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It's Peddler Days again

Peddler Days returned to Hanoverton Saturday with a Civil War re-enactment, fireman's parade and free food and entertainment in addition to artisan vendors. The event continues today with a church service from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Gazebo, dulcimer music from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m., country music by Dave Holland from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Civil War re-enactment from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and a 50/50 raffle drawing at 4 p.m. All events are being held along Plymouth Street unless otherwise noted. Left, Cindy Lintz of Columbiana, portraying US Sanitary Commission Clair Barton, known as the Angle of the Battle Field, administers first aid to fallen soldier Pvt. Nathan Miller of Hanoverton, a member of the 11th Mississippi Co.A. Top left, members of the 11th Mississippi Co.A fire at the enemy. Top right, Beckey Miller of Hanoverton does some mending to some uniforms. (Salem News photos by Wayne Maris)

► GUILFORD LAKE

Swimmer rescued from lake

By STEVE RAPPACH

Staff Writer

HANOVERTON — Two campers are recovering following an accident Saturday evening at Guilford Lake State Park.

According to initial reports from the park ranger, two men went swimming at the lake after 9 p.m., when one man became unresponsive. The other man swam out in an attempt to pull him to safety, but he also ran into difficulty and became unresponsive.

Park Ranger Andrew Gatto said the department is further investigating the matter, but said they were part of a group camping at the park and were swimming nearby.

"Apparently they just swam out," Gatto said. "I don't know if they cramped up, or if they got exhausted. That we are still trying to figure out."

One of the men, a

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COLUMBIANA

Parent: Work with staff

Fears more teachers will likely leave

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN

Staff Writer

A district parent issued a word of warning to the Columbiana Board of Education and Superintendent Don Mook this week.

Wendy Pancake said unless the board can come to agreements with teachers— and treat them with respect— more will likely be leaving. The board accepted the resignations of four teachers during the Tuesday meeting.

Pancake first approached the board at the June meeting urging they come to an

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Faith Chapel Fellowship holds Fun and Safety Fest

Marie Hernandez of Alchemy Acres hold a furry friend for, from left, Olivia, 6, Tiffany, 9, and Brooke Thompson, 8, Saturday during the Faith Chapel Fellowship's Fun and Safety Fest held in the municipal parking lot on East Pershing Street. There were different activities for the children including games with prizes, pony rides and food. Everything was free. Hernandez is a Faith Chapel member. More photos on page 6A. (Salem News photo by J.D. Creer)

Thomas Christy of Austintown survives sliding through a muddy tube partway through the first ever Camel Crawl 5K Mud Run Obstacle Race held Saturday to benefit Forever Safe Farm, a non-profit facility on McCracken Road which serves as a permanent home for rescued animals. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

'Camel Crawl' benefits animal sanctuary farm

By MARY ANN GREIER

Staff Writer

SALEM — Camel Crawl participants wanted mud — they got mud.

So much so that they ended up covered like pigs in "hog heaven," especially after crawling through the aptly named obstacle, all to benefit rescued and retired animals.

"We didn't want to do what everybody else does," Forever Safe Farms director Karrin Campf said.

When someone suggested an obstacle course run as a fundraiser for the non-profit educational facility, they put together a 5K course that some participants said was more challenging and fun than any they've come across.

The Camel Crawl 5K Mud Run Obstacle Race included 14 obstacles, with lots of tunnels to crawl through, walls to climb and mud to wade through. One of the obstacles shared the name of the event — the camel crawl — and forced participants to crawl under a tarp and into a 50-foot long hole dug into the ground with two humps of dirt like the humps of a camel to crawl over before seeing sunlight again.

Many of the obstacles were named after animals who find sanctuary at the farm, such as the pot belly wend and the 16-foot high goat hill incline. There was also a wetland quicksand marsh area.

The fundraiser took place at the Forever Safe Farm located

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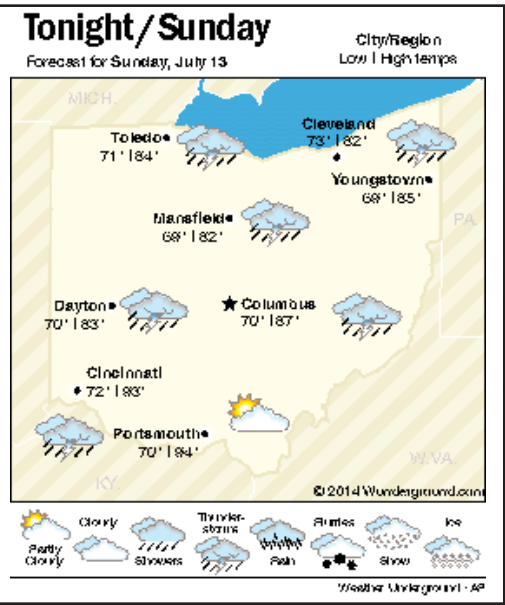
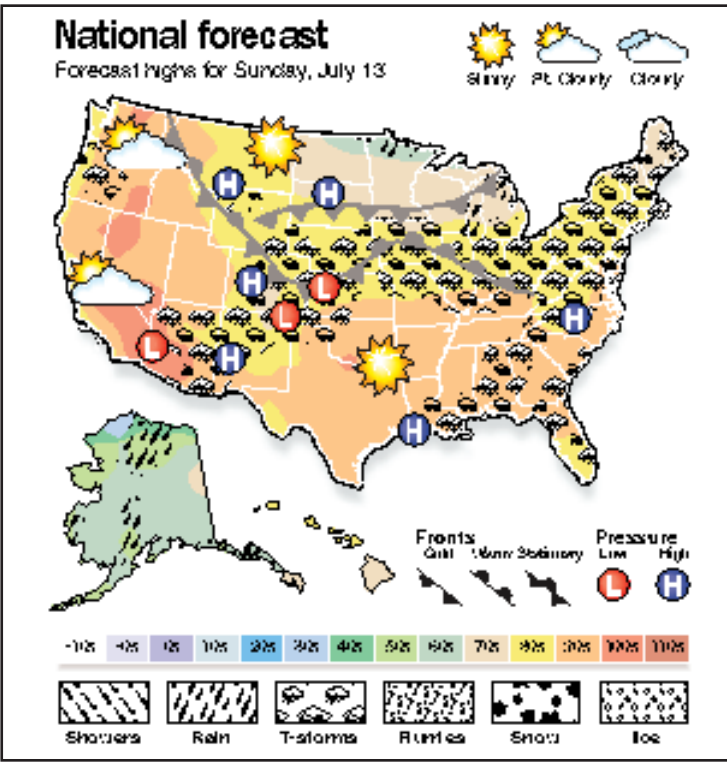


WEATHER

THE FORECAST

**AREA:** Today.... Showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent. Tonight...Showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent. Monday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds around 5 mph with gusts up to 20 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Chance of rain 40 percent. Tuesday...Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 70s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

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# Center Twp. zoning plan headed to Nov. ballot

**By TOM GIAMBRONI**  
Staff Writer

LISBON — The proposed zoning plan for Center Township is on its way to the Nov. 4 ballot, where voters will decide the document’s fate.

The township trustees voted at Thursday’s meeting to place the measure on the ballot, but not without a last-minute change recommended by zoning opponent Darryl Muir. The trustees were prepared at their June 26 meeting to place the plan on the ballot until Muir asked they first check on two things: First, could Lisbon residents vote on the plan? He was concerned because the village is located within the

township.

This concern was addressed after the June meeting, when trustee Joe Csonka found a copy of the ballot language which clearly stated only those living in the unincorporated portion of the township could vote on the plan. Muir was also concerned about wording in the plan that he believes would allow the trustees to appoint any township resident to the zoning commission and zoning appeals board, regardless of whether they lived in Lisbon.

Trustees deferred acting on the plan until Csonka could check with the Columbiana County Prosecutor’s Office, which is the township’s

legal advisor, but he said they refused to make any last-minute changes and advised them to put the plan on the ballot as it was written. Csonka indicated Muir’s concerns were legitimate, saying the committee that drafted the plan and the trustees “missed” the wording glitch.

To correct the problem, the trustees passed a resolution pledging that if the zoning plan should pass they would immediately amend it to say only those who lived in the unincorporated areas of the township can serve on the zoning commission and appeals board. The exact wording for this resolution

was dictated by Muir, who was at Thursday’s meeting.

Muir, who formed a committee to lobby against voter passage of the plan, told the trustees he understand their position but is still opposed to the plan. “This isn’t against you guys. I’m against this,” he said, tapping the 110-page plan.

Csonka felt the same way. “There’s no hard feeling, We’re just putting it before the public” to let them decide whether they want zoning, he said.

Muir agreed this was the proper way to proceed. “The thing you said, ‘We’re putting it on the ballot. That’s the American way’ I agree.

But what I’m doing is also the American way,” he said of his opposition.

In other action, trustee Ken Schreffler said he is investigating having the state undertake a traffic study of Lisbon-Dungannon and Trinity Church roads to determine a safe speed limit. Both roads have unposted speed limits, which means motorists can legally travel up to 55 mph on them. Schreffler said he believes it needs to be reduced.

Trustees also voted to contract with Great Lakes Construction to replace nearly 700 feet of guardrail and posts on Pritchard Avenue and Bluff Street for \$8,750.

## TEACHERS FROM 1A

agreement with middle school and high school teacher Darcy Quinlan, who received a full-ride scholarship to Slippery Rock University to complete a master’s degree.

According to Pancake, Quinlan was hoping to stay on with the district while pursuing the degree using a one-year leave of absence, but that request was denied.

Quinlan has been employed with the district two years as a health and physical education teacher at both schools and is pursuing the master’s degree in adaptive physical education. She has also held the head girls soccer coaching position.

The district does not grant sabbatical leave to teachers until they reach five years of employment, although Pancake believed the board could have come to some sort of

compromise.

“I am disappointed in the lack of the ability of you guys to come to some kind of understanding or agreement with the teachers in concern with Darcy Quinlan,” she said. “I know that an agreement could have been made, and I am just really disappointed and I’m worried.”

She said that prior to the Tuesday meeting she was emailed an agenda of the meeting and was concerned to see so many teaching resignations. She believes more will follow if the board is not willing to give and take.

One of the resignations was for Quinlan, who is leaving both the teaching and coaching positions to continue her education.

“Several of our top-notch teachers are resigning. I just hope that as a board and as an administration, when you are working with teachers, hopefully you can have a

lot of respect and work out ways (to compromise),” she said.

Other resignations were for Cynthia Schnellbach, middle school gifted teacher, Benjamin Shaw, fifth-grade math teacher and Gregory Kibler, seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher and head cross country coach.

Treasurer Lori Posey said all of the teachers are leaving for jobs in other areas and their positions will be replaced in the future.

She said Schnellbach has been with the district three years and accepted a job with Girard City Schools, Shaw has been with the district 13 years and left for a position with the Mahoning County Educational Service Center (ESC), and Kibler has been with the district five years and also took a job with the Mahoning County ESC.

Pancake told the board a “precedent is being set” with the resignations. None of the teachers

attended the meeting and attempts by the Journal to contact them afterward were not successful.

“I am sorry to see that we are losing teachers. I hope that the reason isn’t due to any feeling of lack of respect from the board of education. We deeply respect the teachers and we try to treat all of our staff, teachers and staff members, with respect they are obviously due,” Board President Mark Hutson said. “We really regret losing any staff members, especially teachers that have been with us for any number of years. I would like to thank them for their service, and I would like to welcome all new teachers and staff to our district.”

Mook did not comment during the meeting but when contacted on Wednesday said the resignations weren’t the result of the district “forcing anyone out.”

He said the teachers simply chose to pursue other options,

“I’m a product of being a teacher that moved on to administration and chose a different career path within education. A teacher earlier in the year chose to let us know they finished their master’s and wanted to go into accounting. They wanted out of education. There are times when people choose to do those types of things,” he said.

With Schnellbach, taking a job in Girard put her closer to her home in Newton Falls, he added.

Meanwhile, Shaw had been talking with Mook personally over the last few years about his interest in curriculum.

“He has a master’s in curriculum instruction. He has been talking for the last several years about doing curriculum for the county. He had been entertaining that for a while. Ben was a phenomenal teacher. He did a great job for us. I think he will do a great job for the ESC,” he said.

## CRAWL FROM 1A

at 3155 McCracken Road and attracted more than 100 people.

“We rescue abandoned and neglected and farm and exotic animals,” Campf said.

The list of animals includes camels, kangaroos, wallabies, deer, elk, llama, coatimundi, pot belly pigs, exotic birds, dogs and cats. Campf and her husband Rob have had the farm for 10 years and gained non-profit status in 2011. They rely on donations and a corporate sponsor to operate and have started doing more fundraising.

Their mission “to provide rescued and retired animals a forever

home and educate the public about the proper and healthful care of animals” is outlined on their website at [www.foreversafefarm.org](http://www.foreversafefarm.org).

“We’re not a petting zoo — we’re an educational facility,” she said.

Schools, groups and families come to visit and take tours to learn about the animals who live there. Forever Safe Farm is open on the weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. from May through October. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

“We try to teach kids what is a pet and what is not a pet,” Campf said, stressing that some animals should not be made into pets.

Anyone wishing to donate to Forever Safe Farm can visit the website or send the donation

through the mail.

She’s already planning for next year’s obstacle race, with even more obstacles.

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## RESCUE FROM 1A

19-year-old, reportedly refused medical treatment while the other was taken to a local hospital. Both men are expected to make a full recovery. Their names have not been released.

The Lisbon post of the State Highway Patrol, Hanover Township fire crews and KLG Ambulance also assisted at the scene.

## Meat mess on upstate NY road stinks up cars

QUEENSBURY, N.Y. (AP) — Some car owners are raising a stink after driving a road littered with meat in upstate New York.

Dozens of chunks of meat were on the road in front of a mall Thursday in Queensbury, The Post-Star of Glens Falls said Saturday in reporting on the meat mystery in the town about 60 miles north of Albany.

Police believe meat fell off a truck that might have been heading from a farm or slaughterhouse to a rendering plant, but no one has come forward to claim it.

The state Department of Transportation cleaned the meat up, but driver James Teele and other mo-

torists were still dealing with the aftermath Friday.

Teele said he immediately took his SUV to a car wash after driving through the mess en route home Thursday, “but it was too late.” He told the Post-Star: “My vehicle still smells like rotting meat” and flies are swarming around it. He said he believes the offending material was chicken fat. Local car washes were busy with motorists trying to obliterate the meat smell. As many as 35 drivers flocked to Hoffman Car Wash, which started asking them to hose off their cars in a self-service area before going through the automatic wash, manager Matt Phillips said.

## Columbus sends giant limestone couch for rehab

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — An 8,000-pound limestone sculpture of a sofa has been removed from its spot in a trendy Columbus neighborhood, after becoming a favored perch for homeless nappers.

The Columbus Dispatch reports the giant couch was removed from the Short North Arts District Friday. It’s being sent back to Akron artist Robert Huff for a six-month refurbishment.

Plans are for it to return to the city as the centerpiece of the Columbus Cultural Arts Center’s sculpture garden. Its current site on High Street will continue as a small park.

A Short North civic leader said homeless activity surrounding the sculpture wasn’t contributing to the Short North’s vitality.

A resident who formerly slept on the couch when he was homeless said he saw the structure as a refuge, but not a home.

## Divers, snorkelers converge for undersea ‘concert’

BIG PINE KEY, Fla. (AP) — Nearly 500 divers and snorkelers submerged in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary on Saturday for a “concert” beneath the sea broadcast by a local radio station.

The 30th annual Lower Keys Underwater Music Festival, held at Looe Key Reef along the continental United

States’ only living coral barrier reef, featured four hours of commercial-free music piped below the surface via a series of underwater speakers. The water-themed playlist included such tunes as the Beatles’ “Octopus’s Garden” and the themes from Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” and television’s classic “Flipper.” Participants described the music as clear and ethereal, with underwater visibility of about 50 feet. Snorkeler Uli Clef from Munich, Germany, said he was particularly impressed with the vivid colors and tropical fish he saw underwater.

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... ON THE **Calendar** THIS WEEK ...

SUN/13

Greenway Bike Trail Benefit Walk/Ride, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. T-shirts \$20. Sponsors encouraged. Helps defray cost of maintaining trail. Starting points will be at Trailhead 164 in Lisbon, Trailhead 558 in Franklin Square, Trailhead in Washington Street in Leetonia and Trailhead Union Street Washingtonville. For information, contact the county office at 330-424-9078.

ALLIANCE

Carnation City Mall's Beautiful Baby Contest, 1 p.m., center court. Register online at carnationcitymall.com or the welcome center; 330-821-4447.

BELOIT

Country-style breakfast, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Smith Grange; \$6.50 for adults, \$3 for children; carryouts available.

COLUMBIANA

Summer concert series, 2-4 p.m., Firestone Park, free admission; Edelweiss. Reservation deadline for casino bus trip to the Hard Rock Rocksino in Northfield Park on July 27. Cost is \$35 which includes \$15 in free play and a \$5 food voucher; 724-813-9199.

EAST LIVERPOOL

Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center open 1-5 p.m.

ELKTON

Elkton Area Reunion, 2 p.m., Lisbon Presbyterian Church basement on East Chestnut Street; 330-424-5302.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

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

SALEM

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

Ed Porter Memorial Muzzle Loader Shoot, noon, Salem Hunting Club.

Burchfield Homestead Museum, 867 E. Fourth St., open for tours from 1-4 p.m.

Summer Concert Series, Orashan Memorial Civic Center band shell, Waterworth Memorial Park, 6 p.m., Savoy Big Band.

Salem Historical Society Museum, 208 S. Broadway Ave., open 1-4 p.m. (last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.) Underground railroad trolley tour, 1:30 p.m.; reservations at 330-337-6733.

Skateboard park meeting, 6 p.m., Courtyard Square, 645 E. State St., downtown.

MON/14 COLUMBIANA

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

Crestview Local Board of Education, 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center.

EAST PALESTINE

East Palestine Council, meeting, 7 p.m.

LEETONIA

Antiques appraisal, 4-7 p.m., Leetonia Library; limit two items per person; Friends Chinese auction.

LISBON

Public Employee Retirement Inc., Chapter 59 Meeting, 1 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4111, lunch at noon; speakers are Penny Traina and Tad Harold.

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

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

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

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Perry Township trustees have scheduled a public hearing at 6 p.m. for the purpose of possibly putting the Natural Gas Aggregation on the November 2014 ballot; regular trustee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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., Bob Evans Restaurant.

Police Practical Combat, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

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.

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building, 785 E. State St.; Johnny Marzetti, green beans, salad, fresh fruits and vegetables, cake.

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

Salem Public Library's Getting Crafty class, 6:30-7:30 p.m., room 10, Memorial Building, 785 E. State St. Online registration at salem.lib.oh.us or 330-332-0042.

Getting Crafty envelope class, 6:30-7:30 p.m., room 10, Memorial Building, 785 E. State St.; registration at salem.lib.oh.us or 330-332-0042.

TUE/15 CANFIELD

That Quilt Group I Belong To, meeting, 7 p.m., Fair Park, speaker, Melissa Delisio. Doors open at 1 p.m. for members to work on charity quilts; 330-702-0532.

DAMASCUS

Damascus, Beloit and Goshen Center Ruritan Clubs are cosponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive, 1-7 p.m., Damascus United Methodist Church on Valley Road.

EAST LIVERPOOL

East Liverpool High School Class of 1951, lunch, 1 p.m., Crickster's.

GREEN TOWNSHIP

Green Township Trustees, 6 p.m., Community Building, 12184 Lisbon Road. Board will discuss changes to the current zoning regulations. Public is invited to attend.

HANOVERTON

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

LEETONIA

Leetonia Friends of the Library, 11 a.m., Leetonia Library.

Summer Reading program-Water, water everywhere, 1 p.m., Leetonia Library.

World War I presentation, 6 p.m., Leetonia Library.

LISBON

Family and Children First Council of Columbiana County, mandated members, meeting, 9 a.m.; general members, meeting, 10:15 a.m.

Together We Grow play groups, 10-11:30 a.m., Robert Bycroft School.

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

SALEM

Deming-Crane, retired and former employees, breakfast, 8 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

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

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

Bank One, retirees and former employees, lunch, noon, Mike's Penn Avenue Grille.

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

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

Service Rifle Shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

WED/16

BEAVER TOWNSHIP

South Range school board, special meeting, 6 p.m., board offices.

BOARDMAN

Singles group, 6 p.m., Eat N' Park.

HANOVERTON

United Local school board, 7:30 p.m., high school library.

LEETONIA

Leetonia High School Class of 1950, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

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

Leetonia High School Classes of 1955-57, lunch, noon, Heck's Restaurant in Columbiana.

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

LISBON

David Anderson High School Class of 1957, lunch, 1 p.m., Pondi's.

Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities, meeting, 3 p.m., administration office.

SALEM

Deadline for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892's golf outing; 330-337-8015.

Wednesday Night Bingo at the Saxon Club, 1980 state Route 9. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. The kitchen will be open serving assorted sandwiches desserts, and free coffee.

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.

.22 Bench Rest Shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

Summer Concert Series, Orashan Memorial Civic Center band shell, Waterworth Memorial Park, 7 p.m., Salem Quaker City Band.

SEBRING

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

THU/17 DAMASCUS

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

EAST PALESTINE

East Palestine Architectural Design Board of Review. meeting, 6 p.m.

HANOVERTON

Redeemed Recovery support group meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hanoverton Christian Church, 10251 Plymouth St.; 330-223-1561.

LEETONIA

Stories with Robin, 10 a.m., Leetonia Library.

LISBON

Help Hotline Crisis Center's support group of the Survivors of Suicide, meeting. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Columbiana County Counseling Center on Route 154; 330-747-2696.

SALEM

Salem High Class of 1947, monthly meeting, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club, 330-337-7887.

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

Concealed Carry Shoot, 6 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

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

City Utilities Commission, regular meeting, 4 p.m., second floor conference room, utilities department.

Fly-by carry out dinner, 4-6 p.m., or until sold out, First Friends Church on Jennings Avenue; glazed ham loaf, cheesy potatoes, seasoned green beans, roll, cake; \$8. Advance reservations, 330 332-0001.

FRI/18

BEAVER TWP.

Beaver Township Park's monthly senior meeting, Woodworth Park, 10 a.m.-1p.m.; 330-549-9552.

Kid's Fun and Safety Day, 6-9 p.m., Woodworth Park, 256 Warren Ave.; free event; 330-549-9552.

CANFIELD

Alzheimer Network Family Support Group meeting, 10 a.m., Canfield Christian Church, 123 S. Broad St.; 330-788-9755.

COLUMBIANA

Log House Musuem, open 2-4 p.m.

LEETONIA

Family movie, "The Outsiders," 1 p.m., Leetonia Library.

Leetonia High School Class of 1962, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Annabell's Restaurant in Salem.

SALEM

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

Youth Marksmanship, 6:45 p.m., Salem Hunting Club.

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

Summer Concert Series, Orashan Memorial Civic Center band shell, Waterworth Memorial Park, 7 p.m., Will Hallewell, Banquet in Salem benefit concert.

SAT/19 COLUMBIANA

Log House Musuem, open 2-4 p.m.

Adapt Coalition's Crestview-Columbiana Leadership Team's family fest, 5-9:30 p.m., Firestone Park; 330-424-0531 or bfoor@familyrecovery.org.

DAMASCUS

Monthly community breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church, 300 Valley Road; \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 10.

HANOVERTON

History, Haunts and Legend tours, 8:15 p.m. Meet at Spread Eagle Tavern. Adults, \$8; age 12 and under, free.

SALEM

Alchemy Acres Animal Sanctuary's Gavin Ward Memorial Golf Tournament, Olde Dutch Mill Golf Course, 2745 Grandview Road, Lake Milton. To register for tee times call 330-332-4897.

