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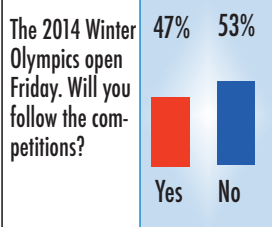
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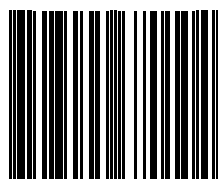


Today's question
CVS will stop selling tobacco products. Will such efforts actually reduce smoking?

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Perry cops saw more crashes, arrests in '13

By **MARY ANN GREIER**
Staff Writer

PERRY TWP. — Perry Township Police recorded fewer overall incidents last year, but more traffic crashes and more criminal arrests, including more domestics and more non-felony drug arrests.

The numbers were noted in the recently released year-end report of police activity, along with some new information Police Chief Mike Emigh didn't have available to study previously: A breakdown of the zones where the calls occurred.

According to the pie chart showing each zone, the majority of the calls last year, 29.8 percent, occurred in the southwest sector of the township, which Emigh attrib-

uted to the traffic crashes and travel along the bypass.

"The majority of our traffic flow comes from that sector," he said.

The southeast sector came next, with 23.2 percent of the calls. Emigh explained that 63 of the 134 traffic crashes occurred in the two southern sectors, where the state Route 45 bypass covers five major intersections between West State Street and South Lincoln Avenue, including Depot Road, state Route 9 and Georgetown Road.

The northeast and northwest sectors covered less calls, with 22.9 percent in the northwest and 14.8 percent in the northeast, but recorded more traffic crashes, with 69 between the two areas. Emigh

pointed out that those areas include the U.S. Route 62 bypass, which goes from West State Street up to the four-lane highway, which stretches from state Route 14 to North Lincoln Avenue.

Overall traffic crashes increased from 93 in 2012 to 134 in 2013. Of those 134, there were 23 people who went to a hospital. Emigh said it's possible the mild summer could have contributed because when it's nice out, people are "out moving" and there's more traffic on the roads. He also said there's more truck traffic now due to the shale boom and the employees of the industry.

The number of reported incidents dropped from 1,632 in 2012 to 1,571

in 2013, which he said could be attributed to a number of reasons. When officers have multiple calls to one address, it may be reported under one complaint instead of multiple complaints. They also don't make out a complaint for every call, such as questions about non-police business or basic information.

Emigh said calls decreased in some high-complaint areas because of a drop in population in those areas. With the zone pie chart, he was able to see the percentage of calls for "certain problem areas that police keep an eye on," including Salem Acres (the apartment complex off of Prospect Street), West

See **PERRY, 5A**

Dem contest for county commissioner only race

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — The May 6 primary election will feature contested races for Congress and Columbiana County commissioner but only among the Democrats.

Wednesday was the filing deadline at the county elections board, and following is a list of the races and candidates:

U.S. Representative
Incumbent Republican Bill Johnson is unopposed, as is Green Party candidate Dennis Lambert of Pedro, a small town near Ironton and southern Ohio.

They will face the winner of the Democratic primary, which features endorsed candidate Jennifer Garrison and Gregory Howard of Albany.

State Representative
Incumbent Democrat Nick Barborak is unopposed in the primary election, as is Republican Craig Newbold and Libertarian Party candidate Martin Elsass.

County Juvenile /Probate Court Judge
Incumbent Republican Tom Barozzi is unopposed, and no Democrat ran for the position.

County Commissioner
Incumbent Republican Mike Halleck is unopposed, but the Democratic primary will feature a contested race between Salem residents Nathan Walker and Dan Bailey.

County Auditor
Incumbent Republican Nancy Milliken is unopposed, as is Democratic candidate Brandon J. Kovach of Lisbon.

Ohio 7th District Court of Appeals, two judgeships

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The lone Republican is county Municipal Court Judge Carol Robb. She is unopposed and will face the winner of the Democratic primary, which features David Engler and Anthony Donofrio.

Feb. 10, 2015
The Democratic race features incumbent Cheryl Waite, Mark Hamni and a third candidate who filed at the last minute in Mahoning County.

No Republican filed to run.
The unopposed candidates could still face opposition in the November general election because the filing deadline for anyone wanting to run as an independent is May 5.

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County runs short of salt too

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — Columbiana County Engineer Bert Dawson believes they have enough salt to deal with the snowstorm predicted for this weekend, but he could be in trouble if any more storms occur in quick succession before he is resupplied.

"We should be OK this weekend, but if we get another shot after that, who knows?" he said.

The salt shortage resulting from the unusually harsh winter has left communities and counties scrambling as their supplies run low to the point where some are close to running out. Dawson said it has not gotten to that point yet with his department, but it could if they are unable to receive any more road salt.

The engineer's office uses an average of 3,100 tons of road salt per winter, which is mixed with a grit material on a two-to-one ratio. The engineer's office received an additional 950 tons last week, taking them over 4,000 tons for the season, with at least another five weeks of winter to go.

Dawson estimated over half of the 950 tons have been used to date, especially after Tuesday night's storm. "We're low, but if it keeps going there will be a lot of people in trouble," he said.

See **SALT, 5A**



Digging out again

John Tullis, above, clears the driveway of his neighbor's home on Pearl Street in Columbiana. Tullis did three or four drives in the neighborhood and was then headed to his children's homes to do theirs. Left, James Munyon shovels the driveway at his home in Columbiana. (Salem News photos by Patti Schaeffer)

Nathan Walker runs for Democrat commissioner slot as 'not Mike Halleck'

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — Salem resident Nathan Walker does not appear to think much of Columbiana County Commissioner Mike Halleck.

In a news release announcing his intention to run for commissioner against Halleck, Walker said his "biggest strength is that I'm currently not a member of the board of commissioners, and specifically I'm not Mike Halleck."

Walker filed candidacy petitions with the Columbiana County Board of Elections by Wednesday's deadline to run as a Democrat for Halleck's commissioner seat in the May 6 primary election. Also filing to run in the Democratic primary for commissioner was Dan Bailey of Salem. The winner will take on Halleck, a Republican, who is unopposed.

"I'm not anything like Mike," Walker said. "I'm not a professional politician. I don't hang out at the Golf Club. I'm not



WALKER

comfortable in a suit and tie, and I don't make decisions based on what the Democratic and Republican Party chairs want."

Walker is employed by the food-service/provider company, AVI Food Systems Inc., and also works at University of Mount Union.

He is concerned in general about what is going on with county government, and two recent incidents in particular: The county port authority board member who illegally retired but continued to be paid and the county EMA employee hired without the knowledge and approval of commissioners.

"Mike Halleck can point fingers wherever he wants, but in reality it is his job to know what is going on. We live in a time when people don't accept responsibility. This race will be about accountability," he said.

Walker said his first task if elected would be to examine the relationship between commissioners and the port authority.

"The port authority is an important job. We need to make sure the people

See **WALKER, 5A**

Teen blames Bigfoot in Fairfield Twp. crash

Staff Reports

FAIRFIELD TWP. — A 17-year-old Columbiana teen claimed he saw Bigfoot while driving on Bunker Hill Road last week.

According to the highway patrol report, Robert James Mehlen Sevenich of Metz Road was southbound on Bunker Hill Road at 2:55 a.m. Jan. 28 when he went off the south side of the road and into a rock.

The report stated that Sevenich told a trooper he went off the road to avoid a "creature" he described as at least seven feet tall with green glowing eyes, hairy and very well-built.

When asked by the trooper if what he saw was human, Sevenich replied, "No" and said he believed it to be Bigfoot.

Sevenich was cited for failure to control and the trooper searched the area for any evidence of what Sevenich described, but none was found, including any footprints of that nature.

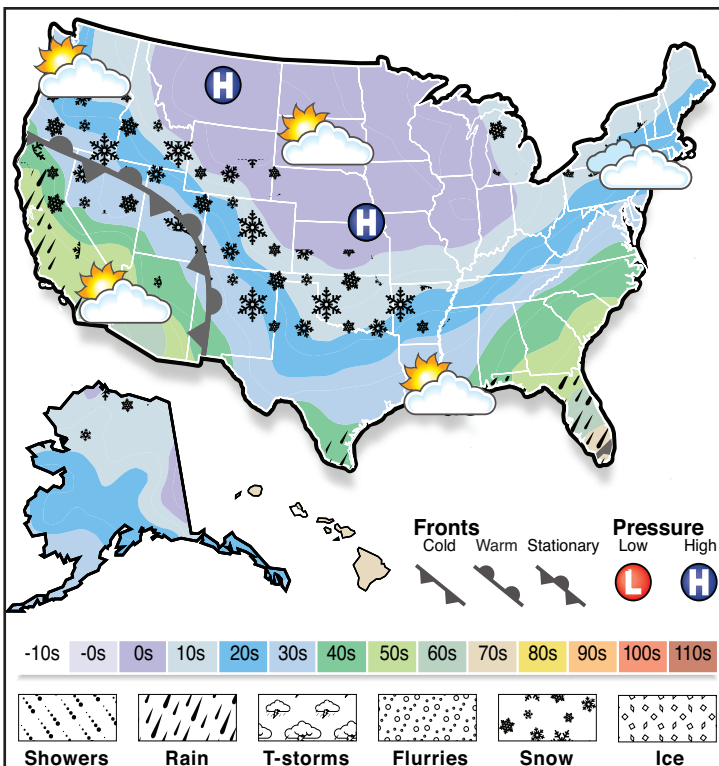
Sevenich did not appear to be under the influence of any illicit drugs, the report said.

WEATHER

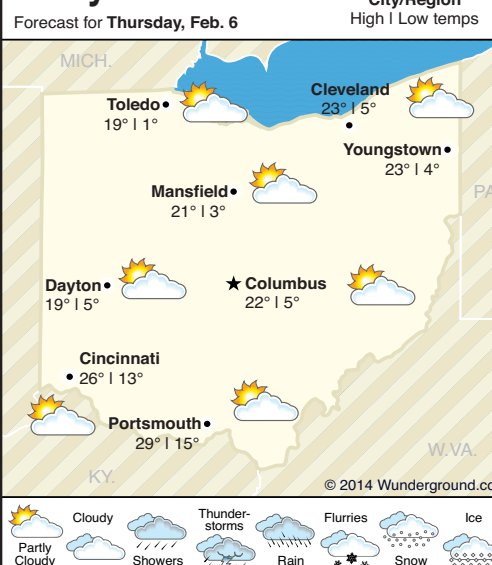
THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Partly sunny. Highs around 18. Tonight... Mostly cloudy in the evening...Then becoming partly cloudy. Cold with lows around 1 below. Wind chill values as low as 12 below. Friday... Partly cloudy. Highs around 15. Wind chill values as low as 15 below. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows around 1 below. Wind chill values as low as 12 below. Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Not as cool with highs in the mid 20s. Saturday night...Snow showers likely. Not as cool with lows 10 to 15. Sunday...Cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs in the mid 20s. Sunday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow. Cold with lows around 10 above. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 20. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Cold with lows around zero. Tuesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 20s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Cold with lows around 5 above. Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 20s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Mostly cloudy in the morning...Then becoming partly sunny. Highs around 18. Tonight...Mostly cloudy in the evening...Then becoming partly cloudy. Cold with lows around 1 below. Friday...Partly cloudy. Cold with highs around 13. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows around 1 above. Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs in the lower 20s. Saturday night...Snow showers likely. Not as cool with lows around 10 above. Sunday...Cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs in the mid 20s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Cold with lows around 10 above. Monday...Partly sunny. Highs around 20. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Cold with lows around 5 above. Tuesday...Partly sunny. Highs 15 to 20. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Cold with lows around 10 above.



Today's Forecast



ALMANAC

Today is Thursday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2014. There are 328 days left in the year. Ten years ago: President George W. Bush appointed a bipartisan commission to examine intelligence on Iraq's weapons. (In a scathing 600-page report released in March 2005, the commission called the spy community "dead wrong on almost all of its prewar judgments" about Iraqi weaponry.) Five years ago: Key senators and the White House reached tentative agreement on an economic stimulus measure at the heart of President Barack Obama's recovery plan. One year ago: The U.S. Postal Service proposed eliminating Saturday mail delivery, an announcement that immediately drew protests from some lawmakers.

Extended Forecast



Leetonia council plans to promote workers to full time

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

LEETONIA— Village Council Wednesday night agreed to promote several employees to full time, but tabled the issue to discuss where the employees will enter the benefits scale.

Council approved the reclassification of road employees Craig Thomas and Charles Smith and police personnel Becky Shearer, Tracy McCreary, Dan Soules and George Long who have been working 39 hours per week. The change in status will increase the road department budget \$1,600 and the police department budget \$12,065, if each employee uses every sick day, according to Fiscal Officer Randy Chismar.

Village administrators attributed the Affordable Care Act for making the promotions possible, since the village in January dropped insurance coverage for the employees.

Council tabled the action, however, to discuss where the employees should enter the vacation and sick pay scale, with at least one employee set to double in vacation if they are made retroactive to their original hire. Currently the personnel ordinance stipulates employees begin to accrue vacation and sick days once they are made full time, so council asked for time to look into amending the ordinance before officially approving the promotions.

Chismar noted that making the scale rates retroactive would increase the police department budget an additional \$4,000, roughly.

In other business council approved Shade Tree Advisor Bill Merdich to attend the 2014 North Coast Urban Forestry Conference on March 7 at \$30 and for Merdich and Shade Tree Commissioner Sue Simpson to attend Tree Survival School March 25-27 for \$135 each.

Council also amended its cemetery burial costs ordinances to incorporate the \$50 increase for opening and closing approved last month.

Also at the meeting, Councilwoman Sue Buchanan reminded residents not to plow or shovel snow into the roadway.

The next council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at Village Hall, preceded by a Water/Sewer Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. and tentatively followed by a Police Committee meeting.



Big Dog's Big Dog's Seafood Steak & Ale at 377 S. Ellsworth Ave. closed on Feb. 2, just days after JD's Wood Fired Grill right next to it at 441 S. Ellsworth Ave. closed. After remodeling both restaurants re-opened under new names last March. Tom Doyle, owner of the building that housed Big Dog's for just under a year, said it's sad to see two businesses close. (Salem News photo by Larry Shields)

2 Salem restaurants closed last week

By LARRY SHIELDS
Staff Writer

SALEM — The owner of the building that was home to the former Big Dog's Seafood Steak & Ale said it's sad to see two empty buildings on the corner.

Tom Doyle was referring to the South Ellsworth Ave. and Railroad St. corner where JD's Wood Fired Grill at 441 S. Ellsworth Ave., and Big Dog's at 377 S. Ellsworth Ave., both closed over the weekend.

Doyle received a notice from Tim Szczypinski, who co-owned Big Dog's with his wife and partner, Dr. Ann-Marie Bonetti, since January of 2013, that it was closing effective Feb. 2.

Doyle has owned the business since it operated as the former Hickory Rib. It was purchased by Szczypinski on a land contract and opened just under

one year ago under the Big Dog name.

When it opened in March of 2013, Szczypinski said he expected to employ about 20 full- and part-time people.

Doyle said he received a text message from him late last week.

"He told me he wasn't going to make it."

JD's Wood Fired Grill, owned by Jamie Kessler of Mineral Ridge, also closed late last week.

Attempts were made to contact owners of both businesses for this story. The phone in JD's is disconnected.

Workers were removing the Ohio Lottery equipment from JD's on Friday and said the business was permanently closed.

Doyle said he watched restaurant and bar equipment being removed from JD's.

According to the Columbiana County auditor, the building at 441 S. Ellsworth Ave. has a value of \$230,800, while the building at 377 S. Ellsworth Ave. has a value of \$174,800.

Last March, JD's re-opened after dropping the Wing Warehouse name with a remodeled kitchen, a new wood-fired grill, an all-new dining area, tile floor, crimson wall decor and a reduced the sports motif profile while retaining 11 television sets and Keno monitors.

It employed about 15 full- and part-time people while featuring a selection of 14 different burgers.

Doyle said he is interested in selling his building, which was extensively remodeled for Big Dog's, outright. lshields@salemnews.net

6 money issues on May primary ballots

Staff Reports

LISBON — Voters in the May 6 primary election will decide the fate of six money issues plus two liquor options.

Wednesday was the filing deadline at the county elections board, and following is a list of proposed ballot issues:

— Beaver Local school district: The board is seeking renewal of a 5.3-mill operating levy.

— East Liverpool: City Council is seeking renewal of an 8-mill fire levy.

— Madison Township: Trustees are seeking renewal of two road levies, 2 mills and 0.5 mills.

— United Local school district: The board is seeking renewal of a 3-mill permanent improvement levy.

— Wellsville school district: The board is seeking renewal of a 2-mill permanent improvement levy.

In Columbiana, a petition was filed seeking comprehensive liquor options for the C and D precincts, which straddle state Route 14 and are the site of a

proposed major commercial development.

Board Director Adam Booth said applicants for liquor permits that are not site specific are not required to identify themselves.

There is also a proposed liquor option for the East precinct in St. Clair Township. The applicant is the Four Seasons Mini-Mart on Calcutta-Smith Ferry Road, which is seeking permission to sell beer, wine and mixed beverages Monday through Saturday.

Man paralyzed by tipped toilet gets \$5M

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A man left paralyzed from the shoulders down after his relatives tipped over a portable toilet has settled a Pennsylvania lawsuit for \$5 million.

The Legal Intelligencer reports Wednesday that Donald Adams III was on a camping trip with two relatives when they backed a truck up to the toilet to try to lock him inside as a prank.

The lawsuit says the cousins-in-law inadvertently knocked the toilet over when they banged on it and shook it.

A trial memo says Adams landed on his neck and the accident left him a quadriplegic.

Adams and his wife sued the relatives along with the toilet manufacturer and installer, alleging the toilet was improperly installed on a slope.

Those defendants blame the cousins for the injuries.

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Peter "Pete" Pshnsiak Jr.



Every road that he traveled, friends were made, stories collected and people brought together. He was that "one-degree of separation". A soulful man, beautiful uninhibited spirit, with a zest for life, thirsts for experiencing new things. Pete was a great father, true friend, and sweet brother. Uncle Peter "Pete" Pshnsiak Jr. entered eternal life on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014 at 1:31 p.m.

His spirit and curiosity for life is carried on by his two daughters, a son-in-law, a grandchild, six siblings, and 11

nieces/nephews. Peter also leaves behind a cherished extended family of loved ones and friends from every walk of life, and his right hand, little buddy "Jack" the black dog.

Throughout his 55 years, Pete offered "nuggets" of wisdom to everyone he met, even if you didn't ask. Pete was born in Warren, Ohio, on May 21, 1958, the son of the late Peter and Olga (Vasko) Pshnsiak. He was a 1976 graduate of Salem Senior High School and played Quaker football (#21). Peter's career path, in conjunction with his charismatic personality spanned from a technician to a tradesman.

Common Pete-isms:

- "No offense, but I won't cross the PA/OH border...just can't do it"
- "Don't forget to change the oil"
- "VW is the best car-don't buy anything else"
- "You got to drive defensively"
- "What are you gonna do?"
- "I can't do that, my knees are bad"
- "Take a "pitcher" (photograph)"
- "It ain't that easy"
- "It's ok, just let it out"
- "Don't be so dramatic"
- "The Browns are lookin' good, it's their year, you watch!"

A Celebration of Life will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at Brown Funeral Home in Salem. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday, Feb. 7th from 6-8 PM and also the hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Friends may send condolences and sign the guest register online at www.brownfhonline.com.

Arrangements are by Brown Funeral Home in Salem (330-337-6363).

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(Paid obituary)

COMMON PLEAS COURT

New Cases

Forfeiture sought of \$5,215 by the County Prosecutor's Office, funds which were reportedly seized by the Liverpool Township Police Department on Dec. 13, 2012 from Darrell Blake, state Route 7, Wellsville.

Docket Entries

PNC Bank vs. William R. Kimpel, et al., foreclosure ordered for property on Terra Verde Avenue, Columbiana.

U.S. Bank vs. Richard D. Galloway Jr., et al., foreclosure ordered for property on Fisher Avenue, East Liverpool.

Kaleidoscope Project Inc. vs. Chesapeake Exploration LLC et al., motion to dismiss case due to expiration of statute of limitations of one year to file an alleged slander of title lawsuit granted, case dismissed.

JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. Nedra M. Kidder, et al., foreclosure ordered for property on Harvey Avenue, East Liverpool.

Nationstar Mortgage vs. Travis W. Whipey, et al., foreclosure ordered for property on Pancake Clarkson Road, Rogers.

Gregg Dawson vs. Sharon Tamovich, case settled and dismissed.

Portfolio Recover Associates vs. Michele A. Skinner, Wellsville, defendant ordered to pay plaintiff \$25,529 plus interest.

Miami University vs. Ricardo M. Thomas, defendant ordered to pay plaintiff, \$12,352 plus collection costs of \$9,941 and interest of \$6,110.

Hancock County Savings Bank vs. Jonathan Lao, et al., foreclosure ordered for property on St. Clair Avenue, East Liverpool.

Todd Bowen, Beloit, vs. Cheryl Eisenrant, Alliance, case dismissed.

In Re: 1916 Ford Model T. Pickup title issued to the name of Kevin W. Prus, Pembroke Drive, Salem.

County Treasurer vs. Charles Rishel, et al., foreclosure ordered for delinquent taxes for property on Georgetown Road, Salem.

Marriage Licenses

Bruce L. Farnsworth, 29, Wellsville, unemployed, and Nicole M. Leport, 27, Wellsville, registered nurse.

Mark Alexander McKay Burnett, 25, Pickering, Ont., unemployed, and Kellie E. Wheaton, 24, Glen Rock, N.J., student.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

— Deputies checked on a suspicious vehicle on Bell Road near Fairfield Road with a woman slumped over in the front seat at 9:20 a.m. Jan. 29. After several attempts the woman, Jodie Harris, state Route 45, Lisbon, awoke, looked at the deputy, rolled her eyes and went back to sleep. Deputies opened the door, found Harris' foot on the brake and the vehicle in drive. When asked for identification, she handed deputies a debit card and other cards. She claimed she was not passed out in the middle of the road, only sleeping. She was transported by KLG to the Salem Regional Medical Center and her family came to take the vehicle.

— Dave Freeman, Johnson Road, Lisbon, reported at 1:37 p.m. Tuesday over the past few months a neighbor of his elderly aunt has repeatedly gone to her home looking for work or to borrow items from her. She reportedly has become uncomfortable with him coming over there and Freeman and the aunt's son have asked the man to stop. Another man believed to be first man's roommate reportedly called Freeman and threatened to assault him if he speaks to the first man again about going to the house.

— Margaret Curtis, Opal Drive, Wellsville, reported at 10:48 p.m. Thursday Joseph Call punched her in the face. She was intoxicated and fell going up the stairs. Call denied the accusation and stated she had fallen several times. Deputies found no evidence of her being struck and she then threatened to harm herself. She was transported by deputies to meet a Tri-County EMS in Wellsville and on the way threatened to kill deputies. She was taken to East Liverpool City Hospital.

— Kenny Merrick, Rochester Road, East Rochester, reported at 5:36 a.m. Monday he was awakened by a sound which sounded like gunshots from the direction of the road. He saw an SUV or pickup heading north. Merrick also found 11 9mm shell casings on the road and found his father's hayfield torn up from a vehicle. A neighbor also reportedly saw a red Chevy pickup with black rims driving in the fields and a part of it was left behind. At 3:09 a.m. Wednesday Merrick reported his neighbor had called him to report he believed he located the vehicle on Weaver Road.

— Elicia Travis asked deputies to check on her boyfriend at 7:12 a.m. Sunday. He told deputies he and his girlfriend argued over the telephone, he texted her and told her he could not handle it anymore, turned his phone off and went to bed. She reportedly did the same thing to him the day before and he claimed he is tired of it.

— George Bach, state Route 644, Salineville, reported at 12:22 a.m. Friday his 28-year-old son was dropped off at home by friends and the son had been drinking. They ar-

gued and the son started throwing tools and things around. The son told deputies he had some things bothering him, so deputies spoke to him about other ways to handle stress and depression besides drinking. The son agreed to go to a relative's for the night.

