

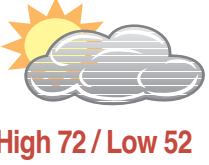
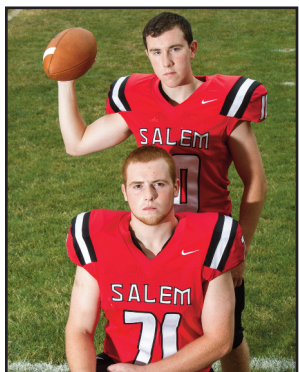
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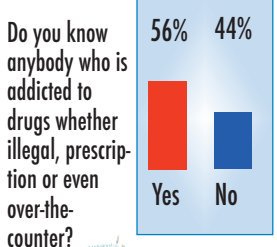
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Commissioners go on record against pot issue

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — Add the Columbiana County commissioners to the list of those who oppose the proposed constitutional amendment that would legalize marijuana in Ohio and create a commercial monopoly to control its production.

Commissioners voted Wednesday to go on the record officially opposing state Issue 3, saying it will harm many while benefiting only the private investors behind the amendment.

"It is about something green but the green is really money," said Commissioner Mike Halleck.

Issue 3, which is to appear before voters in the Nov. 3 election, would amend the Ohio Constitution to allow adults 21 and older to buy, possess and grow a small amount of marijuana for personal use. Commercial marijuana could only be grown at 10 pot farms owned by investors. Issue 3 also creates a structure to regulate and tax marijuana.

Issue 3 would allow for the use of medical marijuana, with a doctor's

note, but commissioners believe this is a smoke screen argument because it only makes up a very small part of the amendment.

Commissioner Jim Hoppel believes the medical benefits of marijuana are being overstated to pass Issue 3, and he said addiction professionals will tell you it is a gateway drug that can lead users to try and get hooked on more potent illegal drugs.

Halleck noted he was at an event earlier in the week attended by local law enforcement officials, and they

were unanimous in their opposition to Issue 3. "It's just the wrong road to go down," he said.

Commission Chairman Tim Weigle agreed. "All you have to do is look at Colorado and the all the problems they have had there" since voters legalized marijuana several years ago, he said.

Halleck called Issue 3 an abuse of the constitutional amendment process, with special interest groups now using the amendment process to get issues passed that are best left

See **POT, 5A**



Little helper

One-year-old Piper Sauerwein of North Lima helps Leetonia varsity cheerleader Trisha Ogle, 17, of Leetonia with unpacking the pom-poms prior to the recent photo day. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)

Voter report says gerrymandering works in Ohio

COLUMBUS (AP) — The League of Women Voters of Ohio released a report Wednesday showing gerrymandered legislative districts delivered nearly perfect results in 2012 and 2014, sending candidates of the intended political party to the Statehouse in almost 100 percent of cases.

The league, a longtime advocate for voting fairness, used its "Predictable Results II" report to urge support for Issue 1, a fall ballot issue overhauling Ohio's system for drawing district maps.

"There has been 100 percent accuracy in the Ohio Senate races we had in 2012 and 2014. No districts, zero, were won by the party not favored by the maps," said Carrie Davis, the league's executive director. "And, once again, you see elections that were won by very large margins, a significant portion of them where candidates were so heavily favored that they were unopposed. The opposing party didn't even field a candidate."

The report found the same pattern, to 97 percent or 98 percent accuracy, in the Ohio House for the two cycles. Ohio's congressional maps — not the subject of this fall's ballot measure but of separate legislation — also delivered 100 percent accuracy to the party favored to win each district.

Environmental, farming, faith, progressive policy, voting advocacy and good government groups joined Wednesday's event to also back Issue 1. Most said a fairer, more transparent system will make Ohioans' votes more significant and

See **VOTE, 5A**

Park faucet issue raised

By **KEVIN HOWELL**
Staff Writer

SALEM — The Parks Commission Wednesday requested park officials to explore possibly installing sensor faucets in Centennial Park restrooms.

The commission asked if the upgraded faucets can be used in the restrooms after member Lucille Karnofel noted finding two faucets running in the facility recently. She suggested the sensor faucets could be better than the manual since they shut themselves off when hands are removed from under the spigot.

Parks Director Steve Faber told the commission that the current state of the facility would require battery operated systems, which do not run well in colder weather seen in late fall and early spring. He said park officials noticed the problem with automatic flushers.

Electricity could be wired to the sinks, but the conduit would be exposed to vandals, he explained.

See **SINKS, 5A**

Salem Twp. ditching work on track

By **LARRY SHIELDS**
Staff Writer

FRANKLIN SQUARE — Trustees said a ditching project on Sheely Road and culvert work on Gromley and Butcher roads was moving forward during Wednesday's Salem Township meeting.

Trustee Chairman John Wilms was particularly happy with the Sheely Road work where there is a water runoff problem that resident Tim Carroll brought up at the July 29 meeting. Carroll said the runoff was the result of the township ditch work.

Wilms agreed that the township said it would fix it and trustees told Carroll it would be fixed by the end of August.

Carroll explained the water came down his drive and washed out the end of it.

"It comes across the road into the field,"

he said, noting he's lived there 30 years and "ought to be able to tell you what's going on."

At the July meeting, Wilms said the weather is why they hadn't gotten to fixing it and Road Supervisor Jason Entrikin pointed out that the road crew hadn't "even had a round of mowing yet" because of the weather.

Trustees Ray Heddleson and Bill Heston each said it will get taken care of and Carroll repeatedly insisted on a precise date to fix it that trustees could not give him.

Entrikin said, "You'll get a ditch before the end of August."

Wilms said, "It will get done" and Heston said, "Within the next month."

Wilms said during Wednesday's meeting, "We're taking care of that ... moving along."

See **DITCH, 5A**



TownCenter foundation goes in

The cement block foundation has been laid on Building 100, the first of three buildings in the TownCenter portion of the development by Firestone Homestead developer Tom Mackall in Columbiana. Ground is still being moved behind Building 100 where Building 300 is slated to be built. Building 200 is larger and will be built to the east of Building 100 as it becomes occupied by offices, restaurants and retail establishments. An amphitheatre is planned for Building 300 that will face the fountain and courtyard. Both the TownCenter and Marketplace at Firestone will have a 1930s look in tribute to Harvey S. Firestone and that era. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)

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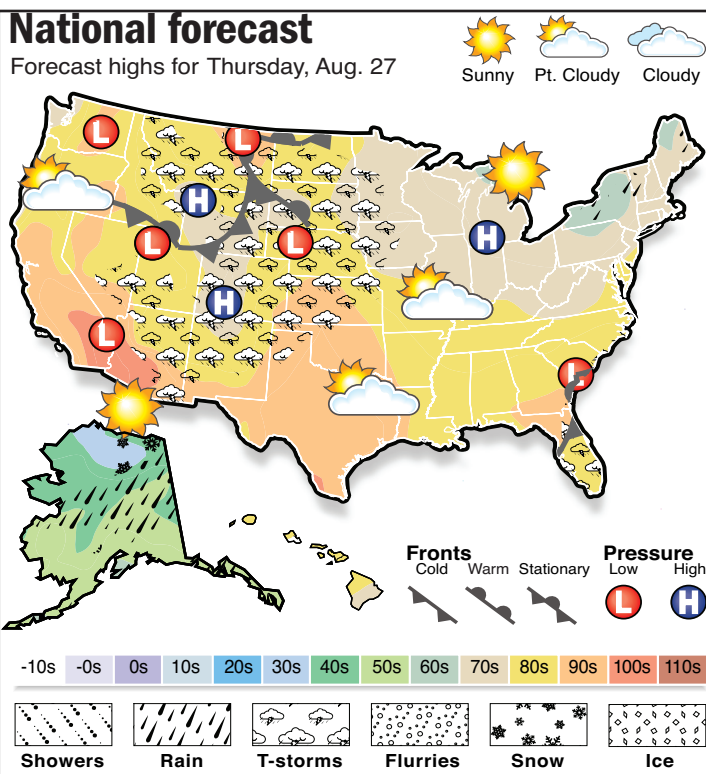
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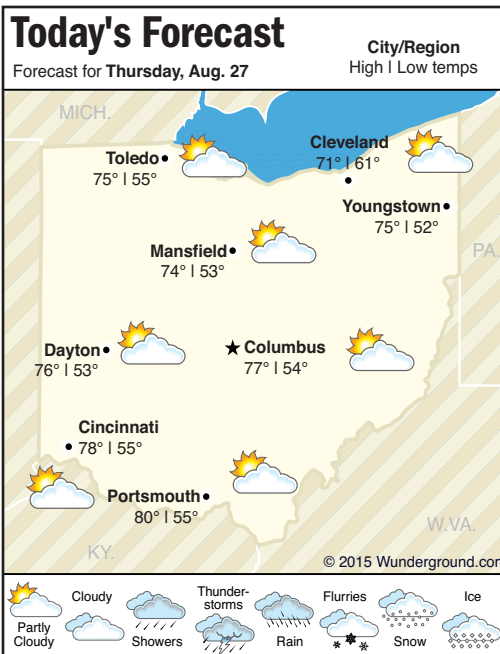
National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Aug. 27



Today's Forecast

Forecast for Thursday, Aug. 27



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Today is Thursday, August 27, the 239th day of 2015. There are 126 days left in the year. Ten years ago: Coastal residents jammed freeways and gas stations as they rushed to get out of the way of Hurricane Katrina, which was headed toward New Orleans. Five years ago: Aijalon Gomes, an American held seven months in North Korea for trespassing, stepped off a plane in his hometown of Boston accompanied by former President Jimmy Carter, who had flown to Pyongyang to negotiate his freedom. One year ago: Both Israel's prime minister and Hamas declared victory in the Gaza war, though their competing claims left questions over future terms of their uneasy peace still lingering.

Extended Forecast



Fired reporter kills former co-workers on live broadcast

MONETA, Va. (AP) — He planned it all so carefully — a choreographed execution of two former colleagues, broadcast live to a horrified television audience. Hours later, he shared his own recording of the killing worldwide on social media.

Vester Lee Flanagan's video shows him approaching WDBJ reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward, gun in hand, as they conduct an interview. He points the gun at Parker and then at Ward, but he waits patiently to shoot until he knows that Parker is on camera, so she will be gunned down on air.

TV viewers heard about the first eight of 15 shots. They saw Parker scream and run, and heard her crying "Oh my God!" as she fell. Ward fell, too, and the camera he had been holding on his shoulder captured a fleeting image of the suspect holding a handgun.

That man, authorities said, was Flanagan — a former staffer who used the on-air name of Bryce Williams and was fired by WDBJ, a man who always was looking for reasons to take offense, colleagues recalled. He fled the scene but then posted his own 56-second video of the murders on Twitter and Facebook. He later ran off a highway while being pursued hundreds of miles away and was captured; he died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Wednesday's on-air murders reverberated far from central Virginia because that's just what the killer wanted — not just to avenge perceived wrongs, but to gain maximum, viral exposure. He used his insider's knowledge of TV journalism against his victims — a 24-year-old reporter who was a rising star and a 27-year-old cameraman engaged to a producer who watched the slaughter live from the control room.

Flanagan's planning may have started weeks ago when, ABC News said, a man claiming to be Bryce Williams called repeatedly, saying he wanted to pitch a story and needed fax information. He sent ABC's newsroom a 23-page fax two hours after the 6:45 a.m. shooting that was part-manifesto, part-suicide note — calling himself a gay black man who had been mistreated by people of all races, and saying he bought the gun two days after nine black people were killed in a June 17 shooting at a Charleston church. The fax also included admiration for the gunmen in mass killings at places like Virginia Tech and Columbine High School in Colorado.

He described himself as a "human powder keg," that was "just waiting to go BOOM!!!!"

Parker and Ward were a regular team, providing stories for the station's "Mornin'" show on everything from breaking news to feature stories on subjects like child abuse. Their live spot Wednesday was nothing out of the ordinary: They were interviewing a local official at an outdoor shopping mall for a tourism story before the shots rang out.

As Parker screamed and Ward collapsed, Ward's camera kept rolling, capturing the image of the suspect pointing the gun. WDBJ quickly switched to the anchor back at the station, clearly shocked, who told viewers, "OK, not sure what happened there."

Parker and Ward died at the scene. Their interview subject, Vicki Gardner, also was shot, but emerged from surgery



In this framegrab from video posted on Bryce Williams' Twitter account and Facebook page, Williams, whose real name is Vester Lee Flanagan II, aims a gun at television reporter Alison Parker as she conducts a live on-air interview Wednesday in Moneta, Va. Moments later, Flanagan fatally shot Parker and WDBJ-TV cameraman Adam Ward and injured Vicki Gardner, who was being interviewed. The station said Flanagan was also an employee at WDBJ and appeared on air as Bryce Williams. (Vester Lee Flanagan II/Twitter via AP)

later Wednesday in stable condition.

Flanagan, 41, who was fired from WDBJ in 2013, was described by the station's president and general manager, Jeffrey Marks, as an "unhappy man" and "difficult to work with," always "looking out for people to say things he could take offense to."

"Eventually after many incidents of his anger coming to the fore, we dismissed him. He did not take that well," Marks said. He recalled that police had to escort Flanagan out of the building because he refused to leave when he was fired.

Tweets posted Wednesday on the gunman's Twitter account — since suspended — described workplace conflicts with both victims. He said he filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against Parker, and that Ward had reported him to human resources.

Marks said Flanagan alleged that other employees made racially tinged comments to him, but that his EEOC claim was dismissed and none of his allegations could be corroborated.

"We think they were fabricated," the station manager said.

NATION/WORLD

World's most famous boss, Trump not answering easily to others as he runs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump is used to controlling his world like the boss that he is. But as president, he'd answer to the American people. And so far in the rollicking 2016 presidential contest, he's showing little willingness to dial down his famous because-I-said-so style.

For Trump, the joy of the insult seems as compelling as art of the deal. Whether his challengers are reporters or other presidential candidates, they are, according to Trump: a bimbo, incompetent, weak, pathetic, disgusting and/or can't satisfy a husband.

"When somebody hurts you, just go after them as viciously and as violently as you can," Trump has written in a chapter on business advice.

When that fails, he fires them. On Tuesday night, the billionaire developer dismissed a Latino reporter from his press conference for demanding to know how Trump intended to deport all 11 million people in the country illegally. "I have a right to ask a question," said Univision's Jorge Ramos.

American student who helped thwart France terror attack happy to be home

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — An American student who helped stop a terror attack on a Paris-bound high-speed train said Wednesday it's been a "crazy few days" and he is happy to be home.

Anthony Sadler spoke briefly during a news conference with Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, who presented him with a basketball jersey.

"I'd just like to thank everybody for coming out," Sadler said. "After such a crazy few days, it feels good to be back on American soil, but especially in Sacramento. This is my home, and I'm just glad to be back here to see everybody."

It was the first time the 23-year-old Sacramento State University student has spoken publicly since he returned to the U.S.

Sadler arrived in Sacramento on Tuesday after first taking a private jet to Portland, Oregon. Columbia Sportswear CEO Timothy Boyle had made the jet available to fly the Americans' mothers to France.

Classified information in Clinton emails is consistent with State Dept. pattern

WASHINGTON (AP) — The transmission of now-classified information across Hillary Rodham Clinton's private email is consistent with a State Department culture in which diplomats routinely sent secret material on unsecured email during the past two administrations, according to documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

Clinton's use of a home server makes her case unique and has become an issue in her front-running campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. But it's not clear whether the security breach would have been any less had she used department email. The department only systematically checks email for sensitive or classified material in response to a public records request.

In emails about the 2012 attack on a U.S. diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya, department officials discuss sensitive matters in real time, including the movement of Libyan militias and the locations of key Americans. The messages were released last year under the Freedom of Information Act and are posted on the State Department's website.

Experts: Trump, Ramos confrontation shouldn't be a surprise

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's onscreen confrontation with Univision's Jorge Ramos on Tuesday over the Republican presidential candidate's immigration plan should only be a surprise to those who don't know Ramos.

The 57-year-old news anchor has a history of sharply questioning politicians and not hiding his opinions. Days before a security guard forced Ramos out of Trump's Iowa news conference on Tuesday — he was later let back in and continued a contentious exchange — he had denounced Trump on CNN. Ramos said the immigration issue "is personal" and when Trump voices his views that include mass deportations and revoking the citizenship of children born in the U.S. to undocumented parents, "he's talking about me" and all the other American Latinos born in another country.

On Fox News Wednesday evening, Ramos said: "Clearly Donald Trump didn't like my questions and ... he tried to silence me. And in this country you cannot do

that. I'm a U.S. citizen, I'm an immigrant, I'm a reporter and I have a right in this country to ask any question I want."

Ramos is generally considered the most influential television journalist among Latinos living in the United States. He and Maria Elena Salinas co-anchor a weeknight newscast on Univision, the country's most-watched Spanish-language network. A syndicated columnist, he also hosts a Sunday morning political panel for Univision and a weekly newsmagazine on Fusion, an English-language network geared to Latinos.

A Mexican native who came to the United States as a young journalist when the Mexican government censored one of his reports, Ramos said that Trump's immigration plan was full of "empty promises. What he's trying to sell the American public simply doesn't work. It's impossible," he told CNN.

Univision CEO and President Randy Falco issued a statement Wednesday calling Trump's treat-

ment of Ramos "beneath contempt."

"Jorge Ramos is one the most professional, dedicated and respected journalists I have seen or worked with in my 40 years in media," Falco said. "He always asks hard questions of candidates and elected officials, regardless of party or issue. Mr. Trump demonstrated complete disregard for him and for the countless Hispanics whom Jorge seeks to represent."

Univision said Ramos had earlier requested an interview with Trump, which the candidate rejected before distributing Ramos' cell phone number on social media. So the Miami-based Ramos traveled to Iowa for the news conference.

Trump on Wednesday said that Ramos was "totally out of line" in the news conference.

"I would have gotten to him very quickly," Trump said on NBC's "Today" show. "This man gets up and starts ranting and raving and screaming, and honestly being very disrespectful to all the other re-

porters."

For many Americans schooled in a tradition of objective journalism, the idea of a reporter coming into the situation with such a clear point of view is both unusual and off-putting.

"There's no question that he's important and that he has a lot of influence, but I think that people now have sort of recognized that he's more of an advocate than a journalist," said Sean Spicer, communications director for the Republican National Committee.

Outside of the news conference before he was let back in, Ramos was approached by a man wearing a Trump badge who told him he was "very rude," according to a video clip released by Univision.

"Get out of my country," the man said. "Get out."

Ramos quietly reminded him, "I'm a U.S. citizen, too."

There are different standards regarding journalistic objectivity in countries outside of the United States, particularly in Latin America, said Mark Feldstein, a veteran

TV newsman and now a journalism professor at the University of Maryland. While there is more advocacy in American journalism now, too, "it's impossible to imagine any of the American television anchors doing the same thing to Donald Trump or any other serious candidate," he said.

Most Spanish-language journalists understand that Ramos was operating within an advocacy tradition that does not negate his role as a reporter, said Sallie Hughes, a University of Miami journalism professor with the school's Latin American Studies program.

Ramos also takes seriously his role as speaking for American Latinos. During the 2012 campaign, he penned open letters to the Republican and Democratic parties bluntly outlining where they stood with the Latino community. He's had testy exchanges with President Barack Obama, at one point seeming to anger the president by telling him that he's been called the "deporter-in-chief" by some in the Latino community.

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What kind of system allows a boy to die?

No one but Brittany Pilkington should be blamed for the murder of her three young sons, Logan County, Ohio, Prosecuting Attorney William Goslee emphasized recently. She and she alone bears the responsibility, he said after charges were filed against Pilkington, 23.

If Pilkington, of Bellefontaine, is guilty, Goslee certainly is right. Allegedly, she suffocated the little boys because she felt their father was paying too much attention to them and not enough to her and her daughter.

But two of the boys were killed months ago. The third, 3 months old, had been taken out of the Pilkington home by the authorities. Clearly, someone feared for his safety.

Last week, however, a judge ordered the baby released from protective custody and returned to his parents. He said there was a lack of evidence the child was in danger.

Days later, he was dead.

Goslee was referring to the law enforcement and children's services systems. Again, he was right to point out no one in them bears responsibility for killing the children.

But that is not the question Ohioans should ask. It is, instead, whether social services or law enforcement, including the courts, could have prevented at least the youngest child's death.

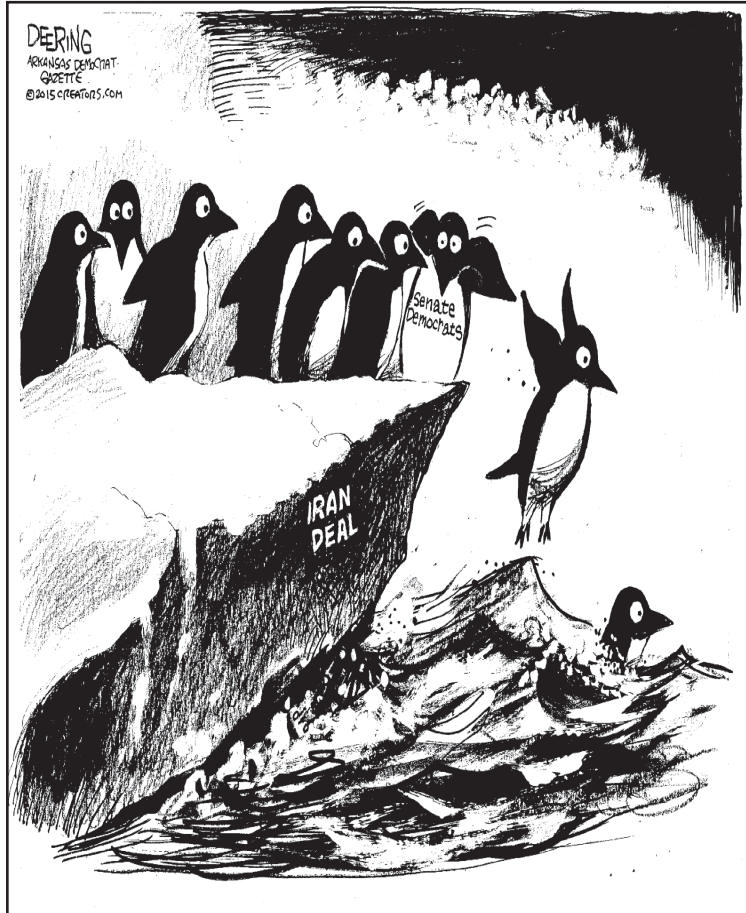
Clearly, child protective services workers tried. They were, in effect, overruled by a judge.

Every aspect of how the case was handled should be examined in an effort to learn whether, indeed, the 3-month-old baby could have been saved had something been done differently. More attention to collecting evidence? Better arguments to the judge? More expeditious investigation of the two siblings' deaths?

Children should not be left to die after it is known they are in danger.

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Three pals on a train: Heroism, American style



FROMA HARROP

jaunt — were on a fancy train hurtling toward Paris, when a terrorist bristling with weaponry started attacking passengers.

The Americans were unarmed, but when Skarlatos said "Let's go" to Stone, the off-duty U.S. airman ran down the aisle, grabbed the man by the neck and wouldn't let go, even as the attacker slashed him. Skarlatos grabbed his gun. Sadler and a British passenger, Chris Norman, held down various limbs.

Improvisation requires letting gut instinct take the wheel from overthinking. As Skarlatos, a National Guardsman who spent time in Afghanistan, later told the media, his actions on the train weren't "a conscious decision."

Jazz, a truly American musical form, is all about improvisation, making it up as you go. "Do not fear mistakes," Miles Davis said. "There are none."

"Let's go" reminded many of "Let's roll," Todd Beamer's famous words on a doomed airliner hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001. Beamer and other passengers were trying to neutralize the terrorists and regain control of the airliner.

Before the Normandy D-Day invasion, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower instructed his field commanders to make quick decisions on their own rather than wait for instructions from above. They did, and their improvisation saved many American lives on the battlefield.

In 2009, pilot Chesley Sullenberger landed his disabled airliner on the Hudson River without a single loss of life in a classic example of on-the-spot improvising. Air controllers had suggested one of two nearby airports for an emergency landing, but instinct sharp-

ened by experience told Sullenberger to take that unconventional — and successful — option.

Perhaps because Stone, Skarlatos and Sadler acted so simply, they did not fully comprehend the complex aftermath of what they had done — including the depth of their heroism.

Exercising calm control, they beat the terrorist unconscious but not to death. Stone attended to another wounded passenger in the car, though he himself was seriously hurt. He is a trained medic. That's what medics do.

Once the assailant was out cold, the Americans, with some help, tied him up like a package and handed him over to the French authorities. In their way of thinking, the drama was over.

"I thought they were going to let us go after questioning," Sadler later told assembled media.

Did they imagine that after saving a trainload of passengers, they'd just move on to their next European adventure, say, waiting in line to see the Le Corbusier exhibit at the Pompidou Center?

There was nothing false about these Americans' modesty. They seemed surprised to find themselves in the ornate Elysee Palace, being handed the Legion of Honor, France's highest award, along with Norman.

But there was French President Francois Hollande, tailored to the millimeter, handing medals to the three Americans, who, though clean and pressed, were suitless and tieless. (At least their shirts had collars.) Norman had packed a suit and tie.

Americans obviously don't have a monopoly on quick and courageous action. Do remember Jasper Schuringa, the Dutch national who may have saved Northwest Flight 253 in 2009. Upon seeing a terrorist trying to set off bombs sewn in his underwear, Schuringa jumped over seats to tackle him and started putting out the fire with his hands.

For the three Americans on the train, improvising saved the day, but because it came so naturally, they didn't see the big deal in it. By now, one hopes, they know otherwise.

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OTHER VOICES

The Columbus Dispatch, Aug. 24

America's public housing must be pretty nice. A blistering U.S. inspector general's report found more than 25,000 "over-income" families who once had qualified for public housing, but stayed on even after greatly improving their circumstances.

Astonishingly, they weren't shown the door to make room for 25,000 truly needy families on far-longer waiting lists.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development didn't see the problem until the report was publicized. And even then, it was defensive at first ...

Only a government agency could set up an entitlement program and not establish rules or push for

laws to cut off benefits once people no longer qualify. And that's the problem: Income is checked only when a family applies for public housing. So long as they are good tenants, they've been able to stay on ...

Certainly it is possible to craft policies that wouldn't evict a single mother who barely crosses the income threshold or that would let people stay until they are solidly back on their feet, without accommodating tenants who could afford a McMansion.

Even the IG's report said it didn't expect HUD and housing authorities to eliminate all over-income families from public housing. "However," it said, "creating limits to avoid egregious cases seems reasonable."

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Sorting through the candidates for the 2016 election



THOMAS SOWELL

Despite a nuclear Iran looming on the horizon, the media seem to be putting most of their attention on two candidates for their respective parties' presidential nominations next year. Moreover, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump each make their own party nervous.

If next year's election comes down to Clinton versus Trump, a lot of people may simply stay home in disgust.

When we are this far away from the official start of the primary election season, we can usually just say, "It's still early days." Many a front runner this early in the process ended up out of the running by the time the party conventions were held, and totally forgotten by election day.

That is the way it usually is. But that is not likely to be the way it will be this time.

This is Hillary Clinton's last hurrah. It is now or never for her. And the Democrats have nobody comparable as a vote-getter to put in her place.

Even if an investigation finds Mrs. Clinton found guilty of violating the law in the way she handled e-mails when she was Secretary of State, the Obama administration is not likely to prosecute her. And President Obama can always pardon her, so that the next administration cannot prosecute her either. So Hillary doesn't even have to take a plea bargain.

Someone with a sense of shame might well withdraw from the contest for the Democratic Party's nomination, now that public opinion polls show that most people distrust her. But since when have the Clintons ever had a sense of shame?

On the Republican side, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has pointed out that if Donald Trump can continue to get 20 or 25 percent of the Republican voters on his side, he can build up a formidable lead of delegates in winner-take-all primaries.

It will not matter if 60 percent of the Republican voters turn against him, if that 60 percent is split up among all the other Republican candidates, with none of those candidates getting more votes than Trump.

Sometimes financial backers can withdraw their support and force a stubborn candidate to drop out of the race. But Trump has enough money of his own to

stay in the race as long as he wants to, even if that ruins the Republicans' chances of winning the 2016 elections.

Ironically, the Republicans have a much stronger set of presidential candidates than usual to choose from this year. But the media obsession with Trump means that even the best of these candidates are not likely to get enough exposure for most voters to get to know much about them.

Governors with superb records — such as Bobby Jindal in Louisiana and Scott Walker in Wisconsin — may not have much name recognition on the national scene. And certainly the little sound bites in the so-called "debates" are not likely to tell the voters much.

This is not just the candidates' problem. With this country facing historic dangers, both internally and internationally, we urgently need to find someone with depth, insight and courage as the next President of the United States.

But, with the media obsessed with Donald Trump's show biz talents and persona — and covering everything he says, does or might do, 24/7 — how are the voters to sort through the large number of Republican candidates to find a couple that are worth getting to know more thoroughly?

It will be like trying to find a needle in a

haystack. And never was finding that needle, the right leader, more important for the nation.

Internally, we are so polarized over immigration that our current "leaders" have left our borders wide open to terrorists from around the world, rather than take the political risks of offending voters on one side of this issue or offending voters on the opposite side. Instead, they risk American lives by their inaction.

Internationally, our "leaders" have written a blank check for our most dangerous and fanatical enemy — Iran — to get both nuclear bombs and the missiles to deliver them. And the Obama administration, with a track record of huge shameless lies, offers us its reassurances.

We had better find that needle in a haystack, someone who can salvage a desperate situation. Flamboyant rhetoric is not enough.

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Bill would let Ohioans with drug convictions keep drivers license

COLUMBUS (AP) — Legislation that would make a driver's license suspension discretionary rather than mandatory for non-driving drug convictions has been introduced in the Ohio Senate.

Ohio's current law follows an edict developed by the federal government in the 1990s. Anyone convicted of a drug charge, regardless of whether a vehicle was involved in the crime, automatically receives a six-month license suspension.

State Sen. Bill Seitz, the Cincinnati Republican who recently introduced the bill to change that, said the law makes it difficult for hundreds of thousands of people in Ohio with suspended driver's licenses for drug convictions to find a job.

He said those people are more likely to return to a life of drugs as a means of support.

"It never made much sense to have a license suspension in connection with a drug offense unless there is a vehicle involved," John Murphy of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, told The Columbus Dispatch (<http://bit.ly/1JfK56U>).

The state told the federal government in December that Ohio wants out of the requirement that driver's licenses must be suspended for non-driving drug convictions, the newspaper reported.

Last session, Seitz sponsored a resolution notifying the federal government of Ohio's intention to opt out of the Drug Offender's Driving Privileges Suspension Act. Failing to notify the federal government could have cost the state 8 percent of its highway funds.

The proposed legislation also would allow a court to end a previously imposed license suspension for a drug conviction that did not involve a vehicle.

Broad legislative support exists for the measure, the newspaper reported, based on votes late last year.

Seitz said the bill was drafted by the Ohio Judicial Conference, which represents judges in the state.

But Sen. Jim Hughes, a Columbus Republican and former assistant prosecutor, opposes the bill.

"People need to resolve their addiction problem before we give them their license back," Hughes said. "To me, it's a matter of public safety."

Mark Moogalian recounts train attack in French magazine

PARIS (AP) — The first inkling Mark Moogalian had that something was amiss on a high-speed train traveling from Amsterdam to Paris was when he saw a man dragging his suitcase into the bathroom.

"I saw a young guy who looked strange, dragging a big, wheeled suitcase. It was unusual, strange," Moogalian said in an interview from his hospital bed published in Paris Match magazine on Wednesday.

Moogalian was shot and seriously wounded trying to stop a gunman armed with an assault rifle from moving through the train on Friday. The attacker was eventually overpowered by other passengers, including three American friends on vacation.

Noticing that the man seemed to be spending an unusually long time in the toilet, Moogalian went to investigate.

"I saw him come out of the toilet and another guy, who looked young, had grabbed him from behind and was trying to control him," Moogalian said in the magazine interview.

Telling his wife to get to safety, Moogalian rushed at the gunman and wrenched an AKM assault rifle from his grip.

"I've got the weapon!" he yelled, and just then a shot rang out.

"I felt a giant pain in the back. I fell down between the seats. I dropped the weapon as I fell. I didn't know he had a handgun," Moogalian said.

The 51-year-old American musician and teacher, who has lived in France for more than two decades, was seated across from his wife in Wagon 12 on the high-speed train that had pulled out of Amsterdam's main station just over two hours earlier.

His wife, Isabelle Risacher Moogalian, told Europe-1 radio on Tuesday that "when my husband collapsed, I saw across the seats. He looked at me and he said 'I'm hit, I'm hit.' He thought it was over and he was going to die." The bullet struck him in the back and exited through the neck.

Speaking on France 2 television, Risacher Moogalian also heaped praise on Spencer Stone, one of the three Americans who helped subdue the attacker.

As Stone administered life-saving first aid on her husband even while bleeding profusely from his own wounds, he "spoke to him like it was his friend," she said. "Hey man, after this we're going to go have a beer. Where are you from? Virginia? I'm from California, don't worry it's going to be fine."

Moogalian has emerged as another hero in the high-speed train attack thwarted by a group of quick-thinking men. According to French President Francois Hollande, a Frenchman was the first to encounter the gunman as he left the toilet, alerting others in the area. That person, Hollande said, wished to remain anonymous.

Moogalian remained hospitalized Wednesday in the northern city of Lille, and his sister said his role in trying to stop what French authorities are calling a terror attack was in character.

"Mark is one of the most compassionate people I've ever known. He's a free spirit. When he sets his mind on what he wants to do, he just does it," his sister, Jacqueline Moogalian-Pittman, said from Austell, Georgia.

Lying on the floor of the train compartment, Moogalian watched as the attacker approached and picked up the rifle. "He's going to kill me, I thought," Moogalian said. Closing his eyes to play dead, he then heard two individuals rush past and tackle the gunman.

French authorities have charged a 26-year-old Moroccan suspect, Ayoub El-Khazzani, with terrorism offenses in the attack.

Moogalian runs a language school from a houseboat on the outskirts of Paris, according to the school's website. Music and art are clearly his passions, as his personal website attests, with its range of sculpture, paintings, photos and downloads of music he performs in a duo with his wife.

POLICE REPORTS

SALEM

— Police responded to the 500 block of East Perry Street at 7:42 a.m. Wednesday where the complainant advised that the rear tires on his vehicle were slashed overnight.

— At 6:48 a.m. Wednesday, police responded to the Jennings Avenue and West State Street where a woman called about being followed by her ex-boyfriend in a dark-colored van. Both vehicles were stopped at Jennings Avenue and West 2nd Street. There were no threats or physical violence and the woman was on her way to work and was advised to obtain a protection order.

— At 2:32 a.m. Wednesday, police received a report of a sliding glass door being shattered with a brick at approximately 2:17 a.m.

— At 12:55 a.m. Wednesday, police responded to Centennial Park to make a welfare check and were unable to locate anyone.

— Police responded to 546 Franklin Ave. at 4:29 a.m. Wednesday for a garage fire and stoodby for traffic control and to assist the fire department while it was extinguished.

— At 5:48 a.m. Wednesday, police responded to the 400 block of Washington Avenue where the complainant advised that two stones from the front yard had been thrown through the front window. Photos were taken.

— At 9:26 p.m. Tuesday, police made a traffic stop for an illegal left turn from East State Street onto South Lundy Avenue. Anthony Reid, II, 720 Kerdis Circle, C, Youngstown, was found to have multiple suspensions. The vehicle owner was unavailable to remove the vehicle and the driver was cited for driving under suspension and given a noted warning for the traffic violation.

— At 8:38 p.m. Tuesday, police responded to the 2300 block of Tanglewood Drive, where the complainant advised his son had been drinking and was making threats toward him. Officers learned from the complainant that nothing had really occurred earlier and he didn't want to press charges and the son left the residence.

— Richard A. Holbrook, 340 N. Ellsworth Ave., was stopped on East State Street and North Broadway Avenue at about 9 p.m. Tuesday and was found to be driving without a license. He was charged with driving under suspension and the vehicle owner was advised of the process to file charges for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

— At 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, police responded to the 900 block of Prospect Street for a domestic call and found there was no physical violence or threats made. The divorced couple was told to take their argument inside.

— Police patrolling in the 600 block of North Ellsworth Avenue observed a man who was believed to have an outstanding warrant and Judson T. Edling, 31293 U.S. Route 62, Salem, was taken into custody and released to a Columbiana County deputy for transport to the county jail.

— At 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, police responded to the 1700 block of South Lincoln Avenue where a man had a medical problem and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

— At 3:27 p.m. Tuesday, police responding to the 800 block of Jennings Avenue left a red warning tag on the front door for a barking dog.

— At 3:25 p.m. Tuesday, police responded to the 900 block of West Wilson Street where an unruly male juvenile was spoken to about his behavior and said he understood why police were called. The mother was advised of the options.

— At 10:43 a.m. Tuesday, police responded to the 500 block of East 4th Street to assist the Columbiana County sheriff in transporting to people that had been evicted from the residence to Barnett's Motel after transient paperwork had been filled out.

— At 12:04 p.m. Tuesday, police responded to the 200 block of West State Street for a hit-skip accident in the parking lot. Witnesses said the hit-skip vehicle, a Hyundai or Kia, was driven by an elderly woman and drove away quickly westbound on West State Street. Police photographed the damage to the complainant's vehicle.

— At 8:25 a.m. Tuesday, police responded to the 900 block of East 15th Street where the complainant advised his wife was having a medical problem. She was found not breathing and EMS took care of the situation.

— Police responded to the 1200 block of East 3rd Street at 12:36 p.m. Tuesday and found a male juvenile wearing a belt with a black gun with a bright orange cap on the barrel in a holster. He had a police badge, hand cuffs and what looked like a portable radio. He advised that he didn't point his fake gun at anyone and that he can't wait to like us. His mother confirmed that and that he loves dressing up like a police officer.

— At 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, police responded to the 1000 block of Jennings Avenue where the complainant advised that \$618.92 was taken from her checking account on Aug. 24 from an unknown location. The bank wanted a police report.

COLUMBIANA

— A caller asked police to check on a resident at Harmony Village because her door was open and the lights were on at 12:33 a.m. Tuesday. The woman told police she was fine and had just opened the door to let in some fresh air.

— While on patrol an officer saw an unoccupied vehicle parked at the middle school at 1:33 a.m. Tuesday. It turned out it was a school employee who was working.

— Goshen Township police reported at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday they were following a blue Kia that was acting suspiciously by driving in circles as if trying to avoid the officer. The car entered Columbiana, and an officer followed for a while but did not observe any violations.

— Jill Stalnaker, East Friend Street, reported her neighbor tried to hit her with a vehicle at 4 p.m. Tuesday. Police talked to both parties and determined it was a road complaint that arose while someone was trying to pull into a driveway.

— Heidi Tomalka, South Elm Street, reported her home was burglarized and ransacked, but nothing appeared to be missing.

— An employee at the AAA office reported a possible angry customer was en route to the office at 10:46 p.m. Tuesday, but the person did not show up.

LISBON

— An officer saw a state wildlife officer pull over a water tanker entering the village water department at 9:24 p.m. Tuesday and stopped to assist. The tanker driver got out and began walking toward the cruisers with his hand in his pocket and was ordered to remove his hand. The driver began yelling and saying he did not do anything. The police officer said he was there just to assist, while the wildlife officer told the driver his load was leaking. The driver became even angrier and began approaching the officers, who told him they would explain what was going on if he would calm down. The driver then demonstrated he had an empty load and was told he was free to go. They told him not to act like that the next time he gets pulled over. Neither the driver nor his company were identified in the report.

Salem barn fire investigated

SALEM — Firefighters said a structure fire at 546 Franklin Ave. early Wednesday morning is suspicious and under investigation.

A newspaper delivery driver reported the fire in a small, two-story wood-framed barn at 4:26 a.m. and when firefighters arrived the ground floor was on fire and the rest of the department was called in.

The fire was extinguished and an overhaul completed. The property is owned by Donald and Norma Jean Atkinson who said the electricity was to the structure was being permanently disconnected. They were advised to have an electrician complete it.

Property damage was set at \$5,000 and the content loss was set at \$1,000

SINKS FROM 1A

Faber said he can take the commission members to the facility so they can see the difficulties of installing sensor operated equipment.

In other business the commission granted permission to Alex Rudy of Boy Scout Troop 3 to build a new sign for the Swings-N-Things area at Centennial Park for his Eagle Scout project. The old sign, which is falling apart, will be removed. khowell@salemnews.net

DITCH FROM 1A

Hopefully in about a week."

In other business, Heddleson said that 110 sign posts for the road signs he helped obtain through a grant had arrived, but they are the wrong size.

He said the eight-foot long posts will have to be modified in order to use them.

Also, in other business, trustees approved the 2015-2016 street lighting contract certification for the county auditor; and approved the annual evaluation of Constable Dan Valentine as the law enforcement officer and fire chief in the township with a unanimous vote.

Valentine has served the township for 24 years, according to Heston.

Trustees also approved a resolution requiring employees to obtain a doctor's note for sick time over three days with a unanimous vote.

Fiscal Officer Cathy Wilms said the Otarma grant deadline is approaching quickly, noting that Entrikin submitted some receipts for grant applications.

Trustees will meet again in regular session at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9. lshields@salemnews.net

VOTE FROM 1A

help elect a Legislature more responsive to mainstream public opinion in the state, for example on issues such as abortion access and climate change.

The report's release was timed to coincide with the 95th anniversary of women's right to vote being enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

Davis said passing Issue 1 is only half of the reform needed, calling for extending the system overhaul to drawing congressional districts.

Republican Sen. Frank LaRose, co-sponsor of a resolution that would do that, conceded Wednesday that it will be a difficult task, with some influential members of his own party opposed. His resolution, co-sponsored by Democratic Sen. Tom Sawyer, would place an issue on the 2016 ballot asking voters to apply rules laid out in this year's overhaul to congressional redistricting.

POT FROM 1A

for the state legislature to decide.

"As a constitutional purist I don't believe this should even be on the ballot," he said.

The commissioners' vote comes just days after state Rep. Tim Ginter, R-Salem, announced he has agreed to become one of the speakers for No on 3, the group formed by law enforcement organizations, health care professionals, addiction experts and business groups to lobby against passage of Issue 3.

"I think I can speak for board and say we are proud Tim Ginter is taking a lead on this," he said. tgiambroni@mojoneus.com



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Stocks surge, snapping 6-day losing streak

By the Associated Press

The Dow Jones industrial average rocketed more than 600 points Wednesday, its biggest gain in seven years, snapping a six-day losing streak that had Americans nervously checking their investment balances.

While the surge came as a relief to many, Wall Street professionals warned that more rough days lie ahead, in part because of unsettled conditions in China, where signs of an economic slowdown triggered the sell-off that has shaken global markets over the past week.

Heading into Wednesday, the three major U.S. stock indexes had dropped six days in a row, the longest slide in more than three years. The Dow had fallen about 1,900 points over that period, while the slump wiped out more than \$2 trillion in corporate value.

On Tuesday, a rally on Wall Street collapsed in the final minutes of trading, with the Dow closing more than 200 points lower. On Wednesday, the market opened strong again, and the question all day was whether the rally would hold. It did, and picked up speed just before the closing bell.

The Dow vaulted 619.07 points, or 4 percent, to 16,285.51. It was the Dow's third-biggest point gain of all time and its largest since Oct. 28, 2008, when it soared 889 points.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, a much broader measure of the stock market, gained 72.90 points, or 3.9 percent, to 1,940.51. In percentage terms, it was the best day for the S&P 500 in nearly four years. The Nasdaq composite rose 191.05 points, or 4.2 percent, to 4,697.54.

Wall Street professionals said investors apparently saw the big sell-off as an opportunity to go bargain-hunting and buy low. "That always leads to a bounce or spike in the market," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential Financial.

Another factor was believed to be a comment on Wednesday from the head of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, William Dudley, who said that because of the slowdown in China and other factors, the case for the Fed to raise rock-bottom interest rates next month for the first time in nearly a decade is "less compelling" than it was a few weeks ago.

"That certainly helped the market," Krosby said. The U.S. stock market has been on a run-up that has lasted more than six years and pushed the major indexes to all-time highs. Investors worry that the economy could falter if the Fed raises rates too soon.

Over the past few days, ordinary Americans with 401(k)s and other investments have been calling their financial advisers in search of some reassurance.

"I wouldn't say it is full-blown panic," said Brennan Miller, a branch manager for Charles Schwab in Chicago. "Markets have been steadily advancing for several years, and that breathed some complacency. This caught people off guard."

Any sign that the market has bottomed out could encourage investors to get back in.

"There's a lot of cash on the sidelines waiting to get in, so to the extent that there's any sort of bottom seen, that will increase people's confidence and boldness," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank.

Still, the market has a ways to go before it recovers its run of recent losses. The Dow remains down 8.6 percent this year, while the S&P 500 is off 5.8 percent. The Nasdaq is down just 0.8 percent.

And despite Wednesday's strong rebound, analysts said there are probably more roller-coaster days ahead, good and bad, because of China as well as worries about a Fed rate increase.

In international markets, major indexes in Germany, France and Britain fell anywhere from 1.3 to 1.7 percent. Markets in Asia were mixed. Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index rose 3.2 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 0.5 percent.

The price of oil fell back below \$39 a barrel after a U.S. government report showed an unexpected decline in demand for gasoline. U.S. government bond prices fell, and the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.18 percent.



Tomato fight

Two women lie in a puddle of squashed tomatoes during the annual "tomatina" tomato fight fiesta, in the village of Bunol, about 30 miles outside Valencia, Spain, Wednesday. The streets of an eastern Spanish town are awash with red pulp as thousands of people pelt each other with tomatoes in the annual "Tomatina" battle that has become a major tourist attraction. At the annual fiesta in Bunol on Wednesday, trucks dumped 150 tons of ripe tomatoes for some 22,000 participants, many from abroad, to throw during the hour-long morning festivities. (AP Photo)

Obama to seek unity with pope on issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sweeping into office in 2009, President Barack Obama captured near rock-star status around the world among millions who saw him as the embodiment of a new sense of social purpose. Now, that baton has largely been passed to Pope Francis, whose visit to the White House next month will put his common cause with Obama on vivid display.

Obama has made no secret of his affection for the outspoken pope, calling him a "transformative leader" whose influence has transcended the Roman Catholic community. The pope has embraced many of the issues Obama has sought to advance, including global warming, poverty and diplomacy with Iran and Cuba.

Vice President Joe Biden, a Catholic, said the pope's Sept. 23 visit will mark an important moment not only for Catholics but for all Americans.

"Pope Francis has breathed new life into what I believe is the central mission of our faith: Catholic social doctrine," Biden said in a statement to The Associated Press. Invoking key elements of Obama's agenda, Biden added that Francis "has become a moral ruder for the world on some of the most important issues of our time, from inequality to climate change."

The pope's brief visit to the White House is part of his highly anticipated trip to the U.S. and Cuba. It's a reunion of sorts for Obama and Francis, who first met when the president visited the Vatican last year.

Despite deep differences on some social issues such as abortion, Obama and the pope are expected to focus on areas of agreement. The White House said economic opportunity, immigration and refugees, and protection of religious minorities were high on the agenda.

"It's going to be a come-to-Jesus moment - no pun intended - for the many politicians who want to claim the mantle of Pope Francis," said Michael Wear, a former White House official who led faith outreach for Obama's 2012 campaign.

For Obama, the visit offers a chance to imbue his remaining goals with a sense of moral authority as he approaches the end of his presidency.

Viewed as largely above politics, Francis is extremely popular in the U.S. Tickets to his speech to Congress are such a hot commodity that an overflow crowd of thousands is expected to watch on Jumbotrons from the National Mall.

"In a way, Pope Francis has become a conscience for this age of the world.

When President Obama came to office, he too had that aura for at least the first couple of years," said Stephen Schneck, who runs the Catholic politics institute at Catholic University of America. "But Pope Francis' message is moral and religious. He's not going to be talking about legislation."

The White House has praised Francis for involving himself in issues usually left to politicians. In a rare move, Francis personally intervened to help the U.S. and Cuba restore relations, writing leaders of both countries and hosting their delegations at the Vatican for final talks. And on climate change, a cornerstone of Obama's desired legacy, Francis added the weight of the pulpit by publishing a landmark encyclical calling climate change real and man-made.

Yet there are risks for Obama if he glosses over other, stark differences in views.

When he visited Francis early last year, Obama contradicted the official Vatican account of their meeting by saying they hadn't discussed social issues in any detail. Papal aides insisted the two leaders indeed discussed religious freedom, life and conscientious objection - buzzwords for abortion, birth control and parts of Obama's health care law.

Pentagon probing alleged distorting of war intelligence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's inspector general is investigating an allegation that the military command overseeing the anti-Islamic State campaign distorted or altered intelligence assessments to exaggerate progress against the militant group, a defense official said Wednesday.

The official was not authorized to discuss the probe publicly and so spoke on condition of anonymity.

The investigation was first disclosed by The New York Times. The paper reported that the investigation began after at least one civilian Defense Intelligence Agency analyst told officials at U.S. Central Command were improperly reworking conclusions of assessments prepared for policy makers, including President Barack Obama.

Details of the allegations were not available. A spokeswoman for the inspector general's office, Bridget Serchak, declined to comment.

Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said he could not confirm the probe.

The Pentagon typically does not publicly comment on the work of the inspector general's office, which is an independent arm of the Defense Department.

Cook said Defense Secretary Ash Carter "counts on independent intelligence and analysis from a variety of sources to help him make critical decisions about the nation's security."

A Pentagon spokesman, Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, said Pentagon and Central Command officials have been publicly candid about the difficulty of the war against the Islamic State. At times, however, they have painted a rosier picture than was reflected by developments on the ground.

On May 15, for example, Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, who at the time was chief of staff to the military headquarters running the war, told reporters that the Islamic State was "losing and remains on the defensive." Even as he spoke, Iraqi officials were saying that IS fighters had captured the main government compound in Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province. Two days later the

city fell, marking a significant victory for IS and a setback for the U.S. and Iraq.

Air Force Col. Patrick Ryder, a spokesman for Central Command, said he could not discuss ongoing investigations.

"The (inspector general) has a responsibility to investigate all allegations made and we welcome and support their independent oversight," Ryder said.

Ryder said the government's numerous intelligence agencies routinely produce a wide range of "subjective assessments related to the current security environment," and that it is customary for agencies to comment on others' draft assessments.

"However, it is ultimately up to the primary agency or organization whether or not they incorporate any recommended changes or additions. Further, the multi-source nature of our assessment process purposely guards against any single report or opinion unduly influencing leaders and decision-makers," Ryder said.

Appeals court upholds gay marriage ruling in Kentucky

MOREHEAD, Ky. (AP) — A federal appeals court has upheld a ruling ordering a Kentucky county clerk to issue marriage licenses to gay couples. Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis objects to same-sex marriage for religious reasons. She stopped issuing marriage licenses the day after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned state bans on same-sex marriage.

Two straight couples and two gay couples sued her. A U.S. district judge ordered Davis to issue the marriage licenses, but later delayed his order so that Davis could have time to appeal to the 6th circuit. Wednesday, the appeals court denied Davis' request for a stay.

"It cannot be defensibly argued that the holder of the Rowan County Clerk's office, apart from who personally occupies that office, may decline to act in conformity with the United States Constitution as interpreted by a dispositive holding of the United States Supreme Court," judges Damon J. Keith, John M. Rogers and Bernice B. Donald wrote for the court. "There is thus little or no likelihood that the Clerk in her official capacity will prevail on appeal."

April Miller and Karen Roberts were one of the gay couples who sued Davis. Miller read the ruling on her phone in the living room of the house they share down a country road on the outskirts of Morehead. Roberts, her partner for more than a decade, peered over her shoulder, smiling, humming, tears welling up under her glasses.

The news flashes across their TV screen and they hugged, and their hug turned into a brief slow dance on the living room rug. The phone started ringing, but they ignored it for a minute. They felt vindicated, they said. They got out the boxes holding their matching wedding bands, bought days after the Supreme Court's decision in June. They are simple white gold bands, ringed in diamonds.

"One step closer," Miller said. "We might be able to get married in September."

Mat Staver, an attorney for Davis, said he was disappointed with the ruling. He said he plans to discuss options with Davis, including an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The court of appeals did not provide any religious accommodation rights to individuals, which makes little sense because at the end of the day it's individuals that are carrying out the acts of the office," Staver said. "They don't lose their individual constitutional rights just because they are employed in a public office."

It's unclear how Davis will react if she were to ultimately lose her appeals. She testified in federal court last month she would "deal with that when the time comes." Saturday, she spoke to thousands of supporters at a religious freedom rally at the state capitol, saying: "I need your prayers ... to continue to stand firm in what we believe."

"Regardless of what any man puts on a piece of paper, the law of nature is not going to change," Davis told the crowd.

Miller and Roberts said they know the legal fight will stretch on. Davis continued to refuse to issue marriage licenses after other judges' rulings. And they suspect she will continue to refuse after this one.

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ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

ROC of Salem Youth Center hosts 'Fifth Quarter' lock-in Friday

SALEM — The ROC of Salem Youth Center is hosting a "Fifth Quarter" all-night lock-in Friday after Salem's home football game against Mineral Ridge. The free event is open to youth ages 13-20 and runs from 10 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

The event is sponsored by Marco's Pizza, which will provide free food.

Activities will include basketball, pool, air hockey, foosball, music, games, hot dog roast, smores and prizes. Food and drink will be provided.

Students under 18 will be locked in overnight and cannot leave until 7 a.m., unless picked up by a parent or guardian.

For more information, call or text Eric Hamilton at 330-974-8844.

Goshen Township Board of Trustees plan special meeting

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP— The Goshen Township Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the administration building to consider approval of the school resource officer contract with West Branch Local School District.

Final Summer Ghost Walk in Hanoverton is Saturday

HANOVERTON — The final Summer Ghost Walk in Hanoverton this season begins at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at the back of the Spread Eagle Tavern. Cost is \$8 for adults and free for 10 and under. Call 330-223-1583 for reservations.

Seats available for Underground Railroad tour on Sunday

SALEM — Seats are still available for the Underground Railroad tour on the Quakertown Trolley at 1:15 p.m. Sunday. If space is available, walk-ups are welcome at the Dale Shaffer Library, 239 S. Lundy Ave. For further information and reservations, leave a message at 330-337-6733. Your call will be returned.

United Quilt Guild will meet at First Presbyterian Church

SALEM — United Quilt Guild plans to meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St. The program will be presented by Barb McDonough from the Ohio State Penitentiary in Hubbard. The UnFinished Objects session starts at 10 a.m. All quilters are welcome.

Android device tutoring session offered at Lepper Library

LISBON — An android device tutoring session is slated from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 1 at Lepper Library. Class space is limited to five attendees. To register call 330-424-3117 or sign-up at the checkout desk. Bring your device and charging cord to class.

Newly formed cancer support group will meet Sept. 9

SALEM — A newly formed cancer support group, not affiliated with any organization, will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 at The Courtyard Square. This group is open to cancer survivors or any one currently going through cancer treatments. This meeting will focus on nutrition and attendees are asked to bring recipes to share. Reservations are requested by calling or texting Judy Colbert at 330-506-2486.

Yellow Brick Place 5K Color/Walk Run is Sept. 13

AUSTINTOWN — The Yellow Brick Place 5K Color Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. Sept. 13 at Austintown Township Park.

For registration details visit yellowbrickplace.org. Yellow Brick Place was co-founded by Donna Detwiler of North Lima and Anna Aey of Canfield. These two cancer survivors

have made it their mission to dedicate themselves to helping people who suffer from cancer by providing resources to lead them to fulfilling and self-directed lives.

Yellow Brick Place supports and educates cancer patients and those closest to them by providing individual and group services in the tri-county area of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties. Its purpose is to nourish and comfort a patient's mind, body and spirit during their fight against cancer. Yellow Brick Place also provides a hopeful environment for cancer patients, families and caregivers. All services are free of charge and are non-medical.

The grand opening is slated from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12 at 2959 Canfield Road, Suite 10 and Suite 3, Youngstown (located at the Brandwine Plaza, Cornersburg).

For more information contact yellowbrickplace.org or Detwiler at 330-770-0808.

First aid volunteers sought to help at Canfield Fair

CANFIELD — The Lake to River Chapter of the American Red Cross provides volunteer first aid services for the Canfield Fair. It treats on the average of 700 people during a given fair.

Anyone with current first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training is asked to volunteer by contacting the Red Cross at 330-392-2551.

There is a pre-fair meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 31 at the first aid station which is located by the track, just south of the grandstands.

The first aid station at the fair is staffed from 8 a.m. to midnight Sept. 2-7.

For more information contact Alan Scannell, event coordinator, at ARCFair@gmail.com.

Mercy Health physicians will conduct information session

YOUNGSTOWN — Mercy Health physicians Allen Amorn, M.D., and Lucas Henn, M.D. will discuss the newest techniques and technologies for treating valvular heart disease and atrial fibrillation, the most common type of irregular heartbeat, on Sept. 15 at Holiday Inn Boardman, 7410 South Ave.

Dr. Amorn is a cardiac electrophysiologist who specializes in treating cardiac arrhythmias. He implants pacemakers and defibrillators, manages cardiac resynchronization therapy and performs advanced catheter ablations. He will discuss state-of-the-art care and treatment of patients with atrial fibrillation.

Dr. Henn is a cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive and transcatheter technologies. He will discuss minimally invasive valve surgery - recent trends and future perspectives.

Doors open at 5 p.m., a dinner buffet begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6 p.m. Cost for the program including dinner is \$20. Registration is due by Sept. 7. For information and to learn about continuing education credits call 330-480-5378.

Area Singles announces upcoming meetings

SALEM — Area Singles group has announced meeting dates for September and October. All meetings are at 6 p.m.
 Sept. 2: Salem Hills Golf and Country Club
 Sept. 9: O'Charley's in Boardman
 Sept. 16: Paul's Antonios Italian Grille in Columbiana
 Sept. 23: Harry's Place in Darlington, Pa.,
 Sept. 30: Mason's Steakhouse & Lounge in Salem
 Oct. 7: TJ's Lounge Holiday Inn in Boardman
 Oct. 14: chef's Table in Lisbon
 Oct. 21: El Paso Mexican Grill in Columbiana
 Oct. 28: De Rienzo's Italian Foods in Salem

Gay, straight couples say 'I do' to Justice Kennedy's words

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emily Smith and Jillian Levine had already chosen a venue, booked a band and written the first draft of the ceremony for their wedding when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that gay couples nationwide have a right to marry. Within minutes of the June 26 ruling, Levine texted her fiancé a rainbow emoji and a question about their ceremony.

"Are there any good quotes from this Supreme Court ruling that we could change the reading to?" wrote Levine, 30. "Yup, already saved it," Smith, 29, typed back, sending a screen shot from Facebook with words that had made her cry.

It was the concluding paragraph of Justice Anthony Kennedy's 28-page majority opinion — now making its way into wedding ceremonies for both gay and straight couples.

"No union is more profound than marriage," Kennedy's opinion says, "for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were."

"It was just so perfect," Smith said in a telephone interview last month that followed a dress fitting for her now-wife.

Smith, who is studying to be a physician assistant, and Levine, who works in fundraising, married Saturday in Massachusetts. The couple, now known as the Smiths, is not alone when it comes to their affinity for Kennedy's words.

Wedding officiants from as far away as Australia said both gay and straight couples are asking them to incorporate excerpts from the ruling into their ceremonies, usually part or all of the same paragraph that touched Smith and Levine. Couples said they want both to acknowledge the historic decision and to use language they described as "beautiful," "eloquent" and "powerful."

Kennedy's opinion isn't the first to make it into a marriage ceremony. After a 2003 Massachusetts court decision made the state the first to legalize gay marriage, many couples used language from that opinion. Less frequently but still regularly, couples chose words from a 2010 ruling invalidating Proposition 8, a California ballot measure that had made same-sex marriages illegal.

But Kennedy's opinion, quoted in news articles and shared on Facebook, seems to have won an even wider audience, even as legal experts on both the left and right have called it short on legal reasoning and knocked it for sentimentality.

Lindsay Powell, 28, called Kennedy's prose "poetic without being cliché." She said it just "felt right" to include his words in her wedding to Robert Banuski, 28, on July 18 in Skaneateles, New York, because she'll always connect this summer with the ruling.

Jamie Dee Schiffer, a Virginia-based wedding officiant, said about two-dozen couples — about half of them gay — have asked her to include the words.

Bernadette Smith, a wedding planner and the founder of the New York-based Gay Wedding Institute, which trains those in the wedding industry on working with gay couples, predicted it would soon become "the most popular same-sex marriage ceremony reading." And celebrants from places including Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana and Pennsylvania acknowledged quickly adding Kennedy's words to packets of potential readings they give couples.

Suspect in 1996 Khobar Towers bombing arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man suspected in the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers residence at a U.S. military base in Saudi Arabia has been captured, a U.S. official said Wednesday.

Ahmed al-Mughassil, described by the FBI in 2001 as the head of the military wing of Saudi Hezbollah, is suspected of leading the attack that killed 19 U.S. service personnel and wounded almost 500 people. The June 25, 1996, bombing at Khobar Towers, a military housing complex, was the deadliest such attack targeting U.S. forces since the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marines' barracks in Beirut that killed 241 American servicemen.

Saudi paper Asharq Alawsat, which first reported the development, said he was arrested in Beirut and trans-

ferred to Riyadh.

The Saudi Interior Ministry had no immediate comment. The U.S. official spoke on condition of anonymity because this person was not authorized to publicly discuss the matter.

Al-Mughassil, also known as Abu Omran, is one of 13 people named in a 2001 indictment in Alexandria, Virginia, in connection with the bombing. Charges include murder of federal employees and bombing resulting in death. None of the 13 has yet been brought to court to face charges, according to court documents.

The lead prosecutor listed in court records from 2001 is James Comey, now the FBI director.

In the Khobar attack, militants parked a fuel trailer truck just outside the shallow perimeter of the apartment complex, 85 feet away from one of the eight-story buildings. The blast demolished one side of the building, leaving a massive crater.

The U.S. later moved its Air Force contingent to the Prince Sultan Air Base, a vast compound in a remote stretch of desert south of the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

The Saudi Hezbollah extremist group was founded by members of the desert kingdom's Shiite minority who fled into exile in the 1980s to escape what they said was persecution by the kingdom's Sunni majority.

Not guilty pleas for mom accused of killing 3 sons

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio (AP) — A lawyer has entered not guilty pleas for a woman facing murder charges in the suffocation deaths of her three sons over a 13-month period.

Authorities say Brittany Pilkington confessed to killing her 3-month-old son last week, a 4-year-old brother in April and a baby brother last July.

The Logan County Prosecutor says the 23-year-old Pilkington was jealous at the attention her husband paid the boys over her and their young daughter. Pilkington's attorney entered the not guilty pleas at a hearing Wednesday. If convicted, she could get the death penalty.

Pilkington was jailed in Bellefontaine in western Ohio on \$1 million bond.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Eric Stewart says she is on suicide watch.

Services were held Wednesday for Noah Pilkington, found dead at his parents' apartment Aug. 18.

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THU/27
BELOIT
West Branch Local school board, 7:30 p.m., high school media center.

COLUMBIANA
Oasis Food Ministry's "Oasis Car Cruise," 3-7 p.m., First Christian Church, 39 Cherry St.

Fairfield Ruritan Club, monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Heck's Restaurant.

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

HANOVERTON
David Anderson High School Class of 1955, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Iron Rails Cafe in Leetonia.

Leetonia Community Public Library, exercise, 11:30 a.m.; LEGOs, 4:30 p.m.; Classics Book Discussion, "The Aleph and Other Stories" by Jorge Luis Borges, 6 p.m.; World War II Study Group, 6-7 p.m.

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

LISBON
Community Chorus rehearsal, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

Columbiana County Archives and Research Center, quarterly board meeting, 7 p.m., 129 S. Market St.

Sandy and Beaver Canal Association, business meeting, 6 p.m., Lepper Library.

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

Salem High School Class of 1959, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

Salem High School Class of 1954, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

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

Salem High School Class of 1962, lunch, 12:30 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Fourth Thursday Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building, 785 E. State St.; fried chicken, macaroni salad, watermelon, biscuits, fresh vegetables and fruit, ice cream sundaes.

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

Columbiana County Democrats, meeting, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Building 785 E. State St.; guest speakers, Tad Herold and Kathy Chaffee; 330-831-2169.

Saxon Retirees, reservations due for Sept. 2 lunch and meeting; 330-533-5154.

FRI/28
COLUMBIANA
Log House Museum, open 2-4 p.m.

EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine High School Class of 1958, lunch, noon, B.B. Rooners in Salem.

LISBON
David Anderson High School Class of 1963 and all other classes, bonfire, 7:30 p.m., at 123 N. Cross St., Columbiana.

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

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

SAT/29
ALLIANCE
Bingo, Disabled American Veterans #50, 9540 McCallum Ave NE. Doors open at 5 p.m.; early bird games start at 6:25 p.m.; kitchen offers sandwiches, salads, desserts, etc.

Benefit tractor pull for the Dave Haley family, 5 p.m., Mile Branch Grange, 495 Knox School Road; 330-310-5413.

COLUMBIANA
Log House Museum, open 2-4 p.m.

EAST LIVERPOOL
Farmer's Market at Thompson Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sponsored by city health district.

HANOVERTON
Last Summer Ghost Walk in Hanoverton, 8:15 p.m., back of the Spread Eagle Tavern; \$8 for adults, free for 10 and under; reservations, 330-223-1583.

LISBON
Concert, 6-8 p.m., Lisbon Gazebo. Music provided by the Lisbon Community Chorus and Tribute Band; free admission.

NORTH LIMA
All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet, 7-10 a.m., North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive; eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, potatoes, homemade rolls, sausage gravy and biscuits, peppers and mushrooms, coffee, orange juice, etc. Donations accepted; 330-549-2333.

Frisky Ferrets, Fuzzies and Feathered Friends Rescue and Sanctuary, rabbit adoption open house, noon-4 p.m., 11836 South Ave., Building E, basement.

SALEM
Salem's New Farmers Market, located behind Courtyard Square, open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Salem Eagles Ladies Auxiliary's yard sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1884 N. Ellsworth Ave.

Create works of art in Burchfield's Backyard, 1-5 p.m., Burchfield Homestead Museum, 867

E. Fourth St.; bring media and materials choices and door or window screen as canvas; \$10.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892, kitchen open, 5-8 p.m., shredded Italian beef sandwiches with fries and cole slaw, \$5.75; veterans \$5.25. Tongue and Groove will play from 8-11 p.m.; no cover.

Lighthouse Coffee House, 139 S. Broadway Ave., opens at 6 p.m., free concert at 8 p.m., provided by All In; refreshments available for purchase.

Salem Historical Society, ghost trolley tours, 6, 8, 10 p.m.; reservations at 330-205-3923.

Dance, 8-11 p.m., Salem Eagles Club; music by Four Lane Highway.

SUN/30
LISBON
David Anderson High School Class of 1963, and any other classes, annual picnic, 2 p.m., The Barn in Salem; bring coverdishes; 330-550-3652.

NEGLEY
Car, truck and motorcycle show, 2-6 p.m., Negley Masonic Lodge; to register call 330-501-6993 or 330-301-1025.

SALEM
Salem Historical Society Museum tours and Garden Gift Shop open 1-4 p.m., last tour begins at 3:30 p.m. Underground Railroad trolley tour, 1:15 p.m., reservations at 330-337-6733 or trolley239@aol.com.

Create works of art in Burchfield's Backyard, 1-5 p.m., Burchfield Homestead Museum, 867 E. Fourth St.; bring media and materials choices and door or window screen as your canvas; \$10.

AMVETS Post 45 monthly meeting, noon; board of trustees, 10:30 a.m.; executive committee, 11 a.m.

MON/31
COLUMBIANA
Joshua Dixon Elementary, first day of school for kindergarten and preschool.

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

Fairfield/Waterford Class of 1959, coverdishes dinner at the home of Jane Kress, 9688 state Route 164, Lisbon, 5:30 p.m.

LISBON
"Sunny Brook Farm," a silent video with Mary Pickford, 2:30 p.m., conference room, Lepper Library; sign-up at the checkout counter or call 330-424-3117.

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

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

David Anderson High School Class of 1963, breakfast, 9 a.m., Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

Columbiana County Park District Board, meeting, 3:30 p.m., County Development Department, 130 Maple St.

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

Help Me Grow Playgroup, St. Paul Parish Office, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 330-424-0288.

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

TUE/1
COLUMBIANA
Columbiana Exempted Village Schools, Board of Education, meeting, 6 p.m., high school media center.

EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine City School District Board of Education, meeting, 6 p.m., elementary media center.

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

Leetonia High School Class of 1964, lunch, 12:30 p.m., Iron Rails Cafe.

LISBON
Help Me Grow Playgroup, 10-11:30 a.m., Robert Bycroft School; 330-424-0288.

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

SALEM
Calvary Pentecostal Church, fundraiser, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Bob Evans at 2299 E. State St., Salem, and 25501 W. State St., Alliance; flyers available at the restaurants or use your smart phone to display the flyer at check-out.

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

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

Bingo, St. Paul School; kitchen opens and card sales start 5 p.m.; early bird games begin at 6:50 p.m.

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

United Quilt Guild meeting, 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St. UnFinished Objects session, 10 a.m.

Reservation deadline for the Salem High School Class of 1959's picnic at 4 p.m. Sept. 12 at the home of Raymond Bricker, 12827 Goshen Road; contact Henry Lieder at hlieder@aol.com or 330-633-0351.

WED/2
COLUMBIANA
Retired plant employees of AT&T/Ohio Bell, breakfast, 8 a.m., Das Dutch Haus.

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

LEETONIA
Leetonia High School Class of 1949, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club in Salem.

Free community meal, 6 p.m., Leetonia Mennonite Church.

LISBON
Baked potato luncheon and bake sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., St. George Catholic Church Hall, 271 W. Chestnut St.; carryouts, 330-424-7500.

SALEM
Living with Loss grief series, 3-4:30 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education Building, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; pre-registration, 330-549-5901 or 330-788-1992.

Wednesday Night Bingo at the Saxon Club, 1980 Newgarden Road; doors open at 4:30 p.m.; kitchen opens at 5 p.m.; early bird games start at 6:30 p.m.

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

"The Five Essential Friendships that Enrich Our Lives" workshop, 6:30 p.m., Quaker meeting room, Salem Public Library; registration required at salem.lib.oh.us or 330-332-0042.

Saxon Retirees meeting, snacks at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m.; meeting to follow.

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

THU/3
COLUMBIANA
Fairfield-Waterford High School Class of 1960, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Three Eight Delta Grille, 11718 Salem-Warren Road, Salem.

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

ELKTON
Elkrun Township trustees, meeting, 7 p.m., township garage administration building, 41725 state Route 154.

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

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

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

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

Salem Area Amateur Radio Association, monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Circle of Care, 1985 E. Pershing St.

FRI/4
SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

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

SAT/5
HANOVERTON
United High School Class of 1967, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Avalon Restaurant; 330-222-1739.

SALEM
All-you-can eat breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Salem Hunting Club on U.S. Route 62; \$5 per person.

Salem High School Class of 1949, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1963, lunch, 11:30 a.m., BB Rooners.

Lighthouse Coffee House, 139 S. Broadway Ave., opens at 6 p.m., free concert at 8 p.m., provided by Nathan Whitelock; refreshments available for purchase.

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

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

TUE/8
EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine Band Parents, meeting, 7:30 p.m., band room at the high school.

LEETONIA
Kiwanis Club, organizational meeting, 5:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library; 440-243-7197.

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

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

Salem High School Class of 1963, lunch, 11:30 a.m., BB Rooners.

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

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

Bingo, St. Paul School; kitchen opens and card sales start 5 p.m.; early bird games begin at 6:50 p.m.

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

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

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

Wednesday Night Bingo at the Saxon Club, 1980 Newgarden Road; doors open at 4:30 p.m.; kitchen opens at 5 p.m.; early bird games start at 6:30 p.m.

Living with Loss grief series, 3-4:30 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education Building, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; pre-registration, 330-549-5901 or 330-788-1992.

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

Wellness Wednesday program, forms of complementary practices and therapies, 6:30 p.m., Salem Public Library's Quaker Room, presented by Dr. Haidy Kamel. Registration at salem.lib.oh.us or 330-332-0042.

Eyes of Freedom Display that will be at the Columbiana Street Fair will travel through Salem on East State Street with a motorcycle escort, between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m.

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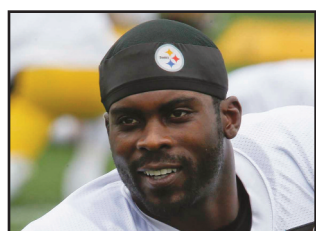
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Salem returning lettermen

Returning lettermen for the Salem football team are (front, from left) D.J. Pullie, Cooper Bezeredi, Levi Maenz, Jake Maenz, Eli Rothwell, Matt Weingart, Jerod Carner; (second row, from left) Ethan Bailey, Kade Byland, Dylan Spencer, Andrew Irwin, Anthony Wynyard, Ross Armeni; (third row, from left) Josh Campbell, Tony Maniscalco, Tyler McCoy, Lex Murray, Davonne Bailey, Kobe Leininger, Zach Cusick; (fourth row, from left) Drew Wilson, James Monigold, Willie Wilson, Keaton Turney, Nick Blackburn, Chase Conzett; (back, from left) Jake Humeniuk and Braydon Gibson. (Salem News/Wayne Maris)

► **TENNIS**

Quakers top Dukes

SALEM—The Salem girls tennis team slipped by Marlinton 3-2 Wednesday at Centennial Park. Salem improves to 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the Northeastern Buckeye Conference. Marlinton drops to 3-5, 1-1. The Quakers are back in action Tuesday when they host Louisville.

FIRST SINGLES: Ashtyn Morris (S) def. Lettie Mitchell, 6-1,6-0.
SECOND SINGLES: Rebecca Linam (S) def. Krista Mattern, 6-2,6-1.
THIRD SINGLES: Rebekah Locke (M) def. Alexis Lawton, 6-1,6-0.
FIRST DOUBLES: Lauren Sanor-Mandy Anstine (M) def. Cheyanna Porter/Kierstan Quinn, 6-2, 7-5.
SECOND DOUBLES: Emma Stiffler-Anna Ostapiak (S) def. Bethany Carr/Caitlinn Franks, 6-1,6-2.

United 3, Canton McKinley 2

CANTON—The United girls tennis team won both doubles matches to get by Canton McKinley 3-2 Wednesday. The Eagles improve to See **QUAKERS, 6B**

► **GOLF**



Salem's Aaron Robbins hits a shot during the Quakers match against West Branch Wednesday at Salem Golf Club. (Salem News/Gary Leininger)

West Branch bests Salem

SALEM — West Branch's boys golf team beat Salem 175-192 on Wednesday at the Salem Golf Club. Bobby Parsons and Blake Glista led the Warriors with low rounds of 41.

Minerva 207, Salem 220

SALEM — Minerva's girls golf team came up with a 207-220 win over Salem on Wednesday at the Salem Golf Club.

For Minerva, Logan Pottorf tallied a 43, Abby Hall 49, Rhymed Trussel 57 and Sydney Hertel 58.

For Salem, Courtney Halter had a 46, Marly Zeigler 51, Megan Hoover 54 and Camryn Riley 69.

South Range 158, Crestview 176

COLUMBIANA — South Range secured a 158-176 win over Crestview on Wednesday at Copeland Hills in an Inter-Tri County League Red Division encounter.

For South Range (11-1), Tom Roux had a 38, John Popa 38, Ryan Turnbull 39 and Trent Harrold 43.

For Crestview (9-6), Craig Landsberger had 38, Taylor Coblenz 44, Ryan Kost 47, Brittany Coblenz 47 and Andy Gorby 47.



West Branch's Noah Wasosky watches his putt during Wednesday's match against Salem. (Salem News/Gary Leininger)

► **SOCCER**

Rebels clamp down on Bulldogs

EAST PALESTINE—The Crestview boys soccer team blanked East Palestine 3-0 Wednesday. Matt Nery, Matt Seabolt and Josh Bachelor each found the back of the net for the Rebels (1-0-1). Mitchell Lindsey dished out two assists, while Clayton Elliot had one. Scott Murray had five saves in goal. Crestview hosts Lordstown today.

Crestview 2, Springfield 0

COLUMBIANA — Crestview's girls soccer team blanked Springfield 2-0 in its season opener on Wednesday. Junior Kassie Seabolt collected one goal and one assist. Sophomore Jillian Beard sunk the other goal. Sophomore Donna Finch had 13 saves in goal. Crestview is at Salem today.

Akron SVSM 5, West Branch 2

BELOIT — West Branch's girls soccer team came up on the end of a 5-2 losing scoreline against Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary on Wednesday. Haley Davis had a goal for the Warriors (0-2) on an assist by Bailey Polinori. Gillian Koneval had the other goal and was also assisted by Polinori. The Warrior jayvees were 3-0 winners. Elisabeth Ostadali had two goals for the Warriors.

See **REBELS, 2B**



Crestview's Dustie Wickline (5) and East Palestine's Carter Wisser converge on the ball during Wednesday's match at East Palestine. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

► **VOLLEYBALL**

Lisbon shakes off slow start

LISBON — Lisbon's volleyball team rallied for a 23-25, 25-22, 25-18, 25-15 win over East Palestine on Wednesday. For Lisbon, Kimmi Wiggers had 18 kills, 16 digs and 10 points. Karlee Pez-zano added 42 assists, 14 digs and three kills. Taylor Siefke had 14 kills, seven blocks, three aces and six digs. For East Palestine, Brysten Trosky had 16 kills and six blocks. Jessica Leake had 15 kills. Jenn Rhodes had 37 digs and nine points. Alex Moore tallied 11 points. Lisbon won the jayvee portion 25-12, 25-10. For Lisbon, Hailee Carpenter had three digs and two kills. Hannah DeLand

had seven aces and three digs. Lisbon hosts Ursulien Monday. East Palestine is at the Springfield quad on Saturday.

Salem freshman

SALEM—The Salem freshman volleyball team defeated Columbiana 25-10, 25-10 Wednesday in a season-opener. Mackenzie Jeric had 11 aces and three kills for the Quakers. Abie Cochran chipped in five aces, two kills and a block. The Quakers are back in action Wednesday, September 9 at Beaver Local.

2015 H.S. FOOTBALL HOT SEAT

Things get hot really quick for this season's Hot Seat panel gets ready for an opening week with games on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Chris Rambo returns to defend his title from last season. Ron Firth and Michael Burich are also back for more. Joe Catullo is the newcomer on this year's panel.



Ron Firth
Season: 0-0
Last week: 0-0



Michael Burich
Season: 0-0
Last week: 0-0



Joe Catullo
Season: 0-0
Last week: 0-0



Chris Rambo
Season: 0-0
Last week: 0-0

Western Reserve at Columbiana	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve
Wellsville vs. Toronto	Toronto	Toronto	Wellsville	Toronto
Beaver Local at Crestview	Crestview	Beaver Local	Crestview	Crestview
Edison at East Liverpool	East Liverpool	East Liverpool	Edison	East Liverpool
East Palestine at McDonald	McDonald	McDonald	McDonald	McDonald
Fairport Harding at Leetonia	Leetonia	Harding	Leetonia	Leetonia
Mineral Ridge at Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
Paden City at Southern	Southern	Southern	Southern	Southern
Springfield at Brookfield	Brookfield	Brookfield	Brookfield	Brookfield
Malvern at United	Malvern	Malvern	Malvern	Malvern
West Branch at Crestwood	Crestwood	West Branch	West Branch	Crestwood
Minerva at Field	Field	Minerva	Minerva	Field
Sebring at Windham	Windham	Windham	Windham	Windham
Tusky Central vs. Lisbon	Lisbon	Lisbon	Lisbon	Lisbon
South Range at Warren JFK	JFK	South Range	South Range	South Range

REBELS

FROM 1B

West Branch is at Minerva next Wednesday.

South Range 13, United 0

HANOVERTON — South Range's boys soccer team registered a 13-0 win over United on Wednesday in ITCL action. Brandon Youngs scored four goals for the Raiders, while Cole Frank and Lucas Beabout had three goals each. Landon Morucci, Patrick Kennedy and Scott Erb each scored a goal as well. Mark Vennetti had 2 assists, and Cole Frank and Jason Cudler each had an assist. South Range Keeper Luke Schaefer had a save, and Raiders Keeper Brant Rothbauer had 8 saves on the night for the shutout.

United 4, South Range 1

HANOVERTON—The United girls soccer team took down South Range in an Inter-Tri County League Red Tier matchup Wednesday. Lauren Beech led the Eagles with three goals. Meghan Amos recorded the other goal for United, while Emily Ellyson totaled three assists. Michaela Sturgeon had eight saves in goal for the Eagles. United is at Minerva Saturday.

Poland 11, Salem 1

SALEM — Poland's boys soccer team roughed up Salem 11-1 on Tuesday at Reilly Stadium. Salem is at Newton Falls today.

Leetonia jayvees

LEETONIA—Beaver Local blanked Leetonia 5-0 in girls jayvee soccer action Wednesday. The Beavers were led by Riona Hissom with two goals. Morgan Simmons, Madison Ours and Leah Panckae each had one goal. Pancake and Courtney Elliot each notched assists.

Bowling League seeks members

SALEM—The Thursday Night Ladies Bowling League at Hunt Club lanes is looking for new members. The league begins its season at 6:30 p.m. on September 10. For more information call (614) 599-1935.

FOOTBALL

Rebels ready for season-opening test

COLUMBIANA—After four consecutive seasons of blowout losses, Beaver Local came painfully close to knocking off Crestview in last seasons opener, falling 14-7 after the Rebels mounted a goal line stand in the final minute.



CHRIS RAMBO

With 14 returning starters back from a team that finished the season 6-4, the Beavers hope this can be their year to topple the Rebels. "We played very well in last year's game especially on defense," Beaver Local coach Jeremy McElroy said. "The way last year's game ended provides us with a lot of motivation for this year."

On offense, the Beavers revolve around tough, versatile senior running back Robbie Johnston, who ran for 1,540 yards and 22 touchdowns last season. In an effort to keep his star player fresh as well as try out some younger players, McElroy played Johnston sparingly in the

Beavers' scrimmages against Poland and South Range.

"We got him in on some passing plays, but he didn't do too much running," McElroy said. "We know what we're going to get out of Robbie and we wanted to try and work some young players in to develop some depth."

Johnston gained 78 yards on 25 carries in last season's game. He also caught a 64 yard pass with one minute to go, but was hauled down from behind at the Crestview 3. Crestview coach Paul Cusick thinks he will be among the best backs his team faces this season.

"He (Johnston) can do so much," Cusick said. "He's not the biggest kid, but he's very hard-nosed. He can grind out tough yards and break a big one at any time. He's very good in the passing game."

Crestview returns two good backs in Zack Hicks and Tyler Stratton from last season's 7-5 team. For the second straight season, the Rebels will be breaking in a new quarterback, as Spencer DeSalvo assumes the reins after playing wideout and defensive back the last couple of years.

"Getting Spencer accli-

mated to the quarterback position as been our main project during practice," Cusick said. "He's bounced around the last couple of seasons. He needs to get acclimated to the speed of the game at the quarterback and be able to make quick decisions. We have an experienced backfield which should help."

The Beavers are blessed with a skilled, experienced group at linebacker, where seniors Jason Keyes (the team's leading tackler) Justin Flowers and Devon Zellers all return.

The key to the game, as McElroy sees it, will be the ability of that group to replicate its performance from last season's game, when the Beavers bottled up a potent Crestview offense.

"If we can play like that again, we have a great shot," McElroy said. "Those guys all have two or three years of experience under their belt and have become very good players."

"You know their defense is going to make some big plays," Cusick said. "Their linebackers all move around well. The key for us will be to stay patient on offense."

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West Branch's Wesley Snyder puts everything he has into a shot Wednesday at Salem Golf Club. (Salem News/Gary Leininger)

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AL standings

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes American League East Division, Central Division, West Division.

Tuesday's Games

Houston 15, N.Y. Yankees 1
L.A. Angels 8, Detroit 7
Cleveland 11, Milwaukee 6

Wednesday's Games

Houston 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Seattle 8, Oakland 2
Detroit 5, L.A. Angels 0

Thursday's Games

L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 5-9) at Detroit (Wolf 0-1), 1:08 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 11-7) at Texas (Gallardo 10-9), 2:05 p.m.

Indians-Brewers

Scoreboard for Milwaukee vs Cleveland. Columns: Team, ab, r, h, bi. Rows include Gennett 2b, Lucroy c, Braun dh, Lind lb, KDavis lf, DoSrtin rf, EHerrr 3b, Segura ss, LSchif cf, Totals, and individual pitcher stats.

Little League WS

2015 Little League World Series At South Williamsport, Pa. UNITED STATES. Table with columns: Team, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO. Includes games from Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

NL standings

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes National League East Division, Central Division, West Division.

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 5
Washington 8, San Diego 3
Colorado 5, Atlanta 1

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 4
San Diego 6, Washington 5
Colorado 6, Atlanta 3

Thursday's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 13-3) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-9), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Haren 8-8) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 15-6), 3:45 p.m.

Pirates-Marlins

Scoreboard for Pittsburgh vs Miami. Columns: Team, ab, r, h, bi. Rows include JHrrsn rf, SMarte lf, McCtch cf, ArRmr 3b, Kang ss, Morse 1b, SRdrgz lf, NWalkr 2b, Stewart c, Locke p, PALvrs ph, Blantn p, Totals, Pittsburgh 160, 000, 000-7, Miami 110, 000, 000-2.

Reds-Dodgers

Scoreboard for Los Angeles vs Cincinnati. Columns: Team, ab, r, h, bi. Rows include JRolls ss, Puig rf, AGinz 1b, JuTmr 3b, VnSlyk lf, JJJhnsn p, Howell p, Nicasio p, Crwrd lf, Utley 2b, Ellis c, KHrdz cf, BAndrs p, Ethier lf, Avilan p, Jansen p, Totals, Los Angeles 010, 500, 001-7, Cincinnati 000, 000, 310-4.

Transactions

Wednesday's Sports Transactions
BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Activated RHP Rick Porcello from the 15-day DL.

Football

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed QB Rex Grossman. Waived/injured RB Evan Royster.
DENVER BRONCOS — Released PK Connor Barth.

National Hockey League

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DE Osi Umenyiora to a one-day contract and announced the retirement of Umenyiora.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed S Taylor Mays.
SEATTLE SEAHELLS — Released QB Jake Waters. Signed WR Deontay Greenberry.

Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY — Announced the retirement of D Todd Dunivant, effective after the season.
COLLEGE
CONFERENCE CAROLINAS — Named Sarah Rountree assistant commissioner for compliance & senior woman administrator.

NFL preseason

National Football League Thursday's Games. Table with columns: Team, Date, Location. Includes Washington 21, Detroit 17; Buffalo 11, Cleveland 10; N.Y. Jets 30, Atlanta 22; Kansas City 14, Seattle 13; Philadelphia 40, Baltimore 17; Carolina 31, Miami 30; New England 26, New Orleans 24; Chicago 23, Indianapolis 11; N.Y. Giants 22, Jacksonville 12; Minnesota 20, Oakland 12; Denver 14, Houston 10; San Diego 22, Arizona 19; Pittsburgh 24, Green Bay 19; San Francisco 23, Dallas 6; Tennessee 27, St. Louis 14; Tampa Bay 25, Cincinnati 11.

Auto racing today

VERIZON INDYCAR GRAND PRIX OF SONOMA
Site: Sonoma, California.
Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 1:30-2:30 p.m.), qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 6:30-8 p.m.); Sunday, practice, race, 5 p.m. (NBC Sports Network, 4-8 p.m.).
Track: Sonoma Raceway (road course, 2.385 miles).

NASCAR XFINITY

ROAD AMERICA 180
Site: Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.
Schedule: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 2:30-4 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 12:15-1:30 p.m.), race, 3 p.m. (NBC Sports Network, 2:30-6 p.m.).
Track: Road America (road course, 4.048 miles).

Camping World Truck

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 250
Site: Bowmarville, Ontario.
Schedule: Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 11:30-1 p.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 2, 5:30-7 p.m.); Sunday, race, 1:30 p.m. (Fox Sports 1, 1-4 p.m.).
Track: Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (road course, 2.459 miles).

MOTORSPORTS

INDYCAR — Fined driver Tristan Vautier \$10,000 and deducted three points in the drivers point standings for violating Rule 9.3.3 (avoidable contact) during the Aug. 23 ABC Supply 500. Fined driver Juan Pablo Montoya \$3,000 for a pit safety violation. Fined driver Jack Hawksworth \$2,500 for a hazardous condition and causing a yellow flag.

WNBA standings

WNBA Standings Eastern Conference and Western Conference. Columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes New York 18, 8, .692; Indiana 17, 10, .630; Chicago 17, 11, .607; Washington 15, 11, .577; Connecticut 12, 15, .444; Atlanta 11, 16, .407.

AROUND THE HORN



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SALEM—Presale tickets for Salem's football season-opener against Mineral Ridge can now be picked up in the High School Athletic Department, Quaker Village and Kendrick's Corner. Tickets are now available in the High School Athletic Dept., Quaker Village, and at Kendrick's Corner.

Quaker passes available

SALEM—Senior Citizen passes for the Salem fall sports season are available in the athletic department. Passes may be picked up by those who are 55 and older and live within the school district.

Kipnis powers Tribe

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jason Kipnis homered and drove in three runs, and the Cleveland Indians used six pitchers in a 6-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night. Kipnis, who leads the American League with a .325 batting average, gave Cleveland the lead with a two-run double with the bases loaded in the second inning.

Cavs loan out the Q

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland State has partnered with Quicken Loans Arena and will have its basketball teams play some home games on the Cavaliers' court next season. The university's men's team will play five games next season at the Q against schools with large alumni bases in the area.

ON THE RADIO

7 p.m. (WKBN 570 AM) High school football: Western Reserve at Columbiana.

TV SCHEDULE

4 p.m. (ESPN) Little League World Series, International semifinal, Williamsport, Pa.
7 p.m. (ROOT) Baseball: Pirates at Marlins.
7:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Canadian Football League: Montreal at Hamilton

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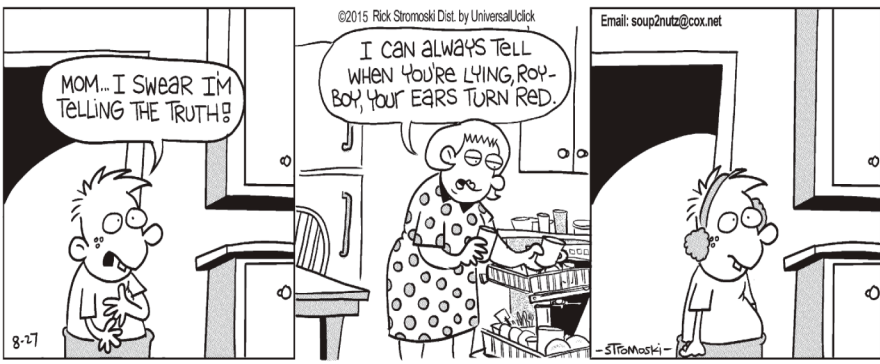
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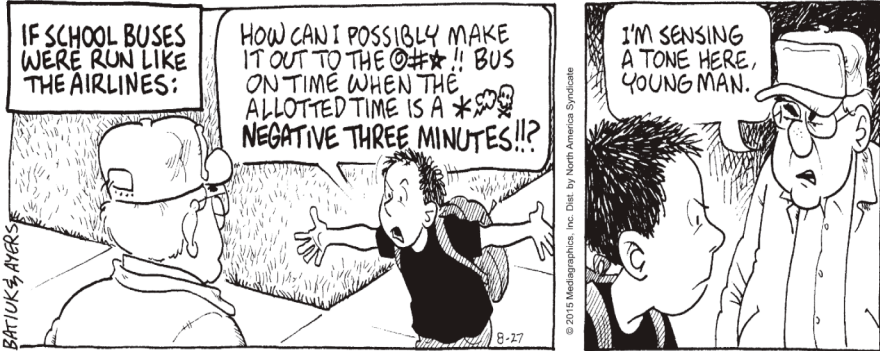
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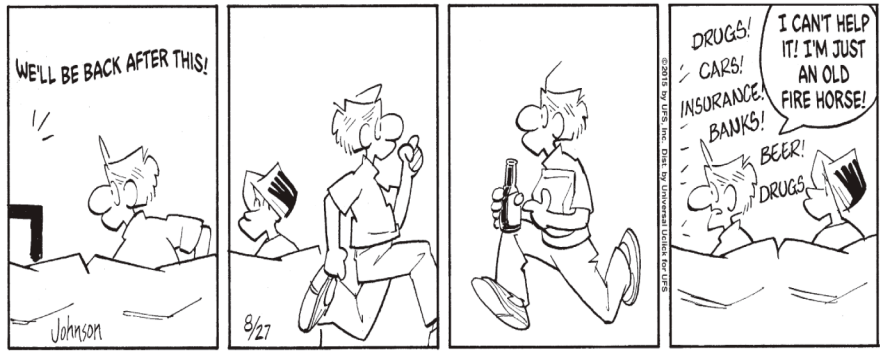
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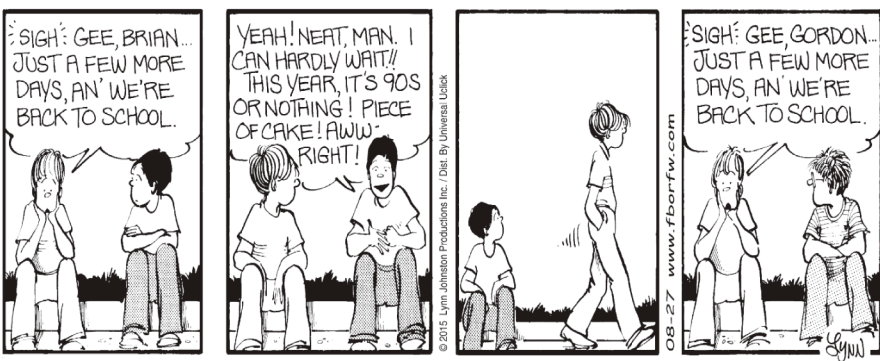
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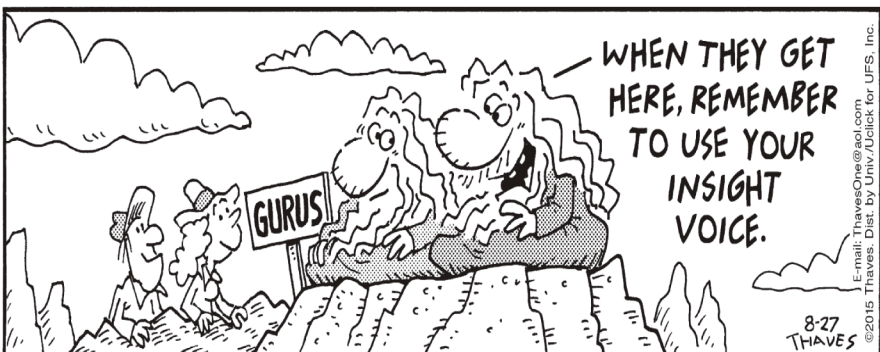
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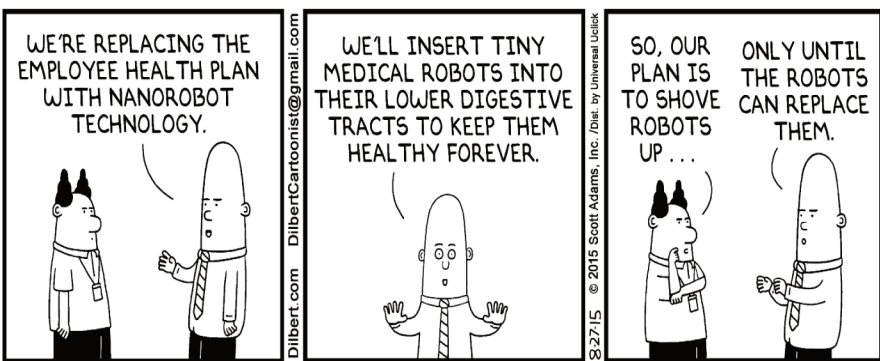
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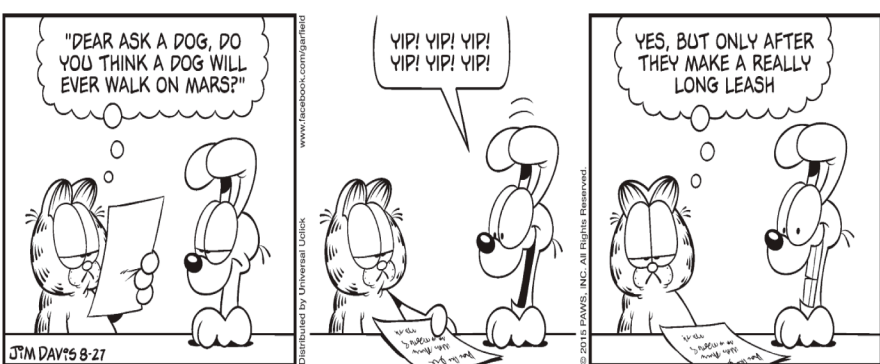
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