Salem Lions Club's "Run for Sight" 5k run/one-mile walk fundraiser, Waterworth Memorial Park, pavilion eight; walk at 8:45 a.m., 5k run at 9:15 a.m. Registration, 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Salem Kiwanis Club's 50th antique and craft show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Centennial Park, food, music, basket raffles, free admission. Dealer contracts, clubrunner.ca/salemkwanis or 330-332-5145.



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SUN/20

COLUMBIANA

Summer concert series, 2-4 p.m., Firestone Park, free admission; Highway 9.

ROGERS

Country Music Jam, 6-9 p.m., Rogers Community Auction Dining Room.

SALEM

Burchfield Homestead Museum, 867 E. Fourth St., open for tours from 1-4 p.m.

Salem Historical Society Museum, 208 S. Broadway Ave., 1-4 p.m. (last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.)

Summer Concert Series, Orashan Memorial Civic Center band shell, Waterworth Memorial Park, 6 p.m., Freedom Brass Band.

MON/21

BEAVER TOWNSHIP

Beaver Township Parks, summer youth camp, runs July 21-25 at Woodworth Park, 256 Warren Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., for children in grades one to four.

South Range school board, 7:30 p.m., K-12 campus music room.

COLUMBIANA

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

DAMASCUS

Lupus support group meeting, 7 p.m., Damascus Friends Church; 330-509-9015.

GUILFORD LAKE

Guilford Lake Civic Association's coverdish picnic, 4 p.m., state park pavilion on Teegarden Road, north side of lake; hot dogs, table service and beverages provided.

LISBON

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.

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.

TUE/22 COLUMBIANA

Columbiana Seniors Citizens, 10 a.m., pizza luncheon, Upper Room.

LISBON

Together We Grow playgroups, 10-11:30 a.m., Robert Bycroft School.

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

Singles group, 6 p.m., Chef's Table.

SALEM

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

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

WED/23

LEETONIA

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

LISBON

Singles group, 6 p.m., Chef's Table.

SALEM

Church Women United's back-to-school clothing sign-ups, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education Building, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; bring two proofs of income and residency, the child's name, age, birth date and school grade.

"History in the Round," 10 a.m., Dale Shaffer Research Library, 239 S. Lundy Ave.; identifying donated pictures of Salem.

Wednesday Night Bingo at the Saxon Club, 1980 state Route 9. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. The kitchen will be open serving assorted sandwiches, desserts and free coffee.

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

Salem High School Class of 1969, meeting at 7 p.m. at the Italian Club on Penn Avenue, to finalize all plans for the 45th-year class reunion.

SEBRING

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

THU/24 COLUMBIANA

The Oasis Food Ministry food distribution, 4-6 p.m., First Christian Church, 39 Cherry Street.

Columbiana Area Chamber of Commerce's summer business showcase, 5:30 p.m., Whispering Pines Village, 937 E. Park Ave.; reservations not required.

DAMASCUS

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

ELKRUN TOWNSHIP

Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., township administration garage.

HANOVERTON

Redeemed Recovery support group meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hanoverton Christian Church, 10251 Plymouth St.; 330-223-1561.

LEETONIA

Stories with Robin, 10 a.m., Leetonia library.

SALEM

Kaiser/National retirees, past employees, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Church Women United's back-to-school clothing sign-ups, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education Building, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; bring two proofs of income and residency, the child's name, age, birth date and school grade.

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce's new business start-up workshop, 1-3 p.m., 713 E. State St. Registration required at tlopepel@salemohiochamber.org or 330-337-3473.




Faith Chapel Fellowship Fest

Clockwise from right, Meredith Eversole, 13, left, and Rosey Daley, 11, take pony rides during the Faith Chapel Fellowship's Fun and Safety Fest held Saturday in Salem. Holding their rides are, Jason, left, and Kyle Clay of Austintown. The ponies were provided by Ponytails of Canfield. Two-year-old Lyla Seddon of Salem wets a line and goes fishing — many of the children games provided. Mayberry's legendary Barney Fife, a.k.a. Todd Beckett of Massillon, literally lent a hand at the kids' ident-a-kit station. Photo below, Johnny Appelseed, a.k.a. Sonny Reynolds of Lisbon gives 7-year-old Maddie Kreps of Columbiana some tips at the fishing game. (Salem News photos by J.D. Creer)



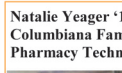
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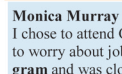
**Samantha Starkey- '14**  
**Milieu Specialist**  
**East Liverpool City Hospital**  
Samantha made the most of her time at CCCTC in the Patient Care Technician Program. Samantha secured a position at East Liverpool Hospital, even before graduation. The PCT Program offers several career avenues; training as a Patient Care Technician, a Phlebotomist, a Monitor Tech or as an Assistant in a Physician's Office. Samantha is currently working on the Behavioral Unit and loves her job. Best of all she gets to work three 12 hours shifts! Samantha said the best part of her job is helping patients and being part of the process during workshops that help the patients. Samantha said the curriculum at CCCTC was great and she had some awesome instructors. Samantha said she feels confident in her job and in what she knows about the medical field.



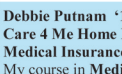
**Joseph Custer '14**  
**Mac Trailer, Salem, OH,**  
**Welder & Fabricator**  
I returned to school to learn welding techniques and to get certified as a welder. I had an interview with Mac Trailer in Salem even before I graduated and was hired! I am very fortunate to have a job I really like and to work with a group of guys that are great. I work 1st shift in the rotator area and work hard to produce quality parts and improve my skills everyday. My instructors emphasized work ethic and attitude and taught us the skills needed to be successful. I am very glad I enrolled in the Welding Program at CCCTC and particularly enjoyed the other students and the enthusiasm my CCCTC Welding Instructors had for wanting everyone in the program to be successful. The instructors took an interest in you and in your ability to grasp the welding skills. I cannot say enough good things about the program and the instruction I received.



**Natalie Yeager '14**  
**Columbiana Family Drug,**  
**Pharmacy Technician**  
After High School, I was not sure what I wanted to do. I decided to come to CCCTC for the Pharmacy Tech Program based on a friend's recommendation and am glad I did. I loved the program and the instruction was great. I had an excellent education at CCCTC. I was hired at my job prior to graduation and really enjoy working in this field. I feel prepared to take my CPhT National Certification and plan to sit for it July 12th and become certified! I am also planning to continue my education and stay in the Pharmacy field. I am glad I waited to start school and have found a career field I enjoy.



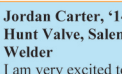
**Monica Murray '13, Ankle & Foot Care Centers, East Liverpool, OH -Medical Billing Specialist**  
I chose to attend CCCTC after I lost my job in the retail field as an Assistant Manager. I wanted a career and did not want to worry about job security. I started investigating schools and found that the CCCTC offered a Medical Office Program and was close to home. I registered for the program, graduated in 2 semesters and am very happy to say I am working in my field, enjoy the work I do, the company I work for and my co-workers. While at CCCTC I made some great friends that I still stay in contact with, I had a great instructor and hope someday to be a Super Coder like my instructor! I plan to continue to learn and grow in the medical billing career field. All I wanted was a good career, a profession I enjoy and a good place to work. Attending CCCTC I didn't have to settle for a job I didn't like. I am glad I made the decision to attend CCCTC, I made lifetime friends and got a great career.



**Debbie Putnam '10**  
**Care 4 Me Home Healthcare, Lisbon, OH**  
**Medical Insurance Specialist.**  
My course in Medical Billing/Coding helped me begin my new career. I came to CCCTC to get retrained and get a better job and I got so much more. I received all of the tools I needed to build a career in the medical coding/billing field. I could not have gotten my job and been as successful as I have been in this field without what I learned in my program. The content more than prepared me for my career and included everything I needed and more! Our Medical Office Instructor, Debbie Arter, went over and above what was needed. The course was difficult at first but my instructors made it easy to understand. CCCTC has opened up many doors of opportunity. I would recommend CCCTC to anyone who wants a brighter future. Becoming Nationally Certified sets me apart. I could not be happier with the education and training I received. Thank you CCCTC.



**Jaclyn Coker '13**  
**Salem Regional Medical Center,**  
**Licensed Practical Nurse**  
I am excited to say that I am working at the Salem Regional Medical Center on the general floor as a Telemetry Nurse. I was hired even before taking my NCLEX nursing boards. Because of the excellent education at CCCTC in the LPN Program, I felt prepared to take my NCLEX and passed on my first try! When I was hired at the Salem Regional Medical Center, I started off working on the Step Down Unit, which was a great first experience and where I gained confidence using my nursing skills. I like my job and am very happy with my chosen professional and the great medical professionals I get to work with at Salem Regional Medical Center. Thank you CCCTC for being there for my first step into the Nursing



**Jordan Carter, '14**  
**Hunt Valve, Salem, OH**  
**Welder**  
I am very excited to be working at Hunt Value Company. I just recently started after graduating from the CCCTC Welding Program. I am very excited to learn and grow in the welding field. The instruction I received at CCCTC was excellent. I had never welded before so this was a completely new field for me. I could not be happier with my choice of career, choice of employer to work for and that I choose the CCCTC Welding Program.

The Columbiana County Career & Technical Center, Adult Education Department offers a variety of programs designed to assist people changing careers, learning new skills or to re-train people who are relocated from their current vocation. As a result of the current job market and to accommodate new employers moving into the area we have added additional sections to most of our programs. We offer full time programs that can be completed in less than one year. The Welding occupation field has been consistently growing in our area. Learning a new skill or having a vocation is essential in today's workplace environment.

Besides the great skill training at CCCTC, the other great asset to students is that at CCCTC we offer low tuition. Tuition is kept low so students can afford to go school without incurring huge debt. Besides industrial programs, CCCTC has been offering Healthcare courses and programs for over 20 years. We have now been offering the LPN Nursing Program for 9 years. We are very proud of our programs and our graduates and the impact they make in our area and communities. Many local employers come to us when they are seeking qualified employees.

Salem Regional Medical Center has identified CCCTC as a potential source for applicants, has hired many of our graduates and is one of our clinical partners. According to Jackie Boyle, Manager of Organizational Development/Recruitment, she counts on CCCTC for quality applicants in many areas of the hospital from phlebotomist, unit secretary, patient care technicians to nursing. We have had a positive relationship with Salem Regional Medical Center and many other healthcare providers in our community for many years. We would like to thank all of our clinical partners for supporting our students in their educational quests.

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Drive-ins use creativity to afford digital switch

By PATRICK WHITTLE  
Associated Press  
SACO, Maine — Many in the movie industry feared the need to convert to digital could be the death knell for drive-ins, but drive-in operators are finding creative ways to afford the switch.

Drive-in movie theater operators say more than 200 of the remaining 348 drive-ins in the country have made the expensive conversion from film to digital, which typically costs more than \$70,000. Theater owners say conversions escalated quickly in 2013 and will help keep the drive-ins in business for now, promising news for an industry that peaked in the 1950s and '60s, then with more than 4,000 drive-in theaters nationwide.

Some drive-ins are raising money using crowd-funding platforms such as Kickstarter while others are taking advantage of financing programs or renting out their theaters as flea markets during off-hours.

Ry Russell, general manager of Saco Drive-In, launched a social-media campaign to win an \$80,000 digital projection system in a contest sponsored by Honda. His drive-in theater in Saco is celebrating its 75th anniversary by welcoming hundreds of cars to its giant roadside screen to watch the latest films on a new digital projection system.

"We're just seeing Darwinism kind of take over," Russell said. "The ones that survive

will prosper."  
It's a story that's playing out at drive-ins all over the country, where conversion to digital is the key to survival, said John Vincent Jr., president of the United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association. Studios are phasing out 35mm film prints as Hollywood moves toward all-digital distribution. Even older movies are difficult to obtain on film because many repertory companies have gone digital, said Vincent, noting that people in the industry expect this season to be "the last summer of film."

In Westbrook, 15 miles up the road from Saco, the owners of the 62-year-old Pride's Corner Drive In are struggling just to keep business alive — they can only show movies in 35mm film and have raised just \$1,350 of the \$100,000 they need to convert to digital.

"When they stop making film, that's it," said Andrew Tevanian, operator of Pride's Corner. "Then you're out in the cold."

These days, moviegoers in 44 states can take in a drive-in movie from the comfort of their own vehicles, according to the United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association.

New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania have the most drive-ins, with nearly 30 each; Indiana has 20 and California, 17. Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Louisiana, North Dakota and Wyoming are the only states without them.

Prolific Ohio tractor collector is selling out

By PAULA SCHLEIS  
Akron Beacon Journal  
SUFFIELD TOWNSHIP, Ohio (AP) — Antique tractors line the property at 679 Congress Lake Road, creating a rainbow of color that has been known to cause passing motorists to stop, back up, and take a second look.

For years, Carl Rufener has displayed his collection — now numbering 70 tractors that date back to the 1930s — for a week or two in July, then tucks them away until the next summer.

But when Rufener puts his tractors away Sunday night, it will be for the last time.

He's already set a date with an auctioneer. On Oct. 4, he intends to sell off a collection that has been 30 years in the making.

The 76-year-old Suffield farmer said it's time to let go. On some level, he said, he'll even be relieved not to have to keep up with maintaining the tractors. Batteries, oil, gas, tires ... there's always something in need.

Still, he says people are skeptical he'll go through with the auction.

"I hear people say, 'He's never going to get rid of those,'" Rufener said.

Rufener got hooked on his hobby in 1987, when he purchased a pumpkin orange 1950 CO-OP tractor, similar to the one he had grown up with.

Born in 1938, he was raised on a farm that borders the one he now owns — where he

raises grains and transports milk from local farms to dairies. The memories are still fresh of riding that CO-OP with his dad.

But his nostalgic longing to have something from his childhood wasn't enough, and he eventually bought so many historic vehicles that he had to build three barns to contain them. There's a story behind each tractor, and Rufener has been known to greet his impromptu guests and share the tale of some yellow, red, white, green, blue, orange or gray behemoth.

His collection includes 25 different makes. Some came whole. Some were shipped in crates and had to be reassembled or given new parts. All are functional.

Slipped in among the antiques is one labeled "Prototype. Built in Suffield, Ohio." That one he made himself, using parts from five different models.

A year ago, Rufener was still in a buying mood. At an Indiana meeting of Minneapolis Moline collectors, he invited an elderly lady to his lunch table, and the ensuing conversation revealed she had a 1938 UDLX, a tractor that had long been on his wish list.

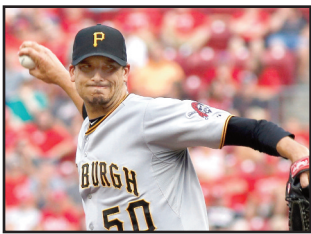
Known as a "comfort tractor," the vehicle came with an enclosed cab, radio, heater and other creature comforts. But Rufener said nobody wanted to pay the extra money for a piece of working-man's farm equipment back in the day. Production ended after a year; only 20 are known to still exist.



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## Lebron signs for two years, but Cavs not worried

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — First, the Cavaliers got LeBron James’ word. Then they got his signature.

James signed a two-year, \$42.1 million contract with the Cavs on Saturday, a day after he announced he was returning to play in Cleveland and try to end the city’s 50-year championship drought.

The deal provides flexibility for the NBA’s biggest star with the league’s maximum salary expected to rise in the future.

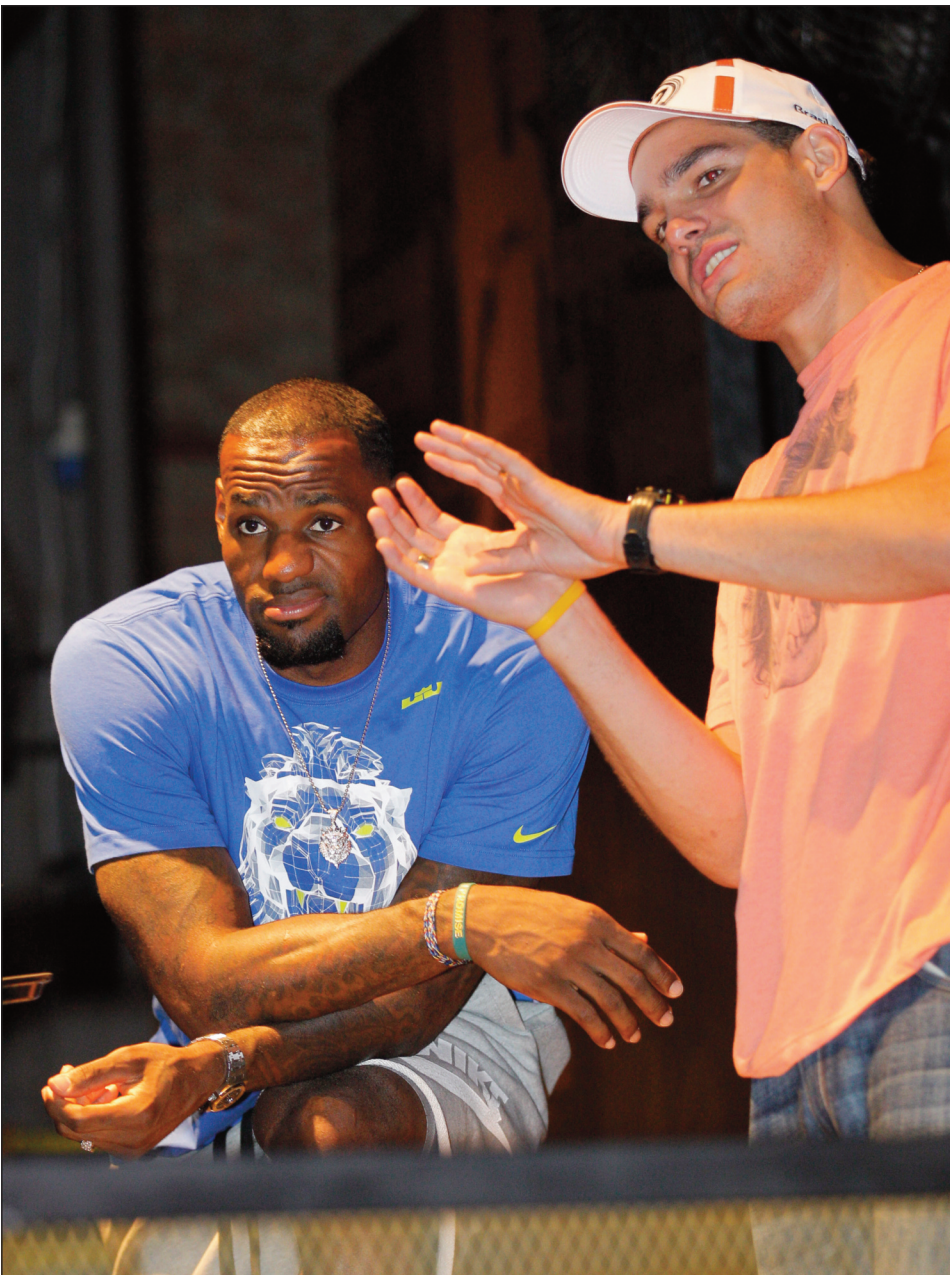
A person familiar with the negotiations said James’ contract includes an option for the four-time league MVP to become a free agent next summer. However, it is strictly “a business deal,” according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team is not providing any details about the agreement.

By only signing for two years, James can get another contract with the Cavs before the 2016-17 season, when a new television deal is expected to push the maximum salary higher. The max contract for next season is \$20.7 million. Until this deal, James had never been the highest paid player on his team in 11 seasons as a pro.

The Cavs did not provide any terms of the contract in a release, citing league policy.

James announced he was returning to the Cavaliers on Friday, picking Cleveland over Miami and reversing the decision he made four years ago to sign as a free agent with the Heat.

In an essay in Sports Illustrated, James indicated he will finish his career in Cleveland, and the Cavaliers are confident the Akron, Ohio, native is committed to them long-term.



**LeBron James, left, talks with his teammate, Anderson Varejao as they attend a event at Phenom House, in Rio de Janeiro, Saturday. James who will attend the final game of the 2014 World Cup, has announced his return to play for the Cleveland Cavaliers after four years in Miami. (AP Photo)**

“We could not be happier to welcome LeBron James home,” Cavaliers general manager David Griffin said. “Yesterday, LeBron, through his essay, told us he wasn’t going anywhere except Cleveland and that ‘Cleveland is where he always believed he would finish his career.’ These words and commitment put all of us, includ-

ing LeBron, in the best position to build our franchise the right way and achieve the kind of goals we all know are possible. Expectations will be at the highest levels but no one should expect immediate and automatic success.”

ESPN.com first reported the contract terms for James.

His decision to come

back to his native Ohio was universally applauded. In the powerful essay on SI.com, the 29-year-old laid out his reasons for returning and said his relationship with Northeast Ohio “is bigger than basketball. I didn’t realize that four years ago. I do now.”

Griffin echoed those sentiments.

**See LEBRON, 2B**

## Despite solid outing, McAllister’s winless drought continues

CLEVELAND (AP) — Zach McAllister didn’t pitch poorly in his first big league appearance since May 21. He also didn’t pitch well enough to end his long victory drought.

All-Star first baseman Jose Abreu hit his major league-leading 29th home run, a two-run shot in the fourth inning, as the Chicago White Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 6-2 on Saturday.

Chicago only managed four hits off McAllister (3-5) in seven innings, but scored three times to keep him winless since April 21. The right-hander is 0-5 with an 8.22 ERA over his last seven starts, bridging a one-month stay on the disabled list with a sore back and a demotion to Triple-A Columbus.

“I was extremely happy with the way I pitched, but it obviously would have been a lot better if we had got the win,” said McAllister, who had a 5-0 record and a 2.23 ERA with the Clippers.

“I felt like I got in a good groove, but made a couple of mistakes to Abreu and (Adam) Dunn. Those two big swings really hurt me, but that also shows I was in a pretty good place because it was only one or two mistakes, not a lot of them,” he said.

McAllister tossed three perfect innings before allowing a leadoff walk to Alexei Ramirez in the fourth. Abreu hit the next pitch into the White Sox bullpen, and Dunn had an RBI double in the sixth to extend Chicago’s lead to 3-0.



**Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Zach McAllister delivers against the Chicago White Sox in the sixth inning Saturday in Cleveland. (AP Photo)**

“Zach came out real aggressive and was pretty effective today, which is what we wanted to see from him,” Cleveland manager Terry Francona said. “He left a breaking ball over to Abreu, and Dunn also got a hold of one, but I thought he was OK.”

Jason Kipnis drew a bases-loaded walk off White Sox reliever Zach Putnam in the seventh. All-Star outfielder Michael Brantley hit a solo homer in the eighth off Eric Surkamp to pull the Indians within 3-2. It was Brantley’s career-high 15th home run and extended his hitting streak to nine games.

Francona allowed right-hander Austin Adams, called up from the minors

Friday, to make his major league debut to start the ninth. He only recorded one out and allowed three runs.

“I didn’t want Austin to go to next week without pitching, but it kind of didn’t work very well,” Francona said.

White Sox right-hander Scott Carroll (4-5) pitched five scoreless frames before exiting with a stiff lower back. The rookie hasn’t allowed an earned run against the Indians in 14 innings, but has a 5.27 ERA against the rest of baseball.

“Carroll was keeping the ball down, doing a good job pitching the whole way,” Brantley said. “Zach did a real good job for us, too, but we didn’t do our part.

As an offense, we’ve got to pick him up. That’s our responsibility.”

The Indians moved designated hitter Jason Giambi (sore left knee) to the 60-day disabled list following the game. Giambi, batting .128 with two homers and five RBIs in 15 games, had been on the 15-day DL since June 12.

Before the game, Francona said Giambi will “definitely” play again this season. Giambi fractured a rib in spring training and began the season on the DL. He was activated April 21, but a strained call landed him on the DL again on May 5.