— Kenny Parks, Miller Road, Leetonia, reported at 9:46 p.m. Tuesday there was a domestic argument with Annette Reitz over a cup of beer. Reitz asked her daughter to give her a ride to Salem.

— Matthew Householder, state Route 172, Hanoverton, reported at 8:24 p.m. Tuesday he heard gunshots and saw what appeared to be an SUV leaving the area on McCann Road. Deputies did not locate anyone.

— United High school reported at 7:54 a.m. Tuesday two students were found with marijuana. The assistant principal, Frank Baker, told deputies the two boys came into the school reeking of marijuana odor. The 17-year-old said the 16-year-old picked him up at his home, and he smoke one pipeful on the way to Hanoverton to get gas and the other on the way to school. The 16-year-old claimed he picked up the 17-year-old and they drove straight to school, while the 17-year-old smoked marijuana. The 16-year-old's mother gave deputies permission to search the vehicle and two pipes were located. Eventually both boys admitted to smoking some marijuana and the matter will be forwarded to the juvenile prosecutor.

— United High School also reported Tuesday morning on Monday an eighth grade student brought alcohol into school. The 13-year-old boy drank some wine cooler while waiting for the bus and put a lid on it. At some point during the day the lid became loose and the alcohol was leaking from his backpack onto the floor. A teacher saw it and had him take the backpack to the office. The boy claims he drank at his father's in the past. The issue will also be forwarded to the juvenile prosecutor.

— Ron Hostetter, Dyke Road, Negley, reported at 10:25 a.m. Tuesday he was at work and his wife left the house at about 7 a.m. When he came home at 10 a.m. he found someone had kicked open the front door. A small amount of change and a 42-inch flat screen TV were missing. The upstairs was ransacked. He planned to make a further list of the missing items.

— Robert Gibler, Eastlake Road, Lisbon, reported at 2:49 p.m. Tuesday his neighbor behind the house had been harassing him "all summer." Gibler said on Tuesday he was walking his dogs through a vacant lot next to the neighbor's when the neighbor yelled at him to stay off the lot. He also reportedly threatened to hurt Gibler and his dogs.

HIGHWAY PATROL

— Andrew W. Schaffert, state Route 39, Beloit, was northbound on 12th Street in Knox Township at 10 p.m. Jan. 30 and lost control on snow and went off the left side into a field and a ditch and re-entered the road. He was cited for failure to control and possession of marijuana.

— Matthew A. Bennington, 25, Urichsville, was southbound on state Route 644 in Washington Township at 4:16 p.m. Monday and went off the right side and dislodged the trailer he was pulling, which flipped over into a ditch. He was cited for securing loads.

— John W. Campbell, 64, Bloomington, Ohio, was eastbound on U.S. 30 in St. Clair Township at 11:42 a.m. Jan. 31 and lost control of his vehicle while towing another vehicle on a dolly, causing the dolly to hit the center concrete barrier. He was cited for failure to control.

— Evan M. Cianni, 20, St. Jacob Logtown Road, Lisbon, was northbound on state Route 45 in Salem Township at 4:25 p.m. Jan. 29 and went off the right side to avoid a stopped vehicle and went into an embankment and a tree. He was cited for assured clear distance.

— Maria A. Lacey, 36, Peace Valley Road, New Waterford, was westbound on state Route 558 in Fairfield Township at 7:40 a.m. Jan. 30 and stopped at the state Route 7 traffic light and was struck by Shawn Ann Carpenter, 56, Spaite Drive, East Palestine. Carpenter was cited for assured clear distance.

— Gary F. Freeh, 65, North Meadowbrook Circle, East Liverpool, and Heidi D. Roe, 39, McCoy Avenue, East Liverpool, were westbound on Calcutta-Smith Ferry Road in St. Clair Township at 7:15 p.m. Jan. 30 and Freeh made a wide turn to avoid ice in the road and was struck by Roe. No citations were issued.

— Neryssa Nicole Stowe, 17, Hartley Road, Salem, was westbound on Hartley Road in Butler Township at 7:23 a.m. Jan. 31 and lost control and slid off the right side into a utility pole. She was cited for failure to control.

— Marjorie A. Rice, 64, Hammondsville Road, Wellsville, was northbound on Fife Coal Road in Madison Township at 8:38 a.m. Jan. 31 and slid off the right side into an embankment and a tree and overturned. She was cited for failure to control.

— Christin L. Blair, 55, Woodville Road, Leetonia, was northbound on Beeson Mill Road in Fairfield Township at 9:15 a.m. Sunday and went off the east side into a guardrail and a sign. She was cited for failure to control and seat belt.

2 hurt in US 62 crash

Staff Reports

DAMASCUS — Two men were taken to the hospital with serious injuries after a chain-reaction accident involving five vehicles.

The crash occurred at about 6 a.m. Monday on U.S. Route 62 near Smith-Goshen Road just west of Damascus.

Four of the vehicles were westbound, the highway patrol said, while another driven by Jack Walton, 61, state Route 154, was disabled and partially off the road after being involved in a wreck shortly before.

The patrol said a vehicle driven by Douglas A. Yeager, 51, of Maple Street, Salem, hit the rear one one driven by John A. Ecrement, 19, of Alliance.

That caused the chain reaction, with Ecrement hitting Dennis L. Curtis, 60, of Metz Road, Columbiana, who then hit John M. Ritchea, 75, of Beloit, who was pushed into Walton's vehicle.

Curtis was taken to Salem Regional Medical Center and Ecrement was taken by helicopter to Aultman Hospital in Canton, both with what the patrol listed as serious injuries. Yeager was cited for assured clear distance.

New Castle man charged with 2012 market robbery

LISBON — Daniel M. Keller, 23, New Castle, Pa., was served a secret indictment this week for a robbery charge.

Keller is accused of committing a theft at Hilltop Market, North Market Street, East Palestine, on Oct. 20, 2012 and in the process attempting the harm Samantha Gerber. The charge is a second-degree felony.

The indictment was issued by the county grand jury in July.

Reviews: No policy change need post Ohio execution

COLUMBUS (AP) — Initial reviews of Ohio's lengthiest execution during which an inmate repeatedly gasped found no reason to change the way the state puts condemned prisoners to death. The reviews, required by Ohio's prison rules, found that the state's execution policy was followed and execution and medical team members did what they were supposed to. The findings are important because the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is under strict instructions from a federal judge to stick to its written policies, last updated in October.

Ohio also is planning a longer review of Dennis McGuire's Jan. 16 execution looking more closely at what happened during the procedure.

McGuire's 26-minute execution was the longest since Ohio resumed putting inmates to death in 1999. His family is suing, saying it was cruel and inhumane.

"I find no reason for revision of policy for future executions," Joseph Andrews, an independent reviewer of the execution, said in a Jan. 27 memo.

"The process worked very well," Donald Morgan, warden of the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, where Ohio's death chamber is located, said in his report.

McGuire was executed for the 1989 rape and stabbing death of Joy Stewart, 22, a recently married pregnant woman in western Ohio.

The results of the reviews were first reported by The Dayton Daily News.

Lawyers representing Gregory Lott, scheduled to die March 19 for a 1986 arson death, are suing to stop that execution based on what happened to McGuire. McGuire, 53, made repeated snorting sounds and opened and shut his mouth several times during his execution by a never-tried drug combo.

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POLICE REPORTS

SALEM

— A woman in the 900 block of East Third Street reported at 11:29 a.m. Wednesday that there were two unauthorized transactions on her bank account, with one from Jan. 23 for \$100 at the Salem Walmart and one on Jan. 24 for \$187 at Circle K.

— John Burkey of Quaker Corner Flower & Gifts, 890 E. State St., reported at 10:47 a.m. Wednesday that two heart-shaped wreaths made of red roses were stolen from the front doors of the business. They were valued at \$100 each.

— Police assisted the Salem Street Department several times Wednesday morning and Tuesday night in the removal of vehicles illegally parked on the streets in violation of the snow emergency parking ban throughout the city. Several vehicles were towed Wednesday morning and at least 17 vehicles were towed Tuesday night. The parking ban was in effect from 9 p.m. Tuesday to 9 p.m. Wednesday. In some cases, owners were found and moved the vehicles before they had to be towed. Some parking tickets were issued. The cost of towing falls to the owners of the vehicles.

— Police responded at 5:57 a.m. Wednesday to Mac Trailer, 1453 Allen Road, for a medical emergency/overdose and when they arrived, EMS personnel gave them an item of drug paraphernalia. Officers spoke with the man in question about the paraphernalia and an additional item of paraphernalia was retrieved from him. He was taken to Salem Regional Medical Center by Summit-Stark Ambulance. Charges are pending.

— A woman in the 900 block of East Third Street reported at 10:02 p.m. Tuesday that she discovered one of her credit cards missing and learned it had been used at a business in the 2800 block of East State Street on Tuesday for an unauthorized charge of \$100.

— An anonymous caller at 8:11 p.m. Tuesday asked police to respond to Walmart, 2875 E. State St., to check the well-being of a juvenile whose mother was reportedly seen handling the child in a rough manner. The mother and daughter were located and were both fine. The mother said the child has behavioral issues and had a tantrum in the store. She understood why someone called the police. A man approached who said he witnessed what happened and told police the child was out of control and the mother did all she could to control her. He said the mother did not harm the child and just tried to get her under control after the child got upset because she couldn't have something she wanted. A witness had also responded to the police department with concerns and was told the findings.

— Police were called at 6:57 p.m. Tuesday to the 900 block of North Ellsworth Avenue for an unruly juvenile. A woman said her daughter was being unruly and not listening. Some money was missing and her daughter was suspected of taking it. When she confronted her, an argument started. An officer spoke to the daughter who denied taking the money but said she had taken things in the past from various places. She was told the possible consequences and the mother was told of her options in juvenile court.

— A woman in the 700 block of East Fifth Street reported at 5:35 p.m. Tuesday that a person in the apartment beside hers was banging on the walls. Officers attempted, but no contact could be made. They didn't hear any noises.

— A man contacted police at 5:24 p.m. Tuesday to report possible drug activity, reporting a text message from a male who apparently had a wrong phone number.

— A cover was reported missing from a storm drain at 5:23 p.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of South Ellsworth Avenue. The street department was contacted.

— An officer on patrol at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday saw a moderate amount of water flowing into the street near the northwest corner of Sharp Avenue and Prospect Street. The problem was found to be a broken water hose spigot at a residence on Sharp Avenue. The resident was

notified about the leak.

— Police were called at 4:26 p.m. Tuesday to the 1200 block of South Lincoln Avenue for an unruly juvenile report. A grandmother reported her grandson had been in trouble at school, wouldn't listen and would not come inside the residence. The child was located at Mullins Park and told to listen to his grandmother.

— Police responded at 4:14 p.m. Tuesday to the 600 block of Prospect Street for a report of a child that had not arrived home from school. Upon arrival, police learned the child was found and everything was fine.

— A man from Benton Road reported at 3:06 p.m. Tuesday that a former friend who resides in Salem would not return his property when he went to retrieve it. Contact was made with the person who said they were in the process of moving and everything was packed in a U-haul truck. He said they would return the items after the truck is unpacked.

— A woman at 2:36 p.m. Tuesday reported having a problem with a female motorist in the Giant Eagle parking lot. She said the female would not let her move her vehicle so she asked her if she could get out to leave and the female began swearing and took photos of her with a cell phone. The woman was able to leave and traveled east on State Street with the female following right on her bumper to the Dunkin' Donuts near Walmart. The female sat in her Nissan in the upper parking area watching her before leaving and driving east towards Washingtonville. The woman said the female was acting crazy and she did not know her or why she acted the way she did. She was concerned about the female taking pictures of her and her license plate.

COLUMBIANA

— A woman reported at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday there was someone in a vehicle by the railroad tracks on South Elm Street blowing an air horn as she crossed the tracks and it scared her. Police checked the area but did not see the driver.

— Virgil Felger, Pueblo Lane, reported at 3:49 p.m. Tuesday his ex-girlfriend Deirdre Steiginga continues to call, rummages through cars in the driveway and refuses to leave the property until he starts to record on video. Police called Steiginga and warned her that a report had been filed and she wasn't to call, text, e-mail, Facebook, come around or contact Felger in any way.

— A Southern Terrace man reported at 7:37 p.m. Tuesday a very large dog was loose in his yard.

— The sheriff's office requested at 10:38 p.m. Tuesday police go to 44915 state Route 14 to tell a man there to quit calling 911, as he had called several times throughout the evening, even after dispatchers told him to stop. The man's cell phone reportedly did not have an active account and would only call 911. Police told the man to stop calling 911 or he would be charged.

SALEM TWP.

— Roy Szanny, Shining Tree Lane, reported Tuesday someone tried to access his on-line award points from Visa. A New York address was used and the transaction was not processed.

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OUR SIDE

No excuse left on Keystone pipeline

Enough is enough — unless, apparently, you are President Barack Obama, determined to please your radical environmentalist supporters. But what about the rest of us? Are other Americans not entitled to some consideration?

Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency revealed it can find no reason to reject the proposed Keystone XL pipeline for environmental reasons.

The pipeline would carry hundreds of thousands of barrels of Canadian oil to the U.S. every day. But throughout his presidency, Obama has stalled on making a decision on whether to approve construction. His excuse has been that the State Department needed to complete a review of the project's environmental impacts.

Now that the review is complete, Obama's next step is to approve the pipeline, right?

Wrong. The White House says numerous federal agencies and the public must weigh in on the project. So must Secretary of State John Kerry.

This situation has gotten far beyond ridiculous. There is no reason not to approve the pipeline. Yet Obama seems determined to delay until frustrated Canadians sign long-term contracts to sell their oil to China.

It is time for Congress to call a halt to Obama's delay strategy. The pipeline will be good for Americans — and it is time to allow construction to begin.

Some Ohio legislators have entirely the wrong attitude about a massive scandal involving public schools in Columbus. They should not be worrying as much about that city as other school districts.

It appears both Democrat and Republican leaders in the General Assembly view the Columbus situation as a wake-up call. Good. The only question now is what to do about it.

As you probably are aware, an 18-month investigation revealed widespread lying about data involving students in Columbus schools. Hundreds of them had F grades changed to D's. School administrators lied on a variety of other matters, including attendance.

One lawmaker, state Rep. Michael Stinzano, D-Columbus, cautioned against "immediate legislative action." He pointed out Columbus schools have new leadership.

Again, Columbus is the last place about which lawmakers should worry. If cheating by school administrators was going on there, what rational adult can believe it is not occurring elsewhere?

Fortunately, other lawmakers do want "immediate legislative action." Among proposals they are considering is one for a sort of watchdog agency to audit school districts periodically, in order to catch administrators who submit false reports to the state.

That is an excellent idea. Ohioans need to be able to rely on the accuracy — the honesty — of reports purporting to show how well schools perform.



New York's 19th district, a race worth watching



GEORGE WILL

"There is a certain relief in change, even though it be from bad to worse; as I have found in traveling in a stage coach, that it is often a comfort to shift one's position and be bruised in a new place."

— Washington Irving

Rep. Chris Gibson, whose closely cropped graying hair announces his Army pedigree, believes he should be in the Guinness Book of Records for having moved so swiftly — in 10 months — from membership in America's most admired to its least admired institution. On March 1, 2010, he ended a 24-year military career and on Nov. 2 was elected to Congress. This fall, he will participate in perhaps the year's most interesting congressional contest.

Americans have sorted themselves out politically, so approximately 390 of the 435 House contests will be boring. Just 16 Republicans — Gibson is one — represent dis-

tricts Barack Obama carried, only nine Democrats represent districts Mitt Romney carried, and perhaps fewer than 45 contests nationwide will be competitive. One will be in the 8,000 square miles of New York's rural 19th district, which runs along the Hudson from about 60 miles north of the Bronx to the Vermont border.

Gibson, 49, was raised in Kinderhook, a few hundred yards from the home of Martin Van Buren, a Jacksonian Democrat who Gibson, a Reagan Republican, considers a kindred spirit. Gibson enlisted the day after he turned 17, but graduated from Ichabod Crane High School — the Hudson Valley also gave the nation Washington Irving — and Siena College, served in the Gulf War, Kosovo and Iraq, rose to the rank of colonel with the 82nd Airborne, along the way earning four Bronze Stars and a Cornell Ph.D., and taught political science at West Point.

He entered politics when the tea party impulse was waxing, and he agrees with its adherents about limited government, but favors compromise to get there. "The Constitution," he notes with a colonel's crispness, "was a compromise." And, he adds, Patrick Henry, a tea party pinup, opposed ratification of it.

But Gibson thinks "MVB" — he refers to Van Buren as if he were a neighborhood

chum — deserves to be a tea party favorite because he was Andrew Jackson's sidekick in slaying the Bank of the United States, which they considered an instrument for people who practiced the vice nowadays called crony capitalism.

Gibson, who looks forward to teaching and coaching, has pledged to serve no more than four terms representing a district that Obama, like George W. Bush, carried twice — in 2012, by six points. Sean Eldridge hopes to give Gibson an early start on his next career.

Eldridge, 27, is married to Chris Hughes, 30, who bought The New Republic magazine — founded 100 years ago this year as a voice of progressivism — with a portion of the fortune he made as co-founder of Facebook. Eldridge, who wants to bring his own progressivism to Congress by beating Gibson, grew up in Ohio, graduated from Brown University, attended but did not graduate from Columbia Law School, founded a venture capital firm and went looking for a receptive congressional district outside New York City. The first one where he and his husband bought a residence turned out to be politically problematic, so they kept that residence and bought another (supplementing their Manhattan apartment) in the 19th district.

It was said (by John Randolph) that Van Buren "rowed to his object with muffled oars." Muted, stealthy politics is, however, not the current style. Eldridge's investment firm is located in the district and last summer The New York Times reported that the firm had made at least \$800,000 in loans to local businesses.

Progressives, being situational ethicists regarding the phenomenon of money in politics, are selectively indignant about the rich throwing around the weight of their wallets. But when progressives say there is "too much money in politics," etc., conservatives should remain relaxed. Everyone, including Eldridge, should have the right to do what he or she wants with his or her money. Besides, Eldridge will use his money to disseminate his political speech, which conservatives should be confident will do Gibson much more good than harm.

As David Winchell, a 60-year-old owner of a roadside pizza and BBQ restaurant, told the Times, "This area is becoming too citified. I would fear that this gentleman coming in would be too relaxed in his views." The Times noted, "He added, with a disapproving tone: 'Progressive is the word.'"

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Hard knocks of pro football



KATHLEEN PARKER

President Obama's imaginary son is back in town and this time he can't play football.

Dad says so. And Mom probably would, too.

On this point, we three could smoke a peace pipe.

The president's remarks come from the continuing gift of his interview with New Yorker Editor David Remnick. Obama said that if he had a son, he wouldn't let him play pro football. This is probably a slight overstatement since fa-

thers don't usually direct the professions of grown sons, especially when their earnings are greater than the combined incomes of most extended families.

But grown sons can't turn pro if parents don't let them play when they're boys, so perhaps Obama was skipping the obvious.

This marks the second time Obama has weighed in on the football-injury question. Last year in an interview with The New Republic, he said he'd have to think "long and hard" before letting his son play. So this year's remarks represent a tougher line, and come at a time when nearly four in 10 parents say they'd rather their boys play a sport other than the head-butting game, according to a recent Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll.

The skirmish has gained further traction with a lawsuit filed by 4,000 former players against the NFL, claiming that the league was aware of head-trauma dangers long before it moved to protect players adequately or to help them post-injury. Although a settlement has been reached, a judge in the case is not satisfied that the numbers add up and a final judgment is pending.

Anyone who has had a concussion knows it's serious business. Successive concussions can have long-lasting effects leading to various mental disorders. Worse accidents are not unknown. My own cousin has been a quadriplegic since a head injury in high school that resulted from a defective helmet. You'll never hear him complain and his mind is perfectly sublime — his wit is unscathed — but that was a high price to pay for the fleeting pleasure of a sport.

I say these things as a mother rather than, worst confession ever, a cheerleader. In my day, in my little

Florida town, cheerleading was all that was available to athletic girls. We'll just leave it at that. As a mother, I would have bought my son a yearlong pass to Jurassic Park. No, let me rethink that. I would have given him anything under the moon to discourage him — nay, to prevent his playing.

Fortunately, I didn't have to. It never came up. I won't betray my promise never to write about him again — a commitment he extracted at age 9. Suffice to say his interests were elsewhere.

But most parents of boys (and, yes, the occasional girl) have to consider the question of whether to let them play football. It's amusing to hear parents of infants and toddlers say "never," when experienced parents know that these things change with time and testosterone. There comes a time when the tiniest, most adorable little boy looms over your head, leaves his too-large shoes for you to trip over, his laundry lists of assaults on one's own senses too odoriferous for these musings.

For many, the day comes when Mom looks at her former tyke and thinks to herself: Why don't you go outside and play football and maybe think about joining a team? Away games are so much fun!

Ultimately, parents know best, though they'll make better decisions if they study the helmet issue and insist on the best for their son's team. Considerable resources have been dedicated to minimizing injury through improved helmet design.

As for the pros, meanwhile, Obama aptly summarized the only reasonable adult position: "These guys [pro players], they know what they're doing. They know what they're buying into. It is no longer a secret. It's sort of the feeling I have about smokers, you know?"

We know.

We also know what else we know: Football ain't going anywhere. It is a relentlessly beloved American pastime for masses of people who cram stadiums season after season. Like most things American, it has become extreme. Bigger, faster, meaner and richer. The beauty of a perfect pass, the at-times balletic moves down the field, the bearing witness to the touchdown and later the jubilation of victory juxtaposed with the despair of defeat. ... If I keep writing like this, I'm going to go get my pompoms and dust off my bugle. If you see me attempt an eagle spread, by all means, please have me arrested.

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OTHER VOICES

The (Toledo) Blade, Feb. 3

Ohio's inspector general — the chief watchdog of state government — claims to be conducting an "on-going" investigation of the Coingate scandal, nine years after that inquiry began. Incredibly, the office appears still not to have interviewed the figure at the center of the affair: former Lucas County Republican Party chairman Tom Noe, who is doing time in a state prison for his crimes.

That lapse raises several questions: What kind of investigation is this? Is it really meant to get to the bottom of the scandal, or rather to cover up and delay and protect certain people?

The Blade is suing Inspector General Randall Meyer, an appointee of Gov. John Kasich, to compel release of his office's final report on Coingate. Mr.

Meyer has refused to do so, six years after the last prosecution in the case...

A total of 19 criminal convictions arose from "Coingate," including a no-contest plea by then-Gov. Bob Taft in 2005 to misdemeanor ethics violations. In 2012, after years of silence by the inspector general's office about the status of the investigation, Mr. Meyer pledged to produce a final report. State law requires the inspector general to "prepare a detailed report of each investigation" and to treat its completed reports as public records...

Litigation should not be needed to goad the inspector general into action, for this is a matter of obvious public interest. Evidently, though, only a court order will compel the inspector general's office to fulfill its duties under the law.

PERRY

FROM 1A

Perry Street, Benton Road and the C&C Trailer Court off of West State Street.

The year-end report showed that criminal arrests increased dramatically for both adults and juveniles, increasing from 106 to 172 for adults and from 6 to 11 for juveniles. According to Emigh, the department had a lot of drug arrests for possession of drug paraphernalia, such as needles, pipes and spoons. The number of non-felony drug-related arrests increased from 12 to 17. Domestic violence complaints increased from 46 to 56, but he said not all of those are arrests.

Other notable numbers included an increase in drunk driving arrests from 21 to 27, a big drop in theft reports from 82 to 47, a drop in harassment complaints from 37 to 16, an increase in neighbor disputes from 16 to 31, a drop in assault reports from 13 to 6 and an increase in stolen vehicle reports from 0 to 5.

Medical assists and alarm drops decreased, while assists to other agencies stayed about the same.

“For the amount of manpower that our department has, I believe the residents of Perry Township can be assured that they’re well-protected and the police will be there for them,” Emigh said.

