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From left, Torney Comer, Pat Coy and Karen Biery prepare fresh produce for distribution at the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. The pantry enters its second year, increasing its distribution from six families to over 70. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)

In 2nd year, Zion Hill food pantry keeps growing

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP— The Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church has continued to grow since its inception last August.

What started as pre-packaged boxes of food for six families, the distribution has grown to a walk through pantry serving over 70 families, a number that will likely push over 100 with the projected closing of the Ellsworth mobile pantry.

"Our goal is to make sure people in the valley are fed," said Torney Comer, agency relations associate for Second Harvest. "We see [Goshen Township] as an area that is underserviced by pantries...we want to feed as many people as possible."

Second Harvest began working with the church after congregation member Dolores Campbell brought to attention the need for food distribution in the area, Comer said, noting the closest pantry is in Salem. The mobile pantry at Bunker Hill is hosted by the church's Missions Committee.

"We're very pleased with the turnout, thankful that we can help those in

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West Branch BOE, teachers at impasse on contract

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff writer

BELOIT—The West Branch teachers union has rejected a two-year labor agreement and are now considered at an impasse with the school board, although classes will begin as scheduled Wednesday, according to Superintendent Dr. Scott Weingart.

In a written statement released Saturday afternoon, Weingart said the West Branch Education Association, representing the teachers in the district, rejected the school board's "second and final" offer for a new two-year agreement last Tuesday. The board will present union its "last, best and final" offer on Monday, he said.

A collective bargaining agreement between the parties expired on July 1. Teams for the two groups have been in negotiations for the past eight months and called for assistance from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in May. Weingart said the two sides are now considered to be at an impasse, with no realistic possibility that continued discussions at this time will be fruitful.

According to Weingart, the board had reached a tentative agreement with the union during a bargaining session in July, but the teachers rejected it on Aug. 20. The board then met on Aug 27 as the union's request, but no agreement was reached following a "lengthy" session.

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Economic analyst sees 'noticeably worse' Ohio jobless trend

By LARRY SHIELDS
Staff writer

SALEM — Economic research analyst George Zeller said Ohio unemployment data was "noticeably worse" for the past week than the mixed and also relatively weak data for th country.

Zeller, a 1967 Salem High School graduate, bases his research, in part, on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The BLS said the four week moving average of new unemployment claims rose by 2,250 last week to 370,250.

Zeller said the seasonally adjusted weekly figure for the country also rose by 2,000 this week to 374,000.

"Both figures remain below the 400,000 level that is widely accepted to be the borderline between recession and recovery," he said, adding, "but both figures remain well above the 350,000 level that is widely accepted to measure a weakening economy."

Zeller said, "Thus, both Ohio and national data were relatively discouraging this week. The new streak of three consecutive weeks of 'job growth' levels in Ohio ended, showing that it was not genuine but was instead an artifact of seasonal distortion.

"In addition, a quarterly increase of 0.6 percent between the first eight weeks of the second quarter of 2011 and the first eight weeks of the second quarter of 2012 shows that Ohio is not yet clearly moving from its ongoing very slow recovery to a badly needed increasingly rapid recovery.

"In fact, layoff levels in Ohio are increasing this year during the second quarter in comparison to last year's data. That is a troubling situation."

Also, the numbers released by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services are "largely discouraging," Zeller said, noting it was more confirmation that Ohio has returned to an elevated "job destruction" level of current new unemployment claims.

A prior three week streak of "job growth" readings in Ohio's level of new unemployment claims ended.

"It is now clear, similar to what happened last year in August 2011, the early August 2012 data were distorted by changes in the scheduling of the model changeover process in the automobile industry," he said.

"Now that this distortion is finally disappearing from the current data, the Ohio layoff figures took a substantial turn for the worse in last week's update."

The earlier apparent improvement in the Ohio data is now known to have been impacted by the same seasonal distortion that Ohio saw last year in 2011, he said.

"This of course is a discouraging development," he said, explaining that improved Ohio data during last three weeks in January and the first week in February were "false positive" indicators of improvement that were not caused by the end of job destruction in Ohio.

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Lisbon couple feels special connection to Neil Armstrong

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

LISBON — Pauline Armstrong Cook was celebrating her birthday when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. Like most people around the world she and her husband Wilbur Cook watched the lunar landing on television.

"It thought it was, to use a Mary Poppins term, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," Wilbur Cook said. Born in 1925 and a graduate of Lisbon High School, Cook has seen the world go from relying on horses for transportation to cars and airplanes, and even the introduction of electricity in some areas.

To those who believed the June 20, 1969 lunar landing to be a hoax, he says, "We saw it. We have the ability."

Although not related to the man known around the world for taking the first steps on the moon, Pauline and Wilbur Cook's lives have crossed paths with his in some ways.

Wilbur Cook was five years old and living on St. Jacobs Logtown Road when Neil Armstrong was born on Aug. 5, 1930 in Wapakoneta on the northwest part of the state. He later heard about how Neil's father, Stephen Armstrong, was working in Lisbon as a state auditor at the time.

Wilbur Cook said when he and Pauline moved to Wapakoneta 10 years ago they visited a local museum and were given a document of the Armstrong genealogy to see if they were related, which they weren't.

Local residents later told them the story of what the lunar landing was like in that area.

"Locally, the story is the pastor of the St. Paul's United Church of Christ was at the Armstrong home when he was about to land on the moon, and they had a prayer vigil," he said.

Before settling with his wife in the city near the Indiana border he taught history for a school in Bellevue, near Cleveland. While teaching he would recall his days of growing up in Columbiana County.

"Some of my former students have contacted me over the years (about) how I used

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Wilbur and Pauline Armstrong Cook

Good morning Michael Gorby. Thank you for subscribing to the Salem News

WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall in the morning. Humid with highs in the lower 80s. Tonight...Cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Humid with lows in the upper 60s. Labor Day...Showers likely with a chance of thunderstorms. Humid with highs in the lower 80s. Monday night...Showers likely with a chance of thunderstorms. Humid with lows in the upper 60s. Tuesday...Showers likely with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the upper 60s. Wednesday...Partly sunny with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Thursday...Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

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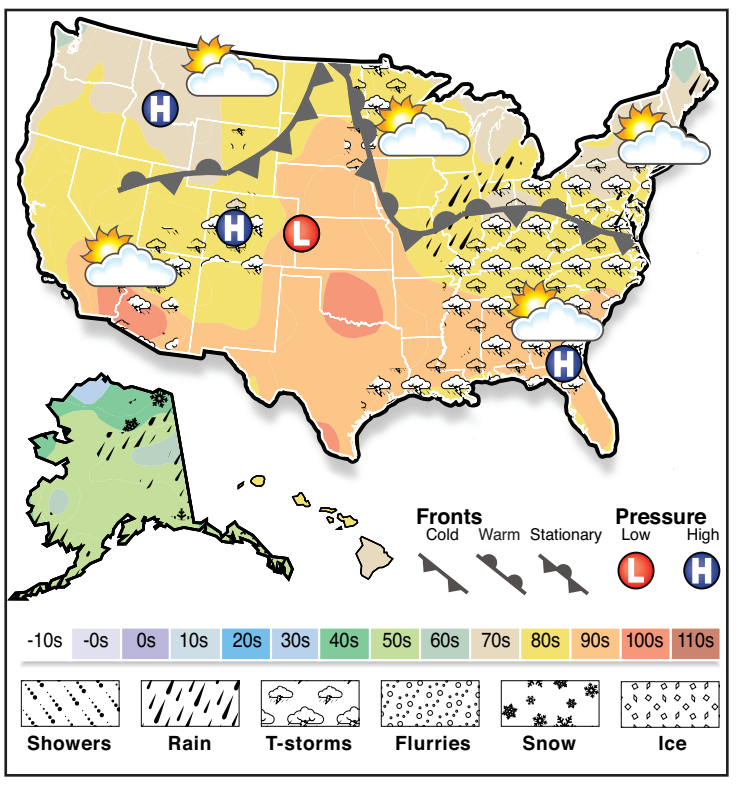

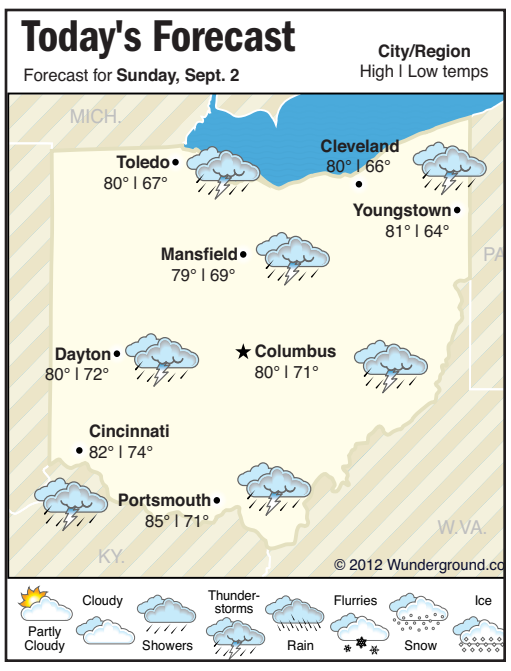

Extended Forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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Today is Sunday, Sept. 2, the 246th day of 2012. There are 120 days left in the year. Ten years ago: Negotiators at the World Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, agreed on a plan geared to help the globe's poorest people while reversing environmental declines. Five years ago: Following two days of talks in Geneva, the chief U.S. envoy said North Korea had agreed to account for and disable its atomic programs by the end of the year; the head of the North Korean delegation said his country's willingness to cooperate was clear, but he did not cite any dates.

Teen killed putting head out of party bus

NEW YORK (AP) — A teenager headed to a sweet 16 party was killed after he stuck his head out of the emergency hatch of a double-decker bus and hit the underside of a highway overpass, authorities said.

The gruesome accident followed the warnings of a security guard on the bus who said he told the teens repeatedly not to open the hatch.

Daniel Fernandez, 16, was among 65 teens aboard the bus Friday night from New York City on its way to the party in Garfield, N.J., said Steve Coleman, spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The teens were dancing and the bus had gotten hot, the security guard, Alex Franco, told the Daily News. Still, he said, he had asked the teens to leave the emergency hatch alone.

"I told them not to open the hatch, like three or four times, but kids, they don't understand," he said.

Fernandez's English teacher at St. Francis Preparatory School in Queens echoed that sentiment.

"Sometimes kids don't recognize their own mortality," said Jane Lynch, her voice trembling.

Franco said he had gone downstairs to tell the driver that it was getting too hot.

"Two, five minutes I was downstairs," he said.

But then he heard teenagers screaming, and he saw Fernandez on the floor of the bus. "There was so much blood everywhere," he told The New York Post.

Fernandez, who lived in Queens' Woodside neighborhood, was pronounced dead at a hospital.

He was a beloved student, said Lynch, who taught him last school year.

"He was an adorable, low-key kid, with a sweet smile," she said. "Kids loved him; he had lots of friends and was popular with the girls."

She said a group of students had a special last project, producing and appearing in a takeoff on the novel "Lord of the Flies," about a group of boys on a desert island who try to govern themselves, with disastrous results.

Pasta Bowl Dinner set Friday

The Saint Paul School Home and School Association will once again host their annual Pasta Bowl Dinner Friday prior to the Salem vs. Niles football game. Tickets are $7 and ticket holders will be able to select three pasta entrees, bread, salad, and a beverage. The dinner will showcase pasta entrees from the area's best restaurants including The Hickory Rib, Ricky's English Pub, Pizza Hut, Pizza Joe's, Mason's Steak House, The Guilford Lake Grille, Salem Community Hospital and A Byte of Pasta by Salem Computer Center. Additional sponsors include Salem Giant Eagle, Gordon Bros. Water, DeRienzo's Italian Restaurant, Salem McDonald's and the Columbiana County Dairy Boosters. The dinner will take place in the St. Paul School gym (Scullian Hall) across the street from Reilly Stadium. Baked goods will be available for purchase and 10-week raffle tickets will be for sale. Pasta Bowl tickets are available for advance purchase. Be sure to purchase your tickets right away as there will be only a very limited number of tickets available at the door the day of the dinner; previous dinners have sold out. Tickets are available at the St. Paul School office, 925 E. State St., 330-337-3451 during office hours, Dr. Brown and Dr. Stamp's office, 389 N. Ellsworth Ave, 330-332-1200 or anytime from Beckie 30-332-0388 or Sue 330-337-8561.

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Obama, GOP duel over college costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama would make tax credits for college expenses permanent and expand Pell grants for students from lower-earning families. Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan would emphasize the need to curb rising tuitions and growing federal education expenditures that are burdening families and the government.

The different approaches to coping with rising college costs highlight one way Obama and the Republicans trying to replace him in the White House are vying for young voters. Youth voters leaned heavily toward Obama in his 2008 election victory and still prefer him, according to polls, though less decisively.

Tuitions and fees for four-year public colleges grew by 72 percent above inflation over the past decade, averaging $8,244 last year, according to the College Board, which represents more than 6,000 schools. Student loan debt in the U.S. has hit $914 billion, with the average borrower owing more than $24,000, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York says.

Democrats are sure to reach for the college vote at the party's national convention in Charlotte, N.C., a week after Obama spoke to students in university towns in Virginia, Colorado and Iowa. Romney was counting on his youngest son, Craig, and the 42-year-old Ryan to court young supporters, campaign officials said.

In 2008, voters age 18 to 24 sided with Obama over GOP candidate John McCain, 66 percent to 32 percent. A Gallup poll taken in July and August found that same age group preferring Obama over Romney by a strong, but narrower, 56 percent to 36 percent, a margin Republicans would love to erode further.

Well before the party conventions, both sides had issued proposals directly affecting college students — and their parents — coping with those mushrooming costs.

Obama would let the current $5,550 per year maximum Pell grant increase to $5,635 next year, as scheduled under current law. That figure has grown by more than $900 since 2008 for a program that is the largest source of federal aid for students, serving more than 9 million of them.

Obama would make permanent the American Opportunity tax credit, created as part of his 2009 economic stimulus program. The credit provides up to $2,500 a year per student for college costs but is due to expire Jan. 1. Renewing it would cost an estimated $13 billion next year alone.

Obama has also proposed tying some federal aid — including Perkins loans and subsidies for students' work-study jobs — to schools' abilities to curb tuition increases. The president's proposals continue "the administration's commitment to keep college affordable for students and their families," said his 2013 budget blueprint.

Separate plans by GOP presidential candidate Romney and his running mate, Ryan, focus more on containing federal costs.

In a May paper, Romney argued that even as federal spending for higher education has grown, the costs of attending college and student debt have ballooned. Obama initiatives making the government the direct source of federal student loans, creating the American Opportunity tax credit and boosting Pell grants have not worked, it said.

"Flooding colleges with federal dollars only serves to drive tuition higher," said Romney's education paper, "A Chance for Every Child."

It said Romney would improve college access and affordability: "A Romney administration will tackle this challenge by making clear that the federal government will no longer write a blank check to universities to reward their tuition increases."

Romney would eliminate duplicative federal college financial aid programs, direct Pell grants to "students that need them most" and put the program on a sustainable long-term path, the document said. It provides few details.

DEATHS

Richard V. Kelley

GARDEN GROVE, CA. — Richard V. Kelley, 84, of Garden Grove, California died at 3:40 p.m. Monday, August 27, 2012 at his home in California.

He was born March 2, 1928 in Salem, Ohio the son of the late Russell H. and Olive L. (Moore) Kelley.

Mr. Kelley was last employed for the Garden Grove Unified School District in maintenance for 12 years and retired in 1990.

He was a 1946 graduate of Salem High School and was a member of D.A.V., V. F. W. and Elks. He served in the U.S. Army and the Marines.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia (Scullion) Kelley, whom he married May 1, 1992.

Private graveside services will be held Tuesday at the Highland Memorial Park in Beloit.

Arrangements were handled by the Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

This obituary may be viewed online at www.starkmemorial.com.

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(Paid obituary)

Robert Smith Dillon

COLORADO — Robert Smith Dillon passed from this life to the next with his family by his side on Aug. 23, 2012 at Longmont United Hospital, Longmont, Co.

He was born Nov. 23, 1937, the son of Robert S. Dillon, Sr. and Maxine (Boyd) Dillon in East Liverpool, Oh.

Robert grew up in Lisbon and North Lima, Oh. He is a graduate of North Lima High School, class of 1955, and played football for North Lima.

After high school he attended Mount Union College where he majored in business administration and played football his freshman year. While at Mount Union he became a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

After college, Bob and his college sweetheart, Arlyn, were married, July 17, 1959 and enjoyed 53 happy years together.

Over the years, Bob has been co-owner and operator of a gas service station in North Lima and Hubbard, Ohio, a coal strip mine company, and Indian Brave family campground.

He was employed as supervisor and consultant for AA Pipeline and in later years owned and operated a rock climbing wall business from 2000 to2011.

His first love and longest lasting occupation was '' Over the road" trucking, becoming one of the original ''Owner Operator" Association members.

Growing up, Bob belonged to Good Hope Lutheran Church in North Lima, then Fairfield Methodist where he and his wife served as adult leaders of the Youth Fellowship.

After moving to Columbiana the family became members of Columbiana Methodist Church for more than 30 years and finally joined Lake Ozark Church of Christ in Lake Ozark, Mo. His favorite interest was his family.

He is survived by his wife, Arlyn (Stewart) Dillon, sons, Dr. Robert Randy Dillon of Evergreen, Co. (wife Lynn) and George Taylor Dillon of Longmont, Co.; a daughter, Heidi (Dillon) Dix (husband Mark) of Humble, Texas; two brothers: Richard Dillon (wife Sue) of Florida and Tom Dillon (wife Joann) of New Waterford; and six grandchildren: Mark Robert Dix, Ashley Dix, Jackson Bussard, Keegan Dillon, Cole Dillon, and Luke Dillon, also six nieces and seven nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Shannon (Dillon) Bussard, a sister, Marilyn (Dillon) Garrod, and a grandson, Christian Dillon.

Visitation and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sat., Aug. 8, 2012 at Seederly-Mong and Beck Funeral Home in Columbiana with burial following at Cresthaven Memorial Gardens on state Rt. 7.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Wounded Warriors, Salvation Army, or Heifer International.

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

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(Paid obituary)

POLICE REPORTS

SALEM

— Police responded to the 600 block of East 6th Street at 2:35 a.m. Saturday where a female reportedly intended to harm herself. She denied it saying she was just upset over personal issues. She was advised to contact police for any further assistance.

— Police responded to a nightclub in the 100 block of Railroad Street at 11:58 p.m., Thursday for a disturbance and again at 1:11 a.m. Friday. Joshua J. Lapin of Salem was intoxicated and causing several disturbances. Police observed him shoving several patrons outside the bar upon arrival. He was charged with criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct persisting and possession of marijuana and taken to the county jail.

— Police responded to the West Wilson Street and Newgarden Avenue area at 3:44 p.m. Friday where the complainant advised he was invited into a neighbor's residence and male juvenile charged him and they argued. All were separated and advised to call the police if anything further was needed.

— Police responded to the 1000 block of East 10th Street at 3:11 p.m. Friday where the complainant thought she might be the victim of a scam mentioned in a newspaper article regarding an arrest in Goshen Township in reference to a man selling magazines.

— Police responded to the 300 block of West 10th Street where the complainant advised her employer's computer was stolen from her boyfriend's unlocked pickup in the driveway overnight and loose change was taken from her unlocked vehicle.

— Two woman from the 1600 block of West Perry Street came on station at 12:59 p.m. Friday regarding a dog that was constantly running loose in the housing development. One was bitten earlier in the year and had to be hospitalized. They were advised of the procedure for filing charges.

— Police received a complaint from a resident in the 600 block of Superior Avenue at 9:57 a.m. Friday advising her unlocked vehicle was entered and cigarettes and a lighter were taken. Papers were also thrown all over.

LISBON

— Teri from the Days Inn called for an officer at 9:32 a.m. Saturday because there was a group of customers she wanted removed.

— A resident called at 12:28 a.m. Saturday in regard to a fight on Jefferson Street. Police determined one person had been assaulted, and witnesses said that some people fled the scene before their arrival. The victim had a bloody nose.

— A caller reported there was loud music by the bike trail on Morrison Street at 11:15 p.m. Friday. Police heard loud music from inside a residence, and the owner agreed to keep the noise down.

— A caller reported someone on East Washington Street had been yelling for the past half hour at 7:28 p.m. Friday. The caller was concerned because there were children in the house.

— Regina Callis, West Washington Street, reported Thursday there were two people trying to remove some cats from her neighbor's property, and Callis said she has people who want the cats. This was followed by a call from Shannon Gates, who reported being threatened by a neighbor while taking cats from the West Washington Street property.

— A customer at Smith Oil reported observing someone who appeared drunk get into a red Geo Tracker and drive away at 4 p.m. Thursday.

— An employee of Sugar Construction reported having problems with a resident on Cedar Street on Thursday afternoon. The workers were putting down topsoil and grass seed after installing storm sewers when Ed Day parked his car in their path. Day said the car was on his property, and the village attorney will determine if the property in question is within the village right-of-way.

— A couple reported Thursday someone stole their boxer dog from their vehicle while it parked at county juvenile court. They said the windows were nearly all the way down and they left water in the vehicle for the dog. After checking the parking lot surveillance camera, they recognized who took the dog and they retrieved it from the person. The couple said they want to pursue charges.

— Bob Durbin from the county engineer's office reported Thursday the public restrooms at the train station had been vandalized again. The security camera showed three boys and two girls going in and out several times.

Error delays benefits for Ohio student veterans

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio's governor, higher education chief and veterans' services director are asking colleges and universities not to penalize student veterans whose financial benefits through the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill may be delayed after a records problem.

Some eligibility certifications were temporarily lost while the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs was transferring electronic records between offices, state officials said. The problem affected records for Ohio and West Virginia veterans whose enrollments were received between July 24 and Aug. 9, and it could delay payments used for housing and educational costs, they said.

"Technical problems the federal government is currently facing puts these young men and women in the unenviable position where they don't know how they'll pay for college, buy books, or keep a roof over their heads," Gov. John Kasich said in a statement. "It's my hope that Ohio's colleges and universities show flexibility and patience so we can ensure the education of our student veterans isn't disrupted."

In a letter Friday, Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Jim Petro and Col. Thomas Moe, who leads the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, asked the college and university presidents to work to identify which student veterans might be affected at each school and to let them continue taking classes despite the delay in funding.

The board isn't sure how many student veterans might be affected. It has asked each institution to provide it with an estimate by Tuesday.

Ohio State University, the state's largest campus, estimates more than 160 of its nearly 2,000 student veterans are affected by the glitch, said Wayne Carlson, OSU vice provost and dean for undergraduate education. A policy put in place earlier this year will help ensure they're not dropped from classes or assessed late fees pending approval of GI Bill benefits, he said.

The school also is offering affected student veterans temporary, no-interest loans to help them pay for books and housing.

"I'm hoping all the other schools have the same kinds of approaches," Carlson said. "We want to honor our veterans, and as students, they have special needs, and we want to meet those."

Bowling Green State University believes most of its 284 student veterans are affected and may not see their benefits for weeks or months, President Mary Ellen Mazey said in a letter to Kasich this week. In the meantime, the school is offering loans to cover affected students' housing allowances and book stipends.

"While we believe this is the right thing to do, it is clearly a short-term, stopgap measure," she wrote.

It wasn't clear how quickly the Department of Veterans Affairs thought the problem might be resolved. The VA did not respond to a message left Friday.

Studies on health impacts of gas drilling seek funds

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A much-publicized plan by two Pennsylvania health companies to study possible impacts from gas drilling is only in the preliminary stages as the groups continue to look for major funding. Meanwhile, a group that has been examining similar questions is starting to focus on air quality, as precise numbers of people who've had health complaints linked to drilling remain elusive.

Geisinger Health Systems of Danville and Guthrie Health of Sayre are in the planning stages of examining how people might be affected by gas drilling activity. Geisinger spokeswoman Marcy Marshall said the company has received $100,000 from a local charitable organization and is seeking other grants. The initial funding will pay for the planning stage and some pilot studies, she said.

Guthrie spokeswoman Maggie Barnes said the company hasn't received any funding or started research. Guthrie will seek future grants and do research in collaboration with Geisinger.

Both health systems serve many patients who live in areas that have seen a recent boom in Marcellus Shale gas drilling. The gas-rich formation thousands of feet underground has generated jobs and billions of dollars in revenue for companies and individual leaseholders. Many federal and state regulators say hydraulic fracturing is safe when done properly, and that thousands of wells have been drilled with few complaints of pollution. But environmental groups and some doctors assert regulations still aren't tough enough and that the practice can pollute groundwater and air.

Raina Rippel of the Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project said their next big push will be on air quality. "We have plans in the works to look at personal monitors people could wear" to detect harmful levels of natural gas, she said. Rippel said there've been "dozens" of complaints in the community they serve, about 50 miles south of Pittsburgh, and some patterns are emerging. But the nonprofit group hasn't conclusively linked the complaints to nearby drilling.

Until a few months ago, Pennsylvania public health officials had expected to get a share of the revenue being generated by the state's new Marcellus Shale law, which is projected to provide about $180 million to state and local governments in the first year. But representatives from Republican Gov. Tom Corbett's office and the state Senate cut the health appropriation to zero during final negotiations, so now the state Department of Health is left with a new workload but no funding to examine whether gas drilling impacts health.

SHERIFF

— A state Route 172, Hanoverton, woman reported at 8:40 a.m. Saturday her husband and his daughter were fighting. Both appeared to be intoxicated, and the deputy determined both were equally at fault, but neither wished to file charges.

— A deputy was called to the Star Motel, U.S. Route 30, Minerva, at 1 p.m. Saturday in regard to a person needing medical assistance. The deputy remained until the customer was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

— A state Route 558, Leetonia, man reported Saturday his ex-girlfriend used his phone number to open his email accounts and then she deleted his number and replaced it with hers. Smith has since closed his email account.

— A deputy was called to Sunset Drive, Hanoverton, at 2:17 a.m. Saturday, where a woman reported her boyfriend had attempted to choke her father. Both parties said nothing really occurred, and they declined to press charges.

— A deputy was called to Negley in regard to a theft at 11:43 p.m. Friday, and he spoke with Melinda Schroeder, Richardson Avenue, who said her boyfriend took $100 from her purse and refused to give it back. Schroeder said she wanted to press charges.

— A Steubenville Pike, Lisbon, man reported Friday his garage was entered and items were stolen, and the same thing happened with a home he owns on the same road.

— A Canal Street, East Rochester, man reported money was stolen from his truck on Thursday.

— A woman reported Friday her father was scammed for $40 by someone supposedly selling magazines and soliciting donations for St. Jude Hospital.

— A deputy responded to a report of drunken people at Guilford Lake State Park at 12:12 p.m. Wednesday. The deputy came across three people from Canton sitting at a picnic table on Lakeview Drive and they smelled of alcohol and appeared to be drunk. One of them, Frank E. Dewees, 60, had fallen in the parking lot, striking his head on the concrete barrier. Dewees' head was bleeding, so he was taken by ambulance to Salem Community Hospital.

CONTRACT
FROM 1A

"The board then provided its last, best and final offer which attempted to address a majority of association's concerns (and) the following day, the new offer was rejected by the teachers," Weingart said.

In the release, school board President Terry Criss expressed hope that an agreement can be reached.

"We are hopeful that the teachers will reconsider and accept our final offer for a new two year contract," he said. "We think that the offer from the board is fair, competitive and realistic under the current and projected economic conditions facing the district."

According to Weingart, the board's proposal from last week asks teachers to pay slightly more each month toward the cost of health insurance, but freezes the amount of employee contributions for the next two years. The offer also provides a modest pay increase for eligible employees in the second year as well as additional compensation for advanced education and a financial incentive for outstanding attendance. The forthcoming offer will be retroactive to July 1.

The board ratified a renegotiated contract with the classified employees union last summer which had the employees work last year under the same terms as the prior contract, but accept an absolute pay freeze, as well as pay more into health care premiums, this year. In June the board approved an agreement with all confidential employees and administrative staff under the same conditions.

TREND
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The improvements in early winter 2012 weeks were instead caused by very large seasonal distortion that is always present in January data.

Now that this January seasonal distortion has disappeared from the Ohio data, the state returned to a clear and unambiguous "job destruction" level of new unemployment claims for the third and fourth weeks of February 2012 and also during all weeks of March, April, May, June, and July 2012. In 2008 and last year in 2011, Ohio experienced similar "false positive" readings in January.

Zeller said that last week's report finds that despite substantial improvement measured during the last three weeks of January 2011, job destruction returned to Ohio during all weeks of February, March, April, May, June, and July 2011, and that the lengthy 2000-2011 period of job destruction in Ohio did not come to an end, given additional deterioration during the last two weeks of August 2011, and during all weeks of September, October, November, and December 2011. That deterioration unfortunately continued during the last week of July 2012.

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LISBON
FROM 1A

to brag about Columbiana County. It was a way to spark their interest or make them groan, but they'd still listen," he said.

He and Pauline Armstrong met when they were attending high school in Lisbon.

"I sat behind her in class and ran the projector, and she would lean her head back so I'd pull on her hair. That's my line, and I'm sticking with it," he joked.

The two were the only ones to marry in their class, he said.

A 65th reunion was held in 2008. Over the years Wilbur Cook has authored several books about their lives, and some are available in the Lepper Library in Lisbon.

He has also authored books about his 55 years as an ordained minister for the Church of Christ. He is a founding member of the Lyme Church in Bellevue.

"The churches were small and to preserve the church we started preserving the history of the church," he said. The church claims the oldest Sunday school in the state with a continuous organization.

"The community just started to support and continues. We left there in 1980, and I'm real proud of what they have continued to do," he said.

He has also written about his time in the military serving with the 5th Armored Division. He was later appointed secretary of the division's association and responsible for its publications. He said that at one time he also worked for a coal mine in Elkton and Firestone Farms in Columbiana.

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Beaver Creek group keeps up opposition to drilling in park

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — The group opposed to drilling and logging at Beaver Creek State Park has been advised drilling will occur under the park at some point but there are no current plans to do so from the surface.

The group's leader, Jim Kerr, told Columbiana County commissioners this week they were able to meet recently with, Glenn Cobb, chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' division of parks and recreation, to discuss drilling and logging at the state park. Cobb told them the park will eventually be leased for subsurface drilling.

"I asked him that specifically and he said it would" occur, Kerr said, adding there is no timetable to do so, however.

As for logging and surface drilling in the park, "(Cobb) tells us that at this point in time there are no plans to do either, and we were told if that changes the group would be given the opportunity" to meet again with him, Kerr said.

The group, Save Beaver Creek State Park, is concerned about the potential environmental and aesthetic impact of recent state laws allowing logging and oil and gas drilling to occur on state park lands. This is the second time the organization met with commissioners, who adopted a resolution supporting the group's efforts at their July 18 meeting.

The group has emphasized its opposition extends only to drilling on and not under state land, which is possible today because of a technique known as horizontal drilling. The law requires some of the revenue derived from drilling to go to the park where it occurs, and the group is all for that.

Kerr said during their discussions with ODNR they learned the state does not own the mineral rights to 1,200 of the 2,700 acres that make up Beaver Creek State Park.

'We don't know who they are or what acres they are," he said, adding some of the private mineral rights could be in the middle of the park's historic Pioneer Village. ODNR has indicated it would do its best to negotiate with the private mineral rights owners if this were to occur.

Another group representative, Tom Butch, reported they have also learned state regulations allowing haulers supplying water for drillers, or anyone else for that matter, to take up 100,000 gallons per day from streams such as Beaver Creek without registering with the ODNR.

The state is in the process of drafting new regulations that might address this issue. "We're going to keep an eye on that to see how the rule-making goes," he said, adding if the state fails to address the issue they will ask the local state representative and state senator to introduce legislation.

Kerr said they understand water is needed for the drilling process, but taking it from small streams is a poor alternative to getting it from more plentiful sources.

A group member reportedly came across water being pumped from the West Fork of the Little Beaver Creek near Y-Camp Road in Madison Township to a nearby drilling site. This section is outside the park and also outside the creek's national and scenic river designation.

Kerr said they have contacted state Rep. Craig Newbold, who has expressed his concern to the ODNR about drilling and logging, as has Joseph Shiavoni, who will become the county's next state senator next year.

Approximately 1,500 letters from local residents were delivered to the ODNR's Cobb and more are follow. "Even though we think things are going our way, we are going to continue our letter-writing campaign," Kerr said.

GOP paints a nation on brink, Democrats see rebound just ahead

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Listening to Republicans, a vote for Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan is imperative to save the nation.

"The republic of Washington and Jefferson is now in danger of becoming the democracy of debt and despair," Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul told delegates at the GOP convention delegates this past week. "Our great nation is coming apart at the seams."

He was one of many Republican speakers who tried to tap into the public's unease about the country's future.

In just days, Democrats will present a starkly different vision at their three-day convention in Charlotte, N.C., sketching out a portrait of a nation on the rebound after the worst financial crisis since the Depression. They will try to play a consistent theme in America's history — optimism.

As Republicans convened in Tampa, President Barack Obama gave a preview of his pitch, telling a crowd in Charlottesville, Va., "We knew that solving our biggest challenges would take more than one year, or one term, or one president. We know we've still got a lot of work to do, but we are determined to get it done. We are determined to finish the job."

The November election offers the political parties' sharply different visions of the state of America, as well as of the government's role and reach. Republicans envision a smaller government, with fewer social safety net programs, increased defense spending, less regulations and additional tax cuts. Democrats see a government able to lift those who need help and a nation where the wealthier pay more of their share.

In the 10 weeks to the vote, the campaigns will present their competing views of the United States, a country plunged into the darkness of joblessness and debt versus one emerging into the light of recovery. Which vision stays with the electorate on Nov. 6 will determine whether Obama wins a second term or Romney captures the presidency.

"To the majority of Americans who now believe that the future will not be better than the past, I can guarantee you this: If Barack Obama is re-elected, you will be right," Romney said.

Obama, in his Virginia speech last week, pleaded for more time.

"We've got more jobs to create and more good schools to build," he said. "We've got more homegrown energy to generate. We've got more troops to bring home. We've got more young people to send to college. We've got more doors of opportunity to open to everybody who is willing to work hard and walk through them. And it all depends on you."

Polling suggests the public sees little reason for optimism. Associated Press-GfK polls have found the share of the public who think the nation is headed in the right direction has been below 40 percent for more than a year, and has been below half for Obama's entire presidency. AP polling has not found a majority saying the nation is moving in the right direction since 2003.

Republicans determined to oust Obama made it personal and dramatic during three days of speeches at their convention, assailing the Democrat's leadership as a failure while using apocalyptic terms to describe a nation teetering on the financial precipice.

Mike Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor and onetime presidential candidate, said the clock is ticking. "Our great republic is almost out of time," he said.

The GOP pointed to an unemployment rate of 8.3 percent, tens of millions out of work, a sluggish economic recovery and a growing debt as the nation spends more than it has. This image of doom and gloom, bolstered by financial numbers, is the GOP's best-case argument that change is necessary in November.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker said voters should be able to tell their children and grandchildren that "we helped elect Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan to save America."

The images were bold at the Republican convention of the present and future.

Ryan, the vice presidential candidate, described college graduates, jobless and forced to return home, staring at the faded Obama posters in their bedrooms.

"None of us have to settle for the best this administration offers — a dull, adventureless journey from one entitlement to the next, a government-planned life, a country where everything is free but us," said the Wisconsin congressman.

Starting Tuesday in Charlotte, Democrats will argue that Obama inherited a financial crisis that was the product of eight years of Republican George W. Bush.

Count on Obama's party faithful to emphasize the following: The housing market has shown signs of life after a deep downturn, retail spending had its best performance since March and the Dow Jones industrial average stands above 13,000, good news for those checking their quarterly statements on their retirement accounts.

In remarks last week, Obama described a more promising outlook for the next few years.

The president said 7 million young people can remain on their parents' health insurance due to his overhaul law that Romney wants to repeal while seniors will save money on prescription drugs.

He acknowledged that Republicans would paint a dire picture of the nation. "They will tell you how bad things are over and over again, and they'll helpfully add that it's all Obama's fault," the president said.

OSU trustees OK hiring for $396M dorm expansion

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio State University trustees have cleared the way for a $396 million redesign of north campus to accommodate 3,200 added dormitory beds.

The Columbus Dispatch reports the board approved hiring architects, engineers and others Friday. The project would also add two new dining halls, a 35,000-square-foot fitness center, and a student support building. Four existing dorms would be razed. The project precedes a policy change that will require all students to live on campus through their sophomore, rather than their freshman, year. OSU President E. Gordon Gee says the move will encourage student retention, boost graduation rates and enhance the college experience.

From left, volunteers at the mobile pantry John Biery, Paul Manypenny, Karen Biery, Evelyn Summers, Harry Skidmore, Torney Comer, Carson McNeely, Barb Biery, Max Skidmore, Barb Karlen and Kim Potesta. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)

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need," said Pat Coy, committee chair.

When the mobile pantry began, families were given pre-packaged boxes of food, but as the service has grown, the distribution has changed. The food is now set up on tables and the families walk through, selecting what they want. Comer said the walk through is more popular and efficient because the families get more food and more choices. "They aren't given something they won't use," she explained.

Comer said the distribution usually has approximately 10 volunteers each month and they are always looking for more. Anyone wishing to volunteer should call Rita at Second Harvest at 330-792-5522 Ext. 11 and request the Bunker Hill pantry.

Families seeking assistance may show up during pantry hours and must meet eligibility requirements. Food is provided by Second Harvest.

Pantry hours are 10 a.m. to noon the second Friday of each month. The next distribution is Sept. 14. The church is located at 15096 Middletown Road.

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. . . On The Calendar This Week . . .

SUN/2

LISBON
Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center, open 2-6 p.m.

NEW WATERFORD
Children of the World International Children's Choir, 7 p.m., Abundant Life Fellowship, 46469 state Route 46.

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

SALEM
AMVETS Post 45 Sons & Drill Team breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, 750 S. Broadway Ave.

MON/3

LISBON
Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center, open 2-6 p.m.

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
Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; sloppy joes or barbecued pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, fresh vegetables and fruit, ice cream sundaes.

Police practical combat, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

TUE/4

BOARDMAN
Tri County Chapter of Medical Assistants, TJ's Lounge inside the Holiday Inn; dinner at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m., business session.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP
Butler Township trustees meeting, 7 p.m., township administration building on Slater Road.

CANFIELD
Special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, 6:30 p.m., Birch Hill Cabin in Mill Creek MetroParks.