The move was made after Cleveland acquired

**See DROUGHT, 2B**

## Decision makes the East wide open affair

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A word of caution to anyone anointing the Cleveland Cavaliers as the NBA favorites.

Yes, the Cavaliers are going to be good, no doubt. It’s impossible not to be with the game’s best player. But even LeBron James knows Cleveland has a lot of work to do.

“We’re not ready right now. No way,” he wrote in his first-person essay in Sports Illustrated.

Quite a different tone than when he arrived in Miami four years ago.

Quite a different situation, too.

While the player dominos continue to fall in place during free agency, James’ decision has leveled the playing field even more in the up-for-grabs Eastern Conference.



Cavs’ possibilities.

“LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and Andrew Wiggins have the potential to be a great ‘Big 3,’” Hall of Famer Magic Johnson wrote on Twitter.

His Lakers tussled with one of the best, the Celtics with Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish. Boston later had another championship trio with Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen, and the Spurs’ core of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili is the winningest postseason trio of them all.

It was those models that forced James to leave home in the first place, realizing he needed the help he found with Wade and Bosh. He boasted of “not two, not three, not four ...” titles upon his arrival, though he abandoned that chase to return to Ohio.

And the battle should be very entertaining: James vs. the likes of Pat Riley, Phil Jackson and Larry Bird.

Cleveland won’t even be a sure thing within its own division where Bird’s Indiana Pacers and the Chicago Bulls have veteran squads that have played together for years.

And an NBA championship is surely no guarantee, not with the San Antonio Spurs possibly even stronger than the powerhouse that rolled through James and the Heat in the NBA Finals. The Oklahoma City Thunder and Los Angeles Clippers are potent, and the Houston Rockets and Portland Trail Blazers don’t look far away.

So if Cleveland’s a favorite, it may only be a sentimental one, for those wanting to see James lead his home team to a title that has eluded the city in all major sports for 50 years.

“We have to pull for the Cavaliers now,” Charles Barkley said on NBA TV. “We have to pull for that team.”

Some will, but it’s going to be a challenge.

Toronto (Kyle Lowry) and Washington (Marcin Gortat) held on to key pieces from their up-and-coming squads. Brooklyn believes it has another year to contend if Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett stick around, and the Knicks have been telling Carmelo Anthony they expect to be better if he returns.

Even James’ old team could remain formidable with Chris Bosh sticking around and Dwyane Wade expected to do the same, setting up the potential for a wide-open Eastern Conference race that didn’t exist while the Heat ruled it since 2011.

But in the hours after James announced he was trading Biscayne Bay for Lake Erie, it was hard not to get excited about the

There’s potential there. Irving was the MVP of the All-Star game last year, and Wiggins was the No. 1 pick in the draft. The Cavs’ roster features a fourth No. 1 pick, Anthony Bennett, who struggled badly as a rookie last season but should benefit from a full offseason after he was sidelined while recovering from shoulder surgery last summer.

But potential has gotten many coaches fired.

Odds makers, however, seemed convinced, many Las Vegas sports books making the Cavs a 4-1 favorite to win the championship. It will be the fifth straight season James’ team is the preseason NBA favorite, according to RJ Bell, founder of the website Pregame.com.

The other team with them is the Spurs, who got Duncan to return and re-signed coach Gregg Popovich and key players Boris Diaw and Patty Mills to multiyear deals. If they can get Pau Gasol, who tweeted Friday that he’s close to deciding on a team, it’s hard to envision much drop-off from last season’s 62 victories.

But the Spurs are always a sure thing. Things are more uncertain for James and his new team.

He knew he was on an instant title contender when he went to Miami. Even he realizes that may not be the case heading home.

The road to the Eastern Conference championship may no longer go through Miami. The question is whether it still goes through James.

“LeBron’s still in the East,” new Knicks coach Derek Fisher said. “It still makes my job difficult.”

### Cavs acquire frontcourt depth

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cavaliers have acquired center Brendan Haywood and forward Dwight Powell from Charlotte for guard Scotty Hopson and cash considerations.

The Cavs announced the move Saturday, one day after LeBron James said he’s returning to Cleveland.

A 12-year veteran, Haywood has played in 794 NBA games, averaging 6.9 points and 6.1 rebounds. He missed all of last season with a broken foot.

The 7-footer gives Cleveland some front line depth, but he’s also only got one year left on his contract. Haywood, who played on Dallas’ 2011 title team, was picked by Cleveland with the 20th overall pick in 2001 but traded on draft night to Orlando.

Powell played four years at Stanford, averaging 10.8 points and 6.3 rebounds. The 6-11, 240-pound forward is the fourth Canadian on Cleveland’s roster, joining Tristan Thompson, Anthony Bennett and Andrew Wiggins, this year’s top overall pick.



# German coach looks to validate career

By NESHA STARCEVIC  
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Joachim Loew has shaped a talented German generation into an entertaining and successful team with a history of near misses. Germany needs to beat Argentina in Sunday's World Cup decider to finally make Loew a winner.

Loew's achievements and the innovations he has brought into German football will always be recognized. But unless he wins the title his tenure will be regarded as a partial success, even considering the astounding 7-1 win over Brazil in the semifinals.

Loew's job is secure — his contract had been extended through the 2016 European Championship before the World Cup. But if Germany fails to beat Argentina at the Maracana and falls short of the title in Loew's fourth straight tournament in charge, he may not be able to shake off the reputation of a coach who can't win titles.

"It's always disappointing to lose a final, but this team has a future and I am not worried," Loew said Saturday.

Germany lost the 2008 European Championship final to Spain, which also beat Germany two years later in the World Cup semifinals.

With the German public expecting nothing less than the title at Euro 2012, Loew's team lost to Italy in the semifinals, with the



Germany's head coach Joachim Loew kicks the ball during a training session in Rio de Janeiro, Saturday. Germany faces Argentina in the World Cup Final on Sunday. (AP Photo)

coach widely blamed for the defeat by picking wrong tactics and wrong players.

Germany breezed through the qualifying for the tournament in Brazil but the only blemish was a spectacular one — allowing Sweden to rally from a four-goal deficit to earn a 4-4 draw in Germany. Crit-

ics said Loew had failed to react from the touchline and made no attempt to interrupt the Swedish momentum.

Loew was Jurgen Klinsmann's assistant for two years before taking over after the 2006 World Cup. He was widely credited for being the mastermind behind the tactics of Klins-

mann's team.

As head coach, Loew continued to rely on a crop of young players coming out of Germany's youth academies, showing no reluctance to cut veterans he did not trust to do the job any more, including former captain Michael Ballack.

Throughout the years,

Loew and his staff kept fine-tuning the style Loew wanted his team to play: a passing game modelled on the Spanish "tiki-taka," fast breaks with a quick transition from defense to attack and creative players who could be deployed in several positions.

Loew raised eyebrows in Germany ahead of this

World Cup by picking only one true striker, 36-year-old veteran Miroslav Klose. He then caused some consternation by choosing four central defenders for his back four, with no trained fullbacks in the starting lineup.

Loew showed flexibility that was not always there in the past when he improved Germany's game by dropping the "false nine" system, returning captain Philipp Lahm to fullback and inserting Klose into the starting 11.

"For me, he is a fantastic coach," Klose said. "He always has new ideas in training. He's always spoken a lot with the players. He's brought in new tactics."

Loew said he and his players discuss different ideas but ultimately it's him who makes the decisions and sticks with them. He said he wouldn't change his thinking because of outside suggestions, such as those made by television pundits back home.

"I am following a clear line and I will not adjust it just to please the public opinion," Loew said.

The 54-year-old coach has an impressive record. In 111 games in charge, he has 76 wins, 20 draws and 15 losses.

Securing the country's fourth World Cup crown, after an absence of 24 years, would put Loew on a pedestal in Germany.

## McCutchen's homer lifts Pirates in 11th

By JOE KAY  
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Pirates' MVP saved them. Twice.

Andrew McCutchen tied the game with a solo homer in the ninth inning Saturday night, then connected again in the 11th inning, rallying the struggling Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

"Strange game," manager Clint Hurdle said. "It's summertime. Strange things are happening."

And some spectacular things from Pittsburgh's best player. The Pirates blew a four-run lead for the second straight night, but managed to come back behind McCutchen, who has more homers against Cincinnati than anyone else since 2009.

With two swings, he saved them from another discouraging meltdown.

"Huge swings of the bat for us," Hurdle said. "He's a special player."

The National League's 2013 MVP tied it in the ninth off Jonathan Broxton, filling in the closer's role because Aroldis Chapman had pitched four days in a row. He hit his 17th homer with two outs in the 11th off J.J. Hoover (1-7) for his ninth career multi-homer game.

"He does a lot of unreal stuff," said left-hander Justin Wilson (3-1), who escaped a threat in the 10th. "He's an unbelievable player. I'm glad I'm on his team and I don't have to pitch against him."

Wilson got out of a threat in the 10th with the help of right fielder Gregory Polanco, who threw Ramon Santiago out at the plate as he tried to score from second base on Jay



Cincinnati Reds' Ramon Santiago (7) is tagged out by Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Russell Martin, left, in the 10th inning, Saturday in Cincinnati. The Pirates won 6-5 in 11 innings. (AP Photo)

Bruce's single.

"I can't take all the credit," McCutchen said. "You've got to think of the throw from Polanco. That was a huge throw, a game-changer for us."

McCutchen put the Pirates back ahead with a first-pitch homer off Hoover.

"I was just ready to hit," he said. "It was a slider right down the middle, and I was ready to hit it."

Jeanmar Gomez pitched the 11th for his first career save.

"We know what they have over there," Bruce said. "A guy hits the tying and winning home runs — you don't see that too often. I'm perfectly happy with what we did tonight, except for losing."

The Reds won the series opener 6-5 by rallying in the eighth inning against All-Star reliever Tony Watson, overcoming a four-run deficit. They pulled out of a four-run deficit again on Saturday but couldn't finish it off.

McCutchen has 20 career homers against Cincinnati, the most by any player in the majors since 2009. He's hit six of them this season, including three during the first two games of the series.

The Reds slipped to 7-3 on their 11-game homestand, remaining 1 1/2 games behind NL Central co-leaders Milwaukee and St. Louis. Cincinnati is 8-4 against the Pirates this season.

Pittsburgh is 2-4 on a

trip to St. Louis and Cincinnati. The Pirates gave up two game-ending homers in St. Louis and blew a four-run lead in the series opener, a 6-5 Reds win.

The Reds got in position to win it with a pair of homers.

Chris Heisey batted for Mike Leake in the sixth and hit a two-run shot off Charlie Morton. Todd Frazier — who will participate in the All-Star home run derby next week — completed the comeback with a three-run shot off Morton, who had given up a total of six homers coming into the game.

NOTES: All-Star Johnny Cueto (9-6) starts the final game of the series for Cincinnati.

## Carmelo Anthony closing on a deal with the Knicks

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony is staying with the New York Knicks.

Anthony has decided to remain in New York, choosing the Knicks over a number of teams which could have given him a better chance for the championship he craves.

The All-Star forward met with Chicago, Houston, Dallas and the Lakers, but has informed the Knicks he will return, a person with knowledge of the details told The Associated Press on Saturday on condition of anonymity because no announcement was made.

The Knicks offered Anthony a maximum contract worth nearly \$130 million over five years, about \$35 million more than any of his other suitors under NBA rules, though it's unknown what the final terms of his deal will be.

Yahoo Sports and the Daily News of New York first reported Anthony's plans.

Anthony came to the Knicks in February 2011 after a trade with the Denver Nuggets. He led the NBA in scoring in 2012-13 and was second last year but is more interested in team success, so he spent the last two weeks considering other homes.

But the combination of the millions more the Knicks could offer and the chance to keep playing on basketball's biggest stage was too hard to pass up for Anthony, a New York native who spent months trying for a trade to his hometown 3 1/2 years ago.

He wanted the Big Apple then and still does now.

His decision came a day after LeBron James announced he was going to sign in Cleveland, leaving Anthony as the best free agent on the market.

The Knicks did not comment. An announcement is expected Sunday.

Not even the first playoff-less season of his 11-year career convinced Anthony to leave, though he may have seriously considered it given that his decision didn't come until the 12th day of free agency.

Instead, he's putting his faith in team President Phil Jackson and coach Derek Fisher, who will try to rebuild the Knicks after they went 37-45 last season.

That poor finish gave Anthony no choice but to look at other teams, given the Knicks' salary-cap restraints and the difficulty of making enough changes to make them a contender next season.

He traveled around the country to listen to pitches, before the Knicks went to Los Angeles on July 3, offering him the max contract.

That was one of what Jackson said was perhaps five different proposals the Knicks made. Anthony has said he was open to taking less than the max and Jackson has said he hoped the star would give the team more flexibility in the future.

Anthony spent the first 7 1/2 seasons of his career in Denver but let the Nuggets know in the summer of 2010 that he wanted a trade to New York. He finally got it the following February, the Knicks sending four of their top six players to Denver to make the deal.

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lefty Nick Maronde in a minor league trade with the Angels and added him to the 40-man roster.

NOTES: The Indians optioned RHP Vinnie Pestano to Triple-A Columbus in order to make room for McAllister on their 25-man

roster. Pestano went 0-1 with a 5.00 ERA in 13 appearances. ... Indians OF Chris Dickerson (left hamstring tightness) was a late scratch from the lineup. Mike Aviles took his spot in left field, going 1 for 4. ... C Yan Gomes hit a line drive in the seventh was originally called a catch, but was overturned to a single after

Francona challenged the ruling. Francona is 11 for 21 on replay challenges this season. ... Browns QB Brian Hoyer, a Cleveland native, threw out the ceremonial first pitch. ... Indians RHP Trevor Bauer (3-4) takes on White Sox LHP John Danks (8-6) in the three-game series finale Sunday.

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"LeBron's motivation to return home is clearly fueled by the kind of emotions and ideals that we can and should embrace," he said. "The contract and those details are secondary to his commitment to

Northeast Ohio and the Cavaliers. It extends well beyond the boundaries of basketball and speak to his love and passion for his family, home, and our fans. He communicated his role and growth as a husband, father, teammate, community leader, and business person.

"This resonated in a special and personal way for

all of us. LeBron put it well when he stated; 'In Northeast Ohio, nothing is given. Everything is earned.' We can't wait to get started and look forward to his leadership, on and off the court, for many years to come."

James spent his first seven seasons in the NBA with the Cavs, taking them to their first finals appearance in 2007.



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AL standings

	East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	51	42	.548	—	
Toronto	49	46	.516	3	
New York	47	46	.505	4	
Tampa Bay	43	53	.448	9½	
Boston	42	52	.447	9½	
	Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	53	37	.589	—	
Kansas City	47	46	.505	7½	
Cleveland	46	47	.495	8½	
Chicago	45	50	.474	10½	
Minnesota	43	50	.462	11½	
	West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	58	35	.624	—	
Los Angeles	56	37	.602	2	
Seattle	50	43	.538	8	
Houston	40	55	.421	19	
Texas	38	56	.404	20½	
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**Friday's Games**  
Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 4  
Baltimore 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 10 innings  
Toronto 8, Tampa Bay 5  
L.A. Angels 3, Texas 0  
Boston 8, Houston 3  
Detroit 2, Kansas City 1  
Colorado 6, Minnesota 2  
Seattle 3, Oakland 2

**Saturday's Games**  
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 2  
N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 0  
Houston 3, Boston 2  
Minnesota 9, Colorado 3  
Tampa Bay 10, Toronto 3  
Detroit 5, Kansas City 1  
L.A. Angels 5, Texas 2  
Oakland at Seattle (n)

**Sunday's Games**  
Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 8-6) at Cleveland (Bauer 3-4), 1:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Dickey 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Price 8-7), 1:40 p.m.  
Boston (Buchholz 3-5) at Houston (Cosart 9-6), 2:10 p.m.  
Detroit (Verlander 8-7) at Kansas City (B.Chen 1-2), 2:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 4-5) at Texas (S.Baker 0-2), 3:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (P.Hughes 9-5) at Colorado (B.Anderson 0-2), 4:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Gray 9-3) at Seattle (C.Young 8-5), 4:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Undecided) at Baltimore (Gausman 3-2), 8:05 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
No games scheduled  
**Tuesday's Games**  
All-Star Game at Minneapolis, MN, 8 p.m.

White Sox-Indians

Chicago	Cleveland							
	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
De Azia lf-cf	4	1	1	0	Kipnis 2b	3	0	1
AlfRmz ss	1	0	0	0	ACarar ss	4	0	0
Sierra pr-1b	2	1	1	0	Brantley cf	4	1	1
JAreu lf-rf	3	1	1	2	CSantn 1b	3	0	0
A.Dumm dh	4	0	1	0	CSnHll 3b	3	1	1
Viciedo 3b	4	1	1	0	SWisher dh	4	0	0
Giasspi rf	4	1	1	0	YGomis c	4	0	1
GBbkh 2b	3	1	2	0	DvMlp rf	4	0	1
Flows c	4	0	0	0	Aviles lf	4	0	1
LeGarc cf-ss	3	0	1	1				
Totals	32	6	8	6	Totals	33	2	6
Chicago	000				201	003-6		
Cleveland	000				000	110-2		

DP = Cleveland 1, LOB=Chicago 4, Cleveland 7, Gibson=Chicago 2  
P = Beahm (19), HR=JAreu (29), Brantley (15), S=De Azia, SF=LeGarcia

DP—Cleveland 1, LOB—Chicago 4, Cleveland 7, 2B—Giasspie (23), G.Beacham (19), HR—J.Albreu (28), Brantley (15), S—De Azia, SF—Le Garcia.

Chicago	Cleveland					
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Carroll W-4-5	5	2	0	0	1	3
Putnam H-12	11-3	3	1	1	0	2
Guerra H-4	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Sunkamp H-4	1	1	1	1	0	1
Petricia	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cleveland						
McAllister L-3-5	7	4	3	3	2	2
Hagadone	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Atchison	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Crockett	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
A.Adams	1-3	3	3	3	0	0
Rzepczynski	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Carroll (Chisenhall)  
Umpires—Home, Tripp Gibson; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, CB Bucknor; Third, Gary Cederstrom.  
T—3:10, A—23,837 (42,487).

Transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
BALTIMORE ORIOLAS — Optioned RHP Miguel Gonzalez to Norfolk (IL). Recalled RHP Kevin Gausman and C Steve Clevenger from Norfolk (IL).  
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Vinnie Pestano to Columbus (IL). Assigned RHP Mark Lowe outright to Columbus. Recalled RHP Zach McAllister from Columbus.  
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed RHP Collin McHugh on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Recalled LHP Brett Oberholzer from Oklahoma City (PCL).  
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Drew Ruickins (TL). Recalled INF Efen Navarro from Salt Lake (PCL).  
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed LHP Jake McGee on paternity leave. Reinstated SS Yunel Escobar from the 15-day DL.  
TEXAS RANGERS — Selected the contract of LHP Ryan Feierabend from Round Rock (PCL).  
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed OF Nolan Reimold on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Anthony Gose from Buffalo (IL).  
**National League**  
ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned RHP Pedro Beato outright to Gwinnett (IL).  
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent 2B Emilio Bonifacio to the AZL Cubs for a rehab assignment.  
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP Curtis Paruch to Louisville (IL). Recalled INF Neftali Soto from Louisville.  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent LHP Scott Elbert to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment.  
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed SS Jean Segura on the bereavement list and LHP Wei-Chung Wang on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Recalled RHP Jimmy Nelson and INF Elian Herrera from Nashville (PCL).  
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with LHP Joel Huertas on a one-year contract. Sent C Taylor Teagarden to the GCL Mets for a rehab assignment.  
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed C Carlos Ruiz on the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP David Buchanan to Lehigh Valley (IL). Selected the contract of OF Grady Sizemore from Lehigh Valley. Transferred LHP Cliff Lee to the 60-day DL.  
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Designated OF Mike O'Neill for assignment. Optioned C Audrey Perez to Memphis (PCL).  
**American Association**  
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed OF Brandon Tripp.  
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Signed RHP Danny Gutierrez.  
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed C Brent Dean.  
**Can-Am League**  
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released LHP David Wynn.

NL standings

	East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	50	42	.543	—	
Atlanta	51	43	.543	—	
Miami	44	49	.473	6½	
New York	44	50	.468	7	
Philadelphia	42	52	.447	9	
	Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	52	43	.547	—	
St. Louis	52	43	.547	—	
Cincinnati	50	43	.538	1	
Pittsburgh	48	45	.516	3	
Chicago	40	53	.430	11	
	West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	52	43	.547	—	
San Francisco	51	43	.543	½	
San Diego	41	52	.441	10	
Colorado	40	54	.426	11½	
Arizona	40	55	.421	12	
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**Friday's Games**  
Chicago Cubs 5, Atlanta 4  
Philadelphia 6, Washington 2  
N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 1  
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 5  
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 6  
Colorado 6, Minnesota 2  
San Diego 6, L.A. Dodgers 3  
San Francisco 5, Arizona 0

**Saturday's Games**  
Arizona 2, San Francisco 0  
Atlanta 11, Chicago Cubs 6  
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 4  
Minnesota 9, Colorado 3  
St. Louis 10, Milwaukee 2  
Washington 5, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings  
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5, 11 innings  
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, (n)

**Sunday's Games**  
Miami (Hand 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 2-5), 1:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-6) at Cincinnati (Cueto 9-6), 1:10 p.m.  
Washington (Roark 7-6) at Philadelphia (K.Gendrick 4-8), 1:35 p.m.  
St. Louis (C.Martinez 2-3) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 9-6), 2:10 p.m.  
Atlanta (Teheran 8-6) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-7), 2:20 p.m.  
Arizona (Nuno 0-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-7), 4:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (P.Hughes 9-5) at Colorado (B.Anderson 0-2), 4:10 p.m.  
San Diego (T.Ross 7-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 9-5), 4:10 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
No games scheduled  
**Tuesday's Games**  
All-Star Game at Minneapolis, MN, 8 p.m.

Pirates-Reds

Pittsburgh	Cincinnati								
	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	
GPolnc rf	5	0	1	1	BHmltn cf	6	1	1	0
Snider lf	4	1	3	0	RSantg 2b	3	1	1	0
Hague ph	0	0	0	0	Frazier 3b	4	1	2	3
LDavis ph	1	0	0	0	Bruce rf	5	0	2	0
Meillon p	0	0	0	0	Mesorc c	4	0	0	0
Walson p	0	0	0	0	Ludwick lf	5	0	2	0
Frieri p	0	0	0	0	B.Pena 1b	5	0	1	0
JuWilson p	0	0	0	0	Cozart ss	4	1	1	0
Decker ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Leake p	1	0	0	0
AMCt cf	5	3	3	2	Heisey ph	1	1	1	2
NWAlkr 2b	5	0	0	0	Ondrsk p	0	0	0	0
RMartin c	3	0	1	2	Lutz ph	1	0	0	0
PAIkrz 3b	4	0	0	0	LeCure p	0	0	0	0
JGomez p	0	0	0	0	MParr p	0	0	0	0
GSchurz 1b	5	1	1	0	JuDiaz p	0	0	0	0
Mencer ss	5	1	3	0	Bromn p	0	0	0	0
Morton p	1	0	0	0	N.Soto ph	1	0	0	0
JHughes p	0	0	0	0	Hoover p	0	0	0	0
JHrnsn ph-F-3b	2	0	1	0	Negron ph	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>
Pittsburgh	101				200				001-01-6
Cincinnati	000				005				000-00-5
E-Leake (2), DP-Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 1, LOB-Pittsburgh 10, Cincinnati 8, 2B-AMcCutchen (28), HR-AMcCutchen 2 (17), Frazier (18), Heisey (3), SF-G.Polanco (6), B.Ramirez (3), Frazier (14), Cozart (3), S-Morton 2, SF-R.Martin 2.									
	IP	H	R	R	FR	RR	SS		

E—Leake (2), DP—Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 1, LOB—Pittsburgh 10, Cincinnati 8, 2B—A.McCutchen (28), HR—A.McCutchen 2 (17), Frazier (18), Heisey (3), SB—G.Polanco (8), B.Hamilton (38), Frazier (14), Cozart (3), S—Morton 2, SF—R.Martin 2.