The department includes five full-time officers and three part-time officers. The full-time roster includes the chief, one sergeant, one detective and two patrolmen. The part-timers are all patrolmen. The department’s fleet includes four cruisers on the road and a new cruiser on the way which will feature some new graphics while keeping the red, white and blue color scheme.

He said he’s planning to assign an officer part-time to the Columbiana County Drug Task Force probably in the spring, once the department’s new part-time hire is trained and ready. The county commissioners announced last year they would offer funds to communities which place officers on the DTF. The last time the township had an officer with the DTF was about 15 years ago.

“The funds allow me to hire a replacement for the person I’m sending down there without jeopardizing the quality of the protection for residents,” Emigh said.

He also commented on the formalization of a mutual aid agreement with the Salem Police Department. The two entities had already been backing each other up for years.

“The city and the township will continue to work together to provide protection for all the residents of Perry Township, including the city of Salem,” he said.

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SALT

FROM 1A

The engineer’s office has ordered another 1,000 tons of salt, but Dawson is uncertain when that will arrive. Meanwhile, the Ohio Department of Transportation is working on a plan to purchase an additional 150,000 tons of salt, which it would make available to local communities within two weeks..

“They’re trying to do something, but we don’t know yet,” he said of ODOT.

The National Weather Service reported that there have been 10 significant snowstorms in the state since Thanksgiving, and most Ohio cities have seen anywhere from 15 to 30 inches more snow than is normal at this point of the winter.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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WALKER

FROM 1A

serving on the board are the most qualified county residents possible,” he said.

The port authority is a separate county agency that operates independent of commissioners, whose only duty is to appoint the board members. The illegal retirement occurred without the knowledge or approval of commissioners, and it was commissioners who found out and alerted authorities.

“It really bothers me the commissioners don’t know what is going, and coasting along like nothing is wrong is the default setting in the commissioners’ office,” Walker said.

“I just want things to run better. I care about the community. I’m not a political guy, but I’m an Ohioan. I love my family,” he said, in his news release.

Walker, 37, attended Kent State University and Youngstown State University and is a member of the Saxon Club and Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He has two children.

Bailey did not provide a news release announcing his candidacy.

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POLICE REPORTS

LISBON

— Someone by the name of Nicole reported Jan. 15 receiving harassing and threatening messages on her answering machine from Christina Barz. The officer listened to the message and did not hear anything that could be perceived as threatening.

— A caller reported there was a dog running loose on Thomas Road on Jan. 14. An officer found the dog in a back yard but not tied up. No one was home, so the officer left her business card.

— Police were called to an apartment house on North Market Street at 1:34 p.m. Jan. 29, where a maintenance man dealing with some frozen pipes needed to get into the basement apartment but the tenant, Dan Hipple, refused to let him in. Hipple relented, and the maintenance man found that Hipple keeps a heater going to keep the pipes

from freezing and that the problem was on the outside.

— A caller reported suspicious activity at the Episcopal Church at 6:25 p.m. Jan. 29, and police arrived to find a man there who said he had been there for a “couple of days” but was leaving the next day for Salem. There was no signs of criminal activity.

— Nicole Hilton, West Chestnut Street, reported Jan. 29 that some items were missing from her home and she had no idea who would have taken them.

— Casey Carman reportedly backed into a van driven by Nancy Bassham at the intersection of West Lincoln Way and Thomas Road at 6:12 a.m. Monday.

— Police responded to a report of an unruly juvenile at the alternate school, operated by county juvenile court, at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Arianne

Hagel orders renewed focus on military ethics amid Air Force, Navy cheating scandals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned that ethical problems inside the military might run deeper than he realized, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ordered service leaders Wednesday to add urgency to their drive to ensure “moral character and moral courage” in a force emerging from more than a decade of war.

Almost a year into his tenure as Pentagon chief, Hagel had been worried by a string of ethics scandals that produced a wave of unwelcome publicity for the military. But in light of new disclosures this week, including the announcement of alleged cheating among senior sailors in the nuclear Navy, Hagel decided to push for a fuller accounting.

Last month the Air Force revealed it was investigating widespread cheating on proficiency tests among nuclear missile launch officers in Montana, and numerous senior officers in all branches of the armed forces have been caught in embarrassing episodes of personal misbehavior, inside and outside the nuclear force. The Air Force also is pursuing a drug use investigation, and a massive bribery case in California has ensnared six Navy officers so far.

At the same time, hundreds of soldiers and others are under criminal investigation in what the Army describes as a widespread scheme to take fraudulent payments and kickbacks from a National Guard recruiting program.

The steady drumbeat of one military ethics scandal after another has caused many to conclude that the misbehavior reflects more than routine lapses.

Texas executes woman for slaying of mentally impaired man she lured with promise of marriage

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A woman convicted of torturing and killing a mentally impaired man she lured to Texas with the promise of marriage was put to death Wednesday evening in a rare execution of a female prisoner.

The lethal injection of Suzanne Basso, 59, made the New York native only the 14th woman executed in the U.S. since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume. Almost 1,400 men have been put to death during that time.

Before being put to death, Basso told a warden who stood near her, “No sir,” when asked to make a final statement. She appeared to be holding back tears, then smiled at two friends watching through a window. She mouthed a brief word to them and nodded.

As the lethal dose of pentobarbital took effect, Basso, dressed in a white prison uniform, began to snore. Her deep snoring became less audible and eventually stopped.

She was pronounced dead at 6:26 p.m. CST, 11 minutes after the drug was administered.

Law enforcement officials: Suspect in NY drug case had actor Hoffman’s cellphone number

NEW YORK (AP) — At least one of four people arrested during an investi-

gation of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman’s suspected fatal heroin overdose had the actor’s cellphone number, two law enforcement officials said Wednesday.

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gation of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman’s suspected fatal heroin overdose had the actor’s cellphone number, two law enforcement officials said Wednesday.

Investigators zeroed in on the four after a tipster, responding to publicity about Hoffman’s death, told police he had seen Hoffman at the lower Manhattan apartment building where they were arrested on Tuesday and he believed that’s where Hoffman got the heroin, the officials said. In searches of two apartments in the building, police found hundreds of packets of heroin in one of them, according to a criminal complaint.

But prosecutors declined to pursue charges against one of the four, saying there was no evidence that he had control of the drugs or the apartment in which they were found, and two of the others were charged only with a misdemeanor charge of possessing cocaine, not heroin. Only one, jazz musician Robert Vineberg, was facing a felony charge of heroin possession with intent to sell.

Lawyers for the three people charged vigorously denied their clients had any role in Hoffman’s death and suggested they were being swept up in a maelstrom of attention surrounding the actor’s demise.

“This case and the charges against Mr. Vineberg have absolutely nothing to do with the death of Philip Seymour Hoffman. ... We’re hoping the (district attorney) will not use Mr. Vineberg as a scapegoat,” said his lawyer, Edward Kratt, who declined to say whether Vineberg knew Hoffman.

GOP conservatives adamant in ruling out immigration overhaul, say wait till next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative Republicans on Wednesday ruled out any immigration legislation in the House this year, insisting that the GOP should wait until next year when the party might also control the Senate.

House GOP leaders unveiled their broad immigration principles last week that gave hope to advocates and the Obama administration that the first changes in the nation’s laws in three decades might happen in the coming months.

Immigration legislation is one of the top priorities for Obama’s second term.

But several of the conservatives were adamant that the House should do nothing on the issue this year, a midterm election year when the GOP is angling to gain six seats in the Senate and seize majority control. Democrats currently have a 55-45 advantage but are defending more seats, including ones in Republican-leaning states.

“I think it’s a mistake for us to have an internal battle in the Republican Party this year about immigration reform,” Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho, told reporters at a gathering of conservatives. “I think when we take back the Senate in 2014 one of the first things we should do next year after we do certain economic issues, I think we should address the immigration issue.”

Police say bad weather, distinctive eyes led to fugitive’s arrest after 37 years on run

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Police say Judy Lynn Hayman’s luck ran out after 37 years on the run not because of an in-

tense manhunt but rather two disparate factors: bad weather that kept an investigator at his desk and her distinctive eyes that had never changed since her mug shot was taken.

San Diego police arrested the 60-year-old woman Monday at her San Diego apartment after receiving a mug shot from Michigan, where an officer staying off icy roads sent fingerprint cards for all old escapees to the FBI.

Authorities had been searching for Hayman since she escaped from Ypsilanti prison in 1977. Hayman served eight months of an 18- to 24-month sentence for attempting to steal clothes from a Detroit-area store.

San Diego police say Hayman identified herself as Jamie Lewis and produced government documents with the name. Officers, however, remained suspicious because of inconsistencies in her story and her resemblance to an old Michigan mug shot they were holding.

“Her eyes gave her away,” San Diego police Lt. Kevin Mayer said. “The eyes in the picture matched the eyes of this woman.”

Lights out for IM; Northeast slammed by snow, ice, rain after storm leaves Midwest

More than a million homes and businesses were left in darkness and cold Wednesday after snow, sleet and freezing rain moved into the Northeast. The region’s second winter storm of the week canceled classes, closed government and business offices and sent cars and trucks sliding on slippery roads and highways. Around a foot of snow fell in some states. Moving in overnight from the Midwest, where it wreaked similar havoc, the storm tested the region already battered by a series of heavy snows and below-freezing temperatures this winter.

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Ice and snow brought down trees and limbs and knocked out power to some 750,000 customers. Most of the outages were in the Philadelphia suburbs, and PECO, the major utility company, warned it could be the weekend before some people get their lights back on. The Pennsylvania Turnpike was closed around Harrisburg, the state capital, for more than 13 hours after a fatal crash Tuesday night. Gov. Tom Corbett signed a disaster emergency proclamation, freeing up state agencies to use all available resources and personnel to respond to the storm. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Administration reported delays and some cancellations on suburban Philadelphia routes, while Amtrak suspended its Philadelphia-to-Harrisburg service indefinitely because of downed trees on wires and along tracks. Many schools were closed.

NEW YORK

Up to a foot of snow fell in places upstate; hundreds of schools upstate were closed. Four inches of snow and a quarter-inch of ice covered New York City. The state deployed 3,500 tons of stockpiled road salt to New York City, where supplies were running low, while plows and other heavy equipment aimed to keep roads clear. A 65-mile stretch of Interstate 84 between the Pennsylvania and Connecticut borders was closed to all vehicles until mid-afternoon. The Metropolitan Transit Authority said Metro-North Railroad service was reduced by 18 percent on morning trains.

FAA: Metal that struck Va. home came from chipper

HERNDON, Va. (AP) — An investigation has concluded that a piece of metal that crashed through a northern Virginia home from the sky came from a woodchipper, not an airplane.

The Federal Aviation Administration investigated what happened Friday morning in Herndon. A homeowner found the hand-sized piece of metal on her dining room floor, where it landed after crashing through an awning and her ceiling.

No one was injured, but because the home was along the flight path for Dulles International Airport, there was concern that it had fallen off an airplane.

On Wednesday, the FAA reported that the piece actually came from a nearby industrial-strength woodchipper.

WJLA-TV reported (<http://wjla.com/1kUXfJY>) that the piece, called a grinding tooth, came off a chipper about a block away from the home.

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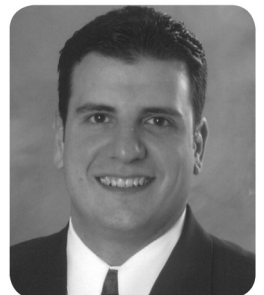
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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

What is going on with the stock market?

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a skeptics' market now. Just three weeks after stocks reached all-time highs, the market has turned volatile and investors have gone from cheerful to suspicious.

They're worried about reports of slowing growth in the world's largest economies, disappointed by earnings that never seem good enough and concerned about the stock market's frequent triple-digit swings.

It isn't a surprise to most money managers, who expected this week to be rougher after last year's 30-percent surge. No stock market can go straight up. But the fact that the volatility started so early caught some investors by surprise.

Even with major indexes down 5 percent or more, there is room for optimism. There's no sign the economy will back-track into a stock-killing recession and any big stock-market drop is unlikely to last long.

Microsoft smart to play safe with CEO pick?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After compiling a list of more than 100 CEO candidates, Microsoft settled on Satya Nadella a home-grown leader who joined the software maker in the early 1990s. That's back when Google's founders were teenagers and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg was in elementary school.

Tuesday's hiring of Nadella as Microsoft's CEO after a five-month search is a safe move that's likely to be greeted with sighs of relief around the company's Redmond, Wash. headquarters, industry analysts say.

But the methodical, almost predictable decision is likely to reinforce perceptions that Microsoft Corp. is a plodding company reluctant to take risks as it competes against younger rivals who relish going out on a limb.

Twitter stock dips on user growth worries

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Twitter beat Wall Street's earnings and revenue expectations in its first quarter as a public company. But investors were looking for even more — including faster user growth — and the company's stock dipped as much as 12 percent in after-hours trading Wednesday.

Twitter reported a loss of \$511 million, or \$1.41 per share, in the October-December quarter. That compares with a loss of \$8.7 million, or 7 cents per share, a year earlier. Adjusted earnings were 2 cents per share.

Twitter's revenue more than doubled to \$243 million from \$112 million.

Analysts, on average, had expected an adjusted loss of 2 cents per share and revenue of \$218.1 million, according to FactSet.

US stocks end down slightly, but cut losses

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street took a step backward Wednesday. Then a tiny step forward. Then back.

The tentative dance amounted to little change for major U.S. stock indexes, which ended the day just below their prior day's levels.

For the week, stocks remained down, extending the sharp downturn for the year.

Stocks were down in premarket trading and continued to slide for much of the day. A survey on U.S. hiring did little to ease uncertainty over the health of the American economy.

Many investors remain leery, waiting to see if upcoming

economic reports and company earnings will show that the U.S. economic recovery is on track.

Coca-Cola to let people make own drinks

NEW YORK (AP) — Coca-Cola is looking to tap into a new market, with plans to let customers make its sodas and other drinks at home.

The world's biggest beverage maker said Wednesday that it's buying a 10 percent stake in Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. for \$1.25 billion as part of an agreement to bring its brands into the fast-growing at-home market. Green Mountain is known for its single-serve coffee makers, but is developing a machine for cold drinks as well.

The deal comes as SodaStream makes an aggressive push to make its at-home carbonation machines a fixture in U.S. kitchens. The Israeli company has touted its machines as a cheaper, more environmentally friendly alternative to buying Coke and Pepsi drinks.

Companies add 175,000 jobs in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — A private survey shows that businesses added jobs at a modest pace in January, a sign that hiring may have rebounded after a disappointing figure in December.

Payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that companies added 175,000 jobs last month. That's down from 227,000 in December, which was revised lower. But it was much better than the government's official figure of just 74,000 new jobs in December.

The ADP numbers cover only private businesses and often diverge from the government's more comprehensive report. In December its figure was much higher than the official count.

The job gains in ADP's report, while lower than in December, are in line with average monthly hiring for the past two years.

Service sector expands on gain in orders

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. service companies expanded at a slightly faster pace in January. New orders, sales and hiring showed strength in a sign that financial firms, retailers and information technology companies foresee stronger growth.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, said Wednesday that its service-sector index rose to 54 from 53 in December. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion.

The improvement points to continued economic gains for the service industry, despite some challenges posed by freezing temperatures and winter storms last month.

Puerto Rico to cut budgets, negotiate

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rican officials on Wednesday rushed to propose new measures aimed at boosting the island's economy and appeasing bondholders a day after credit rating agency Standard & Poor's downgraded the U.S. territory's debt to junk status.

Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla said he is renegotiating loans for which payments are now due earlier because of the downgrade, and he has ordered all government agencies to reduce their current budgets 2 percent, except for the island's education department. He also submitted legislation to cut an additional \$170 million from the current budget, hoping to reduce the deficit to \$75 million.

YOUR STOCKS

Name	Last	Chg	DevonE	59.08	-24	JohnsCtl	8.61	-11	S&P500ETF	175.17	-22
ADT Corp	29.75	-45	DxGLdBll	35.13	-1.77	JmprNrk	26.78	+0.2	SprLrHY	40.42	+0.1
AGCO	50.45	-1.47	DxSCBR	19.85	+43	KindrMrg	23.24	-4.2	SprDOG	64.92	-7.9
AK Steel	6.43	-25	DxEMBI	20.70	-20	KindrMf	2.51	-1.9	Salesfor	61.63	+6.7
AOL	47.57	-1.92	DxFnBll	6.77	-0.2	Krnoss	4.57	-0.4	SandRge	6.17	-1.1
ATI Inc	33.77	-0.2	DxSCBll	63.79	-1.63	KodiakG	50.26	+2.1	Schlmbg	86.16	-1.03
AbbottLab	36.35	-1.0	DollarGen	56.14	+35	L Brands	51.79	+4.8	Schwab	23.86	-2.1
AbbVie	47.73	-2.2	DollrTree	49.81	+20	LSI Corp	11.04	+0.1	Seadrill	35.49	-6.8
AberFrtc	32.72	-4.4	DryShps	3.23	-0.9	LVSands	73.98	-1.05	SeagatLE	49.11	-8.8
ActivBtz	61.00	+1.28	DuPont	61.39	+29	Lenr3	39.58	-2.7	SiderunAc	4.59	-0.3
AdcoShy	16.00	+1.28	Dynavax	1.69	-0.2	LevnsR	34.55	+3.14	SidusXm	7.14	-0.3
AMD	3.31	-0.6	E-Trade	19.23	-16	LillyEli	52.72	-3.8	SirusXm	3.43	-0.9
Aerospstl	6.40	-1.9	eBay	53.52	+61	Lorillard	47.76	-1.14	SolarCity	69.48	-2.73
Agenus	2.72	-1.8	EMC Cp	23.86	+22	Lowes	45.53	+6.3	SouthernC	40.82	-1.8
Akamai	47.42	+9.3	Edtton	69.15	+2.2	LyonBas	77.61	-4.3	SwstAirt	20.61	-0.4
AlcatelLuc	4.15	-0.4	EMC Cp	23.86	+22	M-GIC Inc	8.32	+2.1	SwstVntg	42.20	+2.3
Alcoa	11.04	-3.8	ElectAns	26.16	-0.2	MGM Rts	23.67	-5.3	SpectraSR	35.81	-7.9
Allergan	115.20	+5.1	EmersonI	63.36	-0.0	Macys	51.35	+3.8	Spr Mts	43.44	+0.5
Ally	49.55	-3.5	EnCana	6.80	-0.6	Manitowc	27.35	-4.9	SP HntC	55.09	-3.1
AlphaNrs	5.09	-2.7	ExpRm	18.85	+2.06	MannKd	5.15	-0.5	SP CntSt	40.12	+0.3
Altria	34.00	-4.3	EqyRed	55.78	+4.0	MarathnO	32.10	-2.4	SP Consmg200	0.08	+0.6
Amazn	346.45	-1.50	EstReAd	65.38	+8.5	MktVGold	23.28	-3.8	SP Enrgy	81.92	-8.1
Ambarella	27.09	-2.45	ExcoRes	5.11	-0.4	MktVRus	25.37	-3.2	SPDR FncI	20.71	-0.2
Ambv n	6.41	+0.3	Exxon	28.86	+0.5	MktVW	44.56	-0.1	SPDR Ind	28.93	-0.2
AMKvill	20.69	-4.2	ExxonMtl	5.92	-1.12	MasterCl	14.53	+1.0	SP Tach	34.25	+0.3
AmnHd	44.44	+6.4	ExtrnNet	48.58	-4.4	MasterCdt	57.84	-2.8	SP Utl	38.39	-1.7
ACAPAg	21.77	+1.8	Facebook	62.19	-5.6	Mattel	36.46	-2.9	STPac	8.59	-0.1
Academy	13.24	+2.1	Fastenal	44.27	+3.6	McDrmnt	8.22	-4.9	Starles	12.89	+0.1
AmExp	83.72	-2.8	FibHrThrd	26.65	+0.6	McDrmnt	8.22	-4.9	Starbks	70.49	-1.6
AmnIntGrp	47.64	+0.2	Finisar	21.89	+0.3	MeckCvwn	38.98	-6.9	Stratys	24.00	-0.3
ARICapPr	13.83	-0.1	Fisnar	21.89	+0.3	Merco	53.53	+2.2	StratysR	64.34	-1.2
Arcnt	115.07	-7.1	FstNagara	8.37	-0.4	Melco	53.53	+2.2	Suncor	31.78	+1.3
Anadarko	79.13	-9.0	FstSolar	47.73	-1.38	MercoCvwn	38.98	-6.9	SunEdison	14.22	-2.0
AmnHd	44.44	+6.4	Flextrn	8.19	+0.5	Melco	53.53	+2.2	SunTrst	36.88	-0.1
ApdMtd	16.89	+1.1	FormD	14.73	-1.4	MetLife	47.68	-1.0	SunVntg	5.52	-0.2
ArcelorMtl	16.53	+1.9	FrntierCp	31.09	+1.5	Mktors	91.34	+1.3	Supmtc	20.54	+1.3
ArchCo	3.92	-3.1	GenMotors	35.24	-2.2	MicronT	23.31	+3.1	Syvntc	3.30	+0.1
ArchDn	38.66	-4.3	GlenDfL	3.46	-0.9	MicroSt	93.58	+4.9	Synco	34.76	+1.7
AradPhm	5.99	-0.8	GlaxoSKn	51.69	-3.7	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	T-MobUs	n31.75	+1.62
Arma	7.10	+1.0	GlimchRt	8.91	-2.1	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TJX	57.79	+1.76
ArmHd	44.44	+6.4	GlulMobile	3.87	-0.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TableauA	n69.61	+0.18
ArmourRsd	4.20	-0.2	GreenMIC	80.88	+7.4	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TakeTwo	11.00	-1.8
AssuredG	22.88	+7.7	GreenMIC	80.88	+7.4	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	Target	55.07	+0.5
AT&T	8.19	-0.1	Groupm	10.46	-0.5	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TeleBrasl	18.79	+1.6
Auspel	10.99	+2.0	GenDnm	96.88	-8.0	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	Teradynt	18.72	+3.1
BakrHu	57.01	-0.4	GenElec	24.52	-0.5	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TeslaM	174.42	-1.1
BocBradP	10.65	-0.6	GenGrPrp	20.17	+1.4	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	Tevo	49.95	-5.0
BcoSantSA	8.65	+1.1	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TevaPhm	45.39	+9.5
BocDrasll	4.60	-1.0	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	Tevnt	40.97	-0.8
BocFin	16.40	+0.5	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BPIV nrs	53.87	-2.04	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BarricK	18.56	-5.9	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
Beam Inc	83.25	-1.0	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BeKtH	108.78	-3.5	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BestBuy	23.12	-3.4	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BBarrtt	23.00	-6.9	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BocDrasll	31.75	-1.7	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
Boeing	121.40	-6.4	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BostonSc	12.76	-0.9	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BrfMySq	48.54	-4.0	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
BroadCom	28.99	-2.1	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
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CenterPt	23.04	-0.2	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
Chtr	28.27	+1.8	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
Cerner	53.21	-3.39	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
CheniereEn	41.62	-1.2	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
ChesEng	26.21	-3.3	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
Chevron	109.52	-1.31	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
Chimera	3.10	-0.1	GenHlth	49.27	-3.9	Novavax	5.38	-0.1	TherM	32.99	+0.5
Cisco	21.98	+1.8	GenHlth	49.27	-3.						

Finding uninsured Americans by the numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wanted: Millions of uninsured Americans willing to give President Barack Obama's health care law a chance.

With time running out, it may not be so hard for the administration and its allies to find them. A study for The Associated Press finds that the uninsured aren't scattered evenly across the country: half of them live in just 116 of the nation's 3,143 counties.

That means outreach targeted to select areas can pay off big, reaching millions of prospective customers needed to stabilize the law's new insurance markets.

The pattern also holds true for the younger uninsured, the health care overhaul's most coveted demographic. The study found that half of uninsured people ages 19-39 live in 108 counties. Their premiums are needed to offset the cost of care for older adults.

With most of the bugs out of the Health-Care.gov website, the Obama administration is using the geography of the uninsured to write a playbook for its closing sign-up campaign.