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

Leetonia High School Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

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

SALEM
Salem Board of Education, special meeting, 8 a.m., administration building.

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

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

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

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

United Quilt Guild, 9:30 a.m., UFO projects and tote bag demo, First Presbyterian church; business session, 6:30 p.m.

Service rifle shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

WED/5

EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine City School District Board of Education, 6 p.m., EPES Media Center.

HANOVERTON
United High School Class of 1963, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

LEETONIA
Leetonia High School Class of 1949, 12:30 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Book Discussion, "Down the Darkest Road," Tami Hoag, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON
Benefit yard sale and bake sale for White Stone Ministries, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., 7451 Pleasant View Drive, rain or shine.

SALEM
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.

Saxon Retirees will meet. Snacks at 11:30, lunch at 12:30 followed by a meeting and bingo.

Salem High School Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Skyline Diner.

Salem Hunting Club, .22 rifle bench rest shoot, 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/6

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

COLUMBIANA
Country music jam, St. Mary's Alzheimer's Center, 1899 Garfield Road, 6:30-10 p.m.

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

LISBON
Benefit yard sale and bake sale for White Stone Ministries, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., 7451 Pleasant View Drive, rain or shine.

David Anderson High School classes of 1946 and 1947, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Taste of Country.

SALEM
Kiwanis Club, lunch meeting, noon, Salem Community Center; guest speaker Salem Police Chief R.W. Floor.

"Chicken on the Run," drive-thru chicken dinners, 4-6 p.m. or until sold out, $7, First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.

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

Salem High School Class of 1942, 9 a.m., Adele's Place.

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

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

Salem High School Athletic Hall of Fame's induction dinner and ceremony, Salem Community Center; Registration 5;30 p.m. t330-332-5885.

Salem Bird Study Club, meeting, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church; use rear entrance.

Summer Pistol League, last make-up shoot, Salem Hunting Club.

WINONA
Winona Area Historical Society will meet at the Winona Friends Meeting House, 6:30 p.m. Community members are welcome to attend.

FRI/7

LISBON
Columbiana County Hazard Mitigation Core Planning Committee meeting, 10 a.m., Columbiana County Emergency Operations Center, 215 S. Market St.

Benefit yard sale and bake sale for White Stone Ministries, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., 7451 Pleasant View Drive, rain or shine.

NEW GARDEN
Rummage sale, bake sale, lunch, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., New Garden Methodist Church on state Route 9.

NORTH LIMA
Victory Gospel Jubilee, 7 p.m., auditorium, North Lima Business Complex (old South Range High School). Free tickets, 800-284-9709, or at the door.

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

Gospel sing, coverdish and fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Bethesda Life Church, 357 N. Howard Ave.

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

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

SAT/8

ALLIANCE
Columbiana County Pomona Grange's Swiss steak supper and country store, 4-7 p.m., Mile Branch Grange on Knox School Road. Carryouts available; $9 for adults, $4.50 for ages 6 to 10.

BOARDMAN
Greater Youngstown Monitoring Association Scanner Club, 7 p.m., Boardman Township Building on Market Street, tour of dispatch center; 330-717-8036.

COLUMBIANA
Columbiana High School Class of 1961, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Skyline Diner in Salem.

EAST PALESTINE
Boomers '64, lunch, 12:30 p.m., Narry's Restaurant.

East Palestine Sportsman's Club, Handicapped Fishing Derby, registration begins at 9 a.m.; lunch, poles and bait provided; 330-457-2205.

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

LISBON
Benefit yard sale and bake sale for White Stone Ministries, 9 a.m.-noon, 7451 Pleasant View Drive, rain or shine.

NEGLEY
Spaghetti dinner, 4-7 p.m., Negley Masonic Lodge; $7 adults, $4 children 12 and under.

NEW GARDEN
Rummage sale, bake sale, lunch, 9 a.m.-noon., New Garden Methodist Church on state Route 9.

NORTH GEORGETOWN
Spaghetti supper benefit for the North Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department; 4-7 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church; 330-525-7700.

SALEM
Family carnival, noon-2 p.m., Faith Chapel Fellowship, 511 E. Pershing St.

Salem High School Class of 1959, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

SUN/9

SALEM
K of C breakfast, all you can eat, 8 to 11 a.m. St. Paul School gym. 50/50 drawing, donations accepted. Benefits Special Olympics.

Muzzle loaders shoot, noon; range opens at 10 a.m., Salem Hunting Club.

God's Quad Quartet, 2 p.m., First Christian Church Worship Center.

MON/10

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

Lisbon Exempted Village School District Board of Education meeting, 5:30 p.m., BOE office, 317 N. Market St.

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

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.
R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Salvation Army; 330-332-1045.

Police practical combat, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

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

TUE/11

HANOVERTON
Village Council, 7 p.m., Village Hall.

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

Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m., ages 3-5, Leetonia Community Public Library.

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

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
Habitat for Humanity, special volunteer opportunity, 317 E. Fourth St.; 8 a.m.-noon and 12:30-4 p.m. Lunch at noon. Register at 330-337-1003 or volunteerhabitat-ncc@yahoo.com.

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

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.

Trap shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

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

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

WED/12

CANFIELD
Cub Scout Pack 25, round-up, for boys in first through fifth grade, or 7-10 years old, who are interested in joining cub scouts, 6:30 p.m., Camp Stambaugh on Lefffingwell Road; 330-533-1237.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1956, 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.

Salem Storybook Museum tag sale, corner of South Lincoln Avenue and Columbia streets, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. To donate items call 330-332-1632 or 330-332-4723.

Salem High School Class of 1956, luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.
Salem Hunting Club, .22 rifle bench rest shoot, 6 p.m.

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
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THU/13

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

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

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

FRI/14

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

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

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

Euchre party, 6:30 p.m., Butler Grange, at the corner of Winona Road and Butler Grange Road.

SAT/15

LEETONIA
Leetonia High School Class of 1947, 65th-year reunion, 4-8 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library; buffet dinner 5:30 p.m.; 330-337-6509.

NORTH LIMA
Calvary United Methodist Church, community yard sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Vendors needed; 330-482-4824.

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OxyContin replaced by more powerful opioid

By CATHY BROWNFIELD
Family Recovery Center

A robbery, allegedly by a 36-year-old recovering addict, was one of too many in a Fort Wayne, Ind. community.

The masked bandit hit a pharmacy threatening to kill the pharmacist if he didn't give him the drugs he was after. A short while later the same masked robber hit the store across the street. He wasn't after OxyContin. That's pretty much a dried up market since the pharmaceutical company changed the formula making it nearly impossible to crush.

The new drug replacing OxyContin is Opana. But that market is closing up, too, as the pharmaceutical company changes its formula. But it is believed the void will be filled by heroin.

Opana, also known as oxymorphone, is a powerful prescription drug used to treat moderate to severe pain. It may be habit-forming. Abusing it can be deadly. Even using it as prescribed by your physician can be dangerous if combined with other drugs or alcohol. There is a lengthy list of health conditions that can be affected by using oxymorphone.

You should talk to your doctor about your health conditions before taking the drug. Pregnant or nursing mothers should not take the drug because it can affect their unborn or breastfeeding baby. Blood pressure, thyroid, liver or kidney disease, breathing conditions such as asthma or COPD, and a number of other conditions or diseases, can make it very dangerous for the person.

An overdose can be fatal. If someone is overdosed, seek immediate medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

Overdose symptoms include cold and clammy skin, confusion, extreme drowsiness, fainting, muscle weakness, pinpoint pupils, shallow breathing, slow heart rate or coma. Additionally, other drugs you use may affect your reactions with Opana.

Published news reports say that in Ohio cities such as Akron, Cincinnati and Athens, there have been surges of Opana to replace Oxycontin. It also is reported that, "in some cases the people [who died from drug overdoses] purchased the drugs from elderly people with legitimate prescriptions who sold the drugs to supplement their Social Security income." But others bought theirs from drug dealers who have access to the pill mills, clinics where doctors prescribe large quantities of pills for people who don't really need the medications.

In one Indiana community the county coroner/deputy coroner of 27 years announced he will not seek office again. He's having a hard time handling the overdoses of people ages 18-30. When most of us think about drug-related deaths we don't consider what it must be like to be the coroner, the people who have the obligations after a death.

Heroin is an opiate drug synthesized from morphine. It can be injected, sniffed or smoked. All three methods can lead to addiction and other severe health problems says NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse.) It affects the area of the brain that controls automatic processes critical for life: breathing, blood pressure, arousal. Heroin overdose suppresses respiration. Over time, more is needed to get the desired effects. There is a higher risk of addiction for heroin users. OxyContin, Opana or heroin, the abuse is dangerous to the well being of a human being.

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Doctors: Circumcision pluses outweigh risks

By LINDSEY TANNER
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CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's most influential pediatricians group says the health benefits of circumcision in newborn boys outweigh any risks and insurance companies should pay for it.

In its latest policy statement on circumcision, a procedure that has been declining nationwide, the American Academy of Pediatrics moves closer to an endorsement but says the decision should be up to parents.

"It's not a verdict from on high," said policy co-author Dr. Andrew Freedman. "There's not a one-size-fits-all-answer." But from a medical standpoint, circumcision's benefits in reducing risk of disease outweigh its small risks, said Freedman, a pediatric urologist in Los Angeles.

Recent research bolstering evidence that circumcision reduces chances of infection with HIV and other sexually spread diseases, urinary tract infections and penis cancer influenced the academy to update their 13-year-old policy.

Their old stance said potential medical benefits were not sufficient to warrant recommending routinely circumcising newborn boys. The new one says, "The benefits of newborn male circumcision justify access to this procedure for those families who choose it." The academy also says pain relief stronger than a sugar-coated pacifier is essential, usually an injection to numb the area.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Convention has estimated circumcision costs range from about $200 to $600 nationwide. Coverage varies among insurers and several states have stopped Medicaid funding for circumcisions.

The new policy was published online Monday in Pediatrics. It comes amid ongoing debate over whether circumcision is medically necessary or a cosmetic procedure that critics say amounts to genital mutilation. Activists favoring a circumcision ban made headway in putting it to a vote last year in San Francisco but a judge later knocked the measure off the city ballot, ruling that regulating medical procedures is up to the state, not city officials.

In Germany, Jewish and Muslim leaders have protested a regional court ruling in June that said circumcision amounts to bodily harm.

Meantime, a recent study projected that declining U.S. circumcision rates could add more than $4 billion in health care costs in coming years because of increased illness and infections.

Circumcision involves removing foreskin at the tip of the penis. The procedure can reduce germs that can grow underneath the foreskin, and complications, including bleeding and infection, are rare, the academy says.

Despite the U.S. decline, about half of baby boys nationwide still undergo circumcision, or roughly 1 million each year. The country's overall rate is much higher than in other developed nations, but U.S. rates vary by region and are higher in areas where it is a cultural or religious tradition, including among Jews and Muslims.

Psychologist Ronald Goldman, director of an anti-circumcision group, the Circumcision Resource Center, said studies show circumcision causes loss of sexual satisfaction — a claim the academy said is not supported by the research it reviewed — and can be psychologically harming. Goldman contends medical studies showing benefits are flawed and that the academy's new position is "out of step" with medical groups in other developed countries.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists took part in the research review that led to the new policy and has endorsed it. Circumcisions in hospitals are typically performed by obstetricians or pediatricians.

The CDC also participated in the review, and will consider the academy's updated policy in preparing its own recommendations, a CDC spokesman said. The agency has a fact sheet summarizing circumcision's potential health benefits and risks but no formal guidelines.

The American Medical Association and American Academy of Family Physicians have neutral policies similar to the pediatrics academy's previous position.

Philadelphia social worker Shannon Coyne examined medical research on circumcision before her son was born last September and had a tough time making a decision. She learned that a relative's boy needed reconstructive surgery after a botched circumcision, and that another's son who wasn't circumcised developed urinary infections.

Coyne said she and her husband ultimately decided against circumcision, because she didn't want her baby to have what she considers cosmetic surgery without being able to consent.

Her advice to other parents is "just make an informed decision. Do your research, be open-minded."

Some 18 states have eliminated Medicaid coverage for circumcision, a trend that could contribute to rising health care costs to treat infections if circumcision rates continue to decline, according to a study published Aug. 20 in Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Dr. Aaron Tobian, a Johns Hopkins University assistant professor who coauthored the study, said the academy's updated policy "is a very good step."

Online:
American Academy of Pediatrics: http://www.aap.org
CDC: http://1.usa.gov/hJiQj

Surgeon, officials review Ohio transplant error

COLUMBUS (AP) — Health officials and a consulting surgeon are reviewing a living-donor kidney transplant program that's been temporarily suspended by a northwest Ohio hospital, where a donated kidney apparently was put with medical waste instead of going to the intended recipient in what medical experts describe as a rare accident.

The University of Toledo Medical Center apologized and put two nurses and an administrator of surgical services on paid leave without public explanation following the Aug. 10 error.

It also sent letters notifying 975 patients and potential organ donors and recipients that they may need to make other arrangements for services typically provided through the program under review.

UTMC is "committed to ensuring safeguards are put in place to prevent such an incident from ever happening again," Dr. Jeffrey Gold, the vice president for health affairs, said in a statement. The review is expected to take several weeks.

State health officials say they're looking into the error on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and UTMC hired a Texas surgeon to evaluate its transplant procedures. Dr. Marlon Levy, surgical director for transplantation at Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth, was expected to visit Toledo on Thursday and Friday.

The hospital has refused to publicly share much detail about how the kidney was rendered unusable during the transplant, which typically is an hourslong surgery involving a five-person medical team removing the organ from a donor, transferring it to a steel container and transplanting it to a patient in close proximity.

"Somehow, some way, an inexplicable human error made someone think that the kidney apparently was already in the recipient body when it was not," the UTMC president, Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, told The Blade in Toledo.

The local health commissioner, Dr. David Grossman, told the newspaper that a doctor who was involved said a nurse accidentally disposed of the kidney. Grossman did not respond to phone messages from The Associated Press. The man who donated the kidney and the intended recipient, his sister, have been released from the medical center. The hospital hasn't identified the family, and it can't say whether the sister has received a different kidney, UTMC spokesman Tobin Klinger said. There was a "good chance" of finding another compatible donor, the facility has said. Kidneys are the most commonly transplanted organ. More than 5,700 kidney transplants involving living donors and 11,000 with deceased donors were performed last year in the United States, according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, which maintains the national patient waiting list and is administered by the United Network for Organ Sharing. UTMC performed 16 of those living-donor kidney transplants and 37 deceased-donor transplants in 2011.

The types of problems that lead to unsuccessful transplants — and occasionally program suspension or termination — are uncommon but can include an unexpected donor disease transmission or the death of a living donor, said Joel Newman, a spokesman for UNOS, the private, nonprofit, government-contracted organization that manages the organ transplant system in the U.S.

"The occurrence of such events is rare, but in those instances it is a very common procedure for the program to inactivate for a period of time, do some root cause analysis and really try to address any sort of issues that can be corrected," Newman said.

As UTMC takes such steps, three workers are suspended. The administrator of surgical services, Edwin Hall, isn't commenting, according to a woman who answered the phone at his Michigan home on Wednesday. The two suspended nurses, Melanie Lemay and Judith Moore, could not be reached for comment.

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SALEM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Local physician featured as national leader in social media

DR. MICHAEL SEVILLA

Many area residents know Michael Sevilla, M.D., as a friendly and caring family medicine physician affiliated with the Family Practice Center of Salem, Inc. Others know him as a member of Salem Community Hospital's medical staff, where he has assumed a number of leadership roles, such as past chief of staff and current Clinical Informatics Physician Advisor.

However, Dr. Sevilla's scope of influence has moved far beyond the reaches of Northeastern Ohio. According to a variety of national publications, such as Medical Economics, Healthcare IT News, FierceHealth IT and various internet blogs, he has emerged onto the national social media scene as one of the top physicians in the country. He is listed by several bloggers as being one of the most influential doctors across the country, who are changing the landscape of social media.

Dr. Sevilla maintains an active blog, tweets, podcasts and posts videos online. And the driving force behind it all is his belief that family physicians should take advantage of social media to share their message with their patients, community, and their legislators. Dr. Sevilla says that doctors in the family medicine specialty have a lot to gain from being active members of the social media community.

"Using social media is very important, in my opinion, to help tell our story," Dr. Sevilla wrote in a blog post last year. "For too long, I believe that we, as a specialty, have let others define who we are. Social media has a chance to change that and can also help correct health misinformation on the Internet."

Family Medicine Blogger

Launching his first blog in 2006 as "Doctor Anonymous," Dr. Sevilla wrote about his observations about healthcare and anecdotes about what it means to be a family medicine physician. The blog featured posts, photos and videos that he made, as well as footage from his many local TV appearances on WKBN. In 2007, it was recognized by FoxNews.com as a medical blog to follow.

Although his "Doctor Anonymous" blog earned national recognition, Dr. Sevilla decided to change the focus and he became the blogger behind FamilyMedicineRocks.com. Dr. Sevilla is known for being an advocate for physicians on social media, all while giving blog readers a behind-the-scenes look at life as a family practitioner. He also hosts Family Medicine Rocks on Blog Talk Radio, where he reviews current industry trends and health news; along with sharing links to his health-related television interviews at MikeSevilla.TV.

National Speaker

Dr. Sevilla's popularity on the national social media scene has created a high demand for him as a much sought after speaker. In July, he presented to a standing room only crowd at the American Association of Family Practice's National Conference in Kansas City, about the topic of Social Media and Social Justice Advocacy. Dr. Sevilla has also spoken about social media to other organizations across the country, such as the "Connecting Healthcare and Social Media" conference co-sponsored by The Mayo Clinic in New York in May; and the 2011 American Academy of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly in Orlando, Florida. "It's something I have a passion for," Dr. Sevilla said.

The Connected Patient

The Internet has become a major source for obtaining health information. According to a recent article published in July 2012 by Pew Internet Health Research, 80 percent of internet users look online for health information, which represents 59 percent of all U.S. adults.

Although Dr. Sevilla is an online pioneer among community-based physicians, he is just one of many doctors who have ventured online to social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, to reinforce a positive doctor-patient relationship.

"Whether physicians are on Facebook and Twitter or not, the reality is, their patients are," Dr. Sevilla said. "Why not be proactive about it and take the position that we want to help our patients use these media better? Otherwise, they may be getting bad information."

Other social networking sites have gained popularity before it, but Facebook has emerged in the last two years as the dominant personal social networking site for Americans of all ages. It is the second most visited Web site in the country behind Google, according to Alexa Internet, which measures Web traffic.

Facebook allows users to register as a personal user, or as a business/organization. Although the layouts and content of both types of pages are similar, the business pages allow other users to "Like" a physician's practice rather than be "friends," as they would on a personal page.

"When patients register on Facebook and click the button that says they 'Like' your practice, they will receive all the messages that you post to your page, which Facebook calls your wall," Dr. Sevilla added. "In other words, if a physician wants to share news—such as new office hours, physician information, services, or health reminders—that message automatically appears on the home page or news feed of Facebook users, who have said they 'Like' your practice. The content is more personal than an advertisement or a mailing and may be more likely to be seen by the user and it's free.

"Our patients changed the landscape of social media long ago. Those who do use the Internet have been very receptive to seeing their doctors online, and reaching out to them through social networking sites is expected to become even more popular."

Dr. Sevilla has come a long way from when he was blogging on the Web anonymously, and now focuses on "bigger-picture" issues related to medicine and social media trends. "It's been really gratifying," Dr. Sevilla concluded. "When I get an email or message from someone in India or somebody else across the world 'liking' what I'm doing, that really shows me how small this world is and the impact I can have on people who aren't even in this country."

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OF MUTUAL INTEREST

4 funds that beat market, keep costs low

By MARK JEWELL
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BOSTON — An index mutual fund is a sensible option for building a diversified stock portfolio while keeping investment costs under control. The approach is simple: The fund holds the same stocks as the segment of the market it tracks. Expenses are low because there's no professional manager picking the investments.

But you also give up something with an index approach. You're guaranteeing that you'll never beat the market. In fact, you'll come up a bit short, because the modest fees that index funds charge are shaved off investment returns.

If that proposition isn't appealing, consider funds run by pros who try to outperform the market. With a little research, an investor can find managed funds charging fees that aren't far above those assessed by some higher-cost index funds. And several among that select group have beaten the market over periods spanning several years.

That's not to say these funds necessarily will maintain their standout performance. In most years, a majority of managed funds fail to beat the market. What's more, a wealth of research has shown that a fund's expenses are almost always a more significant factor in long-term returns than any edge a manager can achieve.

But it's hard to argue with the results the four funds below have delivered, or with the fees charged. Each invests primarily in large U.S. companies, the types of stocks that typically anchor a well-diversified portfolio. Each has outperformed a large-cap stock index, the Russell 1000, over the latest five- and 10-year periods. The funds have accomplished that while charging fees that are below 0.74 percent. That's the average expense ratio that investors paid last year to invest in U.S. stock funds of all types, managed and index, according to Morningstar.

Each of the four requires a minimum initial investment of $3,000 or less, so the funds are accessible to most individual investors. None charges an upfront sales fee, known as a load. The four, listed in order of their 10-year returns:

MAIRS & POWER GROWTH (MPGFX)

This fund barely made the cut because its expense ratio of 0.71 percent is only slightly below average. But it's a standout in several other respects. Its 10-year return places the fund within the top 10 percent among its large-cap blend peers, which invest in a mix of value- and growth-oriented stocks. It's also in the top 10 percent over the past five-year period and 12 months.

The fund's managers, William Frels and Mark Henneman, typically invest a substantial portion of the portfolio in companies with headquarters in Minnesota or neighboring states. That's the region that the St. Paul-based managers know best. At latest count, the fund held 47 stocks, with Minnesota-based Valspar, 3M, Target, Ecolab and U.S. Bancorp making up the top five holdings. The fund tends to hold stocks for years before trading them. Three of those top five holdings have been in the portfolio since 1993.

VANGUARD DIVIDEND GROWTH (VDIGX)

This is one of the standout managed funds at Vanguard, best known for index funds. With an expense ratio of just 0.31 percent, it's among the lowest-cost managed funds. The emphasis in the portfolio of around 50 stocks is dividend-payers. Recent top holdings include PepsiCo, Johnson & Johnson, Occidental Petroleum, Target and Exxon Mobil.

Morningstar analysts currently give the fund a top-rung gold medal ranking, based on their assessment of its future prospects. Among other things, Morningstar cites the fund's stable management. Don Kilbride has run the fund the past six years, and has more than $1 million personally invested in the fund.

T. ROWE PRICE GROWTH STOCK (PRGFX)

With expenses of 0.70 percent, this fund also just made the cut. The emphasis is on growth stocks, which typically generate revenue and earnings at an above-average rate. Examples include Apple and Google, the fund's recent top two holdings, making up 11 percent and 3.8 percent of the portfolio, respectively. Apple's recent strong performance has been a big contributor to the fund's 17 percent year-to-date return, which ranks in the top 10 percent among peers. Over 10 years, the fund ranks in the top 20 percent.

Morningstar analysts are cautious about the fund, currently maintaining a "Neutral" rating. One reason is the fund's inability to offer much protection in sharp market declines. In 2008, for example, the fund lost 42 percent, worse than nearly two-thirds of its peers.

VANGUARD EQUITY-INCOME (VEIPX)

This fund takes a similar approach to Vanguard Dividend Growth, focusing on dividend-paying stocks while also charging expenses of just 0.31 percent. But this fund is more diversified than the other, with a portfolio of around 150 stocks. The four-person management team also puts a sharper focus on value-oriented stocks, which tend to generate steady earnings and are considered inexpensive based on their price-to-earnings ratios.

That emphasis can hold the fund back when the market rallies. For example, Equity-Income's 17 percent return in 2009 lagged the Standard & Poor's 500 by 9 percentage points, and trailed nearly nine of 10 peers. But last year, the fund beat that index by 8 percentage points, returning nearly 11 percent. In the large-value category, the fund's five- and 10-year average annualized returns rank within the top 10 percent among its peers.

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What's next for markets? 3 experts weigh in

By MATTHEW CRAFT
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NEW YORK — The dull days are almost over.

For the last couple of weeks, markets slipped into a late summer lull, with investors seemingly nodding off in their beach chairs. The only thing to get excited about was a long-awaited speech by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Friday.

In his annual talk in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Bernanke signaled that the Fed can provide more support for the plodding U.S. economy but stopped short of laying out any new steps. The talk proved less exciting — or market-moving — than many had hoped. But, get ready, the next two weeks promise to make up for it.

The calendar is brimming with events that could send markets soaring or plunging, depending how they turn out. The European Central Bank is expected detail plans to support the region's troubled countries at its meeting Thursday. The U.S. employment report for August comes out the next day.

"We've had a quiet August," said David Kelly, chief global strategist for J.P. Morgan Funds. "It's been really nice. But all hell could break loose next week."

The following week, Germany's Constitutional Court will rule on whether it's legal for the country to participate in a bailout fund, and the Federal Reserve holds its monthly meeting.

The Associated Press asked three experts Friday for their views on Bernanke's speech, the direction of markets in the coming weeks and the perils that may lie ahead

Here are excerpts of what they had to say:

BERNANKE'S SPEECH

Jeffrey Kleintop, chief market strategist at LPL Financial in Boston, one of the country's largest brokerages:

The minutes from the last Fed meeting (Jul. 31 to Aug. 1) said they needed to see more economic growth or an improvement in the labor market or they would take more action. In the speech, he acknowledged that there were limits to what the Fed can accomplish. It can't fix the fiscal cliff. Congress needs to do that. But I think it's all lined up for him to unveil some form of quantitative easing (bond-buying) on Sept. 13.

Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at the brokerage BTIG in New York:

There was nothing surprising. It was in line with the Fed minutes, and they clearly showed the Fed was ready to ease further. How much more could he add to that?

The odds of additional quantitative easing are 50-50. We absolutely expect the Fed to extend the low rate guidance out for another year at the September meeting. You know how after the meetings they say, "Conditions warrant that we keep rates exceptionally low through late 2014?" That'll become 2015.

David Kelly, chief global strategist for J.P. Morgan Funds in New York, part of JPMorgan Chase's money-management arm:

Bernanke's speech made it quite clear he believes he's justified in further unconventional moves, even if there's no crisis, as long as the unemployment rate is high.

At the next Fed meeting, I expect them to say they'll keep short-term rates low for longer. Quantitative easing is quite possible in small doses. I wouldn't be surprised by an announcement that the Fed plans to buy, for instance, $200 billion in mortgage-backed securities and then go from there, from meeting to meeting. In baseball terms, it's called small-ball. You just try to advance the runner one base at a time.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN THE COMING WEEKS

Kleintop: The consensus is that the Fed is going to do a third round of quantitative easing, and many think that Mario Draghi, the head of the European Central Bank, is going to unveil a big bond-buying program, too. It's not a done deal yet, a lot of work still has to be done to make it happen. The German Constitutional Court ruling Sept. 12 on whether or not Germany can participate in Europe's rescue fund is huge, too. They're all important, but I think they're going to go the way the market expects.

Kelly: The most important thing is that all the Europeans come back from vacation in September. Unlike Americans, Europeans really take a vacation, and it's hard to have a European debt crisis if everybody is on vacation. That's one reason we've had a nice calm August.

The key date is Sept. 6, when the European Central Bank meets. There's widespread expectation that the ECB will purchase sovereign debt. What I hear is that they'll make an example of Portugal and drive their interest rates down. They'll flex their muscles in the bond market and convince the world that they have the ability to control the situation. They can't fix the countries. The question is: Can they fix the financial turmoil that bubbles up now and then? My guess is that they'll succeed because they can't afford to fail. That could really help the markets.

Greenhaus: There's a lot coming up but developments in Europe are the biggest events as far as we're concerned. They're the most dangerous risk. If you're expecting the ECB to announce that they'll start supporting the region's bond markets on Sept. 6, you're going to be disappointed. It's more likely that they wait for the German Constitutional Court ruling one week later and also wait for Spain to formally ask for help. The next three weeks are really crucial.

THE WILDCARD

Kleintop: What could be a surprise? If the elections keep the same balance of power in Washington, the status quo. Within the market, there's an assumption that there's going to be a quick compromise on avoiding the fiscal cliff, because the stakes are so high. Democrats are expected to retain their hold on the Senate, and you're looking at a 56 percent chance that President Obama retains the presidency, according to Intrade. But the bottom line is that I don't think you're going to get the House, under the control of the GOP, to compromise very easily.

If elections line up the same players in the White House and in Congress, I don't think it's going to go very smoothly. Gridlock isn't good.

Kelly: The wild card is the fiscal cliff. What we really need to see is a fiscal ladder: You have to bring the deficit down, sure, but you need to bring it down gradually. Republicans and Democrats should be able to lower the deficit by 1 percent of gross domestic product each year. That's a ladder.

My greatest fear is we go off the fiscal ledge. If Congress is so unaware of the danger in cutting the deficit too fast, the economy will really suffer. They've got to get the dosage right.

Greenhaus: The biggest risk is the German Constitutional Court ruling. Although there's a low probability it says Germany can't participate in the European rescue fund, the ESM, there's still the potential for a global calamity here. The ESM needs everybody in, and Germany is the most important.

Another risk is the fiscal cliff. On Wall Street, the assumption is that it will be kicked down the road another six months. Almost nobody on the Street thinks anything else. They just don't believe Washington is that dumb.

People assume everything will work out. As you saw last summer, not everything works out.

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Czech hops harvest down but enough to quench thirsts

PRAGUE (AP) — Fear not, beer lovers! The Czech hops harvest is expected to plummet by around a quarter this year due to bad weather — but there's plenty of stock to quench the huge thirst both at home and abroad.

Czechs are by far the biggest beer drinkers in the world per capita and the Czech Republic is also one of the top producers of hops — the dried seed cones that give beer its bitter taste and aroma. Their hops are highly sought after and exported to about 80 countries, including Japan, China, Germany and Russia.

The Hop Growers Union of the Czech Republic said Friday preliminary figures show a yield of about 0.95 - 1.00 metric tons per hectare compared with the average of 1.11 metric tons per hectare. They cited freezing temperatures in February and a drought in spring.

The country's overall production is expected to fall by 26 percent to 4,500 metric tons from 6,088 metric tons in 2011.

Authorities say there are enough supplies following the exceptionally high harvests of the previous two years — and that prices are unlikely to rise.

"This year's harvest won't have any significant impact on the price of hops," said Bohumil Pazler, the chairman of the union.

Hops, soaring seven 7 meters (23 feet) into the air and supported by wire, have been cultivated on Czech territory for over 1,000 years. The heartland near the western towns of Zatec and Rakovnik provides an ideal climate for the local dominant brand known as Saaz, a fine aroma hop with a low concentration of alpha acids which give beer its bitter flavor.

Almost 80 percent of hops production is exported — and more than two thirds of that is Saaz, which the Czechs call the "Roll Royce" among hops.

"The Czech Saaz is the best in the world," Jiri Vesely, the Czech Beer and Malt Association executive director said.

In 2007, Saaz was granted the EU's Protected Designation of Origin label as the top hops brand. It is used by brewers for premium products.

Exports to the United States crashed to virtually zero in the 1990s after the beer giant Anheuser Busch stopped using Czech hops as a response to the ongoing trademark dispute with the Czech state-run brewer Budejovicky Budvar and a refusal of the Czech government to sell Budvar to its U.S. rival.

What's for breakfast? Mountain Dew drinks

NEW YORK (AP) — Rise and shine. It's time for breakfast soda.

Taco Bell said Friday that it's adding Mtn Dew A.M — a mix of Mountain Dew soda and Tropicana orange juice — to its breakfast menu, which was rolled out earlier this year at select locations. Separately, the industry tracker Beverage Digest said that PepsiCo Inc. next year plans to introduce a drink made with juice, Mountain Dew Kickstart.

Mtn Dew A.M. is mixed in restaurants and only available at Taco Bell. Kickstart would be a packaged drink sold by PepsiCo.

John Sicher, publisher of Beverage Digest, noted that giving consumers drink options for the morning is a way for companies to boost their performance. Overall, per capita soda consumption has been on the decline since hitting its peak in 1998.

Mountain Dew Kickstart would also be a way for PepsiCo to feed off the popularity of energy drinks, which saw sales volume grow by nearly 17 percent last year. Each of the top three brands — Monster, Red Bull and Rockstar — saw double-digit gains, according to Beverage Digest.

A representative for Taco Bell wasn't immediately available to provide details on the orange juice-to-soda ratio in Mtn Dew A.M., or how widely it was available before earning a permanent spot on the breakfast menu. A PepsiCo spokesman declined to comment about Kickstart.

Taco Bell, which is owned by Louisville, Ky.-based Yum Brands Inc., announced the addition in conjunction with its new A.M. Crunchwrap, which combines scrambled eggs, cheese, a hash brown and bacon or sausage in a single tortilla. It has 680 calories with bacon, or 730 calories with sausage. A 16-ounce cup of Mtn Dew A.M. has 160 calories.

The Mexican-style chain introduced breakfast — which it refers to as "FirstMeal" — at about 800 restaurants in 14 states earlier this year.

Although Taco Bell is looking to expand by offering higher-end options such as its new Cantina Bell menu, it's also finding success by appealing to younger men who crave junk food. In the U.S. sales at Taco Bell restaurants open at least a year experienced double-digit growth during the second quarter. Yum Brands attributed the boost to its new tacos featuring shells made out of Nacho Cheese Doritos.

Ford Focus on track to beat Toyota with best-selling car

RAYONG, Thailand (AP) — The stylish and nimble Ford Focus is on track to unseat Toyota's aging Corolla to become the world's top-selling car, according to Ford.

The company says it sold 489,616 Focus sedans and hatchbacks globally in the first half of 2012, besting the Corolla by almost 27,000.

The Focus has several advantages, says Aaron Bragman, an automotive industry analyst for IHS Global Insight. It is newer, features better handling and styling, has superior technology and a much nicer interior than the Corolla.

"I'd rank it superior to the Corolla in pretty much most ways," says Bragman.

But Toyota isn't conceding the title. It has disputed Ford's numbers, saying its car is still on top when you include Corollas sold under other names. Hatchback versions of the Corolla are sold as the Auris in Europe and Matrix in the U.S.

Toyota also sells the Corolla Verso, a van-like vehicle that Toyota has traditionally counted as a Corolla, says spokesman Mike Michels. Including all the models, Toyota sold 603,840 Corollas in the first half, beating the focus by about 114,000, Michels says

Aging America

Boomers retiring to rural areas won't find family doctor easily

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Nina Musselman had no trouble finding a family doctor when she retired to rural Oregon nine years ago to be closer to her children. But then that doctor moved away, leaving her to search for another who would take Medicare.

After a year of going from doctor to doctor, she finally found one who stuck.

As record numbers of baby boomers go into retirement, many are thinking about moving from the places they needed to live to make a living, and going someplace warmer, quieter or prettier.

If they choose small towns like Grants Pass, 250 miles south of Portland, they could well have a hard time finding a family doctor willing to take Medicare, even supplemental plans, rather than private insurance.

"It's a sad situation for seniors," she said.

There are several reasons boomers, the 78 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964, could face difficulties finding a doctor if they retire to small towns over the next 20 years.

First, many primary care doctors prefer to live and work in urban areas because of greater cultural opportunities, better schools and job opportunities for spouses.

Also, Medicare pays rural doctors less per procedure than urban physicians because their operating costs are supposedly less. That makes rural doctors less likely to accept Medicare patients.

With cuts to Medicare reimbursement for doctors targeted under the federal health care overhaul, the shortage is likely to get even worse, said Mark Pauly, professor of health care management at the University of Pennsylvania.

That is, unless increasing reimbursements for nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants encourages those providers to take up the slack, Pauly said.

If the Medicare cuts go through, "the doctors are saying: "We're out of here,'" Pauly said. "The least they are saying is: 'We'll treat Medicare patients like we treat Medicaid patients,' which is mostly not."

Still, there is some good news, depending on where you live.

Pauly said the Affordable Care Act "puts a lot of emphasis on wellness programs and primary care. Nurses, especially nurse practitioners, are intended to play a major role there."

In Oregon, Washington and 14 other states, nurses and nurse practioners "can operate independently of doctors, writing prescriptions, ordering tests, and even running clinics," Pauly said.

Nationwide, the 22.5 percent of primary care doctors who practice in rural areas roughly matches the 24 percent of Medicare patients living there, said Dr. Roland Goertz, chairman of the American Academy of Family Physicians board.

A survey of academy members nationwide shows 83 percent take new Medicare patients. But there is an overall shortage of primary care physicians that still makes it hard for retirees to find a family doctor.

The real problem, he said, is that the health care system "has not supported a robust, adequate primary care workforce for over 30 years."

According to the American Association of Medical Colleges, rural areas need about 20,000 primary care doctors to make up for the shortages, but only about 16,500 medical doctors and 3,500 doctors of osteopathy graduate yearly.

"We are always trying to recruit doctors. We are barely keeping even," said Lyle Jackson, the medical director at the Mid-Rogue Independent Physician Association, a cooperative of doctors in Josephine County, where Musselman lives.

Taking part in the Medicare Advantage program, which pays a higher rate to doctors than standard Medicare, helps, but is still not enough, said Jackson, a former family physician.

A 2009 survey of doctors in the Oregon Medical Association showed concern over Medicare reimbursement rates topping the list of 23 issues, with 79 percent rating it as very important, said Joy Conklin, an official at the association.

The survey showed 19.1 percent of Oregon doctors had closed their practices to Medicare, and 28.1 percent had restricted the numbers of Medicare patients.

That really becomes evident in Josephine County, which attracted retirees after the timber industry collapsed.

Low taxes, cheap housing, wineries, a symphony and low traffic put it in top 10 lists for retirement communities. The 2010 census puts the number of people older than 65 at 23 percent, compared to 14 percent for the state.

But the website County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, which gathers a wide range of health care data nationwide, shows 933 patients for every primary care physician in the county, nearly 50 percent higher than the national 631-to-one rate.

At the Grants Pass Clinic, Dr. Bruce Stowell said they are no longer taking new Medicare patients. Medicare pays about 45 percent of what commercial insurance pays.

In this June 19, 2012 photo, Dr. Bruce Stowell examines patient Robert Busch at his office in Grants Pass, Ore. Stowell is among many doctors in rural areas who have capped the numbers of Medicare patients they take due to low reimbursement levels. A nationwide shortage of primary care physicians willing to set up practice in rural areas is making the problem worse. (AP Photo)

As it is, their proportion of Medicare patients is double that of a similar Portland practice.