Pittsburgh	Cincinnati					
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Morton	6	6	5	5	2	6
J.Hughes	1	1	0	0	0	1
Meillon	1	1	0	0	0	1
Walson	1	2	0	0	0	1
Frieri	0	0	0	0	2	0
JuWilson W-3-1	1	1	0	0	1	2
J.Gomez S-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati						
Leake	6	9	4	4	3	2
Ondrusek H-4	1	0	0	0	0	2
LeCure H-12	1-3	2	0	0	0	1
M.Parra H-14	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
JuDiaz H-2	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Bromton SS-4-10	1	1	1	1	0	2
Hovver L-1-7	2	1	1	1	0	3

Frieri pitched to 2 batters in the 10th.  
HBP—by Leake (A.McCutchen).  
Umpires—Home, Manny Gonzalez; First, Tom Woodring; Second, Brian Knight; Third, Fieldin Culbreth.  
T—4:06, A—42,789 (42,919).

Tour de France

GERARDMER, France (AP) — A brief look at the eighth stage of the Tour de France on Saturday:  
**Stage:** A tricky 161-kilometer (100-mile) trek from Tomblaine to Gerardmer La Mause-laine with two category 2 climbs and the first summit finish on this Tour. Only Vincenzo Nibali and Richie Portor were able to keep pace with Alberto Contador when the two-time Tour winner accelerated in the last kilometer of this first stage in the Vosges mountains.  
**Winner:** Blel Kadiiri attacked on the first climb of the day to earn the first French victory on this Tour, and snatch from Cyril Lemoine the polka dot jersey for the Tour's best climber.  
**Yellow jersey:** Nibali, a former Spanish Vuelta and Giro d'Italia winner, increased his lead over Astana teammate Jakob Fuglsang in the overall standings to 1 minute, 44 seconds.  
**Quote of the day:** "That's why we do this job: To live such emotions" — Vincent Lavenu, the AG2R Mondiale team manager, of the euphoria of Kadri's stage win.  
**Stat of the day:** 3. The time in seconds lost by Nibali to Contador, who climbed to sixth place in the overall standings but is still 2:34 behind the yellow jersey holder.  
**Next stage:** 170 kilometers (106 miles) from Gerardmer to Mulhouse on Sunday, featuring a category 1 ascent, Le Markstein. Contador will have another opportunity to make up ground on Nibali.

This date

1881 — William Renshaw sets the record for the shortest men's championship match by time and games by beating John T. Hartley 6-0, 6-1, 6-1 in 37 minutes at Wimbledon.  
1941 — The PGA is won by Vic Ghezzi with a 1-up 38-hole victory over Byron Nelson.  
1943 — The first night game in All-Star history is played at Philadelphia's Shibe Park. Boston's Bobby Doerr provides the big blow, a three-run homer, for the AL's 5-3 win.  
1972 — Robert Irsay buys the stock of the Los Angeles Rams for \$19 million and swaps the franchise for the Baltimore Colts. The players and coaches are not affected.

World Cup

**THIRD PLACE**  
**Saturday, July 12**  
**At Brasilia, Brazil**  
Netherlands 3, Brazil 0  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Sunday, July 13**  
**At Rio de Janeiro**  
Germany vs. Argentina, 3 p.m.

Saturday's game

At Brasilia, Brazil  
**Brazil** 0 0-0  
**Netherlands** 2 1-3  
First half — 1, Netherlands, Robin Van Persie 4, 3rd minute, penalty kick. 2, Netherlands, Daley Blind 1, 17th.  
Second half — 3, Netherlands, Georginio Wijnaldum 1, 90th, injury time.  
Shots — Brazil 11, Netherlands 8.  
Shots On Goal — Brazil 5, Netherlands 5.  
Yellow Cards — Brazil, Thiago Silva, 2nd; Fernandinho, 54th; Oscar, 68th. Netherlands, Arjen Robben, 9th; Jonathan De Guzman, 36th.  
Offsides — Brazil 1, Netherlands 2.  
 Fouls Committed — Brazil 16, Netherlands 20.  
 Fouls Against — Brazil 20, Netherlands 15.  
 Corner Kicks — Brazil 4, Netherlands 1.  
 Referee — Djamel Haimoudi, Algeria. Linesmen — Redouane Achik, Morocco; Abdelhak Etchiali, Algeria.  
 A — 68,034.

**Lineups**  
Brazil: Julio Cesar; Maicon, Thiago Silva, David Luiz, Maxwell; Paulinho (Hernanes, 57th), Luiz Gustavo (Fernandinho, 46th), Ramires (Hulk, 73rd), Oscar, Willian; Jo. Netherlands: Jasper Cillessen (Michel Vorm, 90th, injury time); Stefan De Vrij, Ron Vlaar, Bruno Martins Indi, Daley Blind (Daryl Janmaat, 70th); Georginio Wijnaldum, Jonathan De Guzman, Jordy Clasie (Joel Veltman, 90th); Dirk Kuyt, Robin Van Persie, Arjen Robben.

World Cup today

**Netherlands beats host Brazil 3-0 to finish 3rd**  
BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — When it was all over, it was the Netherlands receiving a standing ovation from the Brazilian crowd. Brazil walked off the field to boos, after another de-moralizing loss to end its home World Cup.  
The Netherlands' remarkable campaign ended on a high note after Robin van Persie and Daley Blind scored early goals to help give the team a 3-0 win over Brazil in the third-place game on Saturday.  
"We can look back at a very successful tournament," Dutch coach Louis Van Gaal said. "I'm proud of my players."  
The Netherlands finishes a World Cup unbeaten in regular play for the first time, having lost to Argentina on penalties in the semifinals. After finishing runner-up in 2010, the third place is the best position for the Dutch squad since it lost the final in 1974 and 1978.  
The Brazilian fans loudly greeted the Dutch players after they received the third-place medals, applauding on their feet.  
"I would like to thank all people in Brazil for their great support," Arjen Robben said. "For us it was the best way to end this tournament. We fully deserved third place the way we played. It's a very big achievement."  
The loss added to Brazil's frustration at the home tournament following the disastrous 7-1 defeat to Germany. After the final whistle, the team was loudly booed by the nearly 70,000 fans that attended the match at the National Stadium in Brasilia. Many had already left even before the late third goal by the Dutch. It's the first time since 1940 that Brazil lost two consecutive competitive games on home soil.  
"It's a terrible feeling. I don't know what to say," Oscar said. "After a huge loss to Germany, today we tried our best from the beginning to win third place but it wasn't our day. We have to see what went wrong so we can improve for the future."

Brazil conceding 14 goals in the tournament, the most ever for the team. The previous worst had been 11 goals in the 1938 World Cup. Now it conceded 10 in its last two games.  
"It was supposed to be an even match but after the early goal things started going their way," Scolari said. "I don't think we played that bad. The players fought hard from the start. They created chances, so it's difficult to lose 3-0. But they deserve all the credit in the end, they reached the semifinals."

Senior PGA results

**U.S. Senior Open**  
**Saturday**  
**At Oak Tree National**  
**Edmond, Okla.**  
**Purse: \$3.5 million**  
**Yardage: 7,219; Par: 71**  
**Third Round**  
**a-amateur**  
Gene Sauers .....69-69-68 — 206  
Bernhard Langer .....69-69-71 — 209  
Scott Dunlap .....69-68-72 — 209  
Colin Montgomerie .....65-71-74 — 210  
Marco Dawson .....66-76-69 — 211  
Vijay Singh .....69-71-71 — 211  
Jeff Sluman .....70-69-72 — 211  
Woody Austin .....72-70-71 — 213  
David Frost .....71-71-71 — 213  
Peter Senior .....73-73-68 — 214  
Rocco Mediate .....70-74-71 — 215  
Russ Cochran .....70-74-71 — 215  
Esteban Toledo .....73-70-72 — 215  
Mark Brooks .....68-71-76 — 215  
Loren Roberts .....73-72-71 — 216  
Tom Kite .....73-70-73 — 216  
Kirk Triplett .....69-72-75 — 216  
Joey Sindelar .....72-71-74 — 217  
Wes Short Jr. ....73-68-76 — 217  
Tom Byrum .....71-75-72 — 218  
Michael Allen .....73-73-72 — 218  
Scott Hoch .....75-71-72 — 218  
Brad Bryant .....73-72-73 — 218  
Sonny Skinner .....73-70-75 — 218  
Olin Browne .....70-72-76 — 218  
Tom Lehman .....72-69-77 — 218  
Doug Garwood .....70-69-79 — 218  
Lance Ten Broeck .....70-69-79 — 218  
a-Jeff Wilson .....70-76-73 — 219  
Chris Williams .....72-72-75 — 219  
Steve Pate .....72-72-75 — 219  
Joe Durant .....71-73-75 — 219  
Roger Chapman .....79-70-71 — 220  
Jose Coceres .....75-74-71 — 220  
a-Mike McCoy .....74-74-72 — 220  
Duffy Waldorf .....75-73-72 — 220  
Fred Funk .....70-77-73 — 220  
Steen Tinning .....72-75-73 — 220  
Corey Pavin .....72-73-75 — 220  
Robin Byrd .....77-67-76 — 220  
Kenny Perry .....75-74-72 — 221  
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Kevin Sutherland .....73-72-76 — 221  
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Bruce Vaughan .....75-74-73 — 222  
Rod Spittle .....71-78-73 — 222  
John Riegger .....77-71-74 — 222  
Bob Tway .....74-73-75 — 222  
Bill Glasson .....73-73-76 — 222  
Barry Lane .....74-69-79 — 2



# Healthy Vickers eyes more New Hampshire magic

By **DAN GELSTON**  
Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Brian Vickers can already claim a victory this season without taking a checkered flag. Vickers has started all 18 Sprint Cup races, the kind of run that's a given for stars like Jimmie Johnson or Jeff Gordon. For Vickers, the number holds a special significance. It means the blood clots that have cost him major chunks of his career since 2010 have yet to return. He missed 25 races in 2010 when clots were discovered in his legs and, while he was out, he had heart surgery to prevent future clots from moving through his body to his brain. A blood clot in his right calf found in October sidelined Vickers for the final five races of 2013 because he was taking blood thinners. If he crashed, the thinners would make it impossible for doctors to stop internal bleeding. Recovered and ready to race, Vickers knows the clots could always return. "I wouldn't say that I linger on it or I let it kind of affect my daily life," he said. "You just kind of have to move on. I certainly am conscious of it and I make decisions based upon the fact that I could have another clot." Vickers is always on the move, stretching often or he takes walks on long flights. "I won't just sit there for long periods of time," he said. Except when he's behind the wheel of the No. 55 Toyota. Vickers, coming off a runner-up finish at Daytona, is on pace to start all 36 races for the first time since 2011. He started only 11 in 2010 because of the



Brian Vickers talks with his crew after the morning practice for Sunday's Sprint Cup race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Saturday, in Loudon, N.H. (AP Photo)

clots, eight in 2012 and 17 last season (because of part-time schedules). But one of those starts last season was a career highlight. After four years of health scares and unemployment put his promising career in doubt, Vickers was the surprise winner at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. He snapped a 75-race winless streak and won for third time in 271 starts. Back at New Hampshire for Sunday's race, Vickers couldn't help but recall all the fond memories of his victory celebration. Drivers saluted Vickers with a wave from the car or a back slap on the way to Victory Lane. Johnson, a close friend, pumped his fist out the window toward Vickers. "I was out of the car and was told I may never race again," Vickers said. "And, to be able to get back into a car at all was a huge accomplishment for me personally. And, then to get back in Victory Lane was just kind of put it over the top." Here are five things to know about Sunday's race: **BYE-BYE BURTON:** Veteran Jeff Burton could make the final start of his Sprint Cup career. He's saluted Vickers with a wave from the car or a back slap on the way to

Waltrip Racing. With no other races lined up, Burton could cross the finish line for the final time. He's already made the transition to the broadcast booth and is part of the "NASCAR America" panel on the NBC Sports Network. "I think it's a good chance," he said. "I'm OK with that. I'm really comfortable with what I'm doing." In 38 starts, Burton has four wins at New Hampshire, the most among all drivers. His last victory at the mile track in 2000 marked the last time a driver led every lap. "If this is my last race, it's cool with me for it to be here," he said. "This isn't my

flag man Rodney Wise, in his 21st season, gave Almirola the flag at New Hampshire. "When I got in the race car (Friday) the checkered flag was sitting inside my race car. That was really cool," he said. **LARSON'S SLUMP:** Kyle Larson burst onto the scene in a big way, driving more like a championship contender than an ordinary rookie. He had seven top 10s in his first 15 starts and won a pole. There was a runner-up finish at Fontana early in the year, and a fifth and eighth in consecutive races in June. Now comes the slump. Larson has finished 28th, 40th and 36th in the last three races, dropping him from seventh to 17th in the standings. Without a win, he'll need to climb as high as he can in the points race to think about making the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field. He starts 13th on Sunday. "Everybody is going to run into some bad luck. I was just hoping it wouldn't be three weeks in a row worth of bad luck," Larson said. **WRIST WATCH:** Joey Logano practiced Saturday with a sprained left wrist following an accident a day earlier. Logano's No. 22 Ford suffered a cut left rear tire and smacked the wall in the opening practice session. He would qualify sixth in a backup. **TIME OFF:** Jimmie Johnson plans to relax, not get ready to race next weekend. It's one of the few off weekends of the grueling season. The six-time NASCAR champion wants a few more. "I think we could use six or seven more of them," he said. "Get down to a 25-race schedule or something with more weekends off would be awesome."

# Inbee Park chasing history at Women's British Open

By **DOUG FERGESON**  
Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — One year later, Inbee Park is still chasing history at the Women's British Open. Instead of trying to win an unprecedented fourth straight major, Park has a chance to become only the seventh woman to win four of the LPGA's majors. Instead of photographers capturing her every move at St. Andrews, the 26-year-old South Korean has gone about her work without fanfare at Royal Birkdale. That changed Saturday with a remarkable start, and a late ruling that put Park in the lead. On the tough opening stretch at Royal Birkdale, she ran off three birdies that sent her to a 4-under 68. Then, Park went from a one-shot deficit to a one-shot lead when Ahn Sun-Ju was penalized two shots after her round for building a stance in the bunker on the 18th hole. "I definitely enjoyed it last year," Park said. "But this year has just been a little bit different. Last year I enjoyed it and having pressure and experiencing something I never have experienced before. If I end up winning tomorrow, I'll definitely enjoy this year better." The 18 holes remaining could be a sprint among a dozen players. Park had a one-shot lead over a pair of major champions — Suzann Pettersen of Norway (68) and Shanshan Feng of China (69) — along with Ahn. Julieta Granada (72) and Amelia Lewis (71) were another shot behind. Ahn appeared to be the player to catch after what she thought was a 69 for a one-shot lead. She was summoned to



South Korea's Inbee Park plays a shot on the 9th fairway, during the third day of the Women's British Open golf championship, at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, in Southport, England, Saturday.

the rules trailer, where officials determined she used her left foot to build her stance in a pot bunker left of the 18th green. Ahn was assessed two shots for violating Rule 13-3. Her par turned into a double bogey. Her 69 became a 71. And she went from a one-shot lead in the final group to having to make up ground against Park, the LPGA Tour's reigning player of the year. "It's disappointing, but it's my mistake and I have to follow the rules of the game," Ahn said through an interpreter. "I still have a day to go and I have to stay focused and try my best tomorrow." The penalty also created a wide-open final round at Royal Birkdale. Park was at 4-under 212, though 12 players were within three shots of the lead. One of them was Charley Hull, the go-for-broke English teenager who made nine birdies early Saturday for a tournament-best 66 that suddenly put her into contention to become the youngest major champion in LPGA Tour history. She was at 1-under 215. Also in the mix was Mo

# Ex-minor leaguers sue MLB over low salaries

By **ALAN SCHERZAGIER**  
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ST. LOUIS (AP) — Like many young baseball players, Aaron Senne dreamed of fame and fortune when he signed his first contract as a Miami Marlins' draft choice after a record-breaking college career at Missouri. Reality as a low-level minor leaguer was far different: vending machine dinners, bug-infested apartments and a paltry salary with an equivalent hourly wage less than what fast-food workers make. Senne and former minor league players in each of the 30 big league organizations are suing Major League Baseball, alleging violations of federal wage and overtime laws in a case some legal observers suggest has significant merit. They are seeking class-action status on behalf of the estimated 6,000 ballplayers who toil each summer in outposts stretching from Bluefield, Virginia, to Bakersfield, California, as well as an unspecified amount of back pay. "You come from high school or college where you're not making anything and you just think, 'I'm getting paid to play baseball. I'll chase my dream,'" said Senne, who retired last year after having Tommy John surgery on his elbow in 2011, one year after the Marlins paid him a \$25,000 signing bonus as a 10th round pick. "You get that first paycheck and you do a double take. It's an eye opener." In Senne's case, that first check from the Jamestown (N.Y.) Jammers, a short-season Class A affiliate, was for \$1,100 a month and \$25 a day in meal money. At his peak, he earned \$7,000 in 2012, but like all minor leaguers, wasn't paid salary during spring training or for his offseason conditioning work. Federal antitrust exemptions have largely protected pro baseball from comparable legal challenges. But

in this case, the 32 plaintiffs recruited by attorney Garrett Broshuis — another former minor leaguer from Mizzou who went to law school after six seasons in the San Francisco Giants' organization — allege violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, a 1938 law that stipulates a minimum wage for workers and requires overtime for most employees who work more than 40 hours weekly. The suit was filed earlier this year in federal court in San Francisco, though Major League Baseball wants to move the suit to Florida, where most of its teams spend spring training and courts are considered more employer-friendly. "Yes, these guys are chasing a dream," said Broshuis, acknowledging that short-term sacrifices can become distant memories should a big league contract be attained, which carries the promise of a \$500,000 minimum salary while on the 25-man major league roster or disabled list. "But it's also a job. And it's a job they put a lot of hours in." Attorneys representing Major League Baseball in the California case did not respond to interview requests, and a spokesman in the league's New York office declined comment. In a 78-page response to the suit, the league and Commissioner Bud Selig outlined 30 objections, including an exemption under the federal wage law for "seasonal, amusement or recreational" workers and a contractual requirement that workplace disputes must first go to arbitration before courts intervene. University of New Hampshire law professor Michael McCann, director of the school's Sports and Entertainment Law Institute, notes that most minor league salaries fall far below the federal poverty level of \$11,670 for a single person and \$23,850 for a family of four. Nor do

minor leaguers have the power of a union to advocate on their behalf. "Maybe for a 19- or 20-year-old, that's all right," McCann said of the typical minor-league contract. "For a guy who's 28 years old with a family, I don't see how there's enough money to pay the bills." He said the lawsuit makes a "credible argument," but noted that MLB has yet to offer a detailed response. Broshuis attributed the disconnect between the idealized version of paying one's dues in the minors and his actual experience as his primary motivation for pursuing a legal career. Drafted by the Giants in 2004 and out of baseball five years later after a few stints in Triple-A, he was valedictorian of his law school class at Saint Louis University. "Very early in my career, I realized that something just didn't seem quite right," he said. Compared to college, "it almost seemed like a step down in working conditions. It seemed backward." Senne was one of three original plaintiffs in a case that is back in court later this week. He said the suit is a long-overdue challenge to a management mindset that embraced financial sacrifice as a necessary rite of passage. For players who voiced their concerns, the response from coaches and managers was uniform, he said. "They would say, 'If you don't like it, play better,'" Senne said. "Or go get a 9-to-5 job."



# Republican governors' words shift on gay marriage

By STEVE PEOPLES  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Deep in the nation's Bible Belt, new signs emerged this weekend of an evolution among Republican governors on gay marriage, an explosive social issue that has divided America's families and politics for years. While the Republican Party's religious conservatives continue to fight against same-sex marriage, its governors appear to be backing off their opposition— in their rhetoric, at least. For some, the shift may be more a matter of tone than substance as the GOP tries to attract new voters ahead of the midterm elections. Nonetheless, it is dramatic turn for a party that has long been defined by social conservative values. "I don't think the Republican Party is fighting it," Wisconsin's Republican Gov. Scott Walker said of gay marriage. He spoke with The Associated Press during an interview this weekend at the National

Governors Association in Nashville. "I'm not saying it's not important," continued Walker, who is considering a 2016 presidential bid should he survive his reelection test this fall. "But Republicans haven't been talking about this. We've been talking about economic and fiscal issues. It's those on the left that are pushing it." Walker, like other ambitious Republican governors, is trying to strike a delicate balance. His comments come just days after he formally appealed a federal judge's ruling striking down Wisconsin's ban on same-sex marriages, a ban he supported. But after his party's disastrous 2012 election, the Republican National Committee commissioned a report calling for more "inclusive and welcoming" tones on divisive social issues — particularly those "involving the treatment and the rights of gays." Walker explained his court ap-

peal as simply as his obligation as governor to defend the state's constitution. Other Republican governors, however, including New Jersey's Republican Gov. Chris Christie, opted against appealing a similar ruling in his state, clearing the way for gay marriage to become legal there. "That is a very controversial and divisive issue," said Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a Republican, suggesting that Republicans are better served by focusing on economic issues. "I'm a religious conservative, I'm a Catholic, I'm pro-life. (But) I think the people of Iowa look to me to provide leadership in bringing good jobs and growing the Iowa economy." A Gallup poll found in May that national support for same-sex marriage reached an all-time high of 55 percent. That includes 30 percent of Republicans and nearly 8 in 10 young adults from both parties.

Courts across the nation repeatedly have struck down gay marriage bans in recent months. The latest such ruling came Wednesday in Colorado, but it's on hold pending an appeal. At least 20 states now allow gay marriage, although the issue may be headed for the Supreme Court. The high court's landmark ruling last summer allowed married same-sex couples to receive the same federal benefits as other married people but did not specifically address whether gay marriage is a constitutional right. Democratic governors serving in Republican-leaning states that have banned gay marriage also appear to have softened their stands on the issue. Many said they were looking to the Supreme Court to resolve the issue once and for all. Like Walker, Kentucky's Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear is appealing a recent court ruling that struck down his state's gay marriage ban.

"My goal is to get that issue to the United States Supreme Court and get a final decision that will tell us all what the law is going to be in the future, and then Kentucky will abide by it," Beshear said. Walker, too, said that Republican governors would be "legally obligated" to support gay marriage should the Supreme Court rule in its favor. For now, the Republican Party's official platform, as adopted in 2012, calls for a federal constitutional amendment defining marriage as "the union of one man and one woman," while formally supporting Republican-led campaigns to make the same change in state constitutions. And despite the softening rhetoric, several states are continuing to fight. Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky are scheduled to present arguments against recent gay marriage rulings in their states before the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati on Aug. 6.

# GOP keeps House edge in Democratic-leaning states

By CHARLES BABINGTON  
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Democrats have long claimed that Republicans abused their legislative powers to elect a disproportionate number of U.S. House members. Now a Florida court is lending credence to their claim. The full impact of the Florida ruling — plus a similar lawsuit pending in North Carolina — won't be known for some while. For now, at least, they shine light on the fiercely partisan practice of gerrymandering, in which state officials draw congressional districts to help their party. Republicans and Democrats have engaged in gerrymandering for decades. Republicans refined the practice in 2011, a year after they won control of numerous state governments preparing to redraw congressional maps based on the 2010 census. It's one reason Republicans hold a solid House majority even though Americans cast 1.4 million more votes for Democratic House candidates than for GOP House candidates in 2012.

