday, with Taylor Martinez throwing a 5-yard touchdown pass to Jamal Turner early in the fourth quarter for Nebraska’s first lead.
“We’ve got a lot of heart,” QB Taylor Martinez said, “and we know we can come back from anything.”
Nebraska owns the tie-breaker with Michigan with games remaining for the Cornhuskers against Minnesota at home and Iowa on the road.

► AP TOP 25

The Associated Press
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Oregon (45)	10-0	1,485	2
2. Kansas St. (14)	10-0	1,451	3
3. Notre Dame (1)	10-0	1,382	4
4. Alabama	9-1	1,259	1
5. Georgia	9-1	1,223	5
6. Ohio St.	10-0	1,212	5
7. Florida	9-1	1,089	7
8. LSU	8-2	1,046	9
9. Texas A&M	8-2	1,031	15
10. Florida St.	9-1	1,024	8
11. Clemson	9-1	907	10
12. South Carolina	8-2	848	12
13. Oklahoma	7-2	798	14
14. Stanford	8-2	766	16
15. Oregon St.	7-2	556	13
16. Nebraska	8-2	549	18
17. UCLA	8-2	541	17
18. Texas	8-2	496	19
19. Louisiana Tech	9-1	374	19
20. Louisville	9-1	322	11
21. Southern Cal	7-3	297	21
22. Rutgers	8-1	179	24
23. Michigan	7-3	135	NR
23. Texas Tech	7-3	135	25
25. Kent St.	9-1	93	NR

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma St. 79, N. Illinois 77, Mississippi St. 48, Wisconsin 26, UCF 16, Boise St. 14, Arizona 6, Cincinnati 6, Fresno St. 6, TCU 5, San Jose St. 4, Tulsa 4, Utah St. 4, San Diego St. 3, Northwestern 2, Toledo 1, Washington 1.

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► LPGA

Lorena Ochoa Invitational Par Scores The Associated Press Sunday At Guadalajara Country Club Guadalajara, Mexico Purse: \$1 million Yardage: 6,626; Par: 72			
Final			
Cristie Kerr, \$200,000	67-69-67-69—272	-16	
Angela Stanford, \$88,415	66-67-72-68—273	-15	
Inbee Park, \$88,415	67-68-66-72—273	-15	
Candle Kung, \$51,901	66-71-71-68—276	-12	
Stacy Lewis, \$51,901	67-70-71-68—276	-12	
Haeji Kang, \$34,786	74-68-68-67—277	-11	
So Yeon Ryu, \$34,786	67-70-67-73—277	-11	
Katherine Hull, \$26,372	68-71-70-69—278	-10	
Hee Kyung Seo, \$26,372	70-69-69-70—278	-10	
Anna Nordqvist, \$22,724	69-71-70-69—279	-9	
Karinke Icher, \$21,041	67-71-69-73—280	-8	
Suzann Pettersen, \$19,021	70-74-68-69—281	-7	
I.K. Kim, \$19,021	68-70-71-72—281	-7	
AI Miyazato, \$16,309	73-68-72-69—282	-6	
Brittany Lincicome, \$16,309	71-73-66-72—282	-6	
Michelle Wie, \$16,309	66-75-67-74—282	-6	
Beatriz Recari, \$14,589	69-73-71-70—283	-5	
Vicky Hurst, \$13,158	71-70-73-70—284	-4	
Brittany Lang, \$13,158	73-71-69-71—284	-4	
Lorena Ochoa, \$13,158	71-72-70-71—284	-4	
Azahara Munoz, \$13,158	71-73-68-72—284	-4	
Paula Creamer, \$11,559	71-76-67-71—285	-3	
Jessica Korda, \$11,559	75-69-68-73—285	-3	
Catrina Matthew, \$11,559	71-72-68-74—285	-3	
Julietta Granada, \$10,717	77-70-71-70—288	E	
Kristy McPherson, \$9,735	71-74-74-70—289	+1	
Lexi Thompson, \$9,735	71-77-70-71—289	+1	
Yani Tseng, \$9,735	70-71-76-72—289	+1	
Sandra Gal, \$9,735	73-69-73-74—289	+1	
Chella Choi, \$8,809	76-74-72-68—290	+2	
Giulia Sergas, \$8,304	76-73-69-73—291	+3	
Natalie Gulbis, \$8,304	71-72-72-76—291	+3	
Eun-Hee Ji, \$7,799	73-74-74-72—293	+5	
Meena Lee, \$7,462	75-73-73-74—295	+7	
Alejandra Llaneza, \$7,182	72-77-77-72—298	+10	
Tanya Dergal, \$6,901	77-76-74-74—301	+13	