"We used to get a steady stream of high-quality (resumes) from U.S.-trained and U.S.-born physicians," he said. "Over the last year, that stream has declined into a trickle. Very few (doctors) are choosing to go into primary care."

Schools are turning out more nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

How well they fill the doctor gap will depend largely on how much independence states give them to practice, said Tay Kopanos, director of health care policy for state affairs at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Meanwhile, overall demand for primary care will be increasing as more people can afford it under the Affordable Care Act, said Joanne Spetz, a health care policy professor at the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Atul Grover, chief of public policy for the American Association of Medical Colleges, said the nation is facing a tough time recruiting for primary care as well as other specialties that treat Medicare patients, such as oncologists.

When he decided to become a primary care doctor in the 1990s, it was because of a widespread belief that health maintenance organizations were going to be hiring all the doctors.

He said they wanted primary care doctors to emphasize wellness and prevention. Now, many graduates are moving into specialties that do procedures, such as surgery, because Medicare pays more for them than plain-old office visits.

Also, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 capped the number of residencies paid by Medicare, so there is no quick way to increase the numbers of doctors in general, let alone in rural areas, he said.

"An entire year's worth of doctor production is needed to deal with the (rural-area) shortage just today," he said.

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Ohio police look to social media for gang clues

TOLEDO (AP) — In a video uploaded to YouTube, a man boasts in a rap that "I don't talk about the murder" and claims to invoke fear in people around the city.

"I got a whopper in my pocket, I ain't talkin' 'bout a burger," he continues as the camera pans to show a revolver in his hand.

The Internet has dozens of these videos — not all music videos — in which young men proclaim gang affiliations and flash guns and colors.

"We do use it as an intelligence tool, no doubt about it," said Toledo police Sgt. Joe Heffernan. "If someone is going to put on the Internet for the whole world to see that they're in a gang or that they're committing criminal activity, we're going to use that information to solve crimes and complete our mission, which is to keep the community safe."

Videos appear on the social media site from a number of groups that Toledo police have identified as gangs, including the Manor Boys, Cherry Woodz, Lil Heads, X Blocc, Stickney 33, and the Choloz.

In one video, Tremayne Griffin, a Manor Boy who Toledo police have said was one of the most dangerous men in the city, is shown holding a gun in the air.

That video was uploaded in 2010. Griffin is now in prison serving nearly 22 years after he was found guilty for shooting five people in two separate incidents.

In some of the videos, the men sometimes make threats to rival gangs.

In one video posted by X Blocc, a Crip affiliate, different men call out a Blood-affiliated gang, Stickney 33.

X Blocc, in the video, claims Highland, Parkwood, and Glenwood avenues as its territory. Stickney 33 is, as its name suggests, based on Stickney Avenue in north Toledo.

Another video, posted by the Woodstocc and Parkside Crips — who consider Woodstock Avenue and Parkside Boulevard to be home — tells the men on Fernwood Avenue, "when I see you I'm knocking you out."

Fernwood Avenue is known as a Blood territory and home to the Lil Heads, also known as the Smith Park Boys.

In a Lil Heads music video posted this spring, one rapper says, "(Forget) da crabs, dis Bloods."

In gang culture, "crabs" is a derogatory term used by Bloods to describe Crips.

"We look at every situation and try to prioritize the threat," Heffernan said. "If we see something on a social media site, like YouTube, Facebook, or Twitter where we think it's a credible threat, we're going to act on that. A lot of times we're unable to tell if it's a credible threat or not, and quite frankly, there's so much bragging and baloney on there that a lot of it is hard to take seriously."

Heffernan declined to say whether any cases have been solved using information found on social media sites, but added that Toledo police have been using the tools for years.

"I think that when somebody gets on a video like that with a firearm and acts in a violent fashion, that they're making a statement about who they are and what their lifestyle is about," he said. " . I can't explain why people do the things they do."

Police have said this year that a number of shootings and homicides are gang related, including the recent killing of a 1-year-old girl.

Police believe that the shooters thought they were firing into a Moody Manor apartment -- claimed by the Manor Boys -- to take down a member of the Cherry Woodz, a gang at the Greenbelt Place apartments.

Keondra Hooks was shot once in the head when at least 12 rounds were fired on Aug. 9 into an apartment where she and her sister were sleeping. Keondra died 12 hours later at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center. Her sister, Leondra Hooks, 2, was shot in the chest but survived.

Three men, all Manor Boys, have been arrested and charged with obstructing official business. Keshawn Jennings, James Moore, and Antwaine Jones are all in the Lucas County jail in lieu of a $500,000 bond.

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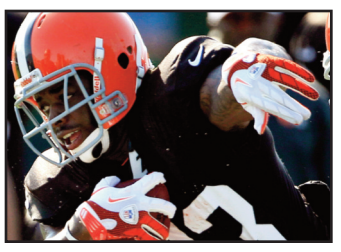

PREP ROUNDUP

West Branch's Dylan Greenawalt controls the ball during the team's game against Columbiana Saturday. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

Warriors, Quakers win on the pitch

Staff Reports

Boys Soccer

Salem 4, Warsaw Riverside 1

SALEM — Salem defeated Warsaw Riverside Saturday 4-1. Brad Larson scored two goals for Salem. Dan Rumsey scored two goals and added an assist. Blake Veglia had two assists, and Zach Economous had six saves in goal.

Salem (4-1) plays Tuesday at Canton South.

West Branch 5, Columbiana 0

BELOIT — West Branch improved to 3-1 on the season with a 5-0 win over Columbiana Saturday.

Skyler Gaver and Dylan Greenawalt had two goals each. Alex Schaeffer added a goal and an assist. Dalton Young and Ben Shoemaker added assists.

West Branch hosts Alliance Tuesday.

United 3, Carrollton 2

HANOVERTON — United defeated Carrollton 3-2 in soccer action Saturday. Scoring was Cole Weikart with two goals. Frankie MItchell added one. Andrew Martin and Frakie Mitchell both had assists. United (1-2-1) plays Wednesday at Crestview.

Volleyball

West Branch loses pair

BELOIT — West Branch lost twice in a tri-match against Southeast and Crestwood Saturday.

The Warriors lost 25-12, 25-18 to Southeast. Leading West Branch was Kaylee Manning with three points and two aces. Pavin Heath and Madi Malloy had four assists each. Kyla Sharp added five digs. West Branch fell to Crestwood 25-8, 25-17. Taryn Hahn had three points, two aces five kills and four blocks. Madi Mallou had seven assists, and Kyla Sharp added 11 digs. Pavin Heath had 10 digs.

West Branch also fell in the J.V. contests, 25-23, 25-22 to Crestwood and 25-11, 25-13 to Southeast. Lexington Pittman had three kills.

West Branch (2-4) travels to Minerva Tuesday and to Salem Thursday.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL — OHIO STATE IMPRESSIVE IN SEASON OPENER

Buckeyes back

Ohio State rolls Miami, Ohio in Urban Meyer's debut 56-10

Ohio State's Carlos Hyde plunges past Miami's Jaytee Swanson for a touchdown Saturday at Ohio Stadium in Columbus. Ohio State won 56-10. (Salem News/J.D. Creer)

COLUMBUS (AP) — Devin Smith made the catch of his life to finally light the fuse for Urban Meyer's shiny new offense.

Then Braxton Miller took over and Ohio State's first game with its new coach turned into one long party for the Buckeyes.

Miller rushed for 161 yards, a record for an Ohio State quarterback, running for one touchdown and throwing for two more on Saturday to lead the way to a 56-10 victory over Miami (Ohio).

But it was Smith's leaping, twisting one-handed grab in the end zone that jumpstarted the Buckeyes.

"That was a moment that ignited the stadium," Meyer said. "The stadium got quiet, our sideline got quiet — we were waiting for a play to happen. And he went up and made a play."

With the Buckeyes trailing 3-0 early in the second quarter, Smith's spectacular reception turned the game around.

Taking over at their own 17 after a punt, the Buckeyes needed just four plays to cover the distance and take the lead for good. Miller used a play-action fake to freeze the defense before hitting Corey Brown for a 38-yard gain to the Miami 23.

See OSU, 2B

Ohio spoils Penn State's return

Bobcats rally from 14-3 halftime deficit to beat Nittany Lions 24-14 in State College

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — A white towel draped over his shoulder, the new Penn State coach in the white polo shirt donned headphones to communicate with his assistants in the press box as he paced the sideline.

These are now Bill O'Brien's Nittany Lions — and they are off to a disappointing start.

In front of 97,000 vocal fans eager to just watch football again, Penn State let an 11-point halftime lead slip away and Ohio quarterback Tyler Tettleton accounted for three second-half touchdowns to hand O'Brien a 24-14 loss in his coaching

See PSU, 2B

Ohio running back Beau Blankenship (22) is brought down by Penn State linebackers Michael Mauti (42) and Glenn Carson (40) after a short gain during the fourth quarter at Beaver Stadium in State College, Pa., Saturday. Ohio won 24-14. (AP Photo)

Notre Dame's George Atkinson, right, reacts with Theo Riddick, left, after scoring a touchdown against the Navy during their game in Dublin, Ireland, Saturday. (AP Photo)

Irish win in Ireland

Notre Dame runs wild, sinks Navy 50-10

DUBLIN (AP) — Notre Dame's trip to Ireland could not have gone much better.

The Fighting Irish eased in their new quarterback, showed they have a couple of capable replacements for their suspended star running back and even got a touchdown from a 300-pound defensive lineman.

Theo Riddick and George Atkinson both ran for two scores and defensive end Stephon Tuitt returned a fumble 77 yards for another TD as Notre Dame routed Navy 50-10 in Saturday's season opener in Ireland.

A crowd of 49,000, mostly visiting Americans, filled Dublin's Aviva Stadium for the first U.S. college game in Ireland since 1996, when the same two teams played in the Emerald Isle Classic.

It was no classic, regardless of the enthusiasm of the fans, who did the wave even as both sides sent in substitutes in fourth-quarter garbage time.

The Fighting Irish domi-

See IRISH, 5B

GOLF

Rory McIlroy, from Northern Ireland, reacts after a putt during the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Saturday. (AP Photo)

McIlroy takes lead in Boston

Tiger two back at 10-under par

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods played together in the opening two rounds of the season in Abu Dhabi. They were together again for the opening two rounds at Bethpage Black for the start of the FedEx Cup playoffs. The idea is to get them together with a trophy on the line.

Both took a step in that direction Saturday in the Deutsche Bank Championship.

McIlroy went from one extreme to another on par 5s just 30 minutes apart — a 4-iron into 10 feet for eagle on No. 18, a 5-wood in the water for bogey on No. 2 — but steadied himself for another 6-under 65.

Woods, playing in the afternoon, had three birdies on the opening six holes until he could no longer get a putt to drop. He made birdie putts of 30 feet and 15 feet late in the round to salvage a 68, which left him only two shots behind.

In between was Louis Oosthuizen, the former British Open champion with one of the purest swings in golf. Oosthuizen had four 2s on his card of 65, and goes into the third round just one shot behind and in the final group with McIlroy.

"Everything seemed to work pretty well out there," McIlroy said. "I felt like I drove the ball a bit better today and hit more fairways, which gave me some more opportunities to make birdies. And I was putting well enough to take a few of those. Yeah, pleased with where I am and looking forward to the weekend."

The weekend is half over, as this FedEx Cup playoff event is known for its Labor Day finish. There remains plenty of work to be done,

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LEADERBOARD

Rory McIlroy	-12
Louis Oosthuizen	-11
Ryan Moore	-10
Tiger Woods	-10
Notables:	
Jason Dufner	-9
Phil Mickelson	-6
Luke Donald`	-3
Lee Westwood	-3

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2CHOICES

Weekly sports poll

Lance Armstrong. Did he cheat or not?

Previously asked

High school football starts this week. Will the Salem Quakers do better in the win column than last season's 5-victory total?

Yes	39%
No	61%

New poll weekly! Vote and discuss in the sports section of **www.salemnews.net**

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SPEED — Formula One, Grand Prix of Belgium, at Francorchamps, Belgium
12:30 p.m.
NBCSN — IRL, Indy Lights, at Baltimore
2 p.m.
NBCSN — IRL, IndyCar, Baltimore Grand Prix
5 p.m.
ESPN2 — NHRA, qualifying for U.S. Nationals, at Indianapolis (same-day tape)
7:30 p.m.
ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, AdvoCare 500, at Hampton, Ga.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Noon
ESPN — FCS, Alabama St. vs. Bethune-Cookman, at Orlando, Fla.
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ESPN — Kentucky at Louisville
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FSN — SMU at Baylor
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TGC — European PGA Tour, European Masters, final round, at Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland
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TGC — PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, third round, at Norton, Mass.
3 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour, Deutsche Bank Championship, third round, at Norton, Mass.
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TGC — Web.com Tour, Mylan Classic, final round, at Canonsburg, Pa. (same-day tape)
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1 p.m.
TBS — Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees
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WGN — San Francisco at Chicago Cubs
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Chicago White Sox at Detroit
PREP FOOTBALL
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — Teams TBA
SOCCER
9 p.m.
NBCSN — MLS, Chivas USA at San Jose
TENNIS
11 a.m.
CBS — U.S. Open, men's third and women's fourth round, at New York

2DAYINSPORTS

Sept. 2

1901 — Seven-year-old Ogden wins two races in a single day at Sheepshead Bay race track in Coney Island, N.Y. Ogden edges Cameron by a head in the second race on the card, a six furlong sprint on the main track. In the sixth race, a 1 1-16 mile distance on the turf, Ogden beats Monarka by a length.

1908 — Tommy Burns knocks out Bill Lang in the sixth round in Melbourne for his last successful defense of his heavyweight title.

1924 — Bill Tilden wins his fifth straight U.S. men's singles title with a 6-1, 9-7, 6-2 victory over Bill Johnston.

1940 — Byron Nelson wins the PGA by beating Sam Snead 1-up at the Hershey Country Club in Pennsylvania.

1984 — Phil Simms passes for 409 yards, including 306 in the first half, and four touchdowns to lead the New York Giants to a 28-27 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles.

1984 — In his first NFL start, Atlanta's Gerald Riggs rushes for 202 yards and scores two touchdowns as the Falcons beat New Orleans 36-28.

1991 — Jimmy Connors turns 39 years old and comes back from a two-sets-to-one and a 2-5 fifth-set deficit to defeat 24-year-old Aaron Krickstein, 3-6, 7-6, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6. The fourth-round Labor Day match lasts four hours and 41 minutes.

ROUND
FROM 1B

Lowellville drops Leetonia

LEETONIA — Lowellville knocked off Leetonia 25-15, 25-19, 18-25, 19-25, 15-9 Thursday. Courtney Conklin had 15 points, 11 aces and 11 kills for the Rockets.

The Bears were led by McKinzie Smith with 8 kills, 6 aces and 82 assists. Carly Minehart had four kills and three aces.

Leetonia will host Columbiana Tuesday.

Heartland sweeps tri-match

LISBON — Heartland Christian improved to 6-0 on the season beating Lisbon 25-21, 25-22, and beating Sebring 25-13, 25-5. In the first contest for Heartland, Olivia Test had five digs, eight kills and 11 points. Kristen Osborn had 15 kills three blocks and six points.

For Lisbon, Alexis Summers had five kills, 10 digs and four points, and Kenadee Pezzano added five digs, five blocks and four kills.

In Heartland's win over Sebring, Test added eight kills and two blocks. Osborn had seven kills, 10 points and four aces.

Sebring's Maria Bevins had four digs, three points and two aces.

Lisbon beat Sebring 25-11, 25-20. Pezzano had six kills and two digs. Taylor Siefke added six kills and two digs. Summers had four kills, two aces and three digs.

Bevins had seven digs, six points and four aces for Sebring.

The Lisbon J.V. team also beat Sebring 25-20, 26-24. Jenna Dickson had four aces, four kills and four digs.

West Branch's Skyler Gaver and Columbiana's Nick Baylor battle for control of the ball. Also shown are Columbiana's Shawn Kramer and Zack Good and West Branch's Justin Schuster and Jake Davis. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

Lisbon is now 2-3.

Golf

Salem 213, Minerva 223

MINERVA — Salem dropped Minerva 213-223 Thursday in girls golf action.

Leading the Lady Quakers was Hannah Rohrabaugh with a 49, good enough for medalist honors. Niki Slaven and Courtney Halter shot 54s, while Allison Oshnock and Carli Hochadel shot 56s.

Brogan Petree shot 53 for Minerva.

East Palestine 172, Mineral Ridge 177

EAST PALESTINE — East Palestine evened things up with Mineral Ridge in Tier 1 of the Inter-Tri County League with a 172-177 win.

Alec Dumbauld and Ryen Kemp both posted 42s, D.J. Bandy shot 42 and Phil Grener 45.

Josh Durig was medalist for Ridge with a 40.

East Palestine and Mineral Ridge both now have identical 7-1 league records. The Bulldogs are 9-1 overall.

Jackson-Milton 171, Lisbon 200

LISBON — Jackson-Milton dropped Lisbon 171-200 in golf action. Leading the Bluejays was Chance Proverbs with a 41.

Avery Andric shot 48 for Lisbon. Lucas Tolson shot 49, Logan Kress 50 and Jordan Rutecki 53.

South Range 176, United 176

HANVOERTON — South Range defeated United on the fifth-man tiebreaker Thursday at Eagle Pass. Both teams posted 176.

Leading United was Bradley Miller with a 38. Kasen Smith shot 41, Caleb Berdine 47 and Hayden Wilson 50.

For Range, B.J. Schmitt shot 41, Jonah Wilson 44, Nick Wiery 45 and Logan Zarnich 46.

United (5-7, 4-5 ITCL Tier 1) hosts Crestview Tuesday.

Crestview 181, Brookfield 183, Springfield 214

COLUMBIANA — Crestview won a tri-match with Brookfield and Springfield Thursday at Copeland Hills.

Leading Crestview (8-7) was Robert Logan, Enzo Lucci and Craig Landsberger with 45s.

Freshman football

Salem vs. Springfield

NEW MIDDLETOWN — The Salem freshman football team played at Springfield and won 12-6. Matthew Weingart tossed a TD pass for the Quakers.

Tyler Simms had a TD reception and Brandon Kitts recovered a fumble.

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debut.

"I thought it was a great atmosphere in the stands," O'Brien said before stoically taking responsibility for the loss. "Again, it starts with me and coaching better and making sure we play better next time."

For many fans, just watching a game at Beaver Stadium represented a small victory following a trying offseason that included the death of former coach Joe Paterno, and crippling NCAA sanctions placed on the program for the Jerry Sandusky child abuse scandal.

"We are ... Penn State," the anxious crowd roared in the fourth quarter, even in the final minutes with defeat assured. It was the first loss to open a season for Penn State since falling 33-7 to Miami in 2001.

"It got everyone back together," fan Lisa Weller, 48, of Charlotte, N.C., referring to the team and the massive Penn State fan base, said about Saturday's game. "Everyone is going to move forward.'

Matt McGloin threw for 260 yards and two touchdowns guiding Penn State's new-look offense.

There were some other changes, too: players' names on the backs of the uniforms, and blue ribbons on the back of the helmets to show support for victims of child sexual abuse.

Long a model for stability, the scandal lurched the program into a rebuilding project no one expected a year ago.

Now Penn State is playing without someone named Paterno on the sideline for the first time since 1949. The late Hall of Famer arrived in Happy Valley as an assistant in 1950 and took over as head coach in 1966.

The man known in these parts as "JoePa" stayed on the job for 46 seasons before his firing last November days after Sandusky, his former defensive coordinator, was arrested.

Paterno's widow, Sue Paterno, watched the game from a stadium suite. Paterno died in January, and as part of his employment agreement the family got use of the suite for 25 years.

O'Brien took over in January after serving as offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots. From his first day on the job, he promised to stay focused on the present and the future of Penn State football.

O'Brien spent much of the afternoon pacing the same sideline that Paterno once walked with his trademark khakis and jet-black sneakers.

With the towel, the new coach sported a look reminiscent of Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson.

Even in defeat, Saturday was a huge first step.

"We were obviously emotional," guard John Urschel said.

"We've been extremely excited to get back to playing football, but at the same time, we managed our emotions once the game got going. We got back into football mode, just playing the game."

Ohio coach Frank Solich knew Saturday would be unlike an average game day.

"We knew that we were going to have to take on a surge. That surge would come from their fans, come from their players, the atmosphere. We knew it would be a difficult atmosphere to play in," Solich said. "What we told them is, 'We just have to keep pounding fellas. This is a game that's going to be a four-quarter football game.'"

McGloin was 27 for 48 passing — both career-highs — with one interception, while sophomore Allen Robinson had a nice debut as the No. 1 wideout with nine catches on 97 yards.

But the pesky Bobcats weren't the typical season-opening pushover for Penn State.

"I thought there was some definite good out there," O'Brien said. "But we've got to be able to string plays together, and coaching on offense, it starts with me ... When the defense is on the field, we've got to get stops."

Trailing 14-3 at halftime, Tettleton hit Landon Smith on a 43-yard touchdown pass that had first tipped off the hands of Penn State defensive back Stephen Obeng-Agyapong with 10:40 in the third quarter.

Tettleton scampered in from a yard out to take a 17-14 lead almost seven minutes later.

Tettleton finished 31 of 41 passing for 324 yards and two scores, and added 47 yards and a score on nine carries on the ground. Beau Blankenship had 109 yards on 31 carries.

Penn State's front seven — thought to be the strength of the team — got dented by Ohio's fast-paced offense. Warm, humid conditions also seemed to tire players, and cornerback Stephon Morris later left with an ankle injury.

"I think the line was able to take control of the game. I think we wore them down a little bit," Solich said. "I think maybe our pace took a toll and did help us in the game."

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Miller then threw high and hard into the right corner of the end zone where Smith leaped in front of defender Dayonne Nunley, snagged the ball with his right hand and pulled it in as he crashed to the ground.

"It looked like it was going out of bounds. I just stuck my hand up there and caught it," Smith said. "When we lined up, Braxton looked at me and shook his head like, 'Let's go!' And then we made the play."

If the highlight-reel reception ignited the Buckeyes, Miller took it from there. After the offense mustered only 48 yards in the first quarter it rolled to 297 in the second and then never slowed down.

Miller transformed the game into a rout.

He stutter-stepped a defender for a 65-yard score just 17 seconds into the second half. In addition to his 161 yards on 17 carries, he ended up 14-of-24 passing for 207 yards. He also had a 5-yard scoring pass to Corey Brown.

"One of the things about Braxton Miller that I really had to see and that I did see today is that (he went from) an athlete playing quarterback to a quarterback who manages (the game)," Meyer said. "He has to manage basically the entire offense, he's got to stay positive, he has to be a leader — and he showed that."

Miller scored just 17 seconds into the second half, juking and then speeding past the Redhawks' D.J. Brown down the left sideline.

"I was just trying to get away from a guy," Miller said.

Miami coach Don Treadwell was impressed by what he saw.

"He's an exceptional athlete," he said. "Most of the times you can get a guy like that in space one on one, you're probably going to take those chances."

Moments after Miller's long run, a high snap tipped off the fingertips of Miami punter Zac Murphy, with Bradley Roby winning a scrum in the end zone for the touchdown and a 35-3 lead.

That wasn't the end of the Buckeyes' big performers. Travis Howard had two interceptions and Carlos Hyde scored on 4- and 8-yard runs for Ohio State. Miller and Hyde, who had 82 yards on 17 carries, helped the Buckeyes roll up 294 yards on the ground and 244 through the air.

The first quarter — four punts in as many possessions — seemed like a rewind of spring practice, when Meyer said the offense's fits and starts looked like "a clown show."

"We came out slow, but once we got on a roll we got going," Hyde said. "It was exciting once we started to put it all together."

The RedHawks also bumbled their way through the early going.

Zac Dysert, who completed 31 of 53 passes for 303 yards and one touchdown with the two interceptions, was victimized by dropped throws again and again.

Three times it appeared the RedHawks had a first down after a catch when the ball abruptly came loose.

"We should have scored a couple of touchdowns early but it didn't happen," said Dysert, whom Meyer called a future NFL quarterback. "Those are plays you've got to make."

Once Smith helped the Buckeyes break the ice, they kept scoring.

Miller's rushing total eclipsed the previous record of 146 yards set by Cornelius Greene against Wisconsin in 1974.

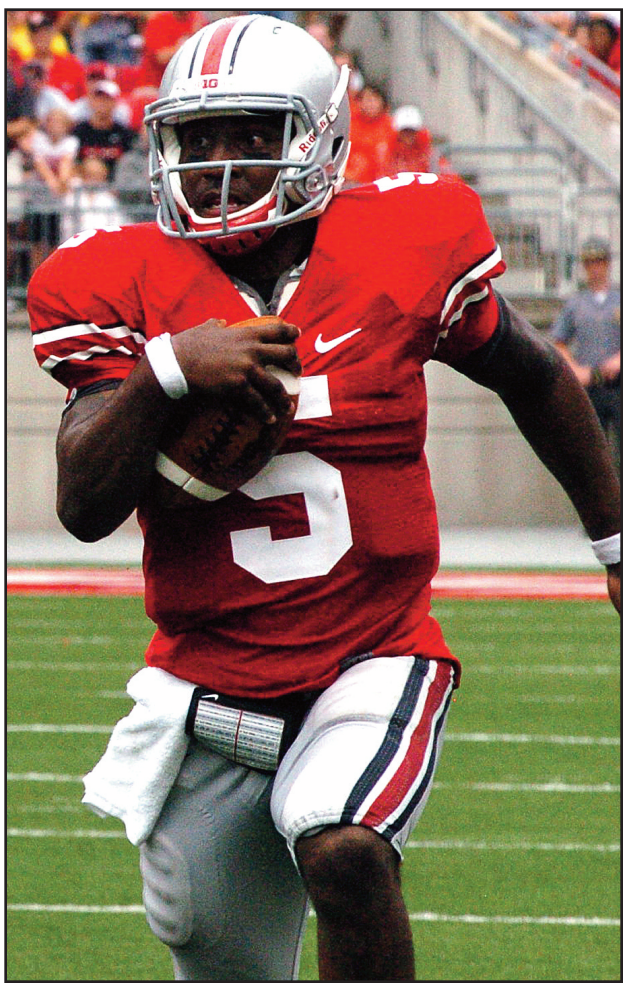
"This is a different type of offense," Miller said. "You expect big yards in this type of offense."

Meyer, who won two national titles at Florida, is unbeaten in 11 season openers. He had worked as a TV analyst a year ago after stepping down from the Gators job due to health and family considerations.

Meyer took over a battered program that was nailed by suspensions and NCAA investigations last year while going 6-7 last year, the program's first losing record since 1988. As a result of NCAA violations committed under the Jim Tressel regime, the Buckeyes are banned from playing in a bowl game after the season.

After all the program had been through, Meyer was hoping for the best. It just took a little longer than he might have expected.

"I just wanted it to be a good day for Ohio State football," he said. "And I believe it was."



Ohio State's Braxton Miller carries for a touchdown Saturday during the team's game against Miami, Ohio in Columbus. (Salem News/J.D. Creer)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Youngstown St. shocks Pitt

Penguins travel to Pittsburgh and pull off 31-17 upset

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kurt Hess passed for 154 yards and two touchdowns as Youngstown State of the Football Championship Subdivision spoiled Paul Chryst's debut as Pittsburgh's coach in a 31-17 upset on Saturday night in the season opener for both schools.

Andre Stubbs ran for 71 yards and a score, and also added 61 yards receiving and another touchdown as the Penguins beat a Football Bowl Subdivision team for the first time in 12 years. It was the team's first win over Bowl Championship Series opponent in history.

This wasn't a last-second stunner. The Penguins never trailed, controlling the ball and the tempo with a spread offense that kept the Panthers off balance during a soggy night at Heinz Field.

Tino Sunseri threw for 239 yards and a score for Pitt, but the Panthers had no answer for the Penguins while losing to a FCS program for the first time.

The Panthers brought in Chryst in January hoping the former Wisconsin offensive coordinator could bring a sense of calm to a program that went through three coaches in 15 months.

While the straight-talking Chyrst has won over the locker room, winning his first game will take a while longer.

Youngstown State, which won four FCS titles in the '90s, is looking to rebuild under third-year coach Eric Wolford.

Consider the project well ahead of schedule.

The Penguins, who hung tough in last year's season opener at Michigan State, insisted they could hang with the Panthers and went out and proved it with four quarters of nearly flawless football. Youngstown State held the ball for more than 35 minutes, converted 11 of 16 third downs and never turned it over.

Though Chryst was brought in to give Pitt's offense some spark, he was concerned about a defense that features seven new starters. The Panthers certainly looked inexperienced as the Penguins put together a series of clock-chewing, game-shortening drives.

Youngstown State scored the first two times it had the ball en route to a 14-10 halftime lead, putting together scoring drives of 79 and 92 yards. Then the Penguins got bold. With Hess deftly taking them downfield to open the second half, Youngstown State faced a fourth-and-1 from the Pitt 23. Hess pitched the ball to tailback Jamaine Cook, who pulled up and hit a wide open Will Shaw for a score to put the Penguins up 21-10.

The Panthers never recovered. Pitt tried to answer Youngstown State's score with a gamble of its own midway through the third quarter. Only Isaac Bennett stutter-stepped and never came close on fourth-and-1 from the Penguins' 21. Hess responded by guiding another lengthy drive, capped by 13-yard burst by Stubbs that gave Youngstown State a 28-10 lead.

Though the Panthers pulled within 28-17 on a 35-yard strike from Sunseri to Joshua Brinson, they would get no closer. Youngstown State added a late field goal for the final margin as the Chryst era began with a thud. Chryst suspended six players before kickoff for disciplinary reasons, including freshman running back Rushel Shell, the leading rusher in Pennsylvania high school history. Senior running back Ray Graham returned from a torn ACL in his right knee that cut short his 2011 season to rush for 71 yards on 14 carries.

NFL

Richardson may play opener

BEREA (AP) — Sidelined and hidden from public view for nearly a month, Browns rookie running back Trent Richardson might play in Cleveland's season opener.

Richardson, who underwent knee surgery Aug. 9, rode a stationary bike before Saturday's practice and remained on the field with his teammates as they began preparing for next week's game against Philadelphia. Browns coach Pat Shurmur said Richardson has been running — and even taking part in some contact drills— and that if he's able to practice this week, he'll face the Eagles.

"If he's ready, he'll play," Shurmur said.

The No. 3 overall pick in April's NFL draft, Richardson had an arthroscopic procedure done on his left knee last month, his second operation since helping Alabama win the national championship in January. Richardson did not play in any of Cleveland's four exhibition games, and before Saturday the 22-year-old hadn't been seen around Cleveland's training facility except for one day when he came out briefly to sign autographs for fans.

Shurmur and general manager Tom Heckert both said Richardson, who has remained in top physical shape while he's been out, has been rehabbing inside and making major progress.

In fact, Heckert doesn't think Richardson needs much practice time to play.

"This kid is a little different cat," Heckert said. "I think he's ready to go pretty quick compared to some guys I've been around. Shape-wise, you do not have to worry about that at all."

Heckert said the Browns will be careful not overload Richardson in his first game, but if he's on the field, he's going to carry the ball.

"I don't think we're going to let him touch the ball 50 times," Heckert said. "But hey, if he's ready to go, he's ready to go."

Richardson was not available for comment. A member of the media relations staff said Richardson left the field early to work with trainers. Reporters are only permitted to watch the first 15 minutes of practice.

In this July 29 file photo, Cleveland Browns running back Trent Richardson, left, tries to get past linebacker Scott Fujita during NFL football training camp in Berea, Ohio. Coming off a dismal 4-12 season, their eighth in nine years of at least 10 losses, the Browns enter 2012 with high hopes and low expectations. The Browns are scheduled to begin their regular season on Sept. 9 at home against the Philadelphia Eagles. (AP Photo)

The Browns are counting on Richardson to improve an offense that scored just 218 points last season. Simply having Richardson on the field will give the Eagles something to consider when they put together a game plan against a Cleveland team they throttled 27-10 in an exhibition on Aug. 24.

Richardson, who rushed for 3,130 yards and scored 35 touchdowns in college, didn't disappoint the Browns early in training camp before he got hurt and needed surgery. He showed an exceptional burst of speed, good hands and appears to be the breakaway threat the Browns have coveted for years.

Linebacker D'Qwell Jackson compared Richardson to Jacksonville star Maurice Jones-Drew.

"He's a specimen," Jackson said. "He's small, but from my position, when he was practicing, it's hard to find him behind the offensive linemen and he's so quick and has great vision. As long as he stays healthy, he'll be a load for anybody. Not to take anything away from Jones-Drew, he's a tremendous back, I think Trent can be just as effective."

If Richardson can't start, Montario Hardesty or Brandon Jackson would take his place. Cleveland's other option at running back, Chris Ogbonnaya, is still recovering from a high ankle sprain.

Shurmur stressed the Browns will be smart with Richardson when he returns. There's no sense in pushing things in the first week.

Shurmur also made it clear he didn't want to reveal too much about Richardson's situation so as not to give the Eagles any information.

"He's been doing great behind the scenes as far as getting himself ready to play," Shurmur said. "You've got to understand at this point now, we don't have to talk about that stuff, and I think it's important that our guys race to get back. As we get near the end of the week, the league will tell us what we have to talk about. There are a couple of messages behind that. Number one, I trust every player we put out there.

"The guys that are injured have got to race back. There needs to be some anxiety on their part to get back because they're watching someone else possibly take their job. Number two, I don't think it important for us to just tell the world about where we are at. That's just my feelings on that. Maybe that's just me in year two."

Count backup quarterback Colt McCoy among those eager to see Richardson back on the field.

"The expectations from me, from the guys in the locker room, from the organization, he's a special player," said McCoy, picked over Seneca Wallace as Cleveland's No. 2 QB. "He's going to be exciting to watch. I'm just ready for him to be healthy."

Notes: Heckert said Browns starting rookie LB James-Michael Johnson's oblique injury is "nothing serious." However, Jackson indicated his teammate could be sidelined for a while. Johnson's injury is significant because Scott Fujita is suspended for the first three games for his role in the Saints' bounty scandal. Fujita is not allowed to be at the Browns' training complex during his suspension. ... The Browns waived/injured DT Scott Paxson and waived DL Brian Sanford ... The Browns were awarded LB Tank Carder from Buffalo and DT Ishmaa'ily Kitchen from Baltimore. ... TE Benjamin Watson returned to practice after missing most of camp and the four exhibitions with a leg injury. ... Heckert said he didn't realize the Browns have 15 rookies on their 53-man roster. "It's obviously nothing we planned," he said. ... Heckert dismissed a report the Browns were interested in free-agent QB A.J. Feeley. "I haven't talked to A.J. in months," Heckert said. "I have no idea where that came from."

MLB

Indians snap six-game losing streak

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jeanmar Gomez and three Cleveland relievers combined to beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 and the Indians snapped a six-game losing streak Saturday night.

The win was Cleveland's sixth in 34 games since July 27.

Texas entered with a four-game lead in the AL West over Oakland and lost for just the fifth time in 16 games.

Gomez worked 5 2-3 innings. Joe Smith, Esmil Rogers and Vinnie Pestano finished. Pestano allowed two hits over 1 1-3 innings for his first save.

Pestano has been Chris Perez's setup man for two years, but Cleveland's All-Star closer never warmed up.

Cleveland scored four runs in the first inning off Scott Feldman (6-11). The Indians are 42-24 when scoring four or more runs.

Carlos Santana had a two-run single before Casey Kotchman and Jack Hannahan each had RBI groundouts in the first inning.

David Murphy hit his 11th homer leading off the third for the Rangers' first hit. He walked to open the fifth and scored on a sacrifice fly by Mitch Moreland to make it 4-2.

Adrian Beltre's 26th homer with two outs in the sixth made it 4-3 and finished Gomez.

Gomez allowed three runs and four hits in his first start since being recalled from Triple-A Columbus on Wednesday. The right-hander opened the season in Cleveland's rotation and was 1-1 with a 2.35 ERA in four April starts before struggling and being sent to Columbus on June 24.

Feldman settled down and pitched shutout ball for his last five innings, but fell to 0-5 in five starts since Aug. 5.

The Indians are just 12-36 since the All-Star break, with losing streaks of 11 and nine games before this six-game slide. Elvis Andrus hit safely against Cleveland for the 28th straight game, setting a Rangers record for a hitting streak against one team.

AROUND THE HORN

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Scoreboard messages available for purchase

SALEM — The Salem Athletic Boosters is offering space on the scoreboard during home football games for patrons to send messages to others (birthdays, etc.). Messages cost $5 and can be no more than 10 words. Businesses are also encouraged to place messages as well. Business messages can be no more than 15 words and will cost $50 for the entire football season. To place messages call Lorie Pallo at 330-502-3207 by 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mehaffey aces eighth at Reserve Run

BOARDMAN — Pat Mehaffey, of Salem, had a hole-in-one on the 201-yard par 3 eighth hole with a six iron at Reserve Run Golf Course in Boardman.

His playing partners were Gary Stoddard and Jim Lantz.

It was his first ever hole-in-one.

DiCross nets ace at Valley

COLUMBIANA — Nate DiCross, of Salem, had a hole-in-one on the 140-yard par 3 fourth hole at Valley Golf Club during the Knights of Columbus Leetonia Council Fundraiser tournament for the local St. Vincent DePaul food bank.

DiCross hit a pitching wedge. His partners were Steve DiCross of Leetonia, Chip Bowman of Alliance, and Jack McCallister of Columbiana.

Hart homers to lift Brewers over Pirates 3-2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Corey Hart homered to lead off the ninth inning and lift the Milwaukee Brewers to a 3-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday night.

The win was the Brewers second straight over the Pirates and the team's 10th win in its last 12 games. The Pirates lost for the ninth time in the last 12 games as Pittburgh continues to try to stay in the National League Wild Card playoff race.

Leading off the ninth inning, Hart hit the second pitch he saw from Pirates closer Joel Hanrahan (4-1) for his 26th home run of the season into the Brewers bullpen in left field. It was his third career game-ending home run.

John Axford (5-7), who got out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the ninth inning by striking out Alex Presley, got the win for the Brewers.

Error gives Astros 2-1 win over Reds

HOUSTON (AP) — Cincinnati second baseman Wilson Valdez's error on a routine grounder by Jose Altuve with two outs in the ninth inning lifted the Houston Astros to a 2-1 win over the Reds on Saturday night. Pinch-hitter Matt Downs doubled off the left field wall with two outs in the ninth. Sean Marshall (4-5) intentionally walked Matt Dominguez before hitting pinch-hitter Brandon Barnes to load the bases. Altuve hit the ball directly at Valdez, who was playing second after Brandon Phillips was ejected in the previous inning, and it rolled between his legs — allowing Downs to trot home and Houston to break a six-game skid.