Florida is a prime example of Democrats' frustration. President Barack Obama carried the state twice, but Florida's U.S. House delegation has 17 Republicans and 10 Democrats. A Florida judge ruled Thursday that the GOP-controlled state legislature illegally drew congressional districts to primarily benefit the Republican Party, and ordered them redrawn. The legislature is expected to appeal the ruling, and this fall's elections are unlikely to be affected. Republicans haven't controlled the White House or U.S. Senate for more than five years. Yet their House majority — now 234 to 199 — looks safe this fall. Redistricting episodes in Florida and North Carolina help explain why. Republicans hold nine of North Carolina's 13 U.S. House seats, and they have solid prospects to make it 10. Their nominee is favored to win a district, which Obama lost by 19 percentage points, being vacated by centrist Democratic Rep. Mike McIntyre. In recent statewide elections, North Carolina has been about as

evenly divided as a state can be. Obama narrowly won it once, and lost it once. Voters replaced a Democratic governor with a Republican in 2012. Each party has one U.S. senator, and this fall's reelection bid by Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan is likely to be extremely close. The House delegation makeup, by contrast, seems more fitting for a reliably Republican state, like Georgia perhaps. The arrangement lacks "elemental fairness," said state Senate Democratic leader Dan Blue, moments after attacking Republican school-spending cuts at a Raleigh news conference. The nation's founders, Blue said, could not have envisioned congressional representation falling so out of balance with a state's overall political sentiment. Several other states have sent more Republicans to Congress than their presidential voting patterns would suggest. Obama carried Ohio twice, but Republicans control its U.S. House delegation 12-4. Pennsylvania hasn't backed a GOP presidential nominee since

1988, but it has 13 House Republicans and five Democrats. The House makeup is similar in other states that Obama won twice, including Virginia (8-3 Republican), Michigan (9-5 Republican) and Wisconsin (5-3 Republican). The only state trending the other way is Arizona. Obama lost it twice, yet it has five House Democrats and four Republicans. A chief reason for the imbalance is the often politicized state-by-state practice of redrawing the House's 435 districts after each once-a-decade Census. Districts are apportioned by population, with each state getting at least one House member. Americans' mobility patterns also helped, as millions of liberals continue to move to urban areas. This so-called "self-gerrymandering" makes it easier for Republican mapmakers to pack as many Democratic voters as possible into a handful of districts. That helps Republicans win a larger number of districts by smaller but still-safe margins. In North Carolina, Republican officials drew three House districts

that twisted and snaked to include as many black neighborhoods, and other likely Democratic areas, as possible. In the 2012 elections, these three districts recorded overwhelming Democratic majorities. Obama lost the other 10 districts by margins ranging from 13 to 23 percentage points. Republicans won their 9-4 U.S. House edge even as North Carolinians cast more votes for Democratic House candidates overall. Democrats are asking the state Supreme Court to rule the redistricting unconstitutional. Black voters were packed so densely into three districts, they contend, that their overall political clout was unduly diminished. "We've got a red government imposed on a purple state," said Ferrel Guillory, a University of North Carolina professor who advised the plaintiffs. Republicans defend the map, noting that they followed state laws enacted when Democrats controlled the government. "We would expect our maps to be vindicated completely," GOP state Sen. Bob Rucho said at the time.

# Districts debating merits of advanced teaching degrees

By JAMIE STENGLE  
Associated Press

DALLAS — Efforts to eliminate extra pay for teachers who earn advanced degrees are gaining momentum in a small but growing number of U.S. schools, stirring a national debate about how best to compensate quality educators and angering teachers who say the extra training is valuable. More than half of the nation's teachers have master's degrees or higher, but the changing salary structure is giving pause to others considering the same path. Texas' two largest school districts, in Houston and Dallas, recently eliminated advanced degree pay going forward, following the example of North Carolina, where lawmakers last year started phasing it out. A few other states have made tweaks to reduce how much advanced degrees factor into pay. "They're trying to say there's no value at all for a teacher going back to increase their knowledge," said Rena Honea, president of Alliance-AFT, which represents Dallas Independent School District employees. "Just by having the additional knowledge in their content area gives them more tools in their toolbox to be able to reach the different types of learners that are in the classroom." Those championing dropping the extra pay say advanced degrees don't necessarily translate into better student test scores. They say the money is better spent elsewhere, such as on rewarding teachers deemed most effective in the classroom. "Effectiveness is more based on results rather than any checklist of things," said Dallas Superintendent Mike Miles, who implemented a pay-for-performance system in the district, as he did at his previous district in Colorado. "So years of service

and the advance degrees are checklist-type things." Yet the backlash in North Carolina grew so intense that the state is now looking at reinstating the extra pay for those teaching classes related to the subject in which they have an advanced degree. It's among teacher pay issues lawmakers are considering this summer. In April, the Wake County Public School System — the largest in North Carolina with about 150,000 — said more than 600 teachers had left since the beginning of the school year, an increase of 41 percent over the same period the year before. One district official blamed a lack of a significant pay raise in recent years along with the phasing out of tenure and extra pay for advanced degrees. Human Resources Superintendent Doug Thilman called the figures "alarming" but "not surprising." Tim Barnsback, who teaches an engineering program at a middle school in Burke County, North Carolina, is among educators who have put off pursuing an advanced degree until the situation is resolved. "Intellectually and professionally, it still interests me and makes a lot of sense," Barnsback said. "But economically, it doesn't make any sense to do it anymore." The extra pay for having a master's degree in North

Carolina accounted for 10 percent of a teacher's base salary from the state. In the Houston and Dallas school districts, the extra pay started at about \$1,000 more annually for first-year teachers. Dallas' new system is based on evaluations, with classroom performance accounting for half, test scores for 35 percent and student surveys making up 15 percent. In Houston, the school district board gave teachers a raise of at least \$1,100 and bumped starting pay from nearly \$47,000 to \$49,100. In both districts, teachers already earning extra pay for advanced degrees won't see their salaries drop. One matter of debate is whether the extra training translates to better student test scores. "We've built these salary structures based on years of experience and advanced degrees and both turned out to be not very good indicators of teachers' performance," Sandi Jacobs, vice president of the National Council on Teacher Quality, said. While opponents of the pay perks point to studies that show the advanced degrees don't make teachers more effective, Gary Henry, an education researcher with Vanderbilt University, says many show mixed results, with effectiveness proven in one subject matter but not others.



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Venus in Gemini forms a coquettish angle to Mars in Libra, and interest between men and women is stirred. Men and women understand one another better. For a moment, it's as though the natural differences between the sexes are cast in such a light that they are seen only as intriguing and endearing. Flaws transform into mere quirks.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Without a written plan, your intentions, however good they may be, will not be enough to get to the end result you desire. So write it down and carry it with you. Don't let your written plan slip from view today.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Whatever the things are that make you feel in control, make sure you have them today. If not, the interesting chaos around is sure to lead you away from what you wanted to do.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Sometimes the fast and complete change is the one that you respond to best, but today you'll have more success with a gentle and workable plan. Small improvements will add up to big differences.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Good manners will be even more important than good sense today. You will be amazed at what comes of an appropriate and cheerful interaction — much more than the situation had promised.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Someone will seek your approval. This is generally a turnoff for you, as you prefer decisive, independent types. However, you'll also find the dynamic flattering and very telling, too.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** While standing straight, bending backward and molding yourself to assist or support another, your spine will send a message to the world about how far you're willing to go to help.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your ideas are good, and you'll be most persuasive as you sell them. You constantly think of what's in it for the other person and highlight all the benefits you can think of. In the end, you'll get what you want.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You can't polish a jewel without friction. So when life rubs you the wrong way, don't run. Lean into it. You'll learn from the obstacles you must overcome today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Gentle changes are made over time. Revolutionary changes are made forcibly in an instant. When you're not sure which kind of change would be best, don't make a change at all.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Strategic thinking will be necessary to carry out the demands of the day. Lay the groundwork for your plans without tipping your hand. The rest of them don't need to know what you're up to just yet.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Do not seek support for what you want to do. No one will understand until you have already created the dynamic you seek. There is power in action. Do the deed and the support will come later.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You are loved. You lose touch with this fact too often and forget about the many people in your life who need and celebrate you. Pictures will be a reminder. Take a trip down memory lane.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 13).** Your new solar year opens with a bang as good fortune in your personal life brings excitement and action. Somewhere in the excitement you'll find moments of tranquility, too. You'll find that family and the spiritual aspects of your life bring you great joy through September. A financial aim is furthered in October. Sagittarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 33, 2, 38 and 18.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK**

**AHEAD:** The week after the full moon starts off with a day-after-the-party feeling, though a favorable angle of Venus to Mars makes for an extremely pleasant experience. Men and women get along, have excellent communication, appreciate their differences and are naturally inclined to be playful, tender and upbeat with one another.

The harmonious angle of Mercury to Neptune at the end of the week gives a kind of poetry to our correspondence. Here are some of the many things that could be born of such a fortunate arrangement between the communication planet and the king of Dreamland. You could:

- Say a profound thing in a simple way.
- Create art that speaks to many, each with a different interpretation.
- Communicate with long gone ancestors.

Feel connected to all things. Dream dreams that are more vivid than the scenes in real life. Love in the depths of the unexplained and unexplainable. Meet coincidentally.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "Star Wars" made Harrison Ford a household name, but the Cancer movie star sealed his fate as an iconic star in roles like Indiana Jones, Rick Deckard and Dr. Richard Kimble. Ford was born when four luminaries were in Cancer, indicating that though his on-screen persona is often rugged and indestructible, it's the juxtaposition of real-life tenderness that makes the persona so compelling.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"LO AND BEHOLD!" By GARRY MORSE

ACROSS

- 1 Get at
- 6 Work with ice, perhaps
- 12 Gossip
- 19 Sierra Nevada resort
- 20 Pennsylvania railroad town
- 22 Busts a gut over
- 23 Tango involving gates?
- 25 All together
- 26 There's one next to Ventnor Ave. in
- 27 Monopoly
- 27 Musical liability
- 28 The ANC's country
- 30 Digs of twigs
- 31 Outcasts
- 33 Most shameful non-studio films?
- 37 Cue
- 40 Typical Popstar! reader
- 41 Reject
- 42 Peter Lorre role
- 45 Burning
- 47 Tear into
- 49 Tax pro, briefly
- 52 Opinion piece by a sot?
- 55 Was humbled
- 57 Test sites
- 58 Author \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Johns
- 59 Word of woe
- 61 Fail to keep
- 62 Magazine VIPs
- 63 Letters on a Cardinal cap
- 65 Jungian inner self
- 67 Throws out
- 69 Song about a guy with his jug of wine?
- 73 Pepperdine University site
- 76 Followers
- 77 "The X-Files" subj.
- 78 Red Guard leader
- 81 Keats works
- 82 "House" actor
- 84 Truman's Missouri birthplace
- 87 The Taj Mahal, e.g.
- 88 Like fine wine
- 90 Vivaldi's styling business?
- 93 Close
- 94 1939 Buck Rogers player
- 97 "Just \_\_\_\_\_"

- 98 Not back, perhaps
- 99 Key letter
- 100 Cambodian capital
- 102 Loathing
- 104 Time for a weekly parade?
- 109 Symbol of love
- 113 Pool regimen
- 114 ABBA's homeland: Abbr.
- 115 Saunters
- 118 Crafts partner
- 119 Former
- 122 Hit homers batting left- and right-handed?
- 125 Ice removal tool
- 126 Choking cause
- 127 London length
- 128 Quarterly arrivals
- 129 "Tristram Shandy" author
- 130 Creme-filled snacks

DOWN

- 1 "\_\_\_\_\_ to you"
- 2 Smallest European Union country

- 3 Singer Liz
- 4 Rewards for kids
- 5 USN clerk
- 6 Extreme cruelty
- 7 Highlands family
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Reader
- 9 It makes all the stops
- 10 "Egocentric little creep" of a detective, according to the author who created him
- 11 Ole Opry network
- 12 Reward for a pet
- 13 K+, e.g.
- 14 Farm female
- 15 Unnamed competitor, in ads
- 16 Japanese immigrant
- 17 Café cup
- 18 Editorial changes of heart
- 21 Goes along
- 24 View from Portland, Ore.

- 29 IRS form entries
- 32 Comic Johnson
- 34 Withdraw
- 35 Per se
- 36 "Aida" backdrop
- 38 Slog
- 39 Ceramic piece, perhaps
- 42 Fr. miss
- 43 Country \_\_\_\_\_
- 44 Surrounds en masse
- 46 School severely damaged by Katrina
- 48 Org. with towers
- 49 Swamp snapper
- 50 Mail
- 51 Leaves open-mouthed
- 53 Relax
- 54 "Long Walk to Freedom" autobiographer
- 56 Queen of the 36-Down, familiarly
- 59 Five-time Oscar nominee Adams
- 60 Fall back
- 63 Cry hard

- 64 Wayne's Oscar film
- 66 Savanna grazer
- 68 Self-titled best-selling album of 2001
- 69 It may be pumped or bumped
- 70 Psychic's claim
- 71 Relaxed responses
- 72 It may be detected by a psychic
- 73 Relocate
- 74 Court advantage
- 75 Give conditionally
- 78 Like most pre-'60s recordings
- 79 "The Information" author Martin
- 80 Slim woodwind
- 83 Soup veggie
- 85 Dance in a pit
- 86 "She's a Lady" songwriter
- 87 Excellent
- 89 Sieben und eins
- 90 Tourney ranking

- 91 Beef from the weary
- 92 Pranked, in a way
- 95 Tea or coffee
- 96 Divide equally
- 99 Ristorante offerings
- 101 Cranston, a.k.a. "The Shadow"
- 103 "Have an hors d'oeuvre"
- 104 Oral-B product
- 105 Tilting pole
- 106 Dvorák's "Rusalka," e.g.
- 107 Netizens, say
- 108 Brooklynese pronoun
- 110 Declare
- 111 Start to foam?
- 112 Assisi trio?
- 116 Ruin Bond's martini
- 117 Jet-black, in verse
- 120 Newsworthy NYSE event
- 121 Fathers and sons
- 123 "\_\_\_\_\_ Miz"
- 124 Wellness gp.

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ANTIQUES  
BY TERRY KOVEL

No matter how large a house is, there always seems to be a need for more space. During the 19th century, especially in the South, homes often had long, wide front halls that went from the front door to the back door. That allowed the air to circulate and helped cool the house. Clever furniture makers created a table that could be stored against the wall until it was needed. The table had deep drop leaves hinged to a narrow top. When opened, the leaves were supported by "swing" legs, and the extended table could open to 45 inches long and 32 inches wide. Sometimes the table was made with an under-the-top storage drawer that opened from the side. This type of drop-leaf table was made in the 16th century and has been made in a variety of styles, including modern versions made in the 21st century.

**Q:** I have been trying to get more information about a porcelain nut bowl that belonged to my grandmother. It has slightly curved sides and two gilt handles. It is painted with squirrels and grass on the outside and pine cones on the inside. The mark on the bottom is a shield with the words, "HC, Royal Bavaria, Patent Application." How old is it? Is there is any value other than as a family treasure?

**A:** Your nut dish was made in Bavaria (Germany) sometime between 1890 and 1914 but decorated in the United States. The decorating of porcelain "blanks" by independent artists rather than factory-employed artists was popular in the United States from the 1870s to the 1930s. It began in Cincinnati in 1874, when

Mary Louise McLaughlin saw a set of European china paints and urged her art instructor to organize a class in china painting. The class was so successful that the ladies in the class exhibited their work at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition. By 1900 there were an estimated 20,000 china painters in America. For the most part, they used china blanks imported from Germany and France. Your nut dish is worth about \$35 to \$50. Rare forms, such as condensed milk containers and celery dishes, usually bring higher prices than ordinary plates, cups and bowls.

**Q:** I have a small metal toy chair that was a prize in a Cracker Jack box many years ago. From information we have, we think it's from about 1915. Can you give us some information about Cracker Jack toys and what they are worth?

**A:** Cracker Jack has been a popular snack for more than 100 years. A combination of popcorn, peanuts and molasses was introduced at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, but the name "Cracker Jack" wasn't used until 1896. Prizes were put in every box beginning in 1912. Miniature metal toys were included in early years, plastic toys later. Collectors look for old Cracker Jack toys, boxes and advertising materials. The Cracker Jack Collectors Association is a club with a newsletter for collectors. Some early Cracker Jack toys sell at auctions or online for \$10 or \$15, but some that are rare or more desirable can sell for much more.

**Q:** I recently rediscovered an album containing Beatles cards that I col-

lected after the Beatles first arrived in the United States. They were the size of baseball trading cards, and had pictures of the Beatles engaged in activities. My Beatles cards are in perfect condition. Are they worth anything?

**A:** The Topps Co. released seven series of Beatles-themed bubble-gum trading cards in 1964, after the Fab Four made their first trip to the U.S. The first three sets in the series featured black-and-white photographs of John, Paul, George and Ringo, with blue facsimile signatures, totaling 165 cards. They were followed by a "Color Card" series of 64 cards, with questions, answers and facts on the back, a "Beatles Diary" series of 60 cards, with color photographs and "diary entries" by each Beatle on the back and a "Hard Day's Night" series of sepia-tone cards with pictures from the movie.

There also is a series of 55 oversized "Beatles Plaks" cards, with photographs and slogans about the Beatles on shaped "plaks" that could be punched out and put together to form a chain-like display. Collectors also look for the wrappers and boxes they came in. Beatles Plaks cards are the hardest to find and therefore the most expensive. Other Beatles trading cards can sell for a few dollars to a few hundred dollars, depending on the set and condition of the cards. Beatles trading cards from the 1990s and 2000s are worth very little.

*Tip: Avoid flies. They leave droppings on mirrors, pictures and chandeliers. Flyspecks on pictures can be carefully removed with a knife blade. Glass can be washed.*

Single mother  
yearns for love

**Dear Annie:** I am a single mother of a wonderful 5-year-old son and am expecting another



Annie's Mailbox

baby in the winter. My son's father cheated and lied and then left me for another woman. He briefly

came back, and I thought he meant to stay, but it was only a one-night stand. I became pregnant, and he left. He wants nothing to do with the children. I love my son and unborn child, but I don't know how it feels to be part of a loving couple. I've been single for four years and am at the point where I want to settle down and marry someone special. I want the picket fence and the dog. I don't know how to meet guys, and it feels as though I will never find my better half. In the past four years, I've been walking around heartbroken. I've been fat, thin, wild — and single. I feel so alone. I realize that my son loves me, but I have no one to sleep beside and make love to. Am I giving off some kind of loser "aroma" that's repelling men? It's like I have a sign printed on my head saying, "Run away." Am I just meant to be alone? — **Miss Lonely**

**Dear Miss Lonely:** More likely, you are giving off a vibe that says, "I'm desperate," because that is how you are coming across to us. The worst thing you can do is grab hold of the first guy who shows any interest. Place your complete focus on what is best for your mental health and most stable for your kids. Men who float in and out of your life aren't the answer. Take however long you need to sort this out. In the past four years, you haven't done the work to change your approach, so get some counseling. Create a solid environment where your children can thrive. (Your ex should be paying child support.) Become a woman you want your kids to respect. Then you will have a chance of finding the right guy to accompany you through life.

**Dear Annie:** I own a small pizza delivery shop. I fill in for all positions, including delivery. One of the things that most amazes me is how rude and inconsiderate people can be. They leave their dogs outside to "greet" you, and sometimes they let them out as soon as they open the door. I have had little dogs, big dogs and muddy dogs nipping at my legs, jumping on me and leaving scratches, slobbering all over my face and licking my hands. Twice, I've been bitten. How do I tell customers that I don't want their yapping, sloppy, smelly pets anywhere near me? It doesn't help when they say, "Oh, don't worry, he doesn't bite. It's OK." It's not OK with me. — **Delivery Guy**

**Dear Delivery:** This is not only rude; it is dangerous. No owner can predict with 100 percent accuracy what their dog will do to a stranger approaching the house. But as the owner of this shop, you can set policy. If you are willing to risk losing a little business over this, inform callers that your employees will not deliver pizzas if animals are not leashed, held or kept inside. Your delivery people should remain in their cars if dogs approach and wait until the owners retrieve them.

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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**Buckeye Girls State delegates, co-sponsors recognized**

Buckeye Girls State delegates and co-sponsors were recognized at the July meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 290 of Columbiana. Pictured are, from left, Monica Robb, Columbiana Area Business and Professional Women co-sponsor; Kassady Murphy, Columbiana High School delegate; Melissa Urmson, co-sponsor; Andrea Oliver, South Range delegate; Vaughn Musser, co-sponsor; and Marissa Kalina, CHS delegate. Other delegates not pictured are Kristen Osborn and Amber Heffner (Heartland Christian), Kendall Lindstrom (South Range) and Brittney King and Elizabeth Shortt (East Palestine). Other co-sponsors include New Waterford Lions, Greenford Ruritan, Beaver Ruritan and East Palestine Eagles. (Submitted photo)

## ACROSS OUR CLASSROOMS

### Doran earns doctorate from The Ohio State University

EAST PALESTINE — Melissa Doran of East Palestine completed her Ph.D. in Spanish from The Ohio State University during the spring 2014 semester.

Her areas of concentration included Spanish literature and contemporary Latin America literature as well as history.

Doran graduated from East Palestine High School in 2004 and earned her bachelor's degree from Wright State University in 2008 before completing her master's degree at The Ohio State University in 2010.

She is the daughter of Tim Doran of East Palestine and Libby Beight of East Liverpool. She resides in Dayton and is employed by Wright State University.

### South Range MS student participating in MEDCAMP

BEAVER TOWNSHIP— Charlie Staffeld, an eighth grader at South Range Middle School, will participate the prestigious MEDCAMP held by the Northeast Ohio Medical University July 17 to 19. MEDCAMP is designed to engage students' interest in the fields of medicine and pharmacy with hands-on activities, clinical problem-solving and workshops.

Charlie was selected to attend the experience after submitting his application. He will be attending lectures and participating in anatomy, physical diagnosis, neurobiology and microbiology labs.

He will join physicians, graduate students and professors in performing experiments including taking blood pressure, reading EKGs and identifying bacteria under a microscope. At the end of the MEDCAMP, Charlie will be required to present his findings on a case study of a fictitious patient with a mysterious illness as if he was a real doctor.



Local business and community leaders spent the entire school day on May 29 volunteering at Salem Junior High School teaching hands-on Junior Achievement (JA) programs to over 160 seventh-grade students. Pictured with Salem Junior High students Tanner Lutsch and Trinity Miller; are, from left, Salem Community Foundation representatives Melissa Costa, grants coordinator, and John Tonti, president; and Michele Merkel, JA of Mahoning Valley president. (Submitted photo)

## Community Foundation provides funds for student items via Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is grateful for the support of the Salem Community Foundation granting \$1,025 to provide curriculum materials for the Salem City School District's kindergarten through grade eight classrooms during the 2013-14 academic year.

On May 29, local business and community leaders spent the entire school day volunteering at Salem Junior High School teaching hands-on Junior Achievement (JA) programs to over 160 seventh-grade students.

These volunteers had the opportunity to be role models and to teach some important business ideas that will help the children progress as future members of the workforce.

### SALEM

The JA It's My Business! program encourages students to use entrepreneurial thinking as they explore higher education and career choices.

Volunteers engaged students to participate in fun, challenging activities such as an entrepreneurial quiz game, completing a blueprint for a teen club, participating in an auction of businesses, and creating entrepreneur profile cards.

Junior Achievement programs correlate to state standards in social studies, English, and mathematics, and to Common Core State Standards.