Enrollment ends March 31 for subsidized private insurance, available to people who don't have coverage at work. But many who could benefit are procrastinating. Some people are confused by the new law. Others don't think they will qualify for help.

"Our efforts are aimed at making sure we

can raise awareness in areas with the largest concentration of uninsured people," said Julie Bataille, communications director for the rollout at the federal Health and Human Services Department.

The administration has done its own geographical research, drilling down even below the county level. Officials said the pattern coincides with the findings of AP's study, which was conducted by the State Health Access Data Assistance Center at the University of Minnesota.

With their own research, federal officials are focusing on 25 key metro areas. The top two are in Texas: Dallas and Houston. Next come Miami and Atlanta. In the Northeast, the northern New Jersey megalopolis and Philadelphia are on the list. Midwest markets include Detroit, Cleveland and Indianapolis. Southern cities also include Nashville, Tenn., and Charlotte, N.C.

The numbers help determine where to send HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to pitch the law. They're guiding the placement of television ads aimed at younger people, scheduled to start airing as the Winter Olympics open this week.

Washington is largely steering clear of states that are leading their own sign-up efforts, such as California, New York and Illinois.

The research for the AP by the Minnesota health data center found that just 13

counties account for 20 percent of the uninsured. The top county, Los Angeles, has more than 2 million uninsured people, or about 5 percent of the national total.

"The administration is well aware of where the uninsured population lives," said Lynn Blewett, the center's director. "It's to their benefit to get out to the states where they are going to have the biggest bang for their buck."

Uninsured Americans generally live in major metro areas, but data-driven research can also help in rural states with seemingly low numbers of uninsured people, said Brett Fried, a senior researcher at the center. Census files that provide coverage information at the ZIP code level can be used to tease out concentrations of uninsured. Bataille said the government also has an outreach effort tailored to rural areas.

The Minnesota researchers used Census data from the 2011 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, the only source of annual estimates of uninsured people for all counties. They were not able to filter out people who entered the country illegally and thus are not eligible for coverage under the law. Blewett said that group, although numerous, is not large enough to skew the overall geographic pattern.

High on the list of places with lots of uninsured people is Cook County, Ill.,

which includes Chicago. It ranks third nationally in the total number of uninsured, and third in uninsured young adults, with more than 460,000, the study found.

Among them is Katina Rapier, who recently filled out her paperwork during an Enroll America event at her community college. Enroll America is a nonprofit that works closely with the administration.

At 25, Rapier aspires to own a chain of women's clothing stores. But she's been uninsured since she turned 18 and says it's a struggle to afford her vitally important asthma medication. She thought she had missed the deadline to apply for coverage, not realizing that open enrollment runs through the end of March.

"If it can help me get safe medication, I'm all for it," Rapier said of the health care law.

No matter what the numbers say, she doesn't think the administration will have an easy time signing up young adults. "They think health is something that you worry about when you get older," Rapier said.

The White House originally set a goal of signing up 7 million people in the new insurance markets, and the administration says it has reached the 3 million mark. Website problems — federal as well as state — have cast doubt on whether original goal will be met.

UN: 'Unspeakable suffering' for Syria's children reported

BEIRUT (AP) — Children in Syria have been tortured, sexually abused and subjected to "indiscriminate" attacks by President Bashar Assad's forces, and recruited for combat and terror operations by the rebels fighting to topple him during the country's nearly 3-year-old conflict, a new United Nations report said.

The report to the U.N. Security Council by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon highlights the plight of children in the conflict from the beginning of the uprising against Assad in March 2011 until Nov. 15, 2013. It was given to the council this week and posted on the U.N. website Tuesday.

Ban said Syrian children have been subjected to "unspeakable and unacceptable" suffering during that time. "Violations must come to an end now," he said.

Meanwhile, the Syrian government missed another deadline for destroying its chemical weapons Wednesday, but pledged to complete the process by June 30 as promised.

Under a timetable set up by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Syria was to have given up its entire stockpile of chemical weapons by Wednesday. Last week, a U.S. diplomat said Syria had only removed 4 percent of its most deadly chemicals so far. All should have been removed by Dec. 31 under the framework.

Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal al-Mikdad said the U.S. is fully committed to the process.

"Difficulties facing Syria, particularly in the framework of the country's war on terrorism, could hinder the implementation of some commitments from time to time," he said Wednesday, according to SANA.

A day earlier, he rejected U.S. criticism for its slow pace in moving the chemicals out of the country, calling the accusations "baseless and unfair."

The uprising against Assad's rule began with largely peaceful protests in 2011 but evolved in time into a bloody civil war that has killed more than 10,000 children according to U.N. estimates and more than 130,000 people, according to activists. Millions of Syrians have been driven from their homes, seeking shelter in neighboring countries or in safer parts of their homeland.

The conflict has hit the country's children hard.

In the early stages, Ban said, violations against children were committed largely by Syria's armed forces, intelligence forces and allied Shabiha militia but as the conflict intensified and the opposition became more organized, an increasing number of violations committed by Free Syrian Army-affiliated groups were documented.

The report said the "disproportionate and indiscriminate" use of weapons and military tactics by government forces and associated militias "has resulted in countless killings and the maiming of children, and has obstructed children's access to education and health services." Military forces have pounded rebel-held areas with airstrikes and artillery and also subjected them to blockades of food and medicine.

According to the report, Syrian forces have also been responsible for the arrest, arbitrary detention, ill treatment, and torture of children in detention facilities. Children in government custody have reportedly suffered beatings with metal cables, whips and wooden and metal batons, electric shock and sexual violence, including rape or threats of rape, mock executions, cigarette burns, sleep deprivation and solitary confinement, it said.

Children as young as 10 have been detained by the authorities on suspicion of having links with armed groups, the report said, citing the arrest of a large number of boys and girls, mainly between the ages of 10 and 12 in August 2012 in Kfarzita village in Hama province by Syrian troops, who the report says used them as human shields.

Ban's report said armed opposition groups also engaged in "the summary execution of children." It said U.N. investigators have not been able to reach many of the rebel-held areas for lack of security there, and consequently have been unable to further investigate and document those violations but "trends are believed to be much higher than the number of recorded cases."

In one notorious case reported by activists and residents in Aleppo last year, militants from a then-al-Qaida-linked group shot to death a 15-year-old coffee vendor in front of his parents, accusing him of being an "infidel" for allegedly mentioning Islam's Prophet Muhammad in vain.

Experiment adds sense of touch to artificial hand

WASHINGTON (AP) — To feel what you touch — that's the holy grail for artificial limbs. In a step toward that goal, European researchers created a robotic hand that let an amputee feel differences between a bottle, a baseball and a mandarin orange.

The patient only got to experiment with the bulky prototype for a week, and it's far from the bionics of science fiction movies. But the research released Wednesday is part of a major effort to create more lifelike, and usable, prosthetics.

"It was just amazing," said Dennis Aabo Sorensen of Aalborg, Denmark, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident a decade ago and volunteered to pilot-test the new prosthetic. "It was the closest I have had to feeling like a normal hand."

This isn't the first time scientists have tried to give some sense of touch to artificial hands; a few other pilot projects have been reported in the U.S. and Europe. But this newest experiment, published in the journal Science Translational Medicine, shows Sorensen not only could tell differences in the shape and hardness of objects, he also could quickly react and adjust his grasp.

"It was interesting to see how fast he was able to master this," said neuro-engineer Silvestro Micera of Switzerland's Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, who led the Swiss and Italian research team. "He was able to use this information immediately in a quite sophisticated way."

Scientists have made great strides in recent years in improving the dexterity of prosthetics. But the sense of touch has been a much more difficult challenge, and is one reason that many patients don't use their prosthetic hands as much as they'd like.

Consider: Grab something and your own hand naturally grasps with just enough force to hang on. Users of pros-

thetic hands have to carefully watch every motion, judging by eye instead of touch how tightly to squeeze. The results can be clumsy, with dropped dishes or crushed objects.

"You always have to look and see what's going on, so that's what is so much different from this new hand that I tried," Sorensen, 36, said in a telephone interview.

First, doctors at Rome's Gemelli Hospital implanted tiny electrodes inside two nerves — the ulnar and median nerves — in the stump of Sorensen's arm.

Those nerves normally would allow for certain sensations in a hand. When researchers zapped them with a weak electrical signal, Sorensen said it felt like his missing fingers were moving, showing the nerves still could relay information.

Meanwhile, Micera's team put sensors on two fingers of a robotic hand, to detect information about what the artificial fingers touched.

For one week, cords snaked from a bandage on Sorensen's arm to the artificial hand, and the electrodes zapped the nerves in proportion to what the sensors detected.

They essentially created a loop that let the robotic hand rapidly communicate with Sorensen's brain.

"It is really putting the brain back in control of the system," said biomedical engineer Dustin Tyler of Case Western Reserve University, who wasn't involved with the European work but leads a team in Ohio that recently created and tested a similar touch-enabled hand. "That's an important step."

Added neurobiologist Andrew Schwartz of the University of Pittsburgh: "It shows with a few sensors and some pretty elementary technology, that they can recover a fair amount of functionality."

To be sure Sorensen used touch, and didn't cheat by looking or hearing tell-

tale sounds, he wore a blindfold and headphones as Micera's team handed him different objects.

"Suddenly I could tell if it was a hard object," Sorensen recalled, describing sensations that changed along with his grip. "The response, the feedback from the arm to my nerves and to my brain, they came very strong."

Micera cautioned that it will take several years of additional research to create a first-generation artificial hand that can feel, and looks more like a traditional prosthetic. First, they have to prove these nerve implants can last; for safety reasons, Sorensen's were surgically removed after the experiment.

But a lot of work is under way.

In Ohio, Tyler's team recently issued video showing a blindfolded man gently pulling stems from cherries without crushing them, thanks to similar implanted nerve stimulators and a sensor-equipped prosthetic hand. The main difference, said Switzerland's Micera, is in how the nerve electrodes are implanted. The European approach puts them inside the nerve rather than around it for better control, but that's more invasive and some researchers worry it could damage the nerve over time.

In Pittsburgh, Schwartz's team is about to test another approach — a brain-controlled robotic hand for the paralyzed that would "feel" through electrodes implanted in a brain region known as the sensory cortex.

Whatever the approach, touch is a complex sense and these are all basic first steps involving how someone grasps, not more sophisticated sensations such as texture or temperature.

"There is definitely tremendous value to having a sense of touch, a sense of feeling from the hand," said Case Western's Tyler. "What that feeling is, how we use it — that's yet to come."

USDA chief: Climate change already hurting farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Climate change is already hurting American farmers and rural residents, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said Wednesday, warning that the U.S. would regret any failure to adapt and prepare for shifting weather realities.

Unveiling a new effort to coordinate the government's response, Vilsack said extreme weather events have already taken the U.S. by surprise, putting ranchers and others out of business. He pointed to the intensity and frequency of recent storms, long droughts, snowstorms and subzero weather as evidence that climate change is no longer hypothetical or in the future.

"The combination of all those factors convinces me that the climate is changing, and it's going to have its impact, and will have its impact, and is having its

impact on agriculture and forestry," Vilsack said.

Pine bark beetle that in years past were killed off during harsh winters have now infested about 45 million trees in western states, leading to more severe forest fires, posing flood risks and threatening the timber industry, Vilsack said. In the absence of adequate forecasting and disaster assistance, he said, an October snowstorm wiped out entire cattle operations in the Dakotas.

"When that snowstorm hit, it didn't wipe out just a few animals. It wiped out the entire operation," Vilsack said. "Nobody anticipated and expected that severe a storm, that early."

To that end, the Obama administration said seven new "climate hubs" will open in regions across the U.S., acting as clearing-houses for data and research about effects of

climate change. Based out of existing Agriculture Department facilities, the hubs will assess local climate risks, such as drought and wildfire, then develop plans for dealing with them, such as improved irrigation techniques.

The goal is to synchronize the federal government's preparation and resources with what other entities, such as universities, tribal communities and state governments, are doing to prepare for shifting temperatures.

"It's taking existing avenues, research service or forest research, and charging them with a new responsibility to basically take a look at precisely what risks

are currently being recognized and what's the vulnerability to agriculture and to forestry in each region of the country," Vilsack said.

Vilsack disclosed the locations for the new hubs, which were announced last year and included in Obama's broader climate change plan. The seven regional hubs will be housed in forest service stations or government research labs in Ames, Iowa; Durham, N.H.; Raleigh, N.C.; Fort Collins, Colo.; El Reno, Okla.; Corvallis, Ore.; and Las Cruces, N.M. Three smaller "sub-hubs" will be created in Houghton, Mich.; Davis, Calif.; and Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

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Pope pressured to act on abuse after UN rebuke

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis came under new pressure Wednesday to punish bishops who covered up for pedophile priests when a U.N. human rights panel accused the Vatican of systematically protecting its reputation instead of looking out for the safety of children.

In a scathing report that thrilled victims and stunned the Vatican, the United Nations committee said the Holy See maintained a "code of silence" that enabled priests to sexually abuse tens of thousands of children worldwide over decades with impunity.

Among other things, the panel called on the Vatican to immediately remove all priests known or suspected to be child molesters, open its archives on abusers and the bishops who covered up for them, and turn the abuse cases over to law enforcement authorities for investigation and prosecution.

The committee largely brushed aside the Vatican's claims that it has already instituted new safeguards, and it accused the Roman Catholic Church of still harboring criminals.

"The committee is gravely concerned that the Holy See has not acknowledged the extent of the crimes committed, has not taken the necessary measures to address cases of child sexual abuse and to protect children, and has adopted policies and practices which have led to the continuation of the abuse

by, and the impunity of, the perpetrators," the panel said.

The stinging language surprised the Vatican and put it in damage-control mode, with officials strongly defending the church and accusing the committee of allowing itself to be swayed by pro-gay ideologists. The Vatican, which defended itself at a U.N. committee hearing last month, said the panel ignored the measures the Holy See has already taken to protect children.

"I'm tempted to say that the text was probably written ahead of time," said the Vatican's U.N. ambassador, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi.

Nevertheless, the report puts pressure on Francis to take decisive action after a year in which he has largely let the abuse portfolio fall by the wayside as he tackled other pressing issues, such as reforming the Vatican bureaucracy.

The Vatican announced in December that the new pope would create a commission to study how to prevent abuse and help victims, but no firm details about its makeup or scope have been released since.

And critically, the Vatican has yet to sanction any bishop for having covered up for an abusive priest, even though more than a decade has passed since the scandal exploded in the U.S. and countless law enforcement investigations around the world made it clear the role bishops

played.

Vatican officials have suggested that under Francis, this might soon change.

The report was issued by the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child, an 18-member panel that includes academics, sociologists and child development specialists from around the globe.

Its job is to monitor compliance with the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, a treaty the Vatican ratified in 1990. The treaty calls for signatories to protect children from harm. Only three countries have failed to ratify it: the U.S., Somalia and South Sudan.

Last month, the Vatican was subjected to a blistering daylong grilling by the U.N. committee, which then produced its final observations on Wednesday.

"The committee expresses serious concern that in dealing with child victims of different forms of abuse, the Holy See has systematically placed preservation of the reputation of the church and the alleged offender over the protection of child victims," the report concluded.

At a news conference in Geneva, committee chairwoman Kirsten Sandberg ticked off some of the core findings: that bishops moved pedophile priests from parish to parish rather than reporting them to police, that known abusers are still in contact with children, and that the Vatican has never required bishops to report abusers to police.

"This report gives hope to the hundreds of thousands of deeply wounded and still suffering clergy sex abuse victims across the world," said Barbara Blaine, president of the main U.S. victims group, SNAP.

"Now it's up to secular officials to follow the U.N.'s lead and step in to safeguard the vulnerable because Catholic officials are either incapable or unwilling to do so."

Critically, the committee rejected the Vatican's longstanding argument that it doesn't control bishops or their abusive priests.

The panel essentially held the Vatican responsible for every priest, parish and Catholic school in the world, calling on it to pay compensation to all victims of sexual abuse worldwide, and also to those who labored in Ireland's notorious Magdalene Laundries, the church-run workhouses where young women were subject to slave labor and often had their out-of-wedlock babies taken from them.

While the Vatican itself didn't raise an objection to that aspect of the report, other church advocates did.

"I think that the U.N. report describes a monolithic church that does not exist in fact," said Nicholas Cafardi, a U.S. canon lawyer and former chairman of the U.S. bishops' lay review board that monitored clerical abuse. "The pope in Rome cannot control and is certainly not responsible for

what happens throughout the Catholic world."

The committee disagreed.

Benyam Mezmur, a committee member and Ethiopian academic on children's legal rights, cited among other things a letter from a Vatican cardinal advising Irish bishops to refrain from any policy requiring they report pedophiles to police.

"They keep saying they don't have the authority, but in the meantime we have had instances of the Holy See trying to influence bishops," he said in an interview. "You cannot have it both ways. Either you have influence or you don't."

The committee's recommendations are non-binding and there is no enforcement mechanism. But it asked the Vatican to comply and report back by 2017.

The recommendations extended far beyond child sexual abuse in ways that conflict with church teachings.

For example, the committee urged the Vatican to amend canon law to allow abortions on children in some circumstances, such as to protect the life of the young mother. It asked the Holy See to ensure that sex education, including access to information about contraception, is mandatory in Catholic schools. And it called on the Vatican to condemn discrimination against homosexual children or youngsters raised by gay couples.

Ohio's major parties fend off 2014 primaries

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio's Republican and Democratic gubernatorial front-runners are headed toward a primary-free showdown, ending a shakeout marked by complaints that both major parties got too aggressive in pushing out challengers.

The Democrats had a primary looming until last Friday, when Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune quietly withdrew his late bid against Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald.

The Republican primary field was cleared for GOP Gov. John Kasich earlier in January. That's when tea party favorite Ted Stevenot left the race less than a week after joining it. Tea party activists who don't consider Kasich conservative enough talked about other possible candidates, but none moved forward.

Portune and Stevenot said they would have liked to take their campaigns farther, but party pressure got in the way.



Walking in snow shoes

Julia Pollock wears snow shoes to take her golden doodles, Cody, left, and Bond, right, for a walk in the fresh snow Wednesday in Shaker Heights. Most of Ohio was hit with another bout of heavy snow and freezing rain, closing hundreds schools and creating extremely hazardous driving conditions. Much of the state was slammed with 4 to 8 inches of snow overnight. (AP Photo)

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CDC: Tainted W.Va. water safe for everyone to drink

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A federal health official said Wednesday that West Virginians can use tap water however they choose after last month's chemical spill contaminated it for days. Still, public skepticism remains over its safety and some local doctors are advising some of their patients not to ingest it.

The Jan. 9 spill of a coal-cleaning chemical at Freedom Industries in Charleston spurred a water-use ban for 300,000 people for up to 10 days. After officials cleared thousands to use water again, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials advised pregnant women to consider a different water source.

However, on Wednesday, the CDC reaffirmed its stance on the water's safety, even for pregnant women.

"You can drink it. You can bathe in it," said Dr. Tanja Popovic, acting director of the National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. "You can use it how you like."

Popovic said the CDC's original suggestion meant only to empower pregnant women to make their own health decisions. "They may not want to eat certain food," Popovic said. "They may not want to fly. It doesn't mean that flying isn't safe."

Still, many restaurants refuse to cook with it. And some local doctors are telling certain patients, like children under 3 and people with compromised immune systems, not to drink it, said Dr. Rahul Gupta, health officer for Kanawha and Putnam counties.

And Wednesday, two schools closed early after the licorice odor indicative of the spilled chemical wafted through several classrooms and a cafeteria. Some students started feeling light-headed, and had itchy eyes and noses, a teacher fainted and another student went to the hospital, said state schools Superintendent James Phares.

Trying to provide some clarity, Gov. Earl

Ray Tomblin said he is evaluating options to send teams into some people's homes to check their water.

"We all have the same question -- is my water safe?" Tomblin said at a news conference. "This question is justifiable and can't be ignored."

After the spill, state and federal agencies scrambled to identify how much of the material that leaked could be safely in the water supply.

Officials have based testing at the water treatment plant, fire hydrants, in schools and various other spots across the affected region.

House Speaker Tim Miley and Minority Leader Tim Armstead urged Tomblin to start representative sampling in select homes across the affected nine-county area. The lawmakers suggested urging West Virginia American Water pay for the tests. The state should actually conduct the testing, they said.

Governor spokeswoman Amy Shuler Goodwin confirmed that Tomblin is evaluating in-home testing options.

Riverside High and Midland Trail Elementary in Kanawha County closed Wednesday morning because of a prevailing licorice smell resembling the chemical that spilled. Superintendent Phares said schools were flushing their pipes Wednesday because of a water main break earlier in the week and didn't finish before students arrived.

The chemical wasn't detected in previous testing.

The CDC's Popovic argued that the doctors' advice to not drink the water doesn't conflict with CDC recommendations.

"Because the general guidance is applicable to everybody, there are always individuals who may be a little bit different and they want to implement additional measures staying away from something," Popovic said.

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ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

Chicken on the run offered today

SALEM — Chicken on the run drive-thru chicken dinners, will be sold from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave. The meal includes a stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and a brownie. Cost is \$7.

Goshen High Class of 1958 lunch canceled

SALEM — The Goshen High School Class of 1958 lunch on Feb. 10 has been canceled.

Library hosting Victorian Valentine Tea

LEETONIA — Friends of the Leetonia Community Public Library invite you to a Victorian Valentine's Tea at 2 p.m. Feb. 13. Janet Moy will present a musical program on Victorian songs from the 1850s to 1910 with interesting tidbits of history on the music and composers.

There will be prizes for those dressed up in Victorian attire. There is no charge for the event. To register call 330-427-6635.

Skating resumes at Mill Creek MetroParks

YOUNGSTOWN — Mill Creek MetroParks re-opened the Lily Pond to ice skaters at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Skating will continue as long as conditions safely allow.

Supervised ice skating at Lily Pond will continue from 3 to 6 p.m. Feb. 7 and 3 to 6 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 23, weather permitting. For more information call 330-702-3000 or millcreek-metroparks.org.

WR Amateur Radio Club will meet

CANFIELD — The Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club (warc.net) will host its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at Davidson's Restaurant, 3636 Canfield Road. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker is Matt Welch, the American Radio Relay League's section emergency coordinator for the Amateur Radio Emergency Services. He will conduct "Ham Jeopardy," an audience participation game. The WRARC provides interested individuals ongoing amateur radio licensing classes and examinations. In addition, members also provide voluntary communication services at various community events throughout the year.

All licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to attend along with anyone interested in learning more about the hobby. For more information contact Roy Haren, president, at 330-717-3695, or haren@juno.com.

Sebring American Legion hosting steak fry

SEBRING — The Sebring American Legion on California Avenue will host a steak fry from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Grilled porterhouse, strip or ribeye steaks are the choices which include a baked potato, all-you-can-eat salad bar, bread and coffee. Carryouts are available and the public is welcome.

Pancake plus breakfast planned Saturday

NEW WATERFORD — The public is invited to the "pancake plus breakfast" to be served from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday at New Waterford United Methodist Church, 46925 S. State St. Donations will be accepted. For more information call 330-457-7436.

KSU hosting financial aid application event

EAST LIVERPOOL — The financial aid application process will be explained from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 19 in room 318 of the main building at Kent State University. For more information contact Chris Winland at 330-382-7557.

Johnny Wright benefit scheduled Feb. 22

SALEM — The Johnny Wright benefit will be held from 4 p.m. to midnight Feb. 22 at Salem AMVETS Post 45, 750 S. Broadway Ave.

A spaghetti dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. There also will be a Chinese auction and bake sale. Entertainment is planned from 9 p.m. to midnight with music provided by Ruckus.

Lepper Library sponsoring free tax prep

LISBON — The Lepper Public Library will sponsor free income tax return preparation for senior citizens age 65 and over.

Returns will be prepared by the library's fiscal officer, Carol Tsilimos, who is also a registered tax preparer. Appointments are available from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 25 and March 13. Those interested must reserve a time in advance by calling the library at 330-424-3117.

