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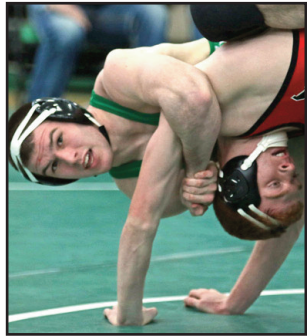
TODAY'S FORECAST



High 35/ Low 25

A winter weather advisory is in effect through 7 a.m. Monday. The National Weather Service is forecasting 4 to 6 inches of snow in our area through 7 a.m. Monday. Periods of most intense snow will occur shortly after sunrise into early afternoon with another increase of snow rates possible this evening. A snow parking ban will be enforced in Salem from 9 a.m. today through 9 a.m. Monday.

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Utilities Dept. hoping for a spring break

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

With six water main breaks this month and four last month, members of the city Utilities Department are looking forward to warmer weather. "We are all ready for spring," Utilities Superintendent Don Weingart quipped.

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That said, he also noted that even with the record cold temperatures this year, "our water breaks have not been as bad as other months." According to a report detailing the number of water main breaks each month dating back to 1990, the num-

ber of breaks so far this year pales in comparison to previous winters. The worst month on record in the past 26 years was February 2007 when the city handled 20 water main breaks. That year also holds the record in that time period for the most water main breaks in a year with 54.

January appears to be the month that averages the most breaks overall, falling into double figures more than any other month. Those double figure years included 1992, 1999 and 2009 with 10 each, 1994 and 1997 with 11 each, 2003 with 16, 2007 with 13 and 2014 with 12.

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Showing their patriotism at Pinewood Derby

A total of 144 Cub Scouts in the Sandy Beaver District competed in the 2015 Pinewood Derby Saturday at Crestview Middle School. Over 40 volunteers worked the day-long event coordinated by George and Maggie MacGillivray which is now in its 11th year. Thirty-nine Tiger cubs begin their race event by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. More photos on page 4A. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)

COLUMBIANA COUNTY

Friday was a good day for Port Authority

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — Friday was a good day for the Columbiana County Port Authority. First, the Port Authority learned it had received approval to borrow \$500,000 from the state to move forward with plans to provide high-speed wireless Internet service, starting in the southern part of the county.

Then Cimbar Performance Minerals, one of the tenants at the Port Authority's industrial park in Wellsville, reported it is in the process of completing a \$2 million upgrade of the company's mineral processing operations.

The \$500,000 state loan will be used to purchase transmitters, receivers and related equipment to begin the process of bringing wireless Internet service to

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WB teachers stress the meaning of teamwork

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

BELOIT — West Branch Middle School science teachers spoke to the school board Thursday about the teacher based teams (TBT) being implemented across the district this year.

Although teachers have been using the teams to collaborate and streamline curriculum in the past, this is the first year they are required to do so by the state, according to teachers at the meeting.

"We sit together and plan lessons, look at each other and say, 'what did we do wrong' or 'what did we do right.'"

— WBMS science teacher Denise Ginocchi

Denise Ginocchi and Krista Schindel told the board that the TBTs help teachers better meet the needs of the students, particularly the non-proficient ones.

"We sit together and plan lessons, look at each other and say, 'what did we do wrong' or 'what did we do right,'" Ginocchi explained. "It forces

us to look at data and keep those students who aren't proficient in mind (while planning instruction)."

The TBTs group teachers within grade levels by subject area. So math teachers meet with each other, science teachers meet with each other and so on. Through the TBTs, teachers collect, analyze and use data to

guide instruction, Ginocchi said.

Students are designated proficient, near proficient and below proficient and instruction is differentiated to meet the needs of each group, she said. IEP students are tracked separately from the general students.

Ginocchi said the teachers first design a pre-assessment to evaluate students before introducing a topic, then analyze the results to determine strengths, weaknesses, common errors and urgent needs.

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Investigator of area child abuse cases retires

By DEANNE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

LISBON — Bettina Dilworth, the woman responsible for investigating many of the most horrendous crimes against women and children in Columbiana County over the past three decades, retired last week from the prosecutor's office.

Dilworth spent nine years investigating child abuse cases for Children Services before taking a position with the prosecutor's office for the next 21 years. She interviewed and listened to the stories of rape victims and abused children, giving them a voice and a chance to see justice done.

Dilworth said when she started, she

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had no idea it was what she would do. She merely interviewed for a job with Children Services and grew into the job.

"I've been lucky to do a job I loved," said Dilworth, who still teaches at the Youngstown State University police academy and said she reminds her students you have to do something you love to do. She also tells them "You have to look at the humanity of this. You can't do it with anger. You have too remember they're all humans."

Assistant County Prosecutor Timo-

thy McNicol prosecutes many of the cases Dilworth investigates.

"Tina was a difference maker in the lives of many crime victims in Columbiana County, especially child victims," McNicol said. "Her passion for her work will be missed. She was instrumental in investigations of sexual assaults and violent crimes against children. Her work led to many offenders being convicted and many victims having hope."

County Prosecutor Robert Herron called Dilworth "a tremendous asset" to both his office and to the police agencies across the county, which have often called on Dilworth and her experience to assist on cases involv-

ing crimes against children and women, the types of cases most departments do not have to investigate every day.

Herron said he suggested back when David Tobin was still prosecutor, there needed to be someone in that office, who knew how to investigate those types of cases — the ones with a different type of victim. Herron said Dilworth started early in the process when they decided to have a person designated to handle those types of cases.

Through the years, Herron said, Dilworth has improved the county's

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Route 30 realignment supporters seeking help from Stark County

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — The local committee pushing for the U.S. Route 30 realignment project is looking for some help from a Stark County agency.

Officials from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission attended this week's Columbiana County Transportation Improvement District board for a presentation of an interactive electronic map it developed that is full of data useful for economic development.

The comprehensive map contains a wealth of data about Stark County, from basic information about colleges, medical facilities, government agencies, hotels and infrastructure, to businesses with more than 100 employees, the number of residents who commute to the county for work and vice versa, and the amount of freight

being transported to and from local businesses and to where in the United States.

Board members said this is the type of information they need to convince state officials of the need to provide enough funding for the Route 30 project to become a reality.

"I can see where this would be a good tool to convince people Route 30 is needed," said county Engineer Bert Dawson, who serves on the board.

It turns out county Development Director Tad Herold has already begun working on a similar electronic map for use in attracting businesses. To do this, Herold brought on two geography students from Youngstown State University — Rob Ritchey and Nathaniel Simmons — as interns. Ritchey was recently hired part-time after his internship with the development department expired, and he is

being paid with administrative money from state grants obtained by the county.

Herold said with the help of Stark County's planning officials, they could also have a similar comprehensive map that would allow interested businesses to zero in on a specific property within the county and immediately access data needed to determine if it meets the company's needs for future development.

"The end game is we would like to develop for the county Development Department website ... a map that shows if a property is available for development in the county and all of the other pertinent information central to that," he said, information such as what utilities are available, whether the property is zoned and if tax incentives are available.

The Stark County officials said much of their data came from public

sources, including the Census Bureau, and it was just a matter of converting it into the map.

"It wouldn't take much use of their (interns) talents to do what they've done in Stark County," Herold said, adding the maps would also be helpful in seeking future state and federal grants.

"There are all sorts of things we could use the map for in our office," he said. "The great thing is you can start to do some meaningful analysis in the county" with the data that could be easily accessible through the map.

The Stark County officials indicated they would be glad to help the county when possible with its map since the map could be used to help with the Route 30 project, which is something they also support.

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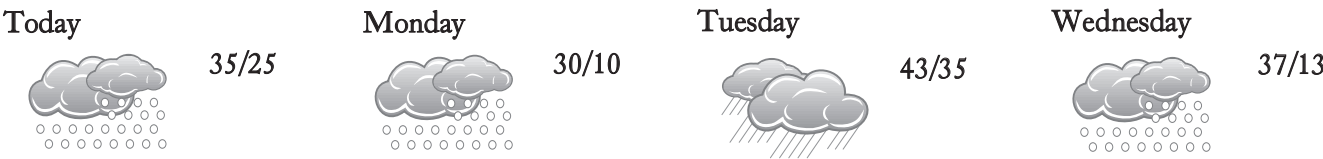
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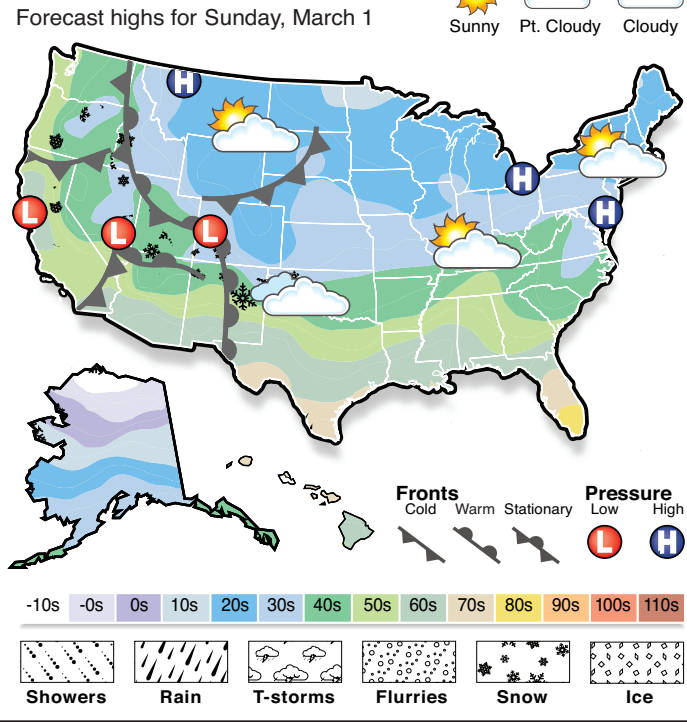
AREA: Today... Snow. Total snow accumulation of 4 to 8 inches. Not as cool with highs in the mid 30s. Southwest winds around 5 mph. Chance of snow near 100 percent. Tonight...Snow. Not as cool with lows in the mid 20s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of snow near 100 percent. Monday...Partly sunny with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Highs around 30. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Cooler with lows around 10 above. Tuesday...Rain and snow. Not as cool with highs in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 90 percent. Tuesday night...Rain and snow. Not as cool with lows in the mid 30s. Chance of precipitation 90 percent. Wednesday...Snow showers likely. Highs in the upper 30s. Chance of snow 70 percent. Wednesday night...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Much cooler with lows 10 to 15. Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Much cooler with highs in the lower 20s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Cold with lows around 5 above. Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 20s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Snow. Total snow accumulation of 4 to 6 inches. Not as cool with highs in the lower 30s. Southwest winds around 5 mph. Chance of snow near 100 percent. Tonight...Snow. Lows in the lower 20s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of snow near 100 percent. Monday...Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Highs in the upper 20s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows 10 to 15. Temperature rising to around 20 after midnight.

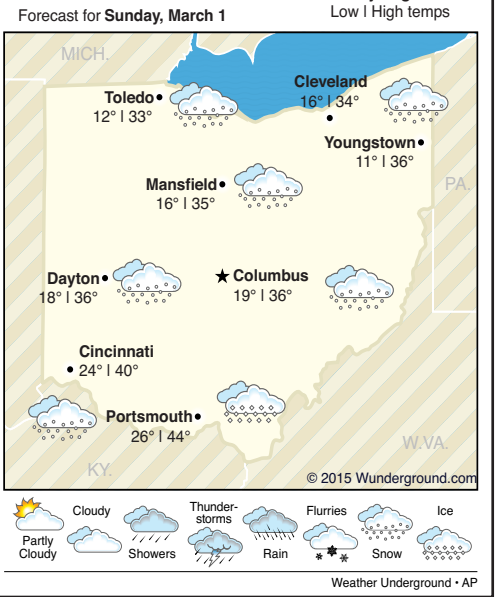
Extended Forecast



National forecast



Tonight/Sunday



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In 1790, President George Washington signed a measure authorizing the first U.S. Census. In 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, New Jersey. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.) In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order establishing the Peace Corps. In 1971, a bomb went off inside a men's room at the U.S. Capitol; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn blast.

County prosecutor will seek death penalty for suspect in killing of pizza delivery driver

LORAIN (AP) — A county prosecutor says he will seek the death penalty for a man suspected of killing a pizza delivery driver in the northeast Ohio city of Lorain last December. Twenty-nine-year-old Benjamin Davis of Lorain has been indicted on charges that include aggravated murder, felonious assault, aggravated robbery and tampering with evidence. The charges are related to the fatal shooting of 26-year-old Robert Caudill. Lorain police have said Davis called the restaurant where Caudill worked on Dec. 1 to have food delivered to a Lorain motel. Lorain is about 30 miles west of Cleveland. Davis was indicted Thursday. Prosecutor Dennis Will told the (Lorain) Morning Journal that his office will seek the death penalty for Davis. Davis' attorney could not be reached.

Drug crimes behind an increase of state inmates from rural and suburban counties

MEDINA (AP) — An analysis finds that drug crimes are behind an increase in the number of people being sentenced to Ohio prisons from rural and suburban counties. The Gazette of Medina reports that in the early 1990s two-thirds of Ohio inmates came from the six big urban counties of Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit. The paper says that since 2011, more than half of new inmates came from Ohio's 82 rural and suburban counties. County officials say drug crime is the main cause of the shift, although other factors play a role including suburban and rural population growth, tougher policing and the Great Recession. State data showed that 9 of 10 inmates in Ohio prisons in 2013 had a history of drug abuse.

Major redevelopment planned for OSU neighborhood located east of campus

COLUMBUS (AP) — The real estate arm of Ohio State University plans a major redevelopment of the neighborhood east of the Columbus campus. Campus Partners says the project will add a public square, hotel, parking garage and blocks of shops and apartments. The sweeping plan would replace or expand dozens of buildings from 14th to 17th avenues along High Street and just east of Pearl Street. The Columbus Dispatch reports that more than 9 acres of land would be redeveloped, about 2 acres more than the South Campus Gateway development that Campus Partners led a decade ago. Campus Partners, created in 1995 to help improve the university district, asked the city Friday for zoning changes that would allow the project to start.