## West Branch Schools honor rolls

### Damascus Elementary

► **All As Second Grade:** Jarod Bates, Mary Buehler, Ethan Cannon, Kale Davis, Aubrey Dredge, Oneal Everett, Griffin Flickinger, Riley Hendershott, Jade Howell, Andrea Janosik, Trey Jones, Madalyn Klemann, Madalyn Klingensmith, Samantha Koneval, Brody Martig, James McCune Jr., Shaylee Muckleroy, Addison Reynolds, Savannah Ruthrauff, Emma Sanor, Hunter Shields, Olivia Showalter, Brynn Smith, Kenneth Starcher, Nicole Stoffer, Aaron Tucker, Carys Yarwood.

► **All As Third Grade:** Mason Barnett, Lydia Cackovic, Klayten Courtney, Anna Curry, Hayden Detwiler, Reed Everett, Kyle Graham, Jacob Grindley, Haley Hazelbaker, Michael Kanagy, Makiah Kutz, Luke Mackall, Connor Mayle, Charity Rastetter, Ella Scofinsky, Emily Sprowl, Reed Williams, Allison Zion.

► **All As Fourth Grade:** Caleb Adams, Alyssa Barnett, Peyton Bell, Kennedy Close, Dakota Hayes, Jaxon Hendershott, Kiersten Hofmann, Elizabeth McCune, Tori Shields, Jed Smith, Nick Wilson.

► **Honor Roll Second Grade:** Austin Adams, Mathew Baird, Bryce Biery, Starr Butler, Logan Citino, Chloe Denison, Isabella Leek, Cole Sanor, Aubrianna Thomas, Macy Wilson.

► **Honor Roll Third Grade:** Brant Allison, Morgan Brown, Lachlan Cameron, Camryn Campbell, Wyatt Courtwright, Dru DeShields, Adam Garloch, Brandt Glista, Maria Manley, Kiara McCullough, Hope McGuire, Alexis Pierce, Connor Ruthrauff, Daphne Snyder, Casidy Stillion, Trenton Stryffeler, Abbey Wilson, Cameron Wilson, Landon Wilson.

► **Honor Roll Fourth Grade:** Morgan Alesi, Isabella Baird, Rachel Cackovic, Colton Dennison, Liana Gabrelcik, Jaiden Hancock, Madelaine Hunt, Danielle Koneval, Ethan LaNave, Seth Lee, Jeremy Leeson, Madison Lester, Morgan Loudon, Rachel McGonagle, Sydney Mercer, Lacey Phillis, Hannah Ritchie, Mariah Sexton, Ben Tolson, Jocelynn Woods, Julia Zamarelli.

### Knox Elementary

► **All As Second Grade:** Beau Alazaus, Skylar Cunningham, Haley Foor, Sophia Gregory, Taiva Hagan, Carter Hawk, Lilliane Johnson, Emmy Jones, Emma Kosenski, Rosiana Maendel, Justus Mohr, Niah Muniz, Sativa Oblisk, Kenny Randlett, Jaxon Robb, Kate Slutz, Lillian Smith, Blake Thomas.

► **All As Third Grade:** Hudson Brink, Claire Brunner, Hannah Burchfield, Jocelyn Carte, Mitchell Coffee, Zach Crutchley, Hannah Egli, Brady Glover, Alexis Gregory, Allyson Hartzell, Noah Johnson, Logan McConnell, Dominic Ormiston, Chelsea Tharp.

► **All As Fourth Grade:** Gracin Adams, Amber Caruthers, Donavin Conrad, Asa DeSanzo, Hayden Hawk, Adyson Jones, Alexandra Jones, Austin Joseph, Gianna Reali, Jacek Strotz.

► **Honor Roll Second Grade:** Skylar Barker, Ariel Davis, Mikalyn Fitts, James Hill, Dominic Hoy, Autumn Johnston, Nathan Legros, Cody McKenzie, Joseph Mohn, Kylee Moreland, Madison Olenik, David Peterson, Brittanie Rich, Rae Young.

► **Honor Roll Third Grade:** Christopher Bickley, Christopher Bloom, Lea Bruce, Carter Close, Adriann Cobbs, Jared Coy, Thomas Egli, Lukaszc Greshaw, Shea Hawkins-Buckner, Chloe Koerner, Makenna Lins, Ty Reali, Kami Rice, Hannah Rush, Lance Schrecengost, Jennifer Tedrow, Lleyton Uphold, Trey Vlaiku, Emylee Yeager.

► **Honor Roll Fourth Grade:** Mahkaylah Bradt, Cade Cameron, Eris Dugan, Kierstyn Edelman, Sydney Feters, Emily Grimm, Gabby Leek, Greg Rockwell, Sam Rosenberger, Marissa Sabatine, Brianna Schluneker, Korben Tennefoss

### West Branch Middle School

► **All As Fifth Grade:** Bryceton Adams, Jordan Anderson, Alyssa Augustein, Destany Blake, JD Brain, Kamryn Briceland, Olivia Buehler, Oneal Cardinal, Justin Cederbloom, Andrew Coffee, Jimmy Cranston, Amanda Davidson, Emma Egli, Alexis Faudree, Callie Flickinger, Anna Fye, Abigail Gay, Danielle Harrison, Gabrielle Harrison, Ashley James, Jeffrey Legros, Nico Maffei, Josie Mellott, Sidney Milliken, Ethan Overly, Hannah Schubert, Brock Smith, Abby Stephens, Makenzie Walsh, Grace Weingart, Ian Yarwood.

► **All As Sixth Grade:** Peyton Alazaus, Brianna Blevins, Nick Everett, Brogan Fisher, Blayne Flickinger, Beau Greshaw, Allison Heffinger, Haley Jones, Gavin Leek, Sydni McQuilkin, Hannah Moore, Molly Peterson, Ashlyn Pinkerton, Samantha Plocher, Hannah Ridgway, Jamyson Robb, Madison Showalter, Landon Stittle, Reagan Whipkey, Danen Wuthrick.

► **All As Seventh Grade:** Mackenzie Baxter, Makala Bell, Teghan Boggs, Sierra Bush, Thomas Caserta, Grace Heath, Jeff Joseph, Collin Lawniczak, Griffin Lough, Annie Menegay, Amanda Minich, Elizabeth Ostadali, Dakarii Pagnucco, Delaney Rito, Emily Robb, Jonathan Ross, Olivia Sexton, Gabby Smith, Meghan Vence, Mikayla Wallace, Tessa Wells.

► **All As Eighth Grade:** Brianna Biery, Kylie Coffelt, Tyler DeShields, Alexia Didick, Olivia Didick, Madeleine Hinkle, Zeina Katabi, Delanie Pagnucco, Kirsten Plocher, Emilee Sanor, Allison Slutz, Hannah Sprague, Benjamin St. John, Kyler Strotz, Jarrod Sutton.

► **Honor Roll Fifth Grade:** Kaden Bandy, Calista Bias, Jacob Brooks, Sophie Burchfield, Bailey Campbell, Elizabeth Flickinger, Joshua Gregory, Garrett Harvey, Brock Hillyer, Hannah Jones, Kylee Jones, Audrey McGrath, Maci McLean, Samantha Morris, Tony Pagnucco, Justin Panezott, Makayla Randlett, Madelinn Slanker, Macey Stancato.

► **Honor Roll Sixth Grade:** Faith Brown, Alyssa Bush, Bethany Caruthers, Dylan Daley, Abie Davis, Christian Eva, Joe Fediaczko, Angela Grice, Claire Headland, Reese Leone, Lauren New, Malachi Rastetter, Mitchell Slanker, Kirstin Smith, Theodore Stephens, Sammie Tuel, Katty Wilson, Mikala Wyss.

► **Honor Roll Seventh Grade:** Clayton Adams, Logan Caserta, Kathleen Decker, Anna Finocchi, Geoff Galida, Samantha Geary, Cody Graham, Emma Jarvis, Jaylynn LaNave, Cassie Madison, Katelynn McCullough, Olivia McLean, Ali Schroeder, Molly St. John, Emmi Williams.

► **Honor Roll Eighth Grade:** Carrie Barnes, Julia Bock, Jesse Elavich, Micah Hault, Sarah Jarvis, Kyle Linhart, Olivia Ormiston, Jade Papic, Seth Schroeder, Sarrah Tennefoss, Shannon Wolfe, Hailey Yoder.

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"In every age it has been the tyrant, the oppressor and the exploiter who has wrapped himself in the cloak of patriotism, or religion, or both to deceive and overawe the People."  
— Eugene V. Debs, American labor activist (1855-1926)

ROSES & THORNS

Roses to our readers. Thank you for supporting the Salem News. We are celebrating our 125th anniversary. That takes us back to 1889. Benjamin Harrison was president, fresh off a win over incumbent Grover Cleveland who would come back to decisively reclaim the White House during the next election. The Eiffel Tower was dedicated. The first crude Kodak camera was sold. Bayer introduced aspirin. Over 2,200 poor souls were lost in the Johnstown flood. Sherlock Holmes came to be and John L. Sullivan won his last bare knuckles fight. Thomas Edison showed his first motion picture and the jukebox made its debut. Back then our readers relied on the Salem News as their primary source for local information. Nothing has changed. That constant remains. We are the foremost source of local information for this community. We appreciate those who appreciate the crucial role this newspaper serves in our city and surrounding communities, both as a print and online information conduit. We appreciate those who understand business decisions, especially in this rampant ever-changing cyber age and choose to stand steadfast in support of us. You can't buy a simple candy bar these days for less than what this newspaper costs. And we don't give you cavities. We happen to think the Salem News is a pretty good bargain. We thank those who value that notion.

Roses for the Salem Community Center. Plans for a huge \$3 million expansion were recently announced. It will be constructed using Community Foundation money. It will benefit current members and foster development of competitive sports, boasting regulation basketball courts and running tracks. Those assets should help drive membership from within Salem and outside our city limits. Membership — not counting days passes and those visiting the facility through special programming — stands at 6,600. That is astounding considering the size of our fair city. To think that just over a dozen years ago, when the idea of a community center was bandied about, there were critics. Then again, aren't there always in this town? From practical and aesthetic standpoints, the community center is a gem. It is called the Salem Community Center but is really a regional center. The expansion will attract programs such as AAU basketball. Anyone involved with AAU is very aware of the sheer number of participants involved. And the money spent during weekend tournaments, frequenting nearby restaurants and the like.

Thorns — just can't let this pass — to those deeming anyone who could care less about the United States' participation in World Cup Soccer as unpatriotic. Would it have been nice to see the Americans advance? Sure, guess so. Why not? End of the world because they didn't? Kidding, right? A frenzy of fad/the usual bandwagon effect of nationalism over the American team reached amazing and amusing levels. Let's forget that many of these "fans" couldn't locate Belgium —which beat the U.S. — on a map if you spotted them a continent. There's just something unappealing about a sport played on a field the size of Wyoming without potty/beer/snack run breaks and in which ties are apparently something to celebrate with unbridled rapture. To think there are those who claim baseball is boring? What too was up with adorning the American goalie with superlatives such as "courageous," "valiant," and "heroic" for his play against Belgium? We prefer to reserve those kinds of high praise words for, oh you know, people who truly deserve it. Like soldiers and firefighters. Just think of how it would've been if the Americans had actually won one of their three final games instead of losing two and tying their other? Think about it. How do you lose and still advance? Figure out that logic. Take your time. Give us college football and the NFL anytime.

Better than Obamacare: Health savings accounts free from government control



BEN CARSON

moral convictions to its bureaucratically directed control.

People have legitimate differences of opinion about the appropriateness of various forms of birth control, which is something most reasonable people on both sides of the political ledger understand. However, legally requiring the side opposed to a form of birth control to be financially responsible for its distribution to any employee who wants it is distinctly un-American and abusive to the concept of freedom of religion.

A major problem is that many people in our entitlement society see nothing wrong with forcing others to provide for their desires. In a free and open society, anyone should be able to purchase anything he or she wants that is legal. It really should be no one else's business. Common sense dictates, however, that it immediately becomes my business if I'm being forced to pay for it.

Wouldn't it be fairer and make more sense for people wanting some form of birth control to pay for it themselves? This is exactly what would happen if everyone had access to his or her own health savings account. A woman and her health care provider would decide on a birth control method, and the cost would be deducted from her account with no involvement of anyone else in any way. It's so simple and upholds privacy and freedom.

Health savings accounts can be funded in a variety of different ways and give people total control of where, how and with whom they wish to spend their health care dollars. Most people will want to get the biggest bang for the buck and will independently seek out both value and quality. That, in turn, will bring all aspects of medicine into the free-market economic model, thus automatically having an ameliorating effect on pricing transparency and quality of outcomes. Many corporations and communities already have very positive experiences with health savings accounts. Those experiences could be further enhanced by allowing family members to shift the money in their accounts among themselves. For instance, if a family member was \$500 short for a pro-

cedure or test, another family member could provide the money by authorizing its deduction from his account. This provides a whole other level of flexibility to the concept of health savings. The overwhelming majority of encounters with the medical world could be handled through this type of system, eliminating bureaucratic delays and frustration.

Under the multitudinous rules of Obamacare, the amount of money allowed to be managed through health savings accounts is severely restricted. Perhaps that is because the crafters of this gigantic, bureaucratic monstrosity realized that a well-functioning savings system would be easy to understand, much less expensive and give people control of their own health care. It would also eliminate two-tiered systems of health care, making every patient equally desirable from a business perspective. There should be no limit to the amount of money that can be contributed to and managed in an account. Money unspent at the end of the year should simply continue to accumulate without penalty.

If accounts are established at the time of birth, they will be even more potent, because the vast majority of people will not experience catastrophic or major medical events until well into adulthood. By that time, a great deal of money will have accumulated. Since bridge or catastrophic insurance will not be drawn upon for routine medical expenses, its costs will plummet, very much like homeowners insurance, which costs vastly less when there is a high deductible.

Somehow over the past few decades, we as a society have wandered away from the concept of using health insurance only for major medical issues and paying for routine services ourselves. This is largely responsible for the tremendous spike in medical costs. By using the health savings account system, we can return to a semblance of rational thinking.

The 5 percent of patients with complex pre-existing or acquired maladies would need to be taken care of through a different system, similar to Medicare and Medicaid but informed by the many mistakes in those programs from which we can learn. Even this kind of system should have elements of personal responsibility woven into it.

The bottom line: Health care for all of our citizens is the responsibility of a compassionate society and is well within our grasp, if we don't make it into a political football. The majority of Americans are unhappy with Obamacare and would prefer something that is simple, effective and under their own control. We do not have to settle for something imposed upon us for reasons other than good health care.

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Obama's immigration lawyers' act



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tor of the U.S. economy will thrive for decades to come: Open-border immigration lawyers.

Don't believe the fibbing D.C. flacks. While the president's spokesman Josh Earnest promised that "most" of the illegal immigrant youths from Central America flooding across our borders will "likely" be deported, decades of reality expose the White House lie. Our deportation system is designed to fail.

"Due process" in deportation is a euphemism for interminable delay. According to TRAC Immigration, which gathers data on the chronically backlogged immigration court system, there are currently more than 366,000 pending deportation cases with average wait times nationally of nearly 600 days. There are a measly 59 immigration courts staffed by a meager 235 judges to handle all those cases. Insiders have told me again and again over the years: "It ain't over 'til the alien wins."

Democrats, as always, will blame lack of taxpayer funding. But here's the cold, hard fact: The system is "broken" on purpose. As they clamor for mass illegal alien amnesty, left-wing immigration lawyers and ethnic activists operate a lucrative industry whose sole objective is to help illegal aliens and convicted criminal visa holders evade deportation for as long as possible.

Groups such as the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Immigrant Legal Resource

Center, and the American Friends Service Committee make their livelihoods off administrative bottlenecks. The racket's chief enablers: The federal Executive Office for Immigration Review, which oversees the immigration courts nationwide, and its unaccountable appellate arm, the Board of Immigration Appeals, which routinely puts aliens' rights over citizens' safety.

The BIA's 15 members are politically appointed, career bureaucrats who have the power to overturn deportation orders nationwide. The panel is comprised largely of alien-friendly advocates from immigration-law circles, former Justice Department attorneys and former BIA staff. These meddling activists regularly reopen factual findings of lower trial courts, violating fundamental principles of appellate review and giving illegal aliens more opportunities to press their cases in federal courts than legal American citizens have.

The legal tricks for evading the flimsy immigration dragnet are well known among the immigrant population, as I first reported 12 years ago in a Center for Immigration Studies report on the deportation abyss. "Even if an alien is removable," an EOIR bureaucrat testified back then, "he or she may file an application for relief from removal, such as asylum, voluntary departure, suspension of deportation, cancellation of removal, adjustment of status, registry or a waiver of inadmissibility."

Today's young illegal border surgeons have a plethora of litigation bites at the apple that will keep them in our country in perpetuity. As one of countless immigration law firms now advises, "There are several forms of relief that an unaccompanied child may apply for in immigration court." Voluntary departure is the de facto "catch and release" option that entrusts illegals to deport themselves.

Then there's the scam-riddled asylum application process, which is significantly loosened for minors. Next alternative: the special

juvenile immigrant visa which offers lawful permanent resident status to unaccompanied illegal alien children.

Another route: The fraud-friendly U visa. It's a program for illegal alien victims of trafficking or domestic violence that was supposed to grant temporary legal status if the beneficiaries assisted law enforcement, but has morphed into an ever-expanding path to residency, work authorization and citizenship for virtually anyone who applies. An attorney who worked as a law clerk in the Fifth Circuit shared his firsthand experience with me several years ago. Nothing has changed. "It was amazing the number of petitions for review of BIA decisions we handled," he said. "You are absolutely correct that immigration lawyers use the current system of endless appeals to make illegals essentially undeportable. (It amazes me that illegal aliens, unlike American citizens, get TWO appeals as of right — one to the BIA and then another to the Circuit Court of Appeals.)"

One real solution: "Repeal the statutory provisions that provide for judicial review by the Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Court," the lawyer told me. "It is clearly permissible for the Congress to do this under the Constitution. This would eliminate the biggest 'bottleneck' in the removal/deportation process. It would also reduce greatly the overburden dockets of our federal appellate courts."

Another solution: As I first proposed 12 years ago in my book "Invasion," it's long past time to abolish the EOIR and BIA and transfer their functions to existing law enforcement officers within the immigration bureaucracy.

Expedient promises by both parties to "secure the border" are worthless unless America shuts down the litigation boondoggle that rewards foreign law-breakers, their saboteur lawyers and their amnesty advocates.

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Liberals pounce on decision



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recently lost in the Supreme Court has sent liberals in America on a hysterical binge of fact distortion and fabrication.

A week ago last Monday, the United States Supreme Court ruled that Hobby Lobby's owners do not have to provide four abortifacient drugs in its insurance plans. Liberals pounced on this ruling and decried it as discrimination against women, which it was not. They also alleged the Supreme Court had made it possible for Hobby Lobby to deny all forms of birth control coverage, which Hobby Lobby never asked for.

The store provides coverage for 16 forms of birth control in its insurance plans. In fact, Hobby Lobby allows coverage for birth control prescriptions to be used for other issues, too. As many are aware, sometimes women are prescribed birth control for issues other than pregnancy prevention. Hobby Lobby's insurance plan covers and permits those prescriptions.

Hobby Lobby's owners are, however, Christians. They believe in the sanctity of life. So Hobby Lobby objected to the government's demands that it provide four medications that cause abortion. The four medications Hobby Lobby objects to are not prescribed for other matters. They are prescribed to induce the destruction of a child.

The Supreme Court ruled that a closely held corporation can, under legislation passed by Democrats and signed by Bill Clinton in the early 90s, avoid the government mandate because the government is able to satisfy its own requirement through means that do not impinge on the religious rights of Hobby Lobby's owners.

In other words, Hobby Lobby's female employees can still get access to abortifacient drugs without Hobby Lobby having to pay for them. The government had already given ample exceptions to its own mandate, which the Court took as evidence that there were other ways to carry out the mandate without burdening the religious convictions of Hobby Lobby's owners.

What is so striking in this case is that the left has spent the last decade demanding American corporations maintain high ethical values and treat their workers with dignity. Hobby Lobby should be a model for other corporations. The business closes earlier than its competitors so its workers can go home early to their families. The business pays well above minimum wage. It promotes its workers internally more often than it brings in outsiders to take jobs. Hobby Lobby closes on Sundays and most holidays so its workers can be at home with their families.

In fact, Hobby Lobby exhibits the behavior the left has demanded of businesses for years. It provides generous pay and benefits, including an excellent retirement plan and health care benefits. But Hobby Lobby is a closely held business. It is not publicly traded on the stock exchange. Rather, it is owned by one family — the Green family. David and Barbara Green and their family are committed Christians.

Christians believe in a doctrine of vocation — they believe their job is another form of ministry through which they can glorify God. The Green family made a conscious decision to operate Hobby Lobby as not just a business earning a profit, but as a ministry to preach the Gospel. Their business advertising quotes scripture. Their workplace rules are designed to support families. But because they are Christians, they are pro-life and do not want to be complicit in aborting children. Their values reflect that, too.

Unfortunately for the Green family, that one value means their entire company is an abomination to the left. Their generous pay, work hours, and benefits are all for naught because of four prescriptions they refuse to provide. Their religious values conflict with those of the left, and, but for five votes of the Supreme Court, they would pay a substantial price for having the wrong values.

The peddlers of tolerance will tolerate no dissent on this issue.

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# Republicans should drop impeachment talk



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Increasingly, across this city, the "I" word is being heard. Impeachment is being brought up by Republicans outraged over Barack Obama's usurpations of power and unilateral rewriting of laws. And Obama is taunting John Boehner and the GOP: "So sue me."

Democrats are talking impeachment to rally a lethargic base to come out and vote this fall to prevent Republicans from taking control of the Senate, and with it the power to convict an impeached president.

Still, Republicans should drop the talk of impeachment.

For the GOP would gain nothing and risk everything if the people began to take seriously their threats to do to Barack Obama what Newt Gingrich's House did to Bill Clinton.

The charges for which a president can be impeached and removed from office, are "Treason,

Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

With Bill Clinton, the impeachers had a solid case of perjury.

With Richard Nixon, they had a preponderance of evidence that, at least for a time, he had sought to obstruct justice in the investigation of the Watergate break-in.

Article II of the impeachment of Richard Nixon was for misuse of the IRS in what turned out to be futile and failed attempts to have the agency harass political enemies by having them audited.

As yet there is no evidence Obama knew of the IRS plot to delay and deny tax exemptions to Tea Party groups, which would be an abuse of power and a trampling upon the constitutional rights of Tea Partiers, who were denied the equal protection of the laws.

The GOP response to the lost emails of Lois Lerner and crashed computers that went missing should be a drumbeat of demands for the appointment of an independent counsel, not an impeachment committee in the House.

Obama claims he did not learn of the IRS abuse until years after it began, and weeks after his White House staff learned of it.

In the absence of those emails, the claim cannot be refuted.

In the Benghazi scandal, the

president's defense is the same.

He had no idea what was going on. And cluelessness appears here to be a credible defense. Two weeks after the Benghazi atrocity, Obama was at the U.N. still parroting the Susan Rice line about an anti-Muslim video having been the cause of it all.

Has the president unilaterally rewritten the Obamacare law, while ignoring the Congress that wrote it? Indeed, he has.

But would a Republican Party that failed and folded when it tried to use its legitimate power of the purse to defund Obamacare really stand firm in an Antietam battle to impeach a president of the United States?

Or is this just "beer talk"? Impeachment is in the last analysis a political act.

The impeachment of Nixon was a coup d'etat by liberal enemies who, though repudiated and routed by the electorate in 1972, still retained the institutional power to break him and destroy his presidency.

And, undeniably, he gave them the tools.

In the case of Nixon, political enemies controlled both houses of the Congress. Washington was a hostile city. Though he had swept 49 states, Nixon lost D.C. 3-to-1.