Steelers sign 8 to practice squad

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers signed eight players to their practice squad Saturday, a day after each player failed to make the final 53-man roster.

The Steelers signed wide receivers David Gilreath and Toney Clemons, offensive linemen John Malecki and Ryan Lee, tight end Jamie McCoy, linebacker Marshall McFadden, safety Damon Cromartie-Smith and cornerback Josh Victorian.

Clemons was a seventh-round draft choice this spring. This is the second straight season on the practice squad for Cromartie-Smith. Gilreath played well during the preseason, catching five passes for 78 yards.

Gillislee carries Gators past Bowling Green, 27-14

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Mike Gillislee had a career-high 148 yards rushing and two touchdowns, helping No. 23 Florida beat Bowling Green 27-14 Saturday.

The performance was far from perfect for the Gators, who struggled part of the game on offense and failed to generate much pressure on defense. Still, it was enough for Florida to win its 23rd consecutive opener. The streak is the second longest in the nation behind Nebraska (27).

The Gators can thank Gillislee, Frankie Hammond and two missed field goals for the latest one.

A senior who spent the last three years playing behind Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey, Gillislee scored on runs of 15 and 38 yards in the second quarter. Hammond turned a short pass into a 50-yard score early in the fourth. Bowling Green could have had a second-half lead, but fifth-year senior Stephen Stein missed field-goal attempts of 31 and 29 yards.

Serena avenges loss to Makarova, wins at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams didn't watch any video of her Australian Open loss to Ekaterina Makarova as she prepared for their rematch at the U.S. Open.

She even hates looking at photos from defeats. But she is free to check out this match again after she won in straight sets in the third round Saturday.

Back when she used to relive those losses on tape, Williams said: "It was like stabbing myself."

No such pain so far at this year's U.S. Open. The fourth-seeded American won 6-4, 6-0, avenging her straight-set defeat in the Australian Open's fourth round.

The 42nd-ranked Makarova fell to 1-14 against top-five players.

When they played in January, Williams had seven double-faults and 37 unforced errors. The numbers Saturday were one and 16.

Top-ranked Roger Federer and third-seeded Andy Murray advanced to the fourth round on the men's side. Federer had a much easier time, beating 25th-seeded Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. Murray was helped by some mistakes in the three tiebreakers by Feliciano Lopez to win 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (6) in nearly 4 hours.

Agnieszka Radwanska, in her own words, survived her match. On a steamy day at Flushing Meadows, the second-seeded Pole was relieved to beat Jelena Jankovic in straight sets — and even that 6-3, 7-5 victory took 1 hour, 38 minutes.

"I was feeling like I was melting there," Radwanska said. "I survived the match. In the second set, I was just better for a couple of points."

Ramsay shoots 64 to lead rainy European Masters

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland (AP) — Richie Ramsay of Scotland thrived in the cold and wet Swiss Alps on Saturday, shooting a 7-under 64 for a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the European Masters.

Ramsay had six birdies and didn't drop a shot. He finished at 11 under, one shot ahead of fellow Scot Paul Lawrie (67) and Danny Willett (68) of England.

"It was a nice and steady round," said the 29-year-old Ramsay, who was at the first tee when fog suspended play in the morning. "It sounds simple, it's harder to do." Overnight leader Julien Quesne of France was another shot back after a 70. Heavy rain forced organizers to reduce the soaked par-4 sixth hole to a par 3. Fog rolled in near midday and delayed play for nearly 2 hours as the leading groups prepared to start their rounds.

Lawrie, seeking his second straight title after victory last week at Gleneagles, led until hitting out of bounds off the tee at the par-5 14th. The European Ryder Cup player made a double-bogey 7, saying he was "a bit frustrated" with his 67.

"I played lovely again today and could easily have been four or five shots better," Lawrie said. "

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES_Activated INF Wilson Betemit from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Xavier Avery, C Luis Exposito and INF Steve Tolleson from Norfolk (IL).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX_Reinstated C Tyler Flowers from the paternity list. Recalled RHP Deunte Heath and RHP Brian Omogrosso from Charlotte (IL). Purchased the contract of INF Dan Johnson from Charlotte. Reinstated INF Orlando Hudson and LHP Leyson Septimo from the 15-day DL.

CLEVELAND INDIANS_Recalled LHP Scott Barnes and 1B-OF Russ Canzler from Columbus (IL). Called up OF Thomas Neal from Akron (EL).

DETROIT TIGERS_Recalled INF-OF Ryan Raburn from Toledo and reinstated him from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Luis Marte, C Bryan Holaday and INF Danny Worth from Toledo. Purchased the contract of INF-OF Don Kelly from Toledo.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS_Recalled OF David Lough from Omaha (PCL) and C Manuel Pina from Noerthwest Arkansas (Texas).

MINNESOTA TWINS_Reinstated RHP P.J. Walters from the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Esmerling Vasquez from Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES_Recalled OF-INF Eduardo Nunez, RHP Cory Wade, RHP Adam Warren, LHP Justin Thomas and C Francisco Cervelli from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Added OF Chris Dickerson to the roster. Designated INF Ramiro Pena for assignment.

TAMPA BAY RAYS_Activated RHP Jeff Niemann off the 60-day DL. Designated INF Will Rhymes for assignment. Recalled INF Reid Brignac, C Chris Gimenez, LHP Cesar Ramos and OF Rich Thompson from Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS_Placed LHP Robbie Ross on 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 30. Recalled OF Leonys Martin, LHP Martin Perez, RHP Tanner Scheppers, INF-OF Brandon Snyder and RHP Yoshinori Tateyama from Round Rock (PCL). Purchased the contract of INF Jurickson Profar from Frisco (Texas). Designated LHP Miguel De Los Santos for assignment.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS_Activated INF Willie Bloomquist, RHP Josh Collmenter and RHP Takashi Saito for the 15-day DL. Recalled C Konrad Schmidt from Reno (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Tyler Graham from Reno. Activated INF Cody Ransom. Transferred RHP Daniel Hudson from the 15-to the 60-day DL.

ATLANTA BRAVES_Recalled OF Jose Constanza and C J.C. Boscan from Gwinnett (IL). Purchased the contracts of 1B Lyle Overbay and RHP Peter Moylan from Gwinnett. Transferred LHP Robert Fish to the 60-day DL.

CHICAGO CUBS_Recalled OF Tony Campana, OF Dave Sappelt and INF Adrian Cardenas from Iowa (PCL).

NEW YORK METS_Recalled C Mike Nickeas and INF Zach Lutz from Buffalo (IL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES_Activated OF Nate Schierholtz from 15-day DL.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES_Recalled C Eric Fryer, LHP Jeff Locke and LHP Justin Wilson from Indianapolis (IL). Selected the contracts of RHP Chris Leroux and INF Brock Holt from Indianapolis.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS_Activated OF Lance Berkman from the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Sam Freeman from Memphis (PCL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES_Promoted Named national crosschecker Billy Gasparino to director of scouting. Reinstated RHP Andrew Cashner and LHP Joe Thatcher from the 15-day DL.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS_Activated 1B Aubrey Huff, RHP Brad Penny and RHP Shane Loux from the 15-day DL. Recalled 1B Brett Pill from Fresno (PCL). Purchased the contracts of OF Xavier Nady and RHP Jean Machi from Fresno. Transferred 2B Freddy Sanchez from the 15- to the 60-day DL.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS_Recalled LHP John Lannan, C Sandy Leon and OF Eury Perez from Syracuse (IL). Reinstated INF Mark DeRosa from the 15-day DL. Reinstated C Jhonatan Solano from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Harrisburg (EL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS_Traded CB A.J. Jefferson to Minnesota for undisclosed, conditional 2013 draft picks.

ATLANTA FALCONS_Signed WR Drew Davis, OT Bryce Harris, WR Marcus Jackson, CB Peyton Thompson and DT Micanor Regis to the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS_Signed RB Anthony Allen, S Omar Brown, LB Josh Bynes, G-OT Jack Cornell and G Antoine McClain to the practice squad.

CAROLINA PANTHERS_Signed G Bryant Browning, WR Lamont Bryant, DT Nate Chandler, WR Jared Green, TE Nelson Rosario, RB Armond Smith and G Zack Williams to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS_Signed RB Armando Allen, WR Joe Anderson, QB Matt Blanchard, OT Cory Brandon, OT James Brown, CB Isaiah Frey, RB Harvey Unga and DE Aston Whiteside to the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS_Signed QB Zac Robinson, RB Dan Herron, FB Jourdan Brooks, LB Emmanuel Lamur, CB Chris Lewis-Harris, G Otis Hudson and LS Bryce Davis to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS_Claimed LB Tank Carder off waivers from Buffalo and DL Ishmaa'ily Kitchen off waivers from Baltimore. Waived DL Brian Sanford. Waived/injured DL Scott Paxson. Signed LB Solomon Elimimian, DL Ronnie Cameron, WR Josh Cooper, LB Benjamin Jacobs, FB Brad Smelley, OL Garth Gerhart, OL Jarrod Shaw and OL Jeff Shugarts to the practice squad.

DALLAS COWBOYS_Released QB Stephen McGee. Claimed TE Colin Cochart off waivers from Cincinnati. Signed WR Danny Coale, RB Lance Dunbar, RB Jamize Olawale, DT Robert Calloway, LB Orie Lemon, DE Ben Bass, WR Tim Benford and G Ron Leary to the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS_Signed RB Jeremiah Johnson, DT Ben Garland, S Duke Ihenacho, TE Cornelius Ingram, WR Greg Orton, NT Sealver Siliga and G Wayne Tribue to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS_Signed G Rodney Austin, WR Patrick Edwards, LB Carmen Messina, CB Ross Weaver and RB Stephfon Green to the practice squad.

HOUSTON TEXANS_Waived G Shelley Smith. Signed QB Case Keenum, RB Jonathan Grimes, S Eddie Pleasant, WR Jeff Maehl, DE David Hunter, TE Phillip Supernaw and LB Delano Johnson to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS_Claimed S Sergio Brown (New England), OT Mike Person (San Francisco) and NT Martin Tevaseu (N.Y. Jets) off waivers. Waived S Jermale Hines, CB D.J. Johnson and OT Ty Nsekhe. Signed DT Chigbo Anunoby, LB Jerry Brown, G Hayworth Hicks, TE Kyle Miller, WR Kashif Moore and S Latarrius Thomas to the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS_Waived/injured TE Zach Miller. Claimed TE Brett Brackett off waivers from Philadelphia. Signed QB John Parker Wilson, G Daniel Baldridge, WR Mike Brown, DE Ryan Davis, CB Antonio Dennard, G D.J. Hall, LB Joshua Jones and FB Will Ta'ufo'ou to the practice squad.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS_Signed WR Josh Bellamy, FB Patrick DiMarco, WR Junior Hemingway, DL Jerome Long, OL David Mims, WR Jamare Newsome, OL Lucas Patterson and DB Neiko Thorpe to the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS_Claimed WR Anthony Armstrong (Washington), S Troy Nolan (Houston), CB R.J. Stanford (Carolina) and LB Sammy Brown (St. Louis) off waivers. Terminated the contracts of S Tyrone Culver and RB Steve Slaton. Waived LB Jonathan Freeny and LB Josh Kaddu.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS_Claimed OL Mark Asper off waivers from Buffalo. Signed CB Bobby Felder, DT Chase Baker, G Trevor Holmes and RB Jordan Todman to the practice squad. Waived OL Pat Brown and DB Zack Bowman.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS_Acquired WR Greg Salas from St. Louis for an undisclosed draft pick. Claimed OL Matt Tennant off waivers from New Orleans. Released LB Bobby Carpenter. Signed OL Thomas Austin, FB Eric Kettani, WR Sam Kirkland, OL Matt Kopa, TE Alex Silvestro, LB Jeff Tarpinian and DB Malcolm Williams to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS_Claimed OT D.J. Jones off waivers from Philadelphia. Waived G Mitch Petrus. Signed DE Craig Marshall, DE Matt Broha, WR David Douglas, OL Matt McCants, OL Stephen Goodin, OL Selvish Capers, TE Larry Donnell and DB Laron Scott to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS_Claimed NT Isaako Aaitui (Miami), WR Clyde Gates (Miami) and TE Konrad Reuland (San Francisco) off waivers. Waived S Antonio Allen, DT Marcus Dixon and TE Dedrick Epps. Signed OT Paul Cornick, LB Marcus Dowtin, LB Ricky Sapp, TE Hayden Smith, DB Donnie Fletcher, WR Royce Pollard and WR Jordan White to the practice squad.

OAKLAND RAIDERS_Claimed DB Phillip Adams (Seattle), LB Keenan Clayton (Philadelphia) and OT Willie Smith (Washington) off waivers. Waived CB Chimdi Chekwa and CB Bryan McCann. Waived/injured DT Jamie Cumbie. Signed LB Kaelin Burnett, WR Brandon Carswell, WR Travionte Session and LB Nathan Stupar to the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES_Claimed G-OT Nathan Menkin off waivers from Houston. Released CB Trevard Lindley. Signed TE Chase Ford, FB Emil Igwenagu, WR Marvin McNutt, LB Ryan Rau and C Chase Beeler to the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS_Agreed to terms with OL Ryan Lee, OL John Malecki, WR Toney Clemons, WR David Gilreath, TE Jamie McCoy, LB Marshall McFadden, DB Damon Cromartie-Smith and DB Josh Victorian for their practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS_Signed S Michael Thomas, DT Matthew Masifilo, LB Cam Johnson, LB Michael Wilhoite, WR Nathan Palmer, DT Tony Jerod-Eddie, OT Al Netter and OT Kenny Wiggins to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS_Waived TE Kellen Winslow.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS_Claimed DT Corvey Irvin (Jacksonville), G Julian Vandervelde (Philadelphia), RB D.J. Ware (N.Y. Giants) and C-G Cody Wallace (Houston) off waivers. Released DL Wallace Gilberry. Waived G Bradley Sowell and CB Brandon McDaniel.

TENNESSEE TITANS_Signed TE Brandon Barden, DT Zach Clayton, FB Collin Mooney, WR Michael Preston and S Tracy Wilson to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS_Claimed CB Crezdon Butler from Arizona.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

PHOENIX COYOTES_Signed LW Jordan Martinook to a three-year entry level contract.

COLLEGEPITTSBURGH_Suspended RB Rushel Shell, WR Chris Davis, WR Ronald Jones, DL Tyrone Ezell, DL Shayne Hale and DB Anthony Gonzalez one game each for disciplinary reasons.

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OSU BOX

No. 18 OHIO ST. 56, MIAMI (OHIO) 10

Miami (Ohio)	3	0	7	0—10
Ohio St.	0	21	14	21—56

First Quarter
MiO_FG Patterson 22, 5:06.
Second Quarter
OSU_D.Smith 23 pass from B.Miller (Basil kick), 13:49.
OSU_C.Brown 5 pass from B.Miller (Basil kick), 11:03.
OSU_Hyde 4 run (Basil kick), 5:17.
Third Quarter
OSU_B.Miller 65 run (Basil kick), 14:43.
OSU_Roby 1 fumble return (Basil kick), 12:41.
MiO_Harwell 44 pass from Dysert (Patterson kick), 10:24.
Fourth Quarter
OSU_Hyde 8 run (Basil kick), 14:04.
OSU_Z.Boren 2 run (Basil kick), 9:33.
OSU_Dunn 4 run (Basil kick), :44.
A_105,039.

	MiO	OSU
First downs	12	27
Rushes-yards	20-(-1)	53-294
Passing	313	244
Comp-Att-Int	32-54-2	19-33-0
Return Yards	0	25
Punts-Avg.	9-37.1	7-42.1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-33	3-20
Time of Possession	28:34	31:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING_Miami (Ohio), Ju.Semmes 5-13, Rob.Williams 3-10,
Westbrook 4-7, D.Scott 1-4, Treadwell 2-4, A.Boucher 2-(minus 8),
Dysert 2-(minus 14), Team 1-(minus 17). Ohio St., B.Miller 17-161,
Hyde 17-82, Dunn 7-31, R.Smith 3-16, Guiton 5-14, Z.Boren 2-10,
D.Smith 1-2, Team 1-(minus 22).
PASSING_Miami (Ohio), Dysert 31-53-2-303, A.Boucher 1-1-0-10.
Ohio St., B.Miller 14-24-0-207, Guiton 5-9-0-37.
RECEIVING_Miami (Ohio), Harwell 8-120, Cruse 8-48, D.Scott 5-87,
Westbrook 4-19, Frazier 2-15, Rok.Williams 2-7, Ju.Semmes 1-10,
David 1-4, Marck 1-3. Ohio St., C.Brown 7-87, Spencer 3-54,
D.Smith 2-31, Stoneburner 2-28, Z.Boren 2-18, Vannett 2-13,
V.Reed 1-13.

PGA

Deutsche Bank Championship Par Scores
The Associated Press
Saturday
At TPC Boston
Norton, Mass.
Purse: $8 million
Yardage: 7,216; Par 71
Second Round

Rory McIlroy	65-65—130	-12
Louis Oosthuizen	66-65—131	-11
Ryan Moore	64-68—132	-10
Tiger Woods	64-68—132	-10
Seung-Yul Noh	62-71—133	-9
Jason Dufner	67-66—133	-9
Chris Kirk	63-70—133	-9
Charl Schwartzel	68-65—133	-9
D.A. Points	68-65—133	-9
Bryce Molder	65-69—134	-8
Charley Hoffman	67-67—134	-8
John Senden	66-69—135	-7
Dustin Johnson	67-68—135	-7
Jeff Overton	64-71—135	-7
David Hearn	67-69—136	-6
Phil Mickelson	68-68—136	-6
Greg Chalmers	69-68—137	-5
Ted Potter, Jr.	69-68—137	-5
Tom Gillis	69-69—138	-4
Ernie Els	69-69—138	-4
Robert Garrigus	71-67—138	-4
Ian Poulter	67-71—138	-4
Steve Stricker	69-69—138	-4
Adam Scott	69-69—138	-4
Kevin Stadler	68-71—139	-3
Troy Matteson	72-67—139	-3
Luke Donald	67-72—139	-3
Lee Westwood	68-71—139	-3
Brandt Snedeker	69-70—139	-3
Webb Simpson	69-70—139	-3
Matt Every	71-68—139	-3
Jonas Blixt	67-72—139	-3
Kyle Stanley	70-70—140	-2
Hunter Mahan	68-72—140	-2
Bob Estes	71-69—140	-2
Bo Van Pelt	69-71—140	-2
John Merrick	68-72—140	-2
Pat Perez	69-72—141	-1
J.B. Holmes	72-69—141	-1
Jim Furyk	69-72—141	-1
Zach Johnson	70-71—141	-1
George McNeill	71-70—141	-1
Sang-Moon Bae	69-72—141	-1
Daniel Summerhays	71-70—141	-1
Geoff Ogilvy	72-69—141	-1
William McGirt	69-72—141	-1
Carl Pettersson	71-70—141	-1
Bud Cauley	68-73—141	-1
Johnson Wagner	70-71—141	-1
Nick Watney	72-69—141	-1
Dicky Pride	69-72—141	-1
Jason Day	68-73—141	-1
Scott Piercy	72-70—142	E
Tommy Gainey	72-70—142	E
J.J. Henry	69-73—142	E
Josh Teater	71-71—142	E
Vijay Singh	73-69—142	E
Aaron Baddeley	68-74—142	E
Blake Adams	69-73—142	E
Brendon de Jonge	70-73—143	+1
Marc Leishman	72-71—143	+1
Rickie Fowler	71-72—143	+1
Bill Haas	71-72—143	+1
Martin Flores	72-71—143	+1
Harris English	70-73—143	+1
Scott Stallings	70-73—143	+1
Jonathan Byrd	72-72—144	+2
Mark Wilson	74-70—144	+2
Brian Harman	71-73—144	+2
Matt Kuchar	70-74—144	+2
Keegan Bradley	71-73—144	+2
John Huh	71-73—144	+2
Roberto Castro	72-72—144	+2
Kevin Na	69-75—144	+2
Padraig Harrington	70-74—144	+2
Jimmy Walker	73-71—144	+2
Graeme McDowell	74-70—144	+2
Sean O'Hair	70-74—144	+2
Failed to qualify		
John Rollins	69-76—145	+3
Ryan Palmer	71-74—145	+3
Tim Clark	71-74—145	+3
Ricky Barnes	71-74—145	+3
Ben Crane	74-71—145	+3
Charlie Wi	71-74—145	+3
Justin Rose	75-70—145	+3
Rory Sabbatini	71-75—146	+4
K.J. Choi	70-76—146	+4
Charles Howell III	71-76—147	+5
Martin Laird	72-75—147	+5
Ken Duke	72-75—147	+5
Graham DeLaet	72-75—147	+5
Bubba Watson	75-72—147	+5
Greg Owen	69-78—147	+5
Brian Davis	75-73—148	+6
Michael Thompson	74-75—149	+7
Cameron Tringale	73-79—152	+10
Ben Curtis	79-74—153	+11

US OPEN

US Open Glance

NEW YORK (AP) — A look at Saturday's play at the $25.5 million U.S. Open tennis championships:

WEATHER: Hot and humid. High of 88.

ATTENDANCE: Day: 37,552.

MEN'S SEEDED WINNERS (Third Round): No. 1 Roger Federer, No. 3 Andy Murray, No. 11 Nicolas Almagro, No. 12 Marin Cilic and No. 15 Milos Raonic.

MEN'S SEEDED LOSERS: No. 17 Kei Nishikori, No. 25 Fernando Verdasco, No. 30 Feliciano Lopez and No. 32 Jeremy Chardy.

WOMEN'S SEEDED WINNERS (Third Round): No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska, No. 4 Serena Williams, No. 6 Angelique Kerber, No. 10 Sara Errani and No. 20 Roberta Vinci

WOMEN'S SEEDED LOSERS: No. 13 Dominika Cibulkova, No. 14 Maria Kirilenko and No. 30 Jelena Jankovic

TOP PLAYERS ON COURT SUNDAY: Men, Third Round: No. 2 Novak Djokovic vs. No. 31 Julien Benneteau, No. 4 David Ferrer vs. Lleyton Hewitt, No. 7 Juan Martin del Potro vs. Leonardo Mayer, No. 20 Andy Roddick vs. Fabio Fognini. Women, Fourth Round: No. 1 Victoria Azarenka vs. Anna Tatishvili, No. 3 Maria Sharapova vs. No. 19 Nadia Petrova, No. 5 Petra Kvitova vs. No. 11 Marion Bartoli, No. 7 Sam Stosur vs. Laura Robson.

STAT OF THE DAY: Roger Federer converted all but one of his 27 points at net.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I was feeling like I was melting out there." — Agnieszka Radwanska on the steamy conditions.

FRIDAY ON TV (All Times EDT): CBS, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tennis Channel, 6-11 p.m.

ON THIS DATE (Sept. 2, 1977): On his 39th birthday, Jimmy Connors comes back after trailing 2-1 in sets and 2-5 in the fifth set to beat Aaron Krickstein in the fourth round. Connors eventually reached the semifinals, where he is beaten by Jim Courier.

ONLINE: http://www.usopen.org

CFB ROUNDUP

The Associated Press
Saturday

No. 1 Southern Cal (1-0) beat. Hawaii. Next: vs. Syracuse at East Rutherford, N.J., Saturday.

No. 2 Alabama (1-0) beat. No. 8 Michigan at Arlington, Texas. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Saturday.

No. 3 LSU (1-0) beat. North Texas 41-14. Next: vs. Washington, Saturday.

No. 4 Oklahoma (0-0) at UTEP. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Saturday.

No. 5 Oregon (0-0) vs. Arkansas State. Next: vs. Fresno State, Saturday.

No. 6 Georgia (1-0) beat Buffalo 45-23. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.

No. 7 Florida State (1-0) beat Murray State 69-3. Next: vs. Savannah State, Saturday.

No. 8 Michigan (0-1) lost to No. 2 Alabama at Arlington, Texas. Next: vs. Air Force, Saturday.

No. 9 South Carolina (1-0) beat Vanderbilt 17-13, Thursday. Next: East Carolina, Saturday.

No. 10 Arkansas (0-0) vs. Jacksonville State. Next: vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday.

No. 11 West Virginia (1-0) beat Marshall 69-34. Next: vs. James Madison at Landover, Md., Sept. 15.

No. 12 Wisconsin (1-0) beat Northern Iowa 26-21. Next: at Oregon State, Saturday.

No. 13 Michigan State (1-0) beat No. 24 Boise State 17-13, Friday. Next: at Central Michigan, Saturday.

No. 14 Clemson (1-0) beat Auburn 26-19 at Atlanta. Next: vs. Ball State, Saturday.

No. 15 Texas (1-0) beat. Wyoming. Next: vs. New Mexico, Saturday.

No. 16 Virginia Tech (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Monday.

No. 17 Nebraska (1-0) beat Southern Miss 49-20. Next: at UCLA, Saturday.

No. 18 Ohio State (1-0) beat Miami (Ohio) 56-10. Next: vs. UCF, Saturday.

No. 19 Oklahoma State (0-0) vs. Savannah State. Next: at Arizona, Saturday.

No. 20 TCU (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Grambling, Saturday.

No. 21 Stanford (1-0) beat San Jose State 20-17, Friday. Next: vs. Duke, Saturday.

No. 22 Kansas State (0-0) vs. Missouri State. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.

No. 23 Florida (1-0) beat Bowling Green 27-14. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.

No. 24 Boise State (0-1) lost to No. 13 Michigan State 17-13, Friday. Next: vs. Miami (Ohio), Sept. 15.

No. 25 Louisville (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Sunday.

NASCAR

NASCAR-Sprint Cup-AdvoCare 500
Lineup The Associated Press
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Atlanta Motor SpeedwayHampton, Ga.Lap length: 1.54 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 186.121 mph.
2. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 185.648.
3. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 185.493.
4. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 185.319.
5. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 185.307.
6. (55) Mark Martin, Toyota, 185.232.
7. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 185.22.
8. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 185.139.
9. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 185.084.
10. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 185.053.
11. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 184.997.
12. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 184.929.
13. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 184.874.
14. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 184.738.
15. (22) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 184.609.
16. (51) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 184.566.
17. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 184.48.
18. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 184.425.
19. (13) Casey Mears, Ford, 184.082.
20. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 184.07.
21. (2) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 184.058.
22. (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 183.747.
23. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 183.673.
24. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 183.643.
25. (47) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 183.509.
26. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 183.412.
27. (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 183.388.
28. (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 183.37.
29. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 183.364.
30. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 183.333.
31. (30) David Stremme, Toyota, 183.037.
32. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 182.886.
33. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 182.759.
34. (49) Jason Leffler, Toyota, 182.675.
35. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 182.627.
36. (95) Scott Speed, Ford, 182.549.
37. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 182.38.
38. (91) Reed Sorenson, Toyota, 182.189.
39. (23) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 182.141.
40. (83) Landon Cassill, Toyota, Owner Points.
41. (93) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, Owner Points.
42. (32) T.J. Bell, Ford, Owner Points.
43. (37) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 182.069.

INDIANS BOX

Indians 4, Rangers 3

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	0	0	0	Choo rf	3	1	2	0
Andrus dh	4	0	1	0	Kipnis 2b	4	1	1	0
Hamltn cf	4	0	0	0	CSantn c	4	1	1	2
Beltre 3b	4	1	3	1	Brantly cf	4	1	1	0
N.Cruz rf	3	0	1	0	Canzler dh	4	0	2	0
MiYong ss	4	0	0	0	Ktchm 1b	3	0	0	1
DvMrp lf	3	2	2	1	Hannhn 3b	3	0	0	1
Soto c	4	0	1	0	Donald ss	3	0	0	0
Morlnd 1b	3	0	0	1	AsCarr ss	0	0	0	0
Carrer lf	3	0	0	0					
Totals	33	3	8	3	Totals	31	4	7	4

Texas 001011000—3
Cleveland 40000000x—4

DP_Cleveland 1. LOB_Texas 6, Cleveland 4. 2B_Beltre (30), Kipnis (17). HR_Beltre (26), Dav.Murphy (12). SB_Choo (16). SF_Moreland.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Feldman L,6-11	6	6	4	4	1	5
Ogando	1	1	0	0	0	2
Uehara	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland						
J.Gomez W,5-7	5	2-3	4	3	3	2
J.Smith H,16	1	1-3	1	0	0	1
E.Rogers H,2		2-3	1	0	0	0
Pestano S,1-3	1	1-3	2	0	0	1

Umpires_Home, Chris Guccione; First, D.J. Reyburn; Second, Jeff Nelson; Third, Bill Welke.
T_2:38. A_17,218 (43,429).

PIRATES BOX

Brewers 3, Pirates 2

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Presley lf	4	0	1	0	Morgan rf	4	0	0	0
Snider rf	3	0	0	0	Axford p	0	0	0	0
AMcCt cf	4	0	2	1	RWeks 2b	4	0	1	0
GJones 1b	4	0	1	0	Braun lf	2	0	0	0
PAlvrz 3b	4	1	1	1	ArRmr 3b	4	0	0	0
JHrsn 2b	4	0	0	0	Hart 1b	3	2	1	1
Barajs c	4	0	1	0	Lucroy c	3	0	0	0
Mercer pr-ss	0	0	0	0	CGomz cf	2	1	1	1
Barmes ss	3	0	0	0	Segura ss	3	0	0	0
McKnr ph-c	0	0	0	0	Estrad p	1	0	0	0
AJBrnt p	2	0	0	0	Hndrsn p	0	0	0	0
JHughs p	0	0	0	0	Aoki ph-rf	1	0	1	0
Holt ph	0	1	0	0					
Grilli p	0	0	0	0					
GSnchz ph	0	0	0	0					
Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	32	2	6	2	Totals	27	3	4	2

Pittsburgh 010000010—2
Milwaukee 001000101—3

No outs when winning run scored.
E_Barajas (3), Lucroy (5). LOB_Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 5. 2B_Presley (10), A.McCutchen (25), C.Gomez (16). HR_P.Alvarez (27), Hart (26). SB_A.McCutchen (16), R.Weeks (10), Braun (22), C.Gomez 2 (30). S_Presley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
A.J.Burnett	6	2-3	2	2	2	4 9
J.Hughes		1-3	0	0	0	0 0
Grilli		1	1	0	0	1 1
Hanrahan L,4-1		0	1	1	1	0 0
Milwaukee						
Estrada	7	4	1	1	1	10
Henderson BS,2-5	1	1	1	1	1	2
Axford W,5-7	1	1	0	0	2	1

Hanrahan pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
WP_A.J.Burnett.
Umpires_Home, Marvin Hudson; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Cory Blaser; Third, Tim McClelland.
T_3:02. A_32,060 (41,900).

REDS BOX

Astros 2, Reds 1

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Cozart ss	4	1	1	0	Pareds rf	4	0	0	0
Stubbs cf	4	0	1	0	XCeden p	0	0	0	0
BPhllps 2b	4	0	0	0	WLopez p	0	0	0	0
WValdz 2b	0	0	0	0	Greene ss	4	0	0	0
Ludwck lf	3	0	1	1	Wallac 1b	4	0	0	0
Bruce rf	3	0	1	0	Maxwll cf-rf	4	1	1	1
Frazier 1b	4	0	1	0	FMrtnz lf	2	0	1	0
Rolen 3b	3	0	1	0	MDwns ph	1	1	1	0
Hanign c	4	0	1	0	Dmngz 3b	3	0	0	0
HBaily p	3	0	0	0	SMoore 2b	3	0	1	0
Marshll p	0	0	0	0	Schafer pr-cf	0	0	0	0
BBarns ph	0	0	0	0					
CSnydr c	2	0	0	0					
Altuve ph-2b	2	0	0	0					
Harrell p	2	0	0	0					
Ambriz p	0	0	0	0					
JCastro ph-c	0	0	0	0					
Totals	32	1	7	1	Totals	31	2	4	1

Cincinnati 100000000—1
Houston 000100001—2

Two outs when winning run scored.
E_W.Valdez (3). DP_Houston 1. LOB_Cincinnati 7, Houston 7. 2B_Bruce (32), Rolen (16), M.Downs (4). HR_Maxwell (13). SF_Ludwick.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
H.Bailey	8	3	1	1	1	9
Marshall L,4-5	2-3	1	1	0	1	1
Houston						
Harrell	7	7	1	1	1	3
Ambriz	1	0	0	0	0	2
X.Cedeno	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
W.Lopez W,6-3	2-3	0	0	0	1	2

HBP_by Marshall (B.Barnes), by H.Bailey (F.Martinez).
Umpires_Home, Andy Fletcher; First, Rob Drake; Second, Joe West; Third, Sam Holbrook.
T_2:57. A_18,316 (40,981).

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mount Union joins 700-win club with 45-7 victory

FRANKLIN, Ind. — No. 2 ranked Mount Union joined college football's 700-win club with an impressive 45-7 win against No. 13 ranked Franklin at Stewart "Red" Faught Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Purple Raiders became the 21st program overall and second NCAA Division III team in college football history to post at least 700 victories.

Sophomore Kevin Burke (Westlake/Lakewood St. Edward) made his first career start at quarterback and completed his first eight passes en route to a 16-of-26 passing effort with 243 yards and his first career touchdown pass came to senior Shannon Stewart, who hauled in the 32-yarder against triple coverage in the end zone. Burke also rushed for 51 yards and had a 22-yard touchdown run in the third quarter negated due to a holding penalty.

Burke's top target was senior Chris Denton (Plantation, Fla./South Plantation) who had a game-high seven catches for 89 yards and returned two punts – each 65 yards -- for touchdowns.

Senior running back T.J. Lattimore (Maple Heights/Maple Heights) also had two scores on the ground as he had a game-high 74 yards rushing on 13 carries.

Defensively, Mount Union didn't miss a beat from last year's No. 2 ranked unit as senior linebacker Charles Dieuseul (Winter Haven, Fla./Lake Region) had eight tackles while fellow senior Isaiah Scott (Hamliton/Fairfield) had seven tackles and an interception.

Lattimore gave the Purple Raiders their first points of the season after a two-yard touchdown run with 6:42 left in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead.

The margin grew to 14-0 following Denton's 65-yard punt return at the 5:10 mark of the first. The last time punt return for a TD for the Purple Raiders came against Muskingum on Nov. 13, 2010 on a 54-yarder by current Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Cecil Shorts III.

The 14-0 lead looked to be plenty after a dominating defensive effort by the Purple Raiders. No. 13 Franklin was held to just 84 yards of total offense in the first half, including 1-of-10 on third downs.

Mount Union's offense didn't slow down in the second quarter and built a 24-0 halftime lead. Senior kicker Tyler Almeida (Elyria/Elyria) connected on a 21-yard field goal and senior running back Blair Skilliter (Curtice/Genoa) had a 3-yard touchdown run with :55 seconds remaining in the half.

Franklin avoided the shutout early in the fourth quarter on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Jonny West to Kyle Linville.

It was the first points ever scored by the Grizzlies against the Purple Raiders as Mount Union won the only other previous meeting, 20-0, in 1968.

Mount Union is off next week before the home and Ohio Athletic Conference opener against Muskingum Saturday, Sept. 15 at 7 pm at Mount Union Stadium.

PGA

FROM 1B

especially with nine players separated by only three shots going into the weekend.

Ryan Moore had a 68, playing the front nine in 1 over, and joined Woods at 10-under 132.

Woods missed out on a chance to be paired with McIlroy on Sunday when he missed the fairway on the par-5 18th, laid up short of the marsh and came up just short of the green and its front hole location. He had to get up-and-down for par.

Even so, this Labor Day weekend could bring another heavyweight bout, the likes of which the Deutsche Bank Championship has seen before in its 10-year history.

The TPC Boston is where Woods and Vijay Singh had a memorable battle on Labor Day in 2004, when Singh won to replace Woods at No. 1 in the world. Two years later, Woods closed with a 63 to rally from a three-shot deficit against Singh. And in the first year of the FedEx Cup in 2007, it was Phil Mickelson who played three rounds with Woods and wound up beating him by two shots.

"I think if you look at the overall list of champions here, they're all big hitters," Woods said in an effort to explain why the Deutsche Bank Championship provides such great theater.

McIlroy, who won the PGA Championship by a record eight shots at Kiawah Island three weeks ago, looked comfortable on the smoother greens of TPC Boston and had only one bad spell of back-to-back bogeys on his back nine.

Woods came out firing in the afternoon with back-to-back birdies, only to get slowed quickly with a bogey from the bunker on No. 3 and going bunker-to-bunker on the fourth hole when he scrambled for par. He got back with a shot into 3 feet on the sixth for birdie, but he couldn't take advantage of several shots in the 12- to 15-foot range.

It looked as though it was getting under his skin, but all he had to do was think back to that opening round of 64.

"You've got to let it balance itself out because I made everything yesterday," he said. "Today was one of those days where I had some good looks, missed them, but didn't feel like I was really rolling it correctly. Then I figured something out, and then from then on, I poured it pretty good."

First-round leader Seung-yul Noh (71), Jason Dufner (66) and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel (65) were among those at 9-under 133.

Rickie Fowler made a clutch putt on his final hole, a 4-footer for par that gave him a 72. It looked even more significant at the time because it assured he would make the cut, giving him two more days to make an impression on Davis Love III before he announces his four captain's picks for the Ryder Cup on Tuesday.

Hunter Mahan had a 72 to end his untimely streak of two missed cuts, boosting his hopes of getting one of the four picks. Dustin Johnson also stayed in the mix, going into the weekend only five shots out of the lead. Brandt Snedeker had only three pars in 12 holes, then settled down for a 70 and was at 3-under 139.

McIlroy wasn't much of a factor in the opening playoff event last week at Bethpage Black, where the greens were baked out by sunshine and nearly dead by the third round, making it difficult to score. The greens have been pure at the TPC Boston, and it showed in the scoring.

Then again, he didn't have to make putts from very far. McIlroy made three birdies from inside 10 feet — one of them a tap-in on the 14th — and he seized the lead on the par-5 18th.

Even though the pin was to the front of the smaller, treacherous green, there was enough wind in his face that he could get 4-iron in the air and have it land softly. It rode a gentle slope to about 10 feet away and he made the eagle putt.

After an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 1, McIlroy was poised to get some separation on the field until he tried to hit a high cut with a 5-wood on the par-5 second. He pushed it too far, into the water, and made bogey.