► NASCAR

NASCAR Sprint Cup-AdvoCare 500 Results The Associated Press Sunday At Phoenix International Raceway-Avon-dale, Ariz.Lap length: 1 miles (Start position in parentheses)			
1. (19) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 319 laps, 112 rating, 47 points, \$244,886.			
2. (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 319, 123.9, 43, \$198,051.			
3. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 319, 143.8, 43, \$199,118.			
4. (4) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 319, 119.1, 40, \$123,660.			
5. (12) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 319, 94, 40, \$147,918.			
6. (14) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 319, 113.2, 39, \$130,255.			
7. (20) Greg Biffle, Ford, 319, 77.9, 37, \$99,360.			
8. (6) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 319, 105.7, 36, \$112,493.			
9. (7) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 319, 106.8, 35, \$93,485.			
10. (10) Mark Martin, Toyota, 319, 89.9, 35, \$84,660.			
11. (13) Carl Edwards, Ford, 319, 77.3, 33, \$124,101.			
12. (21) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 319, 79.2, 32, \$110,201.			
13. (33) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 319, 80.7, 31, \$121,560.			
14. (22) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 319, 85.1, 30, \$121,796.			
15. (30) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 319, 64.6, 29, \$101,718.			
16. (5) Aric Almirola, Ford, 319, 88.2, 28, \$112,346.			
17. (37) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 318, 58, 0, \$75,010.			
18. (17) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 318, 70.3, 26, \$102,568.			
19. (9) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 318, 78, 25, \$123,785.			
20. (39) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 318, 57.2, 25, \$97,568.			
21. (23) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 317, 63.2, 23, \$81,985.			
22. (25) Casey Mears, Ford, 317, 59.5, 22, \$85,368.			
23. (18) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 317, 65.7, 21, \$104,518.			
24. (8) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 316, 62.4, 20, \$90,782.			
25. (27) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 316, 56.6, 19, \$99,880.			
26. (42) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 316, 44.6, 18, \$72,785.			
27. (15) Joey Logano, Toyota, accident, 312, 79.1, 17, \$80,660.			
28. (16) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, accident, 312, 87.7, 16, \$99,224.			
29. (41) Timmy Hill, Ford, 312, 37.9, 0, \$77,385.			
30. (11) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, accident, 309, 88.9, 14, \$117,696.			
31. (26) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, accident, 299, 65.4, 0, \$114,710.			
32. (24) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 281, 76.7, 12, \$115,896.			
33. (29) David Ragan, Ford, accident, 280, 43.9, 1, \$68,835.			
34. (32) David Stremme, Toyota, brakes, 86, 40, \$68,710.			
35. (35) Stephen Leicht, Chevrolet, rear gear, 74, 33.9, 9, \$78,085.			
36. (31) David Gilliland, Ford, accident, 50, 38.6, 8, \$68,435.			
37. (38) Josh Wise, Ford, brakes, 50, 33.7, 7, \$68,305.			
38. (28) Michael McDowell, Ford, brakes, 36, 37.6, 6, \$68,153.			
39. (43) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, brakes, 30, 32.5, 0, \$65,325.			
40. (34) David Reutimann, Ford, vibration, 28, 35.2, 4, \$65,175.			
41. (36) Mike Bliss, Toyota, accident, 15, 30.9, 0, \$65,020.			
42. (40) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, brakes, 10, 28.8, 0, \$64,895.			
43. (2) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, engine, 10, 30, 1, \$92,988.			

Race Statistics			
Average Speed of Race Winner: 111.182 mph.			
Time of Race: 2 hours, 52 minutes, 9 seconds.			
Margin of Victory: 0.580 seconds.			
Caution Flags: 8 for 38 laps.			
Lead Changes: 11 among 7 drivers.			
Lap Leaders: Ky.Busch 1-53; T.Kvapil 54-57; M.Martin 58-59; Ky.Busch 60-117; D.Hamlin 118-128; B.Keselowski 129-133; D.Hamlin 134-168; R.Newman 169-173; Ky.Busch 174-232; B.Keselowski 233-237; Ky.Busch 238-304; K.Harvick 305-319.			
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): Ky.Busch, 4 times for 237 laps; D.Hamlin, 2 times for 46 laps; K.Harvick, 1 time for 15 laps; B.Keselowski, 2 times for 10 laps; R.Newman, 1 time for 5 laps; T.Kvapil, 1 time for 4 laps; M.Martin, 1 time for 2 laps.			
Top 12 in Points: 1. B.Keselowski, 2,371; 2. J.Johnson, 2,351; 3. K.Kahne, 2,321; 4. C.Bowyer, 2,319; 5. D.Hamlin, 2,309; 6. M.Kenseth, 2,297; 7. G.Biffle, 2,293; 8. K.Harvick, 2,285; 9. T.Stewart, 2,284; 10. J.Gordon, 2,281; 11. M.Trux Jr., 2,260; 12. D.Earnhardt Jr., 2,211.			