The bureaucracy built up in the New Deal and Great Society was deep-dyed Democratic.

Most crucially, the Big Media whose liberal bias had been exposed by Nixon and Vice President Spiro Agnew were hell-bent on revenge.

All three power centers — the bureaucracy, Congress, the Big Media — worked in harness to bring Nixon down.

No such powerful and hostile coalition exists today with Obama.

In 2008, Obama carried D.C. 24-to-1 over John McCain. The White House Correspondents Association has at times behaved like an Obama super PAC. Liberal Democrats dominate the bureaucracy and control the Senate.

Any Republican attempt at impeachment would go up against a stacked deck. And the GOP would be throwing away a winning hand for a losing one.

For while the American people have shown no interest in impeaching Obama, they are coming to believe they elected an incompetent executive and compulsive speechmaker who does not know what the presidency requires and who equates talk with action.

With the economy shrinking 3 percent in the first quarter, with Obama sinking in public approval,

and with the IRS, NSA and VA scandals bubbling, why would Republicans change the subject to impeachment?

The effect would be to enrage and energize the Democratic base, bring out the African-American vote in force and cause the major media to charge the GOP with a racist scheme to discredit and destroy our first black president.

Does the GOP really want a fight on that turf, when they currently hold the high ground? If you are winning an argument, why change the subject?

If the nation is led to believe Republicans seek to gain the Senate so they can remove Barack Obama from office after a GOP-led impeachment, then Republicans are not likely to win the Senate.

Maybe that is why the Democrats are wailing about impeachment.

Republicans should take away the football.

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## The scandal that is the IRS



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Can you imagine being audited by the IRS and telling them you lost all your records and that they would just have to take your word for it? That is exactly what the IRS is asking the American people to do.

At issue is a House Oversight Committee subpoena for documents from the IRS over its targeting of conservative groups specifically the Tea Party. After stalling for a year, the IRS reports that the critical two years of messages from Lois Lerner, the head of the Internal Revenue Service's division on tax-exempt organizations as well as six other persons of interest in the investigation, have conveniently disappeared. The computer backups of this correspondence are also lost. The hard drives from all seven persons of interest failed simultaneously. And the Obama administration refuses to release email correspondence with the IRS.

This is the same Lois Lerner that pled the fifth so as not to implicate herself in criminal activity during previous Congressional hearings. At that point it was already clear that she had lied to Congress, several other IRS officials directly contradicted her earlier statements.

In June, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen confirmed that he withheld key information from the congressional investigation and intentionally misled the Ways & Means Committee about Lois Lerner's emails. In short, he lied.

How deep does this go? A March 2010 entry the White House Visitors Log, confirms the president of the National Treasury Employees Union, Colleen Kelley, met with Obama. The very next day according to the Treasury Department's Inspector General's Report, IRS employees, who are also NTEU members, began targeting the Tea Party and conservative groups around America. Coincidence perhaps, but I smell smoke.

President Obama, in an interview with Fox News' Bill O'Reilly, said the IRS targeting scandal had "not even a smidgen of corruption." Shortly after the IRS targeting hit the fan Obama said, "They're phony scandals that are generated." Does this look like a phony scandal to you?

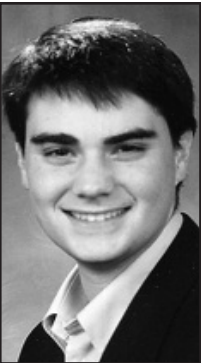
America has become a banana republic. The most powerful agency with the ability to destroy your life with the click of a keyboard is so corrupt that it blatantly tampers with evidence pertaining to their wrongdoing and is seemingly getting away with it. Where is the outrage? Where is the urgency to bring everyone involved to justice?

Representative Paul Ryan asked IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "You are the Internal Revenue Service. You can reach into the lives of hard-working taxpayers and with a phone call, an email or a letter you can turn their lives upside down. You ask taxpayers to hang onto seven years of their personal tax information in case they are ever audited, and you can't keep six months' worth of employee emails?" Exactly!

According to the World Bank, the U.S. ranking on the Corruption Index has steadily fallen during the Obama era. Prior to Obama, the U.S. had consistently ranked in the top 10 percent. The U.S. now ranks at the very bottom of the developed countries. Time will tell if this is the most corrupt administration in history. What we do know is this week a Quinnipiac University Poll named Obama the worst president in the last 75 years.

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## Never let a self-proclaimed horror show go to waste



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"You never want a serious crisis to go to waste," President Barack Obama's former chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, once infamously stated. He never bothered to spell out the unspoken corollary to that appalling statement: And if there is no serious crisis available, manufacture one.

The American left has followed that pattern for generations. The left destroyed the nuclear family by incentivizing women to give birth out of wedlock.

When out-of-wedlock births exploded, they used that as an excuse to elevate federal spending, elevate taxes and disestablish marriage between a man and a woman as a moral standard. The left crafted a health care crisis by instituting price and wage controls that led to employer-sponsored insurance, and then undercut that insurance with ex-

cessive regulation and easy lawsuits. They used elevating costs as an excuse to push Obamacare and elevate taxes.

Now, the left, under Obama, has crafted the mother of all crises: an influx of tens of thousands of unaccompanied minors crossing America's southern border. Some of these minors carry disease. Virtually all carry wounds, either physical or psychological, from their criminal coyote guides.

That crisis is not Obama's Hurricane Katrina, as some have speculated. Katrina was an act of God, and its botched handling the act of men. This entire situation is an act of Obama. And he couldn't be happier as he watches frustrated Americans take to the streets in Murrieta, California, to protest his lawlessness.

Obama created this situation, and he certainly knows how to exploit it. Obama wants to campaign based on the suffering of these children.

He wants to push for higher taxes based on their unequal economic status. He wants their eventual votes for the left. He wants the federal government to punish American citizens tired of watching their government abandon them.

It's all part of the agenda.

Obama and the media maintain the absurd fiction that Obama was thunderstruck by this crisis. Obama himself has assured the public that he wants all of the new arrivals sent home forthwith and that they were foolish to believe they could stay.

Foolish?

Four years ago, the Obama Justice Department sued the state of Arizona for daring to enforce federal immigration law, and sanctuary cities across the country remained unscathed. Two years ago, Obama declared that all illegal immigrants between the ages of 16 and 30 who had not committed criminal felonies — the so-called Dreamers — would remain in the country. This week, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Arizona would have to hand out driver's licenses to the Dreamers, and the city of Los Angeles announced it would no longer cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement in holding requested illegals for 48 hours after their jail terms expired.

Those desperate to come to America would be fools *not* to jump at the chance. And their dangerous decisions to send their own children across thousands of miles of desert in the company of

likely drug cartel associates underscores their certainty: They're willing to risk the lives of their children, knowing that so long as the children get to the border, Obama will legitimize them, and then, by extension, their entire families.

This, of course, is precisely what Obama wanted them to think. Now he has his crisis. And he'll exploit it for everything it's worth, no matter how much blood is spilled in the deserts of Mexico or the streets of Murrieta.

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## Freedom, power and the conservative mind



ROBERT B. REICH

The Supreme Court struck down a key part of the Affordable Care Act, ruling that privately owned corporations don't have to offer their employees contraceptive coverage that conflicts with the corporate owners' religious beliefs.

The owners of Hobby Lobby, the plaintiffs in the case, were always free to practice their religion. The court bestowed religious freedom on their corporation as well — a leap of logic as absurd as giving corporations freedom of speech. Corporations aren't people.

The deeper problem is the court's obliviousness to the growing imbalance of economic power between corporations and real people. By giving companies the right to not offer employees contraceptive services otherwise mandated by law, the court ignored the rights of employees to receive those services.

The same imbalance of power rendered the court's decision in the Citizens United case, which granted corporations freedom of speech, so perverse. In reality, corporate free speech drowns out

the free speech of ordinary people who can't flood the halls of Congress with campaign contributions.

Freedom is the one value conservatives place above all others, yet time and again their ideal of freedom ignores the growing imbalance of power in our society that's eroding the freedoms of most people.

This isn't new. In the early 1930s, the court trumped New Deal legislation with "freedom of contract" — the presumed right of people to make whatever deals they want unencumbered by federal regulations. Eventually (perhaps influenced by FDR's threat to expand the court and pack it with his own appointees), the court relented.

But the conservative mind has never incorporated economic power into its understanding of freedom. Conservatives still champion "free enterprise" and equate the so-called "free market" with liberty. To them, government "intrusions" on the market threaten freedom.

Yet the free market doesn't exist in nature. There, only the strongest survive. The free market is the product of laws and rules continuously emanating from legislatures, executive departments and courts. Government doesn't "intrude" on the free market. It defines and organizes (and often reorganizes) it.

Here's where the reality of power comes in. It's one thing if these laws and rules are shaped

democratically, reflecting the values and preferences of most people. But anyone with half a brain can see that the growing concentration of income and wealth at the top of America has concentrated political power there as well — generating laws and rules that tilt the playing field ever further in the direction of corporations and the wealthy.

Antitrust laws designed to constrain monopolies have been eviscerated. Competition among Internet service providers, for example, is rapidly disappearing — resulting in higher prices than in any other rich country. Companies are being allowed to prolong patents and trademarks, keeping drug prices higher here than in Canada or Europe.

Tax laws favor capital over labor, giving capital gains a lower rate than ordinary income. The rich get humongous mortgage interest deductions while renters get no deduction at all.

The value of real property (the major asset of the middle class) is taxed annually, but not the value of stocks and bonds (where the rich park most of their wealth). Bankruptcy laws allow companies to smoothly reorganize, but not college graduates burdened by student loans.

The minimum wage is steadily losing value, while CEO pay is in the stratosphere. Under U.S. law, shareholders have only an "advisory" role in determining what CEOs rake in.

Public goods paid for with tax revenues (public schools, afford-

able public universities, parks, roads, bridges) are deteriorating, while private goods paid for individually (private schools and colleges, health clubs, security guards, gated community amenities) are burgeoning.

I could go on, but you get the point. The so-called "free market" is not expanding options and opportunities for most people. It's extending them for the few who are wealthy enough to influence how the market is organized.

Most of us remain "free" in the limited sense of not being coerced into purchasing, say, medications or Internet services that are unnecessarily expensive, or contraceptives employees can no longer get under their employer's insurance plan. We can just go without.

We're likewise free not to be burdened with years of student debt payments; no one is required to attend college. And we're free not to rent a place in a neighborhood with lousy schools and potholed roads; if we can't afford better, we're free to work harder so we can.

But this is a very parched view of freedom.

Conservatives who claim to be on the side of freedom while ignoring the growing imbalance of economic and political power in America are not, in fact, on the side of freedom. They are on the side of those with the power.

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## ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

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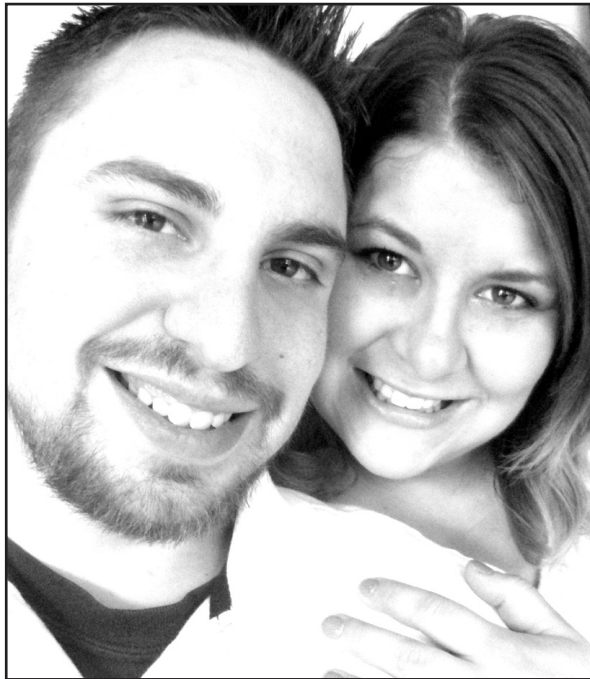
### Chelsy Kaley to wed Matthew Hovanic

**S**cott Kaley and Suzanne Mehno of Salem are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Chelsy Kaley, to Matthew Hovanic. He is the son of Phillip Hovanic of Salem and Veronica Hovanic of Youngstown.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Casal Aveda Institute in Austintown where she studied managing cosmetology. She is currently employed at Natural Solutions Holistic Beauty Boutique and Salon in Salem.

The prospective bridegroom is currently a senior at Kent State University majoring in computer technology. He is also currently working at Gene's Drive Thru in Salem.

The couple's wedding ceremony begins at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Episcopal Church in Salem.



Chelsy Kaley and Matthew Hovanic

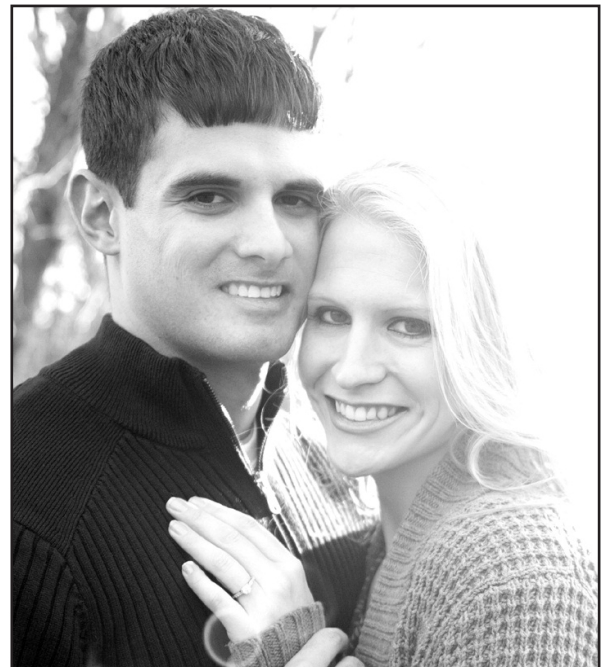
The reception follows at 6:30 p.m. at Salem Quakers Hall on South Lincoln Avenue.

### Kaylin McCue plans marriage to Brad McClaugherty

**H**arold and Cindy McCue of Columbiana and Doug and Vera McClaugherty of Sarasota, Fla., are announcing the engagement of their children, Kaylin McCue and Brad McClaugherty. The wedding is set for July 19.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Mount Union where she earned a bachelor's and master's degrees. She is a math teacher at Salem High School where she also serves as the junior varsity volleyball coach.

The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne University, earned his bachelor's and master's in business administration degrees, and was also with the 2011 and 2012 championship foot-



Kaylin McCue and Brad McClaugherty

ball coaching staff at Lenoir Rhyne University.

He is currently an insurance agent with Aflac.

### Richard and Shirley Adams mark golden wedding anniversary

**R**ichard and Shirley Adams of 1230 Slater Road, Salem, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22 at Realife.

The event was catered by their children, Kimberly and Scott Shoaff, Rick Adams (Kimberly Fisher), Matthew Adams and their granddaughter, Taylor Shoaff.

They were married on June 20, 1964, at the First Assembly of God in Salem by the Rev. Paul Taylor.

Mr. Adams was employed as a skilled machinist at E.W. Bliss in Salem for 32 years. He is currently employed at Glunt Machine in Warren.

Mrs. Adams retired from Salem City Schools after 26 years of service in the cafe-



Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Shirley) Adams

teria. She enjoys volunteering at the Salem Community Pantry and going to Tuesday Morning Bible Study.

The couple enjoys traveling on their Honda Goldwing and are planning a cruise to Hawaii later this fall.

### Mr. and Mrs. Michael Solmen celebrate 60 years of marriage

**M**r. and Mrs. Michael Solmen of Leetonia recently celebrated 60 years of marriage with a surprise party hosted by their daughter, Judy (Ken) Brown, at her farm in Hanoverton.

The former Donna "Mickey" McDonal and Mr. Solmen were united in marriage on July 3, 1954, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Salem.

Before retirement, Mr. Solmen worked at the Deming Co. and Hunt Valve in Salem. Mrs. Solmen worked at Superior Wallpaper and Paint and Weyant's Paint and Wallcovering, also in Salem.

The Solmens also have a



Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Donna 'Mickey') Solmen

son, Mark, and seven grandchildren and 16

great-grandchildren.

### WWII Heritage Society to meet

**CANFIELD** — William L. Davis will speak when members of the World War II Heritage Society meet at 6:30 p.m. July 21 at Ala Cart Catering. Dinner reservations are \$14 per person and may be made by contacting David Frank at 330 757-0515. Deadline for reservations is July 18.

A newer organization member, Staff Sgt. Davis will share his experiences in battling the German armies in a bitter campaign. Born in 1925 and raised on the east side of Youngstown, Davis graduated from East High School. He worked at Mackenzie Muffler producing the fuel drop tanks so vital to the war effort prior to being drafted by the Army. Called to duty in January 1944, he became a squad leader in the 254th Regiment of the 63rd Division, a bona fide "G.I. Joe." He also participated in breaking the Siegfried Line and was part of the Occupation Army of Germany, stories to be shared at a later date.

Following the war, Davis briefly worked at the Campbell works of Sheet & Tube prior to enrolling in Youngstown College and graduating with a degree in chemistry. For the next 20 plus years, he worked with the Environmental Protection Agency as an air pollution chemist. A church conspiracy led to his "hitching" with his wife, Delores, who is since deceased. They raised two daughters. He has spent countless hours volunteering in nursing homes since his retirement.

### Kiwanis antique, craft show slated

**SALEM** — The Salem Kiwanis Club will sponsor its 50th annual antique and craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19 in Centennial Park. Admission is free to the public. Dealer/vendor spaces are still available for \$65 each online at clubrunner.ca/salemkkiwanis or by calling and leaving a message at 330-332-7748. This annual event is the club's major fundraising project and provides the funds that enables them to serve the community. This year will include more food vendors and also over 50 auction items and baskets to raffle off. Special music for this year's show will feature Stormin' Norman from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Terry Kreps from 2 to 4 p.m. Special games for the children will be held throughout the day.



### Music Study Club installs officers, issues awards

The Salem Music Study Club met recently at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church to close out the year with a banquet. Officers were installed and awards given. Ray Wagner of Columbiana received the Bruce Snyder Award and Mike Newman from Salem received the Opal Taylor Award for their service to the club. Winners of the Esther Odoran Scholarship Auditions presented the program. The Salem club is a member of the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs. Pictured on top are officers, from left, Jeff Smith, board member; Lelia Mitchell, treasurer, Mike Newman, corresponding secretary; P.J. Devine, recording secretary; Ruth Newman, vice president; and Ila Jeanne Paxson, president. Shown on bottom are award winners Wagner and Mike Newman with Paxson. (Submitted photos)

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Columbiana chamber names July 4 raffle winner

The Columbiana Area Chamber of Commerce presented a check to Larry Cook of Canfield, left, the winner of the Fourth of July community celebration and 50/50 drawing. Cook received a check in the amount of \$2,284.50 from the ticket he purchased the evening of the fourth at Firestone Park. Also pictured is Jack Guy, chamber board director/Fourth of July community celebration committee chairman. (Submitted photo)

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS  
EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

Salem High School ‘69  
to plan reunion at meeting

SALEM – Members of the Salem High School Class of 1969 will finalize plans for the 45th-year class reunion when they meet at 7 p.m. July 23 at the Italian Club on Penn Avenue.

May family reunion slated  
for Aug. 9 in Summitville

SUMMITVILLE — The 20th May family reunion is slated Aug. 9 at the Summitville Fire Station. Attendees are to bring a coverdish for the 1 p.m. dinner and an item for the white elephant sale. The meat and beverages will be furnished. Activities include horseshoe pitching, cornhole, a euchre contest and games for children. The new officers are Presidents Julie Mills and Renee May, Treasurer Barbara May and Secretary Lillie Moats.

Salem Masons to host  
strawberry festival July 19

SALEM — The public is invited to a strawberry festival from 4:30 to 7 p.m. July 19 at the Salem Masonic Temple, 788 E. State St. The menu offers a variety of hot sandwiches, scalloped potatoes, salads, strawberries, ice cream and cake. Sponsored by Amaranth, cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, and free for under 3. The building is equipped with a handicap accessible elevator.

Canfield Area AARP 3104  
to meet for luncheon

CANFIELD — Canfield Area AARP #3104 met for a luncheon on July 7 at A La Carte. An overnight bus trip for a guided tour of Columbus and Schmidt's German Village with a local guide is slated July 17-18. Overnight accommodations then a visit to Dayton Air Force Museum with an IMAX film are planned. For information call 330-332-4791. Aug. 24 offers a trip to Mentor Performing Arts Center for a show direct from Branson, Mo., featuring Shoji Tabuchi. For this trip call 33-337 -7133. A board meeting begins at 10 a.m. July 21 at the Canfield Presbyterian Church. The next regular meeting starts at 1 p.m. Aug. 4 at the church with Regina Reese as speaker. Guests and non-members are welcome to the meetings and bus trips. Memberships are open. For information call 330-654-3337.

Church Women United  
to hold clothing sign-ups

SALEM — Church Women United is again hosting its back-to-school clothing sign-ups at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education Building, 251 S. Broadway Ave. The program is open to children of low-income families residing in the Salem School District who are entering Head Start through eighth grade this fall. The parent/guardian is required to bring two proofs of income and residency, the child's name, age, birth date and school grade. Sign-ups will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. July 23 and 24; from 9 a.m. to noon and 3 to 6 p.m. July 25; and 1 to 3 and 4 to 6 p.m. July 31. Childcare is not provided.

Butler Grange meets,  
discusses future projects

SALEM — Ida Zepernick presided when Butler Grange met in June. Carol Speece gave a report titled “Internet telephones can help those with hearing problems.” Members made a donation to the Columbiana County Fair Board toward the new grandstand. Several suggestions for consideration were discussed regarding future community service projects. Members plan to “stuff toys” at the July meeting. Pomona Grange met on June 16 at Willow Grove Grange and presented the memorial program (included Betty Vogelhuber of Butler Grange.)

Salem Masons to host  
public breakfast buffet

SALEM—A public breakfast buffet will be served from 7:30 to 10 a.m. July 26 at the Salem Masonic Building, 788 E. State St. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 10 and free for children under 2. The menu offers pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade sausage gravy, biscuits, homefries, toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee and tea. The building is equipped with a handicap accessible elevator. Proceeds will be directed to the Salem Masonic Building Fund.

West Point Lions Club  
holds picnic meeting

WEST POINT — Thirty members of West Point Lions Club and a guest were welcomed to the picnic-style meeting on July 7 by First Vice President Violet Mellon. Janis Mundy gave a report on the Lions Den food stand for the Columbiana County Fair stating July 23-25 will be clean-up with set-up on July 27. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting at 7 p.m. July 21 at St. Agatha Church.

R-Weigh support groups  
recognize weekly winners

SALEM — The R-Weigh weight support groups met at 1 and 5 p.m. Monday at the First Friends Church. Gerry Heffinger presided at the afternoon meeting and presented a program on “Snacking to Lose Weight.” Members are to bring a sample of their favorite snack to the July 14 meeting for discussion. JoAnne Bogdan was the goalie for the week. The Happy Hitters beat the Salem Sluggers 7 to 4, winning the baseball game. The Sluggers have won three games to the Hitters’ two games with four games remaining to be played. Karen Pauline presided at the evening meeting and Peggy Kurtz gave the inspiration for the week. Polly Barton Jane Shafer, Candy Penner and Jean Tully were the good losers and Jo Carol Gray was the goalie for the week. The Disney Divas beat Diane’s Diamond Dolls 26 to 25, winning the baseball game. The Divas have won three games to the Dolls’ two games played. New members are welcome to visit at no charge. For information call 330-332-1078.