"That was a really tricky little pin position there on the second," he said. "If you lay up, you're going to have to hit a really good shot to get it close to try and make birdie. I'm sure it played a little easier yesterday, but you'll probably see just as many bogeys as you do birdies there today."

On the next hole, his long putt from the fringe was weak and came up 8 feet short, and he missed that for another bogey. But that was that. He followed with back-to-back birdies to get back to 12 under, and made a 12-foot par putt on the eighth to keep from dropping another shot.

McIlroy attributed the improvement from last week to one thing.

"My putting," he said. "I wasn't very comfortable on the greens at all last week. They weren't the best surfaces. I think everyone saw that. This week, the surfaces are much better, and it gives you a little more confidence that you can roll your putts at the hole a bit more."

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nated the game, running the ball at will against Navy's undersized defense and showing no signs of missing starter Cierre Wood. Riddick gained 107 yards on 19 carries, Atkinson 99 on just nine carries, leaving the Midshipmen and their outnumbered fans crestfallen at the end.

Riddick started the Irish blowout with an 11-yard run to cap an 11-play, nearly six-minute opening drive. Atkinson broke free on the next drive, sweeping right and then cutting back and rampaging untouched through a bevy of Midshipmen for a 56-yard score.

Wood will also miss next week's game against Purdue because of a violation of team rules.

Quarterback Everett Golson, making his first start, put the Fighting Irish up 20-0 with a 5-yard end zone jump ball to tight end Tyler Eifert, who beat two smaller Navy defenders.

"I think I was comfortable," said Golson, who won the starting job in a four-way competition.

He spent his freshman year as the scout team QB, and credited coaches with easing his nerves by giving him permission to make mistakes.

Golson said his coaches told him: "You're going to make mistakes but you just have to relax. You're going to make mistakes, but make them going full speed."

Last year's starter Tommy Rees returns from suspension this week, and Brian Kelly was noncommittal about Golson's hold on the job. Still, the coach has said all along he'd like one quarterback to seize the job, and Golson gave little reason for Kelly to worry.

Kelly said he was pleased with Golson's performance.

"I was. He made some good decisions and moved our offense. We put 50 points on the board, so that's a pretty good start."

Golson, who finished 12 of 18 for 144 yards, often looked best on the move. But he did make one second-quarter mistake that gave Navy brief momentum when he tried to hit Eifert for a second TD and threw the ball without any touch into double coverage. Cornerback Parrish Gaines stepped in front of the pass at the Navy 4 for an easy interception.

Navy appeared to be heading for its first touchdown on the ensuing drive, but backside pressure from Notre Dame defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore spurred a clumsy fumble from Navy quarterback Trey Miller.

Tuitt, listed at 6 foot 6 and 302 pounds, scooped up the ball and rumbled untouched 77 yards to put the Irish up 27-0 with barely 2 minutes left in the first half. It was Notre Dame's longest fumble return since 1985 and third-longest in history.

Navy managed a 26-yard field goal before halftime and opened the second half with a nifty three-pass drive capped by Shawn Lynch's 25-yard grab to make it 27-10 but could get no closer.

Atkinson and Riddick replied with two of Notre Dame's three second-half touchdowns.

Robby Toma scored the final on a 9-yard untouched scamper with just 39 seconds left.

Miller completed 14 of 19 passes for 192 yards, but Navy's triple-option ground threat managed only 149 yards rushing on 40 carries. Miller carry 20 times for 16 yards and fumbled four times, losing two. Notre Dame outgained Navy on the ground for the first time since 2008.

"We got out of our element early, so we had to pass the ball more today," he said.

Notre Dame's defensive leader, inside linebacker Manti Te'o, recovered one fumble and intercepted Miller's final pass of the day, an underthrown ball into triple coverage. Surprisingly, they were his first fumble recovery and interception, respectively, of his four-year Note Dame career — and came close to landing him a yellow flag for excessive celebration.

Te'o said the pick "felt good. I almost got a 15-yard penalty on the play too. That wouldn't have felt so good."

One problem for Notre Dame: The Irish missed two extra points. The first attempt went wide right, while another snap went through the hands of holder Ben Turk.

Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said he could take plenty of positives from his team's trip to Ireland — but none of them from the game.

"We received unbelievable support from the people of Ireland," he said. "Everything that happened outside of the white lines on the field was great. Unfortunately for us, everything that happened inside of the white lines wasn't as great."

He said the three-day trip "was a great experience for our young men," but the team faces "a lot of work to do."

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Brace yourself for a flood of new fall TV shows

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NEW YORK — Here's a fearless prediction for the new fall season: "Animal Practice" will be either a hit or a big-time miss, either a comedy game-changer for NBC or a punch line for its ratings desperation.

This sitcom about a veterinarian and his monkey sidekick is already commanding the attention of viewers. NBC has heavily hyped it, most notably by interrupting the Olympics closing ceremony to air a preview of the show and enraging viewers waiting for the Who.

But who cares if they're angry? For any new show, just getting noticed is half the battle. Between now and Thanksgiving, "Animal Practice" is among nearly two dozen series getting launched by the five broadcast networks, which for weeks have been feverishly hyping the new crop with everything from bus ads to Twitter feeds, plus multiplatform previews of some shows, like "Animal Practice," thrown in.

All of this is done with the certain knowledge that at least two-thirds of the new fare, no matter how relentlessly promoted, will have fallen by the wayside by this time next year.

Remember these duds from last fall: "Charlie's Angels"? "Free Agents"? "How to be a Gentleman"? Does a similar fate await "Animal Practice," which stars Justin Kirk as a misanthropic veterinarian and Crystal, a scene-stealing capuchin monkey, as his oddly human second banana?

Or what about "Go On," an NBC comedy that casts Matthew Perry as a sports-talk radio host forced to attend grief counseling after the death of his wife? Can sadness trigger hilarity?

Or what about "Chicago Fire," an action drama about firefighters from "Law & Order" maestro Dick Wolf?

"Chicago Fire" could be pigeonholed as a show about public safety, but bona fide cop dramas — one of TV's most enduring genres — are represented by three fanciful variations.

On "Vegas," CBS' robust new drama set in the early 1960s, Dennis Quaid plays a rancher-turned-sheriff of the budding gambling mecca, with Michael Chiklis a mobster casino boss with whom he regularly clashes.

"I am the law," sums up the rawhide-tough sheriff. "And I'll decide who's breaking it."

NBC's "Elementary" stars Jonny Lee Miller as a modern-day detective with the name and quirkiness of legendary Sherlock Holmes, and Lucy Liu as Dr. Joan Watson. They assist the New York Police Department with solving crimes.

This image released by CBS shows Dennis Quaid as Ralph Lamb, left, and Michael Chiklis as Vincent Savino in the pilot episode of "Vegas," premiering Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 10 p.m. EST on CBS. (AP Photo)

And the CW's "Beauty and the Beast" features a lovely young homicide detective (Kristin Kreuk) who reconnects with a handsome young doctor who saved her life when a teenager. She also discovers his terrible secret: Thanks to a military experiment gone awry, when he is enraged, he becomes a terrifying beast with uncontrollable strength. Fortunately, he has a soft side: He's her protector while he searches for his own antidote.

Meanwhile, there's just one new lawyer show on tap: CBS' "Made in Jersey," which stars British actress Janet Montgomery as a young working-class Jerseyite from a long line of self-taught beauticians, a gal who bought her attache case not on Madison Avenue but down the shore. She lands a job across the river at a prestigious Manhattan law firm where her style raises eyebrows but wins cases.

Autumn will bring three new doctor dramas, each of which — like "Made in Jersey" — is headlined by a woman.

Jordana Spiro stars in Fox's "The Mob Doctor" as a Chicago surgeon whose obligations to the mafia require her to give medical treatment to a gang of hoods in between her regular medical duties.

On the CW's "Emily Owens M.D.," Mamie Gummer plays a young med-school grad who's beginning a hospital internship full of hope, misgivings and romantic stumblings.

And on the Fox comedy "The Mindy Project," creator-star Mindy Kaling plays a thriving OBGYN whose personal life is a succession of pratfalls.

It's no surprise women are riding high this season. The biggest hits from last fall — "Revenge," "2 Broke Girls," "The New Girl" and "Once Upon a Time" — all have women as their leads.

Among other female-dominated series ahead is ABC's highly anticipated drama "Nashville." Connie Britton plays an almost-over-the-hill country music queen who's battling to hold her own against an upstart superstar played by Hayden Panettiere.

"My mama was one of your biggest fans," Panettiere's character tells Britton's, cattily. "She said she'd listen to you while I was still in her belly."

Also focused on the music scene, ABC sitcom "Malibu Country" finds country music star Reba ditching her Nashville home, packing up her family and heading for California for a fresh start after she discovers that her husband was two-timing her.

"Malibu Country" —where Reba has two kids and a wisecracking mother — is a reminder that issues between parents and children are always fuel for a laugh. No wonder another five new sitcoms also dwell heavily on parenting.

On NBC's "Guys With Kids," three 30-something dads bond over their common overwhelming challenge of fatherhood.

On Fox's "Ben and Kate," a happy-go-lucky big brother moves back to town to help his single-mother sister raise her daughter.

On ABC's "How to Live With Your Parents (For the Rest of Your Life)," single mom Sarah Chalke is a boomerang offspring, returning with her daughter after her divorce to live with her freewheeling parents (Elizabeth Perkins and Brad Garrett).

On the same network's "Family Tools," lifelong bumbler Kyle Bornheimer is mounting his latest effort to win paternal approval by taking over the Mr. Jiffy Fix repair business run by Dad (J.K. Simmons).

"Maybe I do try too hard and screw up sometimes," the dutiful son acknowledges, "but no more. I want to make you proud." Don't hold your breath.

NBC's edgy "The New Normal" finds gay couple Andrew Rannells and Justin Bartha concluding there's only one thing missing from their happy home: a child. They line up a surrogate mom (Georgia King) to carry it for them, and she and her daughter become part of their not-so-normal family.

Also trading on the gay theme is "Partners," with David Krumholtz as Joe and Michael Urie as Louis, partnered architects and best friends since high school. Louis is gay and Joe is straight, which isn't a problem until Joe decides to marry his girlfriend and Louis feels the sharp pangs of jealousy at this intruder.

Besides the hybrid "Beauty and the Beast," the networks have scheduled five other series with a supernatural, sci-fi or fantasy twist.

At the start of NBC's epic new drama "Revolution," the lights abruptly go out, around the world. This unexplained power outage deprives everyone of every piece of electrical technology, stranding humanity in a modern-day Dark Age with no end in sight.

On ABC's "Last Resort," the crew of a military submarine seeks refuge on a lost island after news that the U.S. may have been attacked. Not only are they cut off from the rest of the world, they're considered rogue enemies being pursued by their own government. Andre Braugher stars in this suspenseful, paranoia-steeped drama.

Based on a series of graphic novels, CW's "Arrow" features a dashing vigilante who aims to clean up his crime-ridden city as his alter ego Arrow in an effort to atone for misspent years as a millionaire playboy.

And on ABC's macabre thriller "666 Park Avenue," devilish Terry O'Quinn and Vanessa Williams lord over their stately Manhattan apartment building, whose residents come seeking the fulfillment of their dreams, but pay for them with their souls.

Serious, even hair-raising stuff! But fantasy in farcical form is also in store. Consider ABC's "The Neighbors," where the ordinary middle-class Weaver family takes a step up the social ladder by moving to a gated New Jersey community, only to find out the rest of the homes are occupied by aliens.

Soon the Weavers learn the astonishing truth.

"I think once we get past the initial shock of things, it's going to be OK," says Marty (Lenny Venito) to wife Debbie (Jami Gertz), feigning hope. "They are PEACE-LOVING aliens. So there's THAT!"

Borrowing riffs from "3rd Rock from the Sun" and the Coneheads (and coining the silly catchphrase "recharge the pupar"), this high-concept sitcom proposes that contemporary life in America is no less perplexing for humans than it is for immigrants from the planet Zabvron. Everyone feels alienated at times, and all anyone wants to do is fit in.

Now will "The Neighbors" fit into Earthlings' TV-watching schedule?

Or will it be a casualty of this strange tradition practiced by humans for decades called "the fall TV season"?

Review: Hillcoat's bootlegging 'Lawless' a visceral, fitful fever dream

CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic

If you can accept the notion that Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf and Jason Clarke could be brothers during this century or any other, you might be able to immerse yourself in the artfully pulpy allure of "Lawless," based on the true story of the bootlegging Bondurants.

Director John Hillcoat's ultra-violent drama plays like a hot, sweaty, delusional fever dream and is similarly fitful. It can be visceral and operatic, beautiful and brutal but also slow and overlong. The look and the sound of it are the most effective parts, and the most intrinsically tied: Singer-songwriter Nick Cave, a longtime friend and collaborator of fellow Australian Hillcoat (on "The Proposition" and "The Road"), wrote the script and co-wrote the score, so there's a peculiar kind of dark flavor, humor and musicality to the cadence of the dialogue. No one bursts into song, but you suspect they might and sometimes hope they would.

"Lawless" is based on "The Wettest County in the World," Matt Bondurant's fictional tale of his grandfather, Jack, and his brothers, moonshine masters who kept the Virginia hills good n' liquored up during Prohibition. The eldest, Howard (Clarke), is a volatile and frequently inebriated veteran of the first World War. The middle brother, Forrest (Hardy), is the quietly commanding leader of both the business and the family. And then there's Jack (LaBeouf), the youngest who's eager to prove himself. He's the most ambitious, which makes him the most dangerous.

The Bondurant boys find their tidy little operation threatened when a corrupt Chicago lawman named Charlie Rakes (Guy Pearce) swoops in to shut them down. He's as nasty as he is nattily dressed, and Pearce once again seems to relish playing this type of precise villain. Also entering the brothers' lives, seemingly because the story needed some sort of female figure, are two very different women. Maggie (Jessica Chastain) arrives out of nowhere one day from The Big City with a Secret Past and immediately starts functioning as both the waitress at the brothers' restaurant/headquarters and Forrest's obligatory love interest. Bertha (Mia Wasikowska) is the modest and pious daughter of the town's preacher who catches Jack's eye — which makes no sense, given that he's a wannabe gangster with flashy tastes.

This film image released by The Weinstein Company shows Tom Hardy in a scene from "Lawless." (AP Photo)

"Lawless" allows neither of these fine, versatile actresses to display what they can do fully. It is mainly about the men, and the primal ways in which they survive and seek revenge. Yet it also squanders the formidable presence of Gary Oldman in just a few scenes as the big-city mobster who Jack aspires to be like one day. He is gone for large, inexplicable chunks of time, and he is sorely missed.

Still, there is Hardy, who is always hulking and intense and impossible to stop watching. Sure, his accent is a little thick and folksy but he seems to get the melody that exists within the script — and at least you can understand him better here than you could when he had that contraption strapped to his face to play Bane in "The Dark Knight Rises." As LaBeouf continues effort-ing to show he's a grown-up now and can do serious character work, Hardy shows up and simply dominates.

"Lawless," a Weinstein Co. release, is rated R for strong bloody violence, language and some sexuality/nudity. Running time: 110 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

"For a Good Time, Call ..." — The whole point of calling a phone-sex line is that you know what you're getting, right? You pick up the phone, pay your money and partake in some, um, self-satisfaction. It's a sure thing. Everyone hangs up happy. With this comedy, you only think you know what you're getting. It looks like total formula and — for a little while, at least — feels like it, with its broad types who are complete opposites getting thrown together in a contrived, high-concept situation: operating a phone-sex business out of a Manhattan apartment they're forced to share.

But the actresses playing the two lead characters — Ari Graynor and Lauren Anne Miller — have such a light and lovely chemistry with each other, and director Jamie Travis keeps things moving so briskly, you find yourself not minding how by-the-numbers the story is. And then within that by-the-numbers story, there ends up being enough surprises and twists that you find yourself unexpectedly charmed. Brassy party girl Katie (Graynor) and conservative, overachieving Lauren (Miller) both find themselves in need of a roommate. They learn to tolerate each other at first, then become business partners and eventually best friends. The raunchiness will invite comparisons to "Bridesmaids" — although co-star Miller and Katie Anne Naylon wrote their script first — but the exploration of close female friendship has a similar honesty.

R for strong sexual content throughout, language and some drug use. 89 minutes. Three stars out of four. — Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

HOROSCOPE

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, September 2, 2012

Mercury, the communication planet, is in opposition to Neptune, the planet of dreams, causing tension between our outer and inner worlds. Mental pictures are either the compass that helps us stay on track, or the distraction that disengages us from reality. Take in beauty so your inner vision can reflect it back to you when you need it most.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may feel like a magician who shouldn't reveal secrets because all of the other magicians would be adversely affected. But you're not a magician. And if you don't tell, the only one you'll be hurting is you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are never too young, too old or too broke to make a difference in someone's life. Start with you. Whatever your state, you'll be inspired to improve it. All it takes is one move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some people in your family have perfected the fine art of asking if you need help when the work is 99 percent finished. You'll forgive this and other rudeness because truly no harm is meant.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you are looking for validation from outside sources, you probably will find it, though it will be about as lasting as it is satisfying. The spiritual work you do will have more permanence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When people pay attention to you, count it as positive even if they don't give you quite the reaction you were looking for. It is better to be misinterpreted than ignored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't always think of yourself as a creative person, which is strange considering that the way you put your life together is so obviously an artistic effort. Own your status as a destiny designer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Morality is easily sorted out among people with similar beliefs, but if you introduce the topic in a religiously and socially diverse group, you should brace yourself for a fight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The cause that captures your curiosity and heart will soon capture your identity, as well. Your efforts in this regard will bring you so much fulfillment that this cause will change who you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll meet a situation you weren't expecting and find that nothing about it yields to your influence. The only thing you can change about this is your attitude — but that just may change everything!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You only get one chance to get this day right, but when you're aware of the precious nature of the moment (not to mention the ambiguity of "right"), one chance is enough.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Since you're so secure, you don't have to tell everyone what you're worth. It's enough for you to quietly acknowledge to yourself that you're worth a lot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Before you got hooked on a song, it would have been hard to explain how a person could ever get hooked on a song. Love is like that, too, and you're feeling it in a way that's pointless to explain to anyone who hasn't been there.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2). There's no end to what you can do when you believe you can. This month brings the chance to compete. October is a team effort; don't forget original intentions or, more importantly, the reasons behind them. You'll sign a contract in November. January brings financial help. Friendly relationships develop into love in March. Pisces and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 14, 39, 1 and 28.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The early week processes two alignments weighing in on our interactions: the opposition of Mercury and Neptune and a square of Venus and Saturn. Imagination is a powerful party to our relationships. Unfortunately, what we imagine is happening is often different from what's actually occurring. Our mental images are strongly influenced by what we want to happen, what we fear will happen and what we believe about the world. We are constantly making assumptions about what the other person must be thinking and how the other person is likely to react — assumptions that can only be as accurate as the beliefs on which they are based. Getting together happily will require stripping away untrue beliefs. But how do you know which ones are untrue?

The answer is to put your beliefs to the test through inquiry. Let's say you hold the belief that you get tongue-tied around people you perceive as extremely attractive. Ask yourself, "Was there ever a time when I felt comfortable and fluent around a very attractive someone?" If you can answer "yes," then the belief proves false, and you can let it go. The Virgo sun challenges you to release 10 such limiting beliefs by the end of the week.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Salma Hayek, a.k.a. Kitty Softpaws of the movie "Puss in Boots," is a vivacious Virgo with Venus and Mars in the sign of the cat. Though her onscreen persona often utilizes these fiery Leo influences, the rest of Hayek's natal chart reveals a more practical, down-to-earth and hardworking nature. Look for Hayek among an all-star cast in the upcoming comedy "Grown Ups 2."

ANTIQUES

BY TERRY KOVEL

For the past few years, auctions of Chinese antiques have attracted many bidders and high bids. The auctions have included many items that were not recognized by American bidders. A recent auction sold a "Chinese polychrome-decorated inkcake" for more than $1,000. I had to do some research. An inkstick or inkcake is a piece of solid ink that might be a mixture of soot and animal glue made from egg whites, fish skin or animal hides. Its scent was enhanced with cloves or sandalwood or other natural products. Other types of inkcakes were made of burnt material, plant dyes or minerals. The mixture was kneaded and pressed into a carved mold to dry. The inkcake had to be ground on an inkstone with some water. The ink could be mixed to be thick or thin. An ink brush was dipped into the ink and then used to write or draw on paper. Early examples date back to the 12th century B.C. New ones are in stores now. The auction's inkcake dated from the mid 1700s. The colored raised decoration on one side pictured a landscape with a temple, table, sculpture and candle. The other side was decorated with a colored dragon in the sea, a mark and an inscription. The inkcake was stored in a carved wooden box that was 4 7/8 inches high, 3 1/8 inches wide and 7/8 inch deep. Inkcakes, as well as inkstones, inkbrushes and paper, are highly regarded as symbols of culture.

Q: I have an unusual chest that I would like to sell. It has many small drawers. On the inside of one it reads, "The Practical Glove Holder, Patented October 7, 1897, A.N. Russell & Sons, Canadian Patent August 7, 1897."

A: A.N. Russell & Sons was founded in Ilion, N.Y., in about 1883 by Albert N. Russell. The company made cabinets for gloves, ribbons and thread, as well as umbrella holders. The ribbon and glove cabinets were its most popular items. It later made bronze- and aluminum-framed museum cases until the business closed down in 1932. In 2007 an A.N. Russell & Sons ribbon cabinet in very good condition sold for $1,300 at auction.

Q: I have a cookie jar that looks just like the Shawnee Smiley pig cookie jars, but it's not marked "Shawnee" or "Smiley." The only mark on the bottom is "USA." It has red flowers and a red kerchief. Is it real or a reproduction?

A: Shawnee Pottery Co. of Zanesville, Ohio, began making these cookie jars in 1942. At first they were called "Smiling Pig." There were many versions. The earliest ones were colored or plain and had a triangular rim. Later jars had round openings and were hand-painted or decorated with decals. Decorations included apples, clover, flowers, plums, shamrocks or strawberries and different-colored kerchiefs. Some were marked "Pat. Smiley USA" or "Shawnee Smiley 60," but many are just marked "USA." When the company went out of business in 1961, the molds were sold to Terrace Ceramics, which made the cookie jars in plain white without decorations. There are also many fake Smiley Pig cookie jars on the market. Price of a genuine Smiley pig jar is determined by condition and decoration and ranges from $140 to $250.

Q: I inherited my grandfather's collection of more than 600 cigar bands. They are in an old scrapbook. Only a small corner of each band is glued onto the page. There are pages that have cigar bands picturing every president from George Washington to Teddy Roosevelt. Are they of any value?

A: Collecting cigar bands was a popular hobby in the early 1900s. Cigar manufacturers used the bands to keep cigars from unrolling and to identify and advertise their brands. Some bands made in the early 1900s were printed with real gold gilt. Single bands as well as sets of bands like your U.S. presidents were made. Collectors used to look for sets that interested them or for particularly beautiful designs. As with most paper collectibles, pasting or gluing them into an album or book lowers their value - unless they can be safely removed without damaging the paper. There are few cigar-band collectors today, but there are many collectors of cigar memorabilia. Look for dealers or auctions that sell cigar-box labels, cigar cutters and other tobacciana.

Q: I have an old advertising sign that reads, "Blue Buckle Work Garments, Strong for Work, Overalls, Pants, Shirts." It is 13 inches long and 4 1/2 inches tall with blue letters and a blue border on a white background. It is metal with enamel paint. In the corner is written, "Balto. Enamel & Nov. Co., Balto. & 200 Fifth Ave., N.Y." Is it of any value?

A: Blue Buckle Overalls were made by Jobbers OverAll Co., a firm founded in Blackstone, Va., before 1910. It later moved to Lynchburg, Va. In 1920 the company claimed to be the world's largest overall manufacturer, but it went bankrupt in 1921 and was taken over by Old Dominion Garment Co. of Dallas. Old Dominion continued to make Blue Buckle work garments. The manufacturer of your sign, Baltimore Enamel & Novelty Co., was founded in 1898 as the Baltimore Enamel Co. It made signs and, in 1903, manufactured America's first official license plates - for Massachusetts. Before then, car owners made their own license plates. The Blue Buckle sign is worth about $50.

Tip: Light can damage many types of antiques. Furniture finishes will fade; textiles and paper can fade or darken. Light will also weaken wood and fabric.

CURRENT PRICES

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

- Hoody Doody slide puzzle, 15 tiles, black line drawings of Howdy Doody, Mr. Bluster, Clarabelle and Dilly Daily, plastic, white ground, 1950s, 2 1/2 inch square, $45.
- Anchor Hocking Vitrock range set, milk glass with red tulips, c. 1945, grease jar 6 1/4 inches, shakers 4 inches, three pieces, $60.
- Pat Boone paper dolls, two dolls, one in tennis clothes with racket, other in dress pants and shirt, Pat Boone copyright, 1959, $70.
- Uneeda Dollikin advertising doll, vinyl head, straight dark brown hair, fully jointed, nail polish on fingers & toes, orange strapless jumpsuit, navy flats, 1950s, 19 inches, $95.
- RumRill Pottery vase, made by Red Wing, Indian Group line, bulbous, star-pattern rim, orange and bay matte glaze, marked, c. 1935, 5 1/2 x 5 1/4 inches, $150.
- Cast-iron embossing seal, lion's head, painted black with gold trim, "Buffalo Live Stock Exchange Inc., Apr. 1, 1887," 11 1/4 in. $230.
- Applique quilt, tulip pattern, red, green, blue and white, leaf and vine border, white muslin backing, 1800s, 84 x 78 inches, $550.
- Eames-style lounge chair and ottoman, black leather, laminated rosewood base, Selig Mfg. Co., 40 x 34 in. chair, 21 x 17 inch ottoman, $650.
- "Buy OshKosh B'Gosh Overalls" sign, heavy cardboard, Uncle Sam with left fist up, right hand pointing, red, white and blue shirt and hat, gold ground, red lettering, 1918 patent date, 13 7/8 x 29 7/8 inches, $800.
- Columbia Nickel Savings Bank, Lady Liberty on front, eagle and shield on sides, push lever, registers dollars and cents, red, white and blue stripes, c. 1910, 4 x 4 x 4 inches, $1,620.

ASK STACY

BY STACY JENEL SMITH

DEAR STACY: What is T.R. Knight up to lately? I always enjoyed watching him on "Grey's Anatomy." — **B.H., Warren, Ohio**

DEAR B.H.: The actor will be seen as Brooklyn Dodgers' traveling secretary Harold Parrott in the forthcoming big-screen "42," which covers the story of Jackie Robinson's breaking the color barrier as the first African-American player in Major League Baseball. Harrison Ford stars as baseball exec Branch Rickey, and Chadwick Boseman plays Robinson. Knight has focused quite a bit on stage work since his "Grey's" departure, including a stint in David Mamet's "A Life in the Theater" on Broadway, but has also done TV, including a "Law & Order: SVU" episode last year in which he played dual roles.

DEAR STACY: Whatever became of Richard Carpenter of the 70s duo, "The Carpenters?" He and his late sister were my favorites back then. And can you tell me if there's any truth to the rumor that he married his first cousin? — **Rose P., Seminole, Fla.**

DEAR ROSE: Richard Carpenter did marry his first cousin, Mary Rudolph, in 1984. They're not biologically related, however, as Mary was adopted by Richard's aunt. They have five children, and the family has performed together. Richard has continued his activities as a music maker through the years, though without the superstar-sized success he achieved with his sister Karen, who died of anorexia in 1983. The title of his 1996 album covers his range of activities — "Richard Carpenter: Pianist, Arranger, Composer, Conductor." Richard funds an annual scholarship/talent show for people with artistic abilities that is held at the Thousand Oaks Civic Center near his Southern California home.

DEAR STACY: I recently learned that Richard Dawson died this summer. Please tell this former "Hogan's Heroes" watcher whether any of the cast of that show is still alive. **— Wendell E., San Pedro, Calif.**

DEAR WENDELL: Only Robert Clary — a.k.a. Corporal LeBeau to "Hogan's Heroes" fans. The Paris-born actor is 86 years old.

DEAR STACY: When is "Downton Abbey" coming back? **— Jordan S., Springfield, Ill.**

DEAR JORDAN: Sad to say, fans will have to wait until Jan. 6, 2013 to see Shirley MacLaine sweeping into the show as the mother of Lady Cora (Elizabeth McGovern).

Ohio antiques business provides props for movie

JOHN KIESEWETTER
The Cincinnati Enquirer

CINCINNATI (AP) — A year ago, Antiques Warehouse owner Gary Neltner got an online inquiry from a woman who needed birdhouses.

"It was just by chance that I asked her what she needed them for," said Neltner. "I told her if she needed anything for a movie, I've got it in every color and size."

Soon, set designer Kris Moran, whose credits include "Good Will Hunting" and "The Royal Tenenbaums," visited his three-story warehouse near Interstate 75. Moran "just went crazy" picking out lanterns, whistles, slingshots, oars, flotation cushions, board games and bumper stickers.

Now, while other moviegoers watch Bruce Willis, Bill Murray and Tilda Swinton in "Moonrise Kingdom," Neltner looks for his sleeping bags, birdhouse and red flashing police car light and siren.

Neltner ended up driving a truckload of rented props to the Rhode Island movie location last year. He provided more than 500 items for the quirky comedy-drama written and directed by Wes Anderson ("Fantastic Mr. Fox," "The Royal Tenenbaums"). The film is set in 1965, about adults hunting for a 12-year-old scout who runs away with a 12-year-old girl.

"I saw the siren on the police car and thought, 'We're going to see lots of things.' But you've really got to look for them. They're hidden in the background," said Neltner, 56, of Cold Spring, a collector and antiques dealer since 1985.

Most of the items ended up on the cutting room floor or never left the prop room. Only a couple of items play a key role in the film:

- The siren and red flashing light atop the sheriff's cruiser driven by Capt. Sharp (Willis).
- The plaid-lined sleeping bag neatly folded by Khaki Scout Sam (newcomer Jared Gilman) when he sneaks off to meet girlfriend Suzy Bishop (newcomer Kara Hayward).

A handful of other things have a visible background role — a bear rug in Suzy's New England home; rows of Husman's cans in the scout camp commissary; and the red-and-white camp ice chest.

For a few seconds, when Sam and Suzy hike across a field, on the horizon, moviegoers can see the huge birdhouse that lured Moran here.

"It's amazing how much detail they put into that shot. It's way off in the distance," said Al Ehrman Jr., 35, Neltner's nephew and lone full-time employee.

Antiques Warehouse, listed on the Greater Cincinnati and Kentucky film commission sites, has rented props for Ohio Lottery and Long John Silver's TV commercials and sent metal roof vents to "The Smurfs" movie.

Ehrman finds the "Moonrise Kingdom" exposure for everyday '60s stuff ironic, since the store sells mostly high-end items online (theantiques-warehouse.com).

It has shipped six brass umbrella stands to a store in China; 30 cast-iron table bases to a restaurant in England; a huge chalkboard to a New York restaurant; and a church pew to Alaska.

Neltner wants to parlay the "Moonrise Kingdom" fame into more movie fortune.

"We've got everything here," Ehrman said. "We're in the industry now, and we're playing with the big boys."

New film to chronicle Rolling Stones' journey to stardom

LONDON (AP) — A documentary with newly-released historic footage will trace The Rolling Stones' 50-year journey from teenagers to rock icons, publicists for the band said Thursday.

The film, titled "Crossfire Hurricane" — from a lyric in "Jumping Jack Flash" — is due for release in some British cinemas in October.

The documentary includes footage showing the band's first road trips and the chaos of early tours, accompanied by commentaries by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts, Ronnie Wood and former Stones Bill Wyman and Mick Taylor.

"This is not an academic history lesson," director Brett Morgen said in a statement.

Instead, the film invites the audience to experience "the Stones' nearly mythical journey from outsiders to rock and roll royalty," he said.

The documentary also will be shown later this year on HBO and the BBC.

The Stones, which are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, have so far kept their plans secret. On Thursday, a publicist for the band denied reports that it will play four shows in London and New York in November.

The reports followed rumors that the rockers may be releasing new material after Jagger tweeted a photo of him holding a guitar inside a Paris recording studio this week.

Eddie Van Halen undergoes surgery for digestive disease

NEW YORK (AP) — Eddie Van Halen has undergone emergency surgery for a digestive disease and is canceling his tour in Japan to recover.

His representative said Thursday that the guitarist had a "severe bout of diverticulitis," a painful condition that involves the formation of pouches on the outside of the colon. He is expected to recover in four to six months.

The rep added that the 57-year-old will not require more surgeries to treat the disease.

The musician had plans to tour Japan in November and will reschedule the dates for next year.

Van Halen is best known for hits including "Jump," "Why Can't This Be Love" and "When It's Love." The group released a new album, "A Different Kind of Truth," in February.

Oscars change rule for best original song nominees

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There will be more songs vying for Oscars at next year's Academy Awards.

The motion picture academy said Thursday that there will be a minimum of five nominees in the original song category at next year's ceremony.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says that the five nominated songs receiving the highest number of votes from music branch members will be up for the final award.

The voting process previously only allowed songs that earned an average score to be nominated.

Only two songs were nominated for the trophy earlier this year for the first time in Oscar history, with "Man or Muppet" from "The Muppets" winning the prize.

The 85th annual Academy Awards will be presented Feb. 24, 2013, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood.

Rimes seeks help for anxiety, stress

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer LeAnn Rimes is getting professional help for anxiety and stress.

Her publicist, Marcel Pariseau, says Rimes has voluntarily entered a 30-day inpatient treatment facility "to learn and develop coping mechanisms." Pariseau says Rimes isn't seeking treatment for an eating disorder or substance abuse, adding that "while privacy isn't expected, it's certainly appreciated."

The 30-year-old Rimes checked into the undisclosed facility Wednesday. She is keeping her weekend tour commitments through September during breaks from treatment.

Pippa debuts as author at party

LONDON (AP) — Pippa Middleton is publishing her first book: A guide to home entertaining. The 28-year-old younger sister to the Duchess of Cambridge, formerly known as Kate Middleton, says that the book is based on her experience in her family's party business and work in an events company. She said that "Celebrate: A Year of British Festivities for Families and Friends" is a "feel-good book" with practical tips on how to host British-themed parties, including recipes, crafts and games. Penguin, the book's publisher, said Thursday the book will come out in late October.

Bug bites create unpleasant massage

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My friend is a massage therapist. She had been offering me discounted professional massages in her home for months, and I finally took her up on it. The massage was fantastic. Later that night, however, I found many fleabites on my back, arms and legs. I am certain I got them from her house during our session. My friend has suggested that I continue coming to her house to work on my sore back, and frankly, I'd love to do it. But the thought of getting bitten by fleas again turns my stomach and will not make for a very relaxing experience.

I don't want to confront her with the flea business, because she's the type who would be both offended and defensive. But if I never return for a massage, she will get the impression that I didn't like her services — which will also cause offense. I can't suggest my place, because she has no work studio and would have to haul a very heavy massage table to my house. What do I do? — **Fleas a Crowd in Hawaii**

Dear Hawaii: It's possible that whatever bit you came from the covering on her massage table and not her house. Also, they may have been bedbugs and not fleabites. As much as you don't want to offend your friend, you need to tell her because it affects her business. Be as gentle as you can, saying how much you enjoyed the massage, but that you noticed you were covered in bites that night. It might remove some of the sting if you suggest that the bites were the result of a previous customer rather than her cleaning skills.

Dear Annie: I am living with a man whose wife died three years ago. Yet nearly all of her clothes and other personal effects are still in the house.

How should I tactfully ask him to take care of this? It bothers me, but due to the sensitive nature of the situation, I hesitate to make a big issue out of it. Am I being unreasonable? — **No Name Anywhere**

Dear No Name: Are her personal effects still in the house because he can't bear to part with them or because the job is too overwhelming? Ask gently whether he would like your help packing up these things (not "getting rid" of them). If he has children, perhaps they would like to go through her belongings and select items that have meaning for them. If he seems reluctant, don't press. You can ask again in a few months. And once you get started, please don't appear to be overly eager. You must treat this situation with the respect it deserves.

Dear Annie: I sympathize with "All in the Family," whose husband is in charge of selling his parents' home. I had the same responsibility some years ago.

I immediately engaged a Realtor I knew was fair, honest and effective. He advised that the first thing I needed to do was get a home inspection and an official appraisal. Once I had that, I knew the fair asking price. All of my siblings had plenty of time to take anything from the house they wanted, which they did, and they all seemed content.

