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A win short of Columbus
West Branch players, from left, Melinda Trimmer, Taryn Hahn, Kaylee Manning and Emily Menegay shed a few tears after the Warriors' 42-36 loss to Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary in the Division II regional finals Saturday in Barberton. Game details and more photos on page 1B. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)

State rep candidate's residency a non-issue



By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer
LISBON — Tim Ginter, the Republican candidate for state representative, said he is still living at his South Lincoln Avenue residence in Salem but will soon be moving to another house around the corner.

Question arose during board of elections meeting regarding sale of Ginter's home located in Salem

fact, we're only moving a block and a half away," he said.
Ginter was contacted after the issue of his residency was raised at last week's board of elections meeting. Board member Larry Bowersock briefly questioned Ginter's residency after recently seeing that he and his wife sold their home.
The home sold quicker than they anticipated, so much so that Ginter said he and his wife had yet to find another home to purchase. After

looking in Salem and Columbiana but unable to find anything to their liking for the price, they decided to lease the home around the corner for a year while they continue to search.
"I'm still in the house but I have a couple of weeks before we have to move out," he said.
The three-story home on South Lincoln had gotten to be a bit much for the 58-year-old Ginter and his wife, which is why they are looking for something smaller. "We're both

empty-nesters now," he said.
Ginter is pastor at the Church of Center in Salem, and he said wherever they move it will be in the county. "We're not looking anywhere else ... and that was my intention before I decided to run," he said.
Elections board director Adam Booth said Ginter can remain a candidate as long as he remains in the state representative district, which is the entire county.
"It doesn't nullify your candidacy. You just have to be a (registered voter) in the district where you live," Booth said.
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Habitat for Humanity of Northern Columbiana County ReStore assistant manager Alli Ward looks at some of the door murals created by Salem High School art students. The doors will be unveiled during the Evening of the Arts from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the ReStore, 1965 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem. The free event is open to the public, featuring entertainment, art and plenty of shopping opportunities. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

SALEM ReStore's Evening of the Arts features murals by students

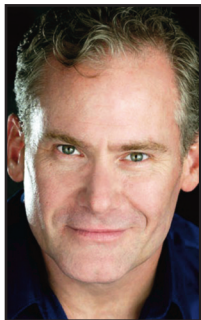
By **MARY ANN GREIER**
Staff Writer
The Salem ReStore's Evening of the Arts from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday offers visitors a chance to shop, enjoy some entertainment and witness the unveiling of some doors repurposed as art.
"This was an opportunity for us to take an ordinary product that's donated and turn it into something extraordinary," ReStore manager Chaney Nezbeth said.
The free event is a first for the Restore, which is operated by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Columbiana County at 1965 N. Ellsworth Ave., the former site of a car dealership.
"I think it's an opportunity for use to get new shoppers, new donors and new volunteers in the store," Nezbeth said.
The murals created by Salem High School art students under the direction of art teacher Lisa Frederick will become part of a permanent display at the ReStore.

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— ReStore manager Chaney Nezbeth

Performers for the evening will include members of the SHS Jazz Ensemble, local singer Cullen Davis and ventriloquist Tristan Hostetter, a Springfield High School student who refers to his act as the Ventrilotrist Show.
The ReStore recently opened a new craft room and will offer up hundreds of brand new craft items on sale Tuesday evening at prices from 25 cents to \$3, featuring materials for quilting, knitting, cross stitching, painting and scrapbooking, along with do-it-yourself kits.
Nezbeth said the ReStore will host its annual tool drive in

See ReSTORE, 2A

Show Choir Festival will feature Broadway performer



By **KEVIN HOWELL**
Staff Writer
Students in five local show choirs will be getting a helping hand in

► **WHAT:** United Local Annual Show Choir Festival featuring Broadway performer Timothy Shew.
► **WHEN:** 7 p.m. Saturday.
► **WHERE:** United High School Auditorium.
► **COST:** \$5 at the door.

showmanship when they convene for their annual show choir festival at United Local Saturday night.
The show choirs from United Local, Carrollton, Malvern, East Canton and Struthers will be working with Broadway performer Timothy Shew, whose New York stage credits include "Evita," "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Guys and Dolls."
According to United Choir Director Cindy Neiswanger, she met Shew when he presented a Broadway critique that the show choir attended during a tour of New York City last April, then again following a performance in Pittsburgh in July.
"He was the chef in 'The Little Mermaid,' and he met with [the 35 choir

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students who attended] at the stage door following the performance," she said.
When she found out that he conducted workshops, Neiswanger said she didn't hesitate.
"All schools do musicals, to be able to see a Broadway actor, watch him perform and tell them what to do better, is something we can gain from," she explained.
The students will complete a workshop with the actor Saturday afternoon then present their annual concert at 7 p.m. that night in the

high school auditorium.
Tickets for the concert are \$5 at the door. Performances will include 20-minute sets from each choir, a 20-minute set from Shew and a finale featuring everyone.
A veteran of the stage, Shew is also a philanthropist and educator-for the past 15 years he has produced "Broadway Sings on Park Avenue," a concert to benefit children affected and infected with HIV and AIDS, and works extensively to educate and assist at-risk children. He lives in New York City with his wife, Jane, and their adult son, Jonathan, both of whom are currently performing together in the national tour of "Wicked."

Good morning Lora Lutz. Thank you for subscribing to the Salem News

WEATHER

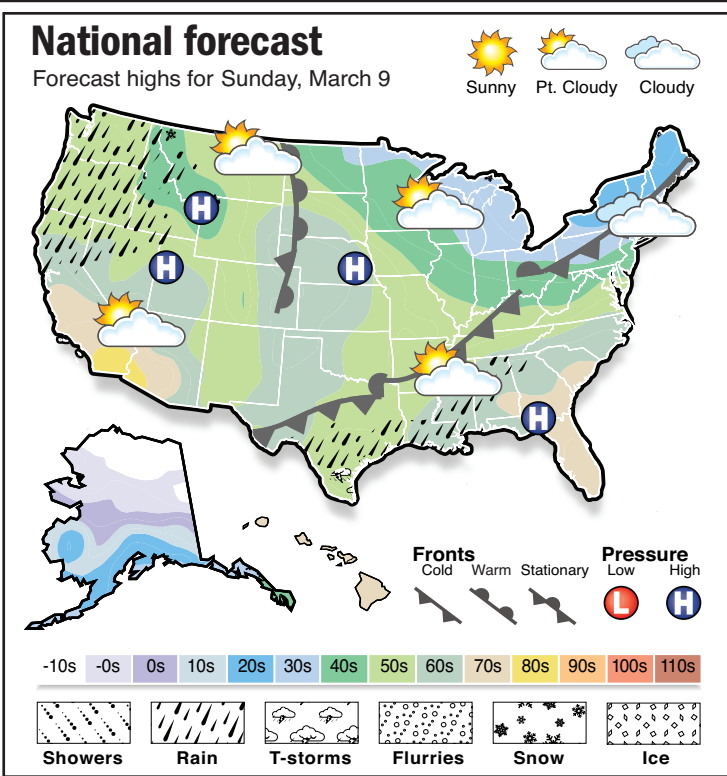
THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Partly cloudy. Highs around 40. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Monday...Partly sunny. Not as cool with highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Not as cool with lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 50. Tuesday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow and rain showers. Lows in the upper 20s. Chance of precipitation 50 percent. Wednesday...Rain and snow likely. Cooler with highs in the mid 30s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Colder with lows 15 to 20. Thursday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 20s. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows around 20. Friday...Partly cloudy. Not as cool with highs in the upper 40s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. West winds around 5 mph...Increasing to around 10 mph in the afternoon. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Monday...Partly sunny. Not as cool with highs in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Not as cool with lows in the upper 30s. Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow and rain showers. Cooler with lows in the upper 20s. Chance of precipitation 50 percent. Wednesday...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Cooler with highs in the lower 30s. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Colder with lows 15 to 20.

Extended Forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
40/25	52/35	50/28	35/17



Tonight/Sunday

Forecast for Sunday, March 9

City/Region Low | High temps

Toledo	16° 36°	Cleveland	20° 36°
Mansfield	22° 41°	Youngstown	21° 42°
Dayton	22° 45°	Columbus	25° 46°
Cincinnati	28° 51°		
Portsmouth	29° 50°		

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On March 9, 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, raised the standard for proving libel, unanimously ruling that public officials who charged they'd been defamed by the press concerning their official duties had to demonstrate "actual malice" on the part of the news organization in order to recover damages. In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) clashed for five hours to a draw. In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths. In 1964, the first Ford Mustang, a Wimbledon White convertible, rolled off the production line in Dearborn, Mich. (Instead of being kept by Ford Motor Co., the car was mistakenly sold to Canadian airline pilot Stanley Tucker, who later agreed to trade it back to Ford in exchange for the one-millionth Mustang.)

Rand Paul wins CPAC presidential straw poll

OXON HILL, Md. (AP) — She was not on the speaking program, but Hillary Rodham Clinton had presence at the nation's largest annual gathering of conservative activists on Saturday, as high-profile Republicans launched a dual effort to attack the prospective Democratic presidential candidate and improve the GOP's longstanding struggle with women voters.

It was the closing act of a Republican summit that highlighted acute challenges for a party that hasn't won a presidential election in a decade.

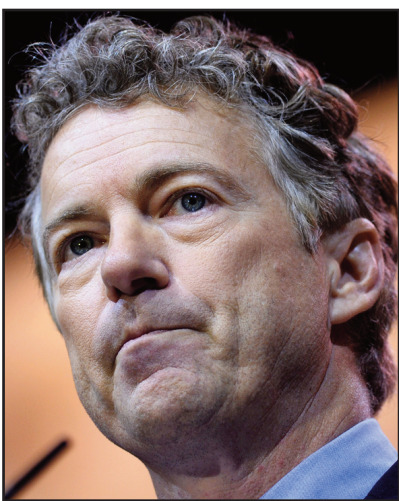
The GOP's 2008 vice presidential nominee, Sarah Palin, offered a message to all women, a group that has backed Democrats in every presidential election since 1988: "Women, don't let them use you — unless you choose to be their political pawn, just their piece of accessory on their arm."

The Republican firebrand was among just a handful of women featured on the main stage during the Conservative Political Action Conference, which offers an early audition for GOP officials weighing a 2016 presidential run and a platform for leading conservatives to put their stamp on the evolving Republican Party. Thousands of conservative activists, opinion leaders and Republican officials flocked to a hotel just across the Potomac River near Washington.

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul won the conference's presidential preference straw poll, a symbolic victory that reflects his popularity among conservatives who typically hold outsized influence in the GOP's presidential selection process.

Clinton has yet to announce her 2016 intentions, but she is considered the overwhelming favorite to win her party's nomination should she run.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich charged that Clinton would be "a prison guard for the past" should she become president. Gingrich, a 2012 presidential hopeful, said that Republicans would recapture the White House if the next election is framed as a fight



Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., speaks at the Conservative Political Action Committee annual conference in National Harbor, Md. (AP Photo)

between the past and the future and predicted that the GOP would then "govern for two generations."

Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., declared that the former secretary of state "has a lot to explain" should she run for president, raising pointed questions about Clinton's work in Russia and Libya. And she challenged the Republican Party's struggle with women.

"Don't forget, we are the party, the only party, that had a woman on the presidential ticket this century," Bachmann, a 2012 presidential candidate, said of Palin.

Men dominated the speaking program for the first two days of the three-day event until the final day.

The imbalance caught the attention of Washington-based conservative blogger, Crystal Wright, a guest panelist on a discussion on how to attract more women. "Part of it is basic optics. How did we start this conference? With one gender representing the movement of the conservative party," she said, suggesting that women participants shouldn't be "stacked up on one day."

After a disappointing 2012 election season, Republican officials acknowledged the need to broaden the GOP's appeal among the growing bloc of minority voters and women.

"Women are not a 'coalition.' They represent more than half the voting population in the country, and our inability to win their votes is losing us elections," read an exhaustive self-examination released by the Republican National Committee less than a year ago. Ronald Reagan was the last Republican presidential candidate to win a majority of women voters.

The RNC report found that in order to attract more women, Republicans should become more "inclusive and welcoming" on social issues in particular. "If we are not," the Republican authors found, "we will limit our ability to attract young people and others, including many women, who agree with us on some but not all issues."

Despite the aggressive anti-Clinton rhetoric, speakers also warned that the GOP must coalesce behind a positive agenda to help broaden the party's appeal in the coming elections. Republicans are optimistic about their chances in the November congressional elections and eager to snap a two-election losing streak in presidential contests.

"We must stop being the opposition movement," Gingrich said, suggesting that too much focus on Clinton would "virtually guarantee her election."

But there was little agreement on what that agenda should be.

Some of the GOP's most prominent conservatives insisted earlier in the conference that Republicans emphasize hot-button social issues like abortion and gay marriage in this year's midterm elections, despite the warnings of other Republican leaders.

Palin suggested Republicans should ignore the advice of the RNC and the party establishment.

"We're the party with the plank that protects even our littlest sisters in the womb," she said. "We are the real women liberators."

ACROSS OHIO

Attorney general released from hospital

CINCINNATI (AP) — Attorney General Mike DeWine headed home Saturday after spending the night in a Cincinnati hospital where he was taken because he felt ill while at a speaking engagement.

DeWine is feeling "much better" after what was described as a bout of vertigo Friday afternoon, spokeswoman Lisa Hackley said.

The 67-year-old attorney general and longtime Ohio public figure was at a "First Friday" luncheon of business and public policy leaders when he felt ill before his scheduled talk. An ambulance took him from a downtown restaurant near Fountain Square to The Christ Hospital. He was kept there overnight for observation.

DeWine left the hospital Saturday morning to go home to Cedarville, in western Ohio, Hackley said. He is expected to resume his normal schedule next week.

"Mike and Fran (his wife) would like to extend their thanks to the caring staff of The Christ Hospital, and to all who expressed their good wishes," Hackley said.

DeWine had to cancel another scheduled speech Friday evening at a Lincoln Day dinner in Delaware County.

A Republican, he is seeking re-election in November. Cincinnati Democrat David Pepper is challenging him for the office. DeWine is a former U.S. senator, U.S. representative, lieutenant governor and state senator. After losing his U.S. Senate seat to Democrat Sherrod Brown in 2006, DeWine ran successfully for attorney general in 2010 against incumbent Democrat Richard Cordray.

DeWine is a native of Greene County in western Ohio, where he was a prosecutor.

State to stock rainbow trout at 63 lakes

COLUMBUS (AP) — Wintry conditions have delayed the earliest dates on the Department of Natural Resources' schedule for stocking rainbow trout at lakes throughout Ohio this year.

The state agency had planned to stock Adams Lake in Adams County and Barnesville Reservoir No. 3 in Belmont County Friday. It decided to postpone those dates until later in March because of recent heavy snow and unsafe conditions for trout stocking at those ice-covered areas.

The department says at least 98,000 rainbow trout will be released at 63 public lakes and ponds this spring.

Those releases are now scheduled to begin next Thursday and Friday at locations in Lake, Meigs, Perry and Preble counties. The stocking dates continue through mid-May.

The department says the daily catch limit for inland lakes is five trout.

Officials extend deadline for heating help

COLUMBUS (AP) — State officials are extending a deadline for a heating assistance program that's available to those threatened with disconnection or whose service has been disconnected.

The Ohio Development Services Agency administers the Winter Crisis Program, which helps qualified Ohioans with winter heating costs. The program also provides assistance to people if their tank contains 25 percent or less of its capacity of bulk fuel.

The agency says it will extend its application deadline from March 31 to April 15.

Eligibility for the program depends on the total gross household income. That annual income must be at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which about \$41,213 for a family of four.

Those interested in the help must have a face-to-face interview with a Winter Crisis Program provider.

State letting students try out new exams

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ohio plans to give students new exams to measure achievement starting as soon as next year, and thousands of children will be testing those tests this spring.

About 120,000 students throughout the state will take the mostly online exams during the Common Core field testing between March and June, The Plain Dealer in Cleveland reported. The two-hour tests don't count this year, and the only results districts will get are assessments of whether participants properly took the exams.

The trial run will help officials identify any problems that need to be addressed before the real rollout as the state shifts toward standards that many other states also will use.

"We're gaining insight and information on the test questions themselves," said Sasheen Phillips, who leads the Ohio Department of Education's Center for Curriculum and Assessment. The testers in Ohio will be students from 2,000 schools representing about half of the state's school districts. In all, about a million students are expected to test the exams in the 17 states that are part of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, a testing partnership that includes Ohio. The Buckeye state also will have schools trying out Ohio's new social studies and science tests during the same period.

School officials say the trials are beneficial because they'll see what the exams are like and get to test the computers and Internet capabilities required for them. "We will observe the comfort level of our students and we will be able to inquire about how prepared they felt when completing this type of online exam," said Bay Village Superintendent Clinton Keener.

Thousands of bees attack woman

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — A 71-year-old woman is believed to have suffered about 1,000 stings in Southern California after being attacked by a swarm of killer bees that covered her entire body.

Cal Fire Battalion Chief Mark Williams says the woman was expected to recover after Thursday's attack in Palm Desert. He said five

firefighters were also hospitalized for stings.

A bee removal specialist told the Riverside Press-Enterprise that up to 80,000 Africanized honey bees found in an underground electrical vault stung a Verizon employee who opened the vault.

Lance Davis said the bees then attacked the woman, who had just gotten out of a car nearby.

Davis said her relatives tossed a blanket over her and rushed her indoors.

Davis said he removed the bees and planned to donate them to farmers.

ReSTORE FROM 1A

April and May this year, asking for donations of good useable tools just in time for Father's Day. A tool yard sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 31, with all proceeds going to the Habitat building committee to provide tools and materials for building sites.

The ReStore sells donated building materials and household goods at discount prices, including furniture, lighting fixtures, sinks and a wide variety of other items. The ReStore moved last year from its former Pidgeon

Road site to the much larger facility on Ellsworth Avenue, just south of the bypass, with 15,000 square feet of floor space.

Nezbeth said people may not realize it, but the ReStore will pick up donations for free. All anyone has to do is call 330-337-4808 to make arrangements. Donations are also tax-deductible. Donations can also be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

She estimated that through donations and the sale of those items, the ReStore kept 130 tons of material out of landfills.

The ReStore is open to shoppers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, accepting cash, checks, Mastercard, Visa and Discover.

All proceeds support Habitat's mission of eliminating poverty housing by building low-cost homes for families in need. Families provide sweat equity by participating in the construction of their home and pay a mortgage once they're living in the home.

Both the ReStore and Habitat are always looking for volunteers to help at the store or at the building sites. Information about Habitat is available at the ReStore.

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Sheila MacRae of ‘The Honeyymooners’ dies at 92



MacRae
Associated Press on Friday.

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — Sheila MacRae starred on the Broadway stage and in films, yet it was her small-screen role as the tolerant and brassy wife of a Brooklyn bus driver for which she is most remembered.

MacRae, best known for playing Alice Kramden to Jackie Gleason’s Ralph in the 1960s recreation of “The Honeyymooners,” died Thursday. She was 92.

The actress died at the Lillian Booth Actors Home in Englewood, MacRae’s granddaughter, Allison Mullavey, told The Associated Press on Friday.

In the 1950s version of “The Honeyymooners,” Audrey Meadows starred with Gleason as lovebirds and sparring partners Ralph and Alice Kramden. Sheila MacRae replaced Meadows as the tolerant and brassy wife of a Brooklyn bus driver in a later version from 1966-70 on “The Jackie Gleason Show.” MacRae was the last survivor from the ‘60s edition of the show; Jane Kean, who played Trixie Norton, died last fall.

“My mother referred to herself as the last Mrs. Kramden,” said her daughter, actress Heather MacRae.

“She had a great life, my mom, she really did. She was quite a broad,” Heather MacRae said. “Fascinating, almost like an Auntie Mame character.”

MacRae, who suffered from dementia but was otherwise in good health, had been hospitalized for a minor surgical procedure. Her death was apparently the result of old age, Heather MacRae said.

A singer, dancer and actress, MacRae was married to “Oklahoma!” and “Carousel” star Gordon MacRae for 26 years, and they appeared together in 1964 on “The Ed Sullivan Show” when the Beatles were featured.

She had put her career on hold while she devoted herself to MacRae and their four children, Heather MacRae said. After helping her husband with his nightclub act, she decided to join him and her career took off, her daughter said. The couple appeared together in musicals including “Guys and Dolls,” with Sheila MacRae taking her performance as Miss Adelaide to Broadway in 1965.

The couple divorced in 1967.

Actress Shirley Jones, who co-starred with Gordon MacRae in the 1950s film versions of “Oklahoma!” and “Carousel,” in a statement released by MacRae’s family, called Sheila MacRae “a great lady” with extraordinary talent who “helped me to be a better mother.”

After her divorce from Gordon MacRae, she was married to Ronald Wayne, who produced Gleason’s show, her daughter said. They later divorced.

Sheila MacRae played the role of Madelyn Richmond on the TV soap opera “General Hospital” and was the host of “The Sheila MacRae Show.”

“She lived a good life and a long life,” Mullavey said. “We’ll miss her.”

A native of London, Sheila MacRae immigrated to America with her parents during World War II.

Survivors include children Heather and William “Gar” MacRae, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Daughter Meredith died in 2000 and son Robert in 2010, Heather MacRae said.

Funeral services for her mother are pending, she said.

Chevron pizza ‘scandal’ isn’t one in small town

BOBTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Critics are raging after an energy giant offered pizza coupons to a community near a natural gas well that exploded last month, killing a worker.

News stories, TV shows and blogs — many sarcastic or outright scornful — spread the word far and wide. “Shame on you,” one person wrote about the offer by Chevron Corp. “How insulting!” said another. Comedy Central’s satirical “The Colbert Report” skewered it.

But the 750 or so residents of the hamlet of Bobtown? Not one has signed an online petition demanding an apology for the pizza offer. In fact, during a recent visit, The Associated Press found the talk of the town is more the furious response by outsiders.

“We feel it was something outside groups generated,” said Pete Novak, a co-director of the Polish American Club, a local gathering spot. None of the patrons has voiced outrage, he said, and residents laughed about how people who have never set foot in Bobtown claim to speak for its citizens.

Several people noted that Chevron’s pizza offer was made to apologize for traffic after the fire, not to downplay the loss of life.

“I thought it was pretty decent of them,” said Ray Elli, 54, who noted that the fire was about a mile outside town, on a ridge, and that people in town didn’t feel threatened.

Bill Sowden, co-owner of Bobtown Pizza, the area’s only restaurant, says 12 people have redeemed the coupons distributed by Chevron. The whole issue, he said, was blown out of proportion.

“We’re just a food place,” he said.

The outsized reaction from people not directly affected by the accident illustrates the larger passions surrounding the fracking debate. Many critics seek stricter regulations or bans to protect air and water from pollution, while supporters speak of the economic benefits for an energy-hungry nation. Each side claims the high moral ground.

About 12,000 people have signed an online petition demanding Chevron apologize, according to petition organizer Karen Feridun.

“There are a few from nearby communities, but none right from Bobtown,” Feridun wrote in emails this week to the AP. She lives about 250 miles away, at the other end of Pennsylvania. The petition isn’t even on public display in Bobtown, about 2 miles from the West Virginia border.

