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RG3 WINNER

Robert Griffin III beat out preseason favorite Andrew Luck for the Heisman Trophy, dazzling voters with his ability to throw, run and lead Big 12 doormat Baylor into the national rankings. The quarterback known as RG3 became the first Heisman winner from Baylor on Saturday night by a comfortable cushion over the Stanford star.



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A shadow on a family

"WE ALWAYS SAY 'why us?' But I wouldn't want anyone else to have her but us."

Christina Tompkins
Mother of Juliann



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Juliann Tompkins, 2, a child with a neurological disorder called Cockayne Syndrome, gives her mother Christina Tompkins a big hug. The disease is rare, according to doctors, with only about 300 cases known worldwide.

Area child has rare affliction

By TERRIE MORGAN-BESECKER
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NANTICOKE – Juliann Tompkins has been a mystery for much of her 2 ½ years of life.

Her parents, Christina and Brent Tompkins of Pine Street, sensed from early on that something was wrong with their child. Juliann never moved inside her mother's womb. As an infant she rarely, if ever, cried.

The couple also was concerned that her head seemed disproportionately small, and that her eyes and nose appeared slanted. And they couldn't fathom why, at age 2, she developed sun poisoning after being outside on an overcast day for less than 30 minutes.

They were questions that remained unanswered until this summer, when a neurologist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, acting on a hunch, tested the toddler and confirmed she suffers from Cockayne Syndrome, a genetic disorder so rare that there are only 300 known cases worldwide.

For the Tompkinses, the diagnosis was a relief as they finally had an explanation for their daughter's disabilities. But it came with a stark reality:

Juliann will likely live only to age 10, or, if she's fortunate, perhaps up to age 20. She will progress physically and mentally for several years, only to deteriorate as she ages.

"You're on a projectory scale. You go up and stay there a few years. Then she'll start to forget things. She'll forget how to walk. If she talks, she'll forget how to talk," said Christina Tompkins, 27.

Juliann does a little dance for her mother, Christina. The family spent much time researching Juliann's symptoms.

Genetic disorder

Cockayne Syndrome is a genetic disorder passed on to children through their parents, each of whom carries a mutation in one of two genes. There is no cure.

Both parents must carry the same mutated gene for the dis-

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COCKAYNE SYNDROME

The Share & Care Cockayne Syndrome Network provides information and support for parents of children afflicted with the disorder. For more information visit www.cockaynesyndorme.net. Donations to support research on Cockayne Syndrome should be made out to Children's Hospital Boston and mailed to Dr. Edward Neilan, c/o Children's Hospital Trust, 1 Autumn St., #731, Boston, MA, 02215-5310. The check must be accompanied by a cover letter designating the purpose of the gift.

PENN STATE SCANDAL

Media attention tough on victims

Experts predict it will be traumatic for those having to testify at Sandusky hearing.

By TERRIE MORGAN-BESECKER
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The media frenzy surrounding the Jerry Sandusky sexual assault case will make it much tougher for his alleged victims to testify at his preliminary hearing next week, said two psychiatric experts who treat sexual assault victims.

Many victims of child sexual assault struggle for years before they can come forward to reveal what happened to them, and then it's typically to relatives or close friends at first.



"The situation is unprecedented. The effect of the publicity can be life-changing."

Robert Griffin
Forty Fort

Sandusky, 67, is scheduled to appear Tuesday in Centre County Court for his preliminary hearing on more than 50 sexual assault charges. Prosecutors say Sandusky, former defensive coordinator for the Penn State football team, abused 10 boys over a period of years. He has maintained his innocence.

Telling their stories in a room that's expected to be filled by 200 people, including 100 members of the media, will undoubtedly be traumatic, although some will handle it better than others, said Robert Griffin of Forty Fort and Dr. Richard Fischbein of Kingston.

"It is very difficult for anyone to imagine what it will be like for the victims, and every individual will react differently," said Griffin, a psychologist. "The situation is unprecedented. The effect of the publicity can be life-changing."

Fischbein said adults who were victimized as children often are plagued by feelings of

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GIVING GUIDE

Economy, disasters challenge Salvation Army

Many new faces are seeking food and gifts for holiday.

By BILL O'BOYLE
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WILKES-BARRE – Meeting the demand for need on any day is a challenge for the Salvation Army.

But 2011 has been the most challenging for Capt. Patty Richwine and her staff and volunteers.

A down economy brought many new faces to the steps of the Salvation Army, and natural disasters have added to the number of people needing help.

The halls and rooms at the Salvation Army on South Pennsylvania Avenue are filled with boxes – some filled with food, clothing and toys for families – and others are empty, awaiting

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Bible rests on back of toilet in Plains Township home of Harold Thomas, who is trying to rebuild.

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The Salvation Army is one of five agencies and nonprofit organizations affected by the flooding in September that will be featured in this year's Giving Guide.

Donations can be sent to:
The Salvation Army of Wilkes-Barre, P.O. Box 1271, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. When donations are made, please note "TL Giving Guide" in your letter or on the memo line of the check.

Coach 'assault' untrue, mom says

Football mentor Jackson of Dallas is on the spot over an alleged incident in a game.

By JERRY LYNOTT
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DALLAS TWP. – An allegation of an on-field assault of a Dallas High School football player by head coach Ted Jackson Sr. is untrue, said the boy's mother after the issue resurfaced in a pirated video on the Internet.

The woman, who asked that neither she nor her minor son be identified, said they gave statements to police that there was no assault during the Oct. 8 game with Wyoming Valley West.


Jackson

She also said Luzerne County Children and Youth Services contacted her, offering assistance.

But she said there is no need for help.

"From day one, it never happened," she said Saturday.

She blamed a disgruntled parent for trying to revive a dead issue and to keep Jackson from being rehired as coach for next season.

"Ted Jackson is a great coach," she said.

Jackson, 60, head coach of the Mountaineers for 27 years, received an unfavorable performance review from the district and his job is expected to be discussed at Monday night's school board meeting.

He led the team to the PIAA Class 2A title in 1993 and has had one losing season. However, his career has been marked by controversy, including a suspension of four games in 2010 for several players urinating on the tennis courts at Tunkhannock during halftime of a Sept. 18, 2009 game.

"It's a witch hunt," said Jackson. Prior investigations determined the allegation was unfounded, he said.

A message left with Frank Galicki, school district superintendent, was not returned.

The 25-second video at the center of the allegation was copied from one made by Art Daube, videographer for the Dallas Gridiron Club.

The former vice president and general manager of WBRE-TV said he sells unedited copies to club members after each game. Daube said someone used a video camera to shoot the video from a television and posted a poor reproduction on YouTube. At his request, it was taken down from the Internet.

He said he provided a copy to school administration officials a few days after the Wyoming Valley West game, when the allegation first arose. He did not hear back from anyone, adding, "I thought that was the end of it."

But the pirated video appeared last week, and he said he again looked at his video of the game, this time frame-by-frame on his editing equipment. It reconfirmed his original conclusion, he said. "There was no assault," said Daube.

He said it showed the player holding his helmet in his hand and running from the sidelines onto the field to celebrate what would be the game saving tackle, giving Dallas the 28-27 win. Jackson grabbed the player by his shoulder pads and pulled him off the field to prevent him from being penalized, Daube said. Two officials stood nearby watching Jackson, Daube said.

He offered to allow school officials and club members to view the video on his equipment and said he will provide a written report of his review "in the event something is needed on the record."

Michael L. Burcicki

December 9, 2011



Michael L. Burcicki, 73, of Plymouth, died Friday, December 9, 2011, in the Geisinger South Hospice Community Care Unit, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Martin and Pauline Orzechowski Burcicki. He was raised in Wilkes-Barre Township and was a former graduate of the former Wilkes-Barre Township High School, Class of 1956.

Michael served four years in active duty in the U.S. Navy on the Destroyer USS Hailey DD5.56 in the capacity of Radio Man, 3rd Class; and two years in the Reserves/inactive duty ending in October 1962.

Michael was employed as a sanitarian by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in the division of Water Supply and Community Health at the Wilkes-Barre District Office for 38 years, retiring in June 2000.

He was a member of the Georgetown Conservation Club for 58 years, where he was past president and a current member of the Board of Directors. He loved nature and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Leo and Joseph.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, the former Lorraine Grubuski; his son Michael, Kingston; his brother-in-law, John Grubuski, Parsons; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. from the Simon S. Russin Funeral Home, 136 Maffett St., Plains Township, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Ss.Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Plains Township, with the Rev. Robert J. Kelleher, pastor of All Saints Church, Plymouth, as celebrant. Interment will follow in Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery, Plains Township.

Family and friends may call Monday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Raymond Adams

December 10, 2011

Raymond Eugene "Grassy" Adams of 308 Northumberland St., White Haven, closed his sparkling blue eyes and passed into God's arms on December 10, 2011, at St. Luke's Manor in Hazleton, where he had been a resident for the last six months. He knew his canine companion of 12 years, Abbey would be there waiting for him.

He was born in Laurytown, Carbon County, Pa., on Feb. 10, 1925. He was the son of the late Dorothy (Heimbach) Adams and Raymond L. Adams and he had resided in White Haven for his entire life.

He was the beloved husband of Dorothy Feist Adams, having shared 66 years of married life together. He was the proud father of three children, daughters, Frances (Fran), married to Paul Imbriaco Jr., Hazleton; Marlene (Chick), married to Edward Zmiejko Jr., Lake Agmar, and his son, Ray Adams, White Haven.

He had great love for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving are his five grandchildren, Amy Figas, Lori Zmiejko Gallagher, Kristine Adams, Lisa Zmiejko and Holly Adams, and his six great-grandchildren, Alexa Figas, Luke Figas, Tyler Wolfe, Bryce Wolfe, Brayden Wolfe and Baby Quinn Adams.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his parents, was his sister Alma Jean "Sissy" O'Hara. A brother, Ronald Reiner also survives as well as nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of White Haven High School and went to work at Wilmont Engineering in June 1940 until May 1943, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He proudly served with the 365th Battalion in the Rhineland-Central Europe from 1943 to April 1946. He received the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the American Campaign Medal, having attained the rank of Sergeant. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to work at Wilmont Engineering until January 1954.

In January 1954, he began work with Tobyhanna Army Depot. While there, he advanced in his profession as a sheet metal mechanic and was promoted to a supervisory position. He received numerous awards for his ingenuity/suggestions (always an easier way to do something) and for his superior job performance. He received a disability retirement in December 1979.

He loved his small town of White Haven, where everyone knew him. He was a volunteer with the White Haven Fire Co. and received a certificate of attainment for Fire & Rescue School and he was instrumental in building the White Haven Recreation Center.

He was always there to lend a hand if someone needed him. He had the gift of being able to fix and do anything. If a "project" was going on around the corner or down the block, he would walk each day to check on its progress, of course, offering his suggestions along the way.

He was an avid Philadelphia Phillies fan and was always seen in his Phillies hat and shirts. He could quote statistics on all the players, their wins and losses. He was overjoyed when "his" Phillies won the 2008 World Series championship after 28 years.

Besides his unconditional love for his family and looking forward to the holidays, especially Christmas Eve, it was the little things in life that made him the happiest. He had great wit and usually had a story to tell. He enjoyed a "good beer" and a "good game" of checkers with his neighbors. He was a great pinochle player and would have games with family and friends.

Being of German and Pennsylvania Dutch descent, for more than 20 years each October, he put together our family and friends Oktoberfest, or as the T-shirts noted, the "Adams Family Kraut Fest." The crocks and cutters would appear and preparations for the "homemade" sauerkraut would begin. Everyone would have a job, cutters, graters and stompers. And it was done to "the boss's" way or no way!

He even made homemade wines. Elderberry, Rose, Dandelion, Pumpkin, you name it, he tried it. When his grandkids were small, they would pick the "dandy lion" flowers and give them to Pop. And when winter rolled around, the hot wine would knock the cold right out of you.

He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and ice fishing. He even made a special sled equipped with everything he needed to spend the day on the ice.

Viewing hours will be held at Joseph Lehman Funeral Home, Berwick Street, White Haven, on Monday, December 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Tuesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father John McHale at his church, the Church of Saint Patrick in White Haven, at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Saint Patrick's Cemetery, White Haven.

The family requests donations to the White Haven Fire Company, the Church of Saint Patrick or the charity of one's choice.

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GOP candidates go after Gingrich

By STEVEN THOMMA and DAVID LIGHTMAN
McClatchy Newspapers

DES MOINES, Iowa — Newt Gingrich's Republican presidential rivals teed off on the former House of Representatives speaker in Saturday night's crucial Iowa debate, accusing the new GOP front-runner of being too tied to Washington and too full of odd ideas.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney came armed with a list of disagreements.

"The real difference, I believe, is our backgrounds. I spent my life in the private sector. I understand how the economy works," Romney said.

Gingrich fired back.

"Let's be candid. The only reason you didn't become a career politician is you lost to Teddy Kennedy in 1994," he said, when Romney lost a Senate bid. Boos erupted.

"Wait a second," Romney tried to interrupt.

"You'd have been a 17-year career politician by now if you'd won," Gingrich fired back.

Romney tried to turn that notion around.

"If I would have been able to get into the NFL (National Football League) like I wanted to when I was a kid, I'd have been a football star ... losing to Teddy Kennedy was probably the best thing I could have done for the job I'm seeking," he said. "It put me back in the private sector." That got applause.

Throughout the two-hour debate at Drake University, televised nationally by ABC, six GOP candidates clashed over health care, child labor, the Social Security payroll tax and a wide variety of other issues.


AP PHOTO

Republican presidential candidates Mitt Romney, left, and Newt Gingrich spar during Saturday's Republican debate.

While the first 11 GOP debates in this campaign drew decent ratings, the holiday Saturday night airtime faced a challenge drawing viewers. The manager of the local ABC affiliate said the network chose the date because it was the first Saturday all fall that was free from either a televised NASCAR or college sporting event; ABC usually televises college football in the time slot.

Gingrich is now the front-runner to win Iowa's Jan. 3 caucuses, according to volatile recent polls. A CNN/Time/ORC Iowa poll taken Nov. 29-Dec. 6 found Gingrich with 33 percent, Romney with 20 percent and Paul with 17 percent.

Gingrich's surge also has made him the favorite target of his rivals. They all took him on Saturday night.

Romney went after Gingrich for advocating a permanent lunar colony, and over his recent statement that child labor laws are "truly stupid."

"Poor children in really poor neighborhoods have no habits of working and have nobody around them who works," and should consider janitorial work, among other things, Gingrich said.

Romney said he disagreed with that approach. Gingrich replied, "Every person up here worked at a young age. Kids ought to be allowed to work part time ... "

Rep. Michelle Bachmann, R-Minn., pressed hard against both Gingrich and Romney, calling their common issue positions "Newt-Romney" stands on health care, global warming, bank bailouts and more. She said if Republicans hope to defeat Barack Obama next year, they should nominate a more consistent conservative such as herself, rather than either of the two perceived front-runners.

Romney drew laughter in responding that while he liked Gingrich, "he and I are not clones."

POLICE BLOTTER

DORRANCE TWP. – A single-family home caught fire Friday morning on Blue Ridge Trail.

According to township Fire Chief Duane Seltzer, the house at 8255 Blue Ridge Trail caught fire around 11 a.m. The couple that lived inside was not home at the time, but had left the home about an hour before the blaze began, Seltzer said. Firefighters brought the fire under control within 30 minutes.

Seltzer said the American Red Cross is assisting the displaced residents.

The fire apparently began in the home's living room and spread to an upstairs bedroom. Smoke and heat damage also extended through the house.

Seltzer said the fire appears to have been accidental, but the cause is under investigation by a state police fire marshal.

Units from the fire companies of Rice Township, Wright Township, Slocum Township, Hobbie and Pond Hill also responded. There were no injuries reported.

PLAINS TWP. – Police responded to a reported domestic disturbance at 60 West Stanton St. at 3:30 a.m. Saturday. Joy Purta told to police that her boyfriend, Brian Livingstone, 31, of 60 W. Stanton St., was involved in a physical altercation with her, police said. Livingstone fled the residence prior to police arrival. Police said Livingstone will be cited for harassment.

HAZLETON – Police arrested Bernardo Campusano-Abreu, 24, of North Locust Street, on simple assault, harassment and terroristic threats charges at 1:03 a.m. Saturday on the 800 block of North Locust Street after he allegedly struck a 20-year-old woman.

He was also charged with possession of heroin, police said. The woman was treated at Hazleton General Hospital.

Police said Campusano-Abreu is being held at Luzerne County Correctional Facility on a detainer from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for deportation proceedings.

Police also reported:

• A 24-year-old man told police someone threw a rock through the window of his vehicle while he was sitting in it in a parking lot at 511 W. Broad St. The man was treated for facial injuries at Hazleton General Hospital.

HAZLE TWP. – Police filed citations for harassment against Amber Lynn Keck, 24, of Hazleton, and Victor Donald Akey, 37, of Hazle Township, following an alleged altercation at 601 Scotch Hill Drive at 3 a.m. Saturday.

• State police said they charged John Alan Domzalski, 46, of Dorrance Township, with simple assault and harassment Tuesday. State police said Domzalski struck his brother, 56-year-old Mark Charles Domzalski, in the face several times at the residence the two men share, 1113 S. Main Rd.

• State police charged Melissa Ann Gensel, 23, of Hazle Township, with making false reports to law enforcement Wednesday.

State police said they were called to Sheetz on Airport Road at 9:20 p.m., where Gensel told police her vehicle had been struck by another that then fled the scene.

State police said Gensel's vehicle matched the description of a vehicle involved in a previous hit and run incident in West Hazleton and that upon questioning Gensel told police she had struck a sign and another vehicle in the parking lot of a West Hazleton Pizza Hut and that no accident took place in the Sheetz parking lot.

State police said West Hazleton Police are handling the Pizza Hut hit-and-run.

• State police said two white males attempted to steal televisions from the Walmart Tuesday. The men were stopped by security while attempting to leave the store and fled in a white Hyundai sedan, leaving the televisions behind.

The men are described as white males in their 20s, one with a shaved head wearing a Phillies baseball cap, a black jacket with red trim and blue jeans and one with dark hair and wearing a dark blue Echo Unlimited jacket.

LOTTERY SUMMARY

Daily Number, Midday
Sunday: 7-2-8
Monday: 2-2-4
Tuesday: 3-5-8
Wednesday: 7-4-0
Thursday: 9-1-3
Friday: 9-0-5
Saturday: 6-1-5

Big Four, Midday
Sunday: 4-6-2-2
Monday: 4-3-6-6
Tuesday: 1-3-8-0
Wednesday: 8-8-8-3
Thursday: 5-9-2-9
Friday: 9-1-5-1
Saturday: 7-8-9-3

Quinto, Midday
Sunday: 4-7-3-3-2
Monday: 1-6-6-7-3
Tuesday: 6-6-1-7-4
Wednesday: 0-4-1-9-5
Thursday: 4-3-2-9-6
Friday: 8-6-8-7-7
Saturday: 9-8-9-8-8

Treasure Hunt
Sunday: 13-20-21-26-29
Monday: 04-12-14-26-29
Tuesday: 04-07-08-19-28
Wednesday: 08-14-17-19-23
Thursday: 07-14-15-22-23
Friday: 02-10-11-13-24
Saturday: 01-05-13-16-20

Daily Number, 7 p.m.
Sunday: 1-6-8
Monday: 3-6-4
Tuesday: 4-6-7
Wednesday: 5-6-9
Thursday: 3-8-4
Friday: 5-3-6
Saturday: 0-4-7

Big Four, 7 p.m.
Sunday: 8-4-4-5
Monday: 2-6-6-1
Tuesday: 3-3-2-1
Wednesday: 6-3-3-5
Thursday: 1-1-7-1
Friday: 6-8-2-1
Saturday: 0-3-9-4 (8-3-1-0, double draw)

Quinto, 7 p.m.
Sunday: 5-6-8-4-5
Monday:1-6-8-4-5
Tuesday: 7-5-6-2-0
Wednesday: 6-9-3-7-3
Thursday: 3-5-3-4-4
Friday: 8-5-6-4-9
Saturday: 3-5-4-9-3

Cash 5
Sunday: 10-17-19-25-38
Monday: 04-12-18-33-34
Tuesday: 05-19-20-23-33-42
Wednesday: 05-07-12-31-35
Thursday: 26-27-31-35-43
Friday: 03-17-28-33-42
Saturday: 03-13-21-31-39

Match 6 Lotto
Monday: 23-25-27-39-42-44
Thursday: 06-09-12-20-26-42

Powerball
Wednesday: 03-14-20-39-40
powerball: 37
powerplay: 02
Saturday: 04-19-33-41-59
powerball: 09
powerplay: 05

Mega Millions
Tuesday: 07-21-29-35-49
Megaball: 39
Megaplier: 04
Friday: 04-12-29-49-51
Megaball: 44
Megaplier: 04

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LOCAL

IN BRIEF

TUNKHANNOCK TWP.

Trooper dies from shooting

State police said Trooper Craig Venesky, 42, of Clarks Summit died Saturday morning after apparently shooting himself in the parking lot of the Troop P station along Route 6 in Tunkhannock Township.

His body was found at 2:45 a.m. Saturday, state police said.

State police said they are investigating the shooting, but that no foul play is suspected.

The results of an autopsy scheduled for Saturday afternoon were not available. State police have not released additional details about the shooting.

HARRISBURG

Shale companies alerted

The state Department of Environmental Protection this week alerted companies involved in Marcellus Shale natural gas development across Pennsylvania that they must submit data on their air emissions for 2011 in reports due March 1.

"The use of natural gas for fuel will have very beneficial impacts on air quality, and we want to ensure we are protecting the quality of Pennsylvania's air as we access and bring to market this abundant, domestic fuel source," DEP Secretary Mike Krancer said.

While some states have had air-related health issues as a result of drilling, a DEP study of air quality near drilling sites in four counties late last year found no emissions at levels that would threaten the health of nearby residents or workers.

However, environmentalists point out the number of wells drilled has more than doubled since then.

Gov. Tom Corbett's administration in October changed the way DEP will assess emissions from gas facilities, using the distance between wells and compressor stations to determine if they should be considered clustered major sources of air pollution that are subject to stricter emission standards instead of individual emission sources subject to less pollution monitoring and controls.

DEP's policy diverges from that of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which gives less weight to the distance between gas sources and more weight to how the facilities are connected.

HARRISBURG

Licenses are suspended

License suspensions or fines have been levied against five area professionals or companies by state disciplinary boards for various reasons.

- Jadens Auto Works of Plains Township had its license suspended by the state Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty.
- Michelle J. Sitkowski, West Pittston, had her license suspended for no less than three years retroactive to April 12, based on her violating the terms of a previously agreed to consent agreement. The suspension was made by the state Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors.
- The state Board of Nursing suspended the license of Elizabeth Morrissey Gill of Wilkes-Barre for no less than three years retroactive to Feb. 17, based on her violating the terms of her consent agreement.
- John Anthony Ruby, of Yatesville, was suspended by the state Board of Barber Examiners for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty.
- Sunita Arora and One Source Realty Inc. of Clarks Summit were assessed a $2,000 civil penalty based on their failure to exercise adequate supervision over the activities of its licensed salesperson, according to the state's real estate commission.

The actions were announced Tuesday by the Pennsylvania Department of State.

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP

Community group will meet

The Newport Township Community Organization will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Guardian Elder Care Center in Sheatown.

All township residents are invited to attend.

SOCIAL SERVICES | **Families are being kept together, but improvement is lacking in some areas**

County child care sees progress

By MARK GUYDISH
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Luzerne County has far outpaced the state in efforts to keep families together when child welfare is at risk, but doesn't seem to be getting the desired results, according to data released last week by a child advocacy group.

Pennsylvania Partnership for Children's annual "The State of Child Welfare Report" highlighted what it called a statewide "comprehensive, family-focused approach in recent years to reduce the number of children in foster care and provide more services to keep children in their homes." The report noted that statewide the number of families getting in-home services climbed by nearly 4,000 from 2010 to 2011, a nearly 3 percent increase.

In Luzerne County, the total in foster care plummeted from 1,080 to 889 – almost an 18 percent drop.

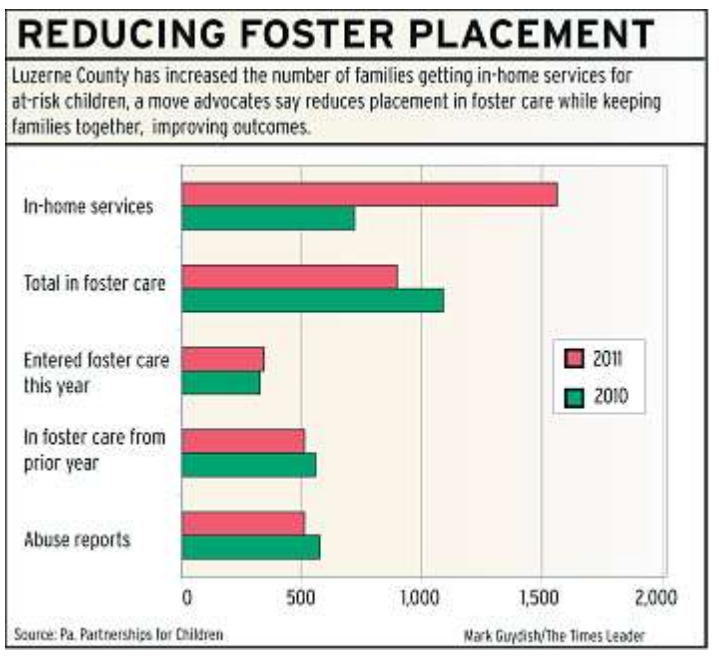
But the number soared in Luzerne County, from 713 families in 2010 to 1,552 this year, according to county data provided by the Partnership, an increase of 118 percent.

The report says in-home services address the root causes of abuse and neglect, reduce costly foster care placements and improve long-term outcomes for the children who stay in family settings.

Statewide, the shift to in-home services was accompanied by a decline of less than 1 percent in the total number of children in foster care. In Luzerne County, the total in foster care plummeted from 1,080 to 889 – almost an 18 percent drop. This came despite a slight increase locally in the number of children who entered foster care, 339 in 2011 compared to 321 in 2010.

But the county hasn't seen progress in some areas the report says are important, particularly in making sure children who are placed outside their own families are kept in

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In Forty Fort, the cost of a ride on Santa's Christmas 'sleigh' is an unwrapped toy



PETE G. WILCOX PHOTOS/THE TIMES LEADER

Frank Michaels portrays Santa Claus during his wagon ride with friends and neighbors in Forty Fort on Saturday. The fee for a ride is an unwrapped toy, which he gives to the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

It's Claus and effect

By STEVEN FONDO
Times Leader Correspondent

FORTY FORT – Santa Claus made a special visit to Forty Fort on Saturday, much to the delight of the children who came out to meet him.

Santa, with Mrs. Claus at his side, arrived on a jingle bell bedazzled wagon with two handsome work horses at the lead.

Santa's visit was organized by Forty Fort resident Frank Michaels as part of an annual holiday celebration and fundraiser.

"This is a continuation of a longtime family tradition," explained Michaels, a retired school principal. "This Santa Claus suit has been in the family for years, and my wife and I decided to do something special for children around the holidays."



Shawn Zeske and J.J. Delaney, 3, both of Wilkes-Barre, wave to Santa Claus portrayed by Frank Michaels of Forty Fort during wagon rides with Santa up and down Murray Street on Saturday.

Michaels and his wife, Vee, take on the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Claus to give wagon rides and collect toys for children who need them. Their son Adam and daughter Kristie help coordinate the rides and serve refreshments in front of the family's Filbert Street home.

Michaels said the handmade suit was worn by his father-in-law at family Christmas functions.

"My wife decided to take it out of mothballs and give it a good going-over."

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Angered by thefts, Crestwood set to buy camera system

School board OKs $28,000 for razing of properties near the high school on Route 309.

By STEVEN FONDO
Times Leader Correspondent

WRIGHT TWP. – The Crestwood School Board Thursday night approved a preliminary application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to install an internal and external security camera system estimated to cost of $60,000.

The proposed surveillance system is in response to a recent outbreak of petty thefts at the school district.

Superintendent Dave McLaughlin-Smith said the application to the state is a preliminary step, and he will be making formal recommendations regarding school security measures in the future.

Board members talked about the thefts at a meeting in October and decided then to take measures to address the thefts at the high school. School administrators said then they are aware of at least eight reported thefts of student personal property from hall lockers and other areas.

"If lockers are being broken into during the day, then shame on us," board member Marty Behm said at the October meeting.

He suggested the district look into the cost of a camera system.

McLaughlin-Smith said at that same meeting the school had recently reduced the number of paid hall monitors due to budget constraints.

On Thursday night, the board also approved spending nearly $28,000 for the final costs of razing several properties adjacent to the school complex on Route 309.

During the board's reorganization, members unanimously elected Eric Aigeldinger as 2012 board president.

Board member Gene Mancini will serve as vice president. Newly elected members, Michael Marshall and William Thomas were sworn in by District Judge Ronald Swank at the start of the session.

The board reappointed Mancini as Crestwood's representative to the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center for a three-year term, and Thomas was elected board treasurer.

GUN LEGISLATION

Anti-gun violence group targets legislators

CeaseFirePA campaigns against Barletta and Marino for backing border legislation.

By JONATHAN RISKIND
Times Leader Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON – A nonprofit anti-gun violence group is targeting Reps. Lou Barletta of Hazleton and Tom Marino of Lycoming Township, both Republicans, for backing legislation passed by the House last month making it easier to cross state borders carrying concealed guns.

But the group, CeaseFirePA, says the campaign isn't about partisan politics, pointing out that the ads it has placed in newspapers across the state include ones aimed at several Democrats who voted for the bill, as well, including Rep. Mark Critz, D-Johnstown.

Barletta



Marino

For their part, Barletta and Marino say they have no qualms about having voted for the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act, which gives gun owners who have a concealed carry license from one state the right to arm themselves in any other state that also has a concealed carry law.

"The bill simply requires states to recognize lawfully issued firearms carry permits from other states, the same way they recognize driver's licenses," said Renita Fennick, Marino's spokeswoman. "He will continue to protect individuals' rights guaranteed under the Constitution to keep and bear arms."

Shawn Kelly, Barletta's spokesman, said the ads don't mention that Pennsylvania already has similar reciprocity agreements with 26 states.

"This vote protects Pennsylvanians' constitutional rights," Kelly said. "Crossing state lines should not mean law-abiding Pennsylvanians lose their constitutionally protected right to self defense."

The House bill passed 272-154, and included the votes of 43 Democrats.

But CeaseFirePA's ads include the views of former West Goshen Police Chief Mike Carroll, a recent president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"When the Washington gun lobby told you to ignore our advice and vote for federally mandated national concealed carry, despite the risks, you didn't hesitate," Carroll is quoted as saying in the ad. "The bill you voted for poses a signifi-

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IN BRIEF



AP PHOTO

A speedy way to deliver gifts

Jimmy Flynn clicks his heels as he crosses the line at the annual Santa Sightings 5K Fun Run in New Bedford, Mass., on Saturday. More than 1,600 runners took to the streets wearing Santa suits in order to participate in the annual event.

RADFORD, VA.

Gunman not seen as violent

The man authorities say killed a Virginia Tech police officer before committing suicide had broken up with his girlfriend over the summer and vaguely mentioned some family issues, but he was loyal and never hinted at plans for violence, friends and former classmates said Saturday.

Police say Ross Truett Ashley, 22, stole a car at gunpoint Wednesday from his landlord's office in what would be a precursor to the events a day later: On Thursday, police say, he killed the police officer, then turned the gun on himself in a parking lot on the campus.

"Ross wasn't that kind of person. He was friendly, nice," said Nic Robinson, a 21-year-old history major at Radford University preparing for law school. "Obviously, he had his bad days, but it was the same as anyone else having those days."

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Captors release U.S. teen

A 14-year-old American boy who was abducted with his mother and cousin by suspected Muslim militants in the southern Philippines was released Saturday from five months of jungle captivity, the Philippine military said.

The boy, Kevin Lunsmann, was recovered by a village official in Lamitan town on southern Basilan Island, a stronghold of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf rebels, who are believed to be behind the kidnapping, said military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang.

The boy's Filipino-American mother, Gerfa Yeatts Lunsmann, was freed two months ago. Their Filipino cousin, Romnick Jakaria, dashed to freedom last month.

PANAMA CITY

Noriega fit for extradition

An examination by a team of doctors in France has found former Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega fit enough to be extradited to his homeland, Panama's Foreign Ministry said Saturday.

French doctors and a Panamanian colleague determined Noriega "is in condition to travel," the ministry said in a press statement.

He is expected to arrive today after a flight from Paris with a stopover in Madrid.

ARLINGTON, VA.

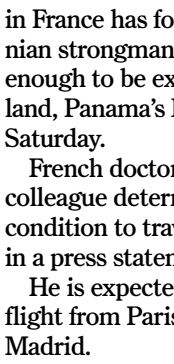
Wreaths laid at Arlington

Volunteers have laid tens of thousands of holiday wreaths at tombstones at Arlington National Cemetery.

Maine Gov. Paul LePage joined thousands of volunteers Saturday in placing the wreaths. A convoy of more than 20 trucks left Maine last Sunday, bound for the cemetery across from the nation's capital.

The tradition began 20 years ago with little fanfare. Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Co. in Harrington, Maine, and others laid 5,000 wreaths on headstones that first year to give thanks to the nation's veterans.

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Russian protest is biggest ever

Few arrests are made as Vladimir Putin's party faces accusation of fraud in recent elections.

By JIM HEINTZ and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Tens of thousands of people held the largest anti-government protests that post-Soviet Russia has ever seen on Saturday to criticize electoral fraud and demand an end to Vladimir Putin's rule. Police showed surprising restraint and state-controlled TV gave the nationwide demonstrations unexpected airtime, but there is no indication the opposition is strong enough to push for real change from the prime minister or his ruling party.

Nonetheless, the prime minister seems to be in a weaker position than he was a week ago, before Russians voted in parliamentary elections. His United Party lost a substantial share of its seats, although it retains a majority.

The independent Russian election-observer group Golos said Saturday that "it achieved the majority mandate by falsification," international observers reported widespread irregularities, and the outpouring of Russians publicly denouncing him throughout the country undermines Putin's carefully nurtured image of a strong and beloved leader.

Putin "has stopped being the national leader — in the eyes of his team, the ruling political class and society," analyst Alexei Malachenko of the Moscow Carnegie Center wrote on his blog.

Putin, who was the president of Russia in 2000-2008 before stepping aside because of term limits, will seek a new term in the Kremlin in the March presidential elections. The protests have tarnished his campaign, but there is not yet any obvious strong challenger.

The most dramatic of Saturday's protests saw a vast crowd jam an expansive Moscow square and adjacent streets, packed so tight that some demonstrators stood on others' toes. Although police estimated the crowd at 30,000, aerial photographs suggested far more, and protest organizers made claims ranging from 40,000 to 100,000 or more.

Elsewhere in Russia, some 7,000 protesters assembled in St. Petersburg, and demonstrations ranging from a few hundred people to a thousand took place in more than 60 other cities. Police reported only about 100 arrests nationwide, a notably low number for a force that characteristically quick and harsh action against opposition gatherings.

The police restraint was one of several signs that conditions may be easing for the beleaguered opposition, at least in the short term.



AP PHOTO

A demonstrator holds an anti-Putin poster during a rally Saturday.

A HEAVENLY SHOW



AP PHOTO

The Earth casts its shadow across the moon's surface during the lunar eclipse as seen from Portland, Ore., Saturday.

Women's activists take Nobels

By BJOERN H. AMLAND and LOUISE NORDSTROM
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Three women who fought injustice, dictatorship and sexual violence in Liberia and Yemen accepted the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize on Saturday, calling on repressed women worldwide to rise up against male supremacy.

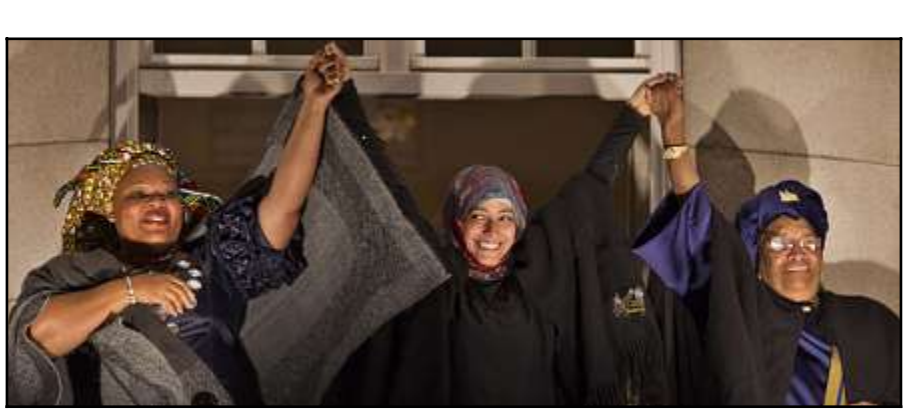
"My sisters, my daughters, my friends — find your voice," Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said after collecting her Nobel diploma and medal at a ceremony in Oslo.

Sirleaf, Africa's first democratically elected female president, shared the award with women's rights campaigner Leymah Gbowee, also from Liberia, and Tawakkul Karman, a female icon of the protest movement in Yemen.

The other Nobel Prizes — in medicine, chemistry, physics and literature, and the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences — were presented by Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf at a separate ceremony Saturday in Stockholm.

U.S.-born scientists Saul Perlmutter, Brian Schmidt and Adam Riess collected the physics prize for discovering that the universe is expanding at an accelerating pace.

Americans Christopher Sims and Thomas Sargent won the economics prize for describing the cause-and-effect relationship between the economy and government policy.



AP PHOTO

Nobel Peace Prize winners, from left, are Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, Tawakkol Karman of Yemen, and Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

Gingrich's Palestinian remarks stir anger

The Republican presidential candidate's 'invented people' words bring a quick response.

By DANIEL ESTRIN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Palestinian officials reacted furiously on Saturday to Newt Gingrich's assertion that they are an "invented" people, accusing the Republican presidential hopeful of incitement and staging a "cheap stunt" to court the Jewish vote.



Gingrich

Gingrich's remarks struck at the heart of Palestinian sensitivities about the righteousness of their struggle for an independent state and put him at odds not only with the international community but with all but an extremist fringe in Israel. Mainstream Israelis, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, support the idea of an independent Palestine alongside Israel as part of a final peace agreement.

In footage released Friday, the former House speaker told the Jewish Channel, a U.S. cable TV network, that the Palestinians were an "invented people."

"Remember, there was no Palestine as a state — (it was) part of the Ottoman Empire. I think we have an invented Palestinian people who are in fact Arabs and historically part of the Arab community and they had the chance to go many places," Gingrich said according to a video excerpt posted online.

Occupy Boston unoccupied after dozens arrested

By JAY LINDSAY
Associated Press

BOSTON — Police officers swept through Dewey Square early Saturday, tearing down tents at the Occupy Boston encampment and arresting dozens of protesters, bringing a peaceful end to the 10-week demonstration.

Officers began moving into the encampment at about 5 a.m. to "ensure compliance with the trespassing law," police spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll said.

The city had set a deadline for midnight Thursday for the protesters to abandon the site but police took no action until early Saturday, making Boston the latest city where officials moved to oust protesters demonstrating against what they call corporate greed and economic injustice.

As police moved in, about two dozen demonstrators linked arms and sat down in nonviolent protest and officers soon began arresting them.



AP PHOTO

Boston police officers remove an Occupy Boston protester from Dewey Square before dawn Saturday. Police tore down tents and arrested dozens of people to break up the 10-week protest.

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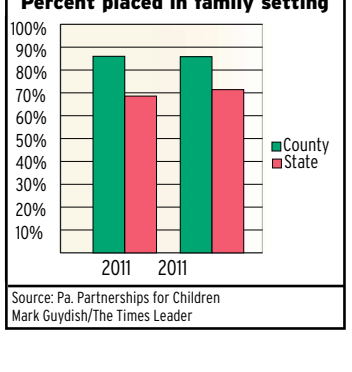
"family settings," rather than "congregate care" such as group homes. Statewide, the percentage of placements in family settings climbed from 69 percent to 71 percent. Locally, the percent has remained stagnant at 85 percent – though that is markedly higher than the state rate to begin with.

The county has also seen an increase in the percentage of children in foster care who are 13 or older. According to the report, "Children 13 and older often face the greatest challenges finding a 'forever family' and end up 'aging out' of the foster care system, making the challenging transition to adulthood without the support a loving family provides."

Statewide, the percentage of foster care children 13 or over has dropped from 47.3 percent to 44.8 percent. In Luzerne County, it climbed from 25.8 to 27 percent. The good news, again, is that the local rate is much lower than the state rate.

Avoiding group homes

Luzerne County places a higher percentage of foster care children in "family settings" than the statewide rate, avoiding use of group homes.



Source: Pa. Partnerships for Children
Mark Guydish/The Times Leader

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cant threat to public safety – and to the officers who defend it."

Max Nacheman, the head of CeaseFirePA, said his group is anti-gun violence, not anti-gun rights. He said that if a gun owner gets a concealed carry license from a state that has a more lax law than Pennsylvania, that owner should not be able to carry his concealed weapon in Pennsylvania.

"This is a law enforcement issue about how to stop folks who are not allowed to have a gun" in Pennsylvania from being allowed to carry one into the state, Nacheman said.

The ads also ask Sen. Bob Casey, D-Scranton, and GOP Sen. Pat Toomey of Zionsville to vote against the measure when it comes up in the Senate. The group notes that Casey voted for a similar bill two years ago when it failed in the Senate.

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The bill again is expected to face an uphill climb in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Casey spokeswoman April Mellody noted the bill hasn't been taken up yet by the Senate.

"Senator Casey supports the second amendment and he will continue to work with local law enforcement to enforce existing laws and to protect federal support for the COPS hiring program especially in this tough time for local budgets," Mellody said.

SANTA

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The cost of a ride on Santa's Christmas "sleigh" is an unwrapped toy, which Michaels then gives to the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program for needy children. And two members of the local Marine Corps Reserves were on hand to receive the holiday donations.

"It's a great way to spend a Saturday night," said a smiling Marine Cpl. Vincent Stoops of Snyder County, who was on hand with Sgt. Michael Myers, a Luzerne County native.

Doug Richert, who came out with his heavily bundled toddler son Cash, said that Michaels' annual holiday event has become a family tradition for him also.

"When I was a child, Mr. Michaels would come to our house dressed as Santa and spreading Christmas joy," Richert said. "So it's really amazing for me to be able to bring my son here now."

Hot chocolate and fresh-baked cookies were served to the more than 150 invited guests as they waited for their turn to climb upon Santa's carriage for a 15 minute ride along Murray Street in the borough.

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FROM THE EDITOR

JOE BUTKIEWICZ

Help those in need have holiday gifts



WE'VE SET A LOT of records the past few months in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

We've had a record-setting year for rainfall, a record-high level of the Susquehanna River in September, and aid organizations are saying there is an unprecedented need for help in our communities.

Large areas of West Pittston, Plains Township, Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth Township, Shickshinny and Wyoming County and other areas are still recovering.

Christmas won't be the usual for many people in those communities because life isn't normal and won't be for some time.

If the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Agnes nearly 40 years ago is a measure, victims won't be whole – physically, mentally or emotionally – for quite some time. And unlike Agnes, the entire Valley isn't enduring this together. Residents of flooded communities might feel reason to feel forlorn.

We're glad many areas were spared, but we will not forget our neighbors. That's why The Times Leader Giving Guide is dedicated this year to five organizations that were either affected by the flood waters or are straining to help flood victims.

We start today with reporter Bill O'Boyle's story about The Salvation Army and continue with a story each day through Thursday.

The stories of these people – these neighbors – are moving. We believe they deserve the help of the entire community.



SALVATION

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items that are desperately needed.

For the Angel Tree Program alone, Richwine said there were 1,024 applications received representing 1,810 children and a total of 3,336 people in need.

"We're still getting calls," Richwine said. "We've even had to refer some of the applicants to other agencies like Catholic Social Services."

For that reason the Salvation Army is one of five agencies and nonprofit organizations being featured in this year's edition of The Times Leader's Giving Guide.

> **"They are proud people – people who have been donors for us for years and now they find themselves here asking for help."**
>
> **Jennifer Reich**
> Salvation Army staff

There is widespread need throughout the area, but the hardship is unique in communities flooded in September following Tropical Storm Lee. Each organization spotlighted in this week's series either was flooded, strained its resources helping people in the inundated areas, or both. Readers are asked to consider contributing to one or more of these worthy causes this holiday season.

At the Salvation Army, Richwine said 978 families received food vouchers in 2011, up from 865 in 2009, 750 in 2008, and 650 in 2007. The vouchers allow families to have Christmas dinner.

Richwine said the annual Kettle Drive is on pace to reach its goal of $160,000, despite losing two key collection locations. She hopes donations can keep pace with the demand that seems to increase daily.



PETE G. WILCOX PHOTOS/THE TIMES LEADER

Harold Thomas and his daughter, Heather, of Plains Township, both victims of the September flood, are trying to rebuild their homes.

"People are constantly losing their jobs," said Jennifer Reich of the Salvation Army staff. "There are many first-time applicants coming to us. They are proud people – people who have been donors for us for years and now they find themselves here asking for help."

Reich said the new applicants appear to be "very embarrassed" when they ask for help.

"You can tell they don't want to be here," she said. "But they are here for their kids; they have no way of getting help and Christmas is around the corner."

Timely help

Harold Thomas is one of many people helped by the Salvation Army following September's flooding. The Thomas family lives on Mitchell Street in the Plainsville section of Plains Township, near the Susquehanna River. Harold just wants to keep his family together.

Thomas, 65, has endured the death in May of his wife, Dianne, and the September flooding that destroyed one of his two mobile homes and severely damaged the double-block next door where his daughter lived. He also suffered a serious staph infection caused by spider bites and flood water. "Yeah, it's been a bad year," Thomas said. "We all lived together – one big family. Now everybody is split up."



Harold Thomas of Plains Township holds a photograph of his children Harry and Melissa that was salvaged from his home after the flooding in September.

Thomas has been renovating a second mobile home that was flood damaged and he's working on the double-block so his daughter and a tenant can return. Thomas has put most of his savings into renovating the houses. Thomas did receive a temporary trailer from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as did his daughter. A truck driver for a company in Mountain Top, Thomas said his days are long and the work is hard.

Thomas said the Salvation Army helped him in 1972 when the Agnes flood hit. Since September Thomas credits the Salvation Army with again helping him get through the difficult times.

"They're a godsend," Thomas said. "They were here every day with hot meals for us. Believe me, every time I see a kettle I will donate.

"I'm getting too old for this," he said. "I just want all of us to be together again."

Unforeseen disaster

Sandra Ungarsky lives in the Brookside section of Wilkes-Barre City. She was told she wouldn't ever need flood insurance, so she never purchased it.

When the September flooding hit and the Susquehanna River rose, sewers backed up into Ungarsky's basement – filling it with sewage that reached her first floor.

"I went through the Agnes flood in 1972 and let me tell you there's a big difference from having water in your house and having sewage," Ungarsky said.

She, her daughter and two granddaughters have been living in a hotel. Ungarsky doesn't have the money to fix her home. She lost her furnace, water heater, electrical system, sentimental family photographs and winter clothing. She estimates her loss at $15,000 to $20,000.

The Salvation Army has provided Ungarsky and her daughter, Sara, and Sara's two daughters – Delilah, 4, and Chloe, 2 – with clothing, food and counseling.

"The people there have such a positive attitude," Ungarsky said. "I've never had to ask for help before, but it's comforting to know that the Salvation Army is there to help in some way."

Ungarsky said it's difficult for her to even talk about having to ask for help. She said if it were just her, she wouldn't ask, but her daughter and granddaughters are her life and she wants to make sure they have gifts for Christmas.

Ungarsky works two jobs and Sara works part time and attends Luzerne County Community College where she is studying to be a respiratory therapist.

"FEMA gave us some money, but it won't nearly be enough to cover our losses," Ungarsky said. "The holidays are coming and I want my granddaughters to have a merry Christmas. It's not about me; it's for them."

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Nanticoke residents turn out to enjoy Christmas parade and greet Santa.

By CAMILLE FIOTI
Times Leader Correspondent

NANTICOKE – Disguised in a Santa suit, "The Grinch" scowled as he led the parade through town atop the Newport Township fire truck Saturday.

Sponsored by the South Valley Chamber of Commerce, the parade, which began at Greater Nanticoke Area High School, included floats, Boy and Girl Scout troops and the high school marching band.



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Santa Claus rides on the Nanticoke Fire Department's ladder truck in Saturday's Christmas parade.

Anxiously waiting to catch a glimpse of the "real" Santa, Kaitlyn Smith, 6, of Nanticoke, scooped up a small bag of "reindeer food" which was tossed to the curb. Joined by her mother Cindy, 43, her brother Tyler, 19 and his girlfriend, Nadine Fisher, also 19, Kaitlyn said this was the first time she attended the city's parade. "It's nice to see that small towns are still doing parades like this," said Cindy, who recalled taking Tyler to the parade each year while he was growing up.

A few blocks away, the festivities continued in the parking lot of Luzerne County Community College's Joseph Paglianite Culinary Institute. A long line of children waited for a chance to sit on Santa's lap under a large tent.

After spending the afternoon with her mom as a Salvation Army bell ringer at a grocery store in Kingston, Jordan Lamb, 6, of Nanticoke treated herself to hot cocoa and cookies. "I asked Santa for a Little Mommy Very Real Baby Doll," she said.

"I think this is great," said her mom Georgette, 49. "I love how they do this every year for the kids."

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Pa. asks Internet buyers to pay tax

By PETER JACKSON
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — For Pennsylvanians who are fretting over not paying enough in state taxes, the Revenue Department aims to make life a little easier.

The 2011 personal income-tax return will provide a line asking taxpayers to declare — under the same oath they annually take in reporting their income — how much they owe in "use tax" on purchases they made online without paying the state sales tax.

State officials hope the change will educate Pennsylvanians about the use tax and inspire them to voluntarily fork over an additional $6 million to $8 million next year.

"We feel that (among) the good taxpayers of the commonwealth, the better they're educated on tax laws, the vast majority of them would feel an obligation to comply," said Revenue Secretary Dan Meuser.

The sales tax and use tax are both 6 percent. By law, sellers are supposed to collect the sales tax at the time of purchase; if they don't, buyers are expected to pay the state the same amount in use tax.

The holiday-season appeal to consumers' conscience is the smaller part of a two-pronged campaign to capture at least some of an estimated $380 million that otherwise would go uncollected on Internet purchases in 2012.

The department, which expects to collect about $9 billion in sales and use tax next year, is also intensifying efforts to goad more Internet companies into collecting the sales tax at the point of sale, as Pennsylvania-based companies have to do.

Many of the biggest online retailers already collect the Pennsylvania tax, including Staples and Walmart, but many others are not registered to do so, including No. 1-ranked Amazon, department officials said.

The debate over the taxation of Internet commerce is raging in many state capitals. In Washington, a group of senators are pushing legislation to allow states to require online retailers that sell more than $500,000 a year to collect sales taxes for them regardless of where the companies are headquartered.

The department created a stir earlier this month by issuing a bulletin updating its interpretation of laws governing the taxation of online retailers and other remote sellers.

> **"We're doing our best to make Pennsylvania a very business-friendly state."**
> **Dan Meuser**
> Revenue secretary

Advocates for Pennsylvania businesses hailed the move as an incremental victory in their ongoing campaign against what they see as unfair tax-free pricing by online competitors.

Many tax lawyers see the directive as an attempt by the Corbett administration to pressure Internet companies into collecting Pennsylvania sales tax without any corresponding change in state law.

"I'm not sure they have the authority to expand their authority," said Robert Louis, a partner in the Saul Ewing law firm in Philadelphia.

The Washington-based anti-tax group Americans for Tax Reform, whose no-new-taxes pledge was signed by Gov. Tom Corbett during his 2010 election campaign, said in a commentary published in The Philadelphia Inquirer this week that the move represents "a tax increase that skirts the legislative process."

Meuser insists the bulletin is neither a tax increase nor a policy change, but rather seeks to clarify the nuances of the law as it steps up enforcement efforts in response to widespread complaints from Pennsylvania businesses.

"We're doing our best to make Pennsylvania a very business-friendly state," Meuser said.

In the past, out-of-state retailers have been required to collect the tax on purchases by Pennsylvanians if the companies have a physical presence — a warehouse, for example — that creates a "nexus" with the state.

The bulletin spells out activities that the department says also constitute a nexus with Pennsylvania and trigger tax-collection obligations for remote sellers.

Examples include contracting with Pennsylvania-based Web site operators to encourage purchases of the seller's products and regularly soliciting orders from Pennsylvania customers through an in-state Web site using "click-through" technology.

The department has given companies with a Pennsylvania nexus until Feb. 1 to register or face possible actions ranging from audits to criminal prosecution.

Individual consumers are less likely to be punished for failing to pay the use tax.

"This is a voluntary compliance initiative," said department spokeswoman Elizabeth Brassell.

Those who do pay would be wise to review the very long list of goods and services that are exempt from taxation — clothing, groceries and prescription or over-the-counter medicines are among them — before they write a check. Go to www.revenue.state.pa.us/usetax.

No one wants to pay more taxes than they have to.



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PENN STATE ABUSE SCANDAL

Sandusky lawyer raising eyebrows

Joseph Amendola defies standard practice by having his client talk with media.

By MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — As he defends a sports figure charged with sexually abusing 10 young boys, and manages a case that led to the firing of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, defense lawyer Joseph Amendola has defied conventional wisdom and come out swinging.

He let his client, retired Paterno assistant Jerry Sandusky, get on the phone with NBC's Bob Costas. Then he put him through two days of interviews with The New York Times.

Amendola insists the 67-year-old coach is not the serial predator described by the grand jury, which charged Sandusky with dozens of counts of child sex abuse, including fondling and rape, dating to the mid-1990s.

Despite widespread criticism of his tactics, and questions about his own personal life, the Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Penn State says he's ready to face his client's accusers at a preliminary hearing Tuesday. About 200 reporters and spectators are expected at the hearing, when a judge will decide if there's enough evidence to hold the case for trial.

"I do have a strategy. There is a method to my madness," Amendola, 63, told The Associated Press on Saturday. "This has been a well-thought-out strategy."

A daylong procession of young men are expected to testify Tuesday that they were sexually abused by Sandusky, the longtime defensive coordinator for Penn State's powerhouse football program and the one-time heir apparent to Paterno, major college football's winningest coach.

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>
> **Laurie Levenson**
> Loyola Law School

"As bad as it's going to be — and I don't have to tell you what the media frenzy's going to be, it's going to be crazy — but I think if we waive it, we're losing a really important opportunity for Jerry, who maintains his innocence," Amendola said.

The accusers say they were molested at Sandusky's home, on campus, on Penn State road trips and elsewhere. The scandal has provoked angry criticism that Penn State officials didn't do enough to stop the alleged assaults, and led to the ouster of both Paterno and the school's president, Graham Spanier.



AP PHOTO

Joe Amendola, attorney for former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, has caused shock in some of his fellow lawyers for his allowing his client to talk with the news media.

In many criminal cases, both high- and low-profile, lawyers keep their clients quiet.

But Amendola put Sandusky on the phone with Costas, who asked if he were sexually attracted to boys. The retired coach paused, and pondered the question. Then the lawyer had to jump in when Sandusky bobbled the question a second time with the Times.

"If I say, 'No, I'm not attracted to boys, that's not the truth, because I am attracted to young people ...'" Sandusky said.

Amendola cut him off.

"Yeah, but not sexually! You're attracted because you enjoy spending time (with them)," he said.

"Right, that's what I was trying to say," Sandusky said, according to the Times' videotaped interview.

The exchange stunned many veteran trial lawyers.

"It was horrifying to me that his lawyer let him speak to the press," Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson, a former prosecutor, said this past week. "It was so damaging."

A few, though, hold alternate views.

The conventional wisdom doesn't apply in pedophilia cases, when there's often a widespread presumption of guilt, said celebrity lawyer Mark Geragos, whose clients included Michael Jackson and O.J. Simpson. Lawyers sometimes have to take an unorthodox path, he said.

"You get a presumption of innocence if you're famous; you get a presumption of guilt if you're infamous," Geragos said.

Former neighbor oversaw '98 Sandusky investigation

By FRANCO ORDONEZ and MIKE DAWSON
McClatchy Newspapers

STATE COLLEGE — The head of Penn State University's police department who oversaw a 1998 investigation of possible sexual abuse by former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky once lived three houses down from the defensive coordinator, property records show.

Chief Thomas Harmon took over leading the department just one month before a detective began looking into whether the chief's former neighbor sexually abused two 11-year-old boys in a campus shower. Harmon later ordered the case closed when the Centre County, Pa., district attorney decided not to file criminal charges.

Sandusky retired from Penn State a year later.

The personal connection between the chief and the architect of "Linebacker U" now has lawyers for Sandusky's alleged victims questioning what role those ties may have played in closing the 1998 investigation, which they argue was a missed opportunity to stop Sandusky from assaulting more children.

"It reflects how incestuous the cast of characters are," said Michael Boni, who represents the person identified as Victim 1 in the Pennsylvania grand jury report released last month. "It's circular. The fact that they were neighbors ought to be investigated. Did Harmon think 'I shouldn't pursue this matter' because he's a friend or neighbor? These things have to be looked at."

The lack of charges following the 1998 investigation has contributed to criticism that law enforcement and school officials didn't do enough to stop the alleged assaults.

"It seems clear to us that PSU as well as other institutions in the community had several opportunities to stop Sandusky's sexual abuse of children and failed to do so for decades," said attorney Justine Andronici, who is representing one of the alleged victims.

According to the grand jury report, Harmon ordered his detective, Ronald Schreffler, to close the Sandusky case after then-District Attorney Ray Gricar decided not to file criminal charges.

In 1977, Harmon moved onto Norle Street, a small tight-knit community in Centre County where residents described neighborhood kids playing together, including Sandusky's and Harmon's children. They rode bikes together in the cul-de-sac. Sandusky also hosted kickball games in his backyard. Several neighbors said they were shocked by the allegations and described the Sanduskys as a loving family and great neighbors.

Colleagues said the two families attended the same church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church in State College.

VICTIMS

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guilt and self doubt that are compounded by the embarrassment associated with the publicity surrounding their cases.

" 'I can't believe I let this happen, I should have fought the guy,' " are common feelings experienced by victims, Fischbein said. "They forget they are processing this as an adult now, but they were children at the time it happened."

It's crucial that they get counseling so they can look at the situation in a more rational light, he said.

"You are 26 years old now, but this did not happen when you were 26. This happened when you were 12 or 13 and very trusting," Fischbein said.

Fischbein and Griffin are not involved in Sandusky's case. Speaking generally, Fischbein, a forensic psychiatrist who has treated sexual offenders and victims, said it's not unusual for pedophiles to have multiple victims.

"Pedophiles put themselves in a position of control. They look for a vulnerable child, someone who does not have a father figure, or a mother who is overwhelmed who becomes too trusting of an individual because they just want their son to have a good role model," he said.

It's a terrible reality, but knowing there are other victims can be helpful to the individual victims, Fischbein said.

"When they see several other victims come out, they feel less isolated. 'I'm not the only one. I don't have to hide my secret by myself,' " Fischbein said. "There is comfort in that."

That doesn't diminish the psychological damage victims suffer.

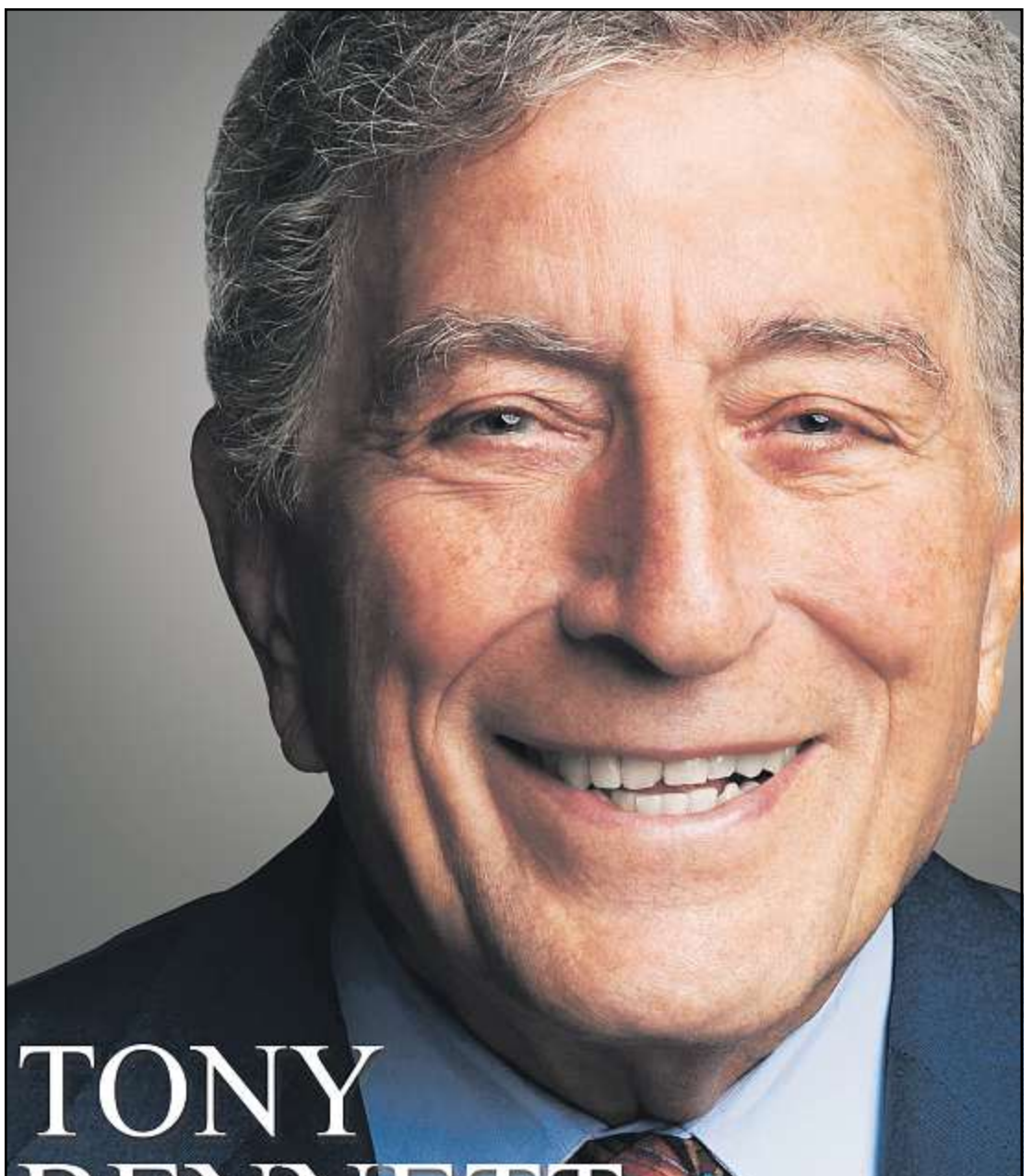
"The stigma of being sexually assaulted is great and it's different for males," Griffin said. "They may question their sexuality."

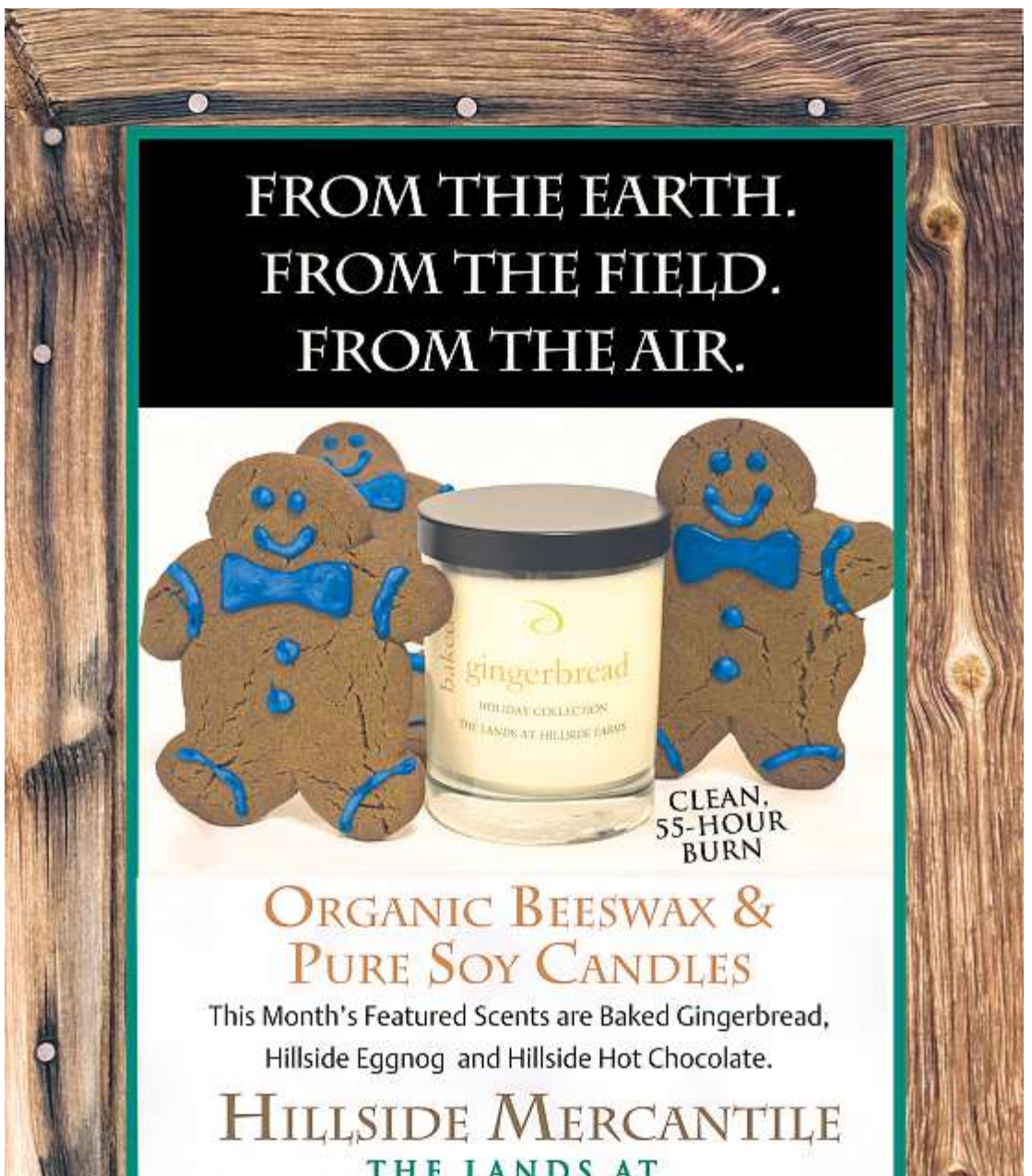
In addition to getting counseling, Griffin and Fischbein said it's important that the legal system does whatever it can to protect the alleged victims.

"They need to feel like they are not on trial and that they did nothing wrong and will be validated," Griffin said.

But no matter how much support they get, they're in for a difficult time as they prepare for the hearing.

"I suspect many will have trouble sleeping and concentrating this week," Griffin said.





ROBERTA J. STEADELE, 73, of Dunmore, and formerly of Ashley and Swoyersville, died Friday, December 9, 2011, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Roberta was born in Swoyersville on February 28, 1938. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Helen (Zim) Zukosky. Roberta was preceded in death by daughters, Cynthia and Helen Steadele; sister, Geraldine Reilly; brother, Eddy Zukosky. Surviving are daughters, Karen A.B. Scotti, Serina Steadele, Andrea Mozeleski, Roberta L. Steadele; sons, Albert, Leo and Dan Steadele; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sister Gloria Kush; brothers, Ronald, Carl and Danny Zukosky; numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 North Main Street, Ashley. Funeral services for Roberta will be held on Tuesday at noon in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township. Friends are asked to go directly to Maple Hill Cemetery Chapel on Tuesday.

EDWARD F. BOLAND, 83, formerly of North Wilkes-Barre, died Saturday, December 10, 2011, at Hampton House, Hanover Township, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time by the H. Merritt Hughes Funeral Home Inc., 451 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre.

GERTRUDE MACKIEWICZ, age 93, of Plymouth, passed away Friday, December 9, 2011.

Funeral arrangements are pending from the S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, 530 West Main Street, Plymouth.

JEAN HEALEY RINKUS, 75, formerly of Avoca, passed away Friday, December 9, in Lancaster, California.

Funeral arrangements are pending from Kiesinger Funeral Services Inc., 255 McAlpine St., Duryea.

Deborah M. 'Debbie' Stella

December 9, 2011



Deborah M. "Debbie" Stella, 60, of Allentown, formerly of Valencia, Butler County, died December 9, 2011.

She was the wife of John V. Stella for the past 36 years.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of Gertrude J. (Wajda) Smith and the late John A. Smith.

She graduated from Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre and received her B.S. from Mansfield University, a master's in leadership from Carlow University in Pittsburgh and her MBA from Waynesburg University.

She was the assistant director of finance at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for more than 20 years until retiring.

She was predeceased by her sister Pamela Kaluzny.

Surviving are her husband; mother; daughter Nicole Stella; son John A. Stella, Ph.D., and a sister, Sandra Maziarz and her husband, John.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Home, 1629 Hamilton St. (at 17th St.), Allentown.

There will be a time to meet the family from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the American Lung Association, 2121 City Line Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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Joseph Serafin

April 11, 1929 – November 12, 2011



Mr. Joseph Serafin, 82, died November 12, 2011 at VNA Hospice House, Vero Beach, Fla.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and lived in Sebastian, Fla., for 29 years, coming from Alexandria, Va.

Mr. Serafin retired from the Alexandria Virginia Police Department and worked as a security guard at Grand Harbor, Windsor, Vero Beach Museum of Art and the Indian River Medical Center, after moving to Sebastian.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

Mr. Serafin was a member and elder at the First Presbyterian Church, Sebastian, Fla., and the Henry Knox Masonic Lodge 349 in Alexandria, Va.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Andrew, John, Michael, Stephen Serafin and a sister, Anne Stevens.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Mindy Serafin of Sebastian; one brother, Arsane Serafin of Fredericksburg, Va.; two sisters, Betty Garafano of Warwick, R.I. and Elaine Paylor of Arlington, Va., and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indian River Medical Center Foundation, 1000 56th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960, the First Presbyterian Church of Sebastian, P.O. Box 78169, Sebastian, FL 32978-1689, or to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Foundation, 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

J. William Haddle

December 6, 2011



J. William "Bill" Haddle, 73, passed away Tuesday morning December 6, 2011, following a long battle with cancer.

Bill was the son of the late J. William "Bill" Haddle Sr. and Dorothy Willson Haddle. He was born in Homestead, Pa. and moved to Kunkle, Pa. in 1945, where he had attended the Dallas Township school. After graduating in 1956, he joined the United States Navy. He retired after 20 years as a Chief Quartermaster.

His last years in the Navy were spent teaching Navigation to the Navy ROTC students at Penn State University. Following retirement from the Navy, he returned to Kunkle, and established Pet Care Associates, a full service pet care facility. He discovered golf late in life, but he made up for that by retiring with his wife in 2003 to live on the Blackmoor golf course in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina.

He was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge #531 F&AM where he served as master in 1997 and 1999, Irem Shriners and the American Legion, Post #178, Murrells Inlet, and Blackmoor Golf Club.

Preceding Bill in death, in addition to his parents, was his sister Lucinda Haddle.

He is survived by his wife, the former Diane Burnside; his children, Susan Lauer and her husband, Raymond; Timothy Haddle and his wife, Linda; J. William Haddle III and his wife, Kelli; Daniel Haddle and his wife, Pamela; his stepdaughter Marianne Revie, and his 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his sister Ruth Hartzog and her husband, Robert; and brothers, Blair Haddle and his wife, Barbara; Lewis Haddle and his wife, Peggy, and Michael Haddle and his wife, Darlene.

Funeral will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at noon from The Richard H. Disque Funeral Home Inc., 2940 Memorial Highway, Dallas, with the Rev. W. William Kennard, officiating. Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Wilkes-Barre. Friends may call Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kunkle Fire Company Inc., RR1, Box 301-A, Dallas, PA 18612, or Tidelands Community Hospice, 2591 N. Fraser Street, Georgetown, SC 29440. There will be military honors at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Thomas Durkin

December 8, 2011



Former Mayor of the Borough of Avoca Thomas Durkin, 64, of Avoca, passed away Thursday December 8, at his home.

He was born in Avoca on December 13, 1946 and was the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Hunt) Durkin.

He was a member of Queen of the Apostles Church Parish (St. Mary's Church, Avoca) and its Holy Name Society. Tom was a 1964 graduate of Northeast High School, he attended Luzerne County Community College and graduated from King's College with a degree in Criminal Justice. He worked for the Lehigh Valley and the D & H Railroad, FedEX, and for the Luzerne County Probation Office.

Tommy will be most remembered for his generosity. His generous spirit touched and impacted not just his family and close friends, but also reached into the lives of the members of his church, his neighbors and the larger social community within which he lived.

One close friend explained, "Tommy loved the underdog." His focus, consistently throughout his life, was on reaching out to others in need. He was the first to organize assistance to those in crisis—those who lost their homes in fires, those who were in need around the holidays, and those impoverished and those struggling. His kindness, compassion, empathy and steadfast commitment to "community," lineage and roots led him to play an instrumental role in establishing the Ancient Order of Hibernians—an organization that aimed to protect the Irish in America. Past president of AOH and Man of the Year of AOH in 1993, Tommy served this organization tirelessly.

Tommy's compassion and willingness to care for and serve others poured over and into his absolute love for the town of Avoca and all of its inhabitants. His understanding of the importance of "community," as can only be experienced in small town living, led him to serve as mayor of the town of Avoca for one term – a role he thoroughly enjoyed. That life in a small town could be rich, fulfilling, safe and enjoyable was part of Tommy's vision and something he was fiercely committed to.

Although Tommy lived a life of service and played key roles in the larger social realms within which he lived and worked, the absolute "heart" of his life resided in his family life. He loved his wife, Faye, deeply. He was enormously proud of his daughters, Kerri and Mara, and enjoyed the experience of being their father. In fact, in 1986 he was named Father of the Year by the Pittston Dispatch. His home in Avoca was his favorite place to be. He greatly loved and adored his grandmother, Jule Hunt and his Aunt Jeanie – the two extraordinary women who raised him after his mother died when he was just twelve.

Tommy was a great golfer, billiard's player and had a strong passion for film. He loved the solace that time in the garden granted him. To say that Tommy loved life is an understatement. His passion for life was contagious and will leave an indelible mark on the lives of those he knew and loved. Although there is great sadness in his departure from this world, there is simultaneously utter joy in the knowledge that he departed after having lived a rich and fulfilling life – that he loved and was loved beyond measure, and that in the end, he left in great peace.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 41 years Faye (Atwell) Durkin, his daughters Kerri and Mara of New Jersey, his sister Jule "Judy" Craig, of Pittston, his Aunt Jean Hunt Reedy, many nieces and nephews, and his dogs Monty, Libby, Lu Lu, Lacey and Holly.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 13, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Queen of the Apostles Church, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca, with Father Phillip Sladicka officiating. The AMVETS Honor Guard of Dupont will provide military honors. Friends may call Monday December 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at Kiesinger Funeral Services Inc., 255 McAlpine St., Duryea. There will be no procession from the funeral home to the church. Family and friends are asked to go directly to the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ancient Order of Hibernians Neil McLaughlin Chapter, P.O. Box 5045, Avoca, PA 18641, Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 340 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic PA 18507, and Smile Train, 41 Madison Ave., 28th Floor, New York, NY 10010.

Online condolences may be made to www.kiesingerfuneralservices-.com.

Bishop Andrew Pataki, JCL, DD

August 30, 1927 - December 8, 2011



Bishop Andrew Pataki, J.C.L., D.D., Bishop Emeritus of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, N.J., from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Born in Palmerton, Pa., on August 30, 1927, Bishop Pataki was the son of the late Ignatius and Sophia (Dejak) Pataki. Following his early education, he began his studies for the priesthood in 1944 at Saint Procopius College-Seminary in Lisle, Illinois. He completed his studies at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, and was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on February 24, 1952 by Bishop Daniel Evancho.

After several years of parish ministry in Pennsylvania and New York, he was sent to Rome, Italy to pursue graduate studies in Canon Law at the Pontifical Institute for Oriental Studies. Upon returning home, he was appointed Rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, where he taught courses in Theology, Canon Law, Chant and Language.

He was ordained to the episcopacy on August 23, 1983 at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, and was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic. The following year, he was appointed the second Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma, Ohio.

On November 21, 1995, he was appointed the Bishop of the Eparchy of Passaic, N.J., and was enthroned on February 8, 1996 at St. Michael Cathedral, Passaic, N.J. He served at Bishop of Passaic until his retirement in 2007 at the age of 80. After retirement, he continued to remain active in pastoral ministry.

Bishop Andrew was preceded in death by his parents, Ignatius and Sophia, also by a brother, Ignatius Pataki; sisters, Mary Kern, Sophia Iliades, Nan Roberts and Julianna Gamble.

He is survived by brothers, Deacon Michael Pataki and wife, Annette, Mountain Top; Charles Pataki and wife, Betty, Cincinnati, Ohio; sisters, Helen Hahn, Lancaster and Peggy Rendesh, North Carolina, and, in addition, numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, at the Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel in Passaic, 96 First St., Passaic, NJ 07055. The Bishop's body will lie in state at the Cathedral on Tuesday, December 13, through Wednesday, December 14. A Panachida will be celebrated each day at 7 p.m. Interment will be at Mt. St. Macrina Cemetery, Uniontown, Pa. on Friday, December 16. May his memory be eternal!

Edward S. Powell

December 9, 2011



Edward S. Powell, 81, of Idetown Road, Dallas, died on Friday at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wanamie, he was the son of the late Stephen and Lucy Pawlowski. He graduated from Newport High School, class of 1947. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Edward had resided on Idetown Road in Dallas for the past 56 years. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a salesman for Whiteman Tower Paper Co. Earlier, he was employed by Zoeller Paper Company.

Mr. Powell was a 50-year member of Idetown United Methodist Church. He was past president of the Lehman Fire Company. He was active with the Irem Temple for 50 years, serving as Potentate in 1983. He was Captain of the Arab Emeritus Patrol for many years.

Edward was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 F&AM and Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

Preceding him in death was his sister Bernadeen Hagenbach.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 61 years, the former Dorothy Ogin; sister Barbara Haydock, Alden; brother-in-law Robert Hagenbach and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be held on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. from the Hugh B. Hughes & Son Inc. Funeral Home, 1044 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, with the Rev. Robert Ryder, pastor of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas. Friends may call on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Edgar J. Kopcza

December 8, 2011



Edgar J. Kopcza, 77, of Moscow passed away Thursday evening in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Dupont, he was the son of the late John and Lottie Mayhoff Kopcza. He was a graduate of the Dupont High School and attended Wilkes-College. Edgar graduated from Lackawanna Junior College with a degree in Business Administration.

He served in the U.S. Air National Guard from 1950-1952. From 1952-1956, he served in the U.S. Air Force and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. While serving in the Air Force, he was a member of the Strategic Air Command and flew on the B36 strategic bomber as an airman and tail gunner during the Korean Conflict. He received the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal and the Purple Heart.

After his military service, Edgar became a licensed insurance agent in securities, and was an insurance marketing representative in Property and Casualty Insurance for the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.

He was a member of Holy Mother of Sorrows Polish National Catholic Church of Dupont, where he also formerly served on the Parish Committee. He was the first president of the Polish National Credit Union of America at its inception in 1974, and former president of the Polish National Union, Branch 74 of Dupont. Active in community affairs, he was the former president of the Covington Township Fire Department, member and organizer of the Special Fire Police and served for eight years on the Moscow Borough Council. Edgar was also a member of the Lackawanna County Insurance Agents Association and the Pennsylvania Insurance Association, member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Wilson-Conklin American Legion Post 579 Moscow, AM Vets of Dupont, and the Air Force Sergeants Association. As a youth, he was a skilled trumpeter and was honored on numerous occasions to play taps for the interment of soldiers who lost their lives in World War II.

Preceding him in death were his brother Daniel Kopcza and niece Mary Kopcza.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, the former Jean Liberaky; son Mark Kopcza and his wife, Danielle, Harrisburg; nephew Daniel J. Kopcza and his wife, Arlene and their daughter Karolyn, Moscow.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Holy Mother of Sorrows Polish National Catholic Church of Dupont with the Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Bernard Nowcki, brother-in law.

Interment will be in the parish cemetery.

Friends may call Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time of service in the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Spojnia Manor, 596 Honesdale Road, Waymart, PA 18472.

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FUNERALS

ANDERSON – June, funeral services 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home Inc., 140 N. Main Street, Shavertown. Friends may call 3 to 5 p.m. today in the funeral home.

BURCICKI – Michael, funeral services 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Simon S. Russin Funeral Home, 136 Maffett St., Plains Township. Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Ss.Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Plains Township. Family and friends may call Monday 5 to 8 p.m.

BOSCH – Samuel, service in celebration of Mr. Bosch's life 2 p.m. today in Temple B'nai B'rith, 408 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, with Rabbi Roger Lerner officiating.

DAVID – William, friends may call 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in the McCune Funeral Home, 80 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top.

DURKIN – Thomas, funeral services with a Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Tuesday in Queen of the Apostles Church, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. The AMVETS Honor Guard of Dupont will provide military honors. Friends may call 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday in Kiesinger Funeral Services Inc., 255 McAlpine St., Duryea. There will be no procession from the funeral home to the church. Family and friends are asked to go directly to the church.

GREEN – Edna, funeral 9:30 a.m. Monday in the McCune Funeral Home, 80, S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in the St. Mary's Church, Dorrance Township. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. today in the funeral home

HADDLE – J. William, funeral noon Tuesday in The Richard H. Disque Funeral Home Inc. 2940 Memorial Highway, Dallas. Friends may call 10:30 a.m. until time of service.

HARRISON – Kim, funeral services 7 p.m. Monday in the Green Street Baptist Chapel, 25 Green Street, Edwardsville. Friends may call 6 p.m. until service time Monday in the Green Street Chapel.

JOHNSON – Warren, memorial service 1 p.m. Saturday, December 31, in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 813 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

KINNEY – Evan, funeral service 5 p.m. today at Kniffen O'Malley Funeral Home Inc., 465 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Friends may call 4 to 5 p.m. Interment 11 a.m. Monday in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Dorchester Drive, Dallas, with military honors by the U.S. Army. Everyone is asked to go directly to the cemetery on Monday.

KOPCZA – Edgar, Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Holy Mother of Sorrows Polish National Catholic Church of Dupont. Friends may call 9 a.m. until the time of service in the church.

LISPI – Rachael, funeral services 9 a.m. Monday in the Graziano Funeral Home Inc., Pittston Township. Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Morello Parish at St. Rocco's R.C. Church. Friends may call 3 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

LUGIANO – Judy, memorial service 1:30 p.m. today in the Salvation Army, 15 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre.

MEEHAN – Joseph Sr., funeral 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Corcoran Funeral Home Inc., 20 South Main Street, Plains Township, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Benedict's Parish, St. Dominic's Church, Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre. Friends may call Monday 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

MODESKI – Stanley, funeral 9 a.m. Monday in Sacred Heart of Jesus Rectory, Duryea, with Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, West Pittston. Friends may call 6 to 8 p.m. today in Sacred Heart of Jesus Rectory, Duryea.

POWELL – Edward, funeral 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hugh B. Hughes & Son Inc. Funeral Home, 1044 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Friends may call Monday 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

STEADELE – Roberta, funeral services noon Tuesday in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township. Friends are asked to go directly to Maple Hill Cemetery Chapel on Tuesday. Friends may call 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in the George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 North Main Street, Ashley.

ZIM – J. Eugene, funeral 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Wroblewski Funeral Home Inc., 1442 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville. Interment with the Rite of Committal will follow in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Swoyersville, where military honors will be accorded by the United States Army. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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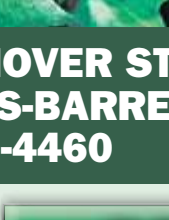
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COCKAYNE

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order to develop, said Dr. Edward Neilan, a genetics expert at Children's Hospital of Boston and a leading researcher on Cockayne Syndrome.

It is an insidious disorder that affects multiple organ systems and other body parts, including the nervous and digestive systems, the ears, eyes, teeth and liver.

The symptoms and degree of disability vary significantly. Some children have very severe symptoms that are apparent at birth. Others develop milder symptoms over a period of years.

Affected patients suffer from growth failure, abnormal sensitivity to the sun, progressive degeneration of the nervous system and developmental delays. Many are unable to speak or walk and suffer sight and hearing loss that worsens as they age.

They also have an appearance of premature aging.

The rarity of the disorder – it's estimated to afflict just one in 500,000 children in the United States and Europe – coupled with the similarity of its symptoms to other more common disorders, make it difficult to diagnose for children with mild to moderate symptoms, Neilan said.

In most cases the child looks healthy at birth. The most common symptoms, which include developmental and growth delays, may not appear until after the first year.

Both symptoms can be caused by a wide variety of factors, including poor nutrition, Neilan said.

"Those first problems are pretty non-specific. There are lots of reasons a child has developmental delays and is growing poorly. You tend to look at the common things first," Neilan said. "It takes time, even after the symptoms set in, to exclude common things and to think of the rare things."

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Juliann's affliction

Juliann suffers from a moderate form of the disorder. Her symptoms, which primarily consist of developmental delays, began to manifest at around age 1.

Doctors initially thought her problems were caused by the premature closure of the soft spot on her head, which caused her brain to push against the skull, Christina said.

Juliann underwent surgery at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville to correct that condition at eight months of age. She underwent a second surgery in May.

"The doctor at Geisinger said she'd be fine. Everyone thought it was because of her skull surgery, that there was nothing wrong with her and we should just go on and she would be fine," Christina said. "I knew there was something wrong, but I couldn't pinpoint it."

The couple sought out a second opinion with Dr. Eric Marsh, a pediatric neurologist at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

"He took one look at her and said 'Excuse me,' and walked out of the room," Christina said. "A half hour later he walked back in the room. He didn't know if he should tell us what he was testing her for."

Marsh has been practicing for 13 years and had only seen one other case of Cockayne Syndrome, but he immediately suspected it in Juliann.

"For whatever reason, I don't know why, I looked at her face and it made me think of Cockayne Syndrome," Marsh said.

Marsh gathered genetic material from Juliann and shipped it off to Children's Hospital in Boston. It was several months before the results came back.

"We got a call on a Thursday and my heart just sank," Christina said. "I was relieved when we got the diagnosis because I could stop my search. It's not what we wanted, but at least we know now how to treat it."

Multitude of problems

Juliann suffers from a number of developmental issues. She attempts to speak but her words are incomprehensible. She has poor balance and is able to stand only if she's holding on to something. She's also legally blind.

How far Juliann will progress remains unknown, Marsh said.

"Some kids don't ever walk or communicate at all. Then there are kids who do walk and talk," he said. "At this point it's hard to know where Juliann is going to fit in."

Despite her disabilities, Juliann is an affectionate child who loves to give hugs and kisses, her mother said. She also loves to play with her toy kitchen set and any toy that's animated.

Sitting on her mom's lap in the family's living room, Juliann delights at the stuffed animal sitting on the floor that flaps its ears and tail while belting out the song, "Tutti Frutti."

With mom holding her up, she moves toward the toy, bouncing her legs up and down in an attempt to dance to the tune.

It's a light-hearted moment during an interview in which Christina does her best to remain upbeat, even as she speaks of the struggles the family faces.

"We always say 'why us?' But I wouldn't want anyone else to have her but us. She has brought a lot to our lives," Christina said. "It has taken a toll on us. We go day by day because that's all we can do."

She and Brent, 31, work hard to make life as normal as possible for the family, which includes 6-year-old Dustin, Christina's son from a previous relationship.

Dustin, who has no disabilities, has had to grow up fast, Christina said. He gets jealous at times of all the attention that Juliann gets, but he has adjusted well, she said.

"He thinks the world of her. He helps take care of her and helps feed her. In the morning when she wakes up he goes into her crib and plays with her," she said.

As much as they try to live a normal life, there is no escaping the reality of Juliann's condition.

"We think of things that parents of children who are healthy don't think of," Christina said. "I think of funeral costs. I shouldn't, but we want to have a cushion there in case something does happen."

Christina, a licensed practical nurse, and Brent, an engineer, both work full-time jobs. It's difficult to juggle the demands placed on them as they work with Juliann and the speech, physical and occupational therapists she sees each week.

"We try to push her, even though she has a fatal syndrome. You never know what you are going to get out of her. I never thought she'd talk; then she started babbling a little bit," Christina said.

Couple's commitment

The couple also have committed themselves to spreading the word about Cockayne Syndrome and to raising money to help fund research of the disorder.

Because it's so rare the disorder does not attract much attention or research money, Neilan said.

Children's Hospital in Boston is one of only a handful of medical facilities that conducts research on Cockayne Syndrome. The clinic loses money each year, Neilan said, but the hospital remains committed to the research.

Neilan said he first got interested in researching Cockayne Syndrome after he met a 9-year-old girl with the disorder.

"The parents of several children affected by Cockayne Syndrome essentially said to us 'our children are dying and no one is doing anything,'" Neilan said. "As a major national hospital, we see the need to serve the rare as well as common things."

The Tompkinses have been working to raise awareness locally. In September they joined forces with Scott and Jean Decker of Pittston, who had two children who died from Cockayne Syndrome, to sponsor a fundraising event, "The Butterfly Walk."

Held in Community Park in Hazleton, the walk raised more than $5,000 for the Share and Care Network, a nonprofit group that provides support for parents of children with Cockayne Syndrome.

Christina said the support group has been her lifeline in helping her and Brent deal with Juliann's condition.



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Two-year-old Juliann gives her mother, Christina, a hand with showing a photo album. The child underwent two local surgeries before her parents took her to a Philadelphia hospital.



Juliann plays with some rings. She enjoys toys, especially her kitchen set and toys that are animated, her parents say.



Christina Tompkins kisses daughter Juliann. Christina and husband Brent want to let people know about Cockayne.



Juliann plays with a musical toy. Children suffering from Cockayne Syndrome experience growth problems, great sensitivity to the sun, progressive degeneration of the nervous system and developmental delays. They can be unable to speak or walk. They suffer sight and hearing loss that worsens as they age. Juliann has been treated at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia and at Children's Hospital in Boston, one of the few facilities conducting research on the disorder. She sees therapists every week.

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Megan Phelps-Roper, the granddaughter of fundamentalist preacher Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., took a full-time job with the family-run Phelps-Chartered Law Firm following college. The job allows her to work from home, at a desk not far from her mother's, splitting her time between duties as a business administrator for the firm and helping push the church's message.

By DUGAN ARNETT | *McClatchy Newspapers*

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — In an ordinary town, in a quiet neighborhood, in a beige two-story house, a girl named Megan lives with her parents and eight siblings.

She is 25, with a cheeky smile. Tall and tan and athletic, she has long, curly hair that tumbles down her shoulders in thick locks. Her voice is bubbly, with a pinch of country twang, and when she is talking about something she likes, she leans forward in her seat and says "Ohmygosh!" before unleashing a stream of syllables that come pouring out on top of each other. She is polite. If you were to stop by the house some afternoon, she would probably ask if you wanted to stay for pizza that night.

She loves her iPhone and the band Mumford & Sons and the Showtime series "Dexter," which is about a blood-splatter specialist for the Miami Metro Police Department who also happens to be a serial killer — a complex character both good and evil. She went to high school at Topeka West and got straight A's. She went to college at Washburn University and got straight A's. She thought about going to law school, sat down to write her admissions essay and decided she wasn't all that keen on becoming a lawyer. So she joined the family business.

She is peppy, goofy and, by all accounts, happy.

Oh, and one other thing about Megan: She wants to make it perfectly clear that you and the rest of this filthy, perverted nation will be spending a long, fiery eternity burning in hell.

Center stage

For much of the last two decades, in the shadow of the state capitol, the family-run Westboro Baptist Church has served as a training ground for hate.

From the age of 3, children are handed anti-gay, anti-Semitic picket signs and programmed to serve as soldiers in the Westboro Baptist Church's army. They are taught the specifics of the group's message — that America's natural disasters are the direct result of a nationwide acceptance of homosexuality, that God is not the all-loving, all-forgiving being contemporary religion has made him out to be, that the

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Exonerated, freed and facing a new life

By STEVE MILLS
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — On that first night, he could hardly sleep. He sat on the couch in his parents' front room, gazing at the walls and the ceiling, the calm of the night broken only by an occasional cough and the pounding of his heart. He had thought of this moment often, imagined how it would feel and what he would do, how he would stop time and savor every minute of it. But when the moment finally arrived, he was overwhelmed by it.

For nearly two decades, Robert Taylor had been imprisoned for a rape and murder he had insisted he did not commit. Then one day last month, after DNA tests prompted Cook County, Ill., prosecutors to ask a judge to throw out his conviction, officials handed him $13 for bus fare and he walked out of prison into a soft rain and the powerful embrace of his father.

He was free.

Now, weeks later, he has seen much, and much of it for the first time. The lake on a cold, gray day. The city's skyline. The small but neat house where his parents live and where he celebrated his long-awaited homecoming with pizza. He has done much, too. Hailed a taxi for the first time. Made a call on a cellphone. Sat in a loud Mexican restaurant and sipped on Coronas. Had a date, although because he does not have a driver's license he had to be dropped off and picked up.

He got a state identification card. No longer was he an inmate number; once again, he had a name.

"Beautiful," he has said about almost everything since his release.

The first blush of freedom has been accompanied by an almost equal measure of struggle, however, the same kind experienced by the four men who were cleared with him and by others who have been exonerated after long stints in prison. He feels guilty he was not around to help his parents, who barely make ends meet. He worries about how he will navigate a world that he scarcely recognizes; conse-

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TOM MOONEY

REMEMBER WHEN

There's plenty about which to be cheerful

There you are in the store, having fought your way through the world's worst drivers. You finally locate that $89 video game the kids just have to have, and after spending 35 minutes in line you realize it might not be the right edition. You scowl at the clerk.

On the way home you stop for gas, muttering about the 10-cent-a-gallon hike.

OK, your holiday cheer has been rattled.

But consider this.

Suppose today were Dec. 11, 1941, instead of Dec. 11, 2011. You'd be facing a Christmas and New Year's overshadowed by anxiety and uncertainty of a depth unknown in most living memory.

Just six days earlier America had declared war on Japan, the result of the Japanese attack on our naval base at Pearl Harbor barely 24 hours before. It didn't take long for the U.S. and Nazi Germany to declare war on one another either.

You wouldn't have to be Albert Einstein to figure out that some really bad times were coming. President Roosevelt had as much as said so in his radio address.

Just the day before, the 10th, you'd read in your Times Leader Evening News or Wilkes-Barre Record the announcement from the Army that all enlistments would henceforth be "for the duration." In military talk, that means "until the war is over, no matter how long it takes."

Six days later, on the 17th, you go into your neighborhood grocery store for the week's food order and discover that the fellow behind the counter won't give you all the flour and sugar you want.

"They're afraid people are going to start hoarding," he tells you. "We have to limit sales."

Back home it finally hits you. This is real, you think. We're in a war. What in the name of God is going to happen?

So you and the family do your best to get ready for the holidays.

It's not easy to laugh as you trim the tree this year, and it would be even more difficult to put on good cheer if you could see what lies ahead.

There will be rationing galore: tires, gasoline, clothing, foods of all kinds. "Victory meals" without red meat will be common.

But they're just the privations. They can be endured. Soon you'll be reading about casualties, and "missing in action" will become a common term. Just down the street you'll see a gold star in a window: that meant the kid who lived there — the kid who used to deliver your paper — won't be coming home.

That's what will unfold in the months and years following the start of war for the U.S. In December, 1941, life has to go on.

You hear that on the evening of the 23rd there will be a community holiday sing on Wilkes-Barre's Public Square. When the 23rd arrives, it's pouring rain. You wonder if the event will be cancelled. You head downtown anyway.

Cancelled? The square is packed with hundreds of people. It's quite a chorus, indeed — probably the best one you've ever sung in.

And now reconsider Dec. 11, 2011 as you get ready for the holidays.

String the lights, and be glad you don't have to worry about blackouts. Buy the video game, but tell the kids about Pearl Harbor. Pump your gas — no matter the price — and say a nice word to the overworked clerk. When the guy in the parking lot yells at you, apologize (even though it's his fault).

And don't forget to hug the folks of today, and the folks of '41.

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MMI Preparatory School students inducted into the Science National Honor Society

MMI Preparatory School students were recently inducted into the school's chapter of the Science National Honor Society. The guest speaker for the induction ceremony was MMI faculty member Mary-Lee Hood, who has been a science teacher for over 20 years. Chapter officers presented information about science and the Science National Honor Society. The inductees received certificates from Dr. Gregg Bluth and Laura Petro, advisers to the school's chapter. Senior students received pins to recognize their membership in the society. Inductees, from left, first row, are Cindi Landmesser, Rebecca Noga, Brittany Fisher, Paul Brasavage, Tyler Fulton, Marianne Virnelson, Antonia Diener and Ashley Acri. Second row: Vanessa Novinger, Maurina DiSabella, Derya Sari, Megan Klein, Cassie Caldwell, Kirsten Young, Anjni Patel, Laurel Jacketti-Funk and Brianna Dzurishin. Third row: Matthew Yurish, Gregory Yannes, Katlyn Frey, Sandrine Gibbons, Gabriella Lobitz, Brianna Simpkins, Justin Sheen, Casey McCoy and Petro. Fourth row: President Thomas G. Hood, Beau Samonte, David Polashenski, Sean Ducaji-Reap, Casey Olszewski, Trebor Hall and Bluth.



Grant will help King's develop teacher study guides

King's College recently received a grant of almost $1,000 to develop teacher study guides for the student performances of 'Merry Wives of Windsor,' this year's Shakespeare production. The college has been including a work by Shakespeare as part of its annual season of plays for the last 59 years. Each year, private performances of the Shakespeare play are held on weekdays for high school students throughout the Wyoming Valley, Lehigh Valley and the Poconos. The grant was from the PA Partners in the Arts (PPA), a partnership between local organizations and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. PPA is administered in the northeastern PA region by the Pocono Arts Council and is available to non-profit organizations and individual artists conducting arts programming in the counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike and Wayne. Students and faculty members who produced the study guide from grant funds, from left, first row, are, students Brandi George and Rachael Pompeii. Second row: Dave Reynolds, assistant professor of theatre, and M. Sheileen Corbett, assistant technical professor and chair of the King's theatre department.



Wilkes students join biology honor society

Rachel Sluhocki, Plains Township, was one of 14 Wilkes University biology students inducted as a full member into the Thelta Delta Chapter of the Beta Beta Beta biological honor society. The induction took place at a ceremony on Nov. 5, where 14 associate members were also inducted. Sluhocki, a junior in the biology program, is the daughter of Don and Patricia Sluhocki. Students selected for the honor society must have completed at least 16 credits in biology courses with outstanding GPAs in biology and evidence of overall academic success. Full members of the university's 2011 Thelta Delta Chapter, from left, first row: Sluhocki; Bhumi Patel, Mountain Top, Thomas Mike, Shavertown; Jacquelyn Gallo, Wilkes-Barre; Nisarg Joshi, Orefield; Brielle Stanton, Vestal, N.Y.; and Nicholas Sweeney, Bloomsburg. Second row: Valerie G. Kalter, faculty adviser and associate professor of biology; Barbara DiCaprio, Mahopac, N.Y.; Justin Gentile, Grantville Summit; Genelle Gundersen, Toms River, N.J.; Rachel Curtis, Waymart; Robert Terry, Clarks Summit; Christopher Bartlow, Muncy; and Nathaniel Lamoreaux, Pennsdale.



W-B Area School District holds in-services for teachers in environmental education

The Wilkes-Barre Area School District recently held two professional development in-services for its third- through sixth-grade science teachers in environmental education. In October, the teachers visited Solomon's Creek in Wilkes-Barre to study environment and ecology concepts and participated in macro invertebrate in-stream collection and sampling; sorting and identification of macro invertebrates; stream water quality monitoring; and visual stream corridor habitat assessment. In November, they toured streams in the Wyoming Valley watershed impacted by abandoned mine drainage. The teachers worked in partnership with Bob Hughes and Mike Hewitt from the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation. The EPCAMR received an education grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to work in partnership with Wilkes-Barre Area School District. Teachers will also receive instruction in the principles of watershed restoration, environmental education, environmental action projects, stream restoration, abandoned mine drainage and remediation projects. Participants, not in order, are Holly Harowicz, Cindy Craig, Maria Dutt, Amy Pascale, Yvonne Corcoran, John Toussaint, Erin Monka, Kevin Sickle, Jared Carlo, Joe Sebastian, Carissa Wargo, Amanda Searfoss, Steve Sedon, Jeff Ney, Jessica Polakoski, Trish Keefer, Anthony Mercandante, Matt McHenry, Mary Muscock, Megan Peters, Amanda Marko, Janelle Kuhl and Bob Hughes.

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Robert Taylor, who was released from prison in November after DNA evidence revealed he did not commit the crime, greets a reporter at his home in Harvey, Ill.

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quently, he stays close to his parents' home in Harvey, calling the world outside "enemy territory" and his family a "security blanket."

Although he hides his emotions behind an expressionless but handsome face, he seethes: over his arrest shortly after turning 15 and the treatment he received from police; over his conviction and lengthy prison sentence; over the years he spent behind bars essentially doing nothing. He wishes the police and prosecutors who handled his case, and who he believes knew he was innocent, could experience even a fraction of what he went through in prison.

"I'd like to see how they handle it," he said. "I can't believe people do what they did to me."

Life behind bars

For the last 11 years, Taylor could not see anything beyond the 33-foot-high concrete walls that surround the maximum-security Stateville Correctional Center unless he was standing in the yard and looking straight up at the sky. Not the fields outside the prison. Not the nearby Des Plaines River. He could only imagine the south suburban houses and apartments where his family lived, could only picture walking around the distant Chicago downtown he had never visited.

Taylor and four other teenagers were convicted of the rape and murder of Cateresa Matthews, a 14-year-old girl who disappeared from her grandmother's Dixmoor home in 1991. Her body was found three weeks later in a field near Interstate 57. She had been shot in the mouth.

Taylor, feeling pressured by police, and two other teens confessed. Primitive DNA testing before trial excluded all five as the source of semen found in the victim's body, but prosecutors relied on the confessions and two teens who pleaded guilty. Taylor, sentenced to 80 years, could not understand how anyone could ignore the DNA or believe he could commit such a crime.

He refused to cry. To even show emotion. It was, he said, the only way to survive. He and another inmate were held in a cell measuring 10 feet 7 inches by 6 feet 7 inches. He dreamed often of freedom, lying on his bunk, sleep elusive, the noise of prisoners yelling and screaming echoing through the metal galleries.

He got used to the noise, so much that the quiet of home was initially unsettling. Now he is getting used to the silence. In prison, Taylor made few friends, trusted no one and stayed out of trouble. Like many inmates, he studied his case, learned carpentry and lifted weights. He became resourceful in ways he had not imagined. He filled plastic bags with water to use as dumbbell weights. He put paper clips into the end of an extension cord to heat the rice and noodles he bought at commissary and preferred to prison food.

Indeed, he ate only once or twice a day, mostly in his cell, going to the mess hall only to get out and take a walk.

He tried not to feel anything. But he always believed that someday someone would realize he had been wrongly convicted.

"I always said I'm going to be on the other side of that wall someday," he said.

And then he was.

Making up for lost time

"You've got to be careful," Joshua Tepfer, a lawyer at Northwestern University's Center on Wrongful Convictions and one of Taylor's attorneys, said to him one afternoon as they drove downtown. "I know there are a lot of good-hearted women, but some will just see dollars."

Tepfer, who had picked up Taylor at home, had been considering how to have this conversation. He had been Taylor's lawyer for two years and, while he had admired Taylor's perseverance in trying to prove his innocence, he also had come to like his client.

And in fact Taylor stands to receive a substantial sum of money, first from a wrongful conviction petition to the state Court of Claims, then potentially more from a lawsuit. Women already were paying attention to him, and he said he wanted "to get reacquainted with the female of the species." At a Wal-Mart, women recognized him from TV coverage of his release and stopped shopping to stare at him.

"I want to make sure he has his eyes open about everything. I want him to know he can rely on me, that my representation is not over just because the criminal case is now over," said Tepfer, who will not handle any civil suits. "There are so many stories of innocent people who get out and don't handle it well."

Indeed, exonerated prisoners have had varying levels of success after their release. In one of the worst cases, Aaron Patterson, a death row inmate pardoned and set free by former Illinois Gov. George Ryan in 2003, was convicted of federal gun and drug charges and was returned to prison. Others have struggled with drugs, women and family members and friends asking for money. Some have found peace and embarked on new chapters in their life.

Taylor's chances are no doubt improved by a stable family; his parents are high school sweethearts who have been married 35 years. They were frequent visitors while he was in prison, bolstering his spirits while he tried to keep up theirs. They often put off purchasing medication and other essentials to send him money, something he has not forgotten and is determined to repay.

Now 34, Taylor is short but has a broad, muscular body and arms covered with crude prison tattoos he wants to have removed. He has a bright dome of a head, mournful eyes and a finely etched fringe of beard and mustache that surround a mouth that looks like it could break into a smile at any time but rarely does.

Since he was set free, he has mostly stayed home, playing video games with his father and watching his toddler nieces and nephews scamper around the house. He is at once a stranger and someone familiar. His mother hugs him frequently; sometimes, she said, she "can't believe he's really home after all these years." He feels he should move out. After all, he is a grown man, and he needs his privacy. He also wants to respect his parents.

He wants to figure out what to do with his life, and seems in a hurry to do so, though people have urged him to take his time. But he lost so much time, he does not want to lose more. His initial attempts to find a job, at retailers such as Foot Locker and Wal-Mart, have been unsuccessful. And he feels an urgency to get a job; one evening, watching a movie with his mother, the phone rang and, without saying a word, he hung up.

"Bill collector," he said.

He wants to shed his anger but he knows it will not be easy. That anger, he said, got him through prison.



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Gilley, Ferretti

Kenneth A. Gilley and Patricia G. Ferretti, along with their families, are pleased to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Joseph and Marrianne Ferretti, Exeter.

The prospective groom is the son of Alan Sowa and the late Barbra Sowa, Exeter.

Kenneth is a 2006 graduate of Seton Catholic High School, Pittston, and is attending Luzerne County Community College studying small business.

Patricia is a 2006 graduate of Wyoming Area Secondary Center, Exeter; a 2011 graduate of Empire Beauty School, Moosic; and is enrolled in the teachers program at Empire Beauty School.

The couple will exchange vows on Oct. 20, 2012, at St. Barbra's Parish (formerly St. Cecilia's Church), Exeter.



Kremski, Kirlin

Erica Kirlin and Anthony Kremski, together with their families, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Charles and Connie Byler, Morgantown, Pa. Erica is the granddaughter of Jack and Alyce McEwen, Elverson, Pa.

Erica is a graduate of Twin Valley High School. She earned a bachelor's degree of nursing from Immaculata University. She is employed as a clinical safety scientist for Merck.

The prospective groom is the son of Sam and Gloria Kremski, Hunlock Creek, Pa. Anthony is the grandson of Gloria Sadowski, Hunlock Creek, Pa.; the late Theodore Sadowski, Hunlock Creek, Pa.; and the late Felix Kremski, West Nanticoke, Pa.

Anthony is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance from West Chester University. He is employed as a territory sales representative for Dentsply.

The couple will be married on Sept. 8, 2012, at Chester Valley Golf Club, Malvern, Pa.

Marie L. Prego celebrates her 90th birthday



Marie L. Prego, Plymouth, celebrated her 90th birthday Dec. 8, 2011.

Born in Larksville, she is the former Marie Gieda, daughter of the late Anna and Joseph Gieda.

She worked in the garment industry for many years and is a member of All Saint's Parish, Plymouth.

A surprise party was hosted by her children over the Thanksgiving holiday at the Shawnee Room, Plymouth.

Marie has three children, Dorothy Ashford and husband, Alfred, Plymouth; John Prego and wife, JoAnn, Willow Grove; and Robert Prego and Marie, Larksville.

She has six grandchildren, Alicia Walsh and husband, Robert; Monica Morrow and husband, Chad; John Paul Prego and wife, Hilary; Bridget Prego; Holly Levi and husband, Ron; and Brandon Prego.

Many family members and friends traveled to celebrate this special occasion.



Lewis, Mileski

Brynn Lauren Mileski and Brian Edward Lewis, together with their families, are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dr. Deborah and James B. Mileski, Hanover Township. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Catherine Smith, Swoyersville, and the late Dr. Bernard and Pauline Mileski, Hanover Township.

Brynn is a 2000 graduate of Bishop Hoban High School and a 2004 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She earned her Master of Business Administration degree in 2007 from Wilkes University and is employed by the accounting firm of Clifton Larson Allen, LLP, Arlington, Va.

The prospective groom is the son of Edward and Elaine Lewis, Sunset Beach, N.C. He is the grandson of the late Daniel and Phyllis Foote, Haddon Heights, N.J., and the late Amelia and John Preidt, Vineland, N.J.

Brian is a 1998 graduate of Chantilly High School, Chantilly, Va., and a 2002 graduate of East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. He is employed by SAIC, a government contracting firm in Arlington, Va.

The couple will be united in marriage on June 9, 2012, at St. Aloysius Church in Wilkes-Barre.



O'Gorman, Bass

Wendell Eugene Bass and Sandra Marie Anzalone O'Gorman, together with their families, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John Tony Anzalone Sr. and the late Arline Ruth Anzalone, Forty Fort, Pa. Sandra is the granddaughter of the late Ralph and Martha Misson, Dallas, Pa., and the late Angelo Sr. and Concetta Anzalone, West Pittston, Pa.

She attended Wyoming Valley West High School, Class of 1985.

The prospective groom is the son of Wanda Joann Story and the late Harold Leon Bass Sr., Houston, Texas. Wendell is the grandson of the late Andrew Jackson Bass and Emily Octavia Hoosier Bass and Chester and Geneva Liles Goodwin Belcher of Louisiana and Texas. He attended Nimitz High School, Class of 1984.

A May wedding is planned.

Alaina L. Stout baptized Nov. 27



Alaina Laken Stout, daughter of Scott and Kathleen Stout, Forty Fort, was baptized on Nov. 27, 2011, at the Forty Fort United Methodist Church, by the Rev. Donald A. Roberts.

Alaina was born Oct. 10, 2011, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Alaina's brothers, Mitchell Evan and Scott Stout Jr., stood up with her parents while she was baptized.

Alaina is the granddaughter of William and Joan Bowers, Chemung, N.Y.; Marie Mushala, Forty Fort; and the late Clarence Stout.

A reception was held in Alaina's honor at her home after the ceremony.



Sadowski, Moss

Lindsay Moss and Tristan Sadowski were united in marriage on Nov. 12, 2011, in Paradise Island, Bahamas, by the Rev. Dr. J. Carl Rahming.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Charlene Moss, Wilkes-Barre. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Ethel Moss, Wilkes-Barre, and the late Stanley and Gertrude Tuzinski, Laurel Run.

The groom is the son of John and Lynette Sadowski, Wilkes-Barre. He is the grandson of Helen Fogleman and the late Sterril Fogleman, Mountain Top, and Czeslaw Sadowski and the late Jozefa Sadowski of Gdansk, Poland.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She chose her friend, Mary Jo Kluger, as maid of honor.

The groom chose his brother, Robert Rittenhouse, as his best man.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of James M. Coughlin High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences at Pennsylvania State University in 2006. She is employed as a registered dietitian by the Health Center at Richland Place, Nashville, Tenn.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of James M. Coughlin High School. He earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Wilkes University in 2007. He is employed as a pharmacy manager by Walgreens, Clarksville, Tenn.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas. They reside in Clarksville, Tenn.



The Nevels

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nevel, Broadway Corners, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 14. They were married December 14, 1961, at Muhlenburg Church Parsonage in Muhlenburg by the late Rev. Oscar Saxe.

Their attendants were the late Lee Cragle, cousin of the groom, and Beverly Swire Mussoline, niece of the bride.

Mrs. Nevel is the former Ellen Swire, daughter of the late George and Aseneath Swire. Before retiring, she was employed as a certified nursing assistant at Bonham's Nursing Home.

Mr. Nevel is the son of the late William and Lena Nevel. Before his retirement, he worked at Benton Foundry.

The couple are the parents of five children, Brenda Garvatt and late husband, Harmon, Keesville, N.Y.; Annette Sauceda, Dallas; Clara Finan and husband, Matt, Dushore; Frances Swiatek and husband, Joseph, Shickshinny; and Donald Jr. and wife, Diane, Broadway Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevel also have 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A family gathering will be held to celebrate their anniversary.



Manganaro, Jamieson

Sarah Manganaro and Danny Jamieson were united in holy matrimony Aug. 13, 2011, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Wilmette, Ill., by Monsignor Donald A. McAndrews, Dunmore.

The bride is the daughter of former residents Michael and Betty Ann Gildea Manganaro. She is the granddaughter of Betty McGinty Gildea and the late Joseph Gildea, Inkerman, and Charles and Rita Manganaro, West Pittston.

The groom is the son of Mark and JoAnn Jamieson, Naples, Fla.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose her grandmother, Betty McGinty Gildea, as her matron of honor. Sisters of the bride, Katie and Annie Manganaro, acted as maids of honor. Bridesmaids included Joanna Smith, cousin of the bride; Kathleen Duggan, Maggie Jamieson and Sheila Jamieson, sisters of the groom; and Kathleen Smith, Julie Hamm, Andrea LaGala and Stephanie Liakos.

Chosen by the groom, Ben Litchfield acted as best man. Groomsmen included Michael and John Manganaro, brothers of the bride; Sean Duggan and Dan Bellew, brothers-in-law of the groom; and Michael Kidd, Matthew Deibel, Gavin Fazio, Joey Friedhoff and Matt Goldsich.

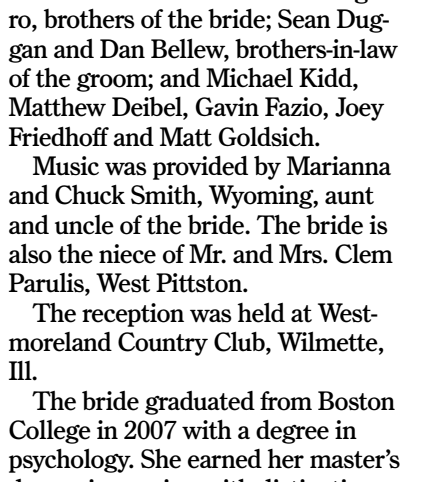
Music was provided by Marianna and Chuck Smith, Wyoming, aunt and uncle of the bride. The bride is also the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Parulis, West Pittston.

The reception was held at Westmoreland Country Club, Wilmette, Ill.

The bride graduated from Boston College in 2007 with a degree in psychology. She earned her master's degree in nursing with distinction from Boston College in 2010. Prior to the couple's wedding, the bride was employed as a nurse practitioner with The Harvard Shoulder Service at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The groom is a 2007 graduate of Boston College, where he earned a degree in biology. He is a 2011 graduate of Harvard Business School and is employed by McKinsey and Company, Atlanta, Ga.

The couple honeymooned in Belize. They reside in Atlanta, Ga.



The McHales

Mr. and Mrs. John McHale are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary today. They were married Dec. 11, 1971. Their attendants were Shirley Fitzpatrick Halford, sister of the bride, and the late Ronald McHale, brother of the groom.

Their union has been blessed with three children, Kristina McHale, John F. (Jackie) McHale and Tracy and her husband, Brian Nesgoda.

Mr. McHale is the son of the late John and Margaret Davis McHale.

He is employed by Schott Glass Technologies, Duryea. He is also a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 372.

Mrs. McHale is the former Rosemary Fitzpatrick, daughter of the late James and Mary Dougher Fitzpatrick.

The marriage will be blessed today by the Rev. Thomas Maloney at Our Lady of the Eucharist Church, Pittston. The celebration will continue with a champagne brunch hosted by their children at the Lackawanna Station, Scranton. They will be joined by family and friends.

An anniversary trip to Williamsburg, Va., and Busch Gardens marked the occasion.



Antos, Pizzano

Dr. Amy Lynn Pizzano and Brian Walter Antos were united in marriage on Aug. 20, 2011, at St. Edmonds Catholic Church in Rehoboth Beach, Del., by the Rev. Raymond Forester, VF.

The bride is the daughter of Barry and Christine Pizzano, Dallas, Pa. She is the granddaughter of Mary Pizzano and the late Carmen Pizzano, Exeter, Pa., and the late Steve and Marie Yurish, Dallas, Pa.

The groom is the son of William and Geraldine Antos, Exeter, Pa. He is the grandson of the late Walter and Anna Antos, Swoyersville, Pa., and the late Michael and Anna Lucas, Exeter, Pa.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a custom Melissa Sweet gown with a cathedral veil, while holding a bouquet of purple roses. She chose her best friend, Lori Carter Coyle, as matron of honor. She was also accompanied by her bridesmaids, Jocelyn Kozick and Brenda Bozinko, best friends; Kelly King, cousin; and Sharon Miller, sister of the groom. Her cousin's daughter, Elizabeth Finarelli, was the flower girl.

The groom chose childhood and lifelong best friend, Michael Lloyd, as his best man. His groomsmen were William Antos, brother of the groom; Justin Wisnosky and Tom Rood, best friends; and Kevin Pizzano and Brian Pizzano, brothers of the bride. His nephew, Nathan Miller, was the ring bearer.

The bride was showered on June 11, 2011, at The Colonnade, Scranton, Pa., by family and friends, hosted by her mother and bridesmaids. The rehearsal dinner was Aug. 19, 2011, at Stingray Restaurant, Rehoboth Beach, Del. The evening dinner reception was held at the Rehoboth Beach Yacht and Country Club, where the cocktail hour was held overlooking the bay. Dinner and dancing followed with entertainment by Sweetwater Orchestras from Long Island, N.Y. The bride and groom had a sparkler exit.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School and attended Wilkes University, where she received her Doctorate in Pharmacy. She works as the pharmacy manager for Walgreen's in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Wyoming Area High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in computers and information systems at King's College in 2000. He works as a senior software programmer for ILC Dover, Frederica, Del.

The couple honeymooned at the St. Regis in Bora Bora, French Polynesia, and traveled the California coastline with stops in Los Angeles, the wine country and San Francisco. The couple resides in Lewes, Del., where they just moved into their new home and are excited to enjoy married life together.

Aiden S. Weidl baptized Nov. 23



Aiden Scott Weidl, son of Scott and Allison Smalley Weidl, Clermont, Fla., was baptized on Nov. 23, 2011, at St. Rocco's Church, Pittston.

Aiden was born on April 8, 2011, in Orlando, Fla.

Aiden's grandparents are Joseph and Nina Smalley, Pittston, and Tom Weidl and Sharon Damron, Orlando, Fla.

Godparents are Karen Cirelli and Joseph Smalley, aunt and uncle of Aiden.

Aiden has a brother, Ethan, 5.





The Evanses

Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Evans, Exeter, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 8, 2011. The couple was married during a candlelight ceremony in the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittston, by the Rev. Paul Wells and the late Rev. Alexander Turco.

Their attendants were Lorraine Pelak, maid of honor; the late Jean Flanagan, sister of the groom, matron of honor; the late Margaret Koller, the late Theresa Roman, the late Marjorie Johnston Patton and Sylvia Vincent Schoner, bridesmaids; the late Arthur Cardascia, brother of the bride, best man; the late Thomas Flanagan, the late George Koller, Carl Roman, and the late Allen Evans, brother of the groom, groomsmen. Vocalist was the late J. Henry Morgan.

Mrs. Evans, the former Jean Cardascia of Pittston, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fortunato Cardascia. She retired from the Wells Fargo Bank, formerly the First Bank of Greater Pittston, after 25 years of service. She was assistant cashier and branch manager of the West Pittston branch office.

Mr. Evans is also retired from the Wells Fargo Bank, following 40 years of service and 18 years of service with Pocono Downs Racing Commission. He was an assistant cashier of the Pittston Plaza branch office and branch manager of the Dupont branch office.

The couple has two daughters, Jean R. Evans and Janet E. Mead, both of Exeter. They also have two grandchildren, Lisa M. Parliman and Sherman Mead III. They have four great-grandchildren, Alyssa Paige Ashton, Morgan Rae Parliman, Mason Ridge Parliman and Mira Grace Mead.

To mark the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Evans were honored by their daughters and family at a Christmas brunch at the Skytop Lodge in the Poconos.

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Matthew Rusak, Ashley, and Leandra Pszeniczny, Mountain Top.

HONOR ROLL

Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School

Douglas Klopp, principal, Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School, recently announced the Honor Roll for the first marking period of the 2011-2012 school year.

Grade 7: Principal's Honor Roll: Vincenzo Ferrari, Ashley Herceg, Emily Johns, Andrew Leahy, Marina Malcom and Katie Strohl. **High Honors:** Nichols Albertson, Elizabeth Bartuska, Emily Carey, Janelle Cawley, Abigail Crawford, Shawn Deeds, Jessica Derhammer, Samantha Evans, Rebecca Ford, Jay Foster, Peter Hummel, Michael James, Karly Johns, Katherine Kaminski, Carolyn Kerkowski, Alyssa Kristeller, Justin Lansberry, Devin Lindley, Collin MacMullen, Thomas Manzoni, Kara Martin, Sean McMonagle, Kaitlyn Meehan, Kendra Pudimott, Sequoia Saxe, Jake Selingo, Walkker Shaw, Hailey Shefler, Cole Spencer, David Thomas, Morgan Thompson, Sierra Titus, Nicholas Wnuk, Kaitlyn Young and Lauren Zeisloft. **Honors:** Richard Abate, Taylor Alba, Nikolas Antinnes, Alexis Barker, Cheyanne Brucher, Jared Campbell, Allison Celmer, Taylor Cercone, Breanna Champluvier, Samuel Ciravolo, Steven Coley, Ian Dawsey, Ariana Dellarte, Ryan Dourand, Jennifer Evans, Zachary Gabel, Kortnee Gocek, Noah Gorski, Andrew Herrick, Evelyn Hosey, Kirsten Howell, Katelynn Hutchins, Glenn Johnson, Dakota Kittle, Hailey Kubiski, Charles Kuschke, Sydney Lamoreaux, Jacob Lotz, Krystal Lowery, Matthew Makara, Sarah Malek,Tyler Manzoni, Maranda Martin, Rachel Martini, Owen Morgan, Adam Motovidlak, Matthew Myers, Chyenne Nelson, Corinne Nevel, Jillian O'Brien, Daniel O'Connell, John Pelton, Gerald Pender, Justin Raspen, Paige Robbins, Megan Rusonis, Sarah Sabaluski, Skyler Schepman, Ethan Sensbach, Jacqueline Sharon, Michael Sikora, Katelyn Sincavage, Brianna Smith, Kyle Spencer, Marylillian Stepanski, Hannah Stroud, Michael Stuart, Mackenzie Sutton, Kristopher Sweitzer, Jakeb Tomolonis, Jesse Tomolonis, Morgan Trindle, Blake Valyo, Garret Weston, Kenneth Wickard, Rene Wildoner, David Williams, Tammy Wingler, Tyler Wojciechowski, Luke Yaple and Connor Zekas.

Grade 8: Principal's Honor Roll: Kaley Egan, Julia Hutsko, Marie Johns, Rachel Malak, Lindsay Pembleton, Catherine Rose and Clayton Vasey. **High Honors:** Jillian Ambrose, Holly Banta, Emily Bauer, Eric Bordo, Joseph Chaga, Zachary Corey, Lauren Cunius, Julia Eneboe, Nicholas Eury, Victoria Goodwin, Kyra Grzymski, Dominic Hockenbury, Perry Hoover, Kayleigh Konek, Grace Kuschke, Karlie Lobitz, Karen Marchakitus, Jared McGrath, Michael Minsavage, Alaina Nastasiak, Haley Nice, Christina Olson, Christopher Sabol, Megan Spess, Madison Stambaugh, Molly Storz, Kaitlin Sutton, John Thomas and Thomas Williams. **Honors:** Elizabeth Bauer, Julia Baur, Benjamin Brooks, Aubrey Bullock, Mariah Canfield, Kayla Carrera, Andrew Cook, Karli Coole, Jacob Corey, Anthony DeCesaris, Courtney Eiswerth, Zachary Field, Edward Geist III, Domanique Galtz, Mark Gray, Anthony Greco, Jared Guth, Alivia Harrison, Charles Hennebaul III, Isabelle Henry, Brandon Hogrebe, Jacob Hummel, Kyle James, Nina Jancewicz, Samantha Kanios, Bernard Karlowicz, Colby Karnes, Kyle Katchko, Corey Kinney, Rebecca Kobal, Tyler Kolb, Lisa LaBar, Rachel Leskowsky, Connor McGovern, Maranda Moosic, Nickolas Nat, Jerome Natishan III, Dakota-Rose Newell, Rebecca Osiecki, Zacharia Ouladelhadjahmed, Miranda Parry, Michael Peck, Nicholas Perkins, Wesley Price, Sara Rios, Samantha Rosencrans, Julie Salansky, Alexis Soifer, Matthew Sowden, Katie Supey, Brandon Tosh, Jessica Ulozas, Blaise Waligun, Corey Weaver, Mikayla Weston, Claire Wilson and Rebecca Wright.

Grade 9: Principal's Honor Roll: Alysa Adams, Katherine Bartuska, Courtney Carey, Matthew Chabala, Emily Crawford, Noah Crispell, Hannah Cross, Zane Denmon, Matthew Edkins, Jason Field, Sela Fine, Elana Herceg, Philip Hettes, Jeremy Jayne, Shauna Leahy, Nicole Lockard, Megan Mahle, Brittney Mahoney, Matthew Miller, Jasmine Moku, Olivia Moore, Jenna Mortenson, Neil Mras, Jamie Niedjaco, Alexis Oplinger, Julia Pilch, Rachel Pilch, Hannah Stull and Michael Symeon. **High Honors:** Melissa Anthony, Tyler Burke, Justus Cole, Kirsten Cope, Matthew Cragle, Brian Devine, Morgan Dizbon, Derek Dragon, Antonio Ferrari, Jessica Geiger, Micayla Grey, Caitlyn Henninger, John Hospodar, Andrew Hutsko, Connor Jones, Jared Kepner, Lauren MacMullen, Haley Novitski, Anna O'Connell, Carolyn Price, Joshua Sayre, Amanda Scavone, Eliana Sicurella, Cayle Spencer, Danae Sutliff, Sara Tronsue, Frank Vacante, John VanScoy, Rachael Waligun, Korri Wandel, Jacob Yaple and Ronald Ziomek. **Honors:** Crystal Audia, Natalee Barker, Aleaha Blazick, Joshua Bullock, Jade Butler, Cahil Carey, Jared Casaldi, Adina Crawn, Daniel Cross, Kenley Cutter, Anna DeFrannco, Emma Evans, Kaitlyn Evans, Monica Fries, Emily Galasso, Morgan Goodrich, Jessica Harvey, Cory Hoyt, Katrina Joyce, Mercedes Keller, Shawn Kidd, Kierra Kimble, Brandon Kozlowski, Hayley Kozlowski, John Labatch, Zackary Lewis, James Loefflad, Tiffani Malinowski, Collin Masters, Eric Masters, Matthew Miller, Sade Miller, Marissa Miscavage, Ginger Mutzabaugh, Austin Parry, Tessa Paul, Micaela Payne, Benjamin Pilch, Taylor Shaw, Adam Simmonette, Colleen Spencer, James Stuart, Bethany Taylor, John Tomasura, Kera Watson, Gary Weaver, Jeffrey Williams, Mallory Wilson and Christian Zeisloft.

Grade 10: Principal's Honor Roll: Michelle Ash, Maria Chinikaylo, Cassia Cole, Nicholas Egan, Brittany Faux, Christopher Herrick, Kaylee Hillard, Alexander Hoyt, Anna James, Calvin Karnes, Sabrina Klauke, Stephanie Konek, Meghan Maccarone, Emily Malak, Courtney McMonagle, Lacey Miller, Jason Paterson, Rene Rismondo, Kyle Romanofski, Ashley Rood, Megan Sorber, Emily Sutton, Kelly Sweeney, Alyssa Talacka, Amy Williams and Lindsay Williams. **High Honors:** Brittany Acevedo, Brady Butler, Desirae David, Adam Dizbon, Austin Harry, Dustin Jones, Jordan Lindley, Timothy Marchakitus, Brooke O'Brien, Symantha Sharon, Tracy Snyder, Daniel Stefanowicz, Vincent Williamson, and Robert Wright. **Honors:** Douglas Albertson, Emily Anglovich, Benjamin Attanasio, Emily Barber, Scott Bean, Danielle Belcher, Joshua Bevan, Tyler Bonner, Tyler Brobst, Grant Calkins, Gregg Ciravolo, Ryan Coletti, Victoria DeCesaris, John Erdman, Alex Gorgol, Peter Groblewski, Robert Hamilton, Adeline Hannigan, Zebulon Harrison, Alexis Harry, August Headley, Montana Higgins, Olivia Kojadinovich, Kahli Kotulski, Jeffrey Krupinski, Lacy Lawson, Shoshana Mahoney, Connor McCue, Jacey Moore, Major Moore, Charles Morris IV, Megan Osiecki, Corey Pagnotti, Jacob Pelton, Katelyn Pelton, Dylan Pudimott, Miranda Sayre, Alexander Scott, Sarah Setzer, Lara Shirey, Christina Solomon, Jennifer Spera, Joseph Tranell, Brinley Williams, Joseph Wojcik and Sara Zacharias.

Grade 11: Principal's Honor Roll: Thomas Boyle, Jason Daron, Megan Davis, Christopher Edkins, Tristan Fry, Carly Gromel, Katie Heindel, Rachael Hohol, Ashley Jackson, Jared James, Amanda Mathers, Karli O'Brien, Arturo Reyes, Samantha Sabol, Molly VanScoy, Bethany Williams, Karen Yamrick and Kaitlyn Yoniski. **High Honors:** Joel Austn, Sarah Bedford, Mark Bilbow, John Butler IV, Cody Derhammer, Jana Haganova, William Hillman, Michael Labatch, Samantha Lindley, Emily Maculloch, Samantha O'Neill, Seirra Pall, Cody Spriggs, Kieran Sutton and Dustin Zeiler. **Honors:** Ryan Akins, Scott Baker, Connor Balloun, Ashlee Barker, Kayley Bedford, Kenneth Besecker, Zachary Bevan, Emily Blaski, Jamie Bonsall, Victoria Cadwalder, Jessica Campbell, Jeffrey Carter, Christie Cawley, Zachary Chabala, Piotr Chrzanowski, Jarod Ciehoski, Jolisa Copeman, Miranda Dembowski, Karli Doran, Brian Durling, Nicole Ford, Michael Hartman, Brent Hizney, Shalynn Honeywell, Robert Ide, Kassie Keiper, Brandon Kelley, Alyssa Kobal, Kristopher Konicki, Genevieve Konopinski, Colin Kovalchek, Shane Kreller, Jessica Long, Craig Manzoni, Alesha Martin, Kayla Martin, Kevin Masters, Joseph Miscavage, Michael Murphy, Mark Navin, Donald Nevel III, Nicole O'Connor, Katrina Patla, Jeremy Prater, Joseph Rader, Rachel Runner, Bailey Ryan, Catherine Salaway, Zachary Seprish, Sommer Sereyka, Austin Shultz, Brian Sisk Jr., Sarah Stacey, Tyler Stein, Cassandra Stevens, Kendra Stine, Deanna Szabo, Steven Taylor, Kasey Wasalyk and Olivia Weaver.

Grade 12: Principal's Honor Roll: Amber Anderson, Curtis Barbacci, Kristen Boyle, Joseph Brandenburg, Bryan Carter, Pawel Chrzanowski, Connor Daly, Sara Davis, Kyle Fine, Shelby Foster, Victoria Frederick, Callie Grey, Rachel Holena, Ryan Hoyt, Alexandra Jayne, Kevin Katchko Jr., Michael Kiwak, Kayla Koziol, Michelle Lipski, Marissa Moosic, Carol Mosier, Jared Novitski, Mikayla Orrson, Justin Partington, Nathan Rinehouse, Rebecca Rosser, Alison Sankey, Raine Scott, Vincenzo Sicurella, Nikki Sutliff, Taryn Talacka, Paige Vacante, Julia Whitesell and Matthew Wolman. **High Honors:** Eliott Anderson, Jay Dawsey, Amy Denmon, Korey Fegley, Charleen Fisher, Matthew Gorski, Lewis Hackling, Scott Judson, Jonathan King, Emily Leskowsky, Brent Oliver, Tiffany Oplinger, Cody Poepperling, Desiree Remas, Amanda Rodriguez-Teutonico, Justin Salvati, Brandon Scott, Job Stepanski, Jordan Thomas, Mackenzie Wagner, Carl Whispell Jr., Daniel Williams and David Wilson. **Honors:** Olivia Anglovich, Katelyn Ashton, Cole Barbacci, Jacob Bevan, Julia Bilbow, Lauren Boyle, Sarah Brooks, Tyler Bush, John Butchko, Laura Casterline, Adam Chorba, Stephanie Cunningham, Hope Dante, Matthew DeAngelis, Tyler Denmon, David Eury, Elizabeth Farrell, Sean Fertal, Nicole Fink, Desiree Frost, Christopher Gerlin, Katrina Harrison, Samantha Headley, Nina Jones, Benjamin Kon, Lucas Lansberry, Samantha Loefflad, Zachary Manganella, Breanna Marshall, Morgan Matthews, Curtis McGovern, Tyler McGovern, Lianna Milazzo, Ann Milbrodt, Briar Moore, Hunter Murphy, Colleen O'Callaghan, Nicholas Shelley, Troy Shurites, Evonne Spencer, Kailee Taylor, Zachary Titus, Keegan Truska, Zachary VanLoon, Shelby Wildoner, Ashlyn Wilson, James Wright and Merissa Wright.



Solomon students, staff help out Angel Tree Program

From October through December, Solomon Plains Junior High School helped collect gifts for children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. The students, faculty and staff took tags from the tree in the school and purchased clothes or toys from the lists provided. This is the fourth year the school has participated in the program and 35 families were serviced. The Elementary and Junior High Student Councils also donated $100 from their funds to help this worthy cause. Some of the participants, from left, are Mindy Heffron, adviser; Haley Dumont; Nick Cerep; Zack Banaszek; Ashleigh Frey; Paige Parsnik; Kallie Reed; Breanne Georgetti; and Brigid Wood.

Issues in Education Forum at Wilkes welcomes speaker

Heather Johnson, chair of the English Department at Wilkes-Barre Area School District and instructor in the Wilkes University Upward Bound Program, spoke at the Drs. Robert S. and Judith A. Gardner Issues in Education Forum Series at Wilkes University. Johnson discussed the effects of standardized testing on public schools. At the forum, from left, first row, are Caitlin Sobota and Jillian Blair, Wilkes education students. Second row: Judy Gardner education faculty; Lindsey Davenport, Alyson Paulauskas and Lindsey Speck, Wilkes students; Johnson; Jamie Barlow; Rachael Bernosky; and Alana Donnelly. Third row: David Lapinski, math teacher, Coughlin High School, and Dr. Robert Gardner, assistant professor of education.

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Star Students named at Schuyler

Schuyler Avenue Elementary School, Wyoming Valley West School District, recently announced the Star Students for the month of November. Awarded students have exemplary behavior and have displayed positive attitudes towards themselves, their school and teachers. Star students, from left, first row, are Alissa Laudenslager, Riley Purcell, Alyssa Sciandra and Ivan Prodonets. Second row: Brennan Keefer, Terrence Schell, J.P. Martin, Aaron Barber, Paige Sipsky, Lee Gryskavicz, Analyse Donahue and Jonathan Lantz. Third row: Sam McNeill, Stephen Barber, Zakee Dickson, Amineh Al-Hawa, Courtney Trusa, Sierra Vincent, and Kenly Golanoski. Fourth row: Wendy Patton, head teacher; Isabella Skaff; Avery Fierman; Sara Pape, first-grade teacher; and Emma Whitesell.

OUT-OF-TOWN BIRTHS

Geisinger Medical Center, Danville

Martens, Elizabeth and Carl Colarusso Jr., Mocanaqua, a son, Nov. 27. Grandparents are Emilie and Gregg Martens Sr., Weatherly; Patricia Lord, Dallas; and Carl Colarusso Sr., Longs, S.C.

Dianese, Angela and Guido, Duryea, a son, Dec. 1. Grandparents are Ruth Kemezy, Duryea, and Guido and Linda Dianese, Hazleton.

Harrisburg Hospital

Shafer, Lynn and Matthew, Camp Hill, a son, Nov. 16. Grandparents are Doug and Janis Fawbush, Nuangola, and Leonard and Beth Shafer, Newport.

Loudoun Hospital, Leesburg, Va.

Lucchino, Erin and Michael, Aldie, Va., a son, Aug. 17. Grandparents are Robert Lucchino and the late Marilyn Lucchino, Laflin, and Michael and Pam Meador, Martinsburg, W.Va.

BIRTHS

Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center

Telson, Tasha and Johnathan **Steve,** Exeter, a son Nov. 15.

Cunniffe, Rachel and Matthew, Drums, a son, Nov. 15.

Shreve, Leslie Ann and Justin, Hanover Township, a daughter, Nov. 15.

Frania, Amber and Dean **Kreidler,** Hunlock Creek, a daughter, Nov. 16.

Stavish, Karen and Paul **Ratuszny,** Plains Township, a son, Nov. 16.

Coulter, Sandra and Daniel **Elston** Jr., Edwardsville, a son, Nov. 17.

Polney, Elizabeth and Gregory **Mustakas,** Dallas, a daughter, Nov. 17.

Ventra, Mary Kay and Leo, Drums, a daughter, Nov. 17.

Heed, Amber and Robert II, Springville, a son, Nov. 17.

Gavrish, Anne and George, Kingston, a son, Nov. 17.

Fronczkewicz, Kelly and Christopher **Rodriguez,** Mountain Top, a daughter, Nov. 17.

Liberto, Kristal and Pat **Duffin,** Pocono Lake, a son, Nov. 17.

Coole, Katyln and Stephen **Kirkpatrick,** Dallas, a daughter, Nov. 18.

McGavin, Ashley and Mark **Hasting,** Tunkhannock, a daughter, Nov. 18.

Lacomis, Megan and Matthew, Pittston, a daughter, Nov. 19.

Belawicz, Mary and Michael, Hanover Township, a daughter, Nov. 19.

Golaszewski, Melody and Nathan, Wilkes-Barre, a son, Nov. 20.

Zambino, Tatiana and Derek, Dallas, a daughter, Nov. 20.

Horro, Janine and Joe, Hanover Township, a daughter, Nov. 20.

Moreck, Christy and James, Meshoppen, a son, Nov. 21.

Toukatly, Jesstine, Dickson City, a son, Nov. 20.

Loucks, Amanda and James **Larson,** Ashley, a daughter, Nov. 21.

Linker, Nicole and Matthew **McDonald,** Pittston, a daughter, Nov. 21.

Valyo, Angel Ann and Dominique **Medley,** Plymouth, a son, Nov. 21.

Peterson, Samantha and Joshua **Kolinoski,** Wilkes-Barre, a daughter, Nov. 21.

Tibel, Caroline and Stephen, Duryea, a son, Nov. 21.

Gardinor, Erin and Shane **Murray,** Wilkes-Barre, a son, Nov. 22.

Crawford, Christal and Kasim **Holloman,** Wilkes-Barre, a son, Nov. 22.

Sambo, Kimberly and John Jr., Swoyersville, a son, Nov. 23.

Besterci, Danielle and Michael **Vanesko,** Bensalem, a son, Nov. 24.

McCann, Makedonka and John, Dallas, a daughter, Nov. 24.

Romanowski, Terri and Charles, Hanover Township, a daughter, Nov. 25.

Benuska, Lois and Nicholas, Tunkhannock, a son, Nov. 27.

Brooks, Amanda and Ed, Wilkes-Barre, a daughter, Nov. 27.

Antonello, Laura and Albert, West Wyoming, a son, Nov. 27.

Schlegel, Donna and Jeff, Old Forge, a son, Nov. 27.

Ceruti, Kristie and Matthew, Old Forge, a daughter, Nov. 28.

Downes, Tiffany and Steven, Hunlock Creek, a daughter, Nov. 29.

Dumas, Mary and Robert **Beward,** Exeter, a son, Nov. 29.

Jones, Nicole and James Jr., Hunlock Creek, a daughter, Nov. 29.

Murphy, Stephanie, Tunkhannock, a son, Nov. 30.

Tapia, Maria and Onesimo **Vergara,** Wilkes-Barre, a daughter, Nov. 30.

Defrain, Christine and Neil, West Wyoming, a son, Nov. 30.

Nesbitt Women's and Children's Center at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital

Nickol, Richele C. and Seth M. **Serbel,** Edwardsville, a daughter, Nov. 23.

Chinikaylo, Svetlana and Vasiliy, Swoyersville, a daughter, Nov. 24.

Schmitt, Sierra Dawn and Michael **Henry,** Wilkes-Barre, twin sons, Nov. 24.

Balliet, Denise A. and Nevin G., Mount Carmel, a daughter, Nov. 25.

Seabridge, Sarah and John **Dixon,** Plains Township, a daughter, Nov. 25.

Black, Erica Robaczewski and James D. **Black,** Pittston, a son, Nov. 25.

Golya, Katie and Mike **Negron,** Wilkes-Barre, a daughter, Nov. 26.

Naperkowski, Elizabeth and Raymond, Trucksville, a daughter, Nov. 28.

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MMI Mock Trial team members earn honors at tournament

Four students from the MMI Preparatory School mock trial team won individual awards and trophies and the school's two teams tied for third place in the recent Monroe County Invitational Mock Trial Tournament held at Pleasant Valley High School in Broadheadsville. Freshman Claire Sheen and sophomore Stephanie Pudish played attorneys and sophomore Robert Rosamelia and junior Brianna Nocchi played witnesses and received individual trophies for their achievements. MMI's teams ended the competition with a record of three wins and one loss, losing only to the first-place winner. The team is advised by Dennis Clarke, teacher and coach; attorney Emeline Diener; and the Honorable Correale Stevens, president judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. Members of the red team (above), from left, first row, are, Paige Darrow, Marianne Virnelson, Lora Schell and Brianna Nocchi. Second row: Gabriella Lobitz, Chiarra Overpeck and Alexis Haupt. Third row: Nicholas O'Clair, Beau Samonte, Joseph Yamulla, Noah Beltrami and Dennis Clarke, coach and adviser. Farrah Qadri is also a member of the red team. Members of the white team (below), from left, first row, are Claire Sheen, Megan Klein, Emily Seratch and Stephanie Pudish. Second row: Robert Rosamelia, Kristen Purcell and Sara Lucas. Back row: Jesse Plaska, Robert James Kupsho, Kevin Hysenbegasi, Syed Yusuf Qadri and Clarke. Devan McCarrie is also a white team member.





Reading Wizard pays visit to Dana Elementary first-grade class

The first-grade students at Dana Elementary Center, Forty Fort, Wyoming Valley West School District, were surprised by a visit from the Reading Wizard during their first Reading Is Fundamental program. The RIF program, held three times a year, is sponsored by the UGI/PNG Corporation. During the event a story is read to the students and afterwards they have an opportunity to choose a book to keep. UGI/PNG representatives are on hand to place name plates in each book. Some of the participants, from left, kneeling: Rhys Bonvie, Aidan Connell, Giuliana Dutter, Mackenzie Bowling and Ann Sorick, Title I reading teacher. First row: Maddie Dalley, Elise Ginocchetti, Paul Dicton, Rylan Mason, Molly Romanowski, Abi Cryan and Jacob Novrocki. Second row: Wendy Novicki, first-grade teacher; Grace Grasso, Title I reading teacher; Maylan Nicholson, guidance counselor; Reading Wizard/UGI rep, Donna Layaou; Renee Miller, first-grade teacher; Leslie Jones-Saksa, UGI/PNG representative; and David Novrocki, principal.



Patron's Day Mass at King's honors employees

King's College recognized employees for their service to the college during an annual Patron's Day Mass held on the Feast of Christ the King. Employees honored for 20 years of service were James Anderson and Rosemary Gryskevicz, who received the Christi Regis Award; and James Clark, Robert Gist, Gerald Havard, Paul Herron and Mary Jane Jurish, who received the Twenty-Year Award. Also honored at a post-Mass brunch were employees who are celebrating employment anniversaries ranging from 10-65 years. Those marking anniversaries were: 65 years, Joseph Balz; 40 years, William Drumin, Donna Kazmierski,and Steve Seitchik; 35 years, Michael Church, Lucille Dragan, Billy Lutes and Susan Urbanas; 30 years, Diane Basta, Marijo Elias, Andrew Ewonishon and the Rev. Charles Kociolek; 25 years, Joseph Asklar, John DeBalko, John Esposito, Mark Kalus, William Keating, Ned Rowan, Tom Stanitis and Paul Zbiek; 15 years, Janine Alexis, Jane Artmont, Gerald Greeley, Hengameh Hosseini, William Irwin, Jayne Klenner-Moore, Robert Liebler, Kenneth Ritts, Maureen Sheridan, JoAnn Sterbinsky and Marion Woods; 10 years, J.P. Andrejko, Jeff Andrejko, Amy Brzoska, Catherine DePasquale, Frances English, Sam Falbo, Dan Ghezzi, Jill Giombini, the Rev. Richard Hockman, Dennis Karlheim, Martha Kerrick, John Kratz, Mariyln Kuklewicz, Anne Massey, Donna Mattei, Jennifer McClinton-Temple, Michele McGowan, Patrice Persico, Joel Shuman, Trent Snyder, Jim Stewart, Brian Stiles, Robin Wilde and Lorraine Yeninas. Some of the 20-year employees, from left: Jim Anderson, admission; Rosemary Gryskevicz, alumni; Paul Herron, facilities; and MaryJane Jurish, maintenance.

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Bear Creek Community Charter School