The day before the house was to go on the market, my mom's dear friend came over and said she was interested. We sat down with the Realtor, and I offered the house to my mom's friend for $1,000 less than the asking price. Mom's friend was delighted, my siblings were relieved, and the Realtor was satisfied. But if I hadn't already had the independent appraisal and inspection, there would still be questions. — **Use a Professional**

Dear Use: Your siblings were less antagonistic than "Family's." But we agree that an independent appraisal is necessary to know what a fair asking price is. Thanks for saying so.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"CAUTION: PEOPLE OVERWORKING" By MARYELLEN UTHLAUT

ACROSS

1 Gyro bread
5 Not just nerves
9 Pullers of plows
14 Summer staffing solutions
19 Net trading
21 __ ease: uncomfortable
22 Glorify
23 The border guard __
25 Pass on
26 Move away
27 The actor __
29 Sweet serving, often
33 Stage of existence
35 Avant's opposite
36 They're often marked in red letters
37 Consonant such as "f" or "v"
41 Votes against
42 Hardwood tree
45 Keep on teasing
46 Like major appliance repairs
47 Neighbor of Russia
49 The mechanic __
53 "A great __ indicates a great man": Cyrano de Bergerac
55 Back muscles, briefly
56 "By all means!"
57 Shabby
58 They're heard in a herd
59 Bring to the mix
60 Thus
61 Very tired
63 Capital of Belgium's East Flanders province
64 The tailor __
70 Spelunkers' haunts
71 Bargain and steal
72 40-day period
73 Dizzying genre
74 Like many doilies
75 Melted together
77 Cutter
80 Sacha Baron Cohen persona
81 "Brave New World" feel-good drug
82 The chef __
85 Keyboard instrument with bell-like tones
87 Earthshaking events
89 Orpheus' strings
90 Abbr. after Brooklyn
91 Many, many years
92 Ragged clothes
94 Lounging footwear
95 "The Crucible" setting
97 Cereal grain
98 Autocratic, Russian-style
100 The elevator operator __
104 Raised
107 "Farewell, mon ami"
108 The baggage handler __
114 Arabian Peninsula country
115 Where many knots are tied
116 Vanilla-flavored drink
117 Silver fish
118 Like Rod Stewart's voice
119 Author __ Christian Andersen
120 Shortly

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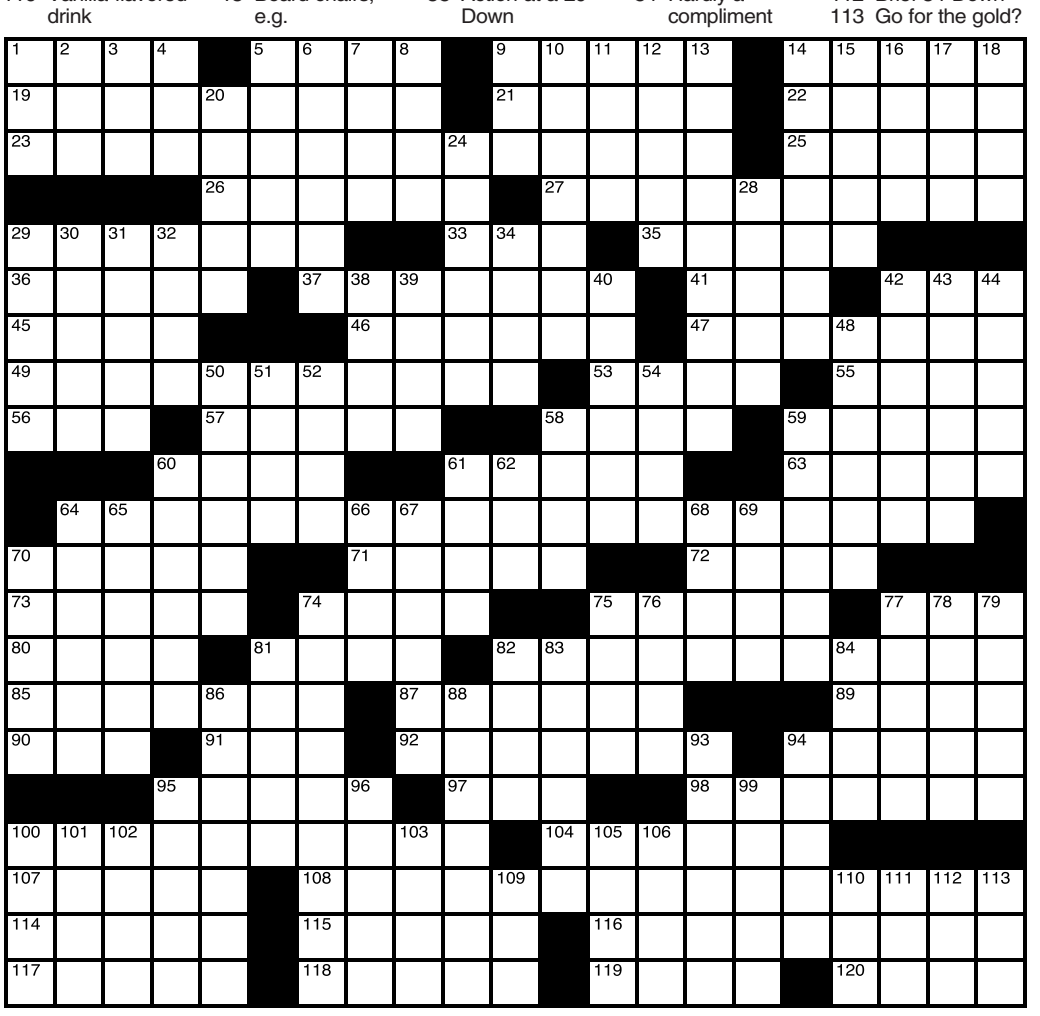
1 Bench in the nave
2 Cover at the bakery
3 Great deal
4 Tsp. or tbsp.
5 Unhealthy temperature
6 Sets upright
7 Property unit
8 Like Gen. Powell
9 Link
10 Natural environment
11 "The Aviator" (2004) actor
12 Oldest Gabor sister
13 Precipice quality
14 Most succinct
15 Board chairs, e.g.
16 Gobbler, for one
17 Certain drawing
18 Lid irritation
20 Customs
24 Processional leader
28 Lost one's lap
29 Louisville race
30 Banish
31 Aligns oneself (with)
32 Dish with many recipes
34 Way to go
38 Put up
39 Black as night
40 Renter
42 Ancient garland for the head
43 Peaceful occupations
44 Lacks
48 No longer in style
50 A cop might put someone under it
51 Nuts (over)
52 Perched on
54 Promise
58 Action at a 29-Down
59 Things to address
60 Come out
61 Time at a hotel
62 Bud
64 It's not so hard to swallow
65 Is of use
66 Genesis father of three
67 Gave to another actor
68 In addition
69 Descendants
70 Mentor
74 Body shop convenience
75 Get really upset
76 Red power, initially
77 Phonograph needles
78 Buenos __
79 Get by force
81 Priest's vestment
82 Mayor's responsibility
83 Back at sea
84 Hardly a compliment
86 Old TV series with underwater scenes
88 Cap attachment
93 Show at a theater
94 Address from Jeeves
95 Iron alloy
96 Cash, in slang
99 Letters from Greece
100 "Airplane!" actor Robert
101 The same as before, in footnotes
102 "The devourer of all things": Ovid
103 Usually unproductive at bats
105 Engrave
106 Taj Mahal home
109 Like toast without butter
110 Federal agency support org.
111 Director Howard
112 Brief 54-Down
113 Go for the gold?



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Morissette draws from marriage, son for new album

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Alanis Morissette

NEW YORK — Alanis Morissette is feeling a little more appreciated as a woman these days, and her new album, "Havoc and Bright Lights," is a reflection of that.

"(There's) the whole shifting of the misogynistic, chauvinistic, patriarchal thing into what this new climate is slowly becoming, which is the celebration of the alpha-empowered woman," she said of today's culture. "There's a new climate that I'm noticing, I don't know if you are, of women just being loved and respected and honored in a way that even 10 years (ago) I didn't notice."

Her new outlook may also be due in part to her role as a mother: She and her husband, Soul Eye, had son, Ever, in December 2010, and the Grammy winner says that becoming a parent has been a "head and heart spinner" for her: "I always wanted it, but I didn't know the degree to which it would heal."

Morissette is a fervent defender in so-called "attachment parenting" which, among other things, advocates that children be breast-fed until they wean naturally, which may take them into the toddler years and beyond. She spoke about her stance and more in an interview with The Associated Press.

AP: You now have your own family. What has that experience meant to you?

Morissette: I have a song (on the album) for my husband called "Til You" and it's the whole idea of how excited I am that I met someone who shares enough of the same values as me that we can do it together.

I talk about my son and husband in the chorus and the verse is really about me seeing I can't take care of my son if I don't take care of myself. I could get away with not taking care of myself as a bachelorette but as a mom I can't.

AP: How did you learn that?

Morissette: I learned it postpartum because there was no way I could do attachment parenting, breast feeding, nurture my marriage ... have the bandwidth to keep all that going without learning how to heal my own relationship with myself.

AP: Are you surprised by the debate surrounding attachment parenting?

Morissette: I get curious if someone's really off-put by it or horrified or judgmental. What part of it is gross? Is it you think there's some impropriety sexually? Is it you think boundaries need to be walls? What is it that you hate so much about it?

And it really has been telling me in a way that is both enlightening and saddening. ... It's just shown me how traumatized America is with regards to not being open to intimacy, the horror that kind of connection, touch — I think we're a severely under-touched society. Everyone thinks there's some kind of sexual impropriety going on when it's actually just connection and intimacy and nurturance.

AP: What do you believe your son gets out of having this kind of approach?

Morissette: I think a common misperception about attuning and tending to a child's needs so constantly is that they don't grow in their independence, but I think that the opposite is true.

The more their needs are consistently met during that first stage of development, the more interdependent and functional they are in, be it their future marriage or future friendships. They learn that connection is safe and they learn to stand on their own two feet in a way that I know all parents ultimately want for their kids. The way (of) achieving that has been a little confusing in pop psychology I think.

AP: You're on social media, but are you addicted?

Morissette: No, but it's inspiring. The challenge for me is to have an experience that isn't filtered through the mindset of, "Should I put this on my website, should I tweet this?" Can I just have an experience that is not tweeting?

AP: Isn't it interesting to think about where social media is now and wonder what things will be like for your son say, 15 years from now?

Morissette: Yes, the challenge will be to foster connection. ... We went to a restaurant and you sat down and the table was a laptop that you touch (the) screen and you could shop while you order your food ... I thought, "This is the end of civilization as we know it." You go to this restaurant specifically when you have a lunch with someone you don't want to talk to (laughs).

AP: What do you think when you see old videos of yourself from the "Jagged Little Pill" days?

Morissette: I think, "She's cute — nice hair, she looks a little greasy." (laughs). She's like a little sister almost.

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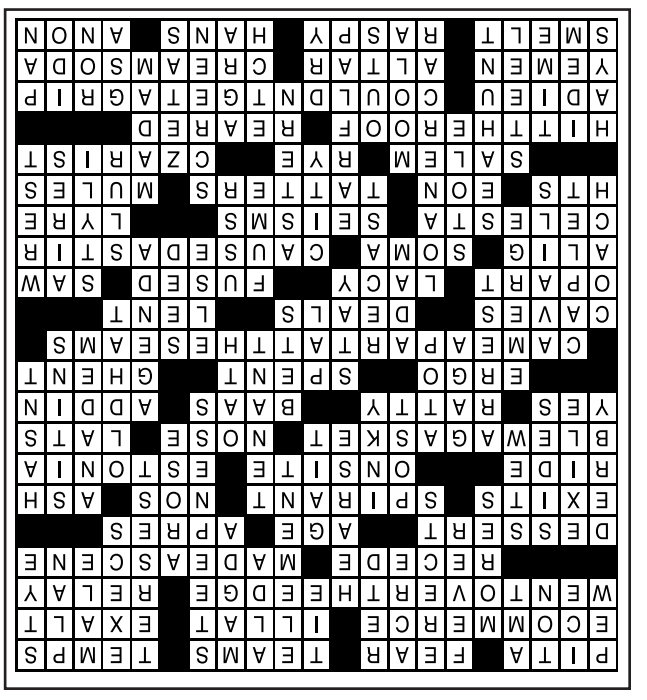

LaBeouf discusses nudity in video

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Just because Shia LaBeouf appears completely nude in the new Sigur Ros video and has said he's willing to perform real sex acts in Lars Von Trier's upcoming "The Nymphomaniac," that doesn't mean he's going through an exhibitionist phase.

The 26-year-old actor says he's "not choosing to be naked all the time" and that he "didn't get into (acting) to be a porn guy."

"We were just playing characters," he explains.

Still, the 8¢ -minute video for "Fjogur Piano" shows the "Transformers" star naked and caressing the bare breasts of his female co-star. He said people have been responding well to the video so he feels "quite confident" about his performance.

LaBeouf does not get naked in "Lawless," which opened last week, about a West Virginia moonshine business during the Prohibition era.

Bradbury targeted by FBI for politics

NEW YORK (AP) — The FBI gave Ray Bradbury a mixed review.

According to documents declassified recently through the Freedom of Information Act, the bureau investigated the "Fahrenheit 451" author in the 1950s and 1960s because of suspected communist sympathies.

One informant warned agents that Bradbury, who died June 5 at age 91, wrote stories that were "definitely slanted" against capitalism. The informant added that science fiction itself could so terrify readers that they would succumb to "incompetence bordering on hysteria" and would be helpless during a third world war.

The bureau noted Bradbury's opposition to Sen. Joe McCarthy and other anti-Communists and his support for civil rights. But it concluded that Bradbury had never been in the Communist Party and that interviewing him was unnecessary because he did not have "informant potential."

"Starsky" fighting Ky. drug charge

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — The actor who played David Starsky in the 1970s police drama "Starsky & Hutch" is fighting a drug charge in Kentucky for what he says is medical marijuana from California.

The Daily News in Bowling Green reports an attorney entered a not guilty plea on Thursday on behalf of 69-year-old Paul Michael Glaser of Venice, Calif.

Bowling Green police charged Glaser with possession of marijuana and a pipe on May 10, hours after he read an excerpt of his young adult novel, "Chrystallia and the Source of Light," to students at a middle school.

According to a police citation, Glaser said he had medical marijuana prescribed to him in California.

He was arrested after an anonymous call to police that a man was smoking marijuana in a hotel.

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In NYC, identifying the dead, and finding closure

NEW YORK (AP) — On a wind-swept island off New York City, the remains of 850,000 people rest in pine boxes in a grid of covered trenches — but many are not resting in peace.

They are the unidentified or unclaimed dead who have been found around the nation's largest city — often with little hope of a loved one ever knowing their fate. Now, with advances in DNA technology and anthropology and with new federal funding, the city medical examiner's office has exhumed dozens of the bodies in a new push to identify several decades' worth.

It's how Ben Maurer's family finally learned that the 17-year-old had jumped to his death from a Manhattan building on June 25, 2002.

His mother, Germaine, submitted his DNA to the medical examiner in 2009, when the first phase of the project began. The DNA was entered into a public database containing information on thousands of cases of missing and unidentified people — and matched a John Doe buried in the potter's field on 101-acre Hart Island in Long Island Sound.

He was given a proper funeral near the family's home in Piscataway, N.J., shortly after his remains were returned to them in 2009.

"It meant everything," said Jared Maurer, Ben's 28-year-old brother. "It finally gave us closure to what had happened to Ben."

Jared Maurer said he frequently visits his brother's gravesite. "I tell him I miss him, I tell him I love him," he said.

At any given time, there are 40,000 active missing- and unidentified-persons cases in the United States. New York State accounts for 25 percent of those cases, most of them in New York City.

The identities of some of the bodies in the potter's field are known, but their families are too poor to have them buried elsewhere.

DNA samples weren't regularly taken from all bodies until about 2006, so the only way to identify many bodies is to exhume them, once DNA samples can be matched up with a description of a corpse, like in Maurer's case.

Fifty-four bodies for which the medical examiner's office had no DNA samples have been disinterred from Hart Island. The exhumation, performed by city inmates, is part of a larger effort to gather data on the unknowns. So far, 50 have been identified, including some who were exhumed.

To date, the scientists have gathered data on more than 1,200 unidentified bodies and entered it into Namus, the public database that is run by the National Institute of Justice — the research arm of the Department of Justice — and that helped identify Maurer.

DNA technology developed for the need to identify remains from the Sept. 11 attacks and other disasters, including Hurricane Katrina, has contributed to a national push in recent years to identify unclaimed remains, said Benjamin Figura, a forensic anthropologist and director of identification at the medical examiner's office.

The first phase of the project began under a grant from the National Institute of Justice that allowed the medical examiner to review cases going back to 1998. Two subsequent grants expanded the project to include cases dating to 1988. The grants total more than $1.5 million.

Anatomical specimens are displayed at the City of New York Office of Chief Medical Examiner where anthropologists routinely work to reveal the persons behind unclaimed and unidentified remain. The office is undertaking an ambitious effort to identify the nameless dead in the city's potter's field, seeking to capitalize on the expertise that it gained over the last decade identifying remains from the World Trade Center attack. (AP Photo)

The third grant has been extended through April 2013, and the medical examiner's office has applied for a fourth grant. Once the money runs out, Figura said, the identification work will continue, but with fewer resources.

Bodies in advanced states of decomposition get an anthropological workup; the scientists determine age, ancestry, sex and height and identify any other unique features that could help in identification, such as tattoos, scars and prior surgeries.

"What we're building is a biological profile. ... If we can say this is a 17-to 25-year-old male, we can narrow down the pool of potential matches," said Bradley Adams, who heads the team. "If I say the person is 6 foot 2, that will pin it down more."

Germaine Maurer called the New York City morgue to search for her son the day after he disappeared, but because he had dark features and looked older, he was labeled as a male Hispanic in his 20s, rather than a 17-year-old white male.

She counts herself lucky.

"There are many families out there missing loved ones who never know what has happened," she said. "We were very fortunate. We found out all the details."

During drastic times of drought, drillers even offer water witching

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Well driller Randy Gebke usually uses a geology database and other high-tech tools to figure out where to sink new water wells for clients. But if asked, he'll grab two wires, walk across the property, waiting for the wires to cross to find a place to drill.

Gebke is water witching, using an ancient method with a greater connection to superstition than science.

Thousands of wells have gone dry this summer in the worst drought the nation has experienced in decades. Some homeowners are spending as much as $30,000 to have new ones drilled, and Gebke said most potential customers in his area expect water witching to be part the deal.

"Over 50 percent of the time in that conversation, they ask do we have a witcher on the crew," he said. "And my response is, 'We have a witcher on every crew.'"

Water witching, also called divining or dowsing, goes back to before the Middle Ages and involves using a forked stick, metal rod or piece of wire that mysteriously points to water underground. While scientists and professional groups say there is no evidence witching works, some well drillers say it usually does. "I'm a wire man. ... I use two wires, and when they cross, that's where the water usually is," said Gebke, 56, the general manager of Kohnen Concrete Products in Germantown, Ill.

Doc McClanahan, 46, who owns Doc's Well & Pump Service in Farmington, Mo., quietly acknowledged that he too will witch for water if a customer asks. He favors wild cherry branches for their flexibility and, though he says he has no idea how witching works, insists it can.

"You kind of get a feel for it," McClanahan said. "It'll twist in your hand."

Cherry is a common choice, Gebke said, but no one chooses willow.

"That pulls toward dog squat," he said, laughing at the thought of looking for water and finding a pile of something unwanted instead.

The National Groundwater Association, a trade group for well drillers, has officially disavowed witching as "totally without scientific merit."

And scientists who specialize in water are, at best, skeptical. "I'm not going to dispute it because you hear too many stories," said Mark Basch, a hydrologist who heads water rights and use operations at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. But, he said, there's no scientific explanation for it, "not in any of the books I read in school."

Witching is an old practice. The U.S. Geological Survey, in a pamphlet on the subject, says cave paintings found in North Africa from 6,000 to 8,000 years ago show someone who appears to be witching for water. A German book on mining from the 1500s references the practice.

But while witching was common in Europe in the Middle Ages, the Christian church condemned the practice as the work of Satan. Even an 1861 Ohio Supreme Court decision found that the way water flows underground was too big a mystery, too "secret and occult," to be subject to law. Jon Jung had never seen water witching until early August, when he hired the company Gebke works for to drill a well for a home he has planned near Mascoutah, Ill. He said two men went separately into the woods with branches from a wild cherry tree and determined where the well should be dug.

"I didn't know what to think, I was just hoping they were right," the 40-year-old Jung said.

His well has been productive, and while Jung has no idea how witching works, he wasn't surprised that it seemed to.

"All the old-timers talk about it, they swear by it," he said. For others, the idea still seems a little odd. James Dooley's family has been in the well-drilling business in the past, and he relies on a well for all his water.

Randy Grebke of Kohnen Concrete Products demonstrates how he locates underground water by holding two copper wires while on a well drilling site in Huey, Ill. Many well drillers still witch or divine for water, Gebke included. Some, like Gebke, use small wires, others have a preference for a particular kind of wood. (AP Photo)

But if someone offered to dowse for water on his property in Leavenworth, Ind., "I don't know what I'd think," the 26-year-old said. "I'd think they'd probably be a little crazy. ... I just don't see it happening."

Gebke understands the skepticism, and he makes a point of saying he's a serious well driller, with decades of experience, service in professional groups and training at seminars and conferences. But he's convinced water witching works, and he tells a favorite story to support his belief.

About 20 years ago in the area where he lives and works, a church that needed a new well hired an engineer, who directed drillers to try one spot after another. None yielded enough water.

So, an old witcher was called to come over from a local nursing home.

"He hung his (witching rod) out of a pickup and they drove him around," Gebke said. "He said stop right here."

And there, Gebke said, they hit water.

The U.S. Geological Survey pamphlet doesn't exactly say witching doesn't work, but it suggests many success stories are probably the result of "finding" water in areas where it would be harder to miss than hit.

Even McClanahan notes that what no one hears about from witchers are the misses.

"You drill down and get all kinds of water and you think you're a genius," McClanahan said. "You tend to forget the 99 times you didn't get any water."

Thoughtful woodworkers in Florida give veterans proper burials

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tom Jones was disturbed.

As he sat in his Land O'Lakes home this spring, he listened to reports of a Florida veteran who was buried in a shallow grave inside a cardboard box.

"It felt so disgraceful," said Jones, a 64-year-old Army veteran.

He took it upon himself to ensure that no veteran would ever again be buried in such a manner.

The amateur woodworker started crafting wooden urns.

The first two were simple, but well-made. He took them to his Tampa woodcrafting club, of which he is vice president, and to a club in St. Petersburg to enlist support.

Club members loved the idea.

Club members have now made 17 boxes. Jones hopes it is just the beginning.

"It's our hope that we'll get woodworking clubs around the country to do this," he said.

Maintenance workers discovered Lawrence Davis Jr.'s remains earlier this year after readjusting a headstone at the Florida National Cemetery near Bushnell.

News spread across the state and country, sparking outrage, the latest in a string of improper veteran burials.

Davis, a World War II veteran from Avon Park, was 83 when he was reported missing in August 2002. Two years later, his skull was found near a lake. More of his bones soon turned up in the area.

The remains were taken to the medical examiner's office. From there, he was taken to the cemetery in a cardboard box — the same box he was buried in.

In July, Davis was given a proper burial and military ceremony.

It takes Jones a day to make two urns.

He does it with care.

He cuts the sides of the boxes with a router, creating four interlocking pieces that fit snuggly together like a zipper. The top glues on. The remains are put in the box through the bottom, which is then screwed tight. He spray lacquers the whole box.

Jim Orndoff, Jones' brother-in-law who helped him develop the idea, said it's a valuable project.

As a family counselor for Veterans Funeral Care in Clearwater, he hears of numerous veterans who are cremated and can't pay for proper burials.

He estimates he deals with three or four cases every month in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

"There's so many homeless vets out there," he said. "It can happen."

Kurt Rotar, the cemetery director at the Florida National Cemetery, agreed on the project's importance.

"I'm sure there's going to be families that are appreciative of that," he said.

There would be no legal problems burying the urns, Rotar said. There are no current limitations or policies on what can and cannot be buried.

"We will inter whatever the family brings to us," he said. "That's our policy."

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, who attended Davis' July burial, said it's important every veteran gets a proper burial.

"I'm grateful for the hard work of others to ensure those who served our nation are treated with the utmost respect," said Nelson.

The urns come in all different sizes.

They're made with all different types of wood — whatever is donated or on hand — and each woodworker can use whatever technique he wants.

"Whatever way you're comfortable with making a box, just do it," Jones said. "The important part is that we have some nice, decent boxes for these guys."

Some have decorative routing to give it more character. Eventually, they might add medallions for each branch of service.

But for now, they'll have the same words stamped into the bottom in black ink:

"A Place To Rest Honoring Our American Hero Veteran."

"Doing what's right isn't the problem. It is knowing what's right."

— Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States (1908-1973)

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ROSES & THORNS

Due to the final laid-back holiday of the summer and because, well, we really don't have any real prickly thorns to offer, let's go with straight roses this morning. And enjoy the weekend!

Roses for everyone out there who has to work on Labor Day. Having to work on a day commemorating working Americans — with most rewarded with a day off — doesn't seem quite right. But enjoy your day nevertheless and enjoy you comp holiday day off whenever that comes. That is if you get one.

Roses and our sympathies for those making a living selling Cleveland Indians home game tickets. Especially those on commission. Think about it. As this is written the Indians have lost all but five of their last 32 games! Projected over a 162 game season it comes to 26-136. Comparing the Indians to the infamous 1962 Mets would be an insult to the memory of post-Yankees Casey Stengel. That would be he of "can't anybody here play this game?" uttered when discussing his amazing Mets. That team, in its first year as a franchise, lost 120 games — the most by any team since 1899. That 20-134 team was known as the Spiders and played, natch, in Cleveland.

Roses for the Canfield Fair. Yeah, it costs more each year on food , rides, games and entertainment. Back are the fabulous freak shows. Afficionados will be glad to know that the Human Blockhead, Skeleton Face Girl, the electrifying Radium Girl and friends are back and better than ever. Parking is free and the admission prices remain very family-friendly. Fairs such as Canfield span generations and are among the few instances where aimlessly walking around in circles while eating really nutritious food like fried butter and chocolate-drenched mushrooms is a fun experience.

Roses for local musician Will "Butch" Hallewell. His performance today at 2 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Salem will raise money through free will offerings and auctions for the widely popular Banquet in Salem. You are invited to attend.

Roses to the memory of Neil Armstrong. The fictional radio series character known as Jack Armstrong was known as the All-American hero. But that namesake had nothing on the NASA astronaut who left his imprint on mankind while leaving a footprint on the moon. He hailed from Ohio. Our state also produced John Glenn and a Wright brother, Orville, who was born in Dayton. He and brother Wilbur, born in Indiana, spent their formative and creative aviation years in Dayton. The above mentioned comprise a pretty good historical flight crew from our state. No other state can match it. Ironically, Neil Armstrong was buried Friday. The night sky held a rare blue moon. The next won't occur until 2015.

Roses to American Legion Post 290 in Columbiana. Members will treat 175 special needs children to a free lunch and rides next Friday during the Columbiana Street Fair.

Roses for the Ohio State Buckeyes. A new, albeit at least this season bowl-less, chapter has begun under Urban Meyer. And we promise never to use the cliches "Urban Project" or "Urban Renewal" in this column. At least after today. Ohio State's unofficial bowl comes November 24 against Michigan in the Horseshoe. Look for at least a 9-3 record this season before the Buckeyes contend for the BCS title game next year with a team brimming with Meyer recruits. It should be fun after last year's bizzaro season.

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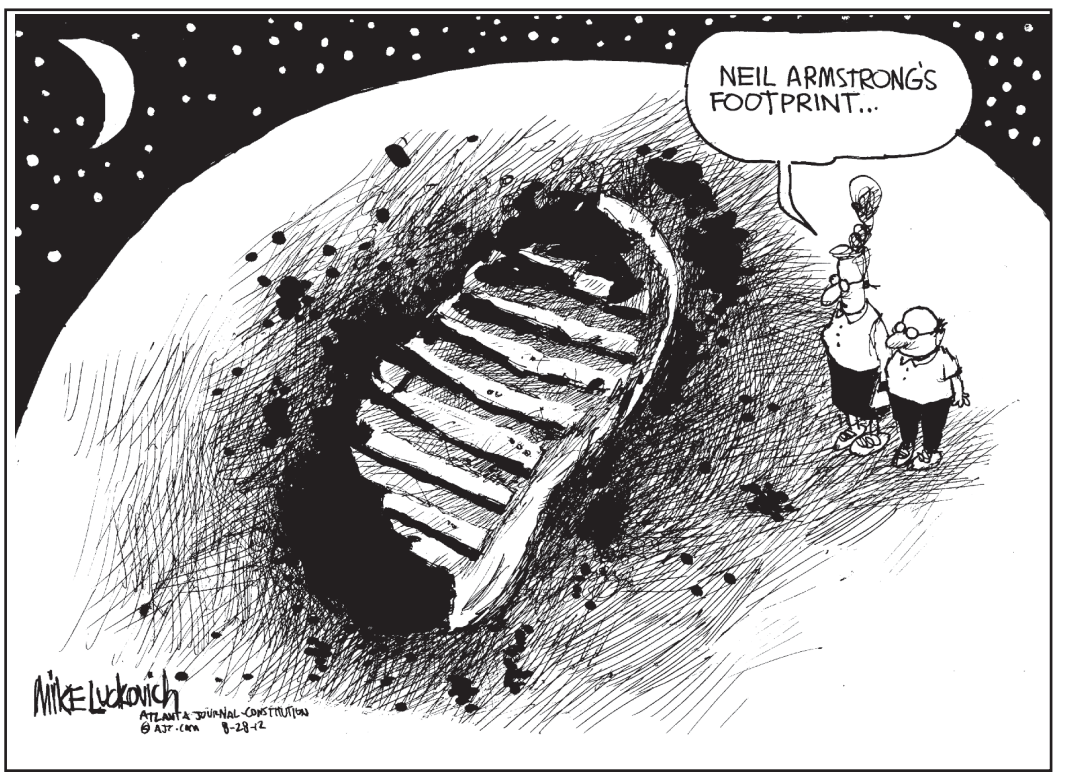

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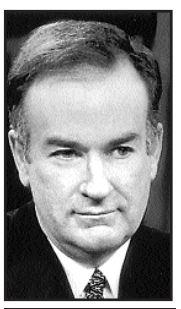

BILL O'REILLY

The comedian Jeff Foxworthy has a great routine called "You Might Be a Redneck." He sets up a series of questions, and if you answer yes, well, you might be a... You get the idea.

But during this convention season, perhaps a more penetrating question is: Are you a bad citizen? Let's be truthful, there are millions of Americans who don't care about their country at all. How can you tell? Easy. If an American does not pay attention to national events or educate himself enough to know the basics of how the USA works, then he or she is a bad citizen.

I do believe the good citizens far outnumber the bad, but those millions of derelict Americans do the country harm. First off, their vote (if they even bother) is most likely uninformed, which gives charlatan politicians an easier time of it. And many bad citizens are simply lazy, meaning they often fail in the competitive marketplace and must rely on those who prosper to support them, at least in part. Simply put, slackers drain strength from any country.

So here is a short quiz in case you are in doubt as to what comprises a bad citizen. You are a bad citizen if:

—You can't explain the three branches of government.

—You can't name 10 former presidents.

—You don't know who the current vice president is.

—You don't know who issued the Emancipation Proclamation or what it is.

—You can't explain why World War II started.

—You don't know where Vietnam is.

—You can't name 15 foreign countries.

—You think Jimmy Carter was a great president.

—You believe the Founding Fathers would support banning handguns.

—You think Americans invented pizza.

There are approximately 320 million Americans, and every one over the age of 12 should be able to answer those questions. There is simply no excuse if you can't. You are a bad citizen.

But if you fall into that category, there is something you can hold onto. In their wisdom, the Founding Fathers designed a Constitution that gives every single citizen the absolute right to be a moron. No one can force you to pay attention to current events, learn history or understand how the USA became the greatest country in the world.

And believe me, America's greatness was achieved despite the presence of bad citizens. They were simply overwhelmed by the good folks: the people who respect their country enough to pay attention to it.

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Obama's sneaky, deadly car tax

MICHELLE MALKIN

While all eyes were on the Republican National Convention in Tampa and Hurricane Isaac on the Gulf Coast, the White House was quietly jacking up the price of automobiles and putting future drivers at risk.

Yes, the same cast of fable-tellers who falsely accused GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney of murdering a steelworker's cancer-stricken wife is now directly imposing a draconian environmental regulation that will cost untold American lives.

On Tuesday, the administration announced that it had finalized "historic" new fuel efficiency standards. (Everything's "historic" with these narcissists, isn't it?) President Obama took a break from his historic fundraising drives to proclaim that "(by) the middle of the next decade, our cars will get nearly 55 miles per gallon, almost double what they get today. It'll strengthen our nation's energy security, it's good for middle-class families, and it will help create an economy built to last."

Jon Carson, director of Obama's Office of Public Engagement, took to Twitter to hype how "auto companies support the higher fuel-efficiency standards" and how the rules crafted behind closed doors will "save consumers $8,000" per vehicle. His source for these claims? The New York Times, America's Fishwrap of Record, which has acknowledged it allows the Obama campaign to have "veto power" over reporters' quotes from campaign officials.

And whom did the Times cite for the claim that the rules will "save consumers $8,000"? Why, the administration, of course! "The administration estimated that the new standards would save Americans $1.7 trillion in fuel costs," the Times dutifully regurgitated, "resulting in an average savings of more than $8,000 a vehicle by 2025."

The Obama administration touts the support of the government-bailed-out auto industry for these reckless, expensive regs. What they want you to forget is that the "negotiations" (read: bullying) with White House environmental radicals date back to former Obama green czar Carol Browner's tenure — when she infamously told auto industry execs "to put nothing in writing, ever" regarding their secret CAFE talks.

Obama's number-massagers cite phony-baloney cost savings that rely on developing future fuel-saving technology. Given this crony government's abysmal track record in "investing" in new technologies (cough — Solyndra — cough), we can safely dismiss that fantasy math. What *is* real for consumers is the $2,000 per vehicle added cost that the new fuel standards will impose now. That figure comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

War on Middle-Class Consumers, anyone?

Beyond the White House-media lapdog echo chamber, the economic and public safety objections to these sweeping rules are long grounded and well founded.

For years, free-market analysts and government statisticians have warned of the deadly effect of increasing corporate auto fuel economy standards (CAFE). Sam Kazman at the Competitive Enterprise Institute explained a decade ago: "(T)he evidence on this issue comes from no less a body than the National Academy of Sciences, which issued a report last August finding that CAFE contributes to between 1,300 and 2,600 traffic deaths per year. Given that this program has been in effect for more than two decades, its cumulative toll is staggering."

H. Sterling Burnett of the National Center for Policy Analysis adds that NHTSA data indicate that "322 additional deaths per year occur as a direct result of reducing just 100 pounds from already downsized small cars, with half of the deaths attributed to small car collisions with light trucks/sport utility vehicles." USA Today further calculated that the "size and weight reductions of passenger vehicles undertaken to meet current CAFE standards had resulted in more than 46,000 deaths."

These lethal regulations should be wrapped in yellow police "CAUTION" tape. The tradeoffs are stark and simple: CAFE fuel standards clamp down on the production of larger, more crashworthy cars. Analysts from Harvard to the Brookings Institution to the federal government itself have arrived at the same conclusion: CAFE kills. Welcome to the bloody intersection between the Obama jobs death toll and the Obama green death toll.

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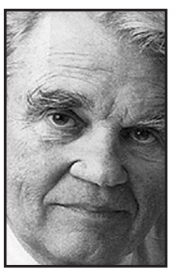
We are doing to much kissing



Classic Andy Rooney

(This classic column was originally published June 30, 1985.)

Joy Cartier from Honolulu has written me a good, sensible letter suggesting I write something about kissing. I'm so taken with Joy's name, her stationery and her attitude that I think I'll do it.

Joy seems to feel that kissing has gotten out of hand. She doesn't like the idea of being kissed by someone she hardly knows, nor does she approve of the "explicit, deep kissing (eating up!) in today's television and movies." Joy says she comes from a family whose members "kiss normal."

Kissing is probably suffering from the same kind of escalation that everything else in our society suffers from. Things aren't considered to be worth as much as they once were, so we need more of whatever they are.

Dollars aren't worth as much, so we need more money. Titles aren't worth as much, so the top job in a company is no longer the president's because he has a boss called the CEO, chief executive officer. Our language suffers from inflation. To say a simple "thank you" is no longer enough. We say, "Thank you very much."

A kiss on the screen in the movies used to be a pretty sexy, exciting thing. Not any longer. Escalation has set in. If the couple doesn't get into bed and do it while we're all watching, it's considered a movie for children.

It occurs to me, reading Joy's letter, that I may be one of the people she's complaining about. I don't do any "deep kissing," but I do kiss a lot of people, all women and mostly on weekends.

Years ago, when we'd go to a party, there were always a few men who kissed some or all of the women when they met. For a while, my friend Tom Jackson and I were the only ones who didn't.

Now Tom is the only one who doesn't. Tom's refusal to go along with me on this doesn't seem to have diminished his social standing in our crowd.

Kissing seems like a nice, friendly custom, but I have the same feeling Joy Cartier has. We're trivializing kissing by doing too much of it or doing it when a handshake would come closer to expressing the relationship we have in mind.

I think, too, that Joy is probably suspicious of prolific kissers for the same reason most of us have learned to be suspicious of the man who greets us a little too warmly and with a hearty handshake.

Experience has taught us that he's probably a phony or, at the very least, intent on selling us something.

Kissing habits have not only changed over the years, but they're different in different countries. The French, for instance, kiss and shake hands more than we do.

Two Frenchmen who work together, perhaps even doing manual labor, will usually shake hands every morning when they first see each other. It seems natural and nice.

The kiss on the cheek that's such a popular French custom seems less satisfactory. For one thing, it isn't really a kiss because neither person's lips ever touch the other person's cheek.

I always thought the old-world custom of a man kissing a lady's hand was nice. I wouldn't think of doing it myself, but when court figures bowed and kissed milady's hand, there was something, well, courtly about it.

"Kissing normal" is a nice custom and I hope we don't lose it.

A kiss expresses something at the moment you first see someone you like, or when you part company with someone you like, that would be difficult to express any other way. A kiss is our most tender gesture.

So there it is, Joy. That's just about everything I've ever thought about kissing.

If I get to Honolulu and we meet, I'll be pretty disappointed if you don't make an exception in my case and give me a kiss. You can skip the lei.

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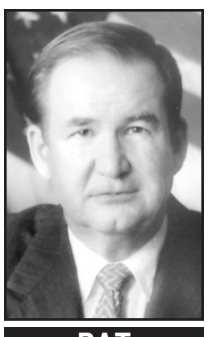
Is this the last hurrah of Nixon's 'New Majority'?



PAT BUCHANAN

Looking back all the way to America's Civil War, there have been three dominant presidential coalitions.

The first was Abraham Lincoln's. With his war to restore the Union and his martyrdom, Lincoln inaugurated an era of Republican dominance that lasted more than seven decades and saw only two Democratic presidents: Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson.

The second coalition was FDR's, where he and his vice president Harry Truman won five consecutive presidential elections. Only Gen. Eisenhower could break that streak.

The third was Richard Nixon's New Majority, cobbled together after his narrow 1968 victory, where he annexed the Northern Catholic ethnics and Southern Christian conservatives of FDR's coalition to win 49 states in 1972. Ronald Reagan would follow up with 44- and 49-state landslides and see his vice president win 40 states in 1988.

That New Majority is now history. In the five elections since 1992, Republicans have won the popular vote once — in 2004. And while Mitt Romney is slightly ahead in polls today, reaching 270 electoral votes will be no easy task. The electoral map is becoming problematic.

According to GOP Chairman Reince Priebus, the party has a 3-2-1 strategy. While holding all the states McCain won, the party must first recapture three red states that Barack Obama carried: Indiana, North Carolina and Virginia. Next, Romney must carry the two major battleground states that Obama won last time: Ohio and Florida. Third, add one more state Obama carried in 2008, like Colorado. Then the GOP is home.

Yet with the exception of Indiana, none of those six states seems close to secure. And the GOP must win them all. And now Missouri, after Todd Akin's "legitimate rape" gaffe, has moved from Republican red into the undecided column.