Court of Claims: State prison system mostly responsible for inmate's injury

COLUMBUS (AP) — An Ohio Court of Claims magistrate has ruled that the state prison system was mostly responsible for an inmate cutting off the tips of two fingers while working a commercial food slicer. Magistrate Anderson Renick ruled this week that Allen Correctional Institute inmate Paul Johnson was himself 40 percent responsible for the accident that cut off his fingertips while he was slicing cheese in the prison kitchen in August 2012. That means if the court later orders the state to pay damages, the amount will be reduced by 40 percent. A food service contractor hired by the prison system to supervise the kitchen was faulted for inadequately overseeing the prisoners as they worked. Johnson was operating the machine even though he was not properly trained to do so.

Producers: Maple syrup season off to slow start due to cold temps hindering sap flow

NEWARK (AP) — Maple syrup producers in Ohio say bitter cold temperatures have hindered the beginning of tree-tapping season. The typical Ohio syrup season — which ideally has warm days and below-freezing temperature at night — begins in mid- to late-February. But it's been so cold that the sap hasn't been flowing and some producers haven't been able to tap their trees, The Advocate in Newark reported. Much of the state saw snow, frigid temperatures and wind chills reaching 25 degrees below zero in February. Of the 12 states in the country that produce syrup, Ohio typically ranks fourth or fifth. Ohio's syrup season had a similar slow start last year, when the state produced about 130,000 gallons of syrup. That was down from about 155,000 gallons in 2013. Ted Wiseman with the Ohio State University Extension in Licking County said there's still time for production to bounce back. Justin Butcher with Butcher Family Maple Products in Mount Vernon told the newspaper that the late season can become problematic if it gets warm too quickly. Even though his family hasn't collected much syrup this season, Butcher is hopeful the weather will turn around soon. "It's too early to say how the season will turn out. Mother Nature is the only person who can predict it, so we're just patiently waiting for her to cooperate," he said. "Once she starts, we'll be ready."

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Man pleads guilty to illegally shipping deer for hunt from Ohio to Florida preserve

COLUMBUS (AP) — A man has pleaded guilty to charges that accuse him of illegally shipping white-tailed deer from Ohio to his hunting preserve in Florida. Federal prosecutors in Columbus say 49-year-old Donald Wainwright Sr. of Live Oak, Florida, pleaded guilty Friday to charges that include illegal wildlife trafficking and conspiracy. As part of the plea agreement, Wainwright is facing 21 months in prison and a \$125,000 fine. Court documents said Wainwright was the owner of hunting preserves in western Ohio and in north Florida. Prosecutors say he illegally shipped deer to Florida from Ohio, and attempted to ship deer to Georgia from Ohio. The herds involved were not certified to be free from chronic wasting disease and other infections. Federal law requires interstate shipment of deer to be certified free of disease.

Panel approves \$2.4B in state funding for Ohio highway projects through 2016

COLUMBUS (AP) — A state panel has approved about \$2.4 billion in state funding for transportation projects around Ohio and the region through 2026. In a vote Thursday, the Transportation Review Advisory Council formalized its new priority list. The plan advances the next phase of reconstruction of the Interstate 270/State Route 315/U.S. Route 23 interchange in Franklin County and funds various other road, highway and bridge improvements. Other major projects include: a new interchange at State Route 16 and Cherry Valley Road in Licking County; a third lane on Interstate 70 in a portion of Clark County; reconstruction of I-70 at U.S. Route 68 and State Route 73 in Belmont County; and an interchange upgrade to I-71 at Western Row Road in Warren County.

Ohio Statehouse to mark state's 212th birthday today with cake, crafts, tour

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio plans to celebrate the 212th anniversary of its statehood with cake and a scavenger hunt at its Capitol today. The Statehouse in Columbus will host a birthday party this afternoon to mark when Ohio's General Assembly convened to conduct its first business on March 1, 1803, in Chillicothe. The capital later moved to Zanesville and then ultimately Columbus. The Statehouse in Columbus has housed the state government since 1857. The National Park Service has listed the Greek-revival styled building as a National Historic Landmark. The Capitol's advisory board says tens of thousands of visitors tour the Statehouse each year. The board says attendees at the birthday event can take part in art projects, a special tour and cake in the Rotunda. Online: www.ohiostatehouse.org.

Police: Fatal shooting during home break-in was likely self-defense

COLUMBUS (AP) — The fatal shooting of a 31-year-old man who tried to break into a Columbus home on Friday appears to be self-defense, police said. Michael Rinehart was pronounced dead on the front porch of the home at 12:12 p.m., the Columbus Dispatch reported. A Columbus police spokesman said the door of the home appeared to have been kicked in. "Everyone has the right to protect their house," said Sgt. Rich Weiner, who added that the homeowner was allowed to possess the gun used to shoot Rinehart. The newspaper reported that the homeowner told a 911 dispatcher after the shooting that he did not know Rinehart. Franklin County court records show Rinehart pleaded guilty in October 2010 to burglary charges and was sentenced to four years in prison. He was released last September. Rinehart filed a motion in 2013 asking a judge to allow him to be released to a halfway house or a drug treatment center to prepare himself for his eventual release. Rinehart wrote that he was remorseful and was not likely to reoffend. A judge denied the request and said Rinehart had violations in prison for fighting, tattooing and possession of contraband. Columbus police will give the county prosecutor their completed investigation to decide whether to file charges or present evidence to a grand jury, the Dispatch reported.

Retired gondola from Spirit of Goodyear blimp becomes part of historical exhibit

CLEVELAND (AP) — The gondola of the decommissioned Spirit of Goodyear blimp has landed at its new home in a Cleveland historical society exhibit. The 3,400-pound gondola built in 1982 was used on three blimps — it was previously on the underside of the America and Stars & Stripes — and flew crew members and passengers above major sporting events such as the Super Bowl and the World Series.

After the Spirit of Goodyear was retired a year ago, Akron-based Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. donated the gondola to the Western Reserve Historical Society's Crawford Auto Aviation Collection, where it was recently unveiled. The historical society's president, Kelly Falcone-Hall, called the gondola an "eyewitness to so much history" and said it was a thrilling donation, the Akron Beacon Journal reported. That's something worth preserving, said Alvaro Bellon, a trustee with the Lighter-Than-Air-Society in Akron. "It's such an icon," Bellon told the newspaper. "Wherever you go in the nation, a blimp makes everybody look up." Goodyear is replacing its blimp fleet with three new airships and christened the first, Wingfoot One, at its northeast Ohio hangar last year. The high-tech, helium-filled craft has a semi-rigid internal structure different from earlier models that raises questions about whether it's truly a blimp, though the company has still referred to it as such. Goodyear is working on the second airship and will send Wingfoot One to a blimp base in Florida or California, Doug Grassian, spokesman for Goodyear's airship operations, told The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer. The third airship will be based in northeast Ohio.

Blind dog rescued after being lost for two weeks in the bitter Alaskan cold

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A blind dog who wandered away from her Ester home during a cold snap has been reunited with her owner. The 11-year-old Labrador retriever named Madera ventured away from home on Feb. 6, when the temperature dipped below 40 degrees. Her owner Ed Davis says he didn't expect to find her alive. Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reports a man riding a bike accompanied by a bell-wearing dog located Madera in the woods last week, about a half-mile from the Davis' home. Davis says his dog lost 14 pounds but is in good health. The man who rescued her, Constantine Khrulev, asked for the \$100 reward money to go to the Fairbanks Animal Shelter Fund. Davis increased the donation to \$250. Madera is completely blind because of an autoimmune disease.

Authorities seize near-record bus of 15 tons of marijuana on US-Mexico border

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Federal authorities have seized more than 15 tons of marijuana in a near-record bust at a border crossing in Southern California. The Los Angeles Times reports Saturday that more than 1,200 packages of marijuana valued at nearly \$19 million were seized this week from a truck-trailer carrying mattresses and cushions at the Otay Mesa border crossing. Authorities arrested the truck's 46-year-old driver and seized the vehicle late Thursday. The newspaper says the seizure was the second-largest in a single incident at a U.S. border crossing, trailing a more than 35,000-pound bust in 2013.

Man pleads guilty to child endangerment in case of 9-month-old boy ingesting heroin

WYCKOFF, N.J. (AP) — A northern New Jersey man has pleaded guilty to child endangerment after his pregnant girlfriend's 9-month-old accidentally ingested heroin last year. The Record reports that 26-year-old Mark Tomat, of Mahwah, told a judge that he and his girlfriend had heroin at her Wyckoff home in February 2014. Shortly after he left the home, he learned that her son had ingested the drug. The baby was unresponsive when emergency responders arrived and had a bruised forehead. He was taken to a hospital and was given Narcan, a heroin overdose antidote, and the child soon recovered. Tomat entered his plea Friday. He could receive a prison term when he's sentenced April 24.

Hundreds of illicit oil-industry wastewater pits found across Central California

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Inspections by water officials have found numerous oil-industry wastewater pits operating without permits across Central California. Oil producers have been dumping chemical-laden wastewater into as many as 300 unlined, shallow troughs in Kern County, according to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. More than one-third of the region's active disposal pits are operating without permission, officials said. The pits are a common sight on the west side of Bakersfield's oil patch. In some cases, waste facilities contain 40 or more pits, arranged in neat rows. Kern County, which is heavily agricultural, accounts for at least 80 percent of California's oil production. The water forced out of the ground during oil operations is heavily saline and often contains benzene and other naturally occurring but toxic compounds. Doug Patteson, an official with the water board in Fresno, said that officials have not yet determined how many of the unauthorized pits held waste from hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, an intensive form of production that now accounts for half of the new wells drilled in California. Even the unauthorized pits holding ordinary oil-industry wastewater "still are a threat to water quality," Patteson said Friday. "It is a priority and something we are working on diligently."

Crop herbicides play a role in shrinking monarch population

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A butterfly being considered for federal protection is emblematic of the plight that pollinating insects face in part because farmers, enticed by ethanol mandates, are growing more herbicide-resistant crops, which has stripped millions of acres of crucial plant habitat.

Herbicide makers say they're committed to helping the black-and-orange insects, whose numbers have plummeted by more than 90 percent in the past two decades. And environmentalists seeking protection for monarchs under the Endangered Species Act said restoring milkweed habitat would help other pollinating insects, too, such as honey bees, whose numbers of managed colonies have dropped by more than 4 million beehives since 1947.

"My feeling is if the monarch goes, it is like the canary in the coalmine," ecologist Lincoln Brower with Sweet Briar College in Virginia said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is taking comments and data about monarchs through March 2, and a decision on whether to list the monarch as threatened is due in December. Although a plan for helping the monarch wouldn't be developed unless it gains "threatened" status, the solution needs to address herbicides as well as mowing public roadsides less frequently, Brower said.

Some monarch populations migrate thousands of miles from breeding and wintering grounds, but along the route, there is less of the milkweed they depend upon to nourish them and on which they lay their eggs, a loss caused by more corn and soybeans, logging, construction and a drought that peaked in 2012.

Environmentalists say the butterfly's decline — the over-winter population in Mexico reached a low in 2013 — has coincided with the rise of St. Louis-based agribusiness giant Monsanto's popular weed killer Roundup, blamed for knocking out the milkweed plants. Monsanto then introduced Roundup Ready crops, which resist the herbicide, with a soybean version in 1996 and a corn version in 1998.

Ethanol gained ground alongside the rise of those crops, and a renewable fuel standard approved by Congress in 2007 provided a major boost to the corn-based fuel. As millions more acres of land was cultivated, there was an estimated 64 percent decline in milkweed plants from 1999 to 2012 in the Midwest, Iowa State University ecologist John Pleasants said.

Monsanto said in a statement that it is "committed to working with others to put more monarchs in flight," and is working with the nonprofit Keystone Center in Colorado.

Sarah Stokes Alexander, who oversees the center's policy programs, says it's planning a meeting this spring with food companies, grain buyers, the herbicide industry, farming organizations, federal agencies, conservationists and university researchers.

"The idea is to better engage the agriculture community in the rural areas of the Midwest in monarch conservation and recovery," she said, adding that one goal is to discuss the possibility of a collaborative conservation plan to be implemented at the national and state level.

Another herbicide, Dow Chemical's new Enlist Duo, is already the subject of a federal lawsuit after the Environmental Protection Agency approved it in October. The Natural Resources Defense Council and Center for Food Safety's legal action raises concerns the herbicide could harm the monarch and cause broader environmental damage.

In a statement, Dow Chemical said it was "confident" that the EPA conducted a thorough review of the product, which is to be used with genetically modified corn and soybeans. It referred monarch questions to trade group CropLife American, which said in a statement it "believes that the development of managed milkweed habitat may benefit monarch populations and should be encouraged."

President Barack Obama issued a directive last year to federal agencies to create a strategy to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators, and as part of the effort, the federal government pledged \$3.2 million in February to restore habitat from California to the Corn Belt. And there has been some good news as drought conditions eased, with monarchs experiencing a 69 percent spike in the size of their over-winter habitat in Mexico, although that population remained the second smallest since the World Wildlife Fund in Mexico began record-keeping in 1993.

But some still question the wisdom of listing the insects as threatened, including Chip Taylor, an insect ecologist and founder of the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch. He pointed to some states' strong resistance to other species protection efforts.

"We have to have a ground-up approach," he said. "This involves all of us."

Online:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/news/764.html>

Petition seeking threatened listing: <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/species/invertebrates/pdfs/Monarch-ESA-Petition.pdf>

Hyundai recalling 263,000 cars

NEW YORK (AP) — Hyundai is recalling about 263,000 cars in the U.S. and Canada because a sensor problem could cause drivers to lose power-assisted steering.

The company has not reported any injuries or accidents. A representative for Hyundai Motor America wasn't immediately available for comment.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says a sensor in the affected cars could detect a discrepancy in the steering input and signals and disable power-assisted steering as a result. Cars would revert to manual steering and require greater effort to steer at low speeds, raising the risk of a crash.

Hyundai Motor America says it plans to notify owners and that dealers will fix the control unit of the electronic power steering at no cost.

DILWORTH FROM 1A

ability to prosecute sexual offenses and violence against women and children.

"I've never seen her backing off," Herron said of Dilworth. "She's always had a passion and a drive for these cases. They are taxing on the people who handle them."

Heron added people who investigate and prosecute crimes involving young children and rape victims often get burned out, but this county has been fortunate to have both Dilworth and McNicol working together for many years.