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
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p-Palm Golf Course: 7,011 yards, par-72		
Purse: \$4.7 million		
Final		
Charlie Beljan, \$846,000	68m-64p-71m-69m—272	-16
Matt Every, \$413,600	67p-69m-70m-68m—274	-14
Robert Garrigus, \$413,600	68p-68m-70m-68m—274	-14
Brian Gay, \$225,600	69p-69m-67m-70m—275	-13
Scott Stallings, \$165,088	66p-70m-71m-69m—276	-12
Josh Teater, \$165,088	71p-67m-67m-71m—276	-12
Boo Weekley, \$165,088	70m-67p-72m-67m—276	-12
Charlie Wi, \$165,088	64p-71m-70m-71m—276	-12
Mark Anderson, \$112,800	68p-67m-74m-68m—277	-11
Tom Gillis, \$112,800	72m-66p-70m-69m—277	-11
Tim Herron, \$112,800	71m-70p-67m-69m—277	-11
Jerry Kelly, \$112,800	71m-68p-72m-66m—277	-11
Russell Knox, \$112,800	66p-72m-72m-67m—277	-11
Joey Snyder III, \$112,800	69m-70p-72m-66m—277	-11
Cameron Beckman, \$77,550	70m-68p-69m-71m—278	-10
Charles Howell III, \$77,550	68m-67p-73m-70m—278	-10
Ryan Palmer, \$77,550	70m-70p-67m-71m—278	-10
Kevin Streelman, \$77,550	68m-68p-72m-70m—278	-10
Jonas Blixt, \$49,454	70p-71m-68m-70m—279	-9
Harris English, \$49,454	68p-67m-73m-71m—279	-9
Matt Jones, \$49,454	71m-64p-73m-71m—279	-9
Daniel Summerhays, \$49,454	71m-71p-68m-69m—279	-9
Daniel Chopra, \$49,454	69m-67p-70m-73m—279	-9
Brendon de Jonge, \$49,454	69m-68p-70m-72m—279	-9
Scott Dunlap, \$49,454	72m-68p-68m-71m—279	-9
Sean O'Hair, \$49,454	73m-68p-67m-71m—279	-9
Henrik Stenson, \$49,454	68m-67p-71m-73m—279	-9
Martin Flores, \$31,255	72p-69m-71m-68m—280	-8
Ryuji Imada, \$31,255	69p-66m-73m-72m—280	-8
Robert Karlsson, \$31,255	71m-70p-72m-67m—280	-8
Vaughn Taylor, \$31,255	70m-68p-68m-74m—280	-8
Roland Thatcher, \$31,255	69p-73m-67m-71m—280	-8
Camilo Villegas, \$31,255	65p-71m-70m-74m—280	-8
Roberto Castro, \$23,735	69p-71m-72m-69m—281	-7
Kevin Chappell, \$23,735	67p-69m-72m-73m—281	-7
Gavin Coles, \$23,735	71m-71p-70m-69m—281	-7
Billy Horschel, \$23,735	71p-70m-71m-69m—281	-7
Derek Lamely, \$23,735	73m-68p-69m-71m—281	-7
D.J. Trahan, \$23,735	74m-67p-68m-72m—281	-7
Stuart Appleby, \$16,046	74m-68p-69m-71m—282	-6
Matt Bettencourt, \$16,046	67p-74m-71m-70m—282	-6
Stewart Cink, \$16,046	69p-69m-75m-69m—282	-6
Ken Duke, \$16,046	67p-74m-69m-72m—282	-6
Tommy Gainey, \$16,046	65p-71m-70m-76m—282	-6
Colt Knost, \$16,046	67p-71m-71m-73m—282	-6
Davis Love III, \$16,046	73p-68m-70m-71m—282	-6
Nick O'Hern, \$16,046	69m-73p-73m-67m—282	-6
Brendan Steele, \$16,046	67p-75m-72m-68m—282	-6
Garrett Willis, \$16,046	73m-69p-70m-70m—282	-6
Miguel Angel Carballo, \$11,249	71m-65p-74m-73m—283	-5
Will Claxton, \$11,249	72m-67p-71m-73m—283	-5
Jeff Maggert, \$11,249	72p-70m-68m-73m—283	-5
William McGirt, \$11,249	71m-71p-69m-72m—283	-5
Justin Leonard, \$11,249	73m-67p-73m-70m—283	-5
Edward Loar, \$11,249	69m-74p-72m-68m—283	-5
Brian Harman, \$10,622	66p-72m-73m-73m—284	-5
Tom Pernice Jr., \$10,622	74p-68m-73m-69m—284	-4
Ted Potter, Jr., \$10,622	75m-68p-69m-72m—284	-4
Jason Kokrak, \$10,340	71m-68p-74m-72m—285	-3
Chris Stroud, \$10,340	70m-66p-77m-72m—285	-3
Cameron Tringale, \$10,340	75m-67p-72m-71m—285	-3
Ben Curtis, \$10,058	69m-70p-75m-72m—286	-2
Nathan Green, \$10,058	71p-72m-71m-72m—286	-2
Kyle Reifers, \$10,058	69m-74p-70m-73m—286	-2
Carl Paulson, \$9,823	71m-70p-74m-72m—287	-1
John Rollins, \$9,823	70m-70p-75m-72m—287	-1
Marco Dawson, \$9,541	68p-72m-74m-74m—288	E
J.J. Killeen, \$9,541	71p-70m-71m-76m—288	E
Alexandre Rocha, \$9,541	71p-70m-75m-72m—288	E
Gary Woodland, \$9,541	73p-68m-74m-73m—288	E
Alex Cejka, \$9,212	72p-71m-69m-77m—289	+1
Chris DiMarco, \$9,212	72p-71m-71m-75m—289	+1
Patrick Sheehan, \$9,212	69p-73m-72m-75m—289	+1
Jason Bohn, \$8,977	73m-70p-70m-77m—290	+2
Chris Kirk, \$8,977	73p-70m-72m-75m—290	+2
Shane Bertsch, \$8,836	69p-71m-75m-76m—291	+3
Chez Reavie, \$8,742	68m-74p-74m-76m—292	+4
Matthew Goggin, \$8,648	69p-74m-72m-79m—294	+6