S. Range kindergarten registration planned

CANFIELD — Kindergarten registration for students in the South Range Local School District will be taken March 3-7.

Parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, 2014, may register over the phone and make an appointment for screening by calling the elementary school office at 330-549-5578 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during the designated week. Students to be registered must be residents of the South Range School district.

Library hosting Game Day Program

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Public Library is having a Game Day Program for students in grades five to 12 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

No registration is necessary. It's not too late to join the Chips and Chatter Book Club for teens in grades six to eight. The next meeting runs from 4 to 5 p.m. Feb. 18.

Oasis Ministry food distribution planned

COLUMBIANA — The Oasis Food Ministry will hold a food distribution from 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 13 and 27 at the First Christian Church, 39 Cherry St.

5 exotic animals that survived release moved

COLUMBUS (AP) — The widow of an exotic animal owner who released dozens of creatures from their eastern Ohio farm before killing himself has told state officials that she has relocated five animals that survived the 2011 incident.

The animals were among those at the Zanesville farm in October 2011 when Terry Thompson released dozens of dangerous, wild creatures before committing suicide. Authorities killed 48 animals — including black bears, African lions and Bengal tigers — fearing for the public's safety in the rural area.

In a letter dated Dec. 30, Thompson's widow, Marian, said she transferred the surviving animals — two adult leopards, two primates and a bear — to another Ohio farm. The Associated Press obtained the letter Wednesday through a public records request.

The state had released the animals to Marian Thompson in May 2012 after initially holding them at a Columbus zoo. The zoo had to euthanize one other leopard.

"After two years of constant consideration and emotional turmoil, it is with deep sorrow that I inform you of the rehoming of my exotic animals," she wrote in the letter to an administrator at the Ohio Department of Agriculture. "Their safety and well-being have always been my top priority and, due to continual threats made toward them and the property upon which they reside, I am forced to make this decision."

Michael Rodgers, the department's chief legal counsel, acknowledged receipt of the note in a letter sent to Thompson on Tuesday but said the state had not received a request to authorize the transfer of the animals.

Ohio's agriculture director must authorize any transfer of a dangerous wild animal after Sept. 5, 2012, the effective date of the state's new law regulating exotic creatures. Rodgers asked Thompson to respond in 10 days.

Cyndi Huntsman, who owns Stump Hill Farm near Massillon, confirmed Wednesday that the five surviving animals have been in the care of her federally licensed exotic animal education center between four and five months. Huntsman is among seven owners who are challenging Ohio's new law, claiming the rules infringe on their constitutional rights.

Marian Thompson's letter also said she moved two other young leopards to a separate address in the state. She said those animals were registered to another owner in Dresden, who is applying for a propagation permit.

Ohio's new law required owners to obtain permits by Jan. 1 to legally keep their dangerous wild animals.

Permit applicants must pass background checks, pay fees, obtain liability insurance or surety bonds, and prove they can properly contain the animal and care for it. They also had to register their animals with the state.

The department has so far issued nine permits and received 63 incomplete permit applications from owners, said agriculture spokeswoman Erica Hawkins. "We are trying to work with owners that genuinely want to be in compliance with the law to get them in compliance with the law," Hawkins said.



In recognition of February Heart Month, Alliance Community Hospital volunteers are sponsoring the "Have a Heart" food drive to benefit the Alliance Community Pantry. Pictured are volunteers Barb Morgan, from left, and Eleanor Carver, along with Michele Quinn, coordinator of volunteer services, and Wendy Tabellion, with some of the food donations that have been collected thus far. (Submitted photo)

Alliance Hospital volunteers sponsor food drive to recognize Heart Month

ALLIANCE — This year, the Alliance Community Hospital volunteers are asking for your help to shower the community with love.

In recognition of Heart Month, the ACH volunteers will be sponsoring the "Have a Heart" food drive to benefit the Alliance Community Pantry, which assists in helping meet the needs of those struggling in the community.

"Our volunteers, who range in age from 16 to 93, open their hearts to help those in our community who are in need through a variety of activities throughout the year," said Michele Quinn, coordinator of volunteer services. "Helping others isn't just part of what these wonderful individuals do on a daily basis, it's part of who they are."

While many donations are made to the pantry during the holiday season, those do-

nations have already been used. Community donations are important throughout the year as they provide a variety of items that are typically not available to the individuals who benefit from the services of the pantry.

In 2013, 2,624 local families visited the Alliance Community Pantry a total of 18,154 times, an increase of 4 percent since 2012. Of those families, 9,005 individuals benefited from the food they received. Last year the pantry gave away 931,000 pounds of food, an increase of 37 percent since 2012.

The "Have a Heart" food drive will take place from Feb. 1-15. Community members wishing to donate are being asked to place donations of nonperishable foods and paper products in the box inside the hospital cafe. For more information call 330-596-7821 or 330-596-7822.

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THU/6 ALLIANCE

American Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-6 p.m., Alliance Community Hospital, conference room 1-A; appointments, www.redcrossblood.org, 330-596-7822 or 330-596-7821.

COLUMBIANA

Women of the Well Ministry of Christ the King Anglican Church's tea party, Love Letters from Heaven, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 202 E. Park Ave.; 330-385-7670.

Fairfield-New Waterford High School Class of 1960, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Pondi's.

DAMASCUS

TOPS Chapter 1329, 9:30 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-537-3796.

EAST LIVERPOOL

Depression Bipolar Support Association support group meeting, 5-6:30 p.m., Carnegie Public Library; 330-424-5772.

ELKTON

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

LEETONIA

Facebook as a business tool, 6 p.m., Leetonia Library; register, 330-427-6635.

LISBON

Valentine's Day party, 6 p.m., Lepper Public Library.

Stage Left Players, "The Music Man," 7 p.m. preview night to benefit the Lisbon Music Club; tickets, 330-831-7249 or www.stageleftplayers.org.

David Anderson High School classes of 1946 and 1947, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Italo's.

NORTH GEORGETOWN

Columbiana County Antique Tractor Association meeting, 7 p.m., North Georgetown Fire Hall; 330-310-5413 or 330-814-7245.

... ON THE Calendar THIS WEEK ...

SALEM

TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church.

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

Allegheny Wesleyan College in revival with the Rev. Jonathan Bell of Greenville, Pa.; services 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

"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.

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

Salem Area Amateur Radio Association, monthly meeting, Circle of Care Center on East Pershing Street, 6:30 p.m.

Salem Bird Study Club, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St.; use rear entrance.

Salem Relay for Life Committee and team meeting, 6 p.m., Salvation Army on North Ellsworth Avenue. New members and teams welcome.

Salem Preservation Society, public meeting, 7 p.m., Ruth Smucker House, Broadway Avenue.

FRI/7 CANFIELD

Reservation deadline for poultry seminar for the general public, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11, Agland Country Store, 364 Lisbon St.; 330-533-5551.

Calla Community Church, soup sale, creamy potato with ham and chicken with homemade noodles, 4 p.m. until sold out, 6482 W. Calla Road; \$6 per quart, fresh baked bread, \$2; advance orders 330-507-2255 or 330-501-1597.

COLUMBIANA

All-you-can-eat fish fry, 4-7 p.m., American Legion Post 290; \$10 for adults, \$4 for children.

EAST LIVERPOOL

East Liverpool Moose Lodge, no bingo due to winter convention.

LISBON

Stage Left Players, "The Music Man," 7 p.m., 330-831-7249 or stageleftplayers.org.

SALEM

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

Allegheny Wesleyan College in revival with the Rev. Jonathan Bell of Greenville, Pa.; services 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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

Youth marksmanship program, 6:45 p.m., Salem Hunting Club; 330-332-9106.

SAT/8 BELOIT

Lunch with Dorothy and Friends and performance of "The Wizard of Oz," 1 p.m., West Branch High School gym. Lunch provided by Don Panchos; contact your teacher or call 330-938-4442.

BOARDMAN

Greater Youngstown Monitoring Association Scanner Club's Scanner-a-Thon, 6 p.m., Boardman United Methodist Church, 6809 Market St.; bring scanners and a side dish, salad or dessert; 330-717-8036, gyma.org or info@gyma.org.

COLUMBIANA

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

Columbiana Public Library, Game Day Program for students in grades five-12, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; no registration necessary.

LISBON

Stage Left Players, "The Music Man," 7 p.m., 330-831-7249 or stageleftplayers.org.

NEGLEY

All-you-can-eat Oyster Soup Night, 4-7 p.m., Negley Masonic Lodge, 50873 Richardson Ave., \$7 for oyster soup, \$6 for other soups, \$4 for ages 12 and under; carryouts available.

NORTH BENTON

All-you-can-eat community breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m., North Benton Presbyterian Church; \$6.50 for adults, \$3.50 for ages 6-12.

SALEM

Haystack breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Salem Eagles, 1884 N. Ellsworth Ave., \$5.

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

Valentine's party, 2-3:30 p.m., Salem Storybook Museum, Kent State University City Center; story time, craft and food project, refreshments. Free, reservations required, 330-332-4723.

Dance, 9 p.m.-midnight, Salem Eagles Club, music by Bob and Ray; kitchen open, 8-10 p.m.

SEBRING

Steak fry, 5:30-8 p.m., Sebring American Legion on California Avenue; carryouts available.

SUN/9 COLUMBIANA

Seasons of Hope meeting, a support group for the bereaved, 3 p.m., St. Jude Church; 330-402-5450 or 330-482-2351.

LEETONIA

Leetonia Bears to Bee Preschool, vendor quarter auction, 1:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Hall, Main Street. Doors open 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 for paddle, bring at least one roll of quarters. Food available for purchase; 330-831-5578.

LISBON

Stage Left Players, "The Music Man," 2 p.m., 330-831-7249 or stageleftplayers.org.

SALEM

Allegheny Wesleyan College in revival with the Rev. Jonathan Bell of Greenville, Pa.; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Dulci-More, 21st anniversary concert, 2:30-4:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church sanctuary, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; free admission; www.dulcimore.org.

The Donald R. Cook family's Valentine's pizza party for seniors 55 and over, noon-1:30 p.m., Wedgewood Pizza; limited to the first 30 reservations, 330-337-7674.

Salem High School Class of 1969, monthly luncheon and birthday recognition, 12:30 p.m., BB Rooners.

MON/10 CANFIELD

Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks, meeting, 6 p.m., Birch Hill Cabin, at the end of McCollum Road; agenda available after noon.

COLUMBIANA

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

EAST PALESTINE

East Palestine Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., 85 N. Market St.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., administration building.

LEETONIA

Antiques appraisal, 6 p.m., Leetonia library; register, 330-427-6635.

LISBON

Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Operations Committee, 1 p.m.

Beaver Local Board of Education, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., room two at the high school.

National Alliance on Mental Health Columbiana County support group meeting, 6:30 p.m., multi-purpose room, counseling center on Route 154.

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

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SALEM

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

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

Goshen High School Class of 1958, lunch canceled.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1:45 and 6:15 p.m., First Friends Church. Weigh-ins 1-1:30 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous meeting, 2-3 p.m., Holy Trinity Church; 330-337-3089.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-584-7952.

Getting Crafty, Valentine class for adults, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Salem Public Library; register at www.salem.lib.oh.us or 330-332-0042.

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; baked chicken breast, roasted red-skin potatoes, green beans almondine, hot cinnamon applesauce, cole slaw, fresh fruit, sandwiches, fruit cobbler.

Salem Eagles Auxiliary 316, new by-laws and election of officers, 7 p.m.

SALINEVILLE

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

TUE/11 CANFIELD

Poultry seminar for the general public, 6:30 p.m., Agland Country Store, 364 Lisbon St.; 330-533-5551.

COLUMBIANA

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

Drive-by ham dinner, 4-6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 210 S. Main St., 4-6 p.m.; \$7.

GREENFORD

Greenford Busy Bees 4-H Club meeting, 6 p.m., Greenford Bobcat Space Center on state Route 165; 330-533-7960 or 330-540-5487.

LEETONIA

Preschool story time, 1:30-2:15 p.m., Leetonia library.

Introduction of Computers class, 1 p.m., Leetonia Library; register, 330-427-6635.

LEGO Club, grades 1-6, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Leetonia Library.

LISBON

Toddler storytime, 11 a.m., for ages 18 months-3 years, Lepper Public Library.

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

NEW WATERFORD

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

SALEM

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

Retired Salem Community Hospital employees, lunch, 11 a.m., Das Dutch Haus.

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

WED/12 COLUMBIANA

Columbiana High School Class of 1951, 9 a.m., Das Dutch Haus; all classes welcome.

LEETONIA

Toddler playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Library.

LISBON

Preschool storytime for ages 3-5, 10:30 a.m.; Lepper Public Library.

National Alliance on Mental Health Connection, recovery support group meeting, 4:15-5:45 p.m., counseling center wing B.

SALEM

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

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

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Salem Public Library's Wellness Wednesday series, 6:30-7:30 p.m., program by Hospice of the Valley presenter Rosemary Antonucci. Registration, www.salem.lib.oh.us or 330-332-0042.

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

Salem High School Class of 1954, reunion planning meeting, 6 p.m., alumni office; Marge Potts, 330-332-0947.

SEBRING

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

SEBRING

Sebring American Legion Post 76 Auxiliary, meeting, 7 p.m., at the post.

THU/13 COLUMBIANA

Oasis Food Ministry's food distribution, 4-6 p.m., First Christian Church, 39 Cherry St.

Standing Together meeting for single moms, 6:30 p.m., Way Station. Growing Together group, 6:15-8 p.m., Upper Room Fellowship; 330-482-5072.

DAMASCUS

TOPS Chapter 1329, 9:30 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-537-3796.

EAST LIVERPOOL

Depression Bipolar Support Association support group meeting, 5-6:30 p.m., Carnegie Public Library in East Liverpool; 330-424-5772.

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▶ GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warriors get physical against Lions

By CHRIS RAMBO

Staff Writer

MINERVA—Midway through the fourth quarter after sprawling for a loose ball, West Branch forward Erica Johnson got up nursing a slight limp, but also sporting a half-grin, as if to accept the bruises as a worthy price for another possession saved.

On a night when the Warriors got off to a cold shooting start, Johnson hurred herself around the floor, hauling in a season-high 15 rebounds to go with seven points and three steals as West Branch patiently fended off Minerva 53-39 Wednesday.

"That's my role on this team," Johnson said. "We have other players who can score and my goal is to give them as many chances with my rebounding."

Melinda Trimmer had a game high 24 points and four assists and Pavin Heath had eight points as the Warriors overcame a third quarter deficit to improve to 17-4 overall and 12-2 in the North-eastern Buckeye Conference, finishing out the conference season in second place behind Carrollton. Minerva falls to 11-9 overall and 6-7 in the NBC.

"Minerva played us tough for most of the night, but our girls didn't get flustered when things weren't going our way," West Branch coach Walt DeShields said. "Erica was all over the place tonight. Every time I thought Minerva was there to get a rebound all of a sudden there she was to get a hand on it. She attacked the ball wherever it was."

The Warriors needed Johnson's rebounding effort. She gave the offense several second and third chances, as the Warriors struggled hitting shots for the first two and a half quarters.

"The more shots you get eventually you will cash in on some," DeShields said. "All of the second chances wore them (Minerva)



West Branch's Erica Johnson catches against Minerva's Lauren Haynam during a game Wednesday at Minerva. (Salem News/Chris Rambo.)

down a little bit."

Senior guard Josie Chaddock led Minerva with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Morgan Preston and Lauren Haynam each had eight points. The Lions were able to find some success penetrating to the basket and led 28-25 late in the third quarter.

"We thought we had them with their backs against the wall," Minerva coach Heather Frigyes said. "We played aggressive and tough but just couldn't keep the momentum."

From there West Branch turned it on and didn't let up. Frequent trips to the foul line al-

lowed the Warriors to set up their defense and force a string of turnovers to seize control. Johnson had two steals during that stretch and gave West Branch a 12-point lead with her first and only field goal of the night. "We knew that was the key moment in the game for us,"

Johnson said. They were feeling confident and we had to finish."

The Warriors venture to South Range for a marquee non-conference game on Monday before preparing for the tournament.

West Branch won the jayvee game 40-8. Catie Hahn had 11 points for the Warriors.

Game notes

- In the last 10 minutes of action, West Branch scored 28 points after scoring 25 up to that point.

- "We did a better job of making the extra pass late in the game and I think that got everybody excited and gave the girls more confidence," DeShields said. "Hopefully that stretch can get us going for the rest of the year."

- West Branch held Minerva to just two field goals in the fourth quarter.

- "We threw a little bit of everything Minerva defensively and I think it confused them," DeShields said. "We were able to contest their shots much better and get the rebounds."

- Minerva began the conference schedule 2-5, but is 4-2 in the second half.

- "We have six seniors, but that's a little deceiving because most of them were role players last year," Frigyes said. "In the second half things have started to click. We are playing our best ball right now."

WEST BRANCH: 13-10-8-22-53

MINERVA: 11-8-9-11-39

WEST BRANCH SCORING: Melinda Trimmer 8-7-24, Pavin Heath 4-2-10, Amanda Linhart 2-3-7, Lea Bock 1-0-2, Erica Johnson 1-5-7, Emily Menegay 0-0-0, Taryn Hahn 0-0-0, Kaylee Manning 1-0-3, Allie Garrett 0-0-0, Paige Walsh 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 17, 17-27: 53.

MINERVA SCORING: Lauren Haynam 1-6-8, Tiffany Jones 1-0-2, Morgan Preston 3-2-8, Josie Chaddock 4-3-11, Shania Miller 2-0-4, Alexa Bates 0-0-0, Logan Pottorf 2-0-4, Bri Gassman 1-0-2. TEAM TOTALS: 14, 11-18: 39. Three-point goals: West Branch 2 (Trimmer, Manning).

▶ TRACK



United girls track coach Nancy Miller was recently named the 2013 National Federation of State High School Associations Mideast Sectional Coach of the Year. Miller is shown with relay team runners (front left) alternate Hunter Urmsom, Maggie Briceland, Chloe Bortmas and Allison Parks after the Eagles' 3200-meter relay team finished fourth at the state track meet last year. (Submitted photo)

Nancy Miller named Mideast Sectional Coach of the Year

By CHRIS RAMBO

Staff Writer

HANOVERTON—United girls track coach Nancy Miller has never coveted material rewards, but they are starting to find her.

Miller was named the 2013 National Federation of State High School Associations Mideast Sectional Coach of the Year in January. It is the second straight year that the veteran coach has received a major postseason honor. Last season she was named the career coach of the year by the Ohio Association of

Track and Cross Country Coaches.

"It's all been very surreal," Miller said. "There are so many good coaches out there who put in a lot of time and effort and for them to have chosen me from little United High School is unbelievable. I've been very blessed."

The Mideast section includes Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. To be nominated as Sectional Coach of the year, one must have already been a

state coach of the year. After Miller won the OATCC award last year her name was passed along for consideration. She was also eligible for the NFHS National Coach of the Year.

"No way I expected to win," Miller said. "When I saw the letter in my mailbox I was floored."

Coaching girls track has been a labor of love that Miller has been at for 28 years, with the first 10 coming at Salem. Her teams have enjoyed great success, capturing a combined 18 conference championships and seven

district championships. However, winning—and the adulation that follows—has never been the driving force for Miller.

"Winning has just been a nice byproduct of everything else," Miller said. "What I enjoy most about coaching is working with the kids day after day and watching them achieve their potential. There is nothing better than watching a kid work hard for a long time and achieve a personal best."

Miller entered coaching because she was looking

See MILLER, 2B

▶ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Signing day leaves OSU well stocked

By RUSTY MILLER

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — It's not the same as a victory on the field. Yet having a nationally ranked recruiting class is almost as important to Ohio State coach Urban Meyer.

"I hear people say it's not important," Meyer said Wednesday on the first day athletes could sign up to play major-college football. "I disagree. As long as you're keeping score we're going to try to win. I'm disappointed we weren't the No. 1 recruiting class in the country."

The Buckeyes had to settle for No. 3 in the country according to most of the experts.

Meyer and his staff were seeking reinforcements at several thin spots — principally linebacker and offensive line — and were pleased with what they got.

"There is a correlation between how teams do and where your recruiting class is ranked," said Meyer, 24-2 through two years at Ohio State after winning two national titles at Florida. "But certainly that's not the final product because you've got to coach and develop them after you get them here. (But we do pay attention to the national recruiting rankings)."

Ohio State locked up 23 players, including four linebackers, five offensive linemen and four wide receivers. The Buckeyes needed help at all of those positions, since top line-

backer Ryan Shazier left a year early for the NFL draft, the line loses four senior starters and the leading receiver is also graduating.

Perhaps the biggest get was Raekwon McMillan, a 6-foot-2, 249-pound brute out of Georgia who some scouting services called the best linebacker in the nation.

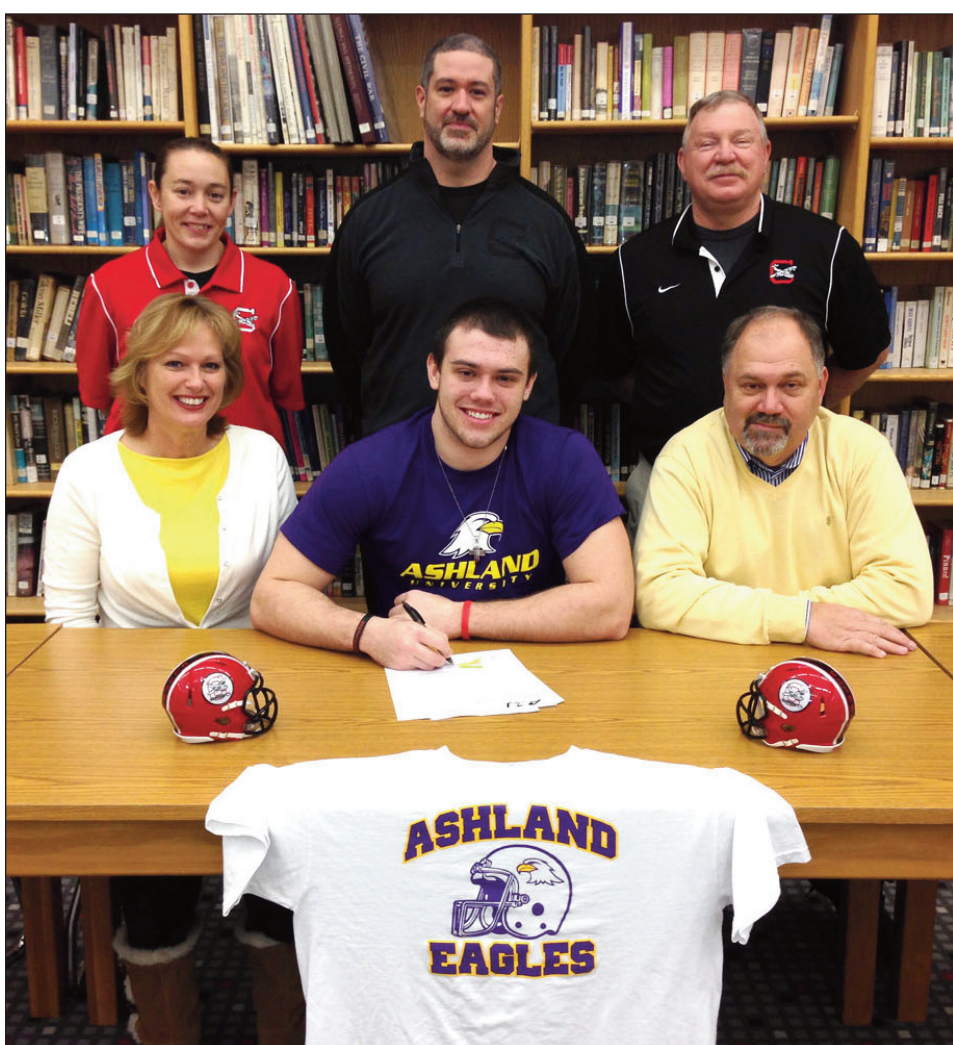
"Every time I visited Ohio State I felt it was the place for me," said McMillan, who chose Ohio State over several powerhouses including Clemson, which beat the Buckeyes in the Orange Bowl. "Everything about it was great. Coach Meyer, the coaching staff is one of the best in the nation and I really like working with these guys."