The good news: With Paul Ryan on the ticket, Wisconsin is in play, and Mitt's birth state, Michigan, is getting a second look.

Yet consider the uphill struggle the GOP faces in a year when the election should be a cakewalk.

Though he has four straight trillion-dollar deficits and 42 months of 8 percent unemployment to his credit, Obama appears to already have four of the seven mega-states — California, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York — secure and is more than competitive in Ohio and Florida.

Looking to the future, what is the Republican strategy ever again to win New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois or California, other than due to some national calamity or new depression?

Where the Democratic base seems secure, the GOP base, the South from the Potomac to the Pedernales, is seeing Democratic encroachments — in Florida, Virginia and North Carolina.

Moreover, while the Nixon-Reagan coalition was united on the mega-issues of morality and patriotism, today's GOP is fragmenting on everything except the imperative of removing Obama.

One hears scarcely a peep of protest at Obama's withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan. Yet U.S. influence is sinking in Baghdad as a new civil war is stirring, and the Taliban's return after the U.S. departure from Afghanistan seems a certainty. Where have all the uber-hawks gone?

The caws of Sen. John McCain and the neoconservatives for intervention in Syria and an ultimatum to Tehran to halt the enrichment of uranium or face a U.S. attack is echoed by some evangelicals. But foreign policy "realists," libertarians and the anti-interventionist right, all of whom are urging us to stay out of any new war, seem more in tune with the times — and the country.

The GOP used to be united on a traditionalist view of social and moral issues. Now, not only the Log Cabin Club, but libertarians and some moderate Republicans are receptive to the idea of homosexual marriage. And the ticket of Romney-Ryan accepts abortion in the case of incest or rape.

Once the principled position is yielded, where do we draw the line? At what point does constant accommodation cause True Believers to depart?

Priebus said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that Republicans will cut federal spending from 25 percent of gross domestic product, roughly where it is today, to 20 percent. But a cut of 5 percent of GDP translates into a budget reduction of $750 billion.

That is one-fifth of the entire U.S. budget.

While the Republicans would seek to achieve such a reduction over a period of years, such budget butchery is unheard of in modern times.

Where are the cuts to come from?

Social Security and Medicare are the largest social programs. But the beneficiaries of those middle-class entitlements are seniors and retirees, the big divisions of the Republican army. And Mitt has assured these folks he is not going to cut Medicare.

As for defense, Mitt says we need to spend more. And though the Rand Paul wing of the party is open to cuts in military spending, and some conservatives are ready to see bases closed abroad, this would cause a revolt among congressional hawks, neoconservatives, and executives and lobbyists of the military-industrial complex who show up at all those Washington fundraisers.

Mitt Romney and the Republicans have a shot at taking it all this year. But beyond, one sees only darkening skies for the Grand Old Party.

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YOUR SIDE

THE READERS TAKE OVER

Complaint against Salem Police over park incident

To the editor:

I have to make a complaint about the Salem Police Department. On Sunday, Aug. 26 (he may have actually posted the original post on Saturday night), a young man complained to the police via Facebook about how he and his friends were treated by an officer in the park.

His post generated a lot of chatter. More than 100 comments, and more than 130 people liked it. Basically, for those who didn't see it, he said that he and his friends were enjoying their last real night of summer and messing around in the park approximately 10 minutes after 9 p.m. An officer approached them, swore at them and threatened them before making them leave the park.

Now, the park doesn't close until midnight. This was a fact that was argued on the post, and eventually whoever runs the SPD Facebook page answered the question and confirmed that the park did indeed close at midnight but that the Swings and Things playground closes at 9 p.m. So I asked if they were on the playground? This question was never answered, the post was simply deleted and that was the end of it.

Now, one can assume that this meant they probably weren't in the playground, however I can't be certain. But, if they were just in the park, then the officer had no business questioning them, let alone threatening and swearing at them. And he certainly didn't have any authority to bust them for curfew — unless, as stated, they were not in the proper area.

I understand that to many this may not seem like a big deal, and it really isn't. However, most people don't seem to understand precedent. When it's set, it's abused by all forms of government. If this is how the police are going to treat law-abiding citizens in this town, then to what extent do you think this will grow to in five years? Ten years? Where will it stop?

And on top of it all, rather than answer to the complaint of their wrongdoing, they simply deleted the post. So they've also set the precedent that they aren't accountable for their actions.

Don't get me wrong, I appreciate nearly all of what the police do in this town. As far as I'm concerned, we have a good police force. Much better than those that I read about in other parts of the country. But they work for us, not the other way around.

Since it was censored online I thought the story should be told here. And before some of you go running off to look at my record (because if I had one my opinion wouldn't matter to most people), you won't find anything. Just wake up and realize that this totalitarian style of rule that is creeping into every level of government can not be tolerated no matter how big or small the issue is.

GRANT MINGUS, Salem

Salem Police Chief responds to above letter

To the editor:

On the evening of Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, at 21:06 hours (9:06 p.m.) the Salem Police Department did respond to a complaint of a large group of juveniles inside the Wooden Playground area.

The group was directed to the posted sign at the playground stating it closed at 9 p.m. The persons present were identified, and the only "threat" made was to inform them that a repeated violation could result in a charge of trespassing. My officers present strongly resented the report of swearing, and state they did not do so. They further stated there was no problem or arguing, just the notification of the park rules.

All who read this newspaper are aware of the many complaints and problems that we are facing in Centennial Park, particularly in the area of the playground and the swimming pool. Officers did look for any sign of illicit activity, and were pleased to find none. The kids did seem to just be having a good time. However, they were in violation of the rules, and were asked to obey the rules in the future.

As for the removal of the post on Facebook, the Salem PD Facebook page is OUR page to use for those purposes we find productive. It is not intended to be a page left available for anyone that wishes to complain or post negative statements about the Salem Police Department; especially when those statements are untrue or unverified.

We will continue to use this page to post alerts of various dangers, and to promote the ways we can help the public. As Mr. Mingus said, we are here for the public, not the other way around. We have not forgotten that, and really do appreciate our citizens for all of the support they give us.

CHIEF R.W. FLOOR, Salem Police Department

This letter writer upset with Goshen Twp. cops

To the editor:

I was recently pulled over by the Goshen Township Police for an alleged speeding violation. I am an anesthesia provider and was called back to work for an emergency surgery. Traveling east on 165 just outside of Greenford, I was pulled over.

The police vehicle was parked approximately .05 mile from a 55 MPH sign. I was .1 mile from the sign when I visualized the officer raise his radar gun. I explained that I was on my way to the operating room and that I could see the 55 MPH sign.

I was detained at least 20 minutes while three officers stood talking between their vehicles before being ticketed and released to get to work. I realize that as police officers these men can make me wait as long as the feel like it, however, considering how close I was to the increased speed zone and the importance of my job, I would think they could be a bit less impertinent.

I would certainly hope if it were my family in need, a healthcare provider would not be so needlessly detained. A brief phone call to the operating room could have confirmed my story if it seemed too convenient. I will certainly do everything I can to avoid the Greenford area from now on.

CYNTHIA F. FLICK, Salem

Resident echoes noise problem complaint in city

To the editor:

I would also like to address the noise problem brought up by an earlier letter. I learned I live on the same street. I live near a four-way stop which is terribly noisy with loud car stereos, motorcycles racing their engines at the stop and huge elevated trucks with loud exhaust pipes blowing black smoke with the noise.

It is not unusual to be disturbed 15 or more times a day and into the night, Bike Night downtown causes a steady stream of motorcycles going to and from downtown. Sure they have the right to go downtown for fun but do they really have to make so much noise in the process?

Where is the right of homeowners to have quiet? How about sitting on your porch to relax in quiet? Sitting on one's porch is no longer an enjoyable experience because of the noise. These people must have missed the character education lesson in school on manners and respect for others. Do they need so much attention they have to make noise to be noticed?

Adding to the street noise I also have a neighbor who insists the whole neighborhood wants to hear his loud music blasting into their homes. I have replaced all my windows and doors to try to filter out the noise but nothing has worked. I have politely asked him to lower the level. Sure he can listen to music but not so loud it disturbs me from watching my TV.

I am very thankful the Salem Police Department accepts my calls with professionalism and understanding to try to solve the noise situations. The problem is the police force is not big enough to post officers in noise complaint areas to catch the offenders.

I endure the noise until my nerves wear out and I then call downtown. They always respond but never hear the thumping noise that comes into my living room. I must turn my TV volume to nursing home level to hear the program I am watching. I do not want to bother the police when simple manners and respect would leave the police department time to work on the drug and theft problems in Salem. The police reports also show calls on barking dogs. Can't dog owners keep dogs from disturbing neighbors? At least dogs don't know they are disturbing others.

What is wrong with society? What happened to being kind and quiet and respectful to others without being asked? I hope Salem residents will respond in a positive way and try to bring Salem back to the city of peaceful, quiet living.

In conclusion, I want to again thank the Salem Police Department and dispatchers for their efforts to quiet things down. I wish there could be a resolution for the noise issues to free up our police officers for real police work.

PATRICIA LUTZ, Salem

Concerned about stray cat population in Salem

To the editor:

There is a vicious cycle of suffering in our beautiful city of Salem. The enormous stray cat population in our town is created by renters who move and victims of foreclosure who abandon these helpless animals. Others are "pets" that are not spayed or neutered and are allowed to roam the streets.

Did you know that one female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 more cats in seven years (according to the Humane Society of the United States)? Stray females live a life of great suffering. They can have three litters a year and do nothing but struggle to find food for the kittens and themselves. The lifespan of a stray is about three years, and death can be incredibly painful as a result of disease, starvation, vehicles and other animals taking their lives.

Programs abound for spaying and neutering at Angels for Animals. Discount rates are provided for people who qualify through the Rascal Unit, a mobile vet clinic that visits our county two or three times a year. Angels for Animals (AFA) is a thriving organization staffed primarily by volunteers.

It is funded through donations from generous people who recognize the important work AFA performs, as well as many fund raisers held through the year. AFA provides a drop-off area where often more than 20 animals are abandoned in one day. Each one that is left is treated with love and compassion. Many times these discarded animals must be euthanized. No organization can absorb this many animals and have the funds to care for them and the space to house them; this is a terribly sad reality.

Please think about this information before you adopt a pet. It is critical that you are sure that you are committed to caring for and protecting them for the rest of their lives. Educate yourself on what it means to provide a "forever home" to the animal. A great way to learn how to responsibly care for your pet and how to help the ones that are strays or abandoned is to volunteer at a local shelter. It's a real eye opener! Angels for Animals is an excellent educational resource and has a variety of volunteer opportunities to support diverse schedules and areas of interest.

Please take responsibility and hold yourself accountable for reducing the needless suffering and overpopulation of stray cats in our community. Spay and neuter your pets and keep them off our streets; these animals deserve a better life.

MARSHA ROZESKI, Salem

Has lost her faith in the whole election process

To the editor:

I am outraged by the recent antics by the R.N.C.! I believe the recent unconstitutional changes of the rules have cost them this election. The delegates should have been able to vote with their conscious and not be bound to one man.

What is the purpose of having a vote if there is only one man to vote for? Proudly I'm a Ron Paul supporter and whether you like the man or not it should outrage every Republican that rules were broken and changed to suit the party.

I no longer have faith in our election process, I no longer support the party, and I will not be voting for Romney or Obama! Ron Paul worked too hard and too long to have his efforts stolen from him. Not only is it a slap in his face it's a slap in mine. This country has been hijacked by corrupt politicians who are destroying what was once a beautiful country. Romney is no different than Obama, so either way we will suffer another four years. Since we can't write in a nominee unless they registered to do so, I will be voting for Gary Johnson!

BRANDY THOMPSON, Beloit

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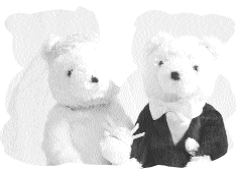
Engagements/Weddings/Anniversaries

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Kristen Nicole McCauley weds Paul William Landis Jr.

Kristen Nicole McCauley became the bride of Paul William Landis Jr. on June 17 at Brookside Farm in Louisville.

The bride is the daughter of Gregg and Lana McCauley of Wadsworth. The bridegroom is the son of Paul and Karen Landis of North Lima.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride appeared in an elegant strapless, fit-and-flare gown of ivory lace. She carried a bright bouquet of pink and yellow daisies, purple statice, and a white hydrangea.

Alison McCauley and Brittani Kinnan, the bride's sisters, served as her maid and matron of honor, respectively, in gowns of canary yellow.

In matching gowns were her bridesmaids: Lindsay Landis, the bridegroom's sister; Abbey Green, Kathryn Leimgruber and Kelly Berryman.

Travis Landis, the bridegroom's brother, served as a best man along with Isaac Melnick.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul William Landis Jr.

Groomsmen were Andrew Kinnan, the bride's brother-in-law; Paul Taylor, Chaz Gould and Seth Wenger.

A reception, attended by approximately 250 guests, followed the ceremony at Brookside Farm.

After a honeymoon trip to Riviera Maya, the couple resides in Athens, Ohio, where the bridegroom is attending Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Carly Anne Washinko marries Jeremy Philip Thompson

Carly Anne Washinko became the bride of Jeremy Philip Thompson at 1 p.m. June 16 at St. Jude Church in Columbiana. Father Tom Ziegler officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Vicki Washinko of Columbiana. The bridegroom's parents are Donald Thompson and Kathy Brown, both of Lisbon.

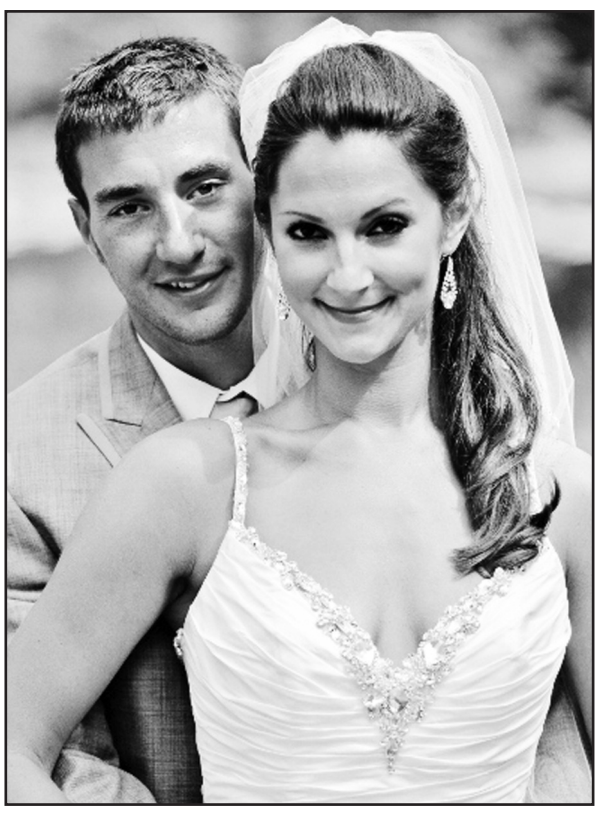
The bride chose a silk, ivory, mermaid style gown with Swarovski crystal embellishments. She carried a bouquet of light pink and ivory peonies and various roses.

Amy Schneider, the bride's sister, served as matron of honor.

Bob Thompson, the bridegroom's brother, served as best man.

Jenna Washinko, Jessica Thompson, Channing Ritter, and Lisa Stepan served as bridesmaids.

Don Thompson, Andrew Adams, Scott Padurean, and Josh Rhodes were groomsmen.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Philip Thompson

A reception, attended by approximately 240 people, was held at The Links at Firestone in Columbiana.

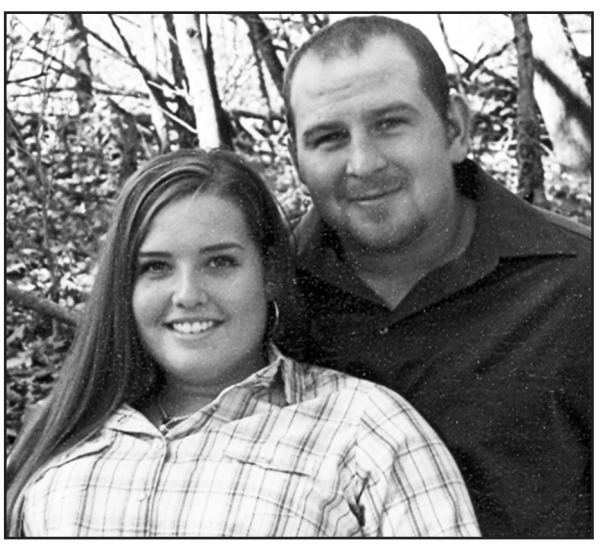
After a honeymoon in Italy the couple resides in Atlanta, Ga.

Lacey Dianna Glover plans marriage to Tyler Shaw Ellyson

Dallas and Barbara Glover of 9755 Ellyson Road, Kensington, are announcing the engagement and forthcoming early fall wedding of their daughter, Lacey Dianna Glover, to Tyler Shaw Ellyson. He is the son of Michael and Lisa Ellyson of 8145 McCann Road, Kensington.

The couple's private, double-ring ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 6 at Summitcrest Farms in Summitville. Invitations will be issued for the reception to follow at the farm.

The bride-elect graduated in 2007 from United Local High School and also graduated in 2011 from Walsh University in Canton with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing-RN. She is currently employed as an RN at Mercy Medical Center in Canton.



Lacey Dianna Glover and Tyler Shaw Ellyson

Her fiance, a 2005 graduate of Steubenville High School, is employed at his family's dairy farm, Ellyson Inc., in East Rochester.

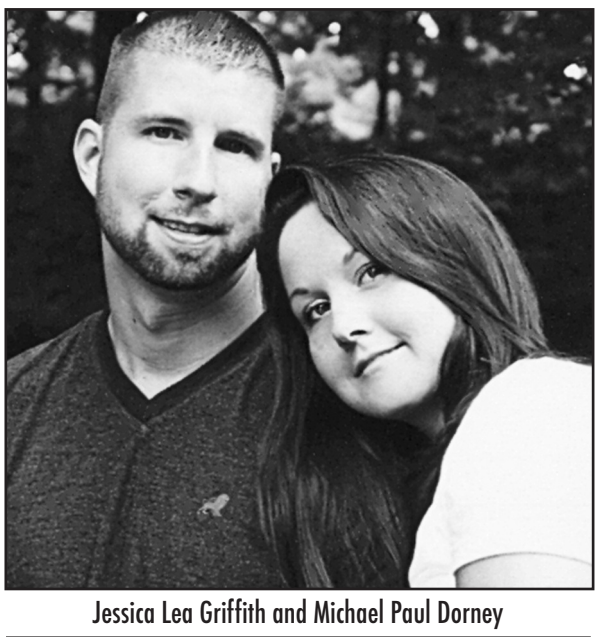
Jessica Lea Griffith to become bride of Michael Paul Dorney

Scott and Nancy Griffith of 555 Marion Ave., Salem, are announcing the engagement and forthcoming early fall wedding of their daughter, Jessica Lea Griffith, to Michael Paul Dorney. He is the son of James and Martha Dorney, 545 Mona Lane, Youngstown.

The bride-to-be graduated from Kent State University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is currently employed by Hospice of the Valley and Circulatory Centers of America.

The prospective bridegroom graduated in 1999 from Youngstown State University with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems.

The couple's private wedding ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Damascus Friends Church.



Jessica Lea Griffith and Michael Paul Dorney

Invitations will be issued for the reception to follow at Das Dutch Village Inn in Columbiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bosel mark 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bosel recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 28 at Antone's Restaurant in Columbiana.

The Bosels were married on July 31, 1952.

The party was hosted by their children, Vickie (Randy) Muntean of Lisbon and Steven (Heather) Bosel of Salem. Also present were four of their seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Das Dutch House of Columbiana prepared the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Clara) Bosel

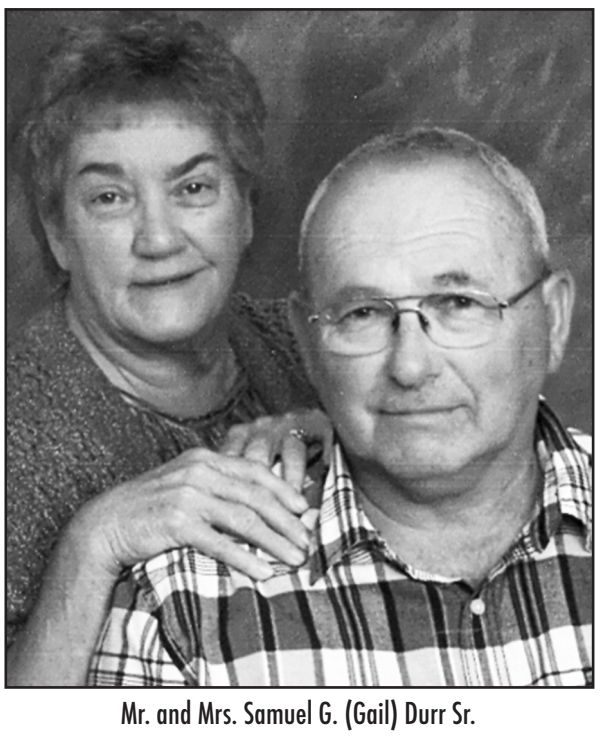
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Durr Sr. to celebrate golden anniversary

A cake and punch reception will be held Sept. 15 at the Greenford Christian Church to honor Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Durr Sr. of 5558 W. South Range Road, Salem, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Family and friends are invited from 2 to 5 p.m.

The former Gail LaVerne Patrick and Mr. Durr were married on Nov. 11, 1962, by the Rev. Robert Irwin at the Minerva Methodist Church.

Mr. Durr is a sheet metal worker with Local #33 and retired from Roth Bros Inc. on Nov. 1, 2000. He is a member of Greenford Christian Church and secretary-treasurer of Sheet Metal Workers Retirees Club.

Mrs. Durr is employed at Akron Children's Hospital. She is a member of Greenford Christian Church and Green Township Ladies Auxiliary.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. (Gail) Durr Sr.

Their children and spouses are Samuel G. (Susan) Durr of Columbiana, Scott E. (Tracy) Durr of Lisbon and Steven C. (Edyta) Durr of Canton, Ga. The Durrs also have seven grandchildren.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

Meissner family holds 72nd annual reunion

SALEM — The 72nd annual Meissner family reunion was held Aug. 5 at the Sevakeen Lake clubhouse with 125 relatives attending. Paul Shelko offered the blessing prior to the 1 p.m. dinner. Prizes were awarded to the following: Pete Dangelo, oldest man; Margaret Sabatino, oldest woman; Ricky Linton, youngest boy; Lily Rose Linton, youngest girl; Peggy (Meissner) Martin of Howard, Ind., traveled the furthest to attend; Nick and Maureen Dangelo, newlyweds; and Pete and Alice Dangelo who had the most great-grandchildren present at the reunion. Next year's reunion is slated Aug. 4 at the same place.

Mudgers host Lentz family reunion

SALEM — The 64th annual Lentz family reunion was held recently at the home of Mike and Marcella Mudger in Salem. Nineteen family members and friends attended. A coverdish dinner was followed by a business meeting led by Joe Marks to discuss family news. The day ended with an auction conducted by Al Noble to raise funds for next year's reunion to be held Aug. 11 at a location to be announced.

Butler Grange meets, learns to simplify

SALEM — Ida Zepernick presided when Butler Grange met recently. Myrtle Bailey reported on her observation of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Ruth Ann Altenhof presented the program: Simplify Your Life. A simple life has a different meaning and a different value for every person. "There are really only two steps to simplify. (1) Identify what's most important to you. (2) Eliminate everything else," said Altenhof. Bailey added, "Make a list of your top four to five important things, what do you value most? What things do you most want to do in your life? Evaluate your commitments, which of these really give you value, which ones you love doing; Evaluate your time," she said. Zepernick added, "Simplify work tasks, home tasks, focus on the important tasks. Learn to say no, and limit your communications; set a schedule and stick to it." Readings given included: A man got a parrot with a big vocabulary by Bailey; A 70-year-old man was having his annual checkup by Zepernick; August weather lore by Clyde Zepernick; I dream of simplicity, love, happiness and infinity by Altenhof.

Judging of crafts, sewing and photography was held on Aug. 20 at the Pomona Grange meeting. July card winners were Beverly Flickinger and Jay Lafferre, first place'; and Betty Coy and John Waterbeck, second place. Fawn Smith won the door prize. A special treat of homemade ice cream was provided by Jay Lafferre and Wayne Lafferre. The next euchre party begins at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the grange.

Garden club hears committee reports

DAMASCUS— After a July hiatus, the Damascus Garden Club, a member of the Ohio Garden Club, Inc., met on August 9th at the home of Peggy Stoffer. President Stoffer greeted the 14 members in attendance and opened the meeting. The treasurer's report and minutes from the June meeting were read and approved. Correspondence came from the West Branch Academic Recognition Banquet Committee thanking the club for their generous gift of the flower vases that decorated the tables for the annual banquet. Carolyn Adleman, chairman of the Penny Pines project of the Garden Club of Ohio, sent a thank you note for the club's donation to the program. She noted the club's preference that the funds be used at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Under committee reports, Marilyn Wingett, Conservation Committee chair, reminded every member about the scheduled weeding of the post office garden at 9:30 am on Thursday, August 12th. Members are also reminded to check out their week for watering the garden that is listed on the schedule. Wingett also thanked Sandy Kilmer for her donation of bud vases for the recent blood drive.

Ginny Huffman, Ways and Means chair, set a deadline date of October 11th for submission of photos for the 2013 calendar project. The pictures are to be submitted to her via e-mail; please contact Huffman for the correct address and instructions. Under Old Business, Stoffer thanked Wingett for all the work she put into the successful Sebring Mansion visit. Lee Kuentz distributed the Handbook for Flower Shows manuals and said that members who need them may still purchase them for fifteen dollars.

Under New Business, Stoffer reminded members of the September 19th Canton District Fall Meeting and the Central Atlantic Conference in Cleveland in October. A thank you is to be sent to Chuck Biery for his donation of seeds to our Garden Week basket in June. Stoffer adjourned the meeting and introduced the month's program.

Ginny Huffman presented an informative program on the versatile herb, lavender, known as the flower of devotion. She spoke about the varied uses of the plant and shared information about Day Break Lavender Farm in Streetsboro, Ohio where visitors are invited to walk through fields of lavender and enjoy the beauty of the flower.

Co-hostesses for the month were Sandy Kilmer and Irene Morkel. Vases of fresh herbs decorated the tables and members enjoyed sandwiches and home made potato salad and some of Irene's famous sweet pickles. Dessert was a refreshing berry parfait.

The September 13, meeting will be at the home of Joyce Steer with co-hostesses Betty Bircher and June Wallace.

Damascus Ruritans hold August meeting

DAMASCUS— The Damascus Ruritan Club met Aug. 16 at the Damascus United Methodist Church, with 35 members and guests present. The church ladies served a dinner which included sweet corn on the cob. Club Secretary Darlene Snyder called the roll and read the correspondence to the club and presented the minutes of the July meeting.

The club recognized two eighth-grade students from West Branch Middle School for their outstanding achievements. Dale Morckel, club member and teacher, presented checks to Emily Menegay, daughter of Robert and Kathy Menegay, and Trae Hillyer, son of Bennie and Terry Hillyer.

Mike Halleck, Columbiana County commissioner, was the guest speaker for the evening. He spoke about numerous items regarding the county. He said the commissioners have approximately 50 buildings that they are required to maintain, belonging to the county, and are also responsible for maintaining 189 miles of county roads. He also talked about the influx of workers coming into the county with the shale oil and gas well industry, explaining that it is impacting the county by bringing the opportunity for some local residence to become employed, increasing road traffic and the need for road maintenance and providing more revenue to the county coffers.

The club awarded scholarships to two West Branch graduating seniors. Morkel presented the club's Ruritan National Foundation award of $600 matched by Youngstown State University (for a total of $1,200) to Kayla Coldsnow, daughter of John and Dawn Coldsnow. Club President Dave Wingett presented $500 to Austen ReKolt, son of Jon and Jodi ReKolt, who will be attending Hiram College.

In the absence of the club treasure, his report was presented and excepted as printed.

Action was taken by the members to lay down the Fall Swiss Steak Dinner after 25 years in late October which will be replaced by a breakfast, the date to be announced. The club will continue the Spring Swiss Steak Dinner in March.

Wingett announced the Fall Rabies Clinic will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 29. at the Damascus Fire Department meeting room on state Route 534. Dr. Jack Zine will be the veterinarian administering the vaccine.

The members voted and approved membership for Joe and Carrie Skolosh.

SHS Class of 1940 cancels Tuesday lunch

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1940 has canceled its class lunch on Sept. 4 due to the Labor Day Holiday on Sept. 3. The next luncheon will be held at noon Oct. 2 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

SHS Class of 1951 to meet for lunch

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1951 will meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Sept. 5 at the Skyline Diner.

Snyder family holds annual reunion

SALEM — The annual Snyder family reunion was held Aug. 12 at the Snyder farm with over 60 in attendance. Family members enjoyed a 50/50 raffle, games, food and a white elephant auction to supplement the Snyder reunion fund.

W. PA Area Corys hold 103rd reunion

CHIPPEWA, Pa. — The Western PA Area Corys held their 103rd reunion on Aug. 12 at the Fire Mountain Restaurant in Chippewa. New members, Myron "Bill" and Carol Kelly and grandchildren from Hanoverton, Ohio, were welcomed.

Current Cory research was shared. President Jim Lisica donated Mark Hester's recent book on the descendants of James and Margaret Allen McCowin (which includes the descendants of Margaret and Matilda Cory) to the Little Beaver Historical Society. It is a two volume set and will be a part of the genealogical collection at the Greersburg Academy in Darlington, Pa. The present officers were reelected: Jim Lisica, president; Gary Lisica, vice president and webmaster; Diana Maye, secretary/treasurer; and Helen Pratt and Marge Chilson, genealogists. The 2013 reunion will be held the second Sunday in August at Fire Mountain.

Sportsman's Club to hold Kids Day

LEETONIA — The Leetonia Sportsman's Club will hold its 37th annual Kids Day on Sept. 22 at the club grounds along East High Street in Leetonia. There will be shooting, archery, and fishing events for all children from ages 6 to 15 years. Trophies will be awarded to contest winners and raffle prizes will be given away. A wiener roast will also be held. Everything is free of charge.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and runs continuously throughout the day. Kids Day is held annually in conjunction with National Hunting and Fishing Day. For more information about National Hunting and Fishing Day go to www.nhfday.org. For information call Tom Butch at 330-337-8444.

Sitlers host picnic for Leetonia Ruritans

LEETONIA — Richard and Annabell Sitler hosted a family picnic during the August meeting of the Leetonia Ruritan Club. There were 14 members and 14 guests present. It was announced that the annual Pizza Challenge has been postponed to a later date. Dictionaries have been ordered to be distributed to third-grade students in the Leetonia School District. Members were invited to the 60th anniversary of the Ruritans in Ohio dinner on Oct. 13 at the Columbiana County Career Center.

Committee meets to discuss Peddler Days

HANOVERTON — The Peddler Days Committee met recently at Jane Blazer's home to review plans for the July 2013 event. In attendance were Linda Beadnell, Joyce Carnes, Megan Miller, Frances Thompson and Blazer. Several activities and entertainment are being planned.

SHS Class of 1946 announces meetings

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1946 has announced its meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. Classmates will meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 25, Oct. 23 and Nov. 27 at Adele's Place.

TOPS 1380 honors weight loss winners

SALEM — Twelve members of TOPS 1380 met on Aug. 27. The TOPS prayer and pledge was led by Nancy Finch. Cora Jean Briggs, Margaret Phillips and Dorothy Mussler recited the KOPS pledge.

Best losers were Barb May, TOPS; Phillips, KOPS; and Barb Baughman and Finch, honorable mention. The Rolling Cash Five was won by Briggs.

Eleanor May read for the "circle of light" and Shirley Bullis discussed TOPS rules for therapy. Keith and Margaret Phillips celebrated their 54th anniversary. There will be no meeting on Sept. 3 due to Labor Day. The next meeting is Sept. 10.

UHS Class of 1963 to meet Wednesday

HANOVERTON — The United High School Class of 1963 will meet for lunch at noon Sept. 5 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Coupons distributed during WIC celebration

LISBON — Distributing WIC Farmer's Market coupons during a breastfeeding celebration proved to be successful. On Aug. 1, WIC participants received a $15 booklet to purchase produce from participating farm markets. Catalpa Grove and Dillion Fruit Farms were available at the WIC location for immediate redemption. WIC Pregnant and Breastfeeding women also had a chance to win door prizes in celebration of Breastfeeding Awareness Month. WIC distributed 500 farm market booklets to participants during August which must be redeemed before Oct. 31 at the following locations: Catalpa Grove Farm, Dillion Fruit Farm, Peace Valley Orchards, Stouffer's Farm Market or Willian D. Woolf's D.E.W. Orchards.

Pomona Grange to host Swiss steak dinner

ALLIANCE — Columbiana County Pomona Grange will host its annual Swiss steak supper from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Mile Branch Grange. The grange is located on Knox School Road, three miles east of Alliance, and a half mile south of U.S. Route 62. Carryouts will be available. Cost is $9 for adults, $4.50 for ages 6 to 10 and free for 5 and under. There also will be a country store available featuring fresh baked goods.

R-Weigh recognizes weekly weight loss

SALEM — Angie Reichle was honored for reaching her goal weight at the evening meeting of the R-Weigh weight group on Monday at the Faith Chapel. A loss of 27 pounds was recorded for the week.

Good losers for the week at both groups were JoAnne Bogdan, Rene Haver, Susan Cain, Rita Cecil, Jeni Alwood and Mary Hefner. Sandy McGarr, Catherine Baird and Peggy Kurtz were the goalies for the week. Rachel Weaver won the can-do drawing and Hefner earned the eight weeks of losing monetary award.

There will be no meeting on Sept. 3 because of the holiday. If the members lose a pound or more and the goal members stay the same or lose on Sept. 10, they will get $1.

School classes will be assigned for the school contest to begin on Sept. 17. New or previous members are welcome.

For more information call 330-332-1078.

BOOKBEAT

By Renae Ault, Children's Librarian, Salem Public Library

Last week, the death of a gorilla at Zoo Atlanta, in Atlanta, Ga., received a lot of attention and many people were grieved to hear of Ivan's passing. Ivan was born in the jungle of what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 1962.

Only two short years later, he and his twin sister left the wild, captured and sold by wildlife traders to a department store owner in the state of Washington.

At age 5, with his sister deceased, Ivan was moved into the B&I Circus Store where he spent the next 27 years smoking, painting pictures, and eating junk food to the delight and wonder of shoppers. Although other animals had made B&I their home, few lived there so long or were as popular as Ivan.

In 1992, animal rights activists began to pressure the Irwin family to let Ivan move to a more appropriate habitat where he could interact with other gorillas, feel grass under his feet, and be less confined. In 1995, Ivan was moved across the country to Zoo Atlanta where he spent the remainder of his life.

Not only has the real life Ivan made news lately, but his fictional counterpart, The One and Only Ivan, is making waves in the world of children's literature.

Katherine Applegate's newest book is based on Ivan's life at B&I and his animal friends, a stray dog and a baby elephant. Ivan narrates this poignant, heartfelt story about a gorilla in captivity. Often in books with an animal narrator, the writer gives the animal human thoughts and emotions but Applegate never lets us forget that Ivan is an ape and tells the story exactly as you might imagine a gorilla would tell you a story.

Ivan gets to the heart of the matter quickly, saying, "Humans waste words. They toss them like banana peels and leave them to rot." Though his attention span and thoughts are brief, his memories and emotions are raw and powerful. Readers experience Ivan's frustration, sadness, and joy as he bonds with fellow captives Stella, Bob, and Ruby in this exquisitely told novel about a real-life gorilla.

Katherine Applegate has written many books for children, including the very funny Roscoe Riley Rules series and the Animorphs series. Already popular with young adventure and humor seekers, Applegate has raised the bar on well-written, powerful animal books and I look forward to more books from her.

To reserve "The One and Only Ivan" or any other books by this author, contact Salem Public Library at 330-332-0042, stop by, or visit our website www.salem.lib.oh.us.

SALEM DURING THE CIVIL WAR

With the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Salem Historical Society would like to recall our local activities during the years, 1861-1865. At the same time, we would like to learn stories of local citizens. If you have a story or photo you could share with us, we would be appreciative. You can contact the Salem Historical Society at 330-337-8514 or TheSalemHistoricalSociety@gmail.com if you have items of interest for display.

July 1862

The "Salem Republican," is the primary source for information on Salem activities during the years of the Civil War. Other sources will contribute to activities and reactions to the events that affected the citizens of Salem. This month includes information written by George L. Brooks during his 100 day enlistment. He was a sergeant in the 143rd, Co. D of the Ohio National Guard.

George Brooks writes; We "National Guard of Ohio" were ordered into active service for 100 day—by Governor John Brough, and reported at Alliance, Stark Co., Monday PM May 2nd but after remaining there in barracks and warehouses four days—until Thursday 5th we sent home and ordered to report at the same place the following Monday (May 9th) which we did.

We pick up on excerpts of Sgt. Brooks' July letters:

Friday Eve'g July 1st - Word has just reached us that a great Battle was fought yesterday by Grant and Lee in which Grant broke Lee's centre and now rests in that position. We heard the cannonading very plainly but were ignorant of its cause till now. God grant it may be true and that our victorious Army may spend the fourth of July in that Hellhole of Secession—the City of Richmond.

Saturday Eve July 2nd -The health of the Co. C part of our regiment—the old 18th is very good—but that of the "69th" companies is just the reverse—they having already buried seven of their men—while the 18th has not yet lost a man. Why such fatality should attach to these other companies I cannot imagine—but it must be in their cooking for they have the same rations as the rest.

Have heard no farther news from Grant—but all is thought to be working right. It is hardly possible however for us to occupy Richmond as soon as the fourth—as we had hoped we would yet there is no telling what a day may bring forth.

Monday Morning July 4th - The "Glorious Fourth" is at last with us once more and God is yet merciful. Our lives are sacred in His sight. From some kind of forgetfulness or neglect no record was made of the events of yesterday—but as they were of trifling import I will not refer to them now except that I wrote and mailed a letter to my wife—and rec'd one from her and one from John Harkness. News from home continues to be the most cheering nature—and as long as this is so, I can patiently serve out the balance of my time.

Fresh inspiration for delicious, well-dressed hot dogs on the grill

J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Plenty of people surely will disagree, but I firmly believe that underdressed hot dogs simply aren't worth the calories.