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18 Sentra maker

20 Lawless role

21 Badges and such

22 Taro dish

24 River in Russia

27 Hand warmer

30 Quite similar

31 Faint trace

32 "— is me!"

34 Wool cap

35 Justice's garb

36 Verne captain

37 Alpine refrains

39 Sea nymph

40 Say further

41 Well-chosen

42 Herring kin

45 According to Hoyle

49 Made a pit stop (2 wds.)

53 Groundless

54 Numerical prefix

55 Shrub

56 Ms. Fey

57 RR terminal

58 — fide

59 Jerk

DOWN

1 Fava or lima

2 All, in combos

3 Lb. and oz.

4 Deer babies

5 Kimono sash

6 Tummy muscles

7 Picture border

8 Concerning (2 wds.)

9 Fritz's refusal

10 Rose Bowl org.

12 Give homework

17 Sign over a door

19 Oklahoma town

22 Needle dropper

23 Baseball's Mel —

24 Wine cask

25 Not super

26 Luxury car

27 Playing marbles

28 Big pitcher

29 Alaska town

31 Stay on the line

33 Untold centuries

35 Blushing

36 Blockhead

38 June honorees

39 Hot springs

41 Omega opposite

42 Barracks offs.

43 Playwright Moss —

44 Great Wall locale

46 S&L protector

47 Arm bone

48 Conduct

50 Flow back

51 Laurel and Hardy

52 Admiral's org.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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TAN	ARGO	TACT
COOKBOOK	ODDS	
STABS	EPIC	
HEE	ERG	
CANNY	SLEAZY	
ANA	SGTS	PAVE
RITA	LIAR	NEO
LODGER	ABYSS	
VEE	ACE	
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HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS 11/12/12

New Moon Prep Time

The moon leaves Libra's loving arms for the mysterious realm of Scorpio, dimming with every hour as she makes her way toward the sun. She'll pass directly between the Earth and the sun tomorrow in a total solar eclipse, which serves as a cosmic curtain call. Give some thought as to what you would like the next act of your life to be like.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Before you'd run a mile, ideally you would put on the right clothes, stretch and decide on a route. But on this busy, crazy, weird day, the prep work seems superfluous. You tear into action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's something you wish you could do well, but you feel you haven't had the time to learn it. De-vote five minutes a day to this for the next two weeks. Something magical will happen as the universe feels your intention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You made yourself better through active effort. A friend wants to have what you have but doesn't realize the effort that would be necessary to make that happen. It will be your job to enlighten him or her.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Bright ideas pay off, especially if those ideas have to do with seeing the potential in others and believing in their ability to rise to it. You keep looking for the wonderful, and it keeps showing up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will absorb information and use it in your work. Instead of letting it happen unconsciously, it's better if you're aware of this process so you can credit the right people when the time comes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is something in your environment that doesn't agree with you. You'll make the choice to be kind to yourself and others even though it won't be the easiest route.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Irritants come in many forms; perfumes, pollen or people could be blamed for your state. Ultimately, you'll decide to rise above the problem and tolerate the thing that's making you uncomfortable to the fullest extent that you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get serious and get busy. You work on many different types of projects, and it will serve you well to narrow your focus to the one you'd most like to move forward in the next seven days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Winning at one task will lead to future wins, but if you try to do everything at once, you'll lose. So tackle one change at a time, keeping in mind that it can take several weeks or more for a new habit to be fully automatic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Point of view is extremely important. Your perspective will make all the difference in the world today. Success will be entirely dependent on your worldview.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A brave spirit grabs hold. You'll be moved to speak your mind. As long as you are as kind as you are assertive, all goes well when you voice your opinion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Tell your own story so others won't be tempted to tell it for you. Knowing yourself very well and being able to speak in a compelling way about who you are will help your status.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 12). Your presence will be strongly felt by all who surround you. You know who you are and what you want, and that clarity rings out. In January, you will alternate between being the teacher and the student. You send your loving energy into the world, and it's reciprocated in May. June brings a big, exciting purchase. Pisces and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 28, 41 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Cancer woman with an active imagination. I love to fantasize about my fairytale love affair with a celebrity, which lately for me is preferable to the pain of real-life dating. Please contribute to my fantasy life. Which celebrities would I have an awesome time with?"