Meyer has been unhappy with his linebacker play. He clearly took a step toward changing that by also bringing in Ohio Associated Press Mr. Football Dante Booker Jr. out of LeBron James' high school, St. Vincent-St. Mary in Akron, along with Kyle Berger from Cleveland St. Ignatius and Sam Hubbard of Cincinnati Moeller — three of the top prep programs in the state.

Johnnie Dixon, a fleet wide-out from West Palm Beach, Fla., said he hoped to step right in and play.

"I've just got to work hard," he said. "Nothing is ever given to you. Depending on how hard you work, it's there."

For list of state football signings, see 2B.



Columbiana senior Mike Buzzard signs a letter of intent Wednesday to continue his academic and football careers at Ashland University, an NCAA Division II program that competes in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Also on hand for the signing were his parents, Dorothy Buzzard and Dave Buzzard, and (back, from left) Columbiana athletic director Erin Heasley, principal Lance Hostetler and football coach Bob Spait. Spait said Buzzard is the most recruited he has had in his 20 years at Columbiana. (Submitted photo)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ohio State overwhelming leader in Big Ten recruiting

Ohio State signed the best recruiting class in the Big Ten. Michigan signed the best player. And Michigan State parlayed its conference championship and Rose Bowl victory into its best letter-of-intent signing day in five years.

The Buckeyes on Wednesday unveiled the third-best recruiting class in the nation, according to Rivals.com, with only Alabama and LSU ranked higher.

To illustrate the gap between Ohio State and the rest of the Big Ten, consider that the Buckeyes landed eight of Rivals.com's top 100 players. The rest of the league combined to sign six.

"Urban Meyer is recruiting at a completely different level than anybody else," Rivals.com analyst Mike Farrell said. "If you had to categorize it, he's No. 1 and the next closest is No. 4. There is obviously a No. 2 and No. 3, but they're just not close to him."

About the only thing Meyer didn't do was reel in the Big Ten's highest-ranked recruit. Michigan accomplished that, signing cornerback Jabrill Peppers out of Paramus (N.J.) Catholic High.

Michigan State edged out Penn State for second-best class in the Big Ten. The Spartans are ranked no higher than 21st nationally by the analysts, but it's still their best finish since 2009.

MSU coach Mark Dantonio's biggest victory might have been hanging on to defensive lineman Malik McDowell of Southfield, Mich. His parents told reporters this week that they wanted their son to go out of state, and he visited Ohio State.

The Spartans did lose a lower-ranked defensive



lineman in Darius Slade of Montclair, N.J. He switched his pledge from Nebraska to Michigan State two weeks ago and ended up signing with the Buckeyes.

"That's one of our teams we're nose-to-nose with right now in recruiting," Meyer said of the Spartans. "We don't win them all because I know we lost a couple, too. But that's a real battle right now."

Big Ten teams continued to increase the number of recruits signed from the Southeast. According to BTN, Big Ten schools signed 158 players from the conference's footprint and 80 from SEC states.

At Nebraska, 15 of its 24 recruits came from states that have SEC schools. Ohio State pulled one of the best linebackers in the country out of Georgia, and Penn State and Wisconsin brought in quarterbacks from Florida.

"There are some quality kids that can escape and play in the Big Ten," ESPN.com analyst Jeremy Crabtree said. "Big Ten coaches realize that if they want to compete on the national stage and beat the Alabamas and Florida States of the world, they're going to have to fish where the fish are, and that's in the Southeast."

Here are some things to know about the Big Ten recruiting classes:

BEST CLASS: Ohio State, by far.

IMPACT PLAYER:

Peppers, Michigan. The 6-foot, 190-pounder is the best defensive player in the nation and the most heralded Michigan recruit in a long time. He's penciled in at cornerback but could also play safety. Either way, he'll be on the field next fall and might even start. He also could figure in as a punt returner.

PLAYER TO WATCH: MLB Raekwon McMillan, Ohio State. The 6-2, 247-pounder from Hinesville, Ga., is a ferocious hitter who is widely regarded as the nation's top inside linebacker prospect. He made 456 tackles as a four-year starter at Liberty County High and is ready mentally and physically to play. Best of all is that he's among seven Ohio State recruits already enrolled.

BIGGEST SURPRISE: RB Jeff Jones, Minnesota. Yes, Jones is a hometown recruit, having prepped at Minneapolis Washburn. But the best players in the state have usually gone elsewhere. It's testament to the job Jerry Kill has done with the Gophers that he was able to lock down one of the nation's top players. Jones, co-MVP of the Under Armour All-America game, stayed committed despite bids by Michigan and Florida.

BIGGEST DUD: Big Ten newcomer Rutgers had 12 players back out on verbal commitments, an unfathomable number for a program that hasn't had a coaching change or been hit with NCAA sanctions. Of those 12, five of them were four-star recruits. What was regarded as one of the best Big Ten recruiting classes in the fall became one of the worst.

tried to pattern myself after them."

Success didn't happen overnight. Much trial and error was involved before Miller honed her coaching style. Early in her career, Miller frequently solicited the opinions of her athletes to figure out what worked and what didn't.

"One thing I realized right away was that these are high school kids and they usually have other sports or extra-curricular activities they are involved in," she said. "I made it a

point to support them in their other endeavors as much as I could."

The building of relationships continues to drive Miller as she enters the twilight of her career.

"Some of the early season meets seem a little colder and longer than they used to, but I still love interacting with the kids as much as when I started," Miller said. "I'll know when the right time comes along to retire. When it does, my athletes will be the first to know."

OHIO COLLEGE FOOTBALL SIGNINGS

OHIO STATE

Kyle Berger, olb, 6-2, 222, St. Ignatius HS, Cleveland
Dante Booker Jr., olb, 6-3, 212, Akron (Ohio) St. Vincent-St. Mary HS
Noah Brown, wr, 6-2, 215, Sparta (N.J.) Pope John XXIII HS
Parris Campbell Jr., ath, 6-0, 184, Akron (Ohio) St. Vincent-St. Mary HS
Stephen Collier, qb, 6-3, 205, Leesburg (Ga.) Lee County HS
Johnnie Dixon, wr, 5-11, 197, Palm Beach Gardens (Fla.) Dwyer HS
Jalyn Holmes, de, 6-5, 235, Norfolk (Va.) Lake Taylor HS
Malik Hooker, s, 6-2, 185, New Castle (Pa.) HS
Sam Hubbard, olb, 6-5, 225, Moeller HS, Cincinnati
Jamarco Jones, ot, 6-4, 300, De La Salle Institute, Chicago
Marcelys Jones, ot, 6-4, 325, Glenville HS, Cleveland
Demetrius Knox, og, 6-4, 296, Fort Worth (Texas) All Saints Episcopal School
Marshon Lattimore, db/wr, 5-0, 178, Glenville HS, Cleveland
Terry McLaurin, wr, 6-0, 184, Cathedral HS, Indianapolis
Raekwon McMillan, ilb, 6-2, 249, Hinesville (Ga.) Liberty County HS
Sean Nuernberger, k, 6-2, 220, Buckner (Ky.) Oldham County HS
Curtis Samuel, rb/wr, 5-11, 186, Brooklyn (N.Y.) Erasmus Hall HS
Darius Slade, dl, 6-5, 240, Montclair (N.J.) HS
Erick Smith, s, 6-1, 185, Glenville HS, Cleveland
Dylan Thompson, dt, 6-5, 274, Lombard (Ill.) Montini Catholic HS
Kyle Trout, ot, 6-6, 301, Lancaster (Ohio) HS
Damon Webb, cb, 5-10, 179, Cass Tech HS, Detroit

AKRON

Jamal Baggett, s, 5-11, 185, Oak Park (Ill.) River Forest HS
Brock Boxen, dl, 6-2, 250, New Galilee (Pa.) Beaver Falls HS
Scott Boyett, ol, 6-7, 315, South Broward (Fla.) HS, Santa Rosa (Calif.) JC
Kyron Brown, cb, 6-1, 170, Boynton Beach (Fla.) Boynton HS
Undrea Bullard, dl, 6-6, 250, St. Petersburg (Fla.) Gibbs HS
Anthony Clark, dl, 6-4, 276, Akron (Ohio) Buchtel HS
Blake Dennis, wr, 5-11, 175, Orrville (Ohio) HS
Kris Givens, cb, 5-11, 175, Ridgeland (Miss.) HS / Holmes (Miss.) CC
Travonte Junius, de/lb, 6-3, 205, Akron (Ohio) St. Vincent-St. Mary HS
Chandler Kincade, qb, 6-5, 230, Beaver Falls (Pa.) Blackhawk HS
Kyle Ritz, ol, 6-5, 295, Willoughby (Ohio) HS
Jason Williams, db, 6-3, 185, Hialeah (Fla.) Champaign Catholic HS
Newman Williams, lb, 6-2, 240, Akron (Ohio) St. Vincent-St. Mary HS

BOWLING GREEN

Nijjah Ballew, db, 6-2, 196, Walnut Hills HS, Cincinnati
Trevahn Beery, db, 6-1, 175, Creston (Ohio) Norwayne HS
Cody Callaway, qb, 6-3, 195, Grafton (Ohio) Midview HS
Jalen Dingle, lb, 6-2, 215, South Lake HS, Detroit
Ben Hale, db, 6-2, 187, Columbus (Ohio) St. Charles Prep
Nick Johnson, db, 6-2, 183, Canton (Ohio) Timken HS
Tyler King, dt, 6-2, 285, Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward
Austin Labus, ol, 6-6, 300, Portage (Mich.) Northern HS
Roger Lewis, wr, 6-3, 200, Pickerington (Ohio) Central HS/Jireh Prep
Marcus Milton, db, 6-1, 185, Pickerington (Ohio) Central HS/Jireh Prep
Isiah Moore, ol, 6-3, 280, Tiffin (Ohio) Columbian
Brian Sanders, dl, 6-4, 230, Cass Tech HS, Detroit
Griff Saunders, lb, 6-3, 215, Columbus (Ohio) De Sales HS
Clint Stephens, wr, 5-9, 170, West Palm Beach (Fla.) Dwyer HS
Jack Walz III, db, 6-0, 190, Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward
De'Angelo Ware, ol, 6-5, 320, Cleveland Heights (Ohio) HS
Chance Weitz, dt, 6-3, 250, Elida (Ohio) HS

CINCINNATI

Hakeem Allonce, DT, 6-5, 290, Pierce (La.) College
Mike Boone, RB, 5-10, 205, Baker County HS, Glen Saint Mary, Fla.
Ja'Merez Bowen, DT, 6-4, 270, Shaker Heights (Ohio) HS
Landon Brazile, DE, 6-6, 230, Thurgood Marshall HS, Dayton, Ohio
Cortez Broughton, DT, 6-3, 280, Veterans HS, Warner Robins, Ga.
Luke Callahan, OL, 6-5, 278, Olentangy Liberty HS, Powell, Ohio
Jarred Evans, QB, 6-2, 190, Santa Barbara CC
Kimoni Fitz, DE, 6-4, 230, Dan River HS, Ringgold, Va.
Tyrell Gilbert, S, 6-1, 200, Princeton HS, Cincinnati
Casey Gladney, WR, 6-2, 185, Copiah Lincoln CC
Carter Jacobs, S, 6-1, 193, American Heritage HS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
John Kurtz, OL, 6-5, 258, St. Xavier HS, Louisville, Ky.
Frank Labady, WR, 5-7, 170, Champagne Catholic HS, Hialeah, Fla.
Keith Minor, DT, 6-5, 250, Chapel Hill HS, Tyler, Texas
Hayden Moore, QB, 6-3, 193, Clay-Chalkville HS, Clay, Ala.
Kevin Mouhon, LB, 6-2, 225, Norcross (Ga.) HS
J.J. Pinckney, CB, 6-3, 185, Southview HS, Sylvania, Ohio
Odell Spencer, CB, 6-0, 170, Shaker Heights (Ohio) HS
Linden Stephens, CB, 6-0, 185, Fork Union Military
Ryan Stout, LB, 6-5, 265, Sylvania (Ohio) Southview HS
Marcus Tappan, LB, 6-2, 235, Glendale College
Alex Thomas, CB, 6-1, 185, Chaminade Madonna HS, Hollywood, Fla.
Davon Witherspoon, ATH, 6-3, 200, McArthur HS, Miami, Fla.

KENT STATE

James Alexander, lb, 5-11, 219, Miami (Fla.) Jackson HS
Eldin Anu, cb, 5-10, 165, Westerville (Ohio) Central HS
George Bolas, qb, 6-3, 205, Aurora (Ohio) HS
Jon Cunningham, dt, 6-0, 265, Bedford (Ohio) HS
Marcus Elliott, db, 6-1, 200, Toledo (Ohio) Whitmer HS
Jerrell Foster, cb, 6-0, 180, Winton Woods HS, Cincinnati
Miles Hibler, rb, 5-10, 185, Troy (Ohio) HS
Shane Hynes, k, 5-10, 150, Clarkston (Mich.) HS
Stefano Millin, ol, 6-5, 245, Massillon (Ohio) Perry HS
Marques Moore, lb, 6-2, 200, Springfield (Ohio) HS
Ka'il Morris, dt, 6-3, 280, Columbus (Ohio) Bishop Hartley HS
Collin Prouty, ol, 6-5, 280, Dresden (Ohio) Tri-Valley HS
Quan Robinson Jr., cb, 6-1, 170, Glenville HS, Cleveland
Connor Shinsky, ol, 6-6, 260, Butler (Pa.) Knoch HS
Erik Simpson, s, 6-0, 175, Glenville HS, Cleveland
Zack Singer, dt, 6-3, 290, Bishop Gorman HS, Las Vegas
Matthew Sommers, lb, 6-2, 220, Kent (Ohio) Roosevelt HS

Zaquon Tyson, wr, 5-9, 155, Miami (Fla.) Norland HS

MIAMI (OHIO)

Ikeem Allen, ATH, 6-2, 300, Mallard Creek HS, Charlotte, N. C.
Deion Cineus, ATH, 6-3, 300, Miami Beach (Fla.) HS
Sam Connolly, ATH, 6-2, 220, Mt. Carmel HS, Chicago
Kelvin Cook, ATH, 5-10, 170 Colerain HS, Cincinnati
Alex Demers, ATH, 6-2, 270, Tippecanoe HS, Tipp City, Ohio
Mack Duffin, ATH, 6-3, 220, Avon (Ind.) HS
Bradley Earnest, ATH, 6-1, 210, Lakeside HS, Atlanta
Andrew Hendrix, ATH, 6-2, 226, Notre Dame
Zach Hovey, ATH, 6-5, 235, Eden Prairie (Minn.) HS
Chris Hudson, ATH, 6-6, 235, Hazard (Ky.) HS
Trey Knes, ATH, 6-5, 225, Parkway Central HS, Chesterfield, Mo.
Sam Martin, ATH, 6-3, 180, Fairview HS, Boulder, Colo.
Matt Merimee, ATH, 6-2, 200, Benedictine HS, Cleveland
Paul Moses, ATH, 6-0, 220, Toledo (Ohio) Central Catholic HS
Mitch Palmer, ATH, 6-4, 275, De Smet Jesuit HS, St. Louis
Nate Patterson, ATH, 6-4, 230, Perrysburg (Ohio) HS
Gus Ragland, ATH, 6-1, 200, Moeller HS, Cincinnati
Jordan Rigg, ATH, 6-5, 250, Springboro (Ohio) HS
Richard Schoen, ATH, 5-11, 180, Fenwick HS, Riverside, Ill.
Ryan Smith, ATH, 6-5, 240, Fenwick HS, Oak Park, Ill.
Alonzo Smith, ATH, 5-11, 200, Dwyer HS, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Zach Swarts, ATH, 6-2, 275, Homestead HS, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Daryus Thompson, ATH, 6-2, 192, McEachern HS, Powder Springs, Ga.
Alex Welch, ATH, 6-4, 251, Notre Dame
Lo Wood, ATH, 5-11, 194, Notre Dame
Kenny Young, ATH, 5-10, 182, Godby HS, Tallahassee, Fla.

OHIO

Kent Berger, dl, 6-4, 249, Mentor (Ohio) HS
Brennan Boland, te, 6-5, 255, Overland Park (Kans.) Blue Valley Northwest/Highland CC
Mitch Bonnsetter, p, 5-11, 188, West Bend (Iowa) Mallard / Iowa Central CC
Connor Brown, te, 6-6, 245, Miamisburg (Ohio) HS
Jarred Brumfield, lb, 6-2, 219, Dayton (Ohio) Stebbins HS
Herman Brunis, wr, 6-0, 170, Fairfield (Ohio) HS
Curtis Brunson, cb, 5-10, 160, Franklin (Mich.) Farmington HS
Bryan DiCillo, lb, 6-2, 212, Broadview Heights (Ohio) Walsh Jesuit HS
Joey Duckworth, qb, 6-3, 215, Louisville (Ohio) HS
Brennan Dudziak, ol, 6-5, 250, Pickerington (Ohio) Central HS
Jalen Fox, cb, 5-11, 176, Wyoming HS, Cincinnati
Maleek Irons, rb, 6-0, 211, Chilliwack (British Columbia) Mouat Secondary
Tyler Jones, wr, 6-1, 180, West Chester (Ohio) Lakota West
Kyle Kuhar, dl, 6-5, 275, Avon Lake (Ohio) HS
Stephen Langenkamp, ol, 6-2, 285, Moeller HS, Cincinnati
Brett Layton, cb, 5-11, 190, Redlands (Calif.) / Mt. San Jacinto JC
Joe Lowery, ol, 6-6, 290, Tallmadge (Ohio) HS
Jared McCray, ol, 6-5, 320, Minford (Ohio) HS
Andrew Meyer, wr, 6-0, 185, Pickerington (Ohio) Central HS
Kylan Nelson, cb, 5-10, 180, Lexington (Ky.) Lafayette HS
Jake Pruehs, ol, 6-2, 285, Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward HS
Robbie Walker, wr, 5-9, 180, Reston (Va.) / Gonazaga College
Chek Washington, cb, 6-0, 190, Mansfield (Ohio) Senior HS
Papi White, rb, 5-9, 166, Seminole (Okla.) HS

TOLEDO

Olasunkanmi Adeniyi, de/olb, 6-2, 225, Richmond (Texas) Fort Bend Bush
Devin Alexander, db, 6-0, 205, Ritenour HS, St. Louis
Yazeed Alariwa, dl, 6-4, 257, Sterling (Va.) Dominion
Mike Berry, olb, 6-3, 205, Beaver Creek (Ohio) HS
Dedric Brinson, cb, 6-2, 180, Lake Wales (Fla.) HS
Andrew Davis, wr, 6-4, 185, St. Petersburg (Fla.) Lakewood
Anthony Davis, lb, 6-0, 210, Tampa (Fla.) Chamberlain Tre' James, lb/de, 6-0, 250, Baltimore City College/Snow College
Jon'Vea Johnson, wr, 5-11, 183, Gary (Ind.) West Side
Trevon Mathis, cb, 5-11, 163, Woodland Hills, Pittsburgh
Cameron Mattison, db, 6-1, 185, Charlotte (N.C.) Mallard Creek
Richard Olekanma, lb, 6-1, 217, Downers Grove (Ill.) North
Alex Pfeiffer, ol, 6-5, 281, Anderson HS, Cincinnati
Brandon Reynolds, de/lb, 6-2, 207, Solon (Ohio) HS
Davidon Riley, te, 6-3, 207, Lake Wales (Fla.) HS
Bernard Rogers, cb, 5-11, 170, Tampa (Fla.) Plant
Mykale Rogers, wr, 6-1, 180, Lima (Ohio) Central Catholic
Noah Spielman, dl, 6-0, 278, Upper Arlington (Ohio) HS
Terry Swanson, rb, 5-9, 183, Aliquippa (Pa.) HS
Cody Thompson, wr, 6-1, 187, Huron (Ohio) HS
Bill Weber, ol, 6-4, 325, Coppell (Texas) HS
Marcus Whitfield, wr, 5-11, 165, Massillon (Ohio) Washington
Jamaal Woodland, cb, 6-2, 190, Lanham (Md.) Duval HS

YOUNGSTOWN

Jaylon Brown, wr, 5-8, 165, St. Clairsville (Ohio) HS
Cole Costy, ol, 6-2, 270, Thomas Jefferson (Pa.) HS
Shane Dixon, ol, 6-4, 185, IMG (Fla.) Academy
Steven Jeffries, 6-5, 270, Neshannock (Pa.) HS
Shane Kuhn, te, 6-4, 230, Kiski Area (Pa.) HS
Christin Lee, cb, 6-1, 165, Flanagan (Fla.) HS
Johnson Louigene, lb, 6-3, 206, Immokalee (Fla.) HS
Ryan Moore, rb, 5-11, 200, York Comprehensive (S.C.) HS
L.J. Mosley, ol, 6-5, 319, Trotwood Madison (Ohio) HS/Scottsdale CC
Nathan Pittman, lb, 6-2, 225, Hagerty (Fla.) HS
Adrian Rankin, dl, 6-3, 240, Winston Woods (Ohio) HS
Jeff Rotheram, ol, 6-7, 300, North Olmsted (Ohio) HS
Sidney Sandidge, rb, 6-2, 198, Amerherst County (Va.) HS/Fork Union
Nick Sheely, p, 6-0, 195, Austintown Fitch (Ohio) HS
Cody Squiric, ol, 6-3, 295, Indiana (Pa.) HS
Jonathan Stewart, lb, 6-2, 235, St. Cloud (Fla.) HS
Jacob Studdard, cb, 6-0, 170, Southfield (Mich.) HS
D.J. Thomas, cb, 5-9, 170, Lakewood St. Edward (Ohio) HS
Chance Towery, te, 6-4, 220, AC Reynolds (Ohio) HS
Raekwon Washington, rb, 6-2, 205, Shelby (N.C.) HS
Hunter Wells, qb, 6-5, 190, Navarre Fairless (Ohio) HS
Dwayne Williams, ol, 6-3, 300, Mulberry (Fla.) HS
Kevin Wilson, s, 6-2, 180, Kathleen (Fla.) HS

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NFL today

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS: HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS
 SEATTLE (AP) — It took 38 seasons of existence but the Seattle Seahawks finally reached the top of the NFL. Led by the energy of coach Pete Carroll, a defense that was the class of the league and an efficient offense, the Seahawks surpassed the expectations set before the season and won the first Super Bowl in franchise history.
 Here's a look at the highs and lows from Seattle's championship season:
Best Game: Hard to top the conclusion. Seattle shut down the best offense in NFL history with shocking ease to claim its first Super Bowl with a 43-8 rout of the Broncos. They made Peyton Manning and Denver's vaunted offense look passive and confused. Percy Harvin showed why Seattle made the six-year, \$67 million investment with a kick-off return touchdown to start the second half. But the play of the Seahawks defense — led by MVP Malcolm Smith — had already determined the outcome.
Worst Game: There weren't many. Seattle's 17-10 loss to Arizona in Week 16 forced the Seahawks into the final week of the regular season to clinch the NFC West and home-field advantage, and snapped a 14-game home win streak. Arizona's defense flustered Russell Wilson and stymied Marshawn Lynch. It's a sign of things to come next season in the NFC West.
Best Play: Which Richard Sherman moment deserves more praise? While his deflection of Colin Kaepernick's pass that led to Malcolm Smith's clinching interception in the NFC championship was the most indelible moment of the season, the best play was his pick-six of Matt Schaub in Week 4. Sherman and safety Kam Chancellor read the play perfectly. Sherman's pick and score sent the game to overtime and gave Seattle the first 4-0 start in franchise history.
Worst Play: It was actually a four-play sequence late in the first half of Seattle's Week 16 loss to Arizona. With first-and-goal at the Arizona 3, Seattle failed to find the end zone. Kicker Steven Hauschka then missed the kick, clanking a 24-yard field goal try off the upright.
Biggest Surprise: DT Michael Bennett. He was a bargain signing in the offseason that might have been Seattle's most invaluable acquisition. Once Seattle figured out how to properly use Bennett, he became the disruptive force Pete Carroll sought for his defensive line. Re-signing Bennett seems a priority.
Biggest Disappointment: RB Christine Michael. When Seattle selected Michael in the second round in April, he was believed to be the new version of Leon Washington — a speedy option out of the backfield. Instead, Michael was inactive six times in the regular season and all three playoff games and never made any sort of an impression.
What's Next: Trying to become the first team since New England a decade ago to repeat; salary cap decisions for Sidney Rice, Chris Clemons and Red Bryant to name a few; extensions for Earl Thomas and possibly Sherman; finding help for an offensive line that struggled in stretches.