One petition signer from New York City mentioned “Chevron’s cavalier arrogance.” Other signers came from Alaska, Florida and many other states, as well as Australia, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Germany and Italy.

Chevron hasn’t responded to the petition, Feridun said. Company spokesman Kent Robertson said in an email that Chevron works to be a good partner in communities, that it has been “overwhelmed by the support” from residents and that it appreciates their understanding.

For more than a century, the region around Bobtown has been coal country, and there’s still an active mine nearby. But in the past five years, natural gas locked in shale deep underground became newly accessible because of the advent of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

Statistics suggest major fires are relatively rare. Houston-based Wild Well Control, which specializes in control of oil and gas well accidents, says it responded to five surface well blowouts last year accompanied by fires and 25 other surface blowouts with no fires.

On Feb. 11, a Chevron well outside of Bobtown exploded, killing Ian McKee, 27, who lived about a half-hour away in Morgantown, W.Va., and worked for a contractor. The fire burned for a week, and emergency responders, state regulators and crews with special equipment clogged or blocked narrow roads in the area. State regulators and police and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration are investigating the Pennsylvania fire. Chevron could face fines if it broke any rules.

POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— John Ream III, 34, whose last known address was the 900 block of West Wilson Street, formerly of Louisiana, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence and a turn signal violation after a traffic stop at 3:22 a.m. Saturday in the 1900 block of East State Street. Police also discovered an outstanding warrant out of New Philadelphia for Ream for failure to appear on OVI and failure to control charges.

— Police checked a residence in the 500 block of South Lincoln Avenue at 1:54 a.m. Saturday for an alarm, but found the exterior secure.

— Penny Collins, 41, of West Pidgeon Road, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence and speeding after a traffic stop at 1:51 a.m. Saturday in the area of South Madison Avenue and East State Street.

— Dishelle Carchide, 20, of Salem Alliance Road, was cited for underage consumption after a traffic stop at 1:43 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of Newgarden Avenue. She was a passenger in the vehicle. After being processed, she was released to a sober ride.

— Police checked out a security alarm at 1 a.m. Saturday in the 2300 block of East State Street, but found the business secure.

— A woman in the 1200 block of East Pershing Street reported at 11:04 p.m. Friday that her ex-boyfriend continually calls and leaves threatening messages towards her and her boyfriend. She doesn’t want anymore contact from him. An officer spoke to the ex-boyfriend when he called the woman while the officer was there, telling him to stop all contact.

— A woman in the 400 block of Franklin Avenue called at 10:08 p.m. Friday to report receiving several text messages and phone calls from an unknown person. She said it’s not a normal number and appears to be from an Internet site or chat room. She received two calls from a female using vulgar language. She was told to contact her service provider.

— A man in the 1100 block of Ninth Street reported at 8:28 p.m. Friday that his daughter and son-in-law live with him and he wanted them to leave. He was told they would have to be evicted. He explained that he’s a convicted felon and isn’t allowed to have a weapon in the home. His son-in-law has a shotgun in his room and won’t remove it from the house. An officer spoke to the prosecutor on call and was told to take the weapon to the police department for safe-keeping.

— A person at Family Video called police at 7:55 p.m. Friday to respond to the 100 block of North Lincoln Avenue for a suspicious person asking people for money. The man was found in the 900 block of East State Street. Officers were familiar with him, told him about the complaint and told him to go home.

— An anonymous caller at 7:41 p.m. Friday reported a man walking up and down the road screaming in the 300 block of North Ellsworth Avenue. Officers couldn’t locate the person.

— Police were called at 5:39 p.m. Friday to Salem Circle of Care, 1985 E. Pershing St., where a person said he was receiving unwanted attention from a person known to him. He was told his options.

— Police were called to Walmart, 2875 E. State St., at 5:22 p.m. Friday for a theft report. A loss prevention officer said a female was seen concealing items in her purse and then attempting to leave the store. When the loss prevention officer attempted to stop her, she ran away and left in a blue Chrysler. A man who had been with the female was in another area of the store and questioned. He told the loss prevention officer he did not really know the female and did not know she was going to steal. No stolen property was found on him and he was told not to return. The vehicle could not be found.

— Teresa Reckner, 49, of Georgetown Road, was cited for failure to yield after she attempted a left-hand turn into Circle K while her vehicle was eastbound in the 700 block of West State Street, striking a westbound vehicle driven by Benjamin Mills, 25, Tallmadge, in the left side at 5:08 p.m. Friday. No injuries were reported.

— Jansen Paumier, who owns a lot at 2790 E. State St., called police at 4:18 p.m. Friday to report the person who rented the lot abandoned some vehicles there. He was told he could have the vehicles towed since he owns the lot, but he wanted the vehicles checked to make sure they weren’t stolen and wanted the report documented. An officer checked and none of the vehicles had been reported stolen.

— A caller at 4:10 p.m. Friday reported seeing an unknown person trying to gain entry into an unoccupied residence in the 900 block of South Union Avenue. An officer located the owner of the residence who said it was him trying to get inside.

— A woman on Hawley Avenue reported suspicious activity at 2:54 p.m. Friday, but nothing unusual was found.

— A woman in the 800 block of Franklin Avenue reported at 2:11 p.m. Friday that her boyfriend found the handle on the back door of the residence damaged, along with the door frame. She said it didn’t appear that entry was made.

— A parking complaint was reported at 1:45 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of West Second Street where two car hauler trucks were parked on the north side of the road. Officers found that traffic could get through using caution. The road was not blocked. The drivers said they were moving as fast as possible.

— Donald Weyand, of East Liverpool, reported at 12:56 p.m. Friday that a known person possibly damaged his 1989 Ford Bronco while it was parked in the 200 block of West Wilson Street over the past week. He found five different BB/pellet holes on the windshield and wanted it documented.

SALEM TOWNSHIP REPORT

— The township constable received several complaints about dirt bikes and 4-wheelers racing up and down Butcher Road and Lisbon-Canfield Road at 5:52 p.m. Friday. The constable arrived and saw a man riding a dirt bike up Lisbon Road and turn onto Butcher Road and into a driveway. Thomas G. Clark, 34, of Lisbon Road, Salem, was cited for failure to register a motor vehicle and driving under suspension. He was told about the numerous complaints and that some of the other riders had already been warned.

COLUMBIANA REPORTS

— A parked vehicle was reported at 2:15 p.m. Friday to pose a traffic concern on East Park. The vehicle was considered OK and was to be moved later in the day.

— A grass fire was reported at 4:29 p.m. Friday on state Route 7 by the farm market. Police, fire and medical personnel were unable to locate any fire in that area.

— Karl E. Gruhlkey II, 29, Boardman, was cited at 11:38 p.m. Friday for failure to reinstate his license after a traffic stop on North Main.

HIGHWAY PATROL

— Tracey J. Rubio, 47, Massillon, was driving west on state Route 172 in Hanover Township at 9:10 a.m. March 2 when she slid off the right side of the snow-covered road, hitting three road signs and two trees.

Rubio and her passenger, Evan Kyles, 34, also of Massillon, were taken to Affinity Medical Center in Massillon with minor injuries. She was cited for failure to control.

— William F. Young, 45, Lindesmith Road, Hanover, was driving west on Speidel Road in Hanover Township at 5:25 p.m. Thursday when an unknown driver, believed a maroon Chevrolet HHR, traveling east went left of center and forced Young off the right side of the road and hit an embankment.

— Edward P. Shields, Jr., 63, Pittsburgh, Pa., was driving east on state Route 14 in Salem Township at 3:03 p.m. Friday when he lost control and struck a guardrail, and then drove off the right side of the road and struck a fence and railroad tie at the Van Pelt Farm Market. Shields was cited for failure to control.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

— A possible fight between a man and woman was reported at 10:39 p.m. Tuesday on Beeson Mill Road in Fairfield Township. No people or fighting, however, were found upon investigation.

— Scott Greaves, Wallace Road, East Palestine, reported a burglary at 11:19 a.m. Friday. After investigation, he learned his son, who has behavioral problems, ransacked his house and flipped over the television before going to school. The boy’s mother also said the child admitted to ransacking the house.

— Bill Clark, state Route 644, Kensington, reported at 12:45 p.m. Friday his neighbor’s chickens ran loose. A deputy later advised Clark there is no ordinance against chickens running loose according to the Ohio Revised Code.

— John Rudish, state Route 30, Minerva, reported a domestic dispute between him and his daughter, Jasmine Rudish, 19, at 1:31 p.m. Friday. John said she yelled at him because he apparently would not be home to watch her 4-year-old nephew. Jasmine contended she was pushed out the door by John, but was not injured. Both declined to press charges.

— Kinsey Barbato, Jimtown Road, East Palestine, reported at 6:45 p.m. Friday she was kicked out of her boyfriend’s house and was not allowed to have her \$1,200 bed back. A deputy took her it was a civil matter.

— Pam Amatangelo, Mountz Road, Minerva, reported at 9:13 p.m. Friday people in a vehicle was paintballing homes. A deputy did not see the vehicle but did see several homes vandalized.

— Ruth Houshour, state Route 172, Hanover, reported at 11:26 p.m. Friday she heard a girl locked out of her home and asked to be let back in. Deputies were unable to hear anything.

— Deputy Caleb Wycoff reported at 11:37 p.m. Friday he struck a deer on state Route 172 in Hanover Township while traveling to a call. No damage was done to the vehicle.

— Robert Soules, Country Club Drive, Salem, reported at 12:42 a.m. Saturday a taxi driver was in his driveway, but neither Soules nor his wife scheduled a taxi which angered the driver, John Keenan of Yellow Cab of Akron. Keenan said he received a call to be at Soules’ address and to call his cell phone if there were any problems.

California criminal behind three-strikes law arrested

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The career criminal whose participation in a notorious murder spurred California’s so-called three strikes law has been arrested again.

The Fresno Bee reported Saturday that 49-year-old Douglas Walker pleaded not guilty to corporal injury to a spouse, criminal threats and violation of probation. If convicted of the felonies, he faces a sentence of life in prison.

A Fresno County superior court judge on Friday ordered him held without bail. He was arrested Feb.26.

Walker’s criminal history dates back to when he was charged with selling heroin when he was 13 years old.

Walker was convicted of being an accessory to the murder of 18-year-old Kimber Reynolds in 1992. He was freed from prison after serving half his nine-year prison sentence, but he has been in and out of prison several times since.

Walker’s role in Kimber Reynolds’ murder prompted her father to campaign for passage of California’s three strikes law, which mandates long sentences for repeat offenders. A career criminal convicted of three felonies including violent or serious offenses faces a mandatory sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

He has been arrested several times after passage of the law. But Walker avoided a life sentence for a third felony conviction in 2003 when a judge deemed his conviction for stealing a tool chest a low-level crime and so sentenced him to a little more than 12 years in prison. He was paroled in November and put on post-release community supervision, and not subject to the strict supervision of parole because his last crime was non-violent.

Because that crime was not violent, he was released under the prison realignment law that is sending lower-level offenders to county jails instead of state prisons.

“This guy is like a cat. He just keeps landing on his feet,” Kimber Reynolds’ father, Mike Reynolds, told the Bee. “He just seems to have an affinity for ending up back on the street and hurting people.”

California’s three strikes law was passed by 72 percent of the electorate in 1994. The law was scaled back by voters in November 2012 that required third felony convictions to be serious to count as a third strike and trigger a mandatory 25-years-to-life prison sentence. The law also paved the way for about 3,000 inmates serving life sentences for relatively minor third offenses to have their sentences recalculated and making them eligible for release.

Ohio Medical Board suspends doctor’s license after crash

TOLEDO (AP) — The Ohio State Medical Board has suspended the license of a doctor who signed off on the airman medical certificate for a pilot blamed in a fatal crash that killed six people.

The board says Dr. Jerome McTague of Port Clinton “departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of care” for not detecting and documenting former state legislator Gene Damschroder’s deteriorating eyesight. Federal safety investigators faulted the 86-year-old Damschroder for the 2008 crash that killed him and five passengers at the Fremont airport in northern Ohio.

McTague’s license is suspended for at least two years. Upon reinstatement, he would be on probation three years.

The Blade of Toledo reports that McTague declined comment. He can appeal the suspension to a common pleas court.

Damschroder had been warned not to drive by his

eye doctor, the National Transportation Safety Board said in its 2010 report on the accident.

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Oil slicks offer sign that Malaysian jet crashed

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Two large oil slicks spotted Saturday by the Vietnamese air force offered the first sign that a jetliner carrying 239 people had crashed into the ocean after vanishing from radar without sending a single distress call.

An international fleet of planes and ships scouted the waters between Malaysia and Vietnam for any clues to the fate of the Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777, which disappeared less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur bound for Beijing.

The oil slicks sighted off the southern tip of Vietnam were each between 10 kilometers (6 miles) and 15 kilometers (9 miles) long, the Vietnamese government said in a statement.

There was no immediate confirmation that the slicks were related to Flight MH370, but the government said they were consistent with the kind of slick that would be produced by the jet's two fuel tanks.

After the oil was spotted, authorities suspended the air search for the night. It was to resume Sunday. A sea search continued in the darkness, the airline said.

The jet's disappearance was especially mysterious because it apparently happened when the plane was at cruising altitude, not during the more dangerous phases of takeoff or landing.

Just 9 percent of fatal accidents happen when a plane is at cruising altitude, according to a statistical summary of commercial jet accidents done by Boeing.

Malaysia Airlines CEO Ahmad Jauhari Yahya said there was no indication the pilots had sent a distress signal.

That might mean that whatever trouble befell the plane happened so fast the crew did not have time to broadcast even a quick mayday.

The lack of a radio call "suggests something very sudden and very violent happened," said William Waldock, who teaches accident investigation at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

The plane was last inspected 10 days ago and found to be "in proper condition," Ignatius Ong,

Oil slicks found in hunt for missing Malaysia jet

Malaysia Airlines says it lost contact with Flight MH370 which was flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Oil slicks close to where jetliner vanished have been found.



SOURCES: flightradar24.com; FlightAware.com AP

CEO of Malaysia Airlines subsidiary Firefly airlines, said at a news conference.

Two-thirds of the jet's passengers were from China. The rest were from elsewhere in Asia, North America and Europe.

Asked whether terrorism was suspected, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said authorities were "looking at all possibilities, but it is too early to make any conclusive remarks."

Contributing to fears of foul play was word from foreign ministries in Italy and Austria that the names of two citizens listed on the flight's manifest matched the names on two passports reported stolen in Thailand.

Italy's Foreign Ministry said an Italian man who was listed as being a passenger, Luigi Maraldi, was traveling in Thailand and was not aboard the plane. It said he reported his passport stolen last August.

Austria's Foreign Ministry confirmed that a name listed on the manifest matched an Austrian passport reported stolen two years ago in Thailand. It said the Austrian was not on the plane, but would not confirm the person's

identity.

A long wait for answers could lie ahead. Finding the wreckage of aircraft that go down over deep ocean waters can often take days. Locating and then recovering the flight-data and cockpit-voice recorders can take months or even years.

At Beijing's airport, authorities posted a notice asking relatives and friends of passengers to gather at a nearby hotel to await further information.

A woman aboard a shuttle bus wept, saying on a mobile phone, "They want us to go to the hotel. It cannot be good."

Passengers' loved ones were escorted into a private area at the hotel, but reporters were kept away. A man in a gray hooded sweatshirt later stormed out complaining about a lack of information.

The man, who said he was a Beijing resident but declined to give his name, said he was anxious because his mother was aboard the flight with a tourist group.

"We have been waiting for hours and there is still no verification," he said.

In Kuala Lumpur, family members gathered at the airport, but

were also kept away from reporters.

The plane was last seen on radar at 1:30 a.m. (1730 GMT Friday) above the waters where the South China Sea meets the Gulf of Thailand, authorities in Malaysia and Vietnam said.

Lai Xuan Thanh, director of Vietnam's civil aviation authority, said air traffic control in the country never made contact with the plane.

The South China Sea is a tense region with competing territorial claims that have led to several low-level conflicts, particularly between China and the Philippines.

That antipathy briefly faded Saturday as China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore and Malaysia all sent ships and planes to the region.

Malaysia had dispatched 15 planes and nine ships to the area, Najib said.

The U.S. Navy was sending a warship and a surveillance plane, while Singapore said it would send a submarine and a plane. China and Vietnam also sent aircraft to help in the search.

The plane was carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members, the

airline said. It said there were 152 passengers from China, 38 from Malaysia, seven from Indonesia, six from Australia, five from India, three from the U.S., and others from Indonesia, France, New Zealand, Canada, Ukraine, Russia, Taiwan and the Netherlands.

Malaysia Airlines has a good safety record, as does the 777, which had not had a fatal crash in its 19-year history until an Asiana Airlines plane crashed last July in San Francisco, killing three passengers, all teenagers from China.

If wreckage is found, a top priority will be recovering the airliner's "black boxes," which are equipped with "pingers" that emit ultrasonic signals that can be detected underwater. Under good conditions, the signals can be detected from several hundred miles away, said John Goglia, a former member of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board.

If the boxes are trapped inside the wreckage, the sound may not travel as far. If the boxes are at the bottom of an underwater trench, that also hinders how far the sound can travel. Signals can weaken over time.

The circumstances of the disappearance called to mind Air France Flight 447, which went down with 228 people on board over the Atlantic Ocean while flying from Rio de Janeiro to Paris on June 1, 2009.

Some wreckage and bodies were recovered over the next two weeks, but it took nearly two years for the main wreckage of the Airbus 330 and its black boxes to be located and recovered.

The 53-year-old pilot of Flight MH370, Zaharie Ahmad Shah, has more than 18,000 flying hours and has been flying for the airline since 1981. The first officer, 27-year-old Fariq Hamid, has about 2,800 hours of experience and has flown for the airline since 2007, Malaysia Airlines said.

A wingtip on the same Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777-200 broke off Aug. 9, 2012, as it was taxiing at Pudong International Airport outside Shanghai. The wingtip had collided with the tail of a China Eastern Airlines A340 plane. No one was injured.

Why Malaysia Airlines jet might have disappeared

NEW YORK (AP) — The most dangerous parts of a flight are takeoff and landing. Rarely do incidents happen when a plane is cruising seven miles above the earth.

So the disappearance of a Malaysia Airlines jet well into its flight Saturday morning over the South China Sea has led aviation experts to assume that whatever happened was quick and left the pilots no time to place a distress call.

It could take investigators months, if not years, to determine what happened to the Boeing 777 flying from Malaysia's capital city of Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

"At this early stage, we're focusing on the facts that we don't know," said Todd Curtis, a former safety engineer with Boeing who worked on its 777 jumbo jets and is now director of the Airsafe.com Foundation.

If there was a minor mechanical failure — or even something more serious like the shutdown of both of the plane's engines — the pilots likely would have had time to radio for help. The lack of a call "suggests something very sudden and very violent happened," said William Waldock, who teaches accident investigation at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

It initially appears that there was either an abrupt breakup of the plane or something that led it into a quick, steep dive. Some experts even suggested an act of terrorism or a pilot purposely crashing the jet.

"Either you had a catastrophic event that tore the airplane apart, or you had a criminal act," said Scott Hamilton, managing director of aviation consultancy Leeham Co. "It was so quick and they didn't radio."

No matter how unlikely a scenario, it's too early to rule out any possibilities, experts warn. The best clues will come with the recovery of the flight data and voice recorders and an examination of the wreckage.

Airplane crashes typically occur during takeoff and the climb away from an airport, or while coming in for a landing, as in last year's fatal crash of an Asiana Airlines jet in San Francisco. Just 9 percent of fatal accidents happen when a plane is at cruising altitude, according to a statistical summary of commercial jet airplane accidents done by Boeing.

Capt. John M. Cox, who spent 25 years flying for US Airways and is now CEO of Safety Operating Systems, said that whatever happened to the Malaysia Airlines jet, it occurred quickly. The problem had to be big enough, he said, to stop the plane's transponder from broadcasting its location, although the transponder can be purposely

shut off from the cockpit.

One of the first indicators of what happened will be the size of the debris field. If it is large and spread out over tens of miles, then the plane likely broke apart at a high elevation. That could signal a bomb or a massive airframe failure. If it is a smaller field, the plane probably fell from 35,000 feet intact, breaking up upon contact with the water.

"We know the airplane is down. Beyond that, we don't know a whole lot," Cox said.

The Boeing 777 has one of the best safety records in aviation history. It first carried passengers in June 1995 and went 18 years without a fatal accident. That streak came to an end with the July 2013 Asiana crash. Three of the 307 people aboard that flight died. Saturday's Malaysia Airlines flight carrying 239 passengers and crew would only be the second fatal incident for the aircraft type.

"It's one of the most reliable airplanes ever built," said John Goglia, a former member of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board.

Some of the possible causes for the plane disappearing include:

- A catastrophic structural failure of the airframe or its Rolls-Royce Trent 800 engines. Most aircraft are made of aluminum which is susceptible to corrosion over

time, especially in areas of high humidity. But given the plane's long history and impressive safety record, experts suggest this is unlikely.

More of a threat to the plane's integrity is the constant pressurization and depressurization of the cabin for takeoff and landing. In April 2011, a Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 made an emergency landing shortly after takeoff from Phoenix after the plane's fuselage ruptured, causing a 5-foot tear. The plane, with 118 people on board, landed safely. But such a rupture is less likely in this case. Airlines fly the 777 on longer distances, with many fewer takeoffs and landings, putting less stress on the airframe. "It's not like this was Southwest Airlines doing 10 flights a day," Hamilton said. "There's nothing to suggest there would be any fatigue issues."

— Bad weather. Planes are designed to fly through most severe storms. However, in June 2009, an Air France flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris crashed during a bad storm over the Atlantic Ocean. Ice built up on the Airbus A330's airspeed indicators, giving false readings. That, and bad decisions by the pilots, led the plane into a stall causing it to plummet into the sea. All 228 passengers and crew aboard died. The pilots never radioed for

help.

In the case of Saturday's Malaysia Airlines flight, all indications show that there were clear skies.

— Pilot disorientation. Curtis said that the pilots could have taken the plane off autopilot and somehow went off course and didn't realize it until it was too late. The plane could have flown for another five or six hours from its point of last contact, putting it up to 3,000 miles away. This is unlikely given that the plane probably would have been picked up by radar somewhere. But it's too early to eliminate it as a possibility.

— Failure of both engines. In January 2008, a British Airways 777 crashed about 1,000 feet short of the runway at London's Heathrow Airport. As the plane was coming in to land, the engines lost thrust because of ice buildup in the fuel system. There were no fatalities.

Loss of both engines is possible in this case, but Hamilton said the plane could glide for up to 20 minutes, giving pilots plenty of time to make an emergency call. When a US Airways A320 lost both of its engines in January 2009 after taking off from LaGuardia Airport in New York it was at a much lower elevation. But Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger still had plenty of communications with air traffic controllers before ending the six-minute flight in the Hudson River.

— A bomb. Several planes have been brought down including Pan Am Flight 103 between London and New York in December 1988. There was also an Air India flight in June 1985 between Montreal and London and a plane in September 1989 flown by French airline Union des Transports Aériens which blew up over the Sahara.

— Hijacking. A traditional hijacking seems unlikely given that a plane's captors typically land at an airport and have some type of demand. But a 9/11-like hijacking is possible, with terrorists forcing the plane into the ocean.

— Pilot suicide. There were two large jet crashes in the late 1990s — a SilkAir flight and an EgyptAir flight — that are believed to have been caused by pilots deliberately crashing the planes. Government crash investigators never formally declared the crashes suicides but both are widely acknowledged by crash experts to have been caused by deliberate pilot actions.

— Accidental shoot-down by some country's military. In July 1988, the United States Navy missile cruiser USS Vincennes accidentally shot down an Iran Air flight, killing all 290 passengers and crew. In September 1983, a Korean Air Lines flight was shot down by a Russian fighter jet.

Satisfaction ratings of Ohio nursing homes released

COLUMBUS (AP) — Residents in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities in Ohio have weighed in on whether they are satisfied with their providers.

The Ohio Department of Aging surveyed the residents about the care they received last year and recently released the results. Nursing home residents gave their facilities an 87.5 average overall satisfaction rating, with 100 being the top score. Assisted living residents gave their providers a 92.3 average score. The survey is used to help consumers and families decide which facility best meets their needs. Residents rate their satisfaction with the environment, activities, staff, dining and other services.

More than 27,000 residents in roughly 950 nursing homes participated in the survey. About 11,000 residents in close to 600 assisted-living facilities also took part.

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Ukraine doesn't keep Obama from Florida vacation

KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) — The crisis in Crimea won't keep President Barack Obama from forging ahead with a weekend getaway with his wife and daughters in the Florida Keys.

But it's more than the Oval Office that will be dark as Russia's incursion into Ukraine reaches its one week mark. Vice President Joe Biden and his wife are vacationing in the Virgin Islands. And national security adviser Susan Rice is traveling in the Middle East for meetings with her counterparts.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said "there's always a chance" Obama could cut a trip short and return to Washington, but this weekend's vacation appeared solid.

"The fact of the matter is what the president is doing this weekend in Florida is essentially what the president would be doing if he stayed back at the White House," Earnest told reporters traveling with Obama. The president, he said, was looking forward to "getting a little bit of downtime in the warm weather with his wife and daughters."

Obama's vacation at a private club on one of the islands off Florida's southern tip was tacked onto an afternoon visit by the president and his wife, Michelle, to a Miami high school to announce new Education Department initiatives to help more students complete the paperwork needed to qualify for federal financial aid or student loans.

Every president gets criticized for the amount of time he spends away from the White House, and Obama is no different.

Paul C. Light, who teaches public service at New York University, said Obama would have been wise to remain in Washington. Being in Florida with a still-fluid situation in Ukraine "makes the president look less interested in the issue than he clearly is," Light said. "It's just very bad optics."

Obama departed the White House one day after moving to levy financial sanctions and travel bans against those the U.S. accuses of threatening Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial borders. Officials in

Crimea, a pro-Russian area of Ukraine, plan to hold a referendum March 16 to decide whether to become part of Russia.

Obama and Biden's decision to continue with their weekend vacation plans appeared to be an indication that the White House did not expect any quick resolution to the dispute.

Nevertheless, the White House made clear that Obama is staying on top of developments in Ukraine, noting that the president called German Chancellor Angela Merkel after arriving in Key Largo. Merkel has been cautious about imposing sanctions on Russia.

The Obama family vacation comes just a few weeks after the president's long weekend at the Sunnylands estate in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Obama had gone to Sunnylands to meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan. He stayed behind with a gaggle of childhood friends to play golf on the desert property's 9-hole course and on a private, 19-hole course elsewhere in the city that is owned by supporter Larry Ellison,

co-founder of the Oracle software company and one of the richest men in America.

Obama will have plenty of opportunities to play golf this weekend, too.

He checked his family into the Ocean Reef Club, a private, by-invitation-only membership club that is more of a gated, self-contained community sprawled across 2,500 acres on the northern edge of Key Largo. The property has two championship golf courses. There's also a swimming lagoon, tennis courts, a spa and fitness center, shopping and more than a dozen restaurants among the club's varied offerings.

Obama flew by helicopter from Miami over the sun-kissed, blue waters of Florida Bay to arrive at the club's private airport. Scores of people apparently had driven their golf carts over to witness the arrival. The Republican National Committee used Obama's vacation to draw a contrast with Americans still grappling with a sluggish economy.

"While President Obama vaca-

tions in the Florida Keys and Vice President Biden is spending his weekend in the Virgin Islands, millions of middle-class Americans are hurting from their failed economic policies," RNC chairman Reince Priebus said.

The vacation is Obama's third of the year.

Before Sunnylands, Obama and his family followed tradition and spent Christmas and New Year's in Hawaii, where he was born. The president and his daughters returned to the White House on Jan. 5, but Mrs. Obama spent a third week on the island to begin celebrating her 50th birthday later that month.

The family will scatter in less than two weeks.

Mrs. Obama departs March 19 for a weeklong trip to China without the president, but accompanied by daughters Malia, 15, and Sasha, 12, and her mother, Marian Robinson. A few days after they leave, Obama will embark on a weeklong trip through the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Saudi Arabia.

Obama warns party to focus on 2014, not 2016

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats could get wallowed in the November elections. The party gets sleepy and distracted in the midterms. And its supporters simply may not show up to vote.

Those aren't hopeful predictions from Republicans. They're the dire warnings of President Barack Obama, who is seeking to gin up enthusiasm for the midterm elections from party activists already looking toward the 2016 race to replace him.

The remainder of his presidency hangs on Democratic performance in the November contest. If voters hand the Senate over to Republican control, Obama will lose

even the uphill chance he has to get legislation passed in his remaining time in office.

"I hope that just because I'm not on the ballot that people aren't going to take it easy this time, because the ideas I care about and am fighting for are on the ballot," Obama said to about 75 donors who paid \$5,000 to \$20,000 to hear him speak over dinner at a swanky Boston art gallery Wednesday night.

Obama's challenge is to set an agenda for a party that is not always embracing him, especially after the problems with his health care law. There are areas of the country where he can't

campaign since he would only be a drag on more moderate Democratic candidates.

"Our message to candidates is: How can we help?" White House political director David Simas said in an interview. If showing up for a rally isn't the answer in moderate districts, Simas said the president can give candidates a boost by raising money and setting a national debate on economic opportunity.

"The president is the only individual who can really set what the national narrative is going to be," Simas said.

White House advisers say the president's economic agenda, including an in-

crease in the minimum wage, particularly appeals to the Democratic base voters they most need to turn out in the midterm elections, including single women, young people and minorities.

Obama will be holding events this week specifically targeting women's economic issues.

He's also committed to 30 party fundraisers through June, with more being scheduled, and into the fall will campaign with candidates running where he still has appeal, White House advisers say.

Brad Dayspring, a strategist working on the Republican campaign to win Senate seats, said Democratic candidates in battleground states still are going to have to answer for Obama policies they supported, including health care, and overall disapproval of Washington leadership.

"Obviously their plan is to hide Obama in deep blue states and use him to raise money in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles," Dayspring said.

"The problem is that Democratic senators and candidates in the top 14 battleground states — from Mary Landrieu in Louisiana to Mark Warner in Virginia — have voted with President Obama an average of 94 percent of the time, a remarkable disconnect considering his approval rating in those states averages just 36 percent."

Rep. Steve Israel, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said Obama is

effective in firing up the party's base. Israel said fundraising emails signed by Obama that the group sends raise more money than requests from any other individual.

"When the president does an email for us to our grassroots donors, the results are just overpowering," Israel said in an interview.

Democratic Party leaders say perhaps the most important asset Obama can contribute to the midterm is his voter network data and technology, which delivered decisive victories in both his presidential campaigns.

"We are really good at presidential elections these days, if I do say so myself," Obama said to laughter from about four dozen donors gathered Tuesday night in the suburban Washington dining room of former Virginia Sen. Chuck Robb to raise money for Senate candidates. But he said in midterms, "we get a little sleepy, we get a little distracted. We don't turn out to vote. We don't fund campaigns as passionately."

Obama said he feared there could be a repeat of 2010, when the Democratic Party suffered a sweeping defeat nationwide and lost control of the House.

"We paid a dear price for not paying enough attention to these midterm elections," the president said. "We cannot repeat that same mistake this year."

Israel said the DCCC has learned the lesson from 2010 and is sending staff into key districts earlier than ever to start organizing outreach to voters inclined to

support Democratic candidates who are more likely to sit out a midterm election.

They are modeling the operation after Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe's playbook from last year, which was based on the Obama campaign field program.

Israel said although midterms traditionally have been a test of which party better turns out base voters, they must expand the electorate this year since evolving campaign strategy and technology are leaving tradition in the dust.

At fundraisers this week, Obama has been trying to focus attention back on the present as he watches the media and party moving on to the lure of potential 2016 candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vice President Joe Biden and others.

"Nobody is going to be more invested than me in having a Democrat succeed me, to consolidate and solidify the gains that we've made during my presidency," Obama told the Boston donors. "But right now, we've got to make sure we're fighting in this election."

The crowd was bathed in blue lighting that made the event feel more like a gala than a fundraiser.

"Too often, when there's not a presidential election we don't think it's sexy, we don't think it's interesting. People tune out. And because the electorate has changed, we get wallowed," the president said.

"It's happened before and it could happen again if we do not fight on behalf of the things we care about in this election."



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Tea party challengers struggling

(AP) — Four years after the tea party rocked the political world by ousting several prominent Republicans in Congress, the ultra-conservative movement finds itself with slimmer prospects as it moves into the new election season.

In Tuesday's first-in-the-nation primaries in Texas, the movement mostly settled for having an impact on key races rather than actually winning them. That may become a pattern in other states as primaries continue into the fall, many national GOP strategists believe. Though the hard-right flank is still powerful in the conservative heartland, its candidates face a different environment than was present in 2010 and 2012, when they won a series of key contests, highlighted by the election of Sen. Ted Cruz in Texas.

"In 2010, the ideological intensity was burning hot inside the GOP giving rise to the tea party," said Greg Strimple, a Republican pollster and senior adviser to Texas U.S. Sen. John Cornyn. "As the party has moved to meet their concerns, the tea party's outsized role has diminished."

Only one Republican tea party candidate is seen as having a real shot at a GOP Senate nomination this year: Mississippi state Sen. Chris McDaniel, who is challenging six-term Sen. Thad Cochran. No tea party challengers are expected to win in this year's House races. Four years ago, 28 of the 60 new Republicans elected to the House were backed by the tea party. Movement favorites won Senate seats in Utah, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Florida and Texas in the last two elections. What's changed is that established Republicans are now highly wary of possible threats and preparing both politically and financially. They've been aggressively courting the movement's most

conservative voters for themselves.

Cornyn, who defeated two tea party opponents in Texas this week, spent more than \$3 million on advertising and adopted the movement's issues and fierce rhetoric, especially in denouncing President Barack Obama. He regularly questioned Obama's truthfulness in explaining the 2012 death of the U.S. ambassador to Libya, a particular tea party rallying cry. Mainstream conservative organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, have also gotten heavily involved. Groups provided negative research and money for massive advertising blitzes aimed at challengers' perceived weaknesses.

In Idaho, the chamber has already spent \$155,000 on advertising to counter the attempt by tea party challenger Bryan Smith to unseat eight-term Rep. Mike Simpson.

"No question, there's a lesson learned from past years that you can't take your opponent for granted," said Henry Barbour, a Republican National Committee member from Mississippi who is supporting Cochran.

In Texas, in addition to Cornyn's victory, senior Republican Rep. Pete Sessions racked up 64 percent of the vote in defeating a Dallas-area tea party figure who had accused him of not being conservative enough. Sessions spent more than \$300,000 on the race.

The movement's highlight in Texas was the first-place finish of state lawmaker and talk show host Dan Patrick in the lieutenant governor's race. Patrick placed ahead of incumbent David Dewhurst, who was politically damaged in an unsuccessful Senate bid in 2012. They will meet in the runoff.

But even without winning races, the tea party is having an impact by pushing many Republicans further to the right and toward its top priorities.

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The luck is with the Irish this time

Warriors come up short of state tourney appearance

By CHRIS RAMBO
Staff Writer

BARBERTON—Late in the third quarter of Saturday’s Division II regional final, the West Branch girls basketball team was feeling good.

The Warriors had expanded their slim halftime lead over Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary and were in front by seven points. A trip to Columbus was feeling like more of a reality by the second. Unfortunately for the Warriors, they did not have quite enough left to finish the job.

St. Vincent-St. Mary surged back in the final two minutes of the third, took the lead for good early in the fourth and held on for a 42-36 win at Barberton High School.

The fifth-ranked Irish (26-2) advance to take on top-ranked Millersburg West Holmes (27-0) in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. Thursday at Ohio State University’s Schottenstein Center, while the Warriors end their season in painful fashion at 23-5.

“We knew we were in really good shape in the third quarter and we wanted to push it,” West Branch senior Taryn Hahn said. “We knew we were close, if we kept our momentum, to really putting the pressure on them, but we weren’t able



Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary's Kiley May bumps into West Branch's Melinda Trimmer as she goes after a bad pass on Saturday in a Div. II regional final at Barberton High School. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

to keep them down.”

The Warriors led 29-22 with 2:43 left in the third quarter, but the Irish tore off a 14-4 run to take a 36-33 lead with 5:25 left. West Branch got no closer the rest of the way and did not make another field goal for the remainder of the game.

“They picked up the defensive pressure on us and worked hard at keeping the ball out of the middle and in front of them,” Hahn said. “We missed some shots we should have made and they made shots at key moments.”

The Warriors held the Irish inside tandem of Alexis Taylor and Jordan Korinek held her to seven points and six points respectively, but guard Kiley May had 18 points to lead all scorers. Shannon Jack had eight points for the Irish while Korinek had 13 rebounds.

“Defensively we did a great job throughout the game,” West Branch coach Walt DeShields said. “We did a great job inside despite giving up some height. We were talking well and we were rotating well.”

St. Vincent-St. Mary coach Joe Jakubick’s gameplan zeroed in on containing Melinda Trimmer’s driving ability, which



West Branch's Lea Bock shoots over Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary's Cassie Jakubick (31) and Alexis Taylor (32) on Saturday in Barberton. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)



Ohio State guard Amy Scullion and Iowa guard Samantha Logic go for a loose ball in the first half in the semifinals of the Big Ten women's tournament in Indianapolis on Saturday. (AP Photo)

Ohio State takes Iowa to the limit

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Theairra Taylor scored 21 points and made a go-ahead layup with 1:32 left as fifth-seeded and No. 23-ranked Iowa held on for a 77-73 win over eighth-seeded Ohio State on Saturday in the semifinals of the Big Ten tournament.

Iowa will play third-seeded and No. 16-ranked Nebraska in the championship game on Sunday.

After Taylor’s go-ahead layup gave Iowa (26-7) a 75-73 lead, Ameryst Alston missed a layup on Ohio State’s ensuing possession. Martina Ellerbe then missed a potential game-winning 3-pointer for Ohio State (17-18) with 10 seconds left and Melissa Dixon sunk two free throws for Iowa with a second remaining as the Hawkeyes advanced to the Big Ten title game for the first time since 2010.

Bethany Doolittle and Ally Disterhoft each added 18 points and Melissa Dixon scored 16 for Iowa, which never trailed the entire game.

Alston led Ohio State with 20 points while Ellerbe and Darryce

Moore each added 15 for the Buckeyes.

Salem High School graduate Amy Scullion started and had two rebounds in 19 minutes for the Buckeyes.

Bonnies lose

RICHMOND, Va. — Fordham left St. Bonaventure in the dust with a sizable 73-32 victory in the Atlantic 10 women’s basketball semifinals on Saturday.

St. Bonaventure’s 32 points set a record for lowest output in tournament history.

It looked for a while that it could have been much worse than that as the Rams (23-7) led 38-4 at the half. Three points in a half is the NCAA record for futility.

The Rams held the Bonnies (23-10) to just 2-25 from the field in the first half, while shooting 60 percent themselves.

Crestview High School graduate Chelsea Bowker ended more than 14 scoreless minutes for the Bonnies to make it 33-4 with 1:20 to go in the

first half. Those were Bowker’s only two points in 23 minutes of action.

The Rams held the Bonnies to 9 for 54 from the floor and 2 for 13 from three, good enough for 16.7 and 15.4 percent, respectively. The Rams also set A-10 tournament records for defensive field goal percentage in a game and fewest number of field goals allowed in a single game.

The Rams shot 57.7 percent from the floor and a season-high 59.1 percent from three-point range.

Fordham will face off against Dayton at 11 a.m. today in the conference title game.

The Bonnies’ 23 wins are tied for their second-most ever and put them in strong position for a WNIT berth. They will learn their postseason fate on March 17.

St. Bonaventure was playing with just eight healthy players. The Bonnies also suffered a setback earlier in the week when 26-year-old assistant sports information director Brian Moretti died of an apparent cardiac arrest.

‘Z’ enjoys spotlight one more time

CLEVELAND (AP) — As the arena filled with the familiar drone of “Zeeeeeee,” Zydrunas Ilgauskas waved his right hand and used his left to gently pat his heart.

The big man, the one who started off as a “skinny kid from Lithuania” and overcame injuries that would have stopped others, grappled with his emotions as he said thanks to the fans who adopted him as their own.

“Thanks for giving me a place I can proudly call home,” he said.

Cleveland roared back.

At 7-foot-3, Ilgauskas towered over everyone yet stayed completely down to earth.

Soft-spoken and doggedly determined, Ilgauskas, who overcame serious injuries and personal tragedy to become one of Cleveland’s best and most beloved players, had his No. 11 jersey retired Saturday night during an elaborate and emotional halftime ceremony as the Cavs hosted the Knicks.



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The seventh player in team history to receive the honor, Ilgauskas joins Austin Carr, Nate Thurmond, Bobby “Bingo” Smith, Larry Nance, Brad Daugherty and Mark Price in having his number raised to the rafters of Quicken Loans Arena.

All of them have career credentials worthy of the tribute, but the celebration for Ilgauskas goes far beyond any statistics.

“Throw basketball stuff out the window,” Cavs coach Mike Brown said. “He’s a terrific human being.”

During the ceremony, Ilgauskas was joined on the court by his wife, Jennifer,

and their adopted sons, Deividas and Povilas. His parents also attended along with friends, former Cavs owner Gordon Gund and dozens of ex-teammates, including superstar LeBron James, who was invited by Ilgauskas and wanted to support the player affectionately known as “Z.”

“Probably one of the most talented guys I ever played with,” said James, who chartered a jet and flew in to be with his close friend.

James kept a low profile during the ceremony, staying close to the Cavs bench. He took pictures with his

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Lisbon finishes runner-up at district

Lisbon's boys basketball team finished as a runner-up in the Div. III district basketball after a 60-44 loss to Canton Central Catholic on Friday at Salem High School. Members of the the team are (front, from left) ball boys A.J. Ramgeet, Aiden Ramgeet; (middle) Todd Johnson, Jeff Padurean, Jason Thompson, Colin Sweeney, Jake Liberati, Austin Davis; (back) Jared Merriman, Trevor Reese, Bailey McCullough, Jan-nik Schmidt, Matt Spencer, Avery Andric, Chris Huckshold, Josh Craig, Josh Liberati, Ryan Snyder, Jared White, Austin Rutecki and Zach Shaffer. (Photo by Gary Leininger)

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the Irish did superbly, holding the star point guard to seven points and five as-sists. Trimmer was score-less in the second half, while the Warriors shot less than 30 percent from the floor.

“From what I saw, teams were picking her (Trimmer) up way too far up the court,” Jakubick said. “We wanted to guard her from the three-point line on in and have our post player come and help. I knew it would leave some open three-point opportunities but I thought their other players could hurt us, not beat us.”

After a tightly played first half in which neither team led by more than five points, the Warriors came out of halftime firing on all cylinders, even with Trimmer limited.

Early in the frame Amanda Linhart scored a transition layup and nailed a wide open three. While the Warriors defense forced three quick turnovers. When Pavin Heath put back a missed shot, West Branch had their seven-point lead—the largest for either team. Heath led the Warriors with 12 points and five rebounds, while Linhart had eight points

“We had a good-sized lead, but we could not close out the quarter,” West Branch coach Walt DeShields said. “We tried holding the ball a little bit and it backfired with some turnovers.”

May helped the Irish claw back into the game with a torrid finish to the third quarter. In two minutes she scored six points, had a steal and grabbed two of-fensive rebounds which re-sulted in trips to the foul line.

“That little spurt killed us,” DeShields said. “We still had a one-point lead but they were feeling much

better about themselves.”

After Jack drained a go-ahead three with 5:43 to go, the Irish successfully burned clock the rest of the way, while the Warriors went ice-cold. Their last, best chance passed when Trimmer air-balled a three with 29 second left.

“We were worried about them getting a late lead because they are very good at keeping the ball away,” DeShields said. “We maybe tried forcing some shots we shouldn’t have at the end.”

Game notes

- Jakubick was an All-American at the University of Akron and led the nation in scoring (30.1) for the 1983-84 season. He was picked in the seventh round of the 1984 draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers, but never played in the NBA.

- Jakubick was effusive in his praise of Trimmer.

- “She’s one of the toughest people we’ve had to guard and we play a tough sched-ule,” Jakubick said. “She’s off-the-charts in her ability to make her teammates bet-ter. Without her, they are an average team. With her, they are very dangerous.”

- Unlike Tuesday’s re-gional semifinal against Parma Heights Holy Name, West Branch did not enjoy an overwhelming fan ad-vantage. Both sides of the court and both student sec-tions were filled to capacity.
- Second-ranked Ketter-ing Alter and 12th-ranked Toledo Rogers are the other final four teams in Division II.

WEST BRANCH: 8-12-9-7—36
AKRON SVSM: 6-12-10-14—42
WEST BRANCH SCORING: Melinda Trimmer 2-2-7, Pavin Heath 3-4-12, Amanda Linhart 3-1-8, Erica Johnson 1-0-2, Taryn Hahn 2-1-5, Lea Book 1-0-2, Kaylee Manning 0-0-0, Catie Hahn 0-0-0. **TEAM TOTALS:** 12, 8-16; 36.
ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY: Shannon Jack 3-1-8, Alexis Taylor 3-1-7, Kiley May 5-6-18, Cassie Jakubick 0-0-0, Jordan Korinek 2-2-6, Lexie Handley 0-1-1, Amelia Motz 1-0-2. **TEAM TOTALS:** 14, 11-23; 42.
Three-point goals: West Branch 4 (Heath 2, Trimmer, Linhart), St. Vincent-St. Mary 3 (May 2, Jack).



West Branch's Taryn Hahn (33) is helped off the court after injuring her ankle against Akron SVSM on Saturday in a Div. II regional final contest at Barberton High School. (Salem News photos by Patti Schaeffer)



West Branch's Kaylee Manning (20)drives around Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary's Shannon Jack (10)and Jordan Korinek (23). At left, West Branch's Erica Johnson looks for an opening around Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary's Alexis Taylor on Saturday at Barberton High School. At right, West Branch's Pavin Heath (21) shoots over Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary's Cassie Jakubick (31)and Alexis Taylor (32).



Inductees into the 18th Columbiana High School Athletic Hall of Fame recently were (from left) Kristy Pedicini (for her father, Gary Perkins), Clay Putnam, Kevin Goist, Rob Hall, Jeff Jackson, David Johnstone and Nate Schmidt. (Submitted Photo)

Clippers add seven to Athletic HOF

COLUMBIANA — Four members of Columbiana’s 1997 state runner-up golf team were among the seven inductees into the 18th Columbiana High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 15:

KEVIN J. GOIST Class of 1998

Goist lettered in golf, football, basketball, and baseball. During his senior year the Clipper golf team was state runner-up. During basketball that same season, Goist was named to the first team on the Northeast Inland, Tri-County League and Columbiana County. He was the team captain and leading scorer. In baseball, he was an Academic All-Ohio and the team won the TCL and was district runner-up. Goist played college basketball at Allegheny and Thiel, graduating with honors from Thiel. He then went on to medical school at West Virginia University. From 2007-2013 he was an active duty physician in The United States Air Force, separating in June 2013 with the rank of major. Presently, Goist is in internal medicine, working at The Ohio State University Wexler Medical Center in Columbus. He and his wife, Erin, a pediatrician, have one daughter, Vivienne, and are expecting a son in April. Goist joins his dad as the first father/son athletes inducted to the Hall of Fame.

ROB HALL Class of 1998

Hall lettered in golf, basketball, and baseball. As a member of the 1997 state runner-up golf team, he was a first-team TCL selection his senior year. In basketball, Hall lettered all four years. He still holds the school record for most three pointers in a game (7), season (69) and career (136), in a game (7) and most varsity games played (85). During his basketball career, Hall was part of three sectional championships, one district championship, one district runner-up and one TCL championship. As a baseball player, Rob was named to the TCL team and played three years of Class B baseball in Youngstown. The Clipper team his sophomore season finished third in the Associated Press state poll. Hall graduated from

Youngstown State University with a degree in business management. He began work with Crowell Construction, which led to a position with 84 Lumber. Hall presently works for Aramark as an operations manager based in Pittsburgh. He has held a variety of coaching positions with the Clippers, coaching both boys and girls basketball from middle school through junior varsity. His greatest thrill has been coaching his daughter and being part of the first TCL girls championship. He and his wife, Casey have three children, Taylor, Anthony, and Trenton.

JEFF JACKSON Class of 1998

Jackson lettered in golf, basketball, and track. Jackson was a member of the state runner-up golf team. He and his teammates made trips to the state golf tournament all four years and Jackson holds the nine-hole school record of 30 (5-under par). He was first team TCL and Northeast Ohio all four years. He also holds the lowest seasonal average in Clipper history of 36 strokes per round. He earned medalist honors multiple times at sectional and district tournaments and was a three-time All-Ohio selection. Jackson attended the University of Akron on a golf scholarship before transferring to Malone College. In 2000, Jackson was the National Christian College Athletic Association national individual champion, earned all-conference honors, NCCAA All-American Honors and NAIA Academic All-American Honors. Also in 2000, the Malone Pioneers were the NAIA national champions. Jackson and his wife, Amy, have 3 daughters, Ellie, Maddie, and Lily. He has a master’s degree and is a sixth-grade math teacher and department chairman for Perry Local Schools.

DAVID JOHNSTONE Class of 1998

Johnstone was a letter winner in golf, basketball, and baseball. As a golfer and member of the 1997 state runner-up team, he was a first-team TCL selection in 1995, 1996, 1997, including a unanimous selection in ’96 and ’97. He finished third in the sectional tournament in 1997 and won the North Canton Hoover Invitational shoot-

ing a record 3-under-par 66. As a basketball player, Johnstone was named to the TCL team, Northeast Inland team, and Columbiana County All-Star Team as a senior. He received a full golf scholarship to Youngstown State University where he was a four-year varsity letter winner. Johnstone graduated cum laude with a bachelor of engineering degree as well as master’s in engineering from YSU. He holds a doctor of philosophy from the University of Akron. Johnstone is an assistant professor at Virginia Military Academy and provides engineering consultation as a professional engineer. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a daughter, Adanna, and a son, Weston.

GARY PERKINS Class of 1961

Perkins lettered in football, basketball, and track. He was a bruising fullback in football, known to simply run over his opponent, as a three-year starter. As a senior, Perkins was named honorable mention TCL. As a basketball player, he averaged 8.4 points per game his sophomore season with 185 total points as the Clippers were district runners-up. His junior season, he was the leading scorer at 13.2 points per game and was first-team TCL and second-team All-County. As a senior, he was second-team TCL and averaged 12.6 points per game. Over his three seasons, Perkins scored 703 points. He enlisted in the Army following graduation and was stationed in Germany. Honorably discharged in 1964, he returned to Columbiana, working for NRM. His love of sports continued as he coached his daughters’ 9-to 12-year-old softball team and was seen at many Clipper sporting events. Perkins is survived by his wife, Ruth, their daughter, Kristy Pedicini (Donald) and grandchildren, Garson and Marlie.

CLAY PUTNAM Class of 1984

Putnam lettered in football, wrestling, and baseball. In football, he was a running back and free safety. As a senior, he was co-captain and gained first-team ICL and first-team All-County. As a wrestler, he was a four-year letter-

winner and co-captain his senior year. He was first-team All-County, first-team Northeast and ranked fourth in the state. In baseball, again a co-captain, Putnam and his teammates won the first ICL. He went to Cuyahoga Community College on a baseball scholarship and was invited to tryout with the Cleveland Indians. He transferred and graduated from the Ohio State University /Agricultural Technical Institute with a degree in applied science with a specialty in golf management. After overseeing golf courses in the Cincinnati and Chicago as well as a regional manager, Putnam is now a partner with ServiScape LLC, a golf course management company. He and his wife, Tina, have two children, son Cole, and daughter, Adisen.

NATE SCHMIDT Class of 1998

Schmidt lettered in football and track. He was first-team TCL, second-team Quad County and honorable mention All-Ohio in football. In track, Nate had a four-year career that will be hard to match. His specialty were the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles. He qualified for the state track meet his junior and senior seasons in both hurdle events as well as being a member of the 1600 relay team. His junior year he finished third in the 110 hurdles and the relay team was sixth. During his senior year, Nate set a school record in the 110 hurdles at the regional meet, finishing first in that event and second in the 300 hurdles. Entering the state finals with the top time in the 110 hurdles, he stumbled over a hurdle and had to rally to take fifth place, along with a fourth-place finish in the 300 hurdles. Schmidt was the TCL MVP and Columbiana County MVP his senior year. He holds three school records in 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles and 800 relay. He went to Malone College his freshman year, participating in football and track before transferring to Youngstown State University. Schmidt has a BSAS degree in criminal justice and is a police officer with Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. He and his wife, Kylie, have two children, Tyler and Addalyn.

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Halfhill leads BGSU

AKRON (AP) – Canfield High School graduate Jillian Halfhill’s driving layup with 6.6 seconds remaining in the game lifted the Bowling Green Falcon women’s basketball team past Akron, 77-76 Saturday.

With the win and Eastern Michigan’s overtime victory over Central Michigan, the Falcons are the outright Mid-American Conference champions and have earned the No. 1 seed for the MAC tournament.

After Halfhill’s hoop, Akron’s Kacie Cassell had a 12-foot jumper from the right side, bounce off the side of the rim. The miss allowed the Falcons to hang for the win.

The game featured 11 ties and 12 lead changes. Alexis Rogers led the Falcons with 23 points, 15 rebounds, and seven steals. Jill Stein added 12 points and seven rebounds, and Miriam Justinger had a strong second half, finishing with 11 points. Justinger, who had missed BG’s last two games with an illness, made a 3-pointer from the right corner with 1:50 left in the game and then hit three free throws with 45.4 seconds left.

After Justinger’s free throws, Akron’s Hanna Luburgh made two free throws to give the Zips a 76-75 lead with 20.1 seconds left.

Bowling Green did not use a time out after Luburgh’s free throws, and Halfhill was able to score the eventual game-winner.

Luburgh led the Zips with 20 points and 10 rebounds, Anita Brown added 17 points and Cassell scored 10 points.

Akron’s Rachel Tecca, the MAC’s leading scorer at 23.5 points per game, played only three minutes and had one basket. She had an ice bag on her right knee during the game.

Bowling Green, 27-3 overall and 17-1 in the MAC, is idle until a tournament semifinal game at Quicken Loans Arena on Cleveland on Friday at noon.

Join a church basketball league

DAMASCUS — The Damascus Friends Church men’s and women’s basketball league will begin this coming week. It is open to players from high school seniors and older.

The men’s league will start Monday and the women’s league on Saturday. Cost is \$45 per person. Shirts will be provided. For more information, go to www.dfcnow.com

NBA suspends Mayo 1-game for punch

NEW YORK (AP) — Milwaukee Bucks guard O.J. Mayo has been suspended one game for punching New Orleans Pelicans center Greg Stiemsma in the throat.

The incident occurred with 1:52 remaining in the first quarter of Milwaukee’s 112-104 loss to the Pelicans on Friday. Mayo got tied up with Stiemsma as he tried to get around a screen set by the big man.

Mayo was assessed a flagrant four 2 and ejected. He will serve the suspension Saturday night when the Bucks host the Washington Wizards.

Brantley has 4 hits in Tribe tie

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Michael Brantley extended his strong start to the spring with four more hits, including two doubles, as the Cleveland Indians tied the San Diego Padres 4-4 in 10 innings Saturday.

In five Cactus League games, Brantley is hitting .615 (8 for 13) with three doubles. “I’m stating the obvious. He uses the whole field and he’s got a nice swing,” Indians manager Terry Francona said. “I don’t know if it matters what time of year it is, he’s a good hitter.”

Josh Johnson went three innings for the Padres. The right-hander had a rough first inning, giving up all three of his runs — one on a wild pitch. He allowed four hits, though one came when left fielder Seth Smith lost Jason Kipnis’ fly ball in the sun, and walked one.

Johnson settled down after the first, giving up only one hit in his next two innings. He finished the day with three strikeouts.

Martin homers for Buccos

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Russell Martin homered for the third time this spring and drove in four runs to lead Francisco Liriano and the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 10-5 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

Martin had an RBI single during a six-run first inning against Rays starter Matt Moore and added a three-run homer off Grant Balfour in the fourth.

With six hits in his last 10 spring training at-bats, the 31-year-old catcher has boosted his average to .462 through five games. Last spring, Martin went 6 for 40, setting the tone for a slow start to a season in which he hit .226 with 15 homers and 55 RBIs.

Liriano sat for more than a half-hour while the Pirates were batting in the top of the first, at one point getting up to play catch to try to stay loose. The left-hander allowed one run and four hits in three innings. He walked one and struck out three.

“He sat in the dugout forever. We actually had to send him out on the field to have him toss,” Pirates bench coach Jeff Banister said. “Just being able to find the rhythm after the first inning and get some fastballs in the zone” was impressive.

Moore was a 17-game winner for Tampa Bay last season, but has a history of not pitching well in spring training. He failed to get out of the first, yielding six runs and five hits in two-thirds of an inning.

TV SCHEDULE

Noon (3, 9, 11, 21) NHL: Red Wings at Rangers.
Noon (2, 7, 19, 27) College basketball: Virginia at Maryland.
Noon (ESPN2) College basketball: Big South championship.
1 p.m. (ESPN) College women’s basketball: Big Ten championship.
1 p.m. (4, 5, 33) NBA: Heat at Bulls.
1 p.m. (GOLF) Golf: Cadillac Championship, final round.
2 p.m. (2, 7, 19, 27) College basketball: Missouri Valley championship.
2 p.m. (ESPN2) College basketball: Atlantic Sun championship.
2:30 p.m. (NBCSN) College basketball: Colonial Athletic semifinals.
3 p.m. (8, 17/62, 53) Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup, Kobalt 400.
3 p.m. (3, 9, 11, 21) Golf: Cadillac Championship, final round.
3:30 p.m. (4, 5, 33) NBA: Thunder at Lakers.
3:30 p.m. (ESPN) College women’s basketball: Southeastern championship.
4:30 p.m. (2, 7, 19, 27) College basketball: Michigan St. at Ohio St.
7 p.m. (ESPN) College women’s basketball: Atlantic Coast championship.
7:30 p.m. (NBCSN) NHL: Blackhawks at Sabres.
9 p.m. (ESPN) College women’s basketball: Pacific-12 championship.
11 p.m. (NBCSN) Paralympics at Sochi, Russia (taped).
2 a.m. (NBCSN) Paralympics at Sochi, Russia.

49ers Jim Harbaugh ready for start of free agency

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh is ready for a busy week ahead with the start of free agency and is moving forward from the recent news that the Cleveland Browns inquired about trading for him.

Harbaugh, attending the Utah-Stanford men’s basketball game Saturday at Maples Pavilion with 5-year-old daughter Addison, has said he is committed to staying put with the 49ers — and to ignoring all the speculation swirling about his future.

“Great with a capital ‘G,’” he said of how he’s doing, adding with a smile, “You flush those things away” — signaling his hand the motion of flushing a toilet. During halftime of the basketball game, the coach signed autographs and greeted fans at the school where he coached the Stanford football team to a dramatic turnaround over four years before leaving for the NFL. The highly sought after Harbaugh departed The Farm days after finishing with a 12-1 record and a commanding Orange Bowl victory over Virginia Tech in January 2011.

His 49ers lost 23-17 in January’s NFC championship game to NFC West rival and eventual Super Bowl champion Seattle. That was a year after the 49ers lost 34-31 in the Super Bowl against Harbaugh’s coaching big brother, John.

Harbaugh has completed the first three seasons of a \$25 million, five-year deal signed in January 2011.

1.5-mile tracks put to the test in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — NASCAR is about to start finding out whether its off-season changes will pay off on tracks like Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

NASCAR worked tirelessly behind the scenes last year to improve its on-track product, particularly at 1.5-mile speedways that had turned into glorified parades. After the drivers opened the season on Daytona's superspeedway followed by Phoenix's quirky mile oval, it's time for the first of 11 races on 1.5-mile tracks.

While fans watch defending champion Matt Kenseth and early points leader Dale Earnhardt Jr., everybody on the north end of The Strip is eager to see if passing is any easier and if the racing is any better Sunday in Vegas.

Gene Stefanyshyn, NASCAR's vice president of innovation and racing development, warned that one show won't be a true barometer of the changes made to the rules package.

"We can't jump too quickly and say that this is the answer," Stefanyshyn said. "Some teams will take some time to figure it out. I think the aero piece of it, it's pretty much set. It's just a matter of getting the driver to find the limit and feeling comfortable with the aero.

"But the chassis, the engineers will play around with it for a while until that settles down. Then the driver will begin to find the sweet spot and get comfortable. We won't have a good feeling where all this lands until we get about three under our belt, and that would be the Texas race."

NASCAR's new package also will be scrutinized March 23 at Fontana and April 6 at Texas.

Those three races last year had a combined 57 lead changes. In comparison, this year's Daytona 500 had 42 lead changes.

NASCAR won't get Daytona-like passing at speedways, at least not anytime soon. And Stefanyshyn wants to give this rules package some time before tinkering again.

"There's a learning curve here," he said. "I think you can't be too premature on this. There's a lot of cars. There's a lot of different engineers, a lot of different thoughts on getting down the learning curve. So we'll wait and see and see how it all plays out."

Here are five things to watch in NASCAR's third race of the season:

JUNIOR'S JUMP: Dale Earnhardt Jr. has never won at Las Vegas, and he frequently struggled in Sin City early in his career. But his outstanding start to the season suggests he might be accomplishing a whole lot of firsts this year. The Daytona 500 champion had top-three finishes at the final two 1.5-mile tracks of last season, and his Vegas confidence is strong after a testing session. Vegas bookmakers always depress Earnhardt's odds because of his popularity, but he's truly among the favorites for a big finish.

KENSETH'S LABOR: Defending champion Matt Kenseth is clearly comfortable in Las Vegas after three wins on this track, but he's still wondering how NASCAR's changes will translate in competition on 1.5-mile ovals. "It's really hard to compare anything from the past," he said. Kenseth also believes the Vegas track has aged, becoming slower and slicker. He expects the drivers to run wide, which could make for exciting, unpredictable racing.

PENSKE POLES: The Penske Ford teams seem to be figuring out NASCAR's changes quickly. Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski have qualified in the top two spots for two straight races, with Logano sitting on the pole Sunday in Vegas after obliterating the track speed record. "To have a Penske front row the last two weekends at two completely different race-tracks just goes to show how hard these guys have been working," Logano said. "When you work hard, results come. Obviously we haven't won on Sunday yet, so we've got to figure out the big show, but we've had good speed in our cars."

HOMETOWN HEROES?: Kurt and Kyle Busch grew up in Las Vegas, but the brothers don't get treated like returning heroes — at least according to Kyle, the 2009 Vegas champion. Kyle's theory is that the Busch boys won so many local races growing up that they alienated a big chunk of the local racing fan base. Both drivers are still eager for their first victories of the season, and Kurt is grateful to focus on racing again after so much attention this week around his upcoming attempt to run the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 on the same day.

BIG TICKET: Judging by the larger-than-normal crowds at Friday's qualifying session and Saturday's compelling Nationwide Series race, NASCAR is still a hot ticket in Vegas. The speedway also got the benefit of a huge construction trade show in town this weekend, allowing plenty of racing fans to get their fix on a long weekend.



Girls BB tournaments

REGIONALS
Tuesday, March 4
Div. II
at Barberton High School
West Branch 61, Parma Heights Holy Name 49.
Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 45, Geneva 33.

Wednesday, March 5
Div. III
at Cuyahoga Falls High School
Smithville 45, South Range 16
Beachwood 41, Pymatuning Valley 29

Thursday, March 6
Div. IV
at Massillon Perry High School
Cuyahoga Heights 52, Ashland Mapleton 27
Zanesville Rosecrans 67, Western Reserve 31

Saturday, March 8
Div. II
at Barberton High School
Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 42, West Branch 36. (Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary advances to state)

Div. III
at Cuyahoga Falls High School
Smithville 38, Beachwood 36. (Smithville advances to state)

Div. IV
at Massillon Perry High School
Zanesville Rosecrans 22, Cuyahoga Heights 21. (Zanesville Rosecrans advances to state)

Boys BB tournaments

DISTRICTS
Friday, February 28
Zanesville Div. II: New Concord John Glenn 60, Carrollton 41.
St. Clairsville Div. II: Dover 56, Zanesville Maysville 36.

Saturday, March 1
Zanesville Div. II: Cambridge 66, West Holmes 55, OT.
St. Clairsville Div. II: Steubenville 71, Philo 69, 2OT.

Monday, March 3
Salem Div. III: Canton Central Catholic 46, Campbell Memorial 43.
Struthers Div. IV: Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas 74, Wellsville 47.

Tuesday, March 4
Salem Div. III: Lisbon 55, Springfield 53, OT.
Struthers Div. IV: McDonald 75, Lowellville 67.

Wednesday, March 5
Warren Div. II: Poland 64, Ravenna 52.
Zanesville Div. II: New Concord John Glenn 47, Cambridge 43. (New Concord John Glenn to Athens regional).

Thursday, March 6
Warren Div. II : Youngstown Mooney 60, Canfield 50.
St. Clairsville Div. II: Dover vs. Steubenville, 7 p.m. (Dover advances to Athens regional).

Friday, March 7
Salem Div. III: Canton Central Catholic 60, Lisbon 44. (Canton Central Catholic advances to Canton regional).
Struthers Div. IV: Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas 90, McDonald 48. (Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas advances to Canton Field-house regional).

Saturday March 8
Warren Div. II: Poland 63, Youngstown Mooney 46. (Youngstown Mooney advances to Canton Civic Center regional).

OSU-Iowa

Big Ten Semifinal
No. 23 IOWA 77, OHIO ST. 73
OHIO ST. (17-18)
Kynard 0-0 0-0 0, Craft 3-7 1-1 8, Alston 8-13 3-5 20, Blair 1-1 0-0 2, Moore 5-8 5-6 15, Ellerbe 7-12 0-0 15, Scullion 0-0 0-0 0, Ferguson 3-11 3-4 9, Adams 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 29-56 12-16 73.

IOWA (26-7)
Disterhoft 5-13 7-8 18, Till 0-1 3-4 3, Dixon 5-11 2-2 16, Logic 0-4 1-2 1, Taylor 8-12 2-3 21, Peschel 0-3 0-0 0, Reynolds 0-2 0-0 0, Doolittle 7-12 4-6 18. Totals 25-58 19-25 77.
Halftime—Iowa 47-42. 3-Point Goals—Ohio St. 3-16 (Alston 1-3, Craft 1-4, Ellerbe 1-5, Ferguson 0-4). Iowa 8-23 (Dixon 4-10, Taylor 3-6, Disterhoft 1-4, Reynolds 0-1, Logic 0-2). Fouled Out—Ferguson. Rebounds—Ohio St. 34 (Ellerbe 9), Iowa 31 (Disterhoft 8). Assists—Ohio St. 10 (Ferguson 4), Iowa 18 (Logic 9). Total Fouls—Ohio St. 20, Iowa 17. A—NA.

NBA standings

National Basketball Association
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Toronto 34 26 .567 —
Brooklyn 30 30 .500 4
New York 24 40 .375 12
Boston 21 41 .339 14
Philadelphia 15 47 .242 20

Southeast Division
W L Pct GB
Miami 43 16 .729 —
Washington 33 29 .532 11½
Charlotte 29 34 .460 16
Atlanta 26 34 .433 17½
Orlando 19 45 .297 26½

Central Division
W L Pct GB
x-Indiana 46 16 .742 —
Chicago 34 28 .548 12
Detroit 24 38 .387 22
Cleveland 24 40 .375 23
Milwaukee 12 50 .194 34

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
San Antonio 46 16 .742 —
Houston 43 19 .694 3
Dallas 37 26 .587 9½
Memphis 36 26 .581 10
New Orleans 25 37 .403 21

Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Oklahoma City 46 16 .742 —
Portland 42 20 .677 4
Minnesota 31 30 .508 14½
Denver 27 34 .443 18½
Utah 22 41 .349 24½

Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
L.A. Clippers 43 20 .683 —
Golden State 39 24 .619 4
Phoenix 36 25 .590 6
Sacramento 22 40 .355 20½
L.A. Lakers 21 42 .333 22
x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Games
Memphis 85, Chicago 77
Toronto 99, Sacramento 87
Charlotte 101, Cleveland 92
Boston 91, Brooklyn 84
New York 108, Utah 81
Minnesota 114, Detroit 101
New Orleans 112, Milwaukee 104
Dallas 103, Portland 98
Denver 134, L.A. Lakers 126
Houston 112, Indiana 86
Golden State 111, Atlanta 97

Saturday's Games
Utah 104, Philadelphia 92
New York 107, Cleveland 97
Memphis 111, Charlotte 89
San Antonio 121, Orlando 112
Washington 114, Milwaukee 107
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, (n)

Sunday's Games
Miami at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Cavs-Knicks

NEW YORK (107)
Anthony 10-23 2-2 26, Stoudemire 7-16 3-4 17, Chandler 5-9 5-7 15, Felton 2-6 4-4 8, Smith 6-13 0-0 17, Shumpert 3-8 0-0 7, Hardaway Jr. 2-6 0-0 5, Prigioni 3-6 2-2 11, Tyler 0-1 0-2 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Clark 0-0 0-0 0, Murry 0-0 1-2 1, Aldrich 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-88 17-23 107.

CLEVELAND (97)
Deng 3-12 2-2 10, Thompson 3-8 2-2 8, Hawes 7-15 3-3 21, Irving 11-25 5-6 30, Jack 5-13 2-2 12, Waiters 3-8 2-3 8, Varejao 2-2 0 4, Bennett 1-1 0-0 2, Gee 1-3 0-0 2, Dellavedova 0-0 0-0 0, Zeller 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-87 16-18 97.

New York 23 35 19 30—107
Cleveland 19 31 26 21— 97
3-Point Goals—New York 14-31 (Smith 5-9, Anthony 4-7, Prigioni 3-5, Shumpert 1-4, Hardaway Jr. 1-5, Felton 0-1). Cleveland 9-23 (Hawes 4-7, Irving 3-9, Deng 2-3, Jack 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 64 (Stoudemire 12), Cleveland 45 (Hawes 10). Assists—New York 26 (Felton 6), Cleveland 21 (Irving 8). Total Fouls—New York 16, Cleveland 17. A—20,562 (20,562).

Pitt-Clemson

PITTSBURGH 83, CLEMSON 78, OT
PITTSBURGH (23-8)
Young 2-7 2-4 7, Patterson 10-19 5-5 30, Zanna 5-8 0-0 10, Robinson 3-5 3-4 9, Wright 5-11 5-6 16, Artis 2-3 2-2 6, Randall 0-0 1-2 1, Newkirk 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 28-56 20-25 83.

CLEMSON (19-11)
Blossomgame 5-10 2-2 14, McDaniels 7-18 8-9 24, Nnoko 2-4 0-0 4, Hall 4-6 3-5 12, Harrison 3-8 0-0 6, Ajukwa 2-3 1-2 6, Roper 4-8 1-2 12, Djambro 0-0 0-0 0, Djitte 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-57 15-20 78.
Halftime—Clemson 38-29. End Of Regulation—Tied 67. 3-Point Goals—Pittsburgh 7-18 (Patterson 5-9, Wright 1-2, Young 1-3, Artis 0-1, Newkirk 0-1, Robinson 0-2), Clemson 9-23 (Roper 3-6, McDaniels 2-4, Blossomgame 2-6, Ajukwa 1-1, Hall 1-2, Harrison 0-4). Fouled Out—Zanna. Rebounds—Pittsburgh 35 (Zanna 10), Clemson 28 (Blossomgame 6). Assists—Pittsburgh 19 (Robinson 7), Clemson 14 (Hall 6). Total Fouls—Pittsburgh 18, Clemson 18. A—10,000.

NHL standings

National Hockey League
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Boston 63 41 17 5 87 199 141
Montreal 65 35 23 7 77 166 162
Toronto 65 34 23 8 76 193 198
Tampa Bay 64 34 24 6 74 183 167
Detroit 63 29 21 13 71 171 176
Ottawa 64 28 25 11 67 182 209
Florida 63 24 32 7 55 154 201
Buffalo 63 19 36 8 46 127 186

Metropolitan Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Pittsburgh 63 42 17 4 88 201 157
Philadelphia 64 33 24 7 73 183 188
N.Y. Rangers 64 34 26 4 72 168 162
Columbus 63 33 26 5 71 186 178
Washington 65 30 25 10 70 191 197
New Jersey 65 28 24 13 69 161 167
Carolina 64 27 28 9 63 160 184
N.Y. Islanders 66 24 33 9 57 181 224

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
St. Louis 63 43 14 6 92 208 143
Chicago 64 37 13 14 88 221 171
Colorado 64 41 18 5 87 196 170
Minnesota 63 34 22 7 75 156 154
Dallas 64 31 23 10 72 185 179
Winnipeg 65 30 28 7 67 180 189
Nashville 64 26 28 10 62 152 191

Pacific Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Anaheim 64 43 14 7 93 207 157
San Jose 64 40 17 7 87 195 157
Los Angeles 64 36 22 6 78 155 135
Phoenix 64 29 24 11 69 177 183
Vancouver 65 28 27 10 66 151 173
Calgary 63 25 31 7 57 149 189
Edmonton 64 22 34 8 52 160 208
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, Anaheim 2, SO
N.Y. Rangers 4, Carolina 2
Detroit 7, New Jersey 4
Florida 2, Buffalo 0
Calgary 4, N.Y. Islanders 3

Saturday's Games
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO
Ottawa 5, Winnipeg 3
St. Louis 2, Colorado 1
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
New Jersey 5, Carolina 4
Washington 3, Phoenix 2
Columbus 1, Nashville 0
Dallas 4, Minnesota 3
Calgary at Vancouver, (n)
Montreal at San Jose, (n)

Sunday's Games
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Penguins-Ducks

Friday Night
Pittsburgh 1 0 1 0-3
Anaheim 1 0 1 0-2
Pittsburgh won shootout 3-2
First Period—1, Anaheim, Perry 33 (Getzlaf, Koivu), 3:54. 2, Pittsburgh, Engelland 6 (Jokinen, Malkin), 7:47. Penalties—Kunitz, Pit (slashing), 1:27; Glass, Pit, major (fighting), 8:21; Maroon, Ana, major (fighting), 8:21; Beauchemin, Ana (tripping), 10:00; Vitale, Pit (diving), 13:10; Allen, Ana (tripping), 13:10; Neal, Pit (hooking), 17:42.
Second Period—None. Penalties—Stempniak, Pit (tripping), :17; Beauchemin, Ana (hooking), 17:24.
Third Period—3, Anaheim, Perry 34 (Getzlaf, Palmieri), 1:10. 4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 19 (Neal, Crosby), 8:57 (pen). Penalties—Palmieri, Ana (tripping), 8:14.
Overtime—None. Penalties—None.
Shootout—Pittsburgh 3 (Neal NG, Crosby G, Malkin NG, Jokinen NG, Kunitz G, Sutter G), Anaheim 2 (Bonino NG, Palmieri NG, Perry G, Silfverberg NG, Selanne G, Getzlaf NG).
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 34-73—17. Anaheim 12-115-3—31.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 3; Anaheim 0 of 3.
Goals—Pittsburgh, Fleury 33-14-3 (31 shots-29 saves). Anaheim, Hiller 26-9-6 (17-15).
A—17,158 (17,174). T—2:44.
Referees—Frederick L'Ecuyer, Dan O'Rourke. Linesmen—Shane Heyer, Jay Sharrers.

MLS schedule

Golf results

Cadillac Championship
At Trump National Dora, Fla.
Yardage: 7,481; Par: 72
Saturday's Third Round
Patrick Reed68-75-69—212
Jason Dufner69-77-68—214
Hunter Mahan69-74-71—214
Tiger Woods76-73-66—215
Jamie Donaldson74-70-71—215
Miguel A. Jimenez70-77-69—216
Zach Johnson70-75-71—216
Dustin Johnson69-74-73—216
Jimmy Walker73-77-67—217
Richard Sterne74-73-70—217
Bubba Watson73-72-72—217
Graeme McDowell73-71-73—217
Matt Kuchar69-74-74—217
Phil Mickelson74-75-69—218
Branden Grace75-74-69—218
Bill Haas73-76-69—218
Ryan Moore70-79-69—218
Nick Watney72-75-71—218
Joost Luiten76-72-71—219
Rory McIlroy70-74-75—219
Graham DeLaet78-72-70—220
Stephen Gallacher75-75-70—220
Hideki Matsuyama72-77-71—220
Adam Scott75-73-72—220
Harris English69-77-74—220
Hyung-Sung Kim72-74-74—220
Francesco Molinari69-75-76—220
Justin Rose74-77-70—221
Peter Uihlein73-77-71—221
Louis Oosthuizen72-78-71—221
Gary Woodland72-78-71—221
Kevin Streelman75-74-72—221
Scott Hend72-76-73—221
George Coetzee74-74-73—221
Thongchai Jaidee73-74-74—221
Brandt Snedeker73-73-75—221
Ian Poulter71-78-73—222
Chari Schwartzel70-76-76—222
Chris Kirk75-71-76—222
Darren Fichardt73-78-72—223
Thomas Bjorn75-75-73—223
Sergio Garcia74-76-73—223
Henrik Stenson73-76-74—223
Lee Westwood75-79-70—224
Luke Donald70-82-72—224
Kevin Stadler77-76-72—225
Jordan Spieth73-79-73—225
Rickie Fowler76-75-74—225
Keegan Bradley74-76-75—225
Russell Henley72-78-75—225
Billy Horschel77-78-71—226
Steve Stricker77-78-71—226
Ernie Els75-78-73—226
Matteo Manassero76-76-74—226
Jonas Blixt79-72-75—226
Webb Simpson80-78-70—228
Martin Kaymer75-80-73—228
Victor Dubuisson72-81-75—228
Boo Weekley75-75-78—228
Jin Jeong75-75-78—228
Brendon de Jonge76-79-74—229
Jim Furyk78-77-75—230
Roberto Castro74-78-78—230
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano77-77-77—231
D.A. Points82-76-74—232
Dawie van der Walt81-83-71—235
Kiraedeh Aphibarnrat74-82-79—235
Brett Rumford83-79-77—239

PGA results

Puerto Rico Open
At Trump International G.C.
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
Yardage: 7,506; Par: 72
Saturday's Third Round
Chesson Hadley68-65-67—200
Dannny Lee67-68-66—201
Jason Gore67-69-66—202
Jonathan Byrd69-66-67—202
Carl Pettersson71-66-66—203
Jerry Kelly69-67-67—203
David Toms72-64-67—203
George McNeill69-67-68—204
Rafael Cabrera Bello69-67-68—204
Andrew Loupe70-70-65—205
Richard H. Lee69-68-68—205
Ricky Barnes68-68-69—205
Ben Martin68-67-70—205
Wes Roach69-66-70—205
Tim Petrovic68-72-66—206
Brad Fritsch71-68-67—206
Ted Potter, Jr.71-70-65—206
Steven Bowditch69-67-67—206
Eric Axley68-66-72—206
Robert Streb69-72-66—207
Jim Herman69-70-68—207
Ryan Sullivan69-70-68—207
Robert Karlsson71-67-69—207
David Hearn70-68-69—207
Grew Owen69-67-71—207
James Driscoll69-63-75—207
Ryuji Imada73-67-68—208
Michael Thompson71-69-68—208
Chris Stroud73-67-68—208
Andrew Svoboda74-66-68—208
Wyo Ishikawa70-69-69—208
William McGirt68-71-69—208
Bud Cauley69-67-72—208

Transactions

BASEBALL
National League
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with INF Matt Carpenter on a six-year contract through the 2019 season.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Milwaukee G O.J. Mayo one game for forcibly striking New Orleans C Greg Stiemsma in the throat during a March 7 game.
MIAMI HEAT — Signed G DeAndre Ligins to a second 10-day contract.
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed G Orlando Johnson to a second 10-day contract.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed F Drew Gooden to a second 10-day contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Agreed to terms with DT Red Bryant on a four-year contract.
NEW YORK JETS — Agreed to terms with TE Jeff Cumberland.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Agreed to terms with S Darrell Stuckey on a four-year contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Released G Davin Joseph.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled G Petr Mrazek from Grand Rapids (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled C Casey Wellman from Hershey (AHL). Agreed to terms with F Evgeny Kuznetsov on an entry-level contract.
ECHL
ECHL — Fined Idaho's Jeremy Yablonski an undisclosed amount for his actions in a March 7 game against Las Vegas.
READING ROYALS — Announced F Josh Brittain was recalled by Hershey (AHL). Placed F T.J. Syner on the reserve list. Activated F Jesse Todd from the reserve list.
Central Hockey League
RAPID CITY RUSH — Signed G Wayne Savage.
ST. CHARLES CHILL — Signed F Britt Ouellette and D Nello Ferrara.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS — Named Pablo Mastroeni coach.

Anthony's 26 paces Knicks

CLEVELAND (AP) — Carmelo Anthony shook off a horrid shooting start and scored 26 points, leading the New York Knicks to their third straight victory, 107-97 over Cleveland on a Saturday night when LeBron James was back on the Cavaliers' bench.

Amare Stoudemire added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks, whose winning streak began after a seven-game slide and amid reports Phil Jackson may accept a job in New York's front office.

Anthony missed his first six shots, but found his touch in time to help the Knicks in their late-season run at the playoffs. J.R. Smith scored 17 and Tyson Chandler added 15 points and 11 boards for New York, which came in 3 ½ games out of the final postseason spot in the Eastern Conference.

Kyrie Irving had 30 points, eight assists and eight rebounds for the Cavs, who retired center Zdrunas Ilgauskas' No. 11 jersey at halftime. Spencer Hawes had 21 for Cleveland, which dropped to 0-4 in March.

The Knicks were as good as done just a few days ago.

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Saturday's Games
Seattle FC 1, Sporting Kansas City 0
Columbus 3, D.C. United 0
Vancouver 4, New York 1
Montreal at FC Dallas, (n)
New England at Houston, (n)
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, (n)
Philadelphia at Portland, (n)

Sunday's Games
Chicago at Chivas USA, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 15
New England at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Colorado at New York, 4 p.m.
Toronto FC at Seattle FC, 4:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30

Crew-D.C. United

Columbus	2	1-3
D.C. United	0	0-0

First half—1, Columbus, Arrieta 1 (Williams, Jimenez), 18th minute. 2, Columbus, Higuain 1 (penalty kick), 27th.
Second half—3, Columbus, Higuain 2 (Meram), 90th.
Goalsies—Columbus, Steve Clark; D.C. United, Bill Hamid.
Yellow Cards—Tchani, Columbus, 39th; Trapp, Columbus, 43rd; Higuain, Columbus, 63rd; Neal, D.C. United, 67th; Francis, Columbus, 76th.
Referee—Andres Pfefferkorn. Assistant Referees—Eugene Mednikov. Stefan McHardy.
A—13,840 (45,596)

Lineups
Columbus—Steve Clark, Waylon Francis (Tyson Wahz, 90th +), Josh Williams, Giancarlo Gonzalez, Michael Parkhurst, Bernardo Anor (Justin Meram, 73rd), Hector Jimenez, Tony Tchani, Federico Higuain, Wil Trapp, Jairo Arrieta (Adam Bedell, 87th).
D.C. United—Bill Hamid, Cristian Fernandez, Sean Franklin, Bobby Boswell, Jeff Parke (Kyle Porter, 82nd), Perry Kitchen, Luis Silva, Nick DeLeon (Levin Neal, 63rd), Davy Arnaud (Conor Doyle, 74th), Eddie Johnson, Fabian Espindola.

No. 2 Wichita State improves to 33-0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — All those runaway wins, it's hard for unbeaten Wichita State to pick a favorite.

Blowouts have become the norm for the Shockers. It keeps them loose during games and after.

"I can't remember which one was our best game, but if you think so, then OK," point guard Fred VanVleet said after the second-ranked Shockers encountered little resistance in a 67-42 rout of Missouri State in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament semifinals on Saturday.

Coach Gregg Marshall said he's got a "fun team to watch, a fun team to coach, a fun team to be around." He scoffed at naysayers who might criticize strength of schedule.

"Who can find fault with 33-0? No, I take that back, I know people find fault with 33-0. I don't. I enjoy it," Marshall said. "I've enjoyed it the whole year."

Marshall wrapped up his postgame news conference by complaining about an exposed nail on the table at the podium that caused him to rip his jacket on Friday, and to point out that Tekele Cotton's first name is often mispronounced.

"He's going to be on the cover of Sports Illustrated for the second time in three weeks," Marshall said. "It's not Tekeel, it's Tekale — like the vegetable."



Cleanthony Early scored 20 points with three 3-pointers and a pair of dunks and Wichita State began celebrating early in the second half. The 22-point romp over Evansville in the quarterfinals had a similar feel.

"Our motto is to 'play angry,'" center Kadeem Coleby said. "But at the same time we're out there on the court smiling, and we're having fun with each other."

And making life miserable for the opposition.

"They handled us," Missouri State coach Paul Lusk said. "Obviously, we had some guys go down but give them credit. It wasn't a whole lot of fun to sit through."

Jarmar Gulley, who leads the team with a 14.7-point average, had five points in 14 minutes before leaving with a jaw injury. Keith Pickens was scoreless and played three minutes because of a groin injury.

"They're two of our best guys," forward Christian Kirk said. "That's pretty tough."

Cotton also made three 3-pointers for the top-seeded Shockers, who matched the start by Larry Bird and Indiana State in 1979 before they lost to Michigan State and Magic Johnson in the NCAA title game. Wichita State will be heavily favored against Indiana State or Southern Illinois to make it 34 in a row, which would match the NCAA-record start by UNLV in 1990-91.

Players appear utterly unconcerned.

"I don't know about exactly celebrating what we've accomplished, so to speak, as opposed to thinking about how great we are," said VanVleet, the Valley player of the year. "We don't really blow our heads up like that. We have fun throughout the process."

"If you watched the game, you saw that."

The Shockers, who last won the conference tourney in 1987, took control with a 17-0 run in the first half and topped it with 24 straight points in the second, scoring at will while Missouri State endured droughts totaling more than 15 minutes.

"I want to win very badly, but I would want to beat you at cards if we dealt them tonight," Marshall told a questioner. "That's just the way I'm wired."



Former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal laughs with his former high school teammates during halftime of the boys' UIL Class 1A Division 1 state basketball final, Saturday in Austin, Texas. The UIL was honoring the undefeated 1989 San Antonio Cole Team (36-0) that won the state championship 25 years ago. O'Neal was described as the greatest player to ever play in the UIL State Tournament by UIL Executive President Charles Breithaupt. (AP Photo)

Shaq reunites with his high school champion team

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal won four NBA championships and an Olympic gold medal in a career that likely will land him in the Hall of Fame.

O'Neal said he owes a lot of it to his 1989 state championship team and coaches at San Antonio Cole High School. They were honored at the Texas state tournament Saturday on the 25th anniversary of their title.

"We were just a little school in San Antonio. No one believed in us, but the lessons I learned at Cole carried my whole career — being humble, playing hard, working with your teammates," O'Neal said. "Cole gave me the start of my dreams."

O'Neal's military family

moved to San Antonio before his junior year.

"I was just a kid from Germany," O'Neal said.

That "kid" was already nearly 6-foot-10 and still growing. One coach briefly pushed him toward football, which didn't take. As a senior, O'Neal averaged 32 points, 22 rebounds and eight blocks in leading Cole to a 36-0 record and the Class 3A state title.

On Friday, Cole retired his No. 33 high school jersey. On Saturday, University Interscholastic League director Charles Breithaupt called O'Neal the "greatest player to ever play" in the Texas state tournament. Future NBA stars such as Chris Bosh, T.J. Ford and Kendrick Perkins also won

state titles.

O'Neal remembered Cole started slow in the '89 championship game.

"The look on everyone's face was kind of blank, the fans were quiet," said O'Neal, who told his teammates to give him the ball and they would win.

They did, 66-60 against Clarksville, behind O'Neal 19 points, 26 rebounds, three blocks and six assists.

After high school, O'Neal signed at LSU with dreams of playing in the NBA.

"My dream in high school was to make \$8 million for a five-year NBA contract," O'Neal said. "I dreamed of having a little house and two cars, a Mercedes ... Things turned out a lot better than that."

Pitt knocks off Clemson

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Pittsburgh's Josh Newkirk saw the ball free on the floor about 10 feet from the basket and didn't know whether to drive to the basket or just put it up, so he let his instincts take over.

"I was just happy to pull up and it went in," said Newkirk, who's only jumper of the game forced overtime and rescued the Panthers who had trailed 67-62 in the final seconds. "It was my only shot, but the only shot I needed to hit."

Given new life, the Panthers (23-8, 11-7 Atlantic Coast Conference) quickly pushed out to a seven-point lead to win 83-78 in their first visit to Clemson.

Lamar Patterson tied his career high with 30 points, including a 3-pointer with 3 seconds left to set up the wild finish to regulation. Damarcus Harrison couldn't get the inbounds pass in cleanly to K.J. McDaniels near the baseline and Newkirk saw the ball bounce his way when Patterson tipped it. After the shot, officials used monitors on each side of the court to take a look and decided there wasn't indisputable evidence to rule it had come after time ran out.

"We were pretty sure it was a make," said Pittsburgh coach Jamie Dixon, whose team was stung last month on a 35-foot game-winner by Syracuse's Tyler Ennis in a 58-56 defeat. "I never came out of the huddle preparing for the overtime."

Patterson said the Panthers, who hadn't led since midway through the first half, wanted to put the Tigers (19-11, 10-8) away quickly. He hit his fifth 3-pointer to take the lead for good and Cameron Wright added a pair of baskets to put Pittsburgh up 74-67.

Clemson cut the lead to three points in overtime, the last at 81-78 on Rod Hall's steal and layup with 18.8 seconds left. Wright then followed with the clinching foul shots at Pittsburgh moved to 4-0 in overtime games this season.

Patterson said the team dug in during the final seconds instead of giving in to Clemson. "We had games where we lost at the end because there was time on the clock still and someone hit the big shot," he said. "We know when the game's over is when the horn sounds and not when there's a couple of seconds left."

McDaniels had 24 points to lead the Tigers, who were seeking their first-ever 11-win ACC season.

Wright had 16 points and Talib Zanna 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Patterson was 10 of 19 from the field and matched his previous best set against Cal Poly this past December.

For much of the game, it looked like the Tigers were in control.

Clemson coach Brad Brownell slammed a white board in the huddle before overtime to get his players' attention, sensing losing such a lead would deflate his players.

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phone but didn't want his appearance to overshadow his former teammate.

This was Z's night.

Ilgauskas thanked everyone he could during his speech.

"Thank you for not giving up on a skinny kid from Lithuania," he said to Gund.

Later, Ilgauskas said he was thrilled to have James at the event.

"It was special," said Ilgauskas, who recently became a U.S. citizen. "There was some talk leading up to it, this and that, but the way I looked at it if he wasn't able to make it, that's OK. I wanted to extend the invitation."

"Him being here was an added bonus for me because of what we've been through together. I consider him a dear friend. For me, it would have been almost a distraction if he wasn't here. That he was able to witness that made it even more special."

Ilgauskas conquered career-threatening foot injuries to become a two-time NBA All-Star as well as the Cavs' career leader in rebounds (5,904), games played (771) and blocks (1,269). He's second on the scoring list, behind only James.

A gentle giant off the floor, Ilgauskas accomplished it all through hard work, enduring endless hours of grueling rehab and treatment to fulfill a dream that began as a small boy playing soccer and volleyball in Lithuania.

Ilgauskas spent 12 seasons with the Cavs, and for a long stretch of his tenure he was the only good thing about the franchise. That all changed when James arrived in 2003, and along with Ilgauskas — an odd couple if there ever was one — they led the Cavs to their only NBA Finals appearance in 2007.

One of the enduring moments in Cleveland sports over the last 30 years was James and Ilgauskas wrapping their arms around each other to celebrate the Cavs' win over Detroit in the Eastern Conference finals. After being traded, Ilgauskas followed James to Miami and played one season with the Heat.

Ilgauskas retired in 2011, but returned to the Cavs the following year and has been working as a special assistant to the general manager.

He's always been special. Ilgauskas connected with Cleveland fans like few pro athletes. Big Z endeared himself with his perseverance, resilience, loyalty and a dry, self-deprecating sense of humor. Shortly

after undergoing his second major foot surgery, Ilgauskas quipped he "had as much hardware as Home Depot" in his feet.

The Cavs selected Ilgauskas with the 20th overall pick in 1996, and after a promising rookie season in 1997-98, he encountered the first of many medical obstacles.

After visiting foot specialists across the country, Ilgauskas underwent a risky operation in 2000 to have his left foot radically reconstructed. He tortured himself during workouts to get back, and spent countless hours getting treatment on his feet, which required extensive icing before and after he played.

It all paid off when Ilgauskas was named an All-Star reserve in 2003. There were other hardships, the most challenging in 2007 when he and Jennifer lost the twins she was carrying. Through it all, Ilgauskas was the consummate teammate.

"Z's like a big brother to me," Cavs center Anderson Varejao said. "He helped me a lot in this league, with everything, basketball, on the road. When I got here I didn't speak any English. He put me under his wing and took care of me. He's a big part of my life."

And in Cleveland, Ilgauskas has always been so much more than big.



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Will participate in Columbiana County Honors Choir concert

The 2014 Columbiana County Honors Choir will include 12 students from East Liverpool for the concert at 2:30 p.m. April 5 at United High School. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Recognizing their talents to be among the top in the county, the following students will participate, seated, from left, Ronnie Woods, Dakota Ice, David Mouse, Nick Cotter, Nate Webber and Kyle Flesch; second row, Cheyenne Lamp, Summer Ratliff, Sutton Stacey, Katie Hamilton, Brooke Myers, Kara Marsden. (Submitted photo)



Getting his game face on
Pictured is Braydon Gilbert getting ready for a life-size "Angry Birds" game at the Leetonia Community Public Library. The public is invited to this event at 5:30 March 20. To register call 330-427-6635. (Submitted photo)

Local students earn degrees from Kent State University

KENT — The following area residents recently graduated from Kent State University, main campus. Graduates and their degrees include:

- **Beloit:** Ashley Mannion, bachelor's of arts; Tamyé Simms, bachelor's of technical and applied studies; Megan Wyatt, bachelor's of science in nursing.
- **Berlin Center:** Joellen Bissett, bachelor's of fine arts; Caroline Roessler, master's of science; Kathryn Long, associate's of applied science.
- **Canfield:** Vincent Dangerfield, bachelor's of science; Nicholas Flaviano, bachelor's of science in nursing; Angela Ireland, master's in business administration; Candace Mirto, bachelor's of science in nursing; Clarence Smith, bachelor's of science; Susan Sullivan, master's of science; Brianna Bocker, bachelor's of science in nursing;
- **Columbiana:** Corinne Brothers, bachelor's of science; Heather Gamble, associate's of technical study; Clarissa Goehring, bachelor's of radiologic and imaging sciences technology; Debbie Shaw-Batchelor, associate's of arts; Jason Stamp, bachelor's of business administration.
- **Deerfield:** Lindsie Desatnik, associate's of applied science; Jennifer Dremann, master's of science in nursing; Joseph Svidron, bachelor's of science.
- **East Palestine:** David Fristik, bachelor's of science; Roy Fruit, bachelor's of science; Crystal Javens, bachelor's of arts.
- **Homeworth:** Amanda-Jo Stiffler, bachelor's of radiologic imaging sciences and technology.
- **Leetonia:** Anthony Dominic, bachelor's of science; Leah Garwood, bachelor's of science; Stephanie Kornbau, associate's of science; Kelsie Markijohn, master's of education; Angela Maroni, associate's of applied business.
- **Lisbon:** Alisha Helman, bachelor's of business administration; Crystal Kenmuir, master's of library and information science; Christopher Safford, associate's of arts and associate's of applied science; Derek Clapsaddle, bachelor's of science.
- **Minerva:** Jordan Cross, bachelor's of arts; Kelsee Fankhauser, bachelor's of science in nursing; Franklin Miller, bachelor's of arts; Alyxandra Nightingale, associate's of science; Ashley Toot, bachelor's of science; Brock Jackson, bachelor's of science in public health.
- **Negley:** Amanda Winters, associate's of arts; James Wonner, associate's of arts.
- **North Benton:** Shannon Hamilton, bachelor's of fine arts; Deanna Corll, bachelor's of business administration.
- **Salem:** Emma Barry, bachelor's of arts; Belinda Berry, bachelor's of science; Hailey Blosser, bachelor's of science; Tracy Hively, bachelor's of radiologic imaging sciences technology; Zachariah Kennedy, associate's of applied business; Victor Leija, associate's of applied science; Erin McGarry, bachelor's of business administration; Olivia Rowley, bachelor's of business administration; Brittany Steele, bachelor's of science in nursing; Brianne Wagner, associate's of applied science; Laura McGee, bachelor's of science; John McDole, associate's of arts and bachelor's of arts; Sarah Humphrey, bachelor's of science; Heather Mercer, master's of science; Zacheray Long, bachelor's of science; Patricia Wilms, associate's of applied science.
- **Washingtonville:** Donald Trummer, bachelor's of business administration; Robin Pertz, master's of library and information science.



Maher earns dean's list at John Carroll

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS — Mallory Maher, a 2013 Salem High School graduate and a freshman at John Carroll University, earned fall dean's list.

Maher, the daughter of Bruce and the late Cindy Maher of Salem, is a member of the JCU cross country squad and is a distance runner on the track squad.

Area students participating in art exhibit at University of Mount Union

ALLIANCE — The following area students are participants in the University of Mount Union's annual student art exhibit, opening Monday in Beeghly Hall.

- **Alliance:** Chris Holmes, senior biochemistry and neuroscience major; Julie Amabeli, senior accounting major; Ben Brink, sophomore art major; Patricia Rickard, student artist.
- **Kensington:** Jacob Ward, senior art major.
- **Lisbon:** Leanna Rudibaugh, junior integrated media major.

The student art exhibit will be on display through March 31. A reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. March 13 in Beeghly Hall in honor of the students and their accomplishments.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For weekend hours, call Carol Opatken, Mount Union Gallery director, at 330-823-4968. Beeghly Hall is located across from Sheetz on the southeast side of campus. This event is free and open to the public.

South Range High School honor roll

- **All As Freshmen:** Jack Bajerski, Casey Lindstrom, David Marsilio, Zoey Novak, Kelly Patrick, Randy Skripac.
- **All As Sophomores:** Morgan Coler, Molly Davidson, Kaitlin Donnelly, Emily Fromel, Madelyn Kimpel, Hazel Minich, Brian Patrick, Alesandra Sakacs, Ben Stebbelton, Ryan Sympson, Jessica Winkel.
- **All As Juniors:** Garrett Anderson, Travis Bernard, Lillie Bovard-Jones, Josie Brown, Danielle Cicchi, Jayden Dunn, Derek Fickes, Joshua Fromel, McKenna Gabriel, Grace George, Lauren Herubin, Madison Juillerat, Haley Kogelnik, Kayla Kogelnik, Kendall Lindstrom, Anthony Marsilio, Sarah Moretti, Kelsey Phillips, Leah Rohan, Jordan Roush, Matthew Russ, Jessica Skripac, William Stephenson, Kendall Syms, Kayla Zimbardi.
- **All As Seniors:** Taylor Christian, Luke Eusebio, Michaela Gibson, Emily Griffith, Holly Heck, Colton Hiner, Mary Kenney, Daniel Macinga, Raianna Mason, Christian Moore, Theresa Nemergut, Tiffany Patterson, Sierra Petrella, Brianna Prislipsky, Shawn Rast, Jessica Shelley, Harleigh Solvesky, Madison Taylor.
- **All As/Bs Freshmen:** Sydney Allegretto, Halee Allen, Lydia Baird, Brianna Baker, Tylor Beatty, Taylor Bernard, Erin Bodine, Jordan DeSantis, Mikayla Flak, Anne Gulfo, Christopher Herubin, Kaylyn Jones, Kelly Keenan, Michael Kuhns, Jillian Maynard, Charles McDonald, Chelsea McNeal, Jonathan Meals, Nathaniel Pryor, Maria Razo, Travis Schaffer, Kristina Snyder, Sarah Spalding, Hannah Standley, Jacob Stellers, Chloe Stephenson, Katelyn Urs, Gracey White, Kate Yeagley, .
- **All As/Bs Sophomores:** Landon Baer, Madelyn Baker, Travis Baxter, Lucas Beabout, Mario Buzzacco, Jordan Campanelli, Caleb Chaffee, Carly Chopp, Scott Erb, Natalie Eusebio, Makenzie Ferenchak, Deven Fickes, Cole Frank, Eliza Garlough, Jordan Gregory, Lindsay Kiselica, Charlie Littleton, Robert Matos, Cassidy McKenna, Tyler Patterson, Mollie Pierson, James Reed, Anthony Renforth, Brant Rothbauer, Morgan Sauerwein, Meghan Smith, Tristan Smith, Briana Spalding, Nicholas Stanton, Brooks Thomas, Holly Toy.
- **All As/Bs Juniors:** Joseph Alessi, Tyler Baird, Gianna Baker, Sebastian Calvin, Karalynn Cook, Andrew Cullar, Alexis DeSantis, Sara Durr, Logan Erdel, Kirklin Grahovac, Kent Hilderbrand, Madeline Hiner, Molly MacFarland, Dillon McBee, Gary Miller, Ryan Miller, Andrea Oliver, Mikala Phillips, Keeley Pierson, Kayla Ripley, Dylan Rutledge, Evan Schaefer, Natalie Spalding, Adam Wehr, Jonah Wilson.
- **All As/Bs Seniors:** Bryce Allen, Lauren Baer, Keith Bair, Zachary Baird, Justin Campanelli, Danielle Ceplice, Christina Coler, George Colettis, Turner Curry, Meagan Daugherty, Dario Dittli, Alex Doyle, Mattison Dunham, Emily Erb, Isaac Garlough, Ryan Gilbey, William Goodall, Tanner Greene, Taylor Hassay, Shana Higgins, Thomas Kuhns, Alexis Marucci, Daniel McDonald, Elizabeth Meals, Abraham Melnick, Anna Miller, Krista Murray, Adam O'Leary, Joseph Phillips, Rachel Rapp, Tyler Rothbauer, Collin Schmader, Ashley Shetter, Zachary Thorpe, Emilee Withers, Adam Witmer, Connor Yeagley.

South Range Middle School honor roll

- **AA Honor Roll Fifth Grade:** Braeden Allen, Madeline Bennett, Logan Bequeath, Megan Black, Luke Blasko, Hope Bruner, Spencer Bush, Trevor Cooper, Trey DeSantis, Ava DiMuzio, Jayden Emerick, Carter Foutty, Jacob Gehring, Greta Graffius, Michael Hvizdos, Bobby Kaiser, Nataley Kemmer, Alexis Ketterer, Taylor Kochanowski, Alex Kuzior, Hailey Lewis, Joshua Marino, John Moore, Makenna Morucci, Harley Novak, Dominic Pasquale, Laine Puhl, Collin Schick, Garrett Sheets, Hannah Staffeld, Jillian Streacansky, Paige Tabor, Eli Taylor, Ava Viano, Danielle Vuletich.
- **AA Honor Roll Sixth Grade:** Isaac Allegretto, Julie Centofanti, Marie DePascale, Andrew Eberth, Addie Flowers, Hannah Humphries, Emily Irons, Isaac Less, Madison Less, Abigail Oslavic, Quinn Pierson, Anna Primavera, Emily Protain, Jacob Regule, Olivia Rhodehamel, Alyssa Sandfey, Samantha Sandfey, Nolan Shannon.
- **AA Honor Roll Seventh Grade:** Jaxon Anderson, Logan Baer, Jared Bajerski, Kathryn Bennett, Olyvia Carr, Chloe Corser, Cole Crosby, Matthew Davidson, Olivia Donadee, Grace Donnelly, Drew Feren, Nicholas Fromel, Brianna Griffin, Rodrick Kaiser, Kyle Keenan, Madeline Lucas, Jessica Marinelli, Taylor Mayorga, Natalie Plunkett, Lillian Popa, Katelyn Ryan, Julia Spalding.
- **AA Honor Roll Eighth Grade:** Kaytlin Aczel, Aniello Buzzacco, Jennifer Cvelbar, Autumn DeSantis, Gabrielle DiCesare, Hannah Ferenchak, Angel Fickes, Olivia Fossesca, Grace Garlough, Delaney Higgins, Lillian Kimpel, Megan Kiselica, Ashley McKee, Savannah Pew, Brian Robinson, Emily Sheets, Cole Shehan, Charles Staffeld, Levi Taylor, Hope Thomas, Ryan Turnbull, Simon Weiss, Solomon Weiss, Rebecca Wince, Brandon Youngs.
- **AB Honor Roll Fifth Grade:** Jack Arnett, Jacob Baker, Gavin Batdorff, Aspen Blakeman, Laura Byler, Michael Campy, Noah Cannon, Evelyn Davidson, Jacob Davidson, Antonios Douropoulos, Zeb Garlough, Tessa Gwirtz, Carter Hull, Jenna Knapik, Anthony Lepore, Naseem Maali, Alex Mayorga, Luke McConnell, Nikitas Missos, Makenzie Pappas, Michael Patrone, Mikie Perry, Andrew Primavera, Katlyn Quear, Emily Razo, Breanna Roach, Sophia Rossero, Marina Schneider, Audrey Shannon, Izzy Sikora, Logan Weaver, Dallas Widdersheim, Leigha Wine.
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- **AB Honor Roll Seventh Grade:** Jenna Barbessi, Abbey Bokros, Samuel Brooks, Christopher Brown, Matthew Byler, Zachariah Christian, Keith Deak, Tara Detchon, Tyler Durr, Tyler Everly, Hannah Fryfogle, Jonelle Granger, Madison Helon, Jared Hutchison-Adams, Benjamin Irons, Connor Jones, Sean Kudler, Mary Kuhns, Lauren Lindquist, Anthony Marino, Nicholas Matos, Rachel Maynard, Angela McCullough, Nathan Millison, Maisey Mills, Baylee Mohr, James Moore, Landon Morucci, Reese Otto, Madison Owen, Anthony Petrella, Lily Pierson, Megan Rossero, Brooke Sauerwein, Joseph Schneider, Kaden Shehan, Marlaina Slabach, Jennifer Slaven, Joshua Stear, Zachary Tabor, Elizabeth Veneskey, Nathan Wire.
- **AB Honor Roll Eighth Grade:** Nathaniel Alessi, Allison Allegretto, Katelyn Arnett, Matthew Belaney, Renee Bishop, Lexie Borton, Matthew Brooks, Maria Campean, Emma Carr, Julia Cvelbar, Albert Ding, James Dinh, Sofia Durina, Amariah Fitch, Caroline Foutty, Jenna Gregory, Hunter Higgins, Gracie Hiner, Brycen James, Brendan Kuzior, Destany Liston, Alexis Lovitz, Michelle Macinga, Taylor Manning, Carlie Marinelli, Mitchel McConnell, Chad Miller, Taylor Perry, Ian Pierson, John Popa, Olivia Primavera, Peyton Remish, Luke Schaefer, Darian Smith, Megan Smith, Hunter Solvesky, Justin Sympson, Lindsay Syms, Cameron Tarr, Chase Taylor, Brennan Toy, Anna Turnbull, Troy Waliszewski, Madison Weaver, Brady White, Nicole Winkel, Aaron Wire, Jon Zimbardi.

United kindergarten registration planned

HANOVERTON — United Local's kindergarten registration for the 2014-15 school year will begin with a parent orientation meeting at 6 p.m. March 11 in the elementary cafeteria. This will be a brief meeting, for parents only, with information will be shared, registration packets distributed and appointments made for screenings on March 18, 19 and 20.

Children who are residents of United and who will be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1 are eligible to attend kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Documents that must be presented at the screening along with the completed registration packet are a parent's driver's license or photo ID and proof of residency, the child's birth certificate, immunization record, Social Security card and custody papers, if applicable. Parents may call the elementary office at 330-223-8001 with any questions.

"Delay is the deadliest form of denial."
— C. Northcote Parkinson,
British author (1909-1993)

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GUEST COLUMN

Stronger domestic leadership equals stronger policy



BILL JOHNSON
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President Obama has an historic opportunity to push back against Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of the Ukrainian Crimean Peninsula. And, if the President was serious when he warned Putin that there would be "costs" for invading, then he could quickly expand American influence in Eastern Europe, and send a clear message to Putin about what those "costs" will be, all without deploying a single American troop to the region. How? By immediately increasing the number of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export permits the Administration approves. It's time for America to hit Russia where it hurts: in their wallet.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Russia holds the largest natural gas reserves in the world, is the second largest producer of dry natural gas, and third largest liquid fuels producer. Because of these vast resources, much of Europe depends on Russia for natural gas. Ukraine is particularly dependent. And Russia has never been shy about using its energy clout to achieve political ends — like shutting off Ukraine's natural gas supply in winter months when that nation does something not to Putin's liking. In fact, Russia's entire economy is largely dependent on its artificial escalation of the world price for natural gas, because it presently holds a monopoly on the resource. America's entry into the global natural gas export market would have serious impacts on Russia's economy, and would alter current geo-political relationships.

For decades, America was in no position to export natural gas. But over the last few years, we have discovered some of the largest natural gas deposits anywhere in the world, right under our feet in places like North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and in the congressional district I represent — Eastern Ohio. These newly-available gas reserves, thought by most to be an American domestic resource, can also serve as a foreign policy advantage.

Because of the recent technological breakthrough of deep, horizontal, hydraulic fracturing, America is able to produce large quantities of natural gas and oil like never before. Some experts have estimated that because of the rapid development of this new technology, Ohio alone could have more accessible natural gas reserves than Saudi Arabia. Let that sink in for a second, and think of the resources we've been blessed with, and the potential they create — jobs for the American people, and energy independence from the Middle East, while helping our allies around the world advance freedom and democracy. And, all of it can be had without deploying our military forces.

As someone who spent more than 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, you might think that military action would be my first instinct in a world crisis. But I'll never support sending our armed services into an overseas conflict unless our own national security interests are at risk, especially when we have better, safer options. And that's exactly what I'm advocating now.

Using our natural gas and oil resources as a check against energy extortion is not a partisan issue, nor should it be. My Democratic colleague Tim Ryan and I started a bipartisan working group in Congress to advocate for the export of liquefied natural gas. We've been raising awareness about the opportunity that America holds to help our friends and allies abroad by sending them natural gas that's plentiful and underfoot, rather than keeping them dependent on unstable countries, like Russia, who forces them to grant favor in exchange for their energy supply.

Sadly, the President's Department of Energy has slow-walked the approval of export applications. It is not only holding up American jobs in the process, but is now impeding our ability to help our allies around the globe. It is past time for the Mr. Obama's regulators to approve these permits, especially in light of Russia's recent actions.

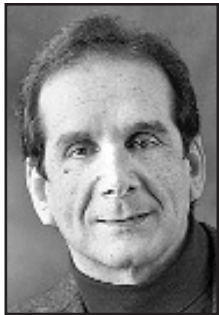
Vladimir Putin made a calculation when he invaded the Crimean Peninsula — requesting that his parliament provide him with military authorization just hours after President Obama warned him that there "would be costs." America's allies, rivals, and adversaries are watching how our nation — specifically how President Obama — responds to his warning being summarily dismissed by Russia on the global stage.

President Obama has proven he can meet challenges beyond our borders. But, while giving our Navy SEALs the go-ahead to capture and kill Osama bin Laden was a good decision, it was not a foreign policy. Western Europe buys 76 percent of Russia's natural gas exports. So, exporting our natural gas to Europe could very well weaken Putin's stranglehold on the European energy market, and would be the first plank in a strategic approach to resolving the tensions flaring on the other side of the globe.

The world is a dangerous place. Russia is on the move. China is investing untold billions of its wealth in military technology. Iran is becoming a nuclear threat. Terrorist organizations continue to plot attacks on American interests in host nations that wink at them in approval or do little to stop them. If America's ability to shape world events wanes, that void will be filled by others who don't necessarily share our belief in freedom, human rights, and democracy.

The world is watching, Mr. President.

The wages of weakness



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

WASHINGTON — Vladimir Putin is a lucky man. And he's got three more years of luck to come.

He takes Crimea, and President Obama says it's not in Russia's interest, not even strategically clever. Indeed, it's a sign of weakness.

Really? Crimea belonged to Moscow for 200 years. Russia conquered it 20 years before the U.S. acquired Louisiana. Lost it in the humiliation of the 1990s. Putin got it back in about three days without firing a shot.

Now Russia looms over the rest of eastern and southern Ukraine. Putin can take that anytime he wants — if he wants.

He has already destabilized the nationalist government in Kiev. Ukraine is now truncated and on the life support of U.S. and European money (much of which — cash for gas — will end up in Putin's treasury anyway).

Obama says Putin is on the wrong side of history and Secretary of State John Kerry says Putin's is "really 19th-century behavior in the 21st century."

This must mean that seeking national power, territory, dominion — the driving impulse of nations since Thucydides — is obsolete. As if a calendar change caused a revolution in human nature that transformed the international arena from a Hobbesian struggle for power into a gentleman's club where violations of territorial integrity just don't happen.

"That is not 21st-century, G-8, major-nation behavior," says Kerry. Makes invasion sound like a breach of etiquette — like using the wrong fork at a Beacon Hill dinner party.

How to figure out Obama's foreign policy? In his first U.N. speech, he says: "No one nation can or should try to dominate another nation." On what planet? Followed by the assertion that "alignments of nations rooted in the cleavages of a long-gone Cold War" — like NATO? — "make no sense in an interconnected world."

Putin's more cynical advisers might have thought such adolescent universalism to be a ruse. But Obama coupled these amazing words with even more amazing actions.

(1) Upon coming into office, he initiated the famous "reset" to undo the "drift" in relations that had occurred during the George W. Bush years. But that drift was largely due to the freezing of re-

lations Bush imposed after Russia's invasion of Georgia. Obama undid that pushback and wiped the slate clean — demanding nothing in return.

(2) Canceled missile-defense agreements with Poland and the Czech Republic. Without even consulting them.

A huge concession to Putin's threats — while again asking nothing in return. And sending a message that, while Eastern Europe may think it achieved post-Cold War independence, in reality it remains in play, subject to Russian influence and interests.

(3) In 2012, Obama assured Dmitry Medvedev that he would be even more flexible with Putin on missile defense as soon as he got past the election.

(4) The Syria debacle. Obama painted himself into a corner on chemical weapons — threatening to bomb and then backing down — and allowed Putin to rescue him with a promise to get rid of Syria's stockpiles.

Obama hailed this as a great win-win, when both knew — or did Obama really not know? — that he had just conferred priceless legitimacy on Bashar al-Assad and made Russia the major regional arbiter for the first time in 40 years.

(5) Obama keeps cutting defense spending. His latest budget will reduce it to 3 percent of GDP by 2016 and cut the army to pre-Pearl Harbor size — just as Russia is rebuilding, as Iran is going nuclear and as China announces yet another 12-plus percent increase in military spending.

Puzzling. There is no U.S. financial emergency, no budgetary collapse. Obama declares an end to austerity — for every government department except the military.

Can Putin be faulted for believing that if he bites off Crimea and threatens Kiev, Obama's response will be minimal and his ability to lead the Europeans even less so?

Would Putin have lunged for Ukraine if he didn't have such a clueless adversary? No one can say for sure. But it certainly made Putin's decision easier.

Russia will get kicked out of the G-8 — if Obama can get Angela Merkel to go along. Big deal. Putin does care about financial sanctions, but the Europeans are already divided and squabbling among themselves.

Next weekend's Crimean referendum will ask if it should be returned to Mother Russia. Can Putin refuse? He can already see the history textbooks: Catherine the Great conquered Crimea, Vlad (the Great?) won it back. Not bad for a 19th-century man.

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Eat your own words, Debbie Wasserman



MICHELLE MALKIN

At the end of 2013, Democratic Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz had some nasty words for yours truly. Irked that I used my Twitter feed to criticize her Obamacare propaganda efforts, Wasserman Schultz snarked back at me:

"Thanks for spreading the word! You'll be eating them next year. #GetCovered."

Classy as always. And completely wrong-headed as usual. Less than three months into 2014, how's dutiful Debbie and her Dear Leader's pet government takeover program doing? The most recent retreat measures — call it the Obamacare Endangered 2014 Midterm Democrats' Rescue Plan — include:

- Allowing insurers for two extra years to continue selling plans that otherwise would have been banned by Obamacare. Last fall, Americans across the country and from all parts of the political spectrum raised an uproar in the wake of millions of Obamacare-induced cancellation notices on their individual market health plans. President Obama trotted out a "keep your plan" Band-Aid effective through this year. Now, the "transitional period" will extend through October 2016 and cover policyholders until the following September, after Obama is safely out of office.
- Extending the open enrollment period for 2015 from November 2014 to February 2015, a month longer than originally scheduled. (It will no doubt be extended again as the midterm elections get closer.)
- Relaxing eligibility requirements for insurers to qualify for financial help under a three-year program intended to cushion insurers' costs of complying with Obamacare mandates.
- Exempting labor unions, universities and other self-insured employers from paying a fee that creates the above-noted fund.

In addition, the White House last month allowed medium-sized employers an extra year to comply with the Obamacare mandate to offer insurance to all full-time workers and reduced the percentage of workers that large companies are required to cover.

These latest regulatory walk-backs by administrative fiat all come on the heels of dozens of administrative delays and rollbacks.

While Democrats complain about Republican Obamacare repeal efforts, we may be nearing a special inflection point at which the White House will have reneged on more Obamacare regulations than it's actually enforcing!

Remember: In November 2010, the White House began issuing thousands of waivers to unions, cronies, businesses and organizations that offered affordable health insurance or prescription drug coverage with limited benefits outlawed by Obamacare.

The federalized health care architects had sought to eliminate those low-cost plans under the guise of controlling insurer spending on executive salaries and marketing. Despite the waivers, the mandate has led to untold disruptions in the marketplace and has prompted businesses to cancel the beneficial plans altogether and/or slash wages and work hours.

In April 2011, Obama signed a bipartisan-backed law repealing his own onerous \$22 billion Obamacare 1099 tax-compliance mandate that would have destroyed small businesses inundated with pointless paperwork.

Last March, with the support of several key Democrats, the Senate voted to repeal the Obamacare medical device tax. But the vote has not been enforced. Device makers have cut back on research and development. And according to the medical device manufacturers industry group AdvaMed, the punitive tax has forced companies to lay off or avoid hiring at least 33,000 workers over the past year.

In December and January, when Wasserman Schultz was busy acting like a 2-year-old in response to Obamacare critics, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was busy:

- Delaying premium payment deadlines.
- Delaying high-risk insurance pool cancellations.
- Delaying equal coverage mandates that force companies to drop health benefits rewards for top executives.
- Delaying onerous "meaningful use" mandates on health providers grappling with Obamacare's disastrous top-down electronic medical records rules.

While Wasserman Schultz defiantly claims all Democrats will proudly run on health care in 2014 and 2016, endangered Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan of North Carolina was caught on camera just last week literally running away from a journalist who dared to ask her about the 24 times she falsely promised that if you liked your plan, you could keep it under Obama.

It's not just Hagan; every vulnerable Senate Democrat who rammed Obamacare down America's throat is now running for the hills. When the White House now talks about the "Get Covered" campaign, it's not about ordinary Americans getting health care.

It's about covering the backsides of the Obama water-carriers who may very well lose their jobs. They're not just eating their words. They're choking on Obamacare's massive, inevitable, job-killing, life-threatening failures.

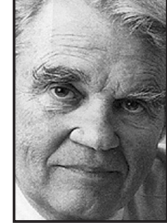
I'd like to tell bratty Wasserman Schultz that Obamacare critics will have the last laugh. But we're too busy weeping at the senseless government-induced wreckage around us.

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Face it: We all have issues with our faces

"Oh, I look so terrible, Andrew," my mother said, sitting in a rocking chair in our living room when she was 92 years old. She didn't look terrible to me. She looked like my mother. Few of us, it seems, are genuinely happy with the way we look.



Classic Andy Rooney

I've watched reruns of television shows I did recently and thought to myself, "I looked better then." The funny thing is, though, when I look back at pieces I did 10 or 20 years ago, I think I look better now than when I was younger. I looked funny and old-fashioned way back then. It's like looking at pictures of yourself in high school; you seem sort of dopey looking.

You can't tell how you look from what people say. Strangers who see me on the street often say, "You look better in person." Then they go on to ruin the compliment by saying, "But I thought you were taller."

Through the years, my hair turned gray and the lines in my face got deeper. Inevitably, you get to thinking about what you could do to look better, not so old. A few weeks ago, a good, old friend of mine looked in the mirror while I was standing near him and, pointing to some wrinkles, said, "I think I'll have some of these removed. You know, not much." All I said was, "Don't do it." There are 420 plastic surgeons in New York, 650 in California, 69 in Wisconsin. This says something about how different the cultures are in various parts of the country. There isn't a person 60 years old who hasn't considered the possibility that he or she could use a little surgical help. I suppose I'd look better and younger. I could dye my hair dark brown, too. The fact is, bad as we all look, if we look our age, we look better than if we try to do anything more about it then combing our hair and dressing neatly. I'll give women a little makeup. I look at all the people I know or whom I've seen on television who've had cosmetic surgery and I know that smoothing out your wrinkles doesn't make you live any longer, and I've yet to see anyone I thought looked better because of it. They look different, and sometimes even younger, but they seldom look better, and they never look like themselves again. There's a strangeness about them that never goes away. They're just a tiny bit someone you don't know.

For some unaccountable reason, it's often the best-looking people, the ones who need the least help with their appearance, who set out to get themselves improved synthetically. Occasionally, a television friend will disappear for a month or six weeks, offering some mysterious excuse, and when they reappear they have a different look. Their eyes don't look the same, even though the surgeon didn't touch their eyes. When they smile, their face tightens into a shape I never saw before. There's a falseness to their appearance and, if it looks better to them, it doesn't look better to me. One of the most beautiful women in television news had a job done on herself a few years ago and, while she doesn't look bad, she does not look the same or as good to me as when she had what must have seemed to her to be shortcomings. She looks as if she'd been in a minor automobile accident. When I look at myself on television and get to thinking I look terrible, I think of my mother and take comfort in the fact that I may look terrible, but at least I look like myself.

War hawks breathing fire so tone them out



PAT BUCHANAN

With Vladimir Putin's dis-patch of Russian troops into Crimea, our war hawks are breathing fire. Russophobia is rampant and the op-ed pages are ablaze here. Barack Obama should tune them out, and reflect on how Cold War presidents dealt with far graver clashes with Moscow. When Red Army tank divisions crushed the Hungarian freedom fighters in 1956, killing 50,000, Eisenhower did not lift a finger. When Khrushchev built the Berlin Wall, JFK went to Berlin and gave a speech. When Warsaw Pact troops crushed the Prague Spring in 1968, LBJ did nothing. When, Moscow ordered Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski to smash Solidarity, Ronald Reagan refused to put Warsaw in default. These presidents saw no vital

U.S. interest imperiled in these Soviet actions, however brutal. They sensed that time was on our side in the Cold War. And history has proven them right. What is the U.S. vital interest in Crimea? Zero. From Catherine the Great to Khrushchev, the peninsula belonged to Russia. The people of Crimea are 60 percent ethnic Russians. And should Crimea vote to secede from Ukraine, upon what moral ground would we stand to deny them the right, when we bombed Serbia for 78 days to bring about the secession of Kosovo? Across Europe, nations have been breaking apart since the end of the Cold War. Out of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia came 24 nations. Scotland is voting on secession this year. Catalonia may be next. Yet, today, we have the Wall Street Journal describing Russia's sending of soldiers to occupy airfields in Ukraine as a "blitzkrieg" that "brings the threat of war to the heart of Europe," though Crimea is east even of what we used to call Eastern Europe. The Journal wants the aircraft carrier George H. W. Bush sent to the Eastern Mediterranean and

warships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet sent into the Black Sea. But why? We have no alliance that mandates our fighting Russia over Crimea. We have no vital interest there. Why send a flotilla other than to act tough, escalate the crisis and risk a clash? The Washington Post calls Putin's move a "naked act of armed aggression in the center of Europe." The Crimea is in the center of Europe? We are paying a price for our failure to teach geography. The Post also urges an ultimatum to Putin: Get out of Crimea, or we impose sanctions that could "sink the Russian financial system." While we and the EU could cripple Russia's economy and bring down her banks, is this wise? What if Moscow responds by cutting off credits to Ukraine, calling in Kiev's debts, refusing to buy her goods and raising the price of oil and gas? This would leave the EU and us with responsibility for a basket-case nation the size of France and four times as populous as Greece. Are Angela Merkel and the EU ready to take on that load, after bailing out the PIIGS — Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain? If we push Russia out of the tent,

to whom do we think Putin will turn, if not China? This is not a call to ignore what is going on, but to understand it and act in the long-term interests of the United States. Putin's actions, though unsettling, are not irrational. After he won the competition for Ukraine to join his customs union, by bumping a timid EU out of the game with \$15 billion cash offer plus subsidized oil and gas to Kiev, he saw his victory stolen. Crowds formed in Maidan Square, set up barricades, battled police with clubs and Molotov cocktails, forced the elected president Viktor Yanukovich into one capitulation after another, and then overthrew him, ran him out of the country, impeached him, seized parliament, downgraded the Russian language, and declared Ukraine part of Europe. To Americans this may look like democracy in action. To Moscow it has the aspect of a successful Beer Hall Putsch, with even Western journalists conceding there were neo-Nazis in Maidan Square. In Crimea and eastern Ukraine, ethnic Russians saw a president they elected and a party they supported overthrown and replaced by

parties and politicians hostile to a Russia with which they have deep historical, religious, cultural and ancestral ties. Yet Putin is taking a serious risk. If Russia annexes Crimea, no major nation will recognize it as legitimate, and he could lose the rest of Ukraine forever. Should he slice off and annex eastern Ukraine, he could ignite a civil war and second Cold War. Time is not necessarily on Putin's side here. John Kerry could be right on that. But as for the hawkish howls, to have Ukraine and Georgia brought into NATO, that would give these nations, deep inside Russia's space, the kind of war guarantees the Kaiser gave Austria in 1914 and the Brits gave the Polish colonels in March 1939. Those war guarantees led to two world wars, which historians may yet conclude were the death blows of Western civilization. *Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?" To find out more about Patrick Buchanan and read features by other Creators writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Web page at www.creators.com.*

Thanks from McVicker family

To the editor:
The family of LCpl. Daniel McVicker would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the support we've once again received from the Sebring American Legion Post 76 and our dear friends within the community by attending our annual breakfast. We are humbled each year at the continued assurance that Danny's memory will stay alive because of your overwhelming support and encouragement. Since its inception in 2006 the funds generated from this event has allowed us to provide financial assistance to over 26 West Branch students, with another two being provided in May. Students interested in applying can obtain information through the WBHS guidance office. The simple words "thank you" seems inadequate for the way the entire community reaches out each year to our family, but "THANK YOU". There is no greater gift anyone can give us than helping us keep Danny's memory, sacrifice and service alive in our youth of tomorrow. We were honored and humbled once again this year. God bless,
THE FAMILY OF LCPL. DANIEL McVICKER, Alliance

How many times to say 'no'?

To the editor:
In 2012 and 2013, the people in United School District got fed up with United's school board trying to get bond issues passed for a new school over \$13 million plus a 3 mill levy that brought in \$7 million. This was rejected by the taxpayer twice and overwhelmingly the second time. In 2013, we voted in two new board members. I'm sorry to say it didn't get any better, maybe worse. They are placing the 3 mill levy again back on the levy in May. How many times does the taxpayer have to say no, that either we can't afford or believe it is not needed? Another thing that bothers us is what "lead team" reported. "Kindergartners not able to have lunch due to no money on their accounts. They do receive an alternate lunch but it is after they have gone through the line and filled the tray which then is taken from them." The alternate lunch is what, a peanut butter sandwich or something? The school can't keep the food on the tray. Why don't they let them eat it? The school wants more money while throwing money in the trash. Does this make sense to you as it doesn't me? Couldn't we flag those kids in the classroom before filling their trays and having to waste the food?
BILL GRAY, Hanoverton

UL voters shouldn't be pranked

To the editor:
Last year Betty White's Off Their Rockers television program was canceled by NBC. The premise of the program was senior citizens pull pranks on people, mostly by doing or saying outlandish things (which aren't necessarily true), and then the reactions of those "pranked" is revealed. I admit watching some of the episodes — a few were genuinely funny; others were stereotypical, offensive, or so unbelievable that you wonder how people could be that gullible to fall for the prank. Similarly, don't be "pranked" just because a letter by a senior citizen says outlandish things about United Schools and its operations. The facts are: the failed bond issue attempts were in May and November 2011. In November 2013, the district residents turned down a new 3.0 mill permanent improvement levy which would have replaced the original 3.0 mill PI levy first approved in 1984. Also, I hardly think that district residents are "fed up" with the school board because in the past two school board elections three of four incumbents running have been re-elected. On the May ballot is a renewal of the 1984 3.0 mill PI levy. This PI levy has been renewed every five years (thankfully!) by district voters. PI levy funds can only be used for items with a lifespan of more than five years — it cannot be used for salaries or employee benefits.

YOUR SIDE THE READERS TAKE OVER

In the past, it has been used for busses, textbooks, technology, building additions, and facility upgrades. Since United voters are not willing to pay the taxes for a new school building, or additional taxes generated by a new PI levy based on today's values, the renewal of the current PI levy (based on 1984 valuations) is even more critical to help make necessary upgrades to our aging facility. Additionally, since it is a renewal levy, property owners will continue to pay what they have been paying. Additionally, those who have a homestead exemption on their real estate taxes will continue to receive that exemption since this is a renewal, not a new levy. Please, take the time to talk with knowledgeable people from United Schools who understand fund accounting, operating funds, permanent improvement funds, and how financial operations of the school are conducted. Ask about the management, goals, and objectives of the district — an annual financial plan for United Schools, dating back to when Gary Meier was superintendent. Look at the track record of United Schools with regard to finances compared to other area school districts and their taxes. Then make your informed decision on United's 3.0 mill PI renewal levy based on facts, not on what a senior citizen says — after all, you may be being "pranked!" And by the way, the school's lunch policy has nothing to do with the PI levy.
SUE DROTLEFF, Salem

It's late for the EPA to help

To the editor:
It's too late for the Environmental Protection Agency to save your water/home values if things go to the dark side with gas/oil extraction. Right now hundreds of square miles are being leased and drilled in the area: Columbiana County, Carroll County, and our neighbor Beaver County Pa., to name a few. We are now in for tough times, because much cannot be undone. To judge by the fracking-related troubles in Ft. Worth Texas, Dimock, Pa., ranch well and stream water in Wyoming and Oklahoma, it is likely that in future people will want to walk away from their homes in Columbiana County because their aquifers have been ruined, which makes for a nasty drink of water and also negates property resale values. As the cement casing around the wells fail (and statistically 5 percent will fail immediately) the area will have to deal with several environmental horrors. The first is methane and radioactive gases, which are side effects of all types of drilling, terrible to breathe and worse if it gets in your tap water. Second is water pollution from underground pressure which wicks poisonous brine into the aquifers, strongly associated with injection wells. Third, earthquakes have resulted from pressure in the widely cracked underground rock which is now prone to shifting and collapsing. But the EPA is here to protect us, right? Remember how years ago they fined East Palestine over water issues. Remember the local business that got caught for running waste milk through the system. Local proponents of signing gas leases in East Palestine boundaries argue that the mean old EPA will be our watchdog. They will save us. They won't save us. The EPA is no longer designed to protect individuals from rich, global interests. It is a weak beast, defanged decades ago by the federal government and Ohio legislature. The agency job is to pick on cities, small businessmen, and owners of leaking septic fields, and such small fry. They might also be called upon to show up at the well sites with steno pads and hold environmental hearings for show, but as Negley, Ohio has experienced, the EPA will do nothing against out-of-state recyclers. Not interested in sick people or potentially ruined water. The orders come from the top and benefit the "not us." 1) Veep Dick Cheney, in anticipation of the gas boom, pushed the "Halliburton Clause" through Congress, which stipulates that the

"Clean Water Act" and "Clean Air Act" does not pertain to big polluters like gas/oil. 2) The U.S. Supreme Court found in favor of Citizens United which now defines corporations at a "person" who can give unlimited money in election campaigns. The result is that most U.S. and Ohio legislators are bought and paid for by big oil. If you don't believe that, please view the new Gasland II documentary video available at your local library. Some now say the EPA. stands for "Every Politician's Answer." To their own economic problems, not yours and mine.
BARBARA WHITEHEAD GEORGESCU, East Palestine

Kinds words for Salem business

To the editor:
With all the negativity in the news about Salem for quite sometime I was compelled to let everyone know about a very impressive business in our city. The store I am referring to is the "Pure Pets" store on Penn Avenue. The outside appearance of the store draws you in with eye-catching bright artwork of tree frogs on the storefront windows and other creative murals. This store was previously located on our main street, State Street, and they now have enlarged to two connected buildings. I have not visited this pet store because it is on an off street and haven't really noticed it since it is not a well-traveled street in town. This is why I am writing to let people know it is there and to check it out. I was very impressed with the cleanliness, neatness and most of all not even a bad smell as in most pet stores. I could almost compare it to a small museum, for they have everything from small furry animals to tropical fish, reptiles, birds, cats and dog supplies too. They even have crickets for our grandson's frog, which is how I knew about the store. There are several different rooms with supplies for each creature all displayed in their specific categories. The employees were also very helpful and informative with any question that was asked. Our city is so fortunate to have a nice pet store for children or adults to visit and shop. Our children were raised in the '80s and often asked why Salem didn't have a pet store.

When we were raised in Salem, all we had was the downtown Murphy's store. As children we were always anxious to stop downstairs to see the parakeets and goldfish. It is a shame it took this long for a pet store to come to our downtown. How nice to not have to travel to Boardman or Alliance just to purchase a goldfish, a needed item or just view the unusual fish or animals you don't normally see as pets, such as chinchillas. It is an educational experience and also an enjoyable place to take young children, especially during these long winter months. I wish this business success in our city and congratulate them on a job well done. So for all of you with "cabin fever" this is a nice place to visit when your spirits are low. Check it out with your grandkids or children, you will be glad you did!
ANN LUTZ, Salem

Ohio voter is the real loser

To the editor:
A Columbiana County candidate was recently rejected because of how he filled out his petitions. The candidate for state representative, Martin "Buck" Elsass, indicated "unaffiliated" in the place where party affiliation was asked. According to a state directive, the signer should be of the same party as the person circulating the petition. There is no party named "unaffiliated" and it would follow that the signers are not "of that party." Even though Mr. Elsass indicated he is Libertarian on the form, he was removed from the ballot. Makes sense, right? Well since there are only 11 registered Libertarians in the county, he was caught in a Catch 22 situation. Either he lists "Libertarian" with no chance of meeting the required number of petitioners, or he lists "unaffiliated" and gets rejected. Not only Libertarians, but the Constitution Party, Green Party, etc. would face the same impossible situation. So, who is the real loser? The Ohio voter. Many are disheartened by Republicans and Democrats alike, and see less and less difference between the two. This tactic greatly limits alternative candidates, and therefore choices for the voter. Don't we live in America where anyone can throw their hat in the ring, and where citizens are not forced to vote for a party duopoly? I am a voter who wants the state directive changed to give greater choices.
ANN DAVIS, Youngstown

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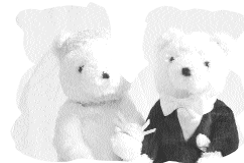
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ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Adrienne Kay Reynolds weds Francis James Aquino Jr.

Adrienne Kay Reynolds and Francis James Aquino Jr. were united in marriage on Sept. 21 at the East Canton Church of God in East Canton. Pastor Michael Jones officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Oriana Reynolds of Leetonia.

The bridegroom is the son of Francis and Bonnie Aquino Sr. of East Canton.

Deanna Hamilton, the bride's sister, was the matron of honor.

Haley Aquino, the bridegroom's daughter, was the junior maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Holly Krills, Crissy Pamer, and Jessica Aquino, the bridegroom's niece.

Sarah Reynolds, the bride's niece, was the flower girl.

Daniel Aquino, the bridegroom's brother, served as the best man.

Groomsmen were Michael Reynolds and Daniel Reynolds, the bride's brothers; and



Mr. and Mrs. Francis James Aquino Jr.

Austin Boron, the bridegroom's nephew.

Caleb Hamilton, the bride's nephew, served as ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Quarry Golf Club.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Punta Cana and reside in East Canton.

Karissa Dawn Mishler to marry Pfc. Daryl James Fultz, USMC

Announcement has been made of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Karissa Dawn Mishler, daughter of the late Carrie D.

Mishler, and Darrin and Sarah Mishler of Salem, to Pfc. Daryl James Fultz, USMC.

He is the son of the Rev. Mark E. and Laura Fultz of Cooperstown, Pa.

The future bride is a 2013 graduate of American Spirit Academy.

The prospective bridegroom graduated in 2010 from Titusville Wesleyan Methodist Academy. He served three years with the Civil Air Patrol Squadron 501 and earned the rank of cadet master sergeant. He is a Motor T mechanic in the United States Marine Corps and is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune,



Karissa Dawn Mishler and Daryl James Fultz

Jacksonville, N.C.

A June 7 wedding is planned at the Bible

Methodist Church in Salem.

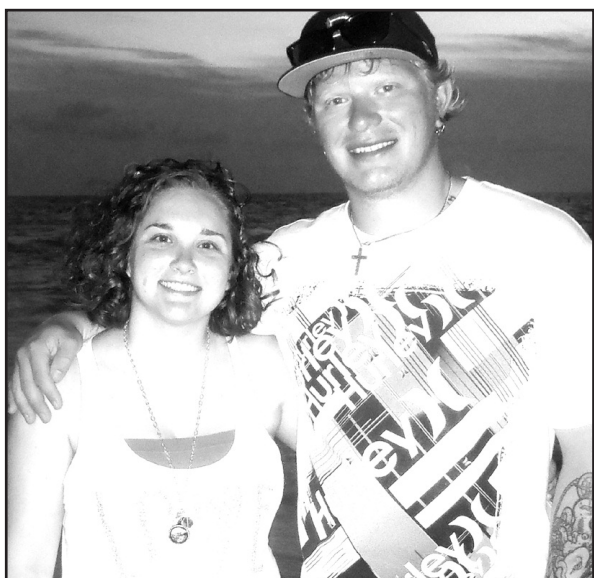
Katie Schultz to wed Chris Marshal

Katie Schultz and Chris Marshal are announcing their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Michael and Marsha Schultz of East Liverpool.

He is the son of Nelson and Ronna Marshall of New Kensington, Pa.

The couple's wedding will be held on Aug. 2 at the Yellow Creek Presbyterian Church in Wellsville.



Katie Schultz and Chris Marshal

Sujata Khandelwal to exchange vows with Jacob Wycoff

Leonard and Lisa Wycoff of Lisbon are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Jacob

Wycoff, to Sujata Khandelwal. She is the daughter of Bimal and Anjali Khandelwal of Perrineville, N. J.

The bride-elect graduated from A.C. Reynolds High School in Asheville, N. C. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology and French from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, a master's of arts in science education from Columbia University, and a master's of arts in broadcasting journalism from Syracuse University. She is employed as a television reporter for WCSC-TV in Charleston, S.C.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of



Sujata Khandelwal and Jacob Wycoff

David Anderson High School and earned a bachelor's degree in meteorology from Western Connecticut State University. He is employed as a

meteorologist by Earth-Networks/WeatherBug in Germantown, Md.

The couple is planning a wedding and reception in March 2015, in Charleston.

MaryLynn Maticcik to become bride of Terry Jackson

MaryLynn Maticcik and Terry Jackson are engaged and planning a spring wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Frances and Ellen Maticcik of Salem and the late Carol Maticcik. A registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Boardman Health Center, she plans to graduate in May from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in nursing and will pursue a master's in nursing in September.

The prospective bridegroom's parents are George E. and Donna Jackson and Jane Flanigan of Salem. He earned a bachelor's of science degree from Kent State University and is employed at Diverse Industrial.

The couple's open church, double-ring ceremony will be held at 4:30



MaryLynn Maticcik and Terry Jackson

p.m. May 16 at the First Presbyterian Church in Salem.

Invitations will be issued

for the ceremony to follow at 7 p.m. at the Salem Golf Club.

Mallorie Lynne Estell plans marriage to Jeremy Ryan Plotner

Craig and Deborah Estell of East Rochester are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mallorie

Lynne Estell, to Jeremy Ryan Plotner. He is the son of Greg and Julie Plotner of Dalton.

The future bride, a 2004 graduate of United Local High School, earned a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising from Kent State University in 2008. She is currently employed as a manager at Nordstrom's in Columbus.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Dalton High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from KSU and is employed as a store manager with Abercrombie & Fitch in Columbus. The couple's wedding



Mallorie Lynne Estell and Jeremy Ryan Plotner

will be held on May 17 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Salem.

Invitations will be issued

for the evening reception to be held at La Pizzaria Crystal Ballroom in North Canton.

Do you have something for us?

Send community-related items and photos, including weddings, engagements and anniversaries to: Community Desk, Salem News, P.O. Box 268, Salem, OH 44460. Faxes can be sent to: 330-332-1441 and e-mails at: salemnews@salemnews.net. Or visit our Virtual Newsroom at salemnews.net.

Past phone ladies to meet March 20

SALEM — Ladies of AT&T/Ohio Bell will meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. March 20 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

SARW to meet for lunch Thursday

SALEM — Salem Area Retired Workers are invited to a lunch meeting at noon March 13 at the Lincoln Place Apartments clubhouse on South Lincoln Avenue.

Salem Masons hold inspection

SALEM — Salem Commandery of York Rite Masonry held its annual inspection on March 1 at the Salem Masonic Building. The event began with a soup and sandwich luncheon. Brad Lankford presided for the inspection and conferred the order on two candidates, Andrew Bostwick and Sean O'Neill. Ron Vickers, grand captain general, was the inspecting officer. Pastor Kari Lankford provided entertainment for the ladies auxiliary. Pastor Lankford also gave a presentation on her trip to the Holy Land. The ladies auxiliary provided a tea table for afternoon refreshments. The dinner was served by Faith Court Order of Amaranth.

CCW to host author Monday

COLUMBIANA — Community Christian Women will meet March 10 at the First Presbyterian Church in Columbiana. Charlotte Marky of Akron, the author of "Journey to Freedom," will speak. She will tell of her escaping from Communism in 1956. A luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. Reservations should be made with your church representative, or by calling Carolyn Beck at 330-482-2155, Helen Winegord at 330-482-2152 or Lois Weyman at 330-482-2776. All area women are invited to attend.

AASC to host casino night April 5

ALLIANCE — Casino Night will be held April 5 at Alliance Area Senior Center at 602 W. Vine St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A

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buffet is available from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 which includes a full buffet and open bar. Drawings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held every 15 minutes with the \$2,000 drawing at 10 p.m.

SHS Class of '68 to meet Tuesday

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1968 will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. March 11 at Ricky's English Pub.

Salem Quota slates indoor garage sale

SALEM — Quota International of Salem will hold its indoor garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 22 in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education Building, 251 S. Broadway Ave. Lunch, featuring homemade soups and sandwiches, will be sold from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds are used for community projects. To reserve tables call Pat Saltsman 330-337-8136.

Sebring AL aux. inducts members

SEBRING — Two new members, Dana Davis and Cindy Handy, were welcomed when the Sebring American Legion Post 76 Ladies Auxiliary met recently. The club has 150 paid members to date for 2014. Various thank you letters were received for donations given by the auxiliary. Coupons were mailed to the Ramstein Commissary in January. Total amount that has been mailed to date is 576 pounds, 3.4 ounces. Total cost is \$655.90. A thank you was received from the commissary for the coupons that were mailed in 2013. The annual American Legion Easter egg hunt begins at 1 p.m. April 19. The next meeting starts at 7 p.m. March 12.

Camp Frederick to host dance

ROGERS — Camp Frederick of Rogers will hold its fourth annual dinner dance at 6 p.m. March 22 at the Youngstown Shrine Club, 1735 W. South Range Road,

North Lima. The theme for this year's event is "Denim and Diamonds." Funds raised during event support the ministry of Camp Frederick. The evening offers food provided by Ala Carte Catering, music/dancing by the band "Back Beat," fun, fellowship and auction items. Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased by March 15. For information or tickets contact 330-227-3633, director@campfredrick-hio.com. This event is sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

TOPS 777 rewards weekly winners

SALEM — Weekly and monthly winners were recognized when TOPS 777 met Feb. 26. Weekly winners included Frances Valentino, KOPS; Susan Wendell, best loser. Monthly winners were Shirley Johns and Valentino, KOPS at goal or below; Brenda Adams, best loser; and Valentino, KOPS. Carrie Toy read, "Why we love children." Spring awards will be presented on April 23. Correspondence was read from Elaine Cottril, area coordinator. The new area captain is Donna Olsen. Johns won a special award and had "no gains" in 2014. The contest report was given by Debbie Phillips and Valentino. Linda Evanoff presented a program, "Forget Resolutions, Just Mind Your Ps and Qs." She also gave the inspiration, "Celebrating TOPS Friends."

Winona Ruritans hold men's dinner

WINONA — Entertainment was provided by Mark the Magnificent when 30 members of the Winona Ruritan Club, and 28 guests, attended the club's annual father-son-grandson dinner meeting on Feb. 25 at the Winona Methodist Church. "Happy Birthday" was sung to members, Richard Eck and Tom Richey, born in January; and Jason McDevitt, Buster Rogowsky, John Gamble Jr. and Homer Huprich, born in February. Jim Coy made a motion to make donations to: Lepine

Rush Post of the American Legion to send one boy to Boys State and one girl to Girls State; Columbiana County Soil and Water District; cost of an ad in the Ohio District Ruritan April 12 spring banquet program; fair board for four trophies for the 2014 junior fair; and to reimburse Lee Stamp for the 2013 secretary expenses. The club plans to award two \$600 scholarships to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of members. Reservations for the Ohio District spring banquet on April 12 must be made by contacting Bob Doyle Sr. The club's all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast is slated from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 22 at Willow Grove Grange. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for ages 6 to 12, and free for 5 and under. Assistance will be provided by members of the Lone Ranger 4-H Club.

WWII group hosts Korean War vet

CANFIELD — Featured guest Ronald E. Rosser, a Korean War veteran, will address the World War II Heritage Group of the Mahoning Valley on March 17 at Ala Carte Catering. He is one of 78 surviving Medal of Honor winners which he earned during the "police action" in Korea. The meeting will be preceded by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are available by contacting David Frank at 330-533-6737.

Peddler's Day meeting held

HANOVERTON — A meeting was held March 3 at the home of Linda Beadnell to discuss Peddler's Day. The Re-Enactment Committee was represented and planned special events. It was announced that Civil War re-enactments will return to the festival on July 12 and 13. Other events include the traditional parade, ghost walk, petting zoo, music, Chinese auction, 50/50, rope making booth, and favorite vendors. The final agenda will be set at the next meeting on March 24. Flyers will be circulated shortly afterward. For more information call Megan Murphy at 330-389-1421.

R-Weigh groups reward 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 both meetings. JoAnne Bogdan did a program at the afternoon group asking, "What's in the Nacho Cheese Doritos?" Team Two won the X and O Basketball game making it two to one against Team One. Sue Carver earned the birthday monetary award and Bogdan was the goalie for the week. Evelyn Peters won \$8 from the Can-Do drawing. Good losers for the evening group were Pauline Zirkle, Susan Cain and Jean Swartz. Jo Carol Gray was the goalie for the week. Peggy Kurtz gave the inspiration. Donna Greenamyer received her \$10 dues paid for the month of March for winning the February Heart Contest. Team One was the winner of the X and O Basketball game winning three of the three games played against Team Two. Barb Smith presented a program on the "Five Dieting Rules" and told the members to "Eat to Live" and not "Live to Eat." New and previous drop-out members are welcome. For more information call 330-332-1078.

West Point Lions give award pin

WEST POINT — West Point Lions Club President Pat Tressler presented Pat Klein with an award pin received from Lions Club International when the local club met March 3. The delegates for the state convention are Nola Carman, Tressler, JoAnn Clayton, Casey Bailes and Charolette Davis. Members voted on donations to be given to nine different Lions charities that will be presented at the convention in March. During the business session, members voted to purchase a new refrigerator to be used at St. Agatha's Church. Davis read the proposed slate of officers for the 2014-15 year. Members discussed the benefits of attending the spring conference on April 26. Sue Hopton won the 50/50. The next meeting begins at 7 p.m. March 17.

Past phone plant workers to meet

COLUMBIANA — Retired plant employees of AT&T/Ohio Bell will meet for breakfast at 8 a.m. April 2 at Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

Salem Masons to host breakfast

SALEM — A public break-

fast buffet will be served from 7:30 to 10 a.m. March 22 at the Masonic Building, 788 E. State St. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 10 and free for children under 2. The menu offers pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade sausage gravy, biscuits, homefries, toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee and tea. The building is equipped with a handicapped accessible elevator. Proceeds will be directed to the Salem Masonic Building Fund.

BLHS Class of '64 seeking classmates

LISBON — The Beaver Local High School Class of 1964 is planning its 50th-year reunion to take place over the weekend of July 25, 26-27. There will be group activities all three days, highlighted by a dinner on Saturday at A La Cart Catering in Canfield. Classmates are requested to visit the class website <http://www.beaverlocalreunions.com/64/> for more details and to RSVP. Those without internet access may call Linda Smith Simpican at 330-227-3131 or Nancy Swaney Williams at 614-428-9252. The reunion committee has been unable to contact the following classmates due to missing addresses: Betty Armstrong Breezel, June Armstrong Williamson, Candace Dunn Bailey, William Grimes, Jean Hoon, Karen Marshall, Judith Martin Hibbard, David Miller, Judith Miller, Richard Miller, Peter Mills, John Fred Schmitt, Betty Sears and Wayne Smith. For contact information on these classmates call Simpican at 330-227-3131.

Scholarship apps available now

SALEM — Applications are now available for the annual scholarships given by the Columbiana County Federation of Conservation Clubs (CCFCC). Three \$1,000 scholarships will be given to three students who meet the following criteria: eligible for graduation as a high school senior, or currently attending a qualified college, university, technical or vocational school; intend to pursue, or are currently pursuing, a major field of study in agriculture, biology, environmental science, wildlife conservation, or a closely related field of study; and are a resident of Columbiana County. Applications are available at all high school guidance counselors offices in the county, or by calling Tom Butch at 330-337-8444. The application deadline is April 21.



The Columbiana Area Business and Professional Women inducted new members Feb. 25. From left, Lauren Borden, assistant director of outreach at Salem Regional Medical Center and co-owner of Bona Fortuna Paddle Boards; Donna Sanor, president of Sanor Insurance Company of Salem; Millie Koos, a certified paralegal and owner of El Mezzanine Bookshelf in East Liverpool; and President Jenny Pike. (Submitted photo)

CABPW inducts new members

COLUMBIANA — The Columbiana Area Business and Professional Women met Feb. 25, inducting three new members and learning about tactical security. The club inducted three area professional women including Lauren Borden, assistant director of outreach at Salem Regional Medical Center and co-owner of Bona Fortuna Paddle Boards; Donna Sanor, president of Sanor Insurance Company of Salem; and Millie Koos, a certified paralegal and owner of El Mezzanine Bookshelf in East Liverpool. All professional women are invited to meetings on the fourth Tuesdays of most months. For more information contact Lori Everly, membership chair, at leverly1101@aol.com or on Facebook. Adam Newbold, U.S. Navy Seal, and director of ATG Advanced Training Worldwide, was the guest speaker



ADAM NEWBOLD

when the Columbiana Area Business and Professional Women met on Feb. 25 at Mason's Steak House. Newbold, after 20 years with the Navy Seal Team and still an active Reservist, owns ATG which is comprised of veteran special operators providing high level tactical training, consulting, and security. He discussed his career and how he was raised in a single parent home giving credit to his mom and his two brothers who became Navy Seals. For more information visit www.myatg-worldwide.com.

Elton John brings 'A' game to Y'town

By John Butera
Special to the Salem News
When the re-release of Elton John's "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" hits the stores this month, I'll be out there looking for it. I can't say that I'll buy it, however. I mean, after all, I think Elton has done OK by me in that area— considering I have the album, eight-track, cassette AND CD. And besides, nothing can compare to seeing him do all the songs live. And that's just what happened recently at the Covelli Center in Youngstown as the Rocket Man gave his best effort and then some in front of a packed house. The crowd was a "who's who" of the Youngstown rich, and it had also a sprinkle of some lucky locals and a few spoiled teens who couldn't have cared less about being there. "Good evening Youngstown," yelled Elton. "This is our first show of 2014 and it's great to start here." Singing mostly hits from the Yellow Brick Road album, Elton opened his 29-song effort with "Funeral for a Friend/Loves Lies Bleeding" and then rocked with "Bennie and the Jets." "Candle in the Wind" followed, as did "Grey Seal." Switching to the "Madman Across the Water" album, Elton did "Levon" and "Tiny Dancer." Here "Tiny Dancer" was a huge delight, but "Levon" may have gone just a bit long. Had it not, he might have been able to include "Daniel." "Philadelphia Freedom" proved quite enjoyable, and it was here that the rich kids in front of me had their dad take them for T-shirts and food. I mean, come on, who leaves EJ to do that. Quite to my amusement, however, I figured that the shirts and snack total came to about one car payment. An animated video— a neat one to say the least— backdropped "Goodbye Yellow Brick

Road" and "I've seen that Movie Too" as Elton returned again to the evening's theme before hitting stride with "Rocket Man" and "I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues." Locals in the crowd included John and Janet Padurean of Lisbon and Joe and Pam Colella of East Palestine. The Colellas noted their first date was an Elton John concert while Janet Padurean was quite pleased with "Funeral for a Friend." "It was really special to see him in this type of venue," noted Pam Colella. "I liked the new lighting, too. Our first concert was back in 1976 so this brought back some good memories." "It's been a long journey, but a fantastic one," added Elton, before including "Someone Saved my Life Tonight," "Sad Songs Say So Much" and "All the Young Girls Love Alice." Much to his credit, Elton is an entertainer who doesn't waste time telling stories or joking around. He did, however, delight some three dozen or so fans be taking a short break to sign autographs. Quite simply, how cool was that? "I'm Still Standing" and "The Bitch is Back" were also highlights, as was "Saturday Night's All Right for Fighting." Since indeed it WAS Saturday night and he was in the home town of Boom Boom Mancini and Kelly Pavlick, it really couldn't have been more appropriate. "Without this song, I wouldn't be here. You are the best fans in the whole wide world," closed Elton. And of course it was the song we had all waited for. His Your Song topped the night. "Crocodile Rock" ended the two-hour, 40-minute effort and no one would have minded if he went even longer. Keep rockin EJ.....and yes I'm going to buy the new album!

School is Cool

at BUCKEYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Students in Mrs. Hochadel's first-grade class have fun reviewing skills and concepts by playing a Jeopardy game with student teacher Samantha Donges. Categories included Presidents, Math-Math-Math, Read On and Fabulous First Graders.



Clifford the Big Red Dog and Mrs. Nolan visit with students during their lunch times to help celebrate the Reading Fiesta. The Reading Fiesta Family Night took place at Buckeye on March 6.



The children in Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Ridgeway's class edited articles that they have written on Helen Keller following a research project.



Students in Miss Bratton's kindergarten class made hats, ties and musical shakers to celebrate the 100th day of school. They then paraded around the building singing the 100th Day of School song.



Students in Mrs. Hochadel's class learn about families and neighborhoods with Junior Achievement volunteer Janet Keene.



Students in Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Ridgeway's classes are making chocolate covered pretzels to raise money for the Youngstown Speech and Hearing Center. This follows a research project on Helen Keller and is part of an economics unit. The students also wrote a report on Helen Keller.



Mrs. Wonner's kindergarten students, Ava, Joshua and Alyssa, use their problem solving skills to find creative ways to stack 100 cups in a pattern on the 100th day of school.

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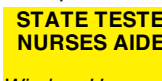
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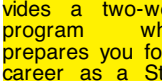
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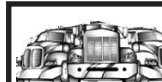
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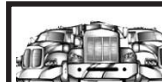
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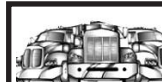
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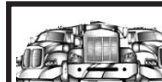
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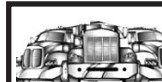
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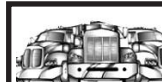
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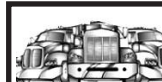
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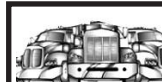
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US consumer borrowing up \$13.7 billion in Jan.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers increased their borrowing in January on autos and student loans but cut back on their credit card use.

Consumer borrowing rose \$13.7 billion in January following an even larger \$15.9 billion rise in December, the Federal Reserve reported Friday.

The category that includes auto and student loans increased \$13.9 billion while the category that covers credit cards fell \$226 million, marking the third time in the past five months that credit card loans have declined.

The big overall increase pushed total borrowing to a record \$3.11 trillion. Gains in borrowing are seen as an encouraging sign that people are more confident and willing to take on debt to finance consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

That has been the trend over the past year. Most of the gains have come in the category that covers auto and student loans. Credit card borrowing has been rising more slowly.

Borrowing on credit cards plunged after the Great Recession as financial institutions tightened lending standards and households became more cautious about taking on high-interest debt at a time when millions of people were losing their jobs.

Even with recent gains, credit card debt in January was still 16.2 percent below its peak above \$1 trillion reached in July 2008. Credit card debt stood at \$856.2 billion in January, up just 0.9 percent from a year ago.

The measure of auto loans and student loans in January stood at \$2.26 trillion, up 7.8 percent from a year ago. It has been up every month but one since May 2010.

A separate quarterly report on consumer credit done by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows that student loan debt has been the biggest driver of borrowing since the recession officially ended in June 2009.

The Fed's borrowing report tracks credit card debt, auto loans and student loans but not mortgages or home equity loans.

US trade deficit rose to \$39.1 billion in Jan.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit widened slightly in January as a rise in imports of oil and other foreign goods offset a solid increase in exports.

The trade deficit increased to \$39.1 billion, up 0.3 percent from December's revised \$39 billion deficit, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

Exports climbed 0.6 percent to \$192.8 billion, led by increased sales of U.S.-made machinery, aircraft and medical equipment. Imports also rose 0.6 percent to \$231.6 billion, reflecting a 9 percent jump in imports of petroleum. Imports of food and machinery also rose.

The trade deficit is the difference between imports and exports. A higher trade deficit acts as a drag on economic growth because it means U.S. companies are making less overseas than their foreign competitors are earning in U.S. sales.

Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the January trade report suggests the trade deficit will remain on a gradual downward trend this year, reflecting a shrinking U.S. energy deficit.

In 2013, the trade deficit dropped 11.2 percent to \$474.9 billion, providing a small boost to overall growth. Economists believe that trade will contribute to growth again this year but only by a modest amount. They are forecasting that U.S. exports will keep rising, but that this will be offset somewhat by gains in imports as a stronger U.S. and higher consumer spending attracts more foreign goods.

In the October-December quarter, the economy grew at an annual rate of 2.4 percent and a full percentage point of that growth came from a shrinking trade deficit. For the whole year, the falling trade deficit contributed a smaller 0.1 percentage point to growth.

One bright spot for trade: America's increased energy production is expected to continue. A domestic energy boom has boosted exports and reduced America's dependence on foreign oil. U.S. petroleum exports rose to an all-time high of \$137.2 billion last year, up 11 percent from 2012. Imports were down 10.9 percent to \$369.4 billion as domestic production took the place of the need for some imports.

For January, petroleum imports jumped 9 percent to \$31.7 billion, reflecting an increased volume of shipments. The average price for a barrel of crude oil fell to \$90.21, the lowest level since February 2011. America's energy exports dropped 8.4 percent to \$12.4 billion.

As usual, the highest country trade imbalance was with China, a deficit of \$27.8 billion, up 13.5 percent from December.

The deficit with the 28-nation European Union fell 22.2 percent in January to \$8.9 billion as U.S. exports to that region increased while imports from Europe to the United States declined.

The United States recorded another record annual trade deficit with China in 2013 and the expectation is that the deficit will rise further in 2014. That has led to increased pressure on the Obama administration and Congress to take a tougher line on what critics see as unfair trade practices that China is using to gain trade advantages.

The chief culprit, the critics say, is China's manipulation of its currency to keep it undervalued against the U.S. dollar. That makes Chinese goods cheaper in the United States and America products more expensive in China.

FBI investigates prison company

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The FBI has launched an investigation of the Corrections Corporation of America over the company's running of an Idaho prison with a reputation so violent that inmates dubbed it "Gladiator School."

The Nashville, Tenn.-based CCA has operated Idaho's largest prison for more than a decade, but last year, CCA officials acknowledged it had understaffed the Idaho Correctional Center by thousands of hours in violation of the state contract. CCA also said employees falsified reports to cover up the vacancies. The announcement came after an Associated Press investigation showed CCA sometimes listed guards as working 48 hours straight to meet minimum staffing requirements.

The Idaho State Police was asked to investigate the company last year but didn't, until amid increasing political pressure, the governor ordered the agency to do so last month. Democratic state lawmakers asked the FBI to take up the case last month.

Idaho Department of Correction spokesman Jeff Ray confirmed Friday that the FBI met with department director Brent Reinke on Thursday to inform him about the investigation. Idaho State Police spokeswoman Teresa Baker said her agency was no longer involved with the investigation and the FBI has taken it over entirely.

"They (the FBI) have other cases that are tied to this one so it worked out better for them to handle it from here," Baker said.

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