I believe that astrologically there are no inherently bad couple matches. All signs have the potential to get along and live happily ever after with any one of the other signs. However, some matches are just an easy-breezy fit. For instance, Cancer is fantastic with a fellow water sign, and those are Scorpio and Pisces. Two water signs have emotional resonance and a natural simpatiao that makes for effortless connection. Water signs can be brooding, it's true: Scorpio broods in a mysterious, sensual kind of way that Cancer finds irresistible; Pisces broods like a poet and has been known to seduce Cancer types with artistic talents. I offer up these celebrities as fodder for your fantasy life: SCORPIOS: Ryan Reynolds, Owen Wilson, Ryan Gosling, Matthew McConaughey, Leonardo DiCaprio and Keith Urban. PISCES: Justin Bieber, Adam Levine, Shaquille O'Neal, Bruce Willis and Albert Einstein. Happy pretending!

The bra-strap blues



Heloise

sometimes necessary to store a refrigerator for a few weeks or years. Even after three years in storage, mine was as clean inside as when it was loaded on the moving van. Empty the interior and leave the doors open so that it dries out after it is wiped clean. Hang a white COTTON sock, filled with baking soda, in the refrigerator, and another one in the freezer. It's that easy! — **A.B. in Texas**

Take this hint one step further and place a baking-soda-filled sock in each compartment. Baking soda is so cheap but has so many uses! That's why I wrote my Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes pamphlet. To receive one, just send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Did you peel onions for dinner? Wash your hands with warm water and some baking soda. Rub vigorously and rinse. No more smell! — **Heloise**

Dear Readers: Here are gift ideas for the hard-to-buy-for:

- Gift cards to their favorite restaurant.
- Take them shopping and let them pick out their present.
- A gas card (if they have a car, they need gas).
- Gift certificate to a movie theater.
- Make a coupon book of chores you will do.
- **Heloise**

CRAFTY COLLECTOR

Dear Heloise: In my basement, I have a recycling area where I gather things that do not go in the curbside recycling. I have found that grade schools and after-school programs can use such things for art projects and for building things. I save tubes from toilet paper, child-related things from the newspaper, foam meat trays that have been washed well, yogurt cups and lids, small dog-food containers, old calendars, etc. You will be amazed at the amount of material you will keep out of a landfill. Be sure to call first to see if the items are wanted, and when and where to deliver them. — **Cheryl in Springfield, Ill.**

SAFETY SEAT

Dear Heloise: After putting a baby in the back seat, clip a clothespin on the ignition key! When you reach your destination and turn off the motor, the clothespin reminds you of the baby in back. This could save infant car-seat deaths! — **H.B. in Texas**

Grandparents prep a home for twins they never met

DEAR ABBY: In a few months, my husband's 10-year-old twin grandchildren are coming to live with us while their mother serves her time for felony DUI. My husband and I are in our 60s and have never met them before. We have tried to avoid contact with their mother because the encounters were generally unpleasant. She alternated between being bitter and hateful, and desperately calling for financial help because she's a single mother with four children. She alienated her own mother and it looked like the younger children would wind up with child protective services if we didn't step up and offer a temporary home with us. The new circumstances will require the four of us to make some big adjustments, but we believe it will enrich our lives, too. My dilemma is what do we tell the kids when they inevitably ask why we have been absent in their lives? I can't bring myself to tell them the truth about the way we feel. -- **CAUGHT OFF GUARD GRANDMA**

DEAR CAUGHT OFF GUARD: Having lived with their mother, your husband's grandchildren probably understand very well the reason for her felony DUI. Be honest and explain to them that you weren't around because their mother didn't make you feel welcome. Then assure them that you have always loved them, that you are here for them now and will be in the future if they would like you to be.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 43 and have been hosting Thanksgiving for 19 years. My mother turned it over to me when I bought my first house because she was tired of doing it. We always entertain the same group of 12 relatives. I have mentioned doing something different, but no one has enough room or the desire. If I didn't host it, I'm afraid they'd be hurt and have nowhere to go. How do I break it to them that I am burned out? I would just like to go out to eat and see a movie. Please help. -- **EXHAUSTED HOSTESS**