Super Bowl notes

SEATTLE'S 12TH MAN
 SEATTLE (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of notoriously loud Seahawks fans cranked up the volume Wednesday, cheering, chanting and going berserk during a parade and ceremony to celebrate the first Super Bowl victory in the history of the franchise.
 The mood in Seattle was electrified as the parade featuring the NFL champions began near the Space Needle and made its way to CenturyLink Field, the home of the team.
 At a ceremony inside the stadium, the team thanked its loyal followers — the 12th Man — capping a day of boisterous celebration that drew an estimated 700,000 revelers to Seattle.
 Players were introduced by the order of their jersey numbers and ended with No. 3, quarterback Russell Wilson, who walked onto the field pumping the Lombardi Trophy in the air to thunderous applause. "Our plan is to win another one for you next year," Wilson said later.
 Coach Pete Carroll led the crowd in a "Seahawks! Seahawks!" chant and said the team will be back. "We're just getting warmed up, if you know what I'm talking about," he said.
 Nick Sutton watched the parade from Westlake Center and considered it a highlight when he threw a football to one of the players who threw it back to him. "It's surreal. It's hard to believe. Seeing this now, it's finally sinking in," he said.
 Hundreds of thousands of fan lined the streets of downtown Seattle early in the day and cheered as the players rolled by.
 Thousands of students apparently skipped school to attend. Seattle Public Schools said more than 25 percent of the district's 51,000 students were absent in the morning. By comparison, about 5 percent were absent the day before. The school district also said 565 teachers were absent, far more than usual.
 "This is a historical event, once in a lifetime. To not show up would be blasphemy," said Jesse Lake, 36, a carpenter from Port Orchard, who stood in the packed parking lot outside CenturyLink Field to greet the team as they arrived.
 Shawn Cooper and Mariana Studebaker of Covington staked out a spot hours before the parade started and displayed supersized photo cutouts of Wilson and cornerback Richard Sherman, prompting many fans to stop and take photos.
 "This was a long-awaited win. It's well worth the wait," Cooper said. "They're years ahead of their time, which makes me believe there's another one coming."
 Dakota Heaphy, 20, and friend Ellie Hergert, 20, drove all night from Cheyenne, Wyo. — more than 1,400 miles away.
 "My boss is a Broncos fan and said we kicked their butts and deserved to go," Hergert said.

Auto racing today

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING NHRA Winternationals
 Site: Pomona, Calif.
 Schedule: Thursday-Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.); Sunday, final eliminations (ESPN, 8-11 p.m.).
 Track: Auto Club Raceway at Pomona.
 Last year: Courtney Force topped the Funny Car field in the season-opening event. Shawn Langdon won in Top Fuel, and Vincent Nobile in Pro Stock.
 Fast facts: John Force won his record 16th Funny Car season title last year. The 64-year-old Force has a record 138 victories. ... Also last year, Jeg Coughlin won his fifth Pro Stock title. Langdon took the Top Fuel championship, and Matt Smith won the Pro Stock Motorcycle title. ... The track is about 25 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.
 Next event: Carquest Auto Parts NHRA Nationals, Feb. 21-23, Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park, Chandler, Ariz.

Prep basketball

(Games subject to change)
Thursday, Feb. 6
Boys
 Heartland at ASA
Girls
 Beaver Local at Buckeye Local
 Oak Glen at St. Clairsville
 McDonald at Columbiana
 Crestview at South Range
 East Palestine at Mineral Ridge
 Sebring at Leetonia
 Springfield at Lisbon
 Southern at Lowellville
 Jackson-Milton at United
 Wellsville at Western Reserve

Friday, Feb. 7
Boys
 Columbiana at United
 Crestview at South Range
 East Palestine at Southern
 Sebring at Leetonia
 Springfield at Lisbon
 Minerva at Carrollton
 Salem at West Branch
 Wellsville at Western Reserve
Girls
 East Liverpool at Weirton
 ASA at Aquinas

Saturday, Feb. 8
Boys
 West Branch at Salem
 East Palestine at Beaver Local
 East Liverpool at Hubbard
 Wellsville at Oak Glen
Girls
 Beaver Local at South Range
 United at Canfield
 East Liverpool at Brooke
 Salem at Niles

WVU-Oklahoma St.

WEST VIRGINIA 91, No. 21 OKLAHOMA 86, OT OKLAHOMA (17-6)
 Spangler 3-7 4-5 10, Woodard 8-11 7-8 23, Cousins 3-13 0-0 6, Clark 4-12 1-2 9, Hield 6-12 0-0 15, Booker 0-1 3-3 3, Hornbeak 2-4 0-1 4, Neal 2-8 10-11 16, Bennett 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-69 25-30 86.
WEST VIRGINIA (14-9)
 Dibo 1-5 1-2 4, Williams 3-8 2-4 8, Staten 6-18 8-10 20, Harris 10-18 2-2 28, Henderson 5-12 4-4 17, Adrian 1-5 2-4 5, Browne 1-3 4-4 6, Watkins 1-1 1-2 3, Noreen 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-71 24-32 91.
 Halftime—West Virginia 43-32. End Of Regulation—Tied 81. 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma 5-19 (Hield 3-8, Neal 2-6, Clark 0-1, Cousins 0-4), West Virginia 11-32 (Harris 6-13, Henderson 3-8, Dibo 1-4, Adrian 1-5, Browne 0-1, Staten 0-1). Fouled Out—Dibo, Noreen. Rebounds—Oklahoma 44 (Spangler 9), West Virginia 46 (Staten 10). Assists—Oklahoma 10 (Woodard 8), West Virginia 11 (Staten 6). Total Fouls—Oklahoma 24, West Virginia 26. A—7,538.

Pitt-Miami

No. 25 PITTSBURGH 59, MIAMI 55, OT PITTSBURGH (19-4)
 Robinson 2-7 1-2 5, Young 2-6 0-0 4, Wright 4-11 4-4 12, Patterson 6-14 9-12 25, Zanna 3-7 4-6 10, Artis 0-3 1-2 1, Randall 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-2 0-0 0, Newkirk 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 18-54 19-26 59.
MIAMI (11-11)
 Reed 1-9 1-2 4, Lecomte 2-7 4-6 8, Kirk 0-4 0-0 0, Jekiri 1-3 1-2 3, Adams 4-11 2-5 10, Akpejori 0-0 2-2 2, Brown 7-14 3-5 21, Swoope 3-3 1-3 7, Kelly 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-52 14-25 55.
 Halftime—Pittsburgh 29-28. End Of Regulation—Tied 46. 3-Point Goals—Pittsburgh 4-14 (Patterson 4-7, Jones 0-1, Young 0-1, Wright 0-1, Robinson 0-1, Newkirk 0-1, Artis 0-2), Miami 5-20 (Brown 4-9, Reed 1-3, Kirk 0-1, Kelly 0-1, Lecomte 0-3, Adams 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Pittsburgh 37 (Wright 9), Miami 43 (Adams 6). Assists—Pittsburgh 9 (Patterson 4), Miami 9 (Brown 3). Total Fouls—Pittsburgh 20, Miami 20. A—NA.

Kent St.-C. Michigan

C. MICHIGAN 78, KENT ST. 73 KENT ST. (12-10)
 Spicer 1-2 0-0 2, Goodson 7-11 1-3 15, Brewer 6-13 4-4 17, Thomas 2-3 0-0 6, Jackson 4-9 1-2 12, Manley 1-4 0-0 3, Ortiz 2-2 0-0 4, Henniger 2-3 2-6 6, Simmons 2-7 0-0 6, Tabb 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 28-55 8-15 73.
CENT. MICHIGAN (8-13)
 Hibbitts 1-7 3-6 6, Simons 6-16 4-5 22, Rayson 4-9 2-2 10, Stewart 2-3 1-2 6, Fowler 6-15 5-8 18, Richardson Jr. 0-1 0-0 0, Simmons 3-3 4-7 10, Keel 2-5 0-0 4, Carlos 0-0 0-0 0, Saylor 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 20-60 19-30 78.
 Halftime—Kent St. 32-25. End Of Regulation—Tied 61. 3-Point Goals—Kent St. 9-26, Cent. Michigan 9-24. Fouled Out—Thomas. Rebounds—Kent St. 34 (Goodson 10), Cent. Michigan 37 (Simons 11). Assists—Kent St. 12 (Brewer 5), Cent. Michigan 13 (Fowler 5). Total Fouls—Kent St. 27, Cent. Michigan 17. A—1,743.

Akron-E. Michigan

AKRON 52, E. MICHIGAN 48 E. MICHIGAN (12-10)
 Lee 1-8 3-5 5, Talley 1-6 2-2 5, Riley 2-3 1-2 5, Ward 2-3 3-4 7, Harrison 4-7 1-2 10, Hughtly 1-2 0-0 2, Ajayi 0-0 0-0 0, Perry 0-0 0-0 0, Ross 0-3 0-0 0, Bryant 2-3 0-0 4, Combs 5-10 0-0 10, Strickland 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-45 10-15 48.
AKRON (15-7)
 Treadwell 5-16 7-9 17, Harney 5-9 5-8 15, Diggs 3-10 2-2 9, Betancourt 2-3 1-1 6, Kretzer 1-6 0-0 3, Cheatham, Jr. 0-1 0-0 0, Evans 0-3 0-0 0, Ibitayo 0-0 0-0 0, McAdams 0-3 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Forsythe 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 17-53 15-50 52.
 Halftime—E. Michigan 27-18. 3-Point Goals—E. Michigan 2-11, Akron 3-23. Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—E. Michigan 35 (Ward 8), Akron 34 (Treadwell 14). Assists—E. Michigan 5 (Harrison 2), Akron 11 (Betancourt 3). Total Fouls—E. Michigan 18, Akron 12. A—NA.

Duquesne-Ga. Wash.

GEORGE WASHINGTON 71, DUQUESNE 57 DUQUESNE (10-11)
 Soko 3-8 7-13 13, McKay 6-10 2-4 14, Jere, Jones 1-5 2-2 4, Colter 1-6 0-0 3, Mason 4-9 0-1 1, White 2-8 0-4 9, Jerr, Jones 1-4 0-0 2, Watkins 1-3 2-2 4, Ridenour 1-5 0-0 2, Gill 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-59 13-21 57.
GEORGE WASHINGTON (18-4)
 Larsen 6-9 1-2 13, Mikic 4-10 0-2 11, Armwood 5-7 4-6 14, Garino 6-14 5-9 17, McDonald 1-5 0-2 3, Creek 0-5 1-2 1, Cartagena 0-1 2-2 2, Griffin 2-3 0-0 6, Maragkos 1-1 0-0 2, Kopriva 1-1 0-0 2, White 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-56 13-25 71.
 Halftime—George Washington 36-30. A—3,047.

YSU-Wright St.

WRIGHT ST. 77, YOUNGSTOWN ST. 67 YOUNGSTOWN ST. (13-11)
 Belin 1-6 2-2 4, Weber 6-10 7-8 21, Hain 6-12 0-0 12, Perry 4-11 6-6 16, Cole 3-4 1-1 7, Plummer 0-1 0-0 0, Steward 3-4 1-1 7, Amiker 0-1 0-0 0, Keene 0-1 0-0 0, Chojnacki 0-0 0-0 0, Beamon 0-0 0-0 0, Podolsky 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-50 17-18 67.
WRIGHT ST. (14-12)
 Yoho 4-8 2-2 11, Sledge 2-4 1-2 5, Arce-neaux 0-0 4-4 4, Griffin 0-1 0-0 0, Vest 1-3 3-4 6, Young 3-5 2-4 10, Hopkins 3-4 3-4 11, Darling 5-12 10-12 20, Pacher 4-6 2-3 10. Totals 22-43 27-35 77.
 Halftime—Wright St. 35-31. 3-Point Goals—Youngstown St. 4-19 (Weber 2-5, Perry 2-6, Cole 0-1, Steward 0-1, Keene 0-1, Plummer 0-1, Belin 0-4), Wright St. 6-12 (Hopkins 2-2, Young 2-3, Vest 1-3, Yoho 1-3, Darling 0-1). Fouled Out—Cole. Rebounds—Youngstown St. 24 (Hain 9), Wright St. 26 (Hopkins, Sledge 5). Assists—Youngstown St. 12 (Cole, Perry 5), Wright St. 15 (Hopkins, Vest, Young 3). Total Fouls—Youngstown St. 27, Wright St. 17. Technical—Youngstown St. Bench. A—3,713.

NBA standings

National Basketball Association EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	26	22	.542	—
Brooklyn	21	25	.457	4
New York	19	30	.388	7½
Boston	17	33	.340	10
Philadelphia	15	35	.300	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	34	13	.723	—
Atlanta	25	23	.521	9½
Washington	24	24	.500	10½
Charlotte	22	28	.440	13½
Orlando	14	37	.275	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	38	10	.792	—
Chicago	24	24	.500	14
Detroit	19	29	.396	19
Cleveland	16	33	.327	22½
Milwaukee	9	40	.184	29½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	13	.735	—
Houston	33	17	.660	3½
Dallas	29	21	.580	7½
Memphis	26	22	.542	9½
New Orleans	21	27	.438	14½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	40	11	.784	—
Portland	35	14	.714	4
Denver	24	23	.511	14
Minnesota	24	25	.490	15
Utah	16	32	.333	22½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	34	17	.667	—
Golden State	29	20	.592	4
Phoenix	29	20	.592	4
L.A. Lakers	17	32	.347	16
Sacramento	16	32	.333	16½

NHL standings

National Hockey League EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	55	36	16	3	75	167
Tampa Bay	56	32	19	5	69	163
Montreal	57	30	21	6	66	139
Toronto	58	30	22	6	66	171
Detroit	56	25	19	12	62	146
Ottawa	57	25	21	11	61	164
Florida	56	22	27	7	51	137
Buffalo	56	15	33	8	38	108

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	57	40	15	2	82	183
N.Y. Rangers	57	31	23	3	65	150
Columbus	56	29	23	4	62	167
Philadelphia	57	28	23	6	62	157
Carolina	55	25	21	9	59	138
New Jersey	57	23	21	13	59	133
Washington	57	25	23	9	59	164
N.Y. Islanders	58	22	28	8	52	160

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	58	34	10	14	82	205
St. Louis	55	37	12	6	80	189
Colorado	56	36	15	5	77	168
Minnesota	58	30	21	7	67	142
Dallas	56	26	21	9	61	161
Winnipeg	58	28	25	5	61	163
Nashville	57	25	23	9	59	142

Pacific Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	58	40	13	5	85	191
San Jose	57	35	16	6	76	170
Los Angeles	58	30	22	6	66	137
Vancouver	58	27	22	9	63	143
Phoenix	56	26	20	10	62	160
Calgary	56	21	28	7	49	132
Edmonton	58	19	33	6	44	150

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

Tuesday's Games

Ottawa 5, St. Louis 4, SO
 Boston 3, Vancouver 1
 N.Y. Rangers 5, Colorado 1
 Winnipeg 2, Carolina 1
 Montreal 2, Calgary 0
 Florida 4, Toronto 1
 N.Y. Islanders 1, Washington 0
 Minnesota 2, Tampa Bay 1
 Dallas 3, Phoenix 1
Wednesday's Games
 Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 1
 Chicago at Anaheim, (n)
 Dallas at San Jose, (n)
Thursday's Games
 Calgary at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Edmonton at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Nashville at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
 Edmonton at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Penguins-Sabres

Pittsburgh 1 2 2-5
Buffalo 1 0 0-1
 First Period—1, Buffalo, Stafford 9 (Ennis), 5:58. 2, Pittsburgh, Zolnierczyk 2 (Adams, Crosby), 15:01. Penalties—Sulzer, Buf (tripping), 3:14; Engelland, Pit, major (fighting), 12:17; Scott, Buf, major (fighting), 12:17; Niskanen, Pit (high-sticking), 17:38.
 Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Crosby 28 (Niskanen), 2:08 (pp), 4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 17, 17:48. Penalties—McBain, Buf (tripping), 1:41; Weber, Buf (holding stick), 4:08; Glass, Pit (unsportsmanlike conduct), 19:24; Scott, Buf (unsportsmanlike conduct), 19:24.
 Third Period—5, Pittsburgh, Gibbons 4 (Sutter), 5:22. 6, Pittsburgh, Neal 19 (Malkin, Orpik), 12:12. Penalties—Ellis, Buf (boarding), 19:13.
 Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 13-15-6—34. Buffalo 11-9-5—25.
 Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 4; Buffalo 0 of 1.
 Goalsies—Pittsburgh, Fleury 31-13-1 (25 shots-24 saves). Buffalo, Miller 14-22-3 (34-29).
 A—18,408 (19,070). T—2:19.
 Referees—Mark Lemelin, Tim Peel.
 Linesmen—Steve Miller, Brad Kovachik.

Transactions

BASEBALL American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Dave Machermer special assignment scout, Jeff Stevens ad Dan Durst amateur scouts, Ray Naimoli senior manager of corporate partnership sales, Cathy Jerome senior manager of partnership marketing and Bill Marriott manager of coporate partnership sales.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with 1B/OF Bryan LaHair on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Announced RHP Chaz Roe rejected outright assignment and elected free agency.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Justin Turner on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK METS — Named Haeda Mihalses executive director, external affairs.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with C Koyie Hill on a minor league contract.
BASKETBALL National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Recalled G Lorenzo Brown from Delaware (NBADL).
FOOTBALL National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Released CB Asante Samuel and LB Stephen Nicholas.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Named Mike New quarterback coach.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DE Mathieu Boulay.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released LB Henoc Muamba. Signed WR Quentin Sims.

HOCKEY National Hockey League

MINNESOTA WILD — Traded C Chad Rau to San Jose for RW Curt Gogol.
SOCCER Major League Soccer
MLS — Announced David Beckham exercised his option for an expansion team, which will be located in Miami. Signed M Benji Joya.
VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Acquired M/F Sebastian Fernandez on loan and MIF Nicolas Mezquida by transfer from Boston River (Uruguay).
COLLEGE
IOWA STATE — Named Mark Mangino tight ends coach and offensive coordinator, Tommy Mangino wide receivers coach and Brandon Blaney offensive line coach. Promoted wide receivers coach Todd Sturdy to quarterbacks coach.

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CBS wins Thursday NFL contract

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL has decided to shift eight of its Thursday night games to a broadcast network, and announced Wednesday that CBS won the bid to showcase more of television's hottest property. CBS will air the games during the first eight weeks of the season with its top broadcast team of Jim Nantz and Phil Simms, simulcasting them with the NFL Network. The league's cable network will show six Thursday night games alone later in the season, produced by CBS with Nantz and Simms also in the booth. Two Saturday games are included in the deal, but it is unclear whether they will be on CBS or the NFL Network.

The NFL said the contract is for one year, and the league has an option to extend it for 2015. Financial terms were not disclosed.

CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox and Turner were all interested in the NFL's Thursday night package. Live television events like sports and awards shows are increasingly important for broadcasters as the audience fragments for traditional fare, and football games are the most dependable ratings-grabbers. Sunday's Super Bowl, with 112.2 million viewers, set a record as the most-watched program in U.S. television history.

NBC's biggest hit each fall is its Sunday night package of NFL games.

The NFL started a limited package of Thursday games in 2006, and showed 13 games on the NFL Network this past season. Its goal is to both increase the visibility of the NFL Network through promotion on television's most-watched network, along with putting the Thursday games on firmer footing, said Brian Rolapp, the league's executive vice president for media.

"We want to make Thursday night football as big as possible in the minds of the NFL fan," Rolapp said.

Part of the reason for a short-term deal is the NFL's indecision about whether it sees the Thursday night franchise as best for its cable network in years to come, or whether the rights money and greater exposure offered by a broadcast network is the smarter financial play.

CBS will have no flexibility in what games it broadcasts on Thursdays. The NFL will announce its Thursday schedule before the season begins, Rolapp said.

CBS is already the top-rated network, and its victory with the NFL short-circuited what would have been a strong move by a rival to cut into its lead.

"You can never be too rich or too thin," CBS Corp. Chairman Leslie Moonves said. "You can never have too much programming."

CBS airs its most popular comedy, "The Big Bang Theory," on a strong Thursday night schedule. The NFL package will enable CBS to start its Thursday night schedule later in the fall, around the beginning of November, and give it a large audience to promote its other programming. CBS will also probably sprinkle some of its Thursday shows elsewhere on the schedule in early fall to give other nights a boost, Moonves said.

Not only will the games provide a short-term boost for CBS, but the network hopes relationships forged in this deal will offer an advantage if future Thursday games come up for bid.

"It's our hope that our ratings, our performance and our production is pleasing to the NFL and this deal can continue on beyond this year or two," Moonves said.

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Watching and Learning About Mink

On a snowy February day, on my way to the post office, I pulled up to a stop sign and looked down to the left at a little creek. A thin sheet of ice covered half of the pool below the culvert. Sitting on the ice, with a minnow clenched between its teeth, was a mink.

I drive passed that creek every day, sometimes twice a day. That little culvert is within 50 yards of six houses. Upstream from the culvert, the creek flows through a brush-choked meadow. Downstream about 200 yards, it empties into a slightly larger creek. The largest pool on the whole length of the creek is by the culvert, and it's always loaded with minnows and chubs — the perfect place for a hunting mink.

It's not often you get the opportunity to observe mink in the wild. The mink saw me but didn't seem concerned, and I was torn between just sitting there watching it or racing home to get my camera.

I opted for the camera, but when I arrived back at the creek about 10 minutes later, the mink was gone. I walked a short ways up and down the creek anyway, following its tracks in the fresh snow. I was amazed how much the mink had actually traveled on dry land. Perhaps the small size of the creek had a lot to do with that. There were only a few little pockets of water where the mink stopped to poke its nose around some roots.

Feeling like I'd missed an opportunity, and kicking myself for not having my camera on hand to begin with, I headed back to the truck. When I got even with the tail end of the pool, the mink popped up from



Ohio Valley Outdoors—Photo by Ralph Scherder
 As I watched the mink hunt, I realized why the bottom edge set is so effective. The entire 45 minutes I spent watching, the mink basically performed the same small pattern over and over again.

under the edge of the ice less than three feet away.

I've encountered mink many times in the past, usually while fishing. Most of those encounters were fleeting glimpses as the mink ducked into some kind of

brush pile or dove underwater and disappeared. Once I watched one for about 30 seconds and thought that was an eternity to see a critter as secretive and shy as a mink. But when the mink that February day appeared from under the ice, what unfolded was 45 minutes of pure bliss watching it play and hunt throughout the pool.

Mink are obligate carnivores. Their survival depends on how well they

hunt. They do not eat plants, greens, or berries like other animals do. Theirs is a strictly meat diet, primarily minnows, frogs, rodents, and other small vertebrates. They can dive to depths over 16 feet in search of prey.

Mink are solitary and highly territorial animals. Relying on a strictly meat diet, they're solitary out of necessity — it reduces competition for food sources within their established range. Male mink have much wider ranges than females. The range of one male mink will often overlap those of several females.

Watching the mink hunt throughout the pool below the culvert, I couldn't determine its sex, although based on size, I'd guess it to be a young male. It looked like it hadn't missed many meals recently.

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The OSTA Then and Now

CLYDE, OH — The Ohio Trappers Association was founded in 1940 and is the third oldest trappers association in the United States. The OSTA was organized to preserve trapping, promote the fur industry in Ohio, and conserve the state's natural fur resources.