Local Ruritan clubs  
to co-sponsor blood drive

DAMASCUS — The Damascus, Beloit and Goshen Center Ruritan Clubs are cosponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. July 15 at the Damascus United Methodist Church on Valley Road.

Leetonia High School ‘76  
to hold informal picnic

LEETONIA — The Leetonia High School Class of 1976 will hold an informal picnic at 6 p.m. July 26 at the home of Cheryl Dudick-Newhouse, 12528 Lisbon Road. Attendees should bring a coverdish, lawn chair and swim suit. For more information contact Jill Farmer Weikart at 330-429-2674 or farmer-gal76@aol.com.

Columbiana chamber to host  
summer business showcase

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Area Chamber of Commerce invites residents and business owners to attend the summer business showcase at 5:30 p.m. July 24 at Whispering Pines Village, 937 E. Park Ave. The event offers refreshments, networking and brief presentations by Columbiana Area Chamber of Commerce members: Southern Care Hospice, Boardman Steel, Gallagher, Clark & Carney Realty Group and East Fairfield United Methodist Church. For more information contact the chamber at 330-482-3822 or info@columbianachamber.com. Reservations are not required.

FILM REVIEWS  
OF NEW RELEASES

► Dawn of the Planet of the Apes

Digital characters have by now long populated our movies like unwanted house guests. Some of these CGI inventions, like Gollum in "The Lord of the Rings," have been pleasant, even precious company. But most have disrupted our movie worlds — and not just as monsters tearing our cities apart, but as awkward distractions to our cinematic realities. The name Jar Jar Binks will forever be followed by solemn head shaking. Never forget. But in "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," the tables have turned, and not just because apes now rule a world where all but 1 in 500 humans have been wiped out by a so-called simian flu virus. No, the biggest uprising in the sequel to 2011's "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" is by those digitally created, nonhuman characters which have finally and resoundingly come of age. Hail Caesar.

That's the ape played by Andy Serkis, the motion-capture maestro of creatures like Gollum and a much bigger ape, Kong. Serkis played Caesar in "Rise of the Planet Apes," the surprisingly good origin story of the rebooted "Apes" franchise wherein chimps, injected with a serum meant to cure human brain damage, develop great intelligence. Caesar was a fine character then, but in "Dawn," he shifts to center stage.

It's 10 years after the last film ended and Caesar is now a weary leader and firmly-rooted family man with a wife, a teenage son (Kodi Smit-McPhee) and a new baby. Who gets credit for Caesar's deep, troubled eyes, Serkis or the effects by Joe Letteri and Dan Lemmon? Does it matter? Looking for a dam to restore power for a colony of human survivors, a group (Jason Clarke, Keri Russell) stumbles upon the monkeys' Muir Woods home in the Redwoods outside San Francisco. The encounter sets off panic on both sides, as the firebrands in each community — the ape Koba, played by Toby Kebbell, and his human corollary, Gary Oldman — urge their species toward battle. To a surprising degree, "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" belongs to the monkeys. In the uncommonly sure-handed fusion of computer-generated and live-action images, apes are the more fully realized, expressive characters. Given that the apes communicate in sign language and spurts of English, this may be the biggest summer movie with so many subtitles.

Whereas Pierre Boule's original "Planet of the Apes" was satirical, director Matt Reeves ("Cloverfield") and screenwriters Rick Jaffa, Amanda Silver and Mark Bomback have given this "Apes" the grandly gloomy "Dark Knight" treatment, complete with an exceptional score by Michael Giacchino.

The movie feeds off a sense that, given the state of the planet, a reordering of the animal kingdom may be due. There's a pervasive jealousy to the primates in "Apes"; their comfort in nature and simplicity of life. Audiences, in fact, will cheer the animals over the humans. And few will miss the gun control argument shallowly buried throughout the film. What would Charlton Heston have made of that?

But there's also a question of putting too much gravity on an essentially absurd story. Eventually we have screaming monkeys on horseback firing automatic weapons amid roaring flames. One is tempted to lean forward and whisper, "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes,' your camp is showing."

It's gotten to be a very familiar ploy in Hollywood to remake previously light, cheesy entertainments with well-crafted, heavy grandiosity. So if there's a failing of "Apes," it's that it feels like yet another manufactured franchise. Talented people like Reeves and Serkis are brought in like HGTV fixer-uppers to restore mossy pop-culture properties.

But, alas, they're very good at it. "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, and brief strong language." Running time: 130 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— JAKE COYLE, AP Film Writer

► Tammy

Meet Tammy. Boy, is she a mess. Angry, profane and aggressive, then suddenly shy and sweet. Sometimes she's funny, sometimes totally not. She can't figure out what she wants to do or be, or where to go. She has loads of people around her, yet can't figure out what to do with them. This one's in desperate need of outside help.

And you thought we were talking about Tammy, the character — played by lovable Melissa McCarthy in her first venture as producer, star and co-writer with husband Ben Falcone. Well, sure. But really we're talking about "Tammy" the movie, about which all of the above descriptions are also true.

Especially the "mess" part. Oy. Other recent comedies have been described as elongated "Saturday Night Live" skits, but it's especially apt here, and not just because McCarthy and Falcone, who also directs, are veteran improv performers. Exaggerated characters, some wacky side plots, a couple of famous faces sprinkled in, and you're off. Some of it's good, some terrible, but you keep it all, 'cause, hey, why not? It's a comedy sketch. Only this is a much anticipated, heavily promoted feature-length film, and as such, it can only be deemed an unfortunate, though ambitious and intermittently enjoyable, misfire for McCarthy, so adorably entertaining in better movies like "Bridesmaids" and "The Heat."

Part of the problem is miscasting. "Tammy" is full of name actors: Susan Sarandon, Allison Janney, Toni Collette, Kathy Bates, Sandra Oh, Dan Akroyd. Most are misused. (Bates is a happy exception.)

Most glaring of all: Sarandon plays Tammy's doddering grandmother, Pearl, with whom Tammy goes on a female-bonding road trip (yes, obvious echoes of "Thelma and Louise"). Give her credit for trying, but really, Sarandon as a doddering grandma? McCarthy

is 43. Sarandon is 67, but we all know she looks great for 50, maybe 45. They give her a dumpy pants ensemble, an unflattering gray wig and fake swollen ankles, but we don't buy it for a minute. Just look at Sarandon's glowing skin here — she should be doing a Dove commercial.

It still might have worked if these two actresses had the comic chemistry (or the script) that made us laugh at the rowdy McCarthy teaming with the uptight Bullock in "The Heat." No heat here, alas.

We first meet Tammy on, arguably, the worst day of her life. First, her car hits a deer. That makes her late for her job at Topper Jack's burger joint, where she's promptly fired by her sadistic boss Keith (Falcone), and responds by licking all the hamburger buns.

At home, she finds husband Greg (Nat Faxon) romancing neighbor Missi (Toni Collette, criminally underused). Furious, she runs home to her mother, Deb (Allison Janney, a great-looking 54-year-old, and thus also implausibly cast — but whatever.)

Tammy wants to hit the road. That's where Pearl comes in. She's eager to stave off the nursing home, and has a huge wad of cash.

Misadventures ensue. Tammy totals a jet ski. Pearl gets drunk — she's a serious alcoholic, and a diabetic — and ends up having sex in a car with a randy old guy, while his son (Mark Duplass, in a sweet performance) and Tammy watch in disgust. Tammy and Pearl get in trouble with the law. Tammy needs bail money for Pearl, so she robs a Topper Jack's with a paper bag on her head.

Somehow the two end up — and you knew this was coming — at a huge lesbian July 4th party! The hosts are Pearl's friend Lenore, played by the terrific Bates, and girlfriend Susanne (Sandra Oh, barely used at all.) This is where things go seriously wrong between Pearl and Tammy.

It all comes hurtling oddly, with weird rhythm and pacing, to an equally odd ending. At least Tammy — the character, not the movie — seems to know a little more about where she's going.

Us? We're still scratching our heads. "Tammy," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America "for language, including sexual references." Running time: 96 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— JOCELYN NOVECK, AP National Writer

► Life Itself

If Roger Ebert had never written a film review or dramatically articulated his thumb, he would have still been a man to admire.

Steve James' new documentary on the late critic has plenty on Ebert's Chicago rise to Pulitzer-winning reporter, his unique position as the world's most famous film critic and his robustly populist cinephilia. But what comes through most in "Life Itself," a film named after Ebert's 2011 memoir, is his great, open-minded vigor.

His undying movie love. His passionate embrace of the Internet late in life. His bravery in the face of cancer. His championing of overlooked filmmakers. His generous support of younger critics.

Ebert's voice grew only stronger after he lost it. His life seemed to only swell in integrity with age. For someone who made a living in criticism, he was an unusually positive force, largely free of the cynicism that often plagues the profession.

Capturing that is the essence of "Life Itself," which, at its best, has the glow of a wake in an old Chicago bar, the kind Ebert used to haunt with regularity and the kind some of his old newspaper pals speak from in the documentary. Before giving up drinking, Ebert lived as fast as he wrote.

James has often documented Windy City tales, including "Hoop Dreams" and "The Interrupters" — films Ebert hailed. "Hoop Dreams," Ebert wrote with typical directness, "is what the movies are for. It takes us, shakes us and makes us think in new ways about the world around us. It gives us the impression of having touched life itself."

Ebert was defined, perhaps, by that eagerness to see outside himself. In a taped speech at the start of the documentary, he calls the movies "a machine that generates empathy."

Of course, he wasn't a saint. Ebert could be snippy and egotistical, particularly when prodded by his "At the Movies" co-host, Gene Siskel. Some of the most entertaining clips in "Life Itself" are familiar videos that have long been on YouTube of the two bickering in outtakes. Ebert's voluminous reviews and simple, up-or-down judgments, too, were sometimes derided as "junk food," as Time's Richard Corliss once levied. Either way, most writers today would gladly welcome a return to the days when any single critic held such sway, regardless of its nutritional value. Time, in the end, has been kind to Ebert's achievement. Corliss sounds regretful in the documentary, and director Werner Herzog's label of Ebert — "a soldier of cinema" — has won out.

James began the documentary before Ebert's passing at the age of 70 in April 2013. So the film is full of footage of Ebert battling his cancer of the thyroid and salivary glands, and conspiring with his longtime wife, Chaz, to sneak out of the hospital to go to the movies. He even sneaks information on his medical status to James that he shields from Chaz. (She, it should be noted, is in many ways the hero of the film: an astoundingly steadfast companion to her husband through his pain.)

Despite surgeries that removed his lower jaw and left him unable to speak, Ebert kept typing away up to the end. He died a day after announcing his retirement. Shortly before his death, he wrote of his life, "You can't say it wasn't interesting." Thumbs up to that.

"Life Itself," a Magnolia Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America "for brief sexual images/nudity and language." Running time: 118 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— JAKE COYLE, AP Film Writer



# ‘Boyhood’ — simple story, stunningly told

**By JOCELYN NOVECK**  
AP National Writer

Early in “Boyhood,” Richard Linklater’s bracingly original, utterly enthralling new film about the passage of time through the lens of one boy’s life, we find our characters at a real Houston Astros game. And, with the cameras rolling, wouldn’t you know it — the Astros hit a home run.

How lucky, you think, that Linklater was able to incorporate a real-life homer into his scene. But as the film progresses — at its own relaxed, distinctive pace — you soon realize that virtually every scene is a little home run of its own. And luck has very little to do with it.

We already knew that Linklater was one of our most accomplished independent filmmakers, and anyone who’s a fan of his “Before” trilogy — “Before Sunrise,” “Before Sunset” and the recent, wonderful “Before Midnight” — knows how eloquently he can portray the passage of time.

But “Boyhood” is something different entirely. Filmed over 12 years, for a few days each year, the movie follows one family — two parents, two kids — as they navigate love, marriage, divorce, school, work, pain, pleasure and everything else a family can go through.

Yet the story isn’t particularly dramatic — certainly not by the standards of typical Hollywood storytelling. Indeed, its utter simplicity — some might say even banality — is its strength. What happens to this family, and specifically to Mason, the main character, over 12 years? Life. That’s what happens.

While everything about “Boyhood” is done with extraordinary care, the master stroke was clearly



These images released by IFC Films show Ellar Coltrane at different stages of the film, "Boyhood." (AP Photo/IFC Films)

the casting, 13 years ago, of a little Texas boy named Ellar Coltrane, with a mop of light brown hair and dreamy eyes. It’s hard to imagine Linklater could have known then that he’d develop into such a soulful adolescent, or such a thoughtful-yet-awkward young man, perfect for the later scenes. But he did.

We first meet Mason lying on the grass, staring at the sky. He and big sister Sam (Lorelei Linklater, the director’s daughter), are living with their harried, divorced mom Olivia (Patricia Arquette). Dad Mason Sr. (Ethan Hawke) is charming and loving but unreliable, and he’s been off finding himself in Alaska.

Mom moves the family to Hous-

ton so she can go back to school and get her degree. She ends up marrying her psychology professor (an excellent Marco Perella), and it’s a catastrophe — he turns out to be a dangerous, angry drunk. (These scenes are harrowing.)

Olivia escapes with her kids, begins a teaching career, makes another bad husband choice. Meanwhile, Dad grows up, remarries, has a baby. Sister Sam morphs from a precocious young girl who sings Britney Spears’ “Oops I Did It Again” to an awkward preteen with braces to a cocky teenager, who responds to a demand to dust the house: “I mean, who DUSTS anymore?”

The film’s full of fun cultural markers. Cellphones become

smartphones. Mason’s GameBoy becomes an Xbox. Political talk ranges from George Bush and the Iraq invasion to the Obama-McCain race in 2008 and later developments. The soundtrack carefully echoes the changing times. And in a prescient moment, dad and son discuss whether there should ever be a “Star Wars” sequel. (They decide it wouldn’t work. Ha.)

The film, shot entirely in the disappearing 35mm format, feels so much like a documentary that occasionally pieces of clearly scripted dialogue sound forced. But that’s rare. Mostly the actors blend seamlessly with Linklater’s naturalistic style. Arquette is heartbreaking as a mom who tries so hard, but always comes up short. Hawke con-

tinues to do his best work with Linklater, seemingly his artistic soul mate. But the actor who will stay with you the most is Coltrane. Late in the film, an adult who hasn’t seen Mason in years squints and says, “Mason, is that YOU?” If you’re like me, you may find yourself smiling knowingly, with even a tinge of pride. Because by this time, we don’t just know Mason; Mason is ours.

That’s the simple brilliance of Linklater’s achievement.

*“Boyhood,” an IFC Films release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America “for language including sexual references, and for teen drug and alcohol use.” Running time: 166 minutes. Four stars out of four.*

## A summer without Hollywood swagger

**By JAKE COYLE**  
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Hollywood’s summer at the box office isn’t just missing nearly 20 percent of last summer’s revenue. It’s lacking swagger.

Summer is the season for mega-budget, chest-thumping, globe-trotting monstrosities — films so big they lure droves of Americans with heavily promoted promises of shock and awe. But this season’s blockbuster output has been curiously low on the summer’s stock in trade: bigness.

Two months into the summer, there haven’t been any \$300 million grossers at the North American box office. The only movie to surpass \$100 million in its weekend debut was “Transformers: Age of Extinction,” and it did so by such a small smidge that some box-office watchers claimed it was artificially inflated. The Fourth of July, the customary launching pad for some of Hollywood’s flashiest fireworks, was the worst July 4th weekend in at least a decade.

“The first half of the year was extremely strong, as was last year,” says Dan Fellman, domestic distribution head for Warner Bros. “Then all of a sudden, it turned the other way.”

Since kicking off in early May, the summer box office has totaled \$2.25 billion, a 19.3 percent downturn from last summer. Propelled by hit sequels like “Iron Man 3” and “Despicable Me 2,” last year was a record summer at the box office, despite a series of high-profile bombs such as “The Lone Ranger,” “White House Down” and “After Earth.”

But when you bet big, you can also win big. While Hollywood’s summer has featured no shortage of major blockbusters, it has in some ways been more content to hit a double than swing for the fences. This summer’s box office has been dragged down not so much by flops than by a slate of more modestly ambitious movies.

The only major new July 4 release was the Melissa McCarthy comedy “Tammy,” made for just \$20 million. (It debuted with a lackluster \$21.6 million.) One of the season’s biggest sensations, “The Fault in Our Stars,” was a niche-based hit that appealed to the ardent fans of John Green’s young adult book. A whopping 82 percent of its \$48 million opening weekend was female. The ensemble comedy sequel “Think Like a Man Too” topped a weekend in June with \$29.2 million despite little crossover appeal.

These movies will likely all be quite profitable for their respective studios due to their cost-conscious budgets. But they aren’t superhero-sized hits.

Many of the blockbusters have seen revenue quickly tumble after the first weekend or two. Paramount’s “Transformers” — the biggest movie of the summer — nosedived 63 percent in its second weekend. “X-Men: Days of Future Past” opened big with \$90.8 million but slid 64 percent the following week. “Godzilla” bowed with \$93.2 million only to drop 67 percent.

Large declines aren’t uncommon in the blockbuster business, where so much of the marketing push is for opening weekend. But

such steep fall-offs contribute to anxiety over the ability of movies to capture and hold the attention of moviegoers in an age of so many other entertainment options. (Cable television and digital media are the villains to this mindset, although the World Cup is also a box-office stealing boogie man this summer.)

DreamWorks’ “How to Train Your Dragon 2” was set up to be the big animated option of the summer following the popularity of the Oscar-nominated original. But it has seen an oddly muted reception, thus far totaling \$141.7 million domestically, well below the \$368 million domestic haul of “Despicable Me 2.” DreamWorks Animation head Jeffrey Katzenberg has been cynical about the movie industry of late, calling it “not a growth business.”

Instead, the studios have been banking on their biggest growth coming from overseas markets. Michael Bay’s “Transformers” for Paramount emphasized China more than North America. It launched its global assault from there and it was rewarded by becoming China’s all-time top box-office film, with \$223 million in just two weeks.

Overseas, star power and spectacle often go further than in North America. Angelina Jolie and Disney’s “Maleficent” has brought in \$416 million internationally, while Tom Cruise and “Edge of Tomorrow” has nearly tripled its domestic total (\$91.4 million) abroad (\$248.6 million).

“We’re in a global business today and if we lose a little ground in the domestic marketplace, we can pick it up internationally,” says Fellman.

But overseas business is little use for North American theaters. Fellman notes it’s the exhibitors “that are really suffering this summer.”

Yet because of a strong spring led by “Captain America: The Winter Soldier” and “The Lego Movie” (the year’s top two domestic releases at this point), the total 2014 box office is down only 3.9 percent from last year.

“We have ‘Dawn of the Planet of the Apes’ on the way and ‘Guardians of the Galaxy,’” says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. “Luckily there are what I think will be solid performers on the way. The summer’s not over.”

But, really, most of the optimism now has shifted to 2015, when Marvel’s “Avengers: Age of Ultron” may become the highest grossing movie of all time. There’s a general sentiment that the summer of 2014 is simply an in-between summer.

“Ultimately,” says Dergarabedian, “it does come down to the product.”

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Redford will play Dan Rather in a film about the former CBS anchor’s disputed report about President George W. Bush’s National Guard service. The film, titled “Truth,” will be adapted from the memoir “Truth and Duty: The Press, The President, And The Privilege Of Power” by former CBS producer Mary Mapes, said the production company, Mythology Entertainment. Cate Blanchett is signed on to play Mapes.

The movie will chronicle the scandal that

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**Pink Floyd to release new album after 20-year gap**

LONDON (AP) — A fresh Pink Floyd album is on the way — 20 years after the band last released new material.

Spokesman Doug Wright confirmed Monday that “The Endless River” will be released in October. It’s described as consisting of “mainly ambient and instrumental music” based on 1993-94 recording sessions for the group’s last album, “The Division Bell.”

“The Endless River” features band members David Gilmour, Nick Mason and Richard Wright, who died in 2008. Roger Waters, who left the group in 1985, is not involved.

Gilmour’s wife, writer Polly Samson, tweeted that the album “is Rick Wright’s swansong and very beautiful.”

The psychedelic superstars sold millions of copies of albums including “The Dark Side of the Moon” and “The Wall.” They last performed together at the 2005 Live 8 charity concert.

**No joke: NYC church is on George Carlin Way**

NEW YORK (AP) — A bureaucratic error has put a Catholic church on a New York City street named after comedian George Carlin.

Carlin skewered the church in his act and gained fame with his foul-mouthed “seven dirty words” routine.

After he died in 2008, fellow comedians proposed naming the stretch of 121st Street where he grew up George Carlin Way.

The New York Times reports that priests at Corpus Christi Church objected because Carlin used to mock the church and crack jokes about the parish priests.

Under a compromise, one block was to be named after Carlin — not the block where the church is.

George Carlin Way became official Wednesday. Due to a clerical error it’s two blocks long and includes the church.

City officials say the mistake will be corrected.

**White Castle honors shock rocker Alice Cooper**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Shock rocker Alice Cooper loves White Castle sliders.

Cooper is such a fan of the little square hamburgers that he showed up at the company headquarters in Columbus on Monday to be inducted into the restaurant’s Craver Hall of Fame.

The Columbus Dispatch reports that the 66-year-old rock legend — whose real name is Vincent Furnier — told about 250 people gathered at the restaurant’s headquarters stories about his father sharing White Castle

**Robert Redford to play Rather in film about CBS Bush fallout**

erupted after Rather’s 2004 report for “60 Minutes II,” produced by Mapes. The story cited documents as proof of preferential treatment for Bush during the Vietnam War that were not authenticated by CBS. Mapes was fired, and Rather departed the “CBS Evening News” months later.

Rather, who has maintained the story was accurate, later filed a \$70 million lawsuit against CBS and its parent company, Viacom, claiming he was made a scapegoat. The suit was dismissed.

burgers with him when he was a kid.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer was scheduled to open for Motley Crue on Tuesday night in Columbus.

**Browne, Lynn to get lifetime Americana awards**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jackson Browne, Loretta Lynn, conjunto musician Flaco Jimenez and blues musician Taj Mahal will receive lifetime achievement awards at The Americana Music Association Honors and Awards ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee, in September.

Browne, who has lent his voice to a number of social policy issues including clean energy, will receive the “Spirit of Americana” Free Speech Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award for songwriting will go to Lynn, who wrote hits such as “The Pill” and “Don’t Come Home a Drinkin’ (With Lovin’ on Your Mind).”

Lifetime Achievement Awards for instrumentalist and performance will go to Jimenez and Taj Mahal respectively.

The organization is also partnering with Lincoln Center for the Americanafest NYC in August.

**Proposed bill to regulate NYC costumed characters**

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York City Council is considering legislation to regulate the costumed characters who roam Times Square.

The bill would require that the costumed performers be licensed and go through a background check.

City Councilman Dan Garodnick says there are still copyright issues that need to be worked out before the bill can be presented to the City Council for approval.

There have been a number of troublesome incidents involving costumed figures who try to make a living by charming tourists. They include a person dressed as Super Mario who was accused of groping a woman. And an Elmo figure pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct after unleashing an anti-Semitic tirade.

Most of the individuals work without authorization from characters’ owners.

**Rock Hall planning Everly Brothers tribute show**

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rock and Roll of Fame will honor the Everly Brothers with a tribute concert this fall.

The Rock Hall announced Thursday that surviving member Don Everly will appear at the Oct. 25 event at PlayhouseSquare’s State Theatre in Cleveland.

Phil Everly died from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease earlier this year. His older brother said in a statement that he wishes “Phil were here to share this honor.” Don Everly also thanked the Rock Hall and the duo’s fans “for keeping the Everly Brothers alive.”

Singer Rodney Crowell will work as the musical director for the concert, which will take place during the Rock Hall’s 19th annual “Music Matters” series. Performers will be announced at a later date.

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