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Ten days before Thanksgiving is a little late to cancel what has become an annual celebration. However, it would be the perfect time to announce that after 20 years of hosting the gathering, you are burned out. Therefore, those who have enough room should share the responsibility and alternate with you, or all of you should make your own arrangements.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my husband and I decided that when our nieces and nephews turned 18 we would stop giving Christmas gifts. That decision has worked out fine -- until my husband's nieces and nephews began turning 18. Now it has become an issue with his side of the family, particularly his mother. She has made it clear through emails that we "have" to buy them gifts. I don't know what to do. I don't want to start a war over gift-giving, but on the other hand, if we buy for his family, we have to buy for mine. We don't have a lot of disposable income. Please help us find a way to get through this. -- **GRINCHED IN LAS VEGAS**

DEAR GRINCHED: Emails are a wonderful form of communication, but when it comes to a discussion that involves emotion, it's time to use the old-fashioned telephone. You and your husband must call his mother and explain that buying gifts for the nieces and nephews on both sides of the family has become too much for you, which is why you have drawn the line at age 18. The "kids" are old enough to understand the gifts don't come from Santa. And so, for that matter, is your mother-in-law. Shame on her for pressuring you.

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(4) (WTAE)	News	ABC	Black & Gold	Primetime		NFL Football: Chiefs at Steelers					News	Nightline
(5) (WEWS)	News	ABC	The List	Let's Ask	Dancing With the Stars: All-Stars (N) 'PG'				(01) Castle (N) 'PG'		News	Nightline
(8) (WJW)	Fox 8 News at 6PM	News	News	Big Bang	Bones (N) 'PG'				News		Big Bang	Seinfeld
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(19) (WOIO)	News	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Mother	Partners	Broke	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 '14'		News	Late Sh.
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(33) (WYTV)	News	ABC	Ent	Insider	Dancing With the Stars: All-Stars (N) 'PG'				(01) Castle (N) 'PG'		News	Nightline
(43) (WUAB)	Insider	Inside	Two Men	Two Men	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	News	Sports	Dish Nat.		Extra (N)	
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(AMC)	(5:00) Movie: ★★ 'Midway' (1976)				Movie: ★★★★★ 'Apocalypse Now Redux' (2001)	Marion Brando, Robert Duvall. 'R'						
(AP)	Rattlesnake		Rattlesnake		Finding Bigfoot 'PG'		Finding Bigfoot 'PG'		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot 'PG'	
(BET)	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live 'PG' 'R'				NY Undercover		NY Undercover		NY Undercover		Soul Man	Soul Man
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(CNBC)	Mad Money (N) 'MA'		The Kudlow Report		Movie: ★★ 'Unraveled'		Greed		American Greed		Mad Money 'MA'	
(CNN)	The Situation Room		E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		E. B. OutFront	
(CSPN)	(5:00) Public Affairs				Politics & Public Policy Today							
(DISC)	Almost, Away		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		Jesse James		American Chopper	
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(FAM)	Melissa		Movie: ★★ ★★ 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' (2002)		Daniel Radcliffe.				The 700 Club 'PG'			
(FNC)	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
(FOOD)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		My Din	Health
(FSOH)	Golf	Cavaliers	College Football	Kansas State at Texas Christian					Cavaliers		Fame	UFC Unleashed 'PG'
(GAC)	GAC Daily Countdown				Backstory		Caves	Soldier	Kimberly		Kimberly	Backstory
(HBO)	(5:45) Movie: ★★ ★★ 'X2: X-Men United'				Real/Bill Maher		Witness (N) 'MA'		Movie: ★ 'Little Fockers'			Boxing
(HGTV)	Property	Property	Love It or List It 'G'		Love It or List It 'G'		Love It or List It (N)		Hunters		Hunt Intl	Love It or List It 'G'
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(LIFE)	'All She Wants for Christmas' (2006)				Movie: ★★ ★★ 'A Nanny for Christmas'				Movie: 'A Dad for Christmas' (2006) 'PG'			
(MAX)	CapeFear	Movie: ★★ ★★ 'Contagion' 'PG'			(15) 'Rise of the Planet of the Apes' 'PG'				Movie: ★★ 'What's Your Number?' 'PG'			
(MSNBC)	PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show	
(MTV)	Teen Mom 2 'PG'		Teen Mom 2 'Falling' 'PG'		Teen Mom 2 'PG'		Teen Mom 2 'PG'		Teen Mom 2 'PG'		Catfish: The TV	
(NICK)	Kung Fu Panda		Drake	Figure It	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Nanny		Nanny	Friends
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(SYFY)	Outlander		Movie: ★ 'G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra' (2009)				Movie: ★★ 'Jeepers Creepers 2' (2003)		'Daybreakers' 'R'			
(TBN)	(5:00) Fall Praise-A-Thon								Fall Praise-A-Thon			
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(TRUTV)	Cops 'PG'		Cops '14'		World's Dumbest...		Vegas	Vegas	Vegas		Caught	Vegas
(TVLAND)	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Cosby		Raymond		Raymond	King
(USA)	NCIS '14' 'R'		NCIS: Los Angeles		WWF Monday Night RAW (N) 'PG'		(Live) 'PG' 'R'		Raymond		Raymond	King
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(WTBS)	King		King		Seinfeld		Seinfeld		Family Guy 'PG' '14'		Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy

Don't stop anxiety medicine on own



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE AND ROACH: About two years ago, I had an anxiety attack. The doctor prescribed Xanax, and I was on it for a short time. He then switched me to respiridone, 0.25 mg. I am trying to go off respiridone also. Is it better to fight a nervous episode or to take a pill? I have good days and not-so-good days. I have gone as many as eight days without taking a pill, then the nervousness comes back. Will I ever be able to get over these anxiety attacks? -- **B.G.**

ANSWER: Panic attacks are very common, and it seems increasingly common in the stressful world we live in. I don't always treat panic attacks with medication, but for people with recurrent panic attacks or with high levels of constant anxiety, then treatment is of benefit. Treatment can be with or without medications.

While Xanax and its cousins are useful in the short term, most physicians don't often use them for the long term.

Medications like Prozac or Zoloft are most commonly used in people with long-term anxiety and panic. However, many people get outstanding results from psychotherapy with a psychiatrist or therapist. A combination of medication and psychotherapy may be most effective, and medication often can be slowly tapered off.

I wouldn't try to taper yourself off the medicine anymore until you get further help.

READERS: The booklet on herpes and genital warts explains these two common, distressing infections in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 1202, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE AND ROACH: My fingernails are like tissue paper. What do you recommend? -- **B.L.**

ANSWER: I have seen remarkable results from using silica gel as a supplement. I rarely recommend supplements, and always try to make my answers based on data, but I can't find a study that confirms what my clinical experience has told me. Silica gel can be very effective at making nails stronger.

Thin nails are most commonly caused by iron deficiency anemia, but can be caused by other, less-common conditions such as Plummer-Vinson syndrome, which usually has mouth pain and difficulty swallowing associated. Hyperthyroidism doesn't cause thin nails, but can cause the nails to split off of the nail bed and become brittle.

These are only some examples of actual diseases that affect nails, so a visit with a dermatologist might not be a bad idea if my suggestion doesn't work.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE AND ROACH: What is the story with Boniva and jaw problems? I had an abscessed tooth, which was partially treated, and the dentist said it had to come out. I was last treated with Boniva in 2010. Do I need to worry? -- **G.W.**

ANSWER: The concern when taking medications like Boniva (which also includes Fosamax and Actonel, used mostly for treatment of osteoporosis but can be used for people with cancer and elevated calcium levels) is that there is a complication called osteonecrosis of the jaw. This condition, though rare, is painful and difficult to treat. However, the vast majority of people who developed it did so after intravenous, not oral, treatment with these medicines, and usually for cancer, not osteoporosis. The likelihood of developing osteonecrosis of the jaw while on one of these medicines is much smaller than 1 percent.

Certainly, you should not let the concern prevent you from getting needed dental care.

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Partygoers don't get 'no gift' request



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I received two different invitations: one for a birthday party and the other for an engagement party. Both stated "no gifts, please." Yet on arrival, there were tons of gifts.

I was astounded by this and asked, "What's with the gifts?" wondering whether I missed something in their message. I was assured by those who set up the invites that they asked for no gifts and that if I wanted, I could get one the next day. Does that mean gifts were expected after all?

At the engagement party, I asked a family member why she brought a gift, and she boldly replied, "Because I wanted to." As more gifts piled on, I began to feel humiliated, embarrassed and angry. In order not to spoil the occasion, I left. What is the proper etiquette in situations like this? -- **An Avid Annie Fan**

Dear Avid: People routinely ignore "No Gifts" requests, which not only upsets obedient non-givers, but can also embarrass and upset the recipients. This is another reason why gifts

should not be mentioned on any invitations other than those for showers, where gifts are, in fact, expected. You did nothing wrong. If it happens again, please pay no attention to those who cannot follow directions.

Dear Annie: I was surprised to read the letter from "Pastor's Wife in the Northwest," whose husband wasn't paid for his wedding services. The churches I have been affiliated with have a set of prices for weddings and specifically list the cost for the use of the sanctuary, the organist, rehearsals, cleanup and the pastor. The fees must be paid a week before the ceremony. Members of the congregation may have fees waived, and needy persons may receive a discount. The pastor may waive his fee entirely, but that is up to him. She might want to call other pastors in their community to see what they do. -- **P.**

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Case No. 2012 NC 00032

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Predicting presidents, storms and life by computer models

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forget political pundits, gut instincts, and psychics. The mightier-than-ever silicon chip seems to reveal the future.

In just two weeks this fall, computers models displayed an impressive prediction prowess.

It started when the first computer model alerted meteorologists to the pre-Halloween disaster headed for the Northeast from a bunch of clouds in the Caribbean. Nearly a week later, that weather system became Hurricane Sandy and grew into a superstorm after taking a once-in-a-century sharp turn into New Jersey.

Then, statistician and blogger Nate Silver correctly forecast on his beat-up laptop how all 50 states would vote for president. He even predicted a tie in Florida and projected it eventually would tip to President Barack Obama, which is the equivalent of predicting a coin landing on its side. He did it by taking polling data, weighing it for past accuracy and running 40,000 computer simulations at a time.

He then gave his forecast in terms of percentages, saying that Obama had a 91 percent chance of being re-elected.

In the case of Sandy, lives were at stake. With the election, reputations were on the line and some pundits were dismissive of the computer modeling. Bets were made. Challenges issued.

The math majors came out on top thanks to better and more accessible data and rapidly increasing computer power.

"In this particular case, rationality scored a win," said Princeton University neuroscientist Sam Wang, who since 2004 has been using mathematical formulas and polling data to predict elections for the Princeton Election Consortium. Wang predicted a "100 percent chance" of an Obama victory, but missed Florida, giving it to Republican Mitt Romney. For the record, Wang notes that he beat Silver at accurate Senate race predictions.

Computers soon should be able to tell health officials where the next food poisoning outbreak will spread, a U.S. government lab predicts.

Tom Mitchell, head of the Machine Learning Department at Carnegie Mellon University, called computer model predictions based on historical evidence "one of more positive trends we're going to see this century. ... We're just beginning."

Take a look at baseball, where Silver got his start as a stats geek. The Oakland A's, a team that famously uses computer statistics in selecting players, surprised everyone by getting into the playoffs despite one of the lowest payrolls in baseball.

Computer modeling tells the government what happens when a nuclear bomb explodes, helped Goodyear make a better tire and helped the makers of Pringles figure out how to keep the potato crisps from breaking in the can, said Bill Tang, program director for the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory simulation program.

Every time you swipe a credit card, a computer is using predictive models based on past evidence to determine if it's really you or if it is fraud, Mitchell added.

For about 40 years, climate scientists have used computer models to predict what global warming will look like with dead-on accuracy, said climate computer modeler Andrew Weaver of the University of Victoria in British Columbia.

For computer models to make predictions, three things are needed: computer power, mathematical formulas designed to mirror real world cause-and-effects and current conditions converted into numbers that can be used in formulas.

Experts input the data of current conditions into the formulas that say if X and Y happen, then it will produce Z. Then the computers run those what-if simulations over and over again, with slight variations changing the end results. These scenarios are run tens of thousands of times, giving a whole range of outcomes.

The key is seeing what happens most often and why. It's not a dead-on prediction, but breaks down the future into probabilities.

"It's essentially solving equations that are too extensive to solve with pencil and paper," Weaver explained.

It all comes down to collecting data, crunching it and spitting out probabilities. It's evidence turned into numbers. It's math.

Experts believe it's the future. Silver said what he did with the election was nothing compared with what meteorologists did with Sandy, which was a matter of "real life-and-death consequences."

The National Weather Service forecast an extremely rare due-west turn by the storm into southern New Jersey, he said. "It's astounding. That's a huge win for computer modeling."

Silver's bold predictions that Obama would win upset some political pundits who predicted a Romney victory, based on what they perceived as momentum, the enthusiasm of crowds, gut instinct and partisanship.

But Silver was right, besting his 2008 record of getting 49 of 50 states right for president.

"This is a victory for the stuff (computer modeling) in politics," he said Thursday in a telephone interview. "It doesn't mean we're going to solve world peace with a computer. It doesn't mean we're going to be able predict earthquakes ... but we can chip away at the margins."

One of the next fields Silver said he'd like to get into is education because he feels that all the data being generated "is not being used in the best way."

"I hope that people focus not on me personally, but what I'm trying to do," Silver said.

What he and his colleagues are trying to do is take a chaotic world and make sense of it, turn events into equations to be solved.

More than anything statistics are tools for understanding, like a wrench for an auto mechanic, said Bill James, the godfather of modern baseball statistics and a colleague of Silver's.

James said in an email that contemplating what will happen in the future is something that "we all do every day, without really thinking about it. It is a necessary and relevant process. Thus, it is something that is worthy of our best analytical efforts."

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