Early on directors were appointed for the purpose of leading association activities within various regions of the state, and monitoring local fur conditions for trapping, conservation, and marketing. One of the primary goals of the association was to educate the public on methods used in trapping. This was especially encouraged during the 1970s when campaigns to ban trapping were taken to the state legislature by anti-trapping groups such as the Ohio Committee for Humane Trapping.

It was during this decade that the association temporarily changed its name to "Ohio Fur Harvesters, Inc." to ameliorate their image among non-trappers. The name was finally changed to Ohio State Trappers Association and is one of the most active trapping groups in the country.

Currently the OSTA has a host of events/programs going on. They will host a Fur Handling Clinic on January 4, 2014 in Mt. Sterling, OH. Each year the OSTA holds three fur auctions. These offer a great avenue to have multiple buyers competing for your fur. Unlike the international fur auctions, you have an opportunity to agree to sell at the price bid. The 2014 auctions include: the first one to be held Jan. 11 in Bucyrus; the second on February 8 in



Jeffersonville and finally on March 8 in Zanesville.

For more information on selling your fur at the OSTA Auctions contact Steve Hiller, OSTA Fur Auction Coordinator via email: SH10@outdrs.net.

On a national level, the OSTA hosted the 54th Annual National Trappers Association Convention in Lima, OH in August of 2012. The 2014 NTA Convention (55th) will held on July 24-27 at the Upper Peninsula State Fairgrounds, 2401 12th Ave. North, Escanaba, Michigan 49829. For information, call phone 906-786-4011.

The OSTA business office address is: P.O. Box 322, Clyde, OH 43410. The phone number is: 330-465-8762. Keith Daniels is President. Their website is: www.ohiostatetrappers.org.

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2/6/14

First Mercury Retrograde of the Year

The first Mercury retrograde of the year occurs in Pisces, the sign of old souls and psychic information. Neptune, the planet of dreams, is also in Pisces and is streaming creative inspiration to us from this part of the sky. The red-tape obstacles and mishaps that commonly happen during a Mercury retrograde can be overcome with imagination.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your success lies in realizing how foolish it is to try to obtain talents you don't naturally possess when you could be using your time and energy to polish the ones you do possess.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Do what you can, and don't bother with what you don't believe in. You are not underestimating your talents by refraining from doing certain tasks. Your inner wisdom dictates that some things are simply not worth doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Regarding a creative project, the end is not in sight, and so you'll have to keep it in your mind. Rest assured, you are further along than you think you are. Don't give up now!

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Success will depend on the verbal connections you make. Be forthcoming with excellent topics. Make it easy for other people to talk with you. You'll need a dozen high-quality topics at the ready.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

The one you love needs to be able to mix and mingle with your other loved ones. Such an effort is one way a person can show devotion, and you will appreciate this. The one who doesn't make this effort isn't doing enough for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

There was a time when you didn't know how to brush your own teeth, and the person who did that for you taught you how to do it. Now you'll take on a daunting task that will soon become as automatic, habitual and easy as brushing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

The Greek goddess Charis was beautiful and charitable by nature. From her name comes the word "charisma," which is the quality you possess in great quantity now and will apply generously to help out a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Define your vision and purpose. If you leave it to chance, human nature will take over to help you serve selfish purposes. Think it through first, and you'll come up with the best plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

A tendency of humans is to rate their skills and traits as better than they actually are. But a person who can't admit fault or weakness is unlikely to improve. The cosmic gift you embrace now is a realistic self-perception.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You're ready to take a project to the next level, but you have to get more people on board to make this happen. Jump into the social swirl and charm them. If you don't, someone else will.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Relationships will improve with better organization. You'll carve out time to give your undivided attention to a loved one, and the connection you feel will make both of you stronger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You'll lay the groundwork for a landmark agreement. This is not the time to commit or make a decision. This is the time to put your feelers out and explore what is possible.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 6).

You're both tough and mature. You take criticism well without getting offended, and because of this, you will improve in every area of your life. The right mentors and role models are key. Your best months for love and relationships are now, May and December. Big financial opportunities come in March and October.

Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 24, 13, 7 and 9.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

"I want a house; my wife doesn't. She's 15 years older than me and has a grown child. She says she's already taken care of her share of houses in her life, and she would rather live in a small apartment and not have the work that comes with a big property. But I've never owned a house. I was brought up with the idea that after a man makes a certain amount of money, he should buy a house and settle in. What advice do you have for a Capricorn married to an apartment-dwelling Virgo?"

Don't stress — two earth signs should be able to work this one out. You both benefit from the stability that comes from ownership. What your Virgo wife is afraid of isn't the house, but the housework. She thinks it's likely to fall under her realm of responsibility, and statistically speaking, she's right. This is your chance to prove to her how handy and conscientious you can be. Are you neat and tidy? Do you take care of business? Prove it by detailing her car, building her a shelf or taking over the cooking and cleaning for a long string of days. And start shopping. The right house is likely to change her mind.

Grunge from sponge



Heloise

Dear Heloise: It seems that there is always a report or article discussing how a KITCHEN SPONGE is loaded with bacteria. What is the best way to clean these sponges? — **Stephanie L. in Ohio**

Ah, yes — the sponge discussion, and how to keep them clean and bacteria-free! Most households use foam sponges. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends two methods to rid the sponge of nearly 100 percent of the bacteria: Microwave a wet sponge for 60 seconds, or run it through the dishwasher during a normal cycle. Try to remember to clean sponges daily, let them dry out as much as possible between uses and replace frequently (especially if they start to smell). — **Heloise**

P.S.: Vinegar also works! Put the sponge in a bowl. Pour vinegar over the sponge and let it sit for five to 10 minutes. This kills more than 99 percent of germs!

BRIDAL FEAST

Dear Heloise: When I got married, it was an all-day event for me (as most brides know). It started early in the morning, with hair and makeup, etc. And then I had to be hidden at the venue when guests started arriving. I hadn't planned to bring any snacks. My soon-to-be sister-in-law brought finger sandwiches to me and the bridal party. It was so great, because we were all starving! They were easy to eat and did not mess up our dresses and makeup. — **A Reader, via email**

TABLE TROUBLES

Dear Heloise: I've been blessed with a beautiful, 8-foot dining-room table. Tablecloths to fit it are very expensive. I found that you can use a twin-size sheet, and it fits perfectly. They are available in fashionable colors for any season. Because those sheets can slide around on the table, I use 1-inch glue strips, found in the scrapbook section of a crafts store, on each corner of the table. I press the cloth onto the strip, and it doesn't move. The strips are removable and do not damage the wood. — **Marlene in Ohio**

STICKING PLACE MATS

Dear Heloise: When I am having a picnic or BBQ outside and will be eating on picnic tables, I have devised a better plan than fighting with a tablecloth. I take self-sticking shelf liner and cut place mats out of it. I then stick them on the table. They are easy to peel off, and we don't have to worry about eating at a dirty table. — **A Reader, via email**

DISHWASHER DUTY

Dear Heloise: I wash my empty dishwasher twice a month to help with hard-water minerals. I use sugar-free, mostly colorless powdered lemonade drink mix. It is very cheap, and the citric acid in the mix helps in keeping my glasses clean. Many states have stopped allowing phosphates in dishwasher detergent. — **Jeanne in Kentucky**

Kids' electronics may be more than games

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about the letter from "Holding My Tongue" (Nov. 8), the woman who was upset because many children were playing with electronic devices during her grandchildren's school concerts and recitals. While I agree that most children should pay attention to the event at hand, as the mother of two children on the autism spectrum, I have a different perspective.

There are apps and games designed to keep these children occupied and help them deal with the stress and anxiety of being in a large group of people. I should not have to leave my sons at home because they are on the spectrum, so a harmless, quiet game that allows them to participate without being disruptive is a godsend to me.

Sometimes it is not obvious WHY someone is doing something; so as long as it isn't disrupting the event, please try to be tolerant. — **LAURA IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR LAURA: Your point is well-stated, and was one made by a number of parents of children with special needs. Readers had interesting comments on this topic, so I'm sharing a few:

DEAR ABBY: If there's a possibility young children could be unruly during a performance, I think they should be allowed to use a tablet or something to keep them occupied.

Sometimes it's hard to find a sitter or afford one. When children get dragged to programs they have no interest in, they lose patience and become fidgety. If given something to occupy their attention, as long as it has headphones, then I don't see a problem. I'd rather have that than kids shouting, screaming and crying because they're unhappy being there. — **UNDERSTANDING IN LOUISIANA**

DEAR ABBY: In this digital age, we have lost touch with basic common decency and respect for others. I not only notice this in children, but adults as well. I have seen people check their emails while they are in church, or couples sitting together at a restaurant, both fixated on their electronic devices and not speaking a word to each other.

It's sad to imagine what the next generation will be like if we don't start putting the devices down and interacting with each other again like human beings. I raised all three of my kids this way, so I know it's not impossible. — **MAINTAINING HUMAN CONTACT**

DEAR ABBY: When my precious mother passed away last summer, my sister-in-law brought two handheld games to the funeral. My niece and nephew played and played while the pastor spoke about my mother.

It was the last straw for me in a series of incredibly rude actions over the years. My children were also appalled. When respect is no longer taught at home, we sink to the lowest level as a society. — **DEBRA ON THE EAST COAST**

DEAR ABBY: I have stopped attending my friends' grandchildren's recitals because I, too, cannot tolerate rudeness. Many parents today just don't want to bother with their children. If there is a toy that can keep them busy, their parents "enable" them to grow up as idiots who can't appreciate the world and its beauty because their world is lived entirely on an electronic screen. — **GEORGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR ABBY: What parents who allow this type of behavior don't seem to understand is that it transfers to the classroom. Their children assume it's OK to ignore the teacher, the lesson and instructions that in some cases could save a life. — **FRUSTRATED EDUCATOR IN MIAMI**

THURSDAY											FEB. 6	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
(2) (KDKA)	News	News	CBS	Insider	Big Bang	Millers	Crazy	Two Men	(.01) Elementary '14'	News	Late Sh.	
(3) (WKYC)	News	News	News	Olympic	XXII Winter Olympics					News	Jay Leno	
(4) (WTAE)	News	ABC	Inside	Ent	The Taste	The Sweetest Thing (N) '14'			Shark Tank 'PG'	News	Kimmel	
(5) (WEWS)	News	ABC	The List	Let's Ask	The Taste	The Sweetest Thing (N) '14'			Shark Tank 'PG'	News	Kimmel	
(8) (WJW)	Fox 8 News at 6PM	News	Big Bang	American Idol 'PG'	Rake "Cancer" '14'				News	Arsenio Hall		
(9) (WTOV)	News 9	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	XXII Winter Olympics					News	Jay Leno	
(11) (WPXI)	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	XXII Winter Olympics					News	Jay Leno	
(17) (WDLI)	Praise the Lord 'Y'	Good	Potters	Behind	J. Osteen	Prince	Hillsong		Praise the Lord 'Y' '14'			
(19) (WOIO)	News	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Big Bang	Millers	Crazy	Two Men	(.01) Elementary '14'	News	Late Sh.	
(21) (WFMY)	News	News	Inside	FamFeud	XXII Winter Olympics					News	Jay Leno	
(22) (WCWB)	Mod Fam	Middle	Mod Fam	Middle	House 'MA' '14'				Law & Order: SVU	Commun	Commun	
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(33) (WYTV)	News	ABC	Ent	Insider	The Taste	The Sweetest Thing (N) '14'			Shark Tank 'PG'	News	Kimmel	
(43) (WUAB)	Insider	Inside	Mod Fam	Two Men	House 'MA' '14'				News	Sports	Mod Fam	Extra (N)
(49) (WEAD)	Sesame	Healing	PBS NewsHour (N)	New Tricks '14'					Masterpiece Mystery! '14' (DVS)	Newsline	Business	
(53) (WPGH)	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men	American Idol 'PG'	Rake "Cancer" '14'			Channel 11 News	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
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(AMC)	(5:00) Movie: **** 'Pulp Fiction'								Movie: **** 'Mission: Impossible III' (2006) Tom Cruise.		(.01) 'Die Hard'	
(AP)	Finding Bigfoot	To Be Announced			Wild Alaska				Wild West Alaska	Last Frontier	Wild West Alaska	
(BET)	106 & Park: Top 10	Night	Movie: ** 'Lakeview Terrace' (2008) '14'						Scandal '14' '14'		Scandal '14' '14'	
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(CNN)	Situation	Crossfire	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan Live				AC 360 Later (N)	E. B. OutFront	Capitol Hill Hearings	
(CSPN)	Capitol Hill Hearings	Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.							Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.		Capitol Hill Hearings	
(DISC)	Rods N' Wheels '14'	The Fighters '14'	The Fighters '14'	The Fighters '14'	The Fighters '14'	Lone Target (N) 'PG'			The Fighters '14'		The Fighters '14'	
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(FAM)	Middle	Middle	Movie: ** 'Miss Congeniality' (2000)			Movie: ** 'Practical Magic' (1998)			The 700 Club 'G'		The 700 Club 'G'	
(FNC)	Special Report	Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File (N)	Hannity (N)	The O'Reilly Factor			The O'Reilly Factor		The O'Reilly Factor	
(FOOD)	Cupcake Wars 'G'	Donut	Donut	Chopped 'G'	Chopped Canada	Cutthroat Kitchen	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
(FODH)	Bearcats	Coaching	Women's College Basketball	Bearcats	Jackets	Pregame	NHL Hockey					
(GAC)	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Farm Kings	Farm Kings (N)	Farm Kings	Farm Kings	Farm Kings		Farm Kings	
(HBO)	Joyful	(.45) Mildred Pierce 'MA' '14'			Girls '14'	Looking	** 'The Incredible Burt Wonderstone'		Katie	Cathouse	Katie	Cathouse
(HGTV)	Love It or List It 'G'	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Boitano	Boitano	Boitano	
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(LIFE)	Under the Gunn	Under the Gunn	Under the Gunn	Under the Gunn	Under the Gunn	Under the Gunn	Under the Gunn	Under the Gunn	Gabby Douglas	(.02) Biography 'PG'	Gabby Douglas	(.02) Biography 'PG'
(MAX)	Edtv '14'	(.20) 'For a Good Time, Call...'	'Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows'			Movie: ** 'Battleship' (2012) '14'			Movie: ** 'Battleship' (2012) '14'		Movie: ** 'Battleship' (2012) '14'	
(MSNBC)	PoliticsNation (N)	Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All In With Chris			All In With Chris		All In With Chris	
(MTV)	Fantasy	Fantasy	Cameras	Cameras	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Cameras	Fantasy	Ridic.	
(NICK)	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sam & Witch	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends
(OVC)	Susan Graver Style	NutriSystem	Handbag & Shoe Shopping with Jane (N) 'G'						Vicenza Style 'G'		Vicenza Style 'G'	
(SHOW)	Movie: *** 'Lincoln' (2012) Daniel Day-Lewis.				Billy Joel: A Matter of Trust	Shameless '14'	Gigolos	'Aroused'	Movie: 'Anaconda'		Movie: 'Anaconda'	
(SYFY)	Helix 'Pilot' '14'	Helix 'Vector' '14'	Helix '274' '14'	Helix '14'					Helix '14'		Helix '14'	
(TBN)	Praise the Lord 'Y'	Good	Potters	Behind	J. Osteen	Prince	Hillsong		Praise the Lord 'Y' '14'		Praise the Lord 'Y' '14'	
(TCM)	Movie: *** 'Wait Until Dark' (1967)				Movie: **** 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' (1966)				Movie: 'Georgy Girl' (1966)		Movie: 'Georgy Girl' (1966)	
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(TNT)	Castle 'Recoil' 'PG'	NBA Tip-Off '14'	NBA Basketball	San Antonio Spurs at Brooklyn Nets.					NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball	
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(USA)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Movie: ** 'I, Robot' (2004) Will Smith.						Day After	Law & Order: SVU	Day After	Law & Order: SVU
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Oregon offshore wind farm project announced

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A Seattle company is being given the green light to develop plans to build the West Coast's first offshore wind energy farm — five floating turbines off Oregon's Coos Bay, federal and state officials said Wednesday.

The 30-megawatt pilot project was announced at a press conference by Gov. John Kitzhaber, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Director Tommy Beaudreau.

Proponents say offshore wind technology could bring clean, efficient electricity, create new jobs and stimulate the economy.

The pilot project will be developed by Seattle-based Principle Power using floating wind turbine technology that has not been deployed in U.S. waters but is in use or under development in Europe and Asia.

The Oregon facility would be 15 miles from shore, in about 1,400 feet of water. The turbines would be connected by electrical cables and have a single power cable transmitting electricity to the mainland.

Several offshore projects are in the works on the Atlantic coast, but they don't use floating platform technology. Instead, they are anchored to the seabed.

Experts say the West Coast has not yet seen offshore wind projects because the technology needs are different.

The ocean gets deeper more quickly on the West Coast, so turbine towers cannot be planted directly into the seabed, said Belinda Batten, director of the Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center at Oregon State University. Instead, companies need to use devices supported on floating platforms.

Another challenge in bringing the technology to Oregon is the price tag. But that should not be a deterrent, Batten said.

"We're not as anxious to commercialize it, but it's still worth getting the projects into the water and testing them," she said. "As we learn how to deploy and maintain them, the price will come down."

In December 2012, Principle Power, Inc. received \$4 million in Department of Energy funding for the project — one of seven to receive funding and the only one on the West Coast. The DOE plans to select up to three of the original seven proposals to go

forward with an additional \$46.6 million dollars.

The Seattle company submitted a request to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for a commercial wind energy lease in May 2013. Since other developers were not interested in constructing wind facilities in the same area, the company may now submit a plan under the noncompetitive process. The federal agency will then complete an environmental analysis, which includes opportunity for public comment, before making a final decision.

Offshore wind power has been the new frontier in renewable energy. Though offshore wind farms and their energy are more expensive, proponents say better wind speeds are available at sea than on land, so offshore wind farms can supply more electricity than other projects. The turbines are less noisy and less visible than on land.

The industry has grown chiefly in Europe, where several dozen offshore wind farms operate. China is also developing projects. In November, Japan revved up its wind farm off the coast of Fukushima.

Several offshore wind farms are in the works off the Atlantic coast of the U.S. In Nantucket Sound off Cape Cod, a company has been cleared to build 130 turbines that would supply 75 percent of the power for Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. In Rhode Island, a five-turbine farm off Block Island that would generate enough electricity for about 10,000 homes is being planned.

New Jersey is considering a pilot 25-megawatt, six-turbine offshore wind farm project to be built 2.8 miles off Atlantic City. And the University of Maine and partner companies plan on building two wind turbines generating 12 megawatts of power south of Monhegan Island. The university has already launched a prototype wind turbine off the coast near Castine.

Last year, the federal government auctioned off leases for sections of the ocean where projects can be developed — including off the coasts of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Virginia. Additional auctions for wind energy areas off the coasts of Maryland, New Jersey and Massachusetts are expected in 2014.



A statue of a man sleepwalking in his underpants is surrounded by snow on the campus of Wellesley College, in Wellesley, Mass., Wednesday. The sculpture entitled "Sleepwalker" is part of an exhibit by sculptor Tony Matelli at the college's Davis Museum. (AP Photo)

Man-in-undies sculpture causes stir

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP) — A remarkably lifelike sculpture of a man sleepwalking in nothing but his underpants has made some Wellesley College students a bit uncomfortable, but the president of the prestigious women's school says that's all part of the intellectual process.

The sculpture entitled "Sleepwalker" of a man in an eyes-closed, zombie-like trance is part of an exhibit by sculptor Tony Matelli at the college's Davis Museum. It was placed at a busy area of campus on Monday, a few days before the official opening of the exhibit, and prompted an online student petition to have it removed.

The sculpture is a "source of apprehension, fear, and triggering thoughts regarding sexual assault" for many, according to the petition, which had nearly 300 signees on Wednesday.

The petition started by junior Zoe Magid called on President H. Kim Bottomly to have the artwork removed.

That appeared unlikely, according to a joint statement issued Wednesday by Bottomly and museum Director Lisa Fischman.

"The very best works of art have the power to stimulate deeply personal emotions and to provoke unexpected new

ideas, and this sculpture is no exception," the statement said. The sculpture "has started an impassioned conversation about art, gender, sexuality and individual experience, both on campus and on social media."

The sculpture was placed outdoors specifically to get a reaction and to connect the indoor exhibition with the world beyond, Fischman said.

"I love the idea of art escaping the museum and muddling the line between what we expect to be inside (art) and what we expect to be outside (life)," she wrote.

Reaction from the campus community was mixed.

Freshman Bridget Schreiner told The Boston Globe (<http://bo.st/1kcwSkC>) she was "freaked out" the first time she saw the sculpture, thinking for a moment that a real, nearly naked man was lingering on campus.

"This could be a trigger for students who have experienced sexual assault," she said.

Others were more understanding.

"I find it disturbing, but in a good way," English professor Sarah Wall-Randell said. "I think it's meant to be off-putting. It's a schlumpy guy in underpants in an all-women environment."

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Envoy: Ukraine crisis far from over

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — The threat of new protest violence in Ukraine is tapering off but the country's two-month-old political and economic crisis remains far from being resolved, the European Union's foreign policy chief said Wednesday.

EU envoy Catherine Ashton spoke after meeting with President Viktor Yanukovich, who has been the focus of months of massive protests demanding his resignation.

The protesters have built a large tent camp in the central square of Kiev, the capital, and have erected high barricades of snow and scrap materials to cut off key downtown sections.

An uneasy truce between police and protesters has held since late January after the protests erupted into four days of violent clashes. Officials say three people died in the melee, two of them of gunshot wounds.

"Although there is a sense that violence is decreasing, there is still great concern about the situation on the ground," Ashton told reporters.

She said 28-nation EU has been discussing financial aid to Ukraine, but dismissed suggestions floated by some opposition leaders that the country deserves something akin to the Marshall Plan, the successful U.S. initiative to rebuild European economies after World War II.

The perilous state of Ukraine's economy, which relies on energy-inefficient heavy industries and gas imports from Russia, is a key issue in the crisis. Ukraine's reserve funds fell some 25 percent over the past year and in December officials said the country would need at least \$10 billion in the near future to pay its debts.

Ashton met Tuesday evening with one of the opposition leaders heading the protests against Yanukovich, which erupted over his decision to shun the EU and turn to Moscow for a desperately needed rescue loan instead.

Opposition leader Arseniy Yatsenyuk told The Associated Press that no specifics of Western aid were put forth by Ashton in their talks. He also charged that Ukraine's president was "targeting ways how to buy time and drag us into never-ending talks and discussions."

The Ukrainian currency, the hryvna, has fallen some 7 percent since the protests began in late November and some Ukrainians think Yanukovich sees the drop as working in his favor. "Yanukovich thinks that the collapse of the hryvna is scaring Ukrainians and they will stop the protests. But the collapse of the economy will only speed up the exit of these talentless authorities," said Oleg Ternovskiy, a small businessman in Kiev.

In late November, Yanukovich backed off from an expected agreement to deepen economic relations with the EU, fearing that the bloc was not offering an adequate cushion for the trade that could be lost with Russia, which wanted Ukraine to join a Moscow-led customs union. Yanukovich subsequently obtained a \$15 billion aid package from Russian President Vladimir Putin, including getting lower gas prices from Russia.

The turn toward Moscow angered those who resent the long shadow that Russia casts on Ukraine. The protests began on that note but have since morphed into demands for more human rights, less corruption, Yanukovich's resignation and a new election. EU officials have indicated that aid to Ukraine could be sweetened but no specifics have been offered.

The West likely would seek a resolution of Ukraine's political crisis before offering more aid.

No resolution is in sight, however. Prime Minister Mykola Azarov resigned last week so the cabinet is operating only as a placeholder. The leader of his party's faction, Olexander Efremov, said Wednesday he expected a new premier to be nominated next week. Yanukovich offered the premiership to Yatsenyuk, who turned it down. Under the current system, the prime minister has relatively little power compared with the president. The opposition is seeking a return to an older system under which the premier and parliament have more authority.