If all you're going to do to a hot dog is drizzle some ketchup, splurt some mustard and spoon some relish on it, it's not worth the effort to eat. I favor a well-dressed dog, a hot dog accompanied by robust and inspired toppings that transform this classic summer food into so much more.

As such, my preferred hot dogs tend to be on the overflowing and messy side. But that's why they are summer food, so you can eat them outside.

But just because they are overflowing and messy doesn't mean they shouldn't have a plan. I like to draw inspiration from other dishes when planning the toppings for a hot dog. An Indian curry, for example, is a fine starting point when selecting toppings. Same for Greek spanakopita (spinach and feta cheese pie), pizza and tacos.

From left, Greek Dog, Curry Dog, Taco Dog and Pizza Dog

The Curry Dog

One part Indian curry, one part all-American dog, this frankfurter isn't afraid of big, bold flavors. There's not a whole lot of work involved in this hot dog, but the potato roll is key. It not only has a crazy good taste and texture, it's also a subtle nod to the potatoes added to so many more authentic curry dishes. Paneer, a heat-resistant Indian cheese that can be grilled, usually is found in the grocer's international or specialty cheese aisles.

— Drizzle a bit of canola oil over 4 hot dogs, rolling them to coat evenly. Sprinkle the hot dogs evenly with curry powder (mild or spicy, to taste). Grill the hot dogs, as well as 4 small slabs of paneer, over medium heat. Grill the cheese for 3 minutes, flipping once, or until nicely browned on both sides. Toast 4 potato hot dog buns on both sides. Finely chop the grilled paneer and fill each toasted bun with some. Place a hot dog over the cheese, then spoon mango chutney over the top. Garninsh with chopped fresh cilantro. Serves 4.

The Greek Dog

Inspired by the gobs of feta cheese and spinach that are layered into classic spanakopita, this hot dog has the big, robust flavors of Greek food.

— Thaw 1 cup of loose-packed frozen shredded spinach, then squeeze it over the sink to remove as much water as possible. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat a splash of olive oil. Saute the spinach, a diced medium yellow onion and 2 minced cloves of garlic. When the onion is tender, season with salt, pepper and dill seed. Grill 4 hot dogs and toast 4 hot dog buns over medium heat. Spoon some of the spinach mixture into each bun, then place a hot dog over it. Top with crumbled feta cheese and, if desired, a bit of purchased tzatziki (Greek yogurt dip — sold alongside the hummus). Serves 4.

The Pizza Dog

Because the only way to make meat-wrapped meat better is to add melted mozzarella cheese.

— Using 2 slices of prosciutto per hot dog, wrap 4 hot dogs tightly in prosciutto. Grill the hot dogs over low heat, turning regularly, until the prosciutto is crisp and lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Meanwhile, fill 4 hot dog buns with bocconcini (small balls of fresh mozzarella). Toast the buns on the grill (bun opening facing up) until the cheese is warm and starting to melt. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with oil-packed chopped sun-dried tomatoes and chopped fresh basil. Serves 4.

The Taco Dog

Soft and crunchy and spicy and creamy — exactly the way a taco should be.

— Spoon refried beans into 4 hot dog buns. Lightly crumble about 12 tortilla chips, then sprinkle some over the refried beans in each bun. Grill 4 hot dogs over low heat. Toast the prepared buns (bun openings facing up) until the beans are heated. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with sliced jalapeno peppers, tomato salsa, sliced black olives and shredded cheddar cheese. Serves 4.

Ditch burgers for a healthy salmon on Labor Day

SARA MOULTON
For The Associated Press

Labor Day generally gets people thinking about grilling up the last of summer's burgers and steaks. Allow me to suggest setting aside tradition in favor of a leaner alternative, namely, a full-bodied fillet of salmon. And topping it off is not a slice or two of cheese, but a robust, chunky, vegetable-packed vinaigrette.

You won't be sorry. And you won't miss the burgers and steak.

Salmon's richness always cries out for a little acid, even if it's nothing more than a squeeze of lemon. This recipe's gazpacho vinaigrette ups the ante. Gazpacho is a cold Spanish soup with many variations, but the basic recipe is a refreshing tomato-based vegetable soup. Here I've added extra-virgin olive oil and sherry wine vinegar, thereby repurposing the soup into a chunky vinaigrette dressing.

It was delicious. And unlike a traditional vinaigrette, it didn't need much oil.

Vinaigrette is a balancing act of oil and acid, usually with a 3-to-1 ratio of oil to vinegar. As a salad addict, I'm always searching for ways to lighten a dressing. One of the best tricks is to swap in a strongly flavored ingredient for at least some of the oil. In the past I have used chicken and vegetable broths quite successfully, as well as buttermilk and tomato juice. Here, I let those beautiful late summer tomatoes do the job.

As for the salmon, even if you don't plan to eat the skin (it's delicious!), you should grill it with the skin on. It crisps beautifully on the hot grates and acts as a buffer between the grill and the flesh. As long as the skin's on, the fish won't stick to the grill and the meat remains succulent. I cook the salmon for the majority of the time on the skin side and then give it a just few minutes on the flesh side to pick up grill marks and flavor.

How do you know when the salmon is done? You stick a paring knife through it. If you feel heavy resistance at the center, it needs more time. If you feel just a little resistance, it is still slightly undercooked. I take it off the grill when I feel just a little resistance and let it sit for a few minutes. The residual heat will finish cooking it.

Your labor complete, you can plate up your fillet, pour yourself a cold beer or a dry white wine, and soak up just a little more summer before it disappears again for a year.

Grilled Salmon with Chunky Gazpacho Vinaigrette

Start to finish: 30 minutes (20 minutes active)
Servings: 4
1/2 red bell pepper, diced
1/2 pound ripe tomatoes (about 2 medium tomatoes), diced
4-inch piece English cucumber, diced
Kosher salt
1/2 clove garlic, smashed
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
Ground black pepper
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Four 6- to 8-oz pieces center-cut salmon or arctic char fillets, skin on
Olive oil cooking spray
Chopped fresh herbs (such as basil, chives, tarragon, cilantro or parsley), to garnish (optional)

Heat the grill to medium.

In a medium bowl, toss together the pepper, tomatoes, cucumber and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Mix well, then spoon half of the mixture into a blender.

To the blender, add the garlic, vinegar, a few grinds of pepper and the olive oil. Puree until smooth. Add the puree to the bowl of diced vegetables, stir well and season with salt and pepper.

Use paper towels to pat dry the salmon fillets. Spray the fillets all over with the olive oil spray, then sprinkle them with salt and pepper. Arrange the fillets, skin side down, on the grill grate over direct medium heat. Cover and cook until the flesh right next to the skin looks opaque, 6 to 7 minutes.

Grilled Salmon with Chunky Gazpacho Vinaigrette

Flip the fillets and cook until just cooked through, another 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer the fish from the grill using a wide metal spatula.

To serve, divide the sauce between 4 shallow bowls, then set a piece of salmon over each, skin side up (you can easily peel off and discard the skin at this point, if desired). Garnish with chopped herbs, if desired. *Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 450 calories; 260 calories from fat (58 percent of total calories); 29g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 115 mg cholesterol; 6 g carbohydrate; 40 g protein; 1 g fiber; 360 mg sodium.*

Sichuan peppercorns: Big flavor with big jolt

J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Any food that can make your tongue tingle has got to be worth a taste. I'm not talking a seltzer-like zippiness or even a searing chili-like heat. I mean literally tingling because your tongue is at once numb and buzzingly alive.

That is the power of the Sichuan pepper (also called Sichuan peppercorn). But why would you want to (albeit mildly) numb your mouth? Because aside from the basic coolness of a tingling tongue, that sensation also changes the way you taste food seasoned with the pepper, adding a wonderful punchy vibrancy and warmth unlike anything else.

First, the basics. Despite appearances, Sichuan pepper is not a true peppercorn. It is the dried rind of the berry-like fruit of the prickly ash tree. And chances are you've had it before. Sichuan pepper is a basic component of Chinese five-spice powder.

As its name suggests, the spice has left a serious thumbprint on the cuisine of China's Sichuan province. It also is used in Japan, where it is called sansho. The taste has been compared to lime zest combined with black pepper, cardamom and hot peppers. The tingling is likened to an electric charge.

In Chinese cooking, Sichuan pepper is toasted before being crushed or ground. This mutes the spice's citrus flavors and heightens its woody notes, making for an excellent pairing with meats.

To toast the spice, add it to a dry skillet over medium heat. Stir for about 1 minute, or until fragrant. Cool, then grind and use. For ideas for using Sichuan pepper, check out the Off the Beaten Aisle column over on Food Network:

Sichuan Pepper Meatballs

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Makes 3 dozen meatballs
For the meatballs:
2 teaspoons Sichuan pepper
1/2 star anise
1/2 teaspoon dry ground ginger
1 egg
4 scallions, whites and greens, finely chopped
2 teaspoons salt
1 pound lean ground beef
1 pound lean ground pork
Sesame oil, for frying
For the dipping sauce:
1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons honey
Pinch salt

Heat the oven to 400 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and coat with cooking spray.

In a dry skillet over medium heat, toast the Sichuan pepper, star anise and ginger for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Transfer to a spice grinder and grind until reduced to a fine powder. Transfer to a large bowl. Add the egg to the seasoning blend, then whisk well. Mix in the scallions and salt, then add the beef and pork. Use your hands to mix well. Form the mixture into tablespoon-size meatballs.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat about 1 tablespoon of sesame oil until nearly smoking. Working in batches and without crowding the pan, brown the meatballs on all sides, about 5 minutes.

Transfer the meatballs to the prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining meatballs, adding oil to the skillet as needed.

When all of the meatballs have been browned, place them in the oven and roast for 8 minutes.

Sichuan Pepper Meatballs

Meanwhile, prepare the dipping sauce. In a small bowl, whisk together the sour cream, honey and salt. When the meatballs are finished, serve them with toothpicks and ramekins of the dipping sauce.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 80 calories; 50 calories from fat (63 percent of total calories); 6 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 25 mg cholesterol; 2 g carbohydrate; 5 g protein; 0 g fiber; 125 mg sodium.

Red wine blends have red hot moment: Mixing things up for end of summer

MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Red wine blends are having a red hot moment. After years of being passed over for single-variety wines such as cabernet sauvignon and pinot noir, a new wave of blended red wines made in a crowd-pleaser style — and priced at a budget-friendly $9 to $12 a bottle — is winning favor with consumers.

"They're drinking the red blends," says Doug Bell, national wine and beer buyer for Whole Foods Market. The wines tend to be "kind of plush, very fruity, very smooth," and offer an alternative to consumers who want to try red wines but aren't looking for the traditional single-grape varieties.

Wines made from more than one red grape aren't new, of course. The classic Bordeaux blends from France generally are made from a blend of six grapes, with the predominant grapes being cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot. And even single-variety wines aren't necessarily pure. By law, they can contain up to 25 percent of a grape different from what's listed on the label. The blends making news in the United States often incorporate the New World grape zinfandel, as well as syrah, which hails from France but has become more associated with the New World, especially Australia.

Red blends started getting trendy about two years ago, with brands such as Menage a Trois, made from three red grapes. Some popular blends at Whole Foods include Frey Agriculturist, a California wine that is a blend of carignan, merlot and syrah, and Innovac!on Shiraz Cabernet from Argentina along with Innovac!on Tempranillo-Malbec.

Roy Cecchetti, cofounder of Cecchetti Wine Co., also based in Sonoma County, expects the red blend wine category to continue to grow over the next 18 to 24 months. He's launched a blend called Exitus (Latin for departure) that retails for $25. The 2010 blend combines three grapes from California — Central Coast syrah, petite sirah from the Mendocino Coast and merlot from Lake County.

Cecchetti theorizes that red blends are attractive to consumers as a new option. "Most all red varietals have been overexposed," he says. "Red blends give the consumer the opportunity of trying something completely different based on the varying flavor profiles of the red blends that are currently available."

Another recent entry in the category is Echelon Red Blend, part of the California series of wines from Sonoma County based Echelon Vineyards. The 2010 vintage is primarily a blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot with a few other red grapes that winemaker Kurt Lorenzi calls the "secret sauce."

Echelon's red blend, which has a suggested retail price of $13.99, is on the drier end of the spectrum and its makeup depends on Lorenzi. "Cabernet sauvignon's important, but we're not wed to varieties," he says. "We're going to put out a great red blend."

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money miser, $10
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COOLER
Coleman, 48 quart, $10.
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CREAMER MILK CAN
5 Gal. old $5
330-337-8350

CUFFLINKS
CZ with crosses $30 per pair
330-482-4470

DINING CANOPY
12'x12', 6' high. Center pole, complete poly material. New in box, $20.
330-426-3328

DVD SETS
Lassie 3 dvd's played once, $15; Red Skelton 2 dvd's, $10.
330-853-0004

ELECTRIC HEATER
Dimplex #DS 3311, new $189, sell for $49 or best offer.
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Wooden, 2 drawer, Oak finish, $10.
330-482-0753

FLOOR FAN
$10
330-337-8350

FOOT MASSAGER
Bath, heated $15
330-482-4470

GARAGE SALE ITEMS
2 boxes left over, Nice $10 all
330-337-8350

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Reversible cast iron, fits over stove burners $10
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$5
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3 pc soft sided, $25
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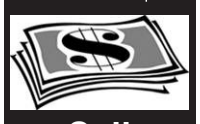

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RADAR DETECTOR
Phantom $40
330-482-4470

ROLL-AWAY BED
$30/obo
330-424-9996

SINGING MACHINE
dual cassette recorder $45
330-482-4470

SPY PLANE
Model 148 scale SR 71 new $25
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both by National Geographic Society. $10 each. Call
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TIE TACS
Christian $10
330-482-4470

TRIPOD
Red accent VTR-80, photo-video, new $10.00
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WATCH
Michael Jackson character wrist watch $15
330-337-3553

WOOD BURNER
Ben Franklin style, 33 1/3", $49.
330-420-8666

Business Equipment

FILE CABINET
2 drawer, metal, $15.
330-386-3315

FILE CABINET
4 drawer, tall, metal, $30.
330-386-3315

Furniture and Appliances

BED
twin size with bedding, $49.
330-385-3748

COFFEE TABLE
$5
412-607-4263

COFFEE TABLE
Round with glass top, $30.
330-386-3315

COMPUTER DESK
Wood, Oak, $25.
330-482-0753

DISHWASHER
Frigidaire, used, may need some repair, $49.
330-385-3809

END TABLE
Queen Ann $10
330-482-4470

ENTERTAINMENT CABINET
dark wood with black rod iron trim on bottom. Nice condition, $35.
330-420-8666

KITCHEN TABLE
older wooden with white porcelain top, great condition, $49
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Furniture & Appliances

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Like new Flexsteel loveseat, hutch, sm cupboard, platform rocker, table & 4 chairs, vacuum, sm appls, xmas, misc. All EC. Call to see:
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OFFICE CHAIR
leather, high back $40
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PLASTIC CHAIRS
8, suncast folding $25
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PUNCH BOWL SET
26 piece $8
330-337-8350

ROUND TABLE
and 4 chairs on rollers, $49.00
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SECRETARY DESK
blonde color, medium size, lots of storage, very nice, $15.
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SOFA & LOVE SEAT
Blue- both recline, sofa has massage system & telephone hook-up $250 for the set.
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27" TV
$40
412-607-4263

Plants/Flowers

STEAMER TRUNK
$45
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Antiques & Collectibles

BEER BOTTLE BANK
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330-362-0106

COLLECTOR PLATES
7 Old $5.00 each
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MINT SETS
2008 quarters $20 each
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Brick Yard 400, autographed Rusty Wallace, mint condition, $35.
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ORNAMENT
Cleveland Browns, collectible $10
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ORNAMENT
2000 mint, 2 set dollar $40
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ORNAMENT
1997 us mint, quarter $25
330-482-4470

RADIO CABINET
Large beautiful antique with storage shelves, $20 B.O.
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Musical Instruments

CASSETTE RECORDER
100 tapes & player all for $49
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Firewood

Charcoal/wood Smoker Cube
$35. Call
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Sporting Goods

BAKER TREE STAND
with climber, great for youth or smaller adult, $10.
330-386-1211

PAINT BALL GUN
and hardware, $49.
330-303-3109

PAINTBALL GUNS
2 guns, masks & accessories in working order, $49 for all.
330-386-1211

POOL TABLE
Complete w/sticks & balls $49
330-429-5741

TREADMILL
Electric treadmill $45 obo
330-277-7913

Machinery and Tools

CIRCULAR SAW
Black & Decker 7¼", like new, $20.
330-532-3549

MITER BOX
Used Stanley manual miter box with saw, G.C. $30.
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ROCKWELL
"Natural" Gas Meter, R-200, 5 PSI, $49 OBO.
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Electronics

BAG PHONE & CASE
Like new $20
330-337-1868

CELL PHONE CHARGERS
for Nokia $20.
330-853-0004

CELL PHONE CHARGERS
for Nokia, LG & Motorola, $3 each.
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COLOR TV
old console, RCA $15
330-337-8350

COMPUTER
Commodore 64, monitor, keyboard, floppy dr $49
330-337-3355

COMPUTER GAMES
Lots of new/like new, & new Joy stick, $20.
330-482-0268

COMPUTER MONITOR
Samsung, used very little, $20 or best offer.
330-385-3809

ELEC TOOTHBRUSH
New, battery powdered Rotadent Plus $45
330-427-2368

GUITAR HERO
guitar controllers for xbox 360, 1 wireless, 1 corded, $35 for both.
330-853-9229

LOVESEAT
and matching recliner, used, gray with pattern, $35 or best offer.
330-385-3809

MARIO PARTY 8
for Nintendo Wii, $25.
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Nintendo Gamecube System
no controllers, $25.
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POLICE SCANNER
works good, $49.00
330-303-0034

Electronics

RADIO/CD PLAYER
& cassette player, recorder combination w/2 speakers, E.C, $49.00
330-303-0035

SCANNER
Police/Fire, 200 channel, works well $30
234-567-7718

SEWING MACHINE
as is, $15.
330-525-7785

SONIC THE HEDGE HOG
for xbox 360, $20.
330-853-9229

TRAC PHONE
New, $5; Radio Shack 2.4 GHZ phone, needs battery, $5.
330-853-0004

TV
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2007 and 2008 for xbox 360, $20 each.
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Childrens Items

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white, never used $25
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BENCH
Childs wood bench with hearts, seat lifts for storage, adorable, new, $10.
330-385-7553

COMFORTER
Full, 2 sided, bed ruffle, pillow shams, valance. Flowers & stripes, $15.
330-385-7553

MOVIES
Bunches of kids movies, $3 each or $49 for all.
330-692-6197

PHONICS GAME
Helps children learn to read, orig $250, w.sell for $45
330-427-2368

POUTING CHAIR
Childs wood pouting chair, country decorated, cute, $7
330-385-7553

SLED
Eddie Bauer Toddler sled, like new $40
330-429-5655

SWING SET
Flexible Flyer, excellent condition, $49.
330-727-3060

VANITY
Little girls pink vanity & stool w/ glass shelves, very nice $22.
330-337-1868

Childrens Items

VHS TAPES
20 + childrens $20
330-337-1868

Gift Ideas

X-MAS TREE
Ceramic Mouse tree approx 18" high $20
330-337-1868

Sporting

SOCCER CLEATS
Size 2, Nike, black w/changeable color Nike symbol, GC, $10.
330-386-3720

Household

AIR COMPRESSOR
2hp, 8 gallon $49
330-427-2584

BATH VANITY
new, 24", light wood, cost $80, will sell for $25.
330-853-0004

BED GUARD
Free
330-429-5655

BUILT IN SHELF for MICROWAVE
Kraftmaid, $30
330-482-0499

CABINETS
white, various sizes $45 each
330-482-4470

CROCK POT
$10
330-424-9996

DISHES
$10/set
330-424-9996

Household

LAMPS
Two matching blue tin lamps with globes, country style, pretty, $10 set
330-385-7553

PICTURE
Last Supper $5
330-482-4470

SCUMBUSTER EXTREME
New, Black & Decker, cordless w/extension handle $10.
330-427-2584

SCUMBUSTER
New, cordless Black & Decker, $10.
330-427-2584

SHELVING UNIT
Decorative brass, $20.
330-386-3315

SKILLET
Electric, still in box, new, $10.
330-424-9996

WINDOW
Insulated replacement still ini plastic wrap $30
330-718-7471

Clothing

BELT
Men's, black leather, 36"x38", $5.
330-482-0499

CLOTHES
Plus sz women's slacks & blouses 20 for $40 or BO, all nice
330-337-1868

COAT
Liz Claiborne tan 3/4 length coat, size XL, very nice, $15.
330-385-8799

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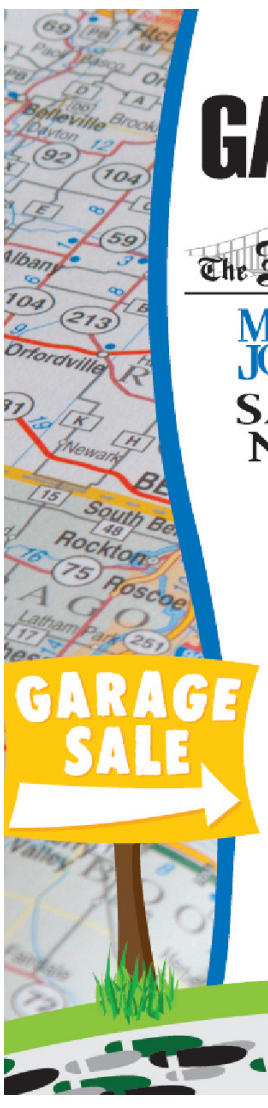

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330-385-8799

GLOVES
womans black leather, small, new $8
330-482-4470

HOODIE
Kids size 10, lined, excellent cond. $8.
330-385-3748

JACKET
Men's LG field jacket w/lining $20
330-337-1868

JACKET
Mens size large, Flight Path genuine leather, $10.
330-532-3549

RAINSUIT
New 3 pc LG yellow $20
330-337-1868

SHIRTS
2 long sleeve police shirts $15
330-337-1868

SHOES
Men's Florsheim, sz 10, 3E, brown, $7.
330-482-0499

SLACKS & JACKETS
2 sets camos design sz 34x32 new, $25
330-337-1868

WINTER COAT
Size 42, reflective safety $30
330-482-4470

Pets & Farms

Pets

DOG HOUSE
Igloo plastic, good condition, $30 or best offer.
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DOG KENNEL
ASPCA black wire dog kennel, 36"L x 24" W x 25" H, like new, $35.
330-708-3590

Pets

FREE KITTEN
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330-206-0357

Pet Supplies

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10 gallon, $5
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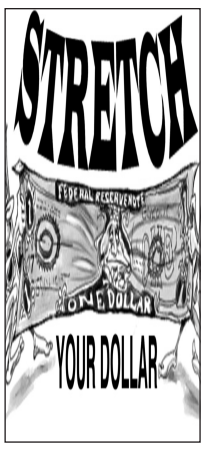

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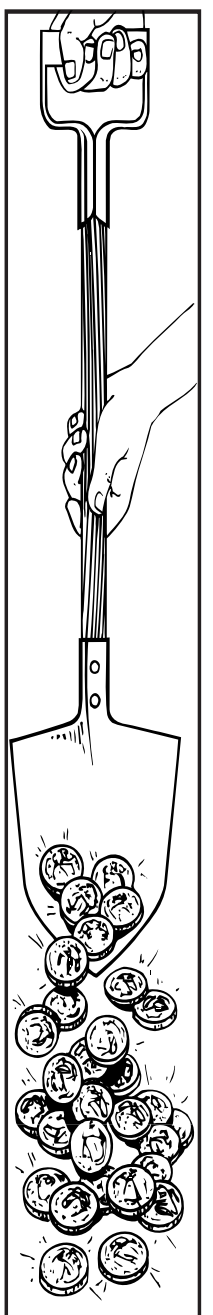

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When partisan politics stretch parent-child bonds

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — When David Burrows took on Barry Goldwater and Ayn Rand as "mentors" at age 14, his parents wanted to know what else he was doing that they might be ashamed of.

Andrew LaGrone's grandmother was an Edmund Muskie delegate at the Democratic National Convention in 1972 and was stunned when Andrew became a Republican at 19.

Growing up in Buffalo, Jake Wagner's dad assumed he'd be a Democrat. NOT.

While young people have gone "liberal" on their conservative parents for decades, teen crossovers to the GOP are more of a rarity. How do parental Dems and their Republican kids manage the familial bond when partisan politics are on the line?

As the Republican National Convention got off to a slow start Monday in Tampa, Fla., President Barack Obama continues his effort to get young people to the polls. Obama leads Mitt Romney 54 percent to 38 percent among voters younger than 35, according to the latest Associated Press-GfK poll.

No matter. The 21-year-old LaGrone in Nebraska and 19-year-old Wagner in New Hampshire are staying busy marshaling campus support for the Romney-Ryan ticket as they looked back on where it all began. Burrows, 50 and living in his hometown of Dallas, has lost both his parents, but he remembers their reaction to his Republican awakening like it was yesterday.

His dad threatened to cut him off financially once he mustered the courage to tell his parents he had broken from his Democratic roots to become head of the Baylor University GOP in 1983 — and a year later, chairman of the college Republicans of Texas.

"My dad made a comment about, well, the Republican Party's for rich people so maybe you should get your rich friends to pay your tuition," Burrows recalled, "and I was, like, uh oh, what have I done?"

And mom? She would drop him off at the library while she went shopping. That's where he discovered Rand and Goldwater, the longtime Arizona senator and Mr. Conservative himself.

"My mom patted me and she goes, 'Well that's good for you but let's just keep this a secret in the family,'" he said. "I never understood how they lumped in my political views with taking drugs, having illicit sex and cheating on exams, but it somehow carried with it the same 'immoral' baggage."

Burrows did persuade his mother to vote Republican once, in a show of support for vice presidential candidate George H.W. Bush, and he crossed back over himself for the first time to support Obama.

He doesn't know how he'll vote in November but has never forgotten the emotional turmoil of his political estrangement from his parents.

"It was almost like they lost a part of you in a way," he said. "I think it's what they thought."

Wagner said the first person his mother ever voted for in a presidential election was former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis in 1988. Growing up, his parents instilled in him an intense interest in U.S. history, presidents and politics. They were lifelong Democrats, and his passion — as a grade-schooler in 2000 — for John McCain was a stunner.

"It's just like passing on anything else that they have, because it's something that they value, their viewpoint," he said. "To reject it an early age, I think, is an insult to a parent."

But Wagner's dad, Peter, said he admires his son's fire for politics.

"Whether you like it or not, this is his opinion," he said. "You've got to support your son or daughter, whatever their passion is. Vote for Wagner in 2040. That's when he's going to run for president. I told him when he gets to Washington it would be nice if I got box seats to a Redskins game. If they played Buffalo, even better."

LaGrone is chairman of the Nebraska college Republicans. His paternal grandmother was a Muskie delegate in Miami Beach in 1972 and once ran as a Democrat for the Colorado House of Representatives. His dad worked on her campaign. His stepsister is a teachers' union leader and his stepmother is a classic liberal.

His GOP turnaround came as a senior in high school. He was president of the Nebraska DECA, an organization for young people interested in business, when federal funding for the group dried up and he helped procure state funding to make up the shortfall.

"It opened my eyes to the importance of fiscal conservatism," LaGrone said.

He was 18 at the time. Before that, it was all about the family party.

"When I was in fourth grade there was a mock election. I asked my parents who I was supposed to vote for and they both told me Al Gore. There was discussion around the home, but it just wasn't very in-depth and policy-driven," he said. "It was more, well, you vote for the Democrat because they're Democrat. I realized that I didn't agree with Democrats."

His dad was "shocked," he said. "A lot of times I think parents do just assume you'll be what they are." Grandparents, too.

LaGrone voted for the first time in 2008, around his birthday.

"My grandmother left me a message telling me happy birthday, and how disappointed she was in my choice — John McCain."

The question of politics falls right in with religion when it comes to tricky parenting, said Jim Fay, co-author of "Parenting Teens with Love & Logic."

What does he recommend parents do when sons and daughters announce political views in conflict with their own?

"It doesn't matter what the kid is talking about if you say, 'Oh, thanks for sharing that, I've always wondered how teenagers saw that.'"

Are most parents that open-minded? "I doubt it," Fay said.

Remember that guy Wagner's mom voted for in 1988? Michael Dukakis. Young Republican Alex P. Keaton and his liberal, ex-hippie parents were still on the air in "Family Ties," the popular NBC series punctuated by their political divide during the Reagan years.

Evan Draim, 17, wasn't alive in 1988. The high school senior from northern Virginia is the youngest delegate to the Republican National Convention.

He told The Washington Post his political preference skips his parents' generation to his maternal grandparents — Hungarians who fled to America after World War II.

"I view it as my responsibility to give back to the country that has given them so much, and I want to make sure the American dream that helped my ancestors is there for future generations of immigrants and graduating students," Draim told the newspaper before the convention began.

As for Dukakis, he teaches now at Northeastern University and cares deeply about public service for young people. He worked on a new, free website, conventions.cps.neu.edu/, intended as a nonpartisan call for high schoolers and college students of any ilk.

How would the Democratic stalwart have felt if one of his three children — now grown — had taken a turn to the right, especially at an early age?

"I wouldn't have been happy but I would have been happy that he or she was deeply and actively involved in public affairs and public life," he said.

Dukakis does have a son-in-law who is a moderate Republican: "But I love him dearly."

Kids, no kids? One or Four? When couples disagree

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ken Budd fell for his high school sweetheart all over again when they reconnected after college.

Both were 25 when they married. He just assumed they'd have kids one day, something he had always wanted, but it wasn't until his father died 14 years later that he even broached the subject with his wife. The result?

"I wanted to have a child and she ultimately didn't," Budd said. "She said she just felt like she didn't have maternal feelings."

Far less has landed couples in divorce court, but the Burke, Va., couple — he an editor and she a nurse — made it through. Budd, now 46, said he gave up the parenting dream and channeled his fatherly feelings into volunteer work on behalf of poor kids all over the world, trips his wife came along on a couple of times.

"You both wind up feeling guilty," said Budd, who wrote a book about his travels and the reasons for them. "She feels guilty because she knows I wanted this thing but she didn't feel like she could do it and I feel guilty because I've put her in this position where she feels guilty, so we both had to work through some things."

Whether it's having children at all or how many to have, divorce attorneys and therapists said the issue rears regularly, but it's often unrealistic to think couples can close the negotiation on kids before heading to the altar.

Talking about it, at the very least, is a good idea before the rings are on.

"You may resent your partner for denying you something that is so important to you. On the flip side, if you pressure a spouse into having a child they don't want, it can be detrimental not only to the marriage but to the child as well," said Lori Freson, a therapist in Encino, Calif.

It's easy, she said, to pretend a kid divide before the nuptials doesn't exist.

"Denial and avoidance can be very powerful, especially in a love relationship," Freson said. "Love makes us do crazy things. Most people in love don't want to acknowledge the reasons why it might NOT work."

Sometimes minds change.

David Knoller is 65. He retired a few months ago as a medical research administrator at a hospital near his Fair Lawn, N.J., home. His wife, Rochelle, worked as a librarian for more than 20 years.

They have a 28-year-old son who, Rochelle noted wryly, "doesn't know how lucky he is to be alive."

The Knollers met in the summer of 1976, in line to renew their driver's licenses in Manhattan. They married the following January. Like the Budds, Rochelle was 25. Just about all of her friends were single at the time and of one thing she was certain: She didn't want kids.

"I had had a pretty unhappy childhood. I certainly didn't enjoy the child part of it, but my parents didn't seem to be having a good time, either," she said. "I had made up my mind not to have a child and that was it."

David, who is five years older, was aware of her feelings. He knew he wanted to be a dad, but love won. They were best friends who enjoyed hanging out together. And they were young. They were having fun.

"I figured time was on my side," he said. "I figured that it was a discussion that could be deferred until we really got to know each other."

It worked, about six years later, when Rochelle decided without urging to get pregnant at a time she was having trouble getting her career in recreation therapy off the ground. She trained later in library science.

"I occasionally used to wonder if I had found librarianship earlier would I have made this same decision, and will never know obviously," she said.

Jacqueline Newman, managing partner of a Manhattan family law firm specializing in wealthy clients, said Rochelle's turnaround isn't unique.

A variety of factors are usually at play once somebody comes knocking on Newman's door. When having kids is one, a change of heart by one or the other often surfaces, she said.

"Your priorities shift, lifestyles shift," Newman said, noting the case of a husband she once represented.

"Both didn't want kids, then he decided he did once they were married. She felt completely tricked by it. Both earned lots of money, so things like hiring a nanny or quitting her job weren't a problem. She just felt like, 'We made a deal. You're changing the terms of that deal.'"

Count Newman among experts who believe premarital discussion of when, whether and how many kids to have can only help, even though partners grow older, careers evolve and minds may change.

While her clients are high earners, money comes into play for many couples who disagree.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report issued in June, a middle-income family with a child born in 2011 can expect to spend about $234,900 ($295,560 if projected inflation costs are factored in) for food, shelter and other necessities to raise a child over the next 17 years.

That's a 3.5 percent increase from 2010. Expenses for transportation, child care, education and food saw the largest percentage increases, with smaller hikes in housing, clothing, health care and miscellaneous expenses.

Being clear on parenting desires is crucial heading into marriage, said Ramani Durvasula, a psychologist in Los Angeles.

"This can actually be a back-breaking challenge for a relationship" because of the high potential for "unfixable regret," she said.

"That trip to Paris you didn't take 10 years ago can be addressed even when you're in your 70s, but decisions about kids have numerous ramifications in terms of lifestyle, finances, stress, identity."

Often, Durvasula said, couples get lost in the easy question of "Do you want kids?" They need to go deeper, "into the dealbreakers like how many? Spacing? Will one parent stop working? Where will we live? And if one person assumes having kids means four, and the other one — that could really lead to tremendous strain and even a sense of betrayal if agreement can't be reached."

A form of "bait and switch" may develop, she said, "which can result in telling a new partner what he or she wants to hear to cement the relationship and then reneging once the deal is sealed. Not a good idea."

Leigh Cummings, a family law attorney in Atlanta, sees whether to have kids as a major issue among her clients about 15 percent of the time.

When she asks why such a crucial aspect of a relationship wasn't discussed during courting, the responses usually go something like this:

"Either it didn't come up, or we just weren't thinking about that," said Cummings, who's expecting her first child.

"Or we were just in love, or she thought she would change his mind. It's a huge, festering problem."

Paw preference tests can be informative, fun for your pets

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LOS ANGELES — Could your dog or cat be a southpaw?

Paw preference won't make a dog or cat walk, talk or wink like a human.

You won't even get a high-five or a fist pump out of it, said Dr. Nick Dodman, director of the Animal Behavior Clinic in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

There's the curiosity factor though, he said. "Wow, I thought that was something unique to people, and how weird to think the dog could be" left- or right-pawed.

Vets and owners agree that pets, including horses, have right and left preferences.

Researchers are studying things like right brain-left brain connections, genetics and sexual orientation that may one day change the way dogs and cats are bred, raised, trained and used, said Dr. Stefanie Schwartz of the Veterinary Neurology Center in Tustin, Calif., and a member of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

Some horses have to be ambidextrous, said Dr. Sharon Crowell-Davis, a behavior and anatomy professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia.

A 1991 study at Ataturk University in Turkey showed 50 percent of cats were right-pawed, 40 percent were left-pawed and 10 percent were ambidextrous. That study might be out-of-date, Schwartz said, but it does provide percentages.

A 2006 study from the University of Manchester in England showed dogs were split half-and-half.

About 90 percent of humans are right-handed and 10 percent are left-handed.

Laterality — the textbook term meaning one side of the brain is dominant over the other — may someday help breeders predict which puppies will make the best military, service and therapy dogs, Schwartz said, and that could be lifesaving.

But for now, here are a few simple tests you can do to determine your pet's preference, she said. Doing it 100 times (over several days) should give you an answer, she said.

— If you teach a dog to shake, which paw does it offer you first and most often?

— Fill a toy with something delicious and put it in the center of the dog's visual field. Which paw does it use to touch the toy first? Which paw does the dog use to hold the toy?

— Put something sticky on a dog or cat's nose. Which paw does the animal use to remove it?

— Place a treat or a piece of cheese under a sofa, just beyond a dog or cat's reach. Which paw does it use to try and get it out?

— Dangle a toy over a cat's head. Which paw does it lift to bat it?

— Put a treat under a bowl. Which paw does the cat or dog use to move it?

— When a dog wants in the backdoor, which paw does it "knock" with?

Schwartz said there are a few things that might alter test results:

— If a dog has arthritis or an injury in a shoulder or leg, it could use the other to compensate.

— When a cat really wants something, tests show it uses its dominant paw, but when it's just fooling around, it may use either or both.

— It's possible that handedness in dogs, and maybe cats, will change over time as the animal's motivation changes.

Luckily, the well-being of dogs and cats doesn't depend on preference. The same cannot be said for horses, Crowell-Davis said.

In U.S. racing, horses only have to lean left because all races are run counterclockwise on tracks, but in some competitions and in some other countries, horses have to race and canter both ways. "They have to be able to circle right and left. If not, they can trip," Crowell-Davis said.

"You have to work to get them to take the lead they prefer less," she said.

Crowell-Davis has never seen an advertisement promoting right- or left-pawed dogs or cats. "The only time you see it used in advertising is with horses. If a horse if being offered for sale, because of issues on the lead, it may say 'Works well on both leads' to emphasize the horse has had training."

Robin A.F. Olson of Newtown, Conn., founder and president of Kitten Associates Inc., a rescue organization, said her cats are always reaching for toys or treats with one paw or another.

Olson said she was born left-handed, but her mother didn't want her growing up left-handed in a world of right-handed people.

"She always handed things to me close to my right hand. She always put the crayons in my right hand."

There won't be any such lessons for her cats, she said. "I try not to be judgmental of my cats' abilities or lack thereof. We will never worry about the anti-paw."

It appears that Nora, an internationally acclaimed 8-year-old piano-playing tabby from Philadelphia, owned by piano teacher Betsy Alexander and her artist-photographer husband, Burnell Yow, is right-pawed. Yow studied her videos and "determined that she appears to lead with her right paw, then follow with her left," Alexander said.

But she has her ambidextrous, headstrong moments.

"She uses both paws to reach for specific notes, even black notes ... and she uses her head to roll a series of multiple notes."