"She has served the people of the county and the victims

extremely well," Heron said, "And she's touched a lot of lives in time she has been here."

Dilworth said she will miss helping people, but she won't miss the stress of the job. She plans to spend more time selling fleece alpaca products, has a barn filled with furniture she plans to refurbish and a grandchild on the way.

"I'll miss the people," Dilworth said, but added "sometimes you need someone new. A fresh look at things."

The prosecutor's office has hired Jennifer Tedrow, who also comes to their department from Children Services.

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Having fun at the Pinewood Derby

A total of 144 Cub Scouts in the Sandy Beaver District competed in the 2015 Pinewood Derby Saturday at Crestview Middle School. Right photo, reacting to their race are Gregory Mummert of Pack 50 in Alliance and Kris McNeely of Pack 62 in Hanoverton. Bottom photo, Erik Clugsten of Pack 2 in Salem celebrates his win as racers Ethan Clutter of Pack 77 in East Liverpool and Zack Altman of Pack 40 in East Fairfield get ready for the next race. (Salem News photos by Patti Schaeffer)



Youth hockey players escape injury in rink roof collapse

CANTON, Mass. (AP) — A youth hockey team escaped without injury when part of a snow-weighted roof collapsed at a skating rink on Saturday morning, officials said.

Police in Canton said the rear portion of the roof at the Metropolis Skating Rink began to fail as a Norwood youth team was inside, but they were able to get out along with parents and rink workers. All are safe and accounted for.

Norwood Nuggets coach Chris Sharkey told Boston's WBZ-AM that some children were in the locker room and some were on the ice, "and then we heard a snap and knew something was wrong."

"We started to get off the ice and started screaming for all the kids, and the second snap came," Sharkey said. "Then just it turned into complete 'get off the ice as quick as possible and get these kids out of the structure,' he said.

Canton Fire Chief Charlie Doody told the Patriot Ledger of Quincy a coach was propelled across the rink by air pressure from the collapse, which also damaged part of the building's front facade. Doody said things could have been much worse if the collapse had happened a couple hours later.

"At 9 a.m. there were going to be 200 to 300 kids for Learn to Skate. We

could have potentially had a very different situation," he said.

Lynn Valkanas was outside the rink later with her 9-year-old daughter, Laura, a goalie from Canton who was supposed to have attended the 9 a.m. ceremonial free skate on the last day of skating class.

"This is scary," the girl told the newspaper. "It's sad. I have a lot of memories here."

State and local inspectors were evaluating the building.

State officials say heavy snow has caused roof collapses on more than 150 structures this winter.

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Dems call GOP Homeland Security strategy a blunder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are losing some skirmishes over the Department of Homeland Security, but many feel they are winning a political war that will haunt Republicans in 2016 and beyond.

Democrats lacked the votes Friday to force Republicans to fund the department for a year with no strings.

Still, even some Republicans say party leaders are on a perilous path with a very public ideological struggle only highlighting the GOP's inability to pass contested legislation and possibly worsening its weak relationship with Hispanic voters.

Worst of all, numerous lawmakers said, Republican leaders have offered no plausible scenario for a successful ending, so they simply are delaying an almost certain and embarrassing defeat.

Conservatives defend their doggedness. They say they courageously are keeping promises to oppose President Barack Obama's liberalization of deportation policies, which they consider unconstitutional.

Several said their constituents support their stand, while others said the issue transcends politics.

As a deadline fast approached Friday night, the House agreed to extend the department's funding for a week. But some in both parties said the Republicans were losing political ground.

"It's bad policy and bad politics," said Democratic Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, who once oversaw his party's House campaigns.

The short-term fix, he said, "doesn't help the country, and it just shows that they're incapable of governing" despite holding House and Senate majorities.

As for an important voting group in presidential elections, Van Hollen said: "Any effort to earn the support of Hispanic voters has been torpedoed by these antics."

Some Republicans are nearly as pessimistic.

"Bad tactics yield bad outcomes," GOP Rep. Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania told reporters. Republican leaders, he said, have engaged "in tactical malpractice, and at some point we're going to vote on the negotiated Homeland Security appropriations bill," a bipartisan plan that most Republicans oppose but cannot kill.

Weeks ago, Republicans embarked on a strategy that targeted

Obama's executive order protecting millions of immigrants from deportation.

They voted to cut off the department's money flow after Feb. 27 unless the order was rescinded.

But they never figured how to overcome Democratic delaying tactics in the Senate that, as many predicted, blocked the GOP plan. Stymied, Senate Republican leaders agreed to fund the department for the rest of the budget year, through September, and to deal separately with immigration.

House Republicans rejected that approach. Shortly before Friday's midnight deadline, the House extended funding for a week without resolving the larger dispute.

"We all know how this is going to turn out," said an exasperated Republican, Rep. Mike Simpson of Idaho. "Politically, it's devastating."

Democrats turned up the heat, saying short-term extensions will damage morale at the agency.

"It's a staggering failure of leadership that will prolong this manufactured crisis of theirs and endanger the security of the American people," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

But Republican Rep. Trent Franks of Arizona said he and his fellow conservatives are taking a principled stand against Obama's "unconstitutional" action.

The president, he said, has forced lawmakers to choose between "potential short-term national security threats and almost inevitable long-term damage to the constitutional foundation of the nation."

He and his allies will "do the right thing, even if it doesn't make us look good," Franks said.

Lawmakers from strongly Republican districts tend to closely track the fiercely conservative voters who can dominate GOP primary elections. Rep. Kenny Marchant of Texas said he tried to persuade some of his Dallas-area constituents that a federal judge's order to freeze Obama's move lessened the urgency to use Homeland Security funding as political leverage.

"But they don't have the confidence back home that some of us do" about the likely longevity of the judge's order, Marchant said.

He said his supporters see reversing Obama's order as more important than preventing a partial and temporary funding lapse at

Homeland Security.

He noted that most agency employees are considered "essential" and would stay on the job.

After Obama won 71 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2012, a Republican National Committee-commissioned report said the party must embrace "comprehensive immigration reform" to win future elections, including the 2016 presidential contest.

Democrats say Republicans are heading in the wrong direction.

Pelosi hinted at possible Democratic campaign themes next year when she said of the funding fight: "This crisis exists only because Republicans prioritize anti-immigrant extremism over the safety of the American people."

Republican Rep. Peter King of New York said his party's wounds are self-inflicted.

"Politically it's going to kill us," he said of conservatives' demands to link Homeland Security funding with Obama's immigration policy. "Morally, you're equating an immigration order with the lives of American citizens."

"I've had it with this self-righteous delusional wing of the party that leads us over the cliff," King said.

GOP leaders are struggling to show they really are in charge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months into full Republican control of Congress, GOP leaders are struggling to demonstrate they really are in charge.

The stunning House defeat Friday of a three-week spending bill for the Department of Homeland Security exposed Speaker John Boehner's weakness in the face of rebellious conservatives.

It also again demonstrated his need to rely on Democrats at critical mo-

ments as the minority party's agreement to a one-week spending bill helped the speaker get it over the finish line with only hours to spare before a threatened agency shutdown.

President Barack Obama signed the bill shortly before midnight.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., already had bowed to Democrats' demands and stripped the contentious provisions rolling back Obama's immigration policies from his

chamber's version of the Homeland Security spending bill.

The two leaders face different, and often competing, challenges as they try to produce the responsible governance they promised voters after November elections, when Republicans won control of the Senate and increased their House majority to the largest in 70 years. Two months into the new Congress, the severe limits to their powers are confronting Boehner, R-

Ohio, and McConnell as they aim to chart a course for the final two years of Obama's presidency. That path could help lead their party back into the White House, and perhaps even produce a few legislative achievements.

"Obviously we're not getting good results, are we? I base everything on results," said Rep. John Fleming of Louisiana, one of the many Republicans frustrated with the GOP's performance, particularly on the Homeland Security bill.

"Our leadership set the stage for this," Fleming said. "Yet we didn't really see much messaging, coordination or communication."

Even though Boehner has large numbers on his side, it's still not enough to ensure he can line up a majority on any given bill, especially on issues such as immigration, education or abortion. The GOP advantage is 245-188 with two vacancies.

A frustrated Rep. Devin Nunes, the California Republican who heads the House Intelligence Committee chairman, lashed out at "a small group of phony conservative members who have no credible policy proposals and no political strategy to stop Obama's lawlessness" and seem to be "unaware that they can't advance conservatism by playing fantasy football with their voting cards."

McConnell is contending with Senate rules that give important rights to the mi-

nority party, which Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada is adept at exploiting. Republicans hold 54 seats, but that is six short of the 60 needed to ensure passage of most legislation.

Democrats united against and ultimately blocked GOP attempts to use the Homeland Security spending bill as the measure to overturn Obama's immigration directives extending work permits to millions of people in the country illegally.

Many Republicans campaigned for re-election last fall on promises to stop Obama on immigration, and their inability to do so is infuriating to conservatives. That's why 52 of them in the House voted down a three-week agency spending bill Friday night in a humiliating defeat for Boehner and other Republican leaders.

"The problem is there are a whole lot of us, including leadership, who put out statements saying Obama's executive order was illegal, unconstitutional. How do you backtrack off of that?" asked Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Fla. GOP leaders regrouped to offer a one-week bill, but it required the blessing of House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California. She assured fellow Democrats the vote would pave the way for passage of a full-year bill next week, without the immigration language that has drawn a White House veto threat.

Boehner aides denied that

any such assurances had been given.

The chaos was the most high-profile debacle for the GOP so far this year, but not the only one. Earlier in the day, House Republican leaders shelved an education overhaul bill amid conservative opposition. Previously they had retreated on border security legislation and an abortion bill.

In the Senate, McConnell has devoted much of the past two months to debates and votes related to the Homeland Security bill, as well as passage of the Keystone XL oil pipeline bill, which Obama has vetoed.

Along the way, there were lower-profile achievements.

The Senate approved Obama's defense secretary nominee, Ash Carter, on a resounding bipartisan vote. The House passed bills aimed at reining in Obama on taxes and regulation, although the measures are likely to hit a dead end in the Senate, just as they did when Republicans were in charge.

But the GOP majority has been defined as much by infighting among Republicans and between the House and the Senate as by any achievements. That raises questions about Congress' ability to accomplish the many tasks before it, including passing a budget, increasing the nation's borrowing authority and passing a new use of force agreement to battle Islamic State militants.

Wisconsin's Walker adjusts to rigor of presidential politics

OXON HILL, Md. (AP) — Scott Walker may have won three elections in the past four years, but he's still finding his way in presidential politics.

The Wisconsin governor made a splash last month in first-to-vote Iowa, wowing Republicans and vaulting to the top of several still-way-too-early polls.

Then came "punts" on questions about evolution, President Barack Obama's love of country and the president's religion. This week Walker compared his political fight against union protesters to America's actual fight against Islamic State militants in the Middle East.

"Take your worst day in any state capital around the country, and every day is like that on a presidential campaign," said Republican strategist Kevin Madden, a senior adviser on Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign.

"The media scrutiny is brutal, the parsing of every quote never ends and all of your opponents — whether they're from the other party or even inside your own — has staff solely dedicated to ruining every one of your events or interviews," Madden said.

While Walker has yet to formally announce a White House bid, other Republicans likely to run already view him as a threat in the unofficial race to emerge as the strongest alternative to former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the early favorite of the party's establishment.

Walker's newly formed political action committee opened a national headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin, a few days ago, and several key aides are slated to move to town next week.

Walker characterized last week's episodes as media driven.

"I'm not going to take that bait," the 47-

year-old Walker said Saturday about his recent media encounters, while speaking to the Club for Growth's annual winter meeting in Florida. "I'm going to talk about things that everyday Americans want to talk about."

Walker was extending his weekend of presidential politicking to the influential anti-tax group meeting, where some of his 2016 competitors will also be.

Walker's candidacy will be predicated in large part on his actions as Wisconsin's governor: stripping the collective bargaining rights of state workers during his first term, winning a recall election and then re-election despite the determined efforts of organized labor and Democrats to boot him from office.

But while those victories put Walker in an intense spotlight, it doesn't compete with what he'll face in the year leading to the Republican primaries. And his early steps as a top-tier presidential contender have been marked by stumbles.

The latest came on opening day of the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, during an energetic speech that seemed to quash concerns that Walker is too bland for presidential politics. Having again shed his suit jacket and rolled up his sleeves, as he did during his January appearance in Iowa, he was wearing the end of his appearance when he was asked about the Islamic State group.

"If I can take on 100,000 protesters, I can do the same across the world," he said.

The remark was quickly followed by a clarification from Walker's still-new staff, who said he didn't compare the protesters, who spent weeks camped out in the state Capitol in Madison in 2011, to the militants. But the criticism of those who believe he did just that lingered into the next day.

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► WRESTLING — WEST BRANCH SECTIONAL

► GIRLS BASKETBALL



Salem's Kade Byland pushes West Branch's Mason Hughes into the mat on Saturday at the Div. II sectional tournament at West Branch. (Salem News/Gary Leininger)

Next stop districts

BELOIT — Eight West Branch wrestlers made the most of the Division II West Branch sectional tournament and are moving on to next week's district tournament.

Mason Hughes and Ian Sharp were both crowned sectional champions Saturday for the Warriors. Hughes beat Marlinton's Tony Rupert by a 4-3 decision in the 160 class, and Sharp won a 4-1 decision over Howland's Mike Bell in the 285 class.

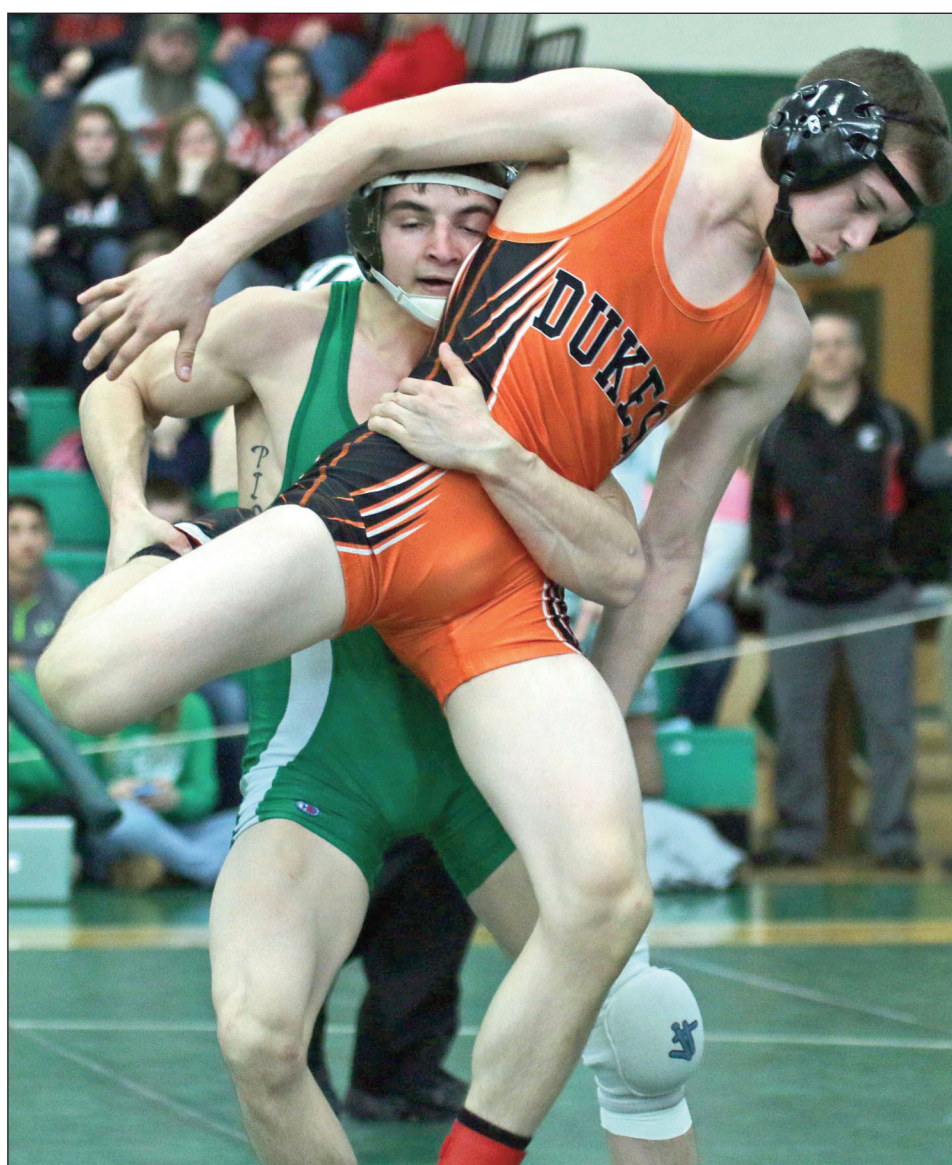
Salem also had two wrestlers advance and claim a sectional title as well. Jesse Slocum (182) claimed his sectional championship and improved his record to 38-1 after he beat Howland's Jordan Radich by a 6-4 decision. Kade Byland (160) finished fourth after falling to Poland's Anthony Audi in the consolation final.

The top four wrestlers advance to the district tournament next Friday at Alliance High School.

West Branch's Alec Schopfer was the sectional runner-up in the 106 tournament after he lost an 11-7 decision to Canfield's Matthew Cardello.

Finishing third for the Warriors were Travis Pidgeon (120) and Matt Steer (138). Pidgeon pinned Canfield's Kyle West in 2:06.

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West Branch's Travis Pidgeon takes on Marlinton's Errik Gerbak in a 120-pound match on Saturday at West Branch High School. (Salem News/Gary Leininger)

Lordstown does enough to down Lisbon

By **STEVE RAPPACH**
Staff Writer

LISBON — The Lisbon girls basketball team just had too much to make up in too little time against sixth-seeded Lordstown in a Division IV sectional final Saturday.

Fourth-seeded Lisbon nearly wiped away an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but Lordstown prevailed 44-43 at George Nace Gymnasium.

"You never want your season to end," Lisbon coach Jason Thompson said. "We just didn't shoot well. They hit shots. We didn't. I definitely give our girls credit. They didn't quit."

Lordstown improved 16-8 and will next face top-seeded Western Reserve — which eliminated Crestview, 59-41, Satur-

day — in the district semifinals Wednesday at Mineral Ridge High School.

Lisbon's season ended at 11-12.

After trailing 36-25 early in the fourth quarter, Lisbon came alive as sophomore Alli Davis, junior Hannah Prasco and senior Tiffany Ketchum each hit three-pointers to narrow the deficit.

Closing out her Lisbon career, Ketchum led the team — along with sophomore Karlee Pezzano — with 13 points and felt the team had momentum in the game's late moments.

"We got told that we are a second-half team," Ketchum said. "At that point, we thought we had it."

The fourth quarter was a big turnaround after Lord-

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Lisbon's Tiffany Ketchum drives past Lordstown's Erica Knox on Saturday at Lisbon High School. (Salem News/Steve Rappach)

Leetonia keeps Clips on their toes

By **CHRIS RAMBO**
Staff Writer

COLUMBIANA — If Leetonia didn't have Columbiana's full attention before Saturday's Div. IV sectional final, the Bears surely had it afterward.

The 11th-seeded Bears — playing as heavy underdogs — hung in the game most of the way, but didn't quite have enough firepower as the second-seeded Clippers prevailed 49-39 at Columbiana High School.

Columbiana (20-4) advances to play third-seeded Jackson-Milton in a district semifinal at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Mineral Ridge High School. Leetonia finishes its season at 6-16 overall.

"We weren't focused on this game," Columbiana senior Lauren Schlueter said. "We were looking ahead to the district games next week. Leetonia caught us off guard and played a great game."

The Clippers beat the Bears handily during both of their regular season matchups by scores of 66-35 and 53-28. On paper, Saturday's game looked to be just a quick stopover on Columbiana's path to the district round, but Leetonia had other ideas.

The Bears grabbed a brief lead early in the sec-



Columbiana's Baylie Mook looks to score on Leetonia's Tori Norman and Kristy Eckman on Saturday. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

ond quarter and trailed just 24-21 at halftime.

Though Columbiana stretched the lead to 12 a couple of times in the second half, the Bears refused

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Western Reserve wins 13th straight

By **BILL DRAGOMIR**
Staff Writer

BERLIN CENTER — The Crestview Rebels' season came to an end, but not after a hard fought effort in a 59-41 Division IV sectional loss to the top-seeded Western Reserve Blue Devils in girls basketball Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Devils won their school-record 13th straight game to improve to 18-6. They will play Lordstown in a district semifinal at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at Mineral Ridge High School.

"The keys tonight were pretty much consistent with the keys that we've had all year," Western Reserve coach Steve Miller said. "We're a pretty good defensive rebounding team and that's kind of what we hang our hat on. We're a pretty good offensive rebounding team. So we might not handle the ball the best, at times we don't shoot the ball the best, but we definitely know what we do well is attack the boards and finish down low."

Another thing the Blue Devils did well was defend the three-point shot as they held the Rebels to zero baskets from beyond the arc. Miller also pointed out that his team shot typically well from the free throw line.

"We're a good free throw shooting team. We went to the line 31 times (making 20), but that's no different than normal."

The Blue Devils were led by Aleah Hughes with 19 points and five rebounds. Rachel Maslach collected 13 points and four rebounds. Tory White added 11 points and Alexis Hughes grabbed four rebounds.

For the Rebels' part, they were able to keep the contest close throughout with a gritty, physical effort.

"They're a very strong, power-oriented team," Crestview coach Rick Gates said. "We knew that we had to come in and play physical to try and just stay in the

game with them."

That approach worked well for awhile as the Rebels trailed by just seven at the end of the first quarter and by 14 at the intermission. However, the Rebels encountered foul trouble along with some stiff defense which eventually was their undoing.

"I'm really just proud of the way this team ended," said Rebel senior Tristan Huff, who finished with a season-high 15 points, five assists and five steals in the final game of her high school career. "We came out here and played our hearts out and that's all I can ask from them. They (Western Reserve) had good ball movement, they were quick on their feet, and they were pretty good at rebounding."

The Rebels finish the season at 10-14.

Crestview's Alexis Gates added 10 points and five rebounds.

"Give credit to Western Reserve, they're the one seed for a reason," Rick Gates said. "They've done well all year. They played a good schedule, a good non-league schedule. They're well coached. Those girls play hard. Fundamentally they're very sound and we just couldn't counter."

CR: 11-6-12-12-41

WR: 18-13-13-15-59

CRESTVIEW SCORING: Alexis Gates 1-6-10, MacKenzie Daub 3-0-6, Emma Smith 0-0-0, Danielle Yanssens 1-0-2, Tristan Huff 7-1-15, Skyler Fletcher 0-0-0, Emily Ferris 3-0-6, Hope Halas 0-0-0, Sydney Beam 0-2-2, Dana Drinnon 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 16, 9-18: 41

WESTERN RESERVE SCORING: Sydney Miller 1-3-6, Lauren Falasca 0-1-1, Alexis Hughes 4-0-9, Rachel Maslach 5-3-13, Brianna Morris 0-0-0, Emily Henderson 0-0-0, Tory White 3-3-11, MaKenna Hartzell 0-0-0, Aleah Hughes 4-10-19, Kate Deal 0-0-0, Heather Lude 0-0-0. TEAM TOTALS: 17, 20-31: 59

Three-point goals: Western Reserve 5 (White 2, Miller, Alexis Hughes, Aleah Hughes).



Salem's Jesse Slocum grapples with Marlinton's Austin Carper in a 182-pound match on Saturday at West Branch High School. (Salem News/Gary Leininger)

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and Steer beat Marlinton's Christopher Hilbert by major decision 10-2. Among West Branch's fourth-place finishers were Seth Schroeder (113), Dillon Miller (132) and Adam Wilke (182). Schroeder dropped a 7-1 decision to Southeast's Cole Bailey, Miller was pinned by Canfield's C.J. Frost in 3:55, and Wilke lost in overtime to Canfield's Ross Duffett in a 3-1 decision.

Rootstown Div. III ROOTSTOWN — Crestview advanced six wrestlers to district and Columbiana advanced five to lead area teams at the Division III sectional tournament Saturday at Root-

stown High School. The top four placers advance to next weekend's district tournament at Garfield Heights. Wellsville's Seth Bloor (285), United's Charlie Smith (220) and South Range's Anthony Renforth (145) were crowned champions of their respective weight classes. Bloor secured a 5-1 win over Crestview's Jacob Henderson (285) in the final. Smith was a 4-2 winner over Crestview's Landon Talbert and Renforth was a 11-2 winner over Jackson-Milton's Nick Goodlin. Crestview led area teams with three runner-ups, one third place finisher and a pair of fourth place finishers. Outside of Talbert and

Henderson, Nathan Stelts (195) was also second. Stelts (195) came up on the short end of a 5-3 decision to Waterloo's Will Bolanz in the final. Spencer DeSalvo and Dean Foster each finished fourth. DeSalvo (138) lost a 2-0 decision to Cal Harris of Waterloo and Foster (152) was a 1-0 sudden victory loser to South Range's Vinnie DeRose. The Rebels' Jesse Hughes (170) earned third place by edging Girard's Moufid Sayei, 10-9. Columbiana had three second place finishers and two fourth place finishers. The runner-ups were Tanner Pearl, Chris Jones and Caleb Rupert. Pearl (132) lost by pin in 3:27 to Michael Belcik of Girard. Jones (160) was

pinned by Rootstown's Luke Sorboro in 2:14. Rupert (182) lost a 9-3 decision to Jackson-Milton's Anthony Italiano. Coming in fourth were Vince Vivo and Tim Davin. Vivo (145) was defeated by pin in 0:54 by Nathan Zurzolo of Rootstown. Davin (220) was pinned by Sam Fuchs of Canton Central Catholic in 1:19. South Range had a sectional champion in Renforth and two third place winners. Winning third places were Collin Razo and DeRose. Razo (106) won by pin in just 0:17 over Waterloo's Daulton Metheney. Also for Wellsville, Blake Johnston (170) lost by pin in 1:57 to Liberty's Logan Weinreber in the sectional championship final.

PREP BASKETBALL

Springfield, Range semifinal set

NEW MIDDLETOWN — After a rough first quarter, the six-seeded Springfield girls basketball team came from behind and knocked off seventh-seeded Youngstown Mooney, 47-43, Saturday in a Division III sectional final. Callie Ford led the Tigers (12-10) with 27 points, the 16th time she has reached the 20-point mark this season. Mary Ritter followed with eight points. For the Cardinals, Jaclyn Yankle and Jami DiFabio both led with 13 points. Mooney won at Springfield, 57-43, on Feb. 9. Springfield will face second-seeded South Range in the Division III district semifinals Wednesday at the Struthers Fieldhouse. South Range swept the regular-season series against the Tigers.

third time this season, top-seeded South Range had little trouble with ninth-seeded East Palestine as the Raiders knocked off the Bulldogs, 86-42, in a Division III sectional final. The Raiders, who improve to 20-4, beat the Bulldogs by an average margin of 45.7 points in the three games. Sara Durr scored a game-high 18 points, followed by Ashley Sharp with 12 and Maddie Durkin with 10. East Palestine's top scorers, Abby Fuller and Hannah Hall, both matched their season highs as Fuller scored 16 points and Hall 10. The Raiders will face fourth-seeded Springfield Local in the Division III district semifinals Wednesday at the Struthers Fieldhouse.

MO: 12-13-6-12-43
SP: 5-16-8-18-47
MOONEY SCORING: Jami DiFabio 4-3-13, Hannah Welsh 1-0-2, Renee Santisi 2-2-7, Jaclyn Yankle 3-7-13, Maggie Manattan 2-0-4, Taylor Martin 2-0-4. **TEAM TOTALS:** 14, 12-16: 43.
SPRINGFIELD SCORING: Callie Ford 8-9-27, Mary Ritter 2-4-8, Emily Stacy 1-0-2, Joanie Foster 1-1-3, Kasey Kohler 1-2-4, Nikki Bovo 1-1-3, Josie Applegarth 0-0-0. **TEAM TOTALS:** 14, 17-29: 47.
 Three-point goals: Mooney 3 (DiFabio 2, Santisi), Springfield 2 (Ford 2).

EP: 10-10-8-14-42
SR: 31-24-17-14-86
EAST PALESTINE SCORING: Hannah Hall 5-0-10, Haley Hall 2-0-4, Brysten Trosky 4-0-8, Abby Fuller 8-0-16, Emma Chamberlain 1-0-2, Sadie Walker 1-0-2. **TEAM TOTALS:** 21, 0-7: 42.
SOUTH RANGE SCORING: Kate Yeagley 1-2-4, Ashley Sharp 4-2-12, Kelsey Phillips 3-0-9, Markie Gabriel 2-0-5, Maddie Durkin 3-4-10, Jordan Youngs 1-2-5, Morgan Czopur 3-0-9, Sam Petrone 1-0-2, Taylor Naples 2-0-4, Lynnie Ritter 4-0-8, Sara Durr 9-0-18. **TEAM TOTALS:** 33, 10-10: 86.
 Three-point goals: South Range 10 (Czopur 3, Phillips 3, Sharp 2, Gabriel, Youngs).

South Range 86, East Palestine 42 GREENFORD — For the

FIFA resists video help for refs

HOLYWOOD, Northern Ireland (AP) — Faced with soccer's "biggest decision ever," FIFA said on Saturday it would not be rushed into approving — or even testing — video technology to improve the accuracy of referees' decisions. But an incident in the English Premier League then highlighted just why the English Football Association pushed FIFA to embrace technology beyond existing goal-line aids, at a meeting of the game's rule-makers on Saturday. In Manchester United's game against Sunderland, it appeared the wrong player might have been sent off when a penalty was awarded. Sunderland defender John O'Shea pulled back Radamel Falcao in the penalty area but Wes Brown, who appeared to make no contact with the United striker, was dismissed. Referee Rogers East believed Brown committed a foul as Falcao was shooting, the English referees' body said. "The match referee consulted with his team of officials but none were better placed to offer guidance," the statement said. Technology already being developed might have cleared up the confusion. The Dutch federation has been testing a system where officials watching on television feed live information to referees, but the International Football Association Board on Saturday wouldn't approve any trials in games. "It's a question of making the biggest decision ever in the way football is played," FIFA General Secretary Jerome Valcke said. "It needs a lot of discussion, in terms of what we are looking at. We talked about the fact if the referee relies on information he is getting (from the video referee), is there a risk that the referees become not as strong as they are today because they will always ask for confirmation of any decision in the course of the game?" FIFA controls half of the eight votes on IFAB, which also features four United Kingdom football associations. A motion requires six votes to be approved. Although the English and Scottish FAs were keen to push ahead with video trials, Northern Ireland and Wales were more cautious.

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to completely go away. The Clippers couldn't fully relax until they took a 48-37 lead with under two minutes left. "We came out with the attitude that it was going to be an easy game and we can't do that," Columbiana senior Emily Witmer said. "We have to come out and play every game like it's a district championship." While Leetonia may have been a long-shot, the Bears' record belied the improvement they've made under first-year coach John Hritz, who has won 443 games in 33 seasons as a coach including 26 seasons at Struthers. The forward tandem of Tori Norman (13 points, seven rebounds) and Kristy Eckman (six points, seven rebounds) did nice work down low, while guards Maddie Penfold (eight points) and Casey Grace locked down the driving lanes that Mook usually feasts on. The Bears also held the Clippers — who thrive on transition offense — to just eight steals. "We've matured a lot as the season's gone on, the kids are starting to realize they're getting better," Hritz said. "Today was very encouraging for them, we have a lot of players back next year and now we have something to build on." Forced to rely on outside shooting, the Clipper struggled mightily, shooting 14-for-52 overall and 3-for-25 from three-point range. "I don't think our kids were very focused on today's game, but I also think coach Hritz had a great game plan," Columbiana coach Ron Moschella said. "He had his kids ready to play. That's what tournament basketball is about. Anybody can get beat at any time." With her outside shot ice cold, Mook had more success forcing her way to the hoop in the second half, resulting in numerous trips to the foul line. She finished with 16 points, including 11-for-13 at the line. Witmer finished with 12 points and six rebounds,



Leetonia's Maddie Penfold dribbles down the court as Columbiana's Mariah Rovnak falls down on Saturday. (Salem News/Patti Schaeffer)

while sophomore Mariah Rovnak knocked down two key first-half threes to keep the Clippers ahead on her way to 10 points and five rebounds. "At halftime it was up to us three captains (Witmer, Mook and Schlueter) to tell everyone to leave the first half behind and start fresh," Witmer said. "We did a better job of controlling the game in the second half." Having survived its Leetonia scare, the competition isn't about to ease up for Columbiana, as Jackson-Milton turned in a solid season in the ITCL upper tier. It will be the third and final try for the Clipper seniors to win a district championship after suffering a disappointing loss to Lisbon two years ago in the semifinals and another in the championship game to Western Reserve last season. "We talk about it a lot," Schlueter said. "Especially

last years game against Western Reserve when we missed a bunch of free throws. We need to do a better job of staying focused. Today kind of woke us up a little bit." **Game notes** • Between them, Moschella and Hritz have 1,035 wins as girls head coaches. They squared off many times when Moschella coached at Boardman and Hritz coached at Struthers. Neither coach knew how many times they've faced each other, but they both knew Moschella held the edge in wins. "I own him," Moschella joked. "In all seriousness, John's a great coach. His teams are always going to play hard and be in the mix. Their effort today was a testament to him." "He's gotten me more times than I've got him," Hritz said. "But hopefully, at this time next year, we'll be able to come in here and

get one." • Penfold is Leetonia's only senior, leaving Hritz very excited about next season. "We're going to start planning our summer program this week," Hritz said. "A lot of these kids haven't been to basketball camps, but we're going to play a lot this summer. We're starting to change the losing mindset. If we can keep doing that, we'll have a nice team." **LE: 10-11-4-14-39**
CO: 11-13-13-12-49
LEETONIA SCORING: Maddie Penfold 3-2-8, McKensy Gardner 0-0-0, Casey Grace 1-0-3, Kristy Eckman 3-0-6, Tori Norman 5-3-13, Kayla Jackson 2-0-4, Sydney Mesmer 0-0-0, Ariel Smith 2-1-5. **TEAM TOTALS:** 15, 6-8: 39.
COLUMBIANA SCORING: Baylie Mook 2-11-16, Emily Witmer 4-4-12, Lauren Schlueter 3-0-6, Mariah Rovnak 3-2-10, Brynn Pennell 2-1-5, Alexis Cross 0-0-0, Dee Dixon 0-0-0. **TEAM TOTALS:** 14, 18-25: 49.
 Three-point goals: Leetonia 1 (Grace), Columbiana 3 (Rovnak 2, Mook).

LISBON FROM 1B

stown outscored Lisbon 22-12 in the second and third quarters. "That's been our story all along," Thompson said. "We shoot well, we get moving and we play defense very tough. If we don't shoot, then we're lax. It just wasn't going our way the first half, or the first three quarters, and then we started believing. That's the main difference." "We made some mistakes and got ourselves in a hole," Ketchum said. "Then we had too big of a deficit to come back." Meanwhile, Lordstown capitalized on Lisbon's mistakes and held Lisbon to just five second-quarter points and kept the momentum through the third quarter. Marlena Liming scored a game-high 14 points, while Talia Tobin scored 11 and Jordan Beech had 10. Eventually Lordstown would experience trouble as Ketchum took charge in the fourth. "They shot the ball well in the fourth quarter especially trying to contain Ketchum," Lordstown coach Dave Smith said. "It's hard keeping her in front. She does a nice job getting by and finding the open person." Lordstown's next chal-

lenge will be against the top-seeded Western Reserve, and Smith knows Lordstown's plate will be full for that game. "It's going to be tough matching up size-wise with (Aleah) Hughes because we're not very big," Smith said. "It's going to be tough." Lisbon will be losing two seniors, but Ketchum said the Blue Devils will be better next season. "I think Lisbon's coming back with big improvement," Ketchum said. "There's a lot of underclassmen coming up with athletic ability. I'll come back and watch them. They gave me a great season." **GAME NOTES** • Lisbon lost its final three games. The Blue Devils were 0-2 in games decided by two points or less. • Lisbon's other senior, Natalie Esterly, missed the game due to a foot injury. **LO: 12-9-13-10-44**
LI: 12-5-7-19-43
LORDSTOWN SCORING: Kansas Lickwar 2-3-7, Marlena Liming 6-2-14, Erica Knox 1-0-2, Trish Kohut 0-0-0, Talia Tobin 5-1-11, Jordan Beech 4-2-0-0. **TEAM TOTALS:** 18, 8-17: 44.
LISBON SCORING: Tiffany Ketchum 4-4-13, Karlee Pezzano 5-1-13, Kayla Dickson 0-0-0, Alli Davis 2-0-5, Hannah Prasco 2-1-7, Alexa Bell 0-0-0, Taylor Siefke 2-1-5. **TEAM TOTALS:** 15, 7-11: 43.
 Three-point goals: Lordstown 0, Lisbon 6 (Pezzano 2, Prasco 2, Ketchum, Davis).

NASCAR



NASCAR driver Travis Kvapil's, not shown, crew members including owner John Cohen, second from left, leave the garage at Atlanta Motor Speedway Friday in Hampton, Ga. Kvapil's NASCAR Sprint Cup car was stolen early Friday, forcing him to withdraw from a race this weekend. (AP Photo/John Amis)

Stolen car recovered in the backwoods

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — The No. 44 race car returned to its NASCAR shop in North Carolina on Saturday after it was recovered along a remote road in suburban Atlanta, apparently abandoned by the thieves who stole it from a hotel parking lot.

While the discovery didn't occur in nearly enough time for Team XTREME to compete in this weekend's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, it was a huge boost for the small-budget operation in its bid to make the next event at Las Vegas.

"There was no damage whatsoever," team owner John Cohen told The Associated Press. "Nothing was taken off the car. Even the antennas that went to the radio were still in the seats."

Police in Gwinnett County northeast of Atlanta received a suspicious vehicle call at approximately 2:30 a.m. Saturday, nearly 24 hours after the race car was stolen, said Jeffery Richter, the public information officer. A motorist spotted the No. 44 machine along a darkened road and quickly realized it must be the stolen race car.

Cohen was called to the scene, confirmed it was his \$250,000 race car off the shoulder of the road, and

called a tow truck to take it back to their shop in suburban Charlotte.

"It was backwoods," Cohen said. "There were no lights around. (The thieves) made sure no one could see them while they were getting rid of the car."

While the truck and trailer that were hauling the race car weren't found at the scene, the truck was spotted a few hours later in Stockbridge, Georgia, not far from the hotel where the theft took place, said Morrow police Detective Sgt. Larry Oglesby, who led the investigation in the south Atlanta suburb.

"The truck was on the side of the road," Oglesby said. "A citizen driving by noticed it and said, 'Hey, that looks like the truck on TV.'"

He said the handle on the driver side door was busted, as well as the ignition switch. While no arrests had been made, Oglesby said his department had a "person of interest" and was continuing to pursue leads to determine just how many people were involved. He also identified a vehicle used by the thieves, which was spotted on a surveillance video.

There was still no sign of the trailer and its other contents, which included a

spare engine valued at \$100,000 and racing equipment valued at \$17,500.

"We've got two out of three," Oglesby said. "Now we're looking for the trailer."

The car was found about 20 miles from the hotel south of Atlanta where it was stolen early Friday. Since the truck and trailer had no markings to indicate they were part of a race team, police speculated that thieves likely didn't realize what they had stolen and might abandon the high-powered car.

"Have you seen that show '48 Hours?'" Cohen said. "I figured if we didn't have it back in 48 hours, we were not getting the car back. The first 24 hours is crucial. It was definitely right at 24 hours when we got the car back."

The team didn't bring a backup car to Atlanta, so it had to withdraw from Sunday's Sprint Cup race after missing Friday qualifying. Travis Kvapil was set to drive.

Since the No. 44 car wasn't damaged, Cohen said it should be able to run at Las Vegas with Kvapil behind the wheel. The team also plans to send a backup car. Kvapil is also set to run for Team XTREME the following week at Phoenix.

Normally, the car is transported using the team's hauler, an 18-wheel tractor trailer. But, with a winter storm moving through the Southeast this past week, Cohen sent the hauler to Atlanta a couple of days early.

Back at its shop, the team continued putting in 18-hour days to prepare the car, a different version than the restrictor-plate version that raced in the season-opening Daytona 500. The No. 44 was sent to Atlanta late Thursday aboard the much-smaller trailer, accompanied by crew chief Peter Sospenzo and six other team members.

They got to Morrow, not far from the speedway, and stayed overnight at a hotel. The trailer, with the red race car inside, was parked outside along with the black 2004 Ford F-350 pickup truck. Surveillance video showed the truck and trailer being driven out of the parking lot shortly after 5:30 a.m., Oglesby said.

The team was scheduled to leave for the track at 5:45 a.m.

"I've been doing this since 1979," Sospenzo said. "I've probably been to 1,200 hotels and 1,200 race tracks. Never once has this happened. It's crazy. But there's a first for everything, I guess."

Harvick doesn't mind racing in Atlanta

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Kevin Harvick turned in another dominating performance Saturday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, holding off Daytona 500 winner Joey Logano in the Xfinity Series race.

Harvick has won the Atlanta race in NASCAR's second-tier series three years in a row and four times overall.

Logano has been the runner-up the last two years. No one else was even close on this day.

"It seems like I finish second on this track all the time," said Logano, who came up just short of a victory from the pole. "I'm going to keep running this Xfinity Series race until I win it."

Good luck beating Harvick, the defending Sprint Cup champion and a 45-time winner in the Xfinity cars.

In Atlanta, he's especially tough, having mastered the art of running strong at the bottom of a track that is infamously rough on tires. "He's a great talent," said Dale Earnhardt Jr., owner of the winning No. 88 car. "Kevin has got a knack at this place. When he comes to Atlanta, he's hard to beat."

Harvick won a race off

pit road under yellow with 27 laps to go, which proved to be crucial in holding off Logano. On the restart, Harvick had the prime inside position, and Logano's bid to pass from the outside was thwarted when Chase Elliott gave Harvick a bit of a nudge.

"That pit stop was what won the race," Harvick said.

Logano made one last push for the front. A vibrating right rear tire ended any hope of catching Harvick, who won by 1.207 seconds with an average speed of 149.813 mph.

"Once it got really bad, I couldn't keep up with Kevin anymore," Logano said. "It just kept getting worse."

Ty Dillon was a distant third, the top finisher among drivers eligible for

the Xfinity Series championship.

But this was a two-man race. Harvick, who started eighth, led 101 laps in his Chevrolet, while Logano's Ford was out front for 59 laps.

Matt Kenseth was the only other leader, with just three laps in front.

Logano has always run strong at the 1.54-mile trioval, never finishing lower than sixth in five career Xfinity starts.

"We really wanted to win here. We had the car to beat Kevin," Logano said. "We just lost it on pit road."

The duel among the top two — no one else was within 4 seconds of the lead — could be a preview of Sunday's Cup race. Logano will start from the pole, and Harvick was the second-fastest qualifier. They also

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Leetonia Sportsman's Association coyote seminar

LEETONIA — The Leetonia Sportsman's Association's fifth annual coyote seminar will be held March 14 at the club grounds, 311 E. High St.

The event will open at 5 p.m. with the seminar beginning at 7 p.m. The presenter will be Abner Druckenmiller of FoxPro Furtakers TV show. He was born and raised in Central Pennsylvania.

Admission is \$10 for adults. Youth 15 and under will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

The club will also sponsor a coyote hunting competition beginning at 12:01 a.m. March 27 and ending with the weigh-in and prizes at 6 p.m. March 29. Entry fee is \$30 per two-person team.

For more information, contact Bill Harding at (330) 822-0100 or bharding37@comcast.net.

Inter-Valley Conference adding new members

NEW PHILADELPHIA — The Inter-Valley Conference is expanding to 14 teams beginning in the 2016-17 school year.

Buckeye Trail, Claymont, Conotton Valley, Indian Valley and Tuscarawas Valley recently accepted invitations to join current IVC members Berlin Hilland, East Canton, Garaway, Malvern, Newcomerstown, Ridgewood, Sandy Valley, Strasburg and Tuscarawas Central Catholic.

Conotton Valley and Hilland will not participate in football, giving the league two six-team divisions.

The IVC formed as a 10-team league in 1968.

Irving out vs. Houston

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cavaliers will be without at least one All-Star on Sunday in Houston.

Point guard Kyrie Irving will miss his second straight game with a strained left shoulder, an injury the team had thought would only sideline him for one game. Irving injured his shoulder in the second half of Thursday night's home win over Golden State.

JUNIOR HIGH

BOYS BASKETBALL

ITCL lower tier 7th Grade Tournament at Lowellville

Consolation: Wellsville beat Western Reserve 37-17 Saturday. Wellsville (15-1), Ethan Ferguson 7 points, Zion Clark 7, Jonathan Walker 7.

Semifinal: McDonald beat Wellsville 41-39 in overtime Thursday. Wellsville, C.J. Hefner 8, Levi Boley 8, Brayden Cartwright 8.

TV SCHEDULE

- 7 a.m. (NBCSN) Soccer: Premier League, Manchester City at Liverpool.
- 9 a.m. (NBCSN) Soccer: Premier League, Everton at Arsenal.
- 1 p.m. (8, 19, 53) Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup, Quik-Trip 500.
- 1 p.m. (4, 5, 33) NBA: Clippers at Bulls.
- 1 p.m. (ESPN2) College women's basketball: Texas at West Virginia.
- 1 p.m. (GOLF) Golf: PGA, Honda Classic, final round.
- 2 p.m. (2, 7, 19, 27) College basketball: SMU at UConn.
- 2 p.m. (3, 9, 11, 21) Golf: PGA, Honda Classic, final round.
- 3 p.m. (ESPN2) College women's basketball: North Carolina at Duke.
- 3:30 p.m. (4, 5, 33) NBA: Cavaliers at Rockets.
- 3:30 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: Marquette at Providence.
- 4 p.m. (2, 7, 19, 27) College basketball: Michigan St. at Wisconsin.
- 4 p.m. (NBCSN) Track and field: USA Indoor championships at Boston.
- 5 p.m. (ROOT) NHL: Blue Jackets at Penguins.
- 5 p.m. (BTN) College women's basketball: Ohio State at Nebraska.
- 5 p.m. (ESPN2) College women's basketball: South Carolina at Kentucky.
- 6:30 p.m. (ESPN) NBA: Thunder at Lakers.
- 6:30 p.m. (ESPNU) College basketball: Pittsburgh at Wake Forest.
- 7 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: Oregon at Stanford.
- 7:30 p.m. (BTN) College basketball: Purdue at Ohio State.
- 8 p.m. (NBCSN) NHL: Ducks at Mavericks.
- 9:30 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: Washington St. at UCLA.

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Kluber still getting used to Cy Young spotlight

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Corey Kluber was suddenly on a roster of baseball immortality. It was all so surreal, almost overwhelming.

In New York last month to receive his 2014 Cy Young Award, Kluber sat at a dais alongside Sandy Koufax, Willie Mays, Frank Robinson and Cal Ripken — heavy-hitting Hall of Famers all. And when John Smoltz, soon to be enshrined in Cooperstown, introduced him to the audience, Kluber realized the enormity of his accomplishments.

His season had indeed been special.

“Yeah, it kind of hit me then,” the Indians’ sublime right-hander said. “I wasn’t aware that all those kind of people would be there. Very cool.”

Cool, too, describes Kluber, who made a spectacular rise during his first full major league season. He tied for the AL lead with 18 wins, posted a 2.44 ERA and struck out 269 — with little fanfare. A year ago, he was in the middle of Cleveland’s rotation. Now, he’s the staff ace and just maybe baseball’s next big thing.

It’s been an amazing ascent for a guy who can still go unrecognized in public during the offseason.

“In Florida, nobody knows who I am,” said the Jacksonville resident. “I don’t think a lot of people down there watch Indians games.”

Steady and stoic, almost



Cleveland Indians' Corey Kluber warms up during a spring training workout Friday, in Goodyear, Ariz. (AP Photo)

robotic, Kluber became just the fourth pitcher in the past 28 years to win 18 games with a sub-2.50 ERA and at least 260 strikeouts. The others: Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson and Pedro Martinez.

So, what does he do for an encore?

“I’m not really concerned with trying to duplicate or do anything I did last year,” he said after some conditioning work in the dry desert air. “It’s a new year, so none of that stuff from last year has any bearing on anything that I do this year or anything we do this year as a team.”

Kluber is the reluctant star, leery of the spotlight and still grappling with new-found celebrity. On

Friday, the 28-year-old couldn’t play in the Indians’ annual charity golf outing with the Cincinnati Reds because he had to attend another photo shoot and autograph session, one of many during this whirlwind offseason.

Ah, the price of fame.

As he packed his uniform, glove and other essentials into a travel bag, Kluber acknowledged some of the attention has made him uncomfortable.

“I wouldn’t say I’ve enjoyed the notoriety,” he said. “But it hasn’t been intrusive or anything, nothing that has kept me from doing what I wanted to do during the offseason.”

Kluber has built a reputation — and, to an extent, his persona — around a

tireless, obsessive work ethic. He’s the classic over-achiever, the kid who turns in his homework a day earlier than the rest of the class.

To those who don’t know him, Kluber comes across as stiff. He’s business-like, regimented and so focused on doing his job that he appears more machine than man. Hence, the “Klubot” nickname.

“That’s my demeanor when I’m on the mound, but if you pay attention when I’m in the dugout or with other guys, I’m not much different than they are,” he said. “It’s just that when most people see me, it’s when I’m pitching. The attention is mostly on you when you’re out there pitching, so maybe people

kind of group the two together.”

There’s another side of Kluber the public doesn’t see, but one the Indians know well. He’s a jokester.

“He’s got a great sense of humor,” general manager Chris Antonetti said. “If there’s a prank going around in the clubhouse, he’s one of the primary suspects.”

Last season, Kluber dressed in a chicken suit during batting practice and he’s not averse to playing a practical joke on an unsuspecting teammate.

“He’s still quiet when he’s in here, but he’s a silent assassin,” said outfielder Ryan Raburn, whose eyes shifted nervously toward Kluber’s locker, knowing that if he

was overheard there could be retribution. “If he finds the right opportunity, he’ll throw a little jab in there. He’s a really good guy.”

He’s way beyond good as a pitcher.

Kluber offered a glimpse of his potential in 2013, going 11-5 in 24 starts. Last season, he was dominant nearly every time he took the mound. Kluber went 4-0 in May with 60 strikeouts; reeled off six straight wins from July 6-Aug. 9; and went 5-0 with a 1.12 ERA in his last five outings.

Despite dazzling statistics, Kluber isn’t paid like one of baseball’s elite pitchers. He’ll make a little more than the league minimum salary this season as the Indians control his contract through 2018. In all likelihood, they will try to sign him to an extension, but Antonetti wouldn’t confirm if any negotiations are ongoing.

It’s safe to assume, though, that the Indians want Kluber to feel rewarded.

“There’s not a better guy to believe in,” Antonetti said.

NOTES: 2B Jason Kipnis is still recovering from surgery to repair a torn finger ligament and manager Terry Francona said it’s possible he’ll be kept out of the first few exhibition games. ... RHP Trevor Bauer left the Indians’ complex wearing a blue wig. He sports one when cheering for his beloved Duke Blue Devils, who played Syracuse on Saturday.



Pittsburgh Pirates' Pedro Alvarez, left, and Andrew McCutchen wait in the batting cage during a spring training workout in Bradenton, Fla., Thursday. (AP Photo)

McCutchen says he’s far from satisfied

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates lost 95 games in 2005, the year they drafted outfielder Andrew McCutchen in the first round. Four years later, when McCutchen made his major league debut, they lost 99 games.

McCutchen has seen the franchise at its worst. As he has matured into one of the top players in the National League, the Pirates also have been on the upswing.

The Pirates got an NL wild-card berth in each of the past two seasons. This year, McCutchen wants more.

“We’re not here to try to win a wild-card game,” McCutchen said. “We’re here to win the division and keep going from there to win a championship.”

Such a statement would have drawn laughter not too long ago. McCutchen said perceptions about the Pirates have changed.

“People look at us a lot differently because they know we’re for real,” McCutchen said. “It would’ve been easy to say 2013 was a fluke and we just got lucky. But we showed up in ‘14 and were able to do the same thing. We know we’re for real. And other teams know they just can’t come in (thinking), ‘All right, we’re going to beat the Pirates.’ We’re not that team

any more.”
The Pirates have a solid bullpen and a starting rotation topped by left-hander Francisco Liriano and right-hander Gerrit Cole. The infield includes veteran second baseman Neil Walker, who hit a career-best 23 homers, and third baseman Josh Harrison, who had a breakout season in 2014.

“We have a really good team,” McCutchen said. “And I believe the outfield will be our anchor.”

McCutchen is a three-time MVP finalist in center field. He’s flanked by Starling Marte in left and Gregory Polanco in right. All three of them can hit for power and a high average, have above-average speed and are very good defenders.

“Right now, we are the best outfield (in the majors),” Marte said. “I think we have a chance to catch every ball that’s hit.”

Marte, 23, was a Gold Glove finalist last year and has batted .282 over his first three seasons. Polanco, 22, was the Pirates’ top prospect last year and played in 89 games after being called up in mid-June.

“It’s all about getting to know each other,” McCutchen said. “When Marte first got here, I’d

yell, ‘I’ll get it,’ (on a fly ball) then look and he’d already be there. Now, when the ball’s hit, I know he can get it. Now, I just have to figure out Polanco.”

McCutchen, 28, should have plenty of time ahead to work with Marte and Polanco. McCutchen is in the middle of a six-year, \$51.5 million contract, which includes a club option for 2018.

“Andrew’s been a critical part of the team,” Pirates chairman Bob Nutting said. “I love having him in a Pittsburgh Pirates uniform and I hope he (wears it) for a long, long time.”

Nutting and his front office group have begun to consider whether they should offer McCutchen a contract extension. McCutchen will make \$10 million this season, and management must decide if they Pirates can afford to double his salary in a longer-term deal.

“It’s a challenge we’re looking forward to,” Nutting said.

As he works out during spring training, McCutchen is not focused on getting a longer contract.

“Right now, I’m not too worried about it,” McCutchen said. “It’s nothing that I’m thinking about. If it happens, that would be great.”

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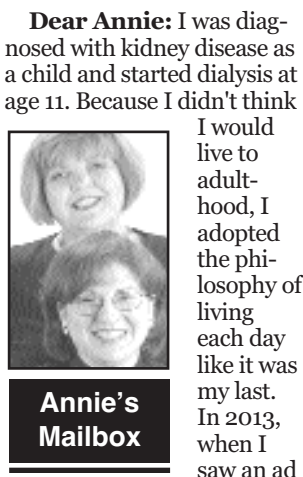
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Survivor says protect kidneys



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I was diagnosed with kidney disease as a child and started dialysis at age 11. Because I didn't think I would live to adulthood, I adopted the philosophy of living each day like it was my last. In 2013, when I saw an ad for the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Walk, I figured I had nothing to lose by participating.

The day of the walk, a large group of family and friends showed up bright and early, and we raised well over \$1,000 to support the National Kidney Foundation. I was overwhelmed by all the love and support I received that day. I thought life was unfair, but at the Kidney Walk, I saw that thousands of others are also fighting against kidney disease and they aren't giving up, so why should I?

From that day forward, my outlook changed. I'm convinced that once I changed my attitude and started thinking positively, positive things started happening in my life. Last year, at age 30, I received a kidney transplant after being on the waiting list for 20 years. This gift gave me a new lease on life, and I want to pay it forward.

In honor of National Kidney Month and World Kidney Day on March 12, will you please help me spread the word about the importance of protecting the kidneys and preventing kidney disease? — Carmelo Escalera, Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Carmelo: Thank you for letting us know how a positive attitude can change your life. Over 73 million American adults are at risk for developing kidney disease. Early detection and healthy lifestyle changes can make a critical difference in protecting the kidneys and preventing further damage. Major risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, high blood pressure, a family history of kidney failure and being age 60 or older. Additional risk factors include kidney stones, smoking, obesity and cardiovascular disease. During your next physical, ask your health care practitioner to check your kidneys to see whether you are at risk. For more advice on protecting these vital organs and staying healthy, and for a schedule of free KEEP Healthy kidney screenings across the country, visit the National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org/screening. Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Frustrated Co-Worker," whose co-worker complained about her pesky neighbor. I think I may have a simple solution. She should buy a "Do Not Disturb" sign and hang it on the outside doorknob when she arrives home. Explain to the neighbor that when that sign is on her door, she is not up to company and therefore will not answer the door. Maybe she can get the message to the neighbor without any hurt feelings. — Easy Solution

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ANTIQUES

BY TERRY KOVEL

Nursery rhymes may not make sense to the 21st-century child. What's the tuffet that Little Miss Muffet sat on when the first copies of the rhyme appeared in England in 1553? A chair, a stool, a plant, a stone or maybe a small animal? And what are the curds and whey she is eating? The food is our familiar cottage cheese. Curds are the cheese, whey is the liquid. The tuffet is more difficult. Official definitions say a tuffet is like a footstool with no feet. Modern ones are padded balls, flattened at the top and bottom to make a comfortable seat. But because tuffets are so much like stools, decorators and casual collectors and those on Pinterest use either word to describe a small padded footstool with tiny feet. But there also is another tuffet - a rounded clump of grass that might make a comfortable seat for Miss Muffet. Children's books often have drawings of Miss Muffet on a stool, not a tuffet. And even antiques auction houses sometimes use the language of their customers. A pair of "tuffets" sold at a November 2014 Neal Auction in New Orleans for \$312. But a careful look at the picture shows the tiny faux ivory feet. Q: I have what I've been told is a Floradora doll that is 105 years old. My grandfather bought it for my mother when she was born in 1909. The doll has a bisque head and hands, a long curly wig, sleep eyes and an open mouth. She's about 22 inches tall. I'm 82 years old and have no children who would be interested in the doll. I'd like to sell it to someone who'd take care of it and enjoy it. Can you give me an idea as to how to pro-

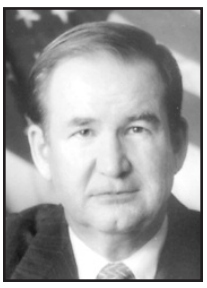
ceed? A: Floradora dolls were made from 1901 to 1921. Armand Marseille made the bisque heads. The doll bodies were usually made of kid, but composition, cloth, and imitation kid bodies were also made. Armand Marseille also sold the bisque heads to other companies. The dolls were made in several sizes. A 14 1/2-inch Floradora doll with bisque shoulder head and hands, sleep eyes, wig and kid body could be bought at a department store for 50 cents in 1909 (when the average worker made 22 cents an hour). Floradora dolls have sold at recent auctions for \$50 to \$70. Q: I have a silver tea service that has a teapot, sugar and creamer marked "Tiffany & Co., quality 925-1000." The tray is marked "Dixon & Sons, Sheffield." Can you tell me the value of this tea set? A: The tray was not originally part of this set, since it was made by a different company. Charles Lewis Tiffany opened a store in New York in 1837 and the name "Tiffany & Co." was used beginning in 1853. The company still is in business. In 1852, Tiffany & Co. set the standard for sterling silver in the United States, which is 92.5 percent silver. James Dixon began working in silver in Sheffield, England, in 1806. The company was called James Dixon & Sons by 1835. The company made Britannia, nickel silver and silver-plated ware. It was out of business by 1992. The quality numbers on the teapot, sugar and creamer indicate they are sterling silver, but the tray is silver plated. The name Tiffany adds value. Your set

might be worth \$1,000, depending on the weight of the silver. Q: I have a bronze sculpture titled "Trooper of the Plains," by Frederic Remington. It has a marble base and is 13 inches high by 13 inches long. What is it worth? A: Frederic Remington (1861-1909) created 22 sculptures that were cast in bronze at New York foundries. Some of the original bronze castings were authorized by Remington's wife, Eva, after the sculptor died. An original "Trooper of the Plains" bronze sculpture of a post-Civil War officer on his horse is 24 5/8 inches high by 25 1/2 inches long. One is owned by New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, which lists the date of the sculpture as 1908, and this particular sculpture's casting as "before 1939," which was the year the bronze was given to the Met. Remington's original molds were destroyed after his wife died, so anything cast after that is not "original." The copyrights on Remington's bronzes expired in the 1960s. Copies of his bronzes have been made in various sizes. Your bronze is a copy. Still, it could sell for \$250 to \$350 if its quality is good. An original Remington bronze would sell for tens of thousands. *** Tip: If a marble tabletop is damaged, a good repair is preferred to a new top. If there is a lot of damage, an old top from another piece is the best replacement. *** Need prices for your antiques and collectibles? Find them at Kovels.com, our website for collectors.

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Word search puzzle grid with letters and numbers.

GOP leaders put space between selves and Rudy



PAT BUCHANAN

Back in 1987, this writer was invited by friends to advise them on a press conference they had called to oppose President Reagan's signing of an INF treaty to remove all nuclear missiles from Europe.

My advice: Deplore the treaty; do not attack the president.

The next day, Howard Phillips declared that Ronald Reagan had become a "useful idiot for Soviet propaganda."

Howie captured the headlines, as did Rudy Giuliani after that dinner at 21 Club for Gov. Scott Walker, where the mayor spontaneously rose to declaim, "I know this is a horrible thing to say, but I do not believe that the president loves America. ... He wasn't brought up the way you were brought up and I was brought up, through love of his country."

The next day, Rudy doubled down, bringing up Obama's old ties

to socialists and communists: Stalinist Frank Marshall Davis, radical Saul Alinsky, 1970s bomber Bill Ayers, Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Rudy could not understand why at the National Prayer Breakfast the president launched an attack on the Crusades and the Inquisition, done "in the name of Christ." The mayor could not understand why Obama had trouble identifying and naming ISIS as radical Islamic terrorists.

Though this writer heard several radio talk show hosts cheer Rudy on, Republicans swiftly declared that Obama's love for America must not be questioned. Urged to put space between themselves and Rudy, most Republican leaders swiftly did.

The consultant class' advice was near unanimous: Cut Rudy loose. Sensing retreat, the left pursued. And it is not letting go. They still demand to know why Walker did not renounce Rudy and whether he believes Obama is a Christian. For weeks the governor has been bedeviled for refusing to say in London if he believes in evolution.

Walker's initial response to whether he thought Obama was a Christian was, "I don't know. ... To

me this is a classic example of why people hate Washington, and, increasingly, they dislike the press."

Yet, Walker's spokesperson hastily issued this corrective statement, "Of course the governor thinks the president is a Christian."

Monday, Rudy walked back his remark that Obama does not love America, writing in the Wall Street Journal, "I didn't intend to question President Obama's motives or the content of his heart."

The Republican rout was complete.

While this, too, shall pass away, what it reveals is the balance of power in the culture war and which side has the whip hand. And what it portends is a drive by the left to pull the GOP back onto the terrain of moral and social issues where its candidates are, or can be portrayed, as out of step with modernity.

Lately, this writer heard a political analyst say that if the GOP platform opposes same-sex marriage, the party can write off California and its 55 electoral votes. Which may be true. Such has been the cultural and moral shift in America in just a few years.

Yet if the party is true to its past

platforms and professed convictions, how can it endorse or equivocate on same-sex marriage?

As for whether one believes in Darwinian evolution, it is neither an inconsequential nor illegitimate question. For where one stands on biblical truth, natural law, a creator and intelligent design is a strong if not absolute indicator of where one comes down on abortion, same-sex marriage, assisted suicide, euthanasia and legalized narcotics.

To traditionalists, the de-Christianized and secularized character of American society is of greater concern than whose flag flies over Sebastopol.

And if the GOP visibly retreats or takes a stand of studied neutrality on these issues, it will lose the enthusiasm of the most ardent of its admirers. And the party can't afford that.

Democrats and their media allies may be expected to elevate the social issues, both because they sever the GOP from the cultural-media mainstream, and they drive a wedge into the party base between economic and social conservatives.

One imagines those conservatives gathered at Club 21 were more interested in hearing how a

President Walker would cut corporate and capital gains taxes than how soon Roe v. Wade could be overturned.

Since the Republican victory in November, it has not been a good quarter for the GOP. Obama, reputedly, seems liberated.

Ignoring GOP protests, he issued an executive amnesty for five million illegal immigrants. He promises to veto the Keystone XL pipeline (he did on Tuesday). He taunted the GOP in his State of the Union. He is back to 50 percent approval in the polls.

The economy added 1 million jobs in three months. The Dow Jones hit a record high. Senate Democrats are happily filibustering to death the House bill to defund amnesty. And if the Department of Homeland Security has to shut down for lack of funds, Obama and his media allies will see to it the GOP is blamed.

And the national rollouts of the Bush III and Walker campaigns have shown that neither is ready for prime time.

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Yes, liberals are less patriotic



RICH LOWRY

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani instantly became the most notorious man in America when he said at a conservative dinner in Manhattan that President Barack Obama doesn't love America.

He gamely tried to defend the remark for a few days before issuing a semi-mea culpa in The Wall Street Journal regretting his "bluntness" and saying that he "didn't intend to question President Obama's motives or the content of his heart."

That was probably the inevitable end-point once the words came out of his mouth, since it is an unwritten rule of American public life that only liberals are allowed to call their adversaries "unpatriotic."

Rudy Giuliani isn't Nancy Pelosi or Harry Reid, who have both unloosed the "un-American" bomb on conservative opponents without any risk of getting hounded from polite society.

The reaction to Giuliani's comment was so harsh, in part because he referred to Obama's upbringing. This was taken as a sign that — in the wince-inducing argot of people constantly inventing a new vocabulary for their grievances — he was "othering" Obama, or playing to dark fears about the president's past. Cue the wailing and gnashing of teeth.

But no "othering" is necessary. To be less patriotic than the average American doesn't require any elaborate backstory or exotic beliefs — it is, as a matter of fact, a standard characteristic of the typical American liberal.

The survey data are clear: There is a patriotism differential between the right and the left. Which doesn't mean that liberals don't love the country in their own fashion, but their love is not reflected in old-fashioned pride in country.

A Pew Research survey last year found that 46 percent of "steadfast conservatives" believed that the U.S. stands above all other countries; only 11 percent of "solid liberals" believed the same. Seventy-two percent of steadfast conservatives said they often feel proud to be an American; only 40 percent of solid liberals said they do.

Gallup headlined its write-up of a 2010 survey "One in Three Americans 'Extremely Patriotic': Republicans, conservatives, and seniors most likely to say so."

According to Gallup, 52 percent of Republicans and 48 percent of conservatives called themselves extremely patriotic; only 20 percent of Democrats and 19 percent of liberals did.

As a general matter, patriotic sentiment becomes more attenuated the further left you go. The late distinguished philosopher Richard Rorty, hardly a McCarthyite, once wrote a New York Times op-ed titled "The Unpatriotic Academy."

He praised the left on campus for its championing of marginalized groups, before stipulating that "there is a problem with this left: it is unpatriotic. In the name of 'the politics of difference,' it refuses to rejoice in the country it inhabits. It repudiates the idea of a national identity, and the emotion of national pride."

Edmund Burke famously said that "to make us love our country, our country ought to be lovely." For the left, America is lovely to the extent it corresponds to a progressive vision of a European-style welfare state that leads from behind in international affairs and pounds its chest less about its own greatness and exceptionalism.

The America it can feel proud of exists not in actuality, but in prospect, as a vessel for a distinct ideological vision.

Needless to say, it is hard to pursue this project while simultaneously feeling what George Orwell, in his definition of patriotism, called "devotion to a particular place and particular way of life, which one believes to be the best in the world."

None of this means that questioning any particular politician's patriotism will ever be considered in bounds — it smacks of questioning motives that are ultimately unknowable.

But if Giuliani had stood up before that room of conservatives and said that liberals don't feel about this country the way we do, he would have been on unassailable ground, and had the data to prove it.

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Applauding an elegant conservative



BEN CARSON

Recently, I was temporarily placed on the Southern Poverty Law Center's watch list for extremism simply because I vocally support traditional marriage.

I remember thinking: When did advocating for lifelong love between one man and one woman become a hate crime? Fortunately, the group saw the folly of its ways and apologized, removing me from the list.

It was a small battle, a blip in the daily life of someone who has entered the political arena. And I enjoyed the support of many who rallied in the conservative media to my cause to help reverse such a silly distinction. But it wasn't that long ago when liberal extremism tried to suffocate traditional values, and there were few media voices to come to the rescue.

There was one, though, so powerful and elegant, persistent yet graceful. Her name is Phyllis Schlafly. And for the past 90 years she has been a tireless advocate for the nuclear family, for traditional marriage and for common-sense conservatism that resists injecting government into every aspect of our lives. On Wednesday night, she was to be honored at the Paul Weyrich Awards dinner that precedes the start of the annual Conservative Political Action Conference.

Schlafly fought battles most lacked the

courage to fight, and time and again she won. She has been credited for single-handedly stopping the Equal Rights Amendment, which in the 1970s was racing on a media freight train toward ratification. Schlafly stopped it dead in its tracks. It was not because she didn't believe women deserve rights, but rather because she rightfully recognized the ERA was skewed toward favoring young professional women, and that it would punish middle-aged and older women who chose to stay at home and raise their families by taking away "dependent wife" benefits under Social Security and alimony.

In those days, it took courage and lots of hard work to roll back what a liberal media had started in motion. But Schlafly succeeded because she was intellectually honest, impassioned and skilled in not only communicating the fight, but also in waging it. Likewise, she has relentlessly fought for life, recognizing early on that the Roe v. Wade decision would be one of the Supreme Court's worst decisions.

Through good and bad economic times, and the ebb and flow of conservative activism, Phyllis Schlafly has remained a steady voice for common sense and traditional values.

Her speeches, books, TV appearances and radio commentaries blazed the way for modern conservatism while also protecting the rights of traditional families from the onslaught of Hollywood's culture wars.

Her voice is as relevant and strong today as it was more than a half-century ago when she made the famous case for Barry Goldwater's conservatism in her great book "A Choice, Not An Echo." In her 2014

book "Who Killed the American Family?" she eloquently touched my heart with her keen insights on how President Obama's agenda and decades of prior liberal tax-code changes and court interference have substituted government intervention for parenting and federal dependency for self-reliance.

Like she has for most of 90 years on this planet, Schlafly cut right to the chase in diagnosing the problem with America today. In plain, simple and compelling language, she rightfully declared that "the government is making ordinary decisions about what the kid does that ought to be made by the mothers and fathers." So simple a declaration, and yet so true.

For those who believe this battle is already lost or isn't worth fighting anymore because the cards are stacked against conservatives, I implore you to step back and examine the extraordinary life of Phyllis Schlafly. She has proved that what seemed impossible can be achieved. She has lived a life of virtue and has never been tempted to compromise. And she has made the most compelling case that the family unit must be preserved in order for America's greatness to extend into future generations. For that extraordinary contribution, I salute her.

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Branded — Hillary Clinton's identity crisis



JONAH GOLDBERG

Is Hillary Rodham Clinton a McDonald's Big Mac or a Chipotle burrito bowl? A can of Bud or a bottle of Blue Moon? JCPenney or J. Crew?

That was the opening question of a front-page Washington Post story on Clinton's effort to figure out her "brand." To that end, she has recruited a team of corporate marketing specialists to "help imagine Hillary 5.0."

"It's exactly the same as selling an iPhone or a soft drink or a cereal," Peter Sealey, a longtime corporate marketing strategist, told the Post. "She needs to use everything a brand has: a dominant color, a logo, a symbol. ... The symbol of a Mercedes is a three-pointed star. The symbol of Coca-Cola is the contour bottle. The symbol of McDonald's is the golden arches. What is Clinton's symbol?"

A columnist less charitable — and less constrained by the rules of a family newspaper — might be tempted to suggest some fitting symbols for Bill Clinton. But for Hillary, that's a tougher question.

Which is why the Hillary Industrial Complex is setting up a Manhattan Project to answer the question, "Who should Hillary be this time?"

They'll have their work cut out for them. More than any other politician in American life today, Hillary Clinton is an ironic figure. When she does or says anything, friends and foes alike ask, "Why

did she do that?" "What was she thinking?" No one takes Clinton at face value because it seems that, after decades of public life, even Clinton doesn't really know who she is — or at least who she should be this time around.

Her fear of giving the wrong impression — before she can figure out what the right impression would be — has understandably encouraged risk aversion.

Even friendly reviewers proclaimed that her book "Hard Choices" read like it was written by a subcommittee tasked with avoiding saying anything.

Fortunately, that will all change soon, now that Clinton has enlisted the help of the Purpose Institute, whose co-founder Haley Rushing is known as the "chief purposeologist. Really.

Alas, Rushing is not working on the Clinton campaign, but the institute's other co-founder, marketing guru Roy Spence, is on board.

By all accounts, Spence is great at what he does. Why, he conceived the "Don't Mess With Texas" anti-littering campaign.

Risking the accusation of damning Clinton with faint praise, let me say Clinton isn't litter. Nor is she a Big Mac or an iPhone.

She's a human being who has been on the public stage for nearly four decades. And yet, according to the New York Times, she has a team of 200 policy advisors trying to figure out how to "address the anger about income inequality without overly vilifying the wealthy."

Brain trusts are fine, but this isn't merely that. Since her days trying to overhaul health care, Clinton has been the kind of wonk who thinks you can solve every problem by consulting enough experts and compiling enough

data.

There are some tasks that lend themselves to such approaches, but electoral politics isn't one of them. Her husband knew that.

He may not be able to put the formula in a strategy memo, but Bill Clinton could riff off the cuff in a way that could thread such needles with ease. That natural talent didn't become community property when Bill and Hillary got married; she doesn't have the gift.

And so she compensates by controlling the things that she can control: an ever-expanding retinue of consultants and advisers who tell her not to worry about the missing ingredient. That's what they're there for.

The hitch is that the desperate quest to find a brand is itself a kind of branding. Former Republican Florida Gov. Charlie Crist tried to rebrand himself as a liberal Democrat in his bid to get back his old job.

He lost in large part because the only image that stuck was his craven political opportunism, not Charlie Crist 2.0.

No doubt many voters — and pundits — will happily buy whatever they come up with for Clinton. But others will focus not on what's new in Hillary 5.0, but what is a constant in all of the versions so far: a purpose defined by the pursuit of power.

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O'Connell leads gripping Belfast thriller '71'

By JAKE COYLE
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The grimly gripping thriller "71" plunges a young, inexperienced British soldier into the mayhem of 1970s Belfast.

Private Gary Hook (the up-and-coming "Unbroken" star Jack O'Connell) and his fellow fresh soldiers have little sense of The Troubles, as the North Ireland conflict was called. Given their orders to ship out from England shortly after basic training, they're assured they're not leaving the country. But it's more like another world. Promptly sent onto the burning streets of Belfast in berets, not riot gear, they find themselves tossed into an urban war zone ready to boil.

At first the resistance is almost charming: Boys toss bags of urine at them. A clamor grows as women clang trash can lids on the row-house sidewalk. Soon, they're surrounded by a screaming mob: old and young, men and women. As their ranks splinter, a soldier beside Hook is shot point-blank in the head by an IRA youngster. In the melee, Hook is left behind to survive a night on his own in a city divided between Catholics and Protestants but where battle lines are invisible to an outsider.

"71," directed by the French-born British filmmaker Yann Demange, is a tightly controlled cannon-ball dive into a violent history. Taking place over one night in which a disoriented Hook tries to survive an unfamiliar city and an unfamiliar conflict, "71" is plotted



This image released by Roadside Attractions shows Jack O'Connell, center, in a scene from "71." (AP Photo/Roadside Attractions)

like an action film but made with the moodiness of the art house.

O'Connell's Hook doesn't do much talking. He's more like a hot potato dropped into a simmering war, through which we observe the yellow, bloody haze of nighttime Belfast. The script by playwright Gregory Burke strictly avoids tak-

ing any side, but rather in the tensions within all agents in the conflict.

Hook is a kind of blank slate (asked if he's Protestant or Catholic he replies that he doesn't know), that reminded me a little of Clint Eastwood's "American Sniper," a film also about an unknowing sol-

dier sullied by the fog of war. But while "Sniper" stayed focused on its warrior, the eyes of "71" are outward, trained on the locals.

A fine ensemble including actors like David Wilmot, Sean Harris, Sam Reid, Barry Keoghan and Martin McCann people a teeming film.

Nationalists, loyalists and British military are composed variously of honest people — mothers who take pity on the boyish soldiers, commanders who want to be peace-keepers not oppressors — and those that want violence: undercover agents, power-hungry rebels. In "71," the fighting is fueled by the worst elements of each party.

"We take care of our own" is an ethos frequently invoked, but almost always by those who have no genuine interest in adhering to it. It's the note that reverberates at film's end, too, which harkens back to an earlier scene when Hook, an orphan, visits his kid brother at a rural and unwelcoming home for children.

Though "71" sometimes fits into its one-night concept a little too tidily, it's an altogether smashing debut for Demange, who has worked in British TV. Shot in 16mm by day and digitally by night by cinematographer Tat Radcliffe, it viscerally and convincingly creates a gritty nocturnal odyssey in a brutal chapter of Irish history.

The young O'Connell already seems destined for stardom and rightly so. He's tough but tender, with a fire lit behind his eyes. This plus last year's ferocious British prison drama "Starred Up" constitute as promising a start as any actor in recent memory.

"71," a Roadside Attractions release, is rated R for "strong violence, disturbing images, and language throughout." Running time: 99 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Tea Leoni in a happy state as star of 'Madam Secretary'

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wednesday was Tea Leoni's birthday. But when referring to her age recently, she realized she wouldn't be turning 50 this time, but 49 instead.

"I keep doing this!" she laughed, meaning giving her age a boost. Ever since her last birthday, she had reported her age as 49. "I lost 48 this year — totally!"

It started as a playful goof off the ploy of a friend who routinely claims she's eight years older than she is. "Then people tell her, 'Oh, my God! You're GORGEOUS!'"

There is no need for Leoni to give herself any such cover. She is gorgeous, agelessly and naturally, even bundled in sweater and jeans against a raw winter day in a sandwich shop near her Manhattan apartment.

Besides, she's a woman who knows who she is. And what she wants.

"I really do want to do something special for my 50th," she announced in her husky purr.

This was a rare day off from shooting her CBS political drama, "Madam Secretary" (airing Sunday, 8 p.m. EST), which, since premiering last fall, has spurred one question over and over for its star: Who inspired her portrayal of her character, Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord — real-life counterparts Hillary Clinton or Condoleezza Rice or Madeleine Albright?

"For a while," Leoni said, "I joked around that it was (Henry) Kissinger, because I was getting so tired of the question."

But the truth is, she's inspired by her dad.

Anthony Pantaleoni, she said, "is the most even-keeled, most diplomatic human being!" A prominent New York corporate attorney, "he has the grand empathy to see both sides of a question. I can discuss things with him, and he doesn't get

adamant that there's a single right way."

He even inspired Leoni into acting.

"I was going to be an anthropologist, and I was really good at it. But I wasn't passionate about it. He said, 'Don't do something because you're good at it. Do it because you're passionate about it, and you'll GET good at it.'"

The advice paid off for his daughter, whose many films include "Fun With Dick and Jane," "Flirting With Disaster," "Deep Impact," "Spanglish" and "Jurassic Park III." Her previous series include the sitcoms "Flying Blind" and "The Naked Truth."

On "Madam Secretary," Leoni plays a woman of strength, charm and forbearance juggling obligations as a world figure, a wife and a mother of three. The show, renewed for a second season, is not so much about overcoming opposition as finding common ground — whether at work or at home.

Co-stars include Bebe Neuwirth and Zeljko Ivanek as well as Tim Daly ("Private Practice"), who plays her loving husband, Henry.

"To me, Henry was the real breakout character," said Leoni. "A theology professor, with a twist. I love that she can come home with her ethical dilemmas and he can be like my dad, the guy who can see both sides and is willing to talk about it."

Reports suggest that Daly has become Leoni's leading man off-camera as well as on, although she chooses not to discuss such matters beyond saying, "Tim Daly sure is a swell fella."

Her 17-year marriage to David Duchovny ended last year.

"It's not to say we didn't both have hurt, but David and I still adore each other," she said. "We text every day, deal with the kids" — their daughter and son, now 15 and 12 — "every day. He is part of my family." He even remains close



This image released by CBS shows Tea Leoni as Elizabeth McCord, the shrewd, determined, newly appointed Secretary of State in "Madam Secretary," airing Sundays at 8 p.m. EST. (AP Photo/CBS)

with his former in-laws, she added: "We are a perfect tennis foursome."

Family is important to Leoni, who grew up in Manhattan and counts 25 cousins living nearby. Also important are friends, many of whom she has kept since school days. She makes time for hobbies (she loves fly-fishing) and serves as a national board member of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, which her

grandmother founded in 1947.

Bottom line: The entertainment world isn't the be-all and end-all for Leoni, nor is her acting career, which she largely put on hold in recent years in favor of the role of full-time mom.

"Sometimes people say, 'Do you wish your career had amounted to more?' And I think, 'Ouch!' But the answer is: no."

"With acting," she explained, "I

love everything between 'rolling' and 'cut.' I love it! It's everything else" — deals, promotion, celebrity — "that's hard and I don't really love (it)." Those are things she has mostly kept at arm's length.

"When I watch a scene I'm in and remember hearing 'rolling,' it's like the memory of a friend. Between "rolling" and "cut" and beyond, she summed up, "I've had it exactly how I've wanted it."

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Harrison Ford to reprise role in 'Blade Runner' sequel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Harrison Ford is set to reprise his role as Rick Deckard in a sequel to the dystopian, neo-noir "Blade Runner," more than 31 years after the film first premiered. Ridley Scott directed the 1982 movie, which was adapted from the Philip K. Dick novel "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep." Alcon Entertainment announced Ford's role Thursday and said Scott will serve as an executive producer on the sequel. Production on the film will begin in the summer of 2016. Hampton Francher, who co-wrote the original, and Michael Green have written a script based on an idea from Francher and Scott. The story will take place several decades after the events at the conclusion of the 1982 film. A director has not yet been confirmed for the project.

Kanye West tweets apology to Beck for Grammys disruption

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kanye West is saying he's sorry to Beck on Twitter. The incendiary 37-year-old hip-hop artist took to the social media site Thursday to publicly apologize to the 44-year-old musician who won four trophies at the Grammys earlier this month. He also says he's sorry for remarks he made about 29-year-old singer-producer Bruno Mars.

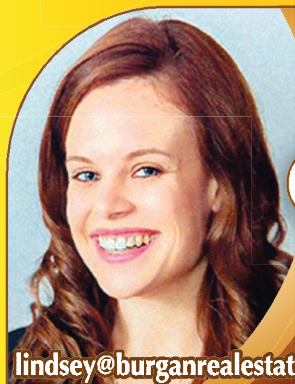
It appeared West was attempting to steal the moment from Beck when he briefly jumped on stage after Beck won album of the year at the 57th annual Grammy Awards. He quickly sat back down but later slammed the recording academy for not honoring Beyonce with the award. West infamously interrupted Taylor Swift when she won the award for best female video at the MTV Video Music Awards in 2009.

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Students who were top fundraisers participated in Game Truck on Feb. 13. They were able to play all kinds of different games during an hour and a half time period. From left is Gray Buta, Megan Malysa, Emma Kelly and Makayla Stoffer.



Eighth-grade students are busy reviewing computer skills in math for the upcoming PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) tests.



Citizens for the Month of January were Elly Exline, Mike Daley, Pamela Spencer, Ellie Davidson, Cooper Stockman, Elizabeth Radcliff, Cameron Christopher, Dylan Ulrick and Kenneth Avery.

The weekly School is Cool Page highlights students within the Salem Schools District. Businesses interested in sponsoring a page can call the Salem News at 330-332-4601.



The winner for the city spelling bee was Gray Buta from the Salem Junior High. Congratulations Gray! Above are the participant. Below finalists for Salem Junior High included William Cunningham, Caemon Hill, Taylor Stewart, James Daerle, Gray Buta, Bryce Owen, Kaitlyn Haus, Jackson Kemats, Hayden Myers, Isaac Turnball and Jocab Monigold. Right is Bryce Owen, Salem Junior High Spelling Bee winner this year.



The Winter Homecoming pep rally had a teacher competition between the senior high teachers and the junior high teachers. The teachers were put into these bubble balls and played soccer. The outcome of the game - the junior high teachers won.



The Salem Junior High cheerleaders performed their routine during the Winter Homecoming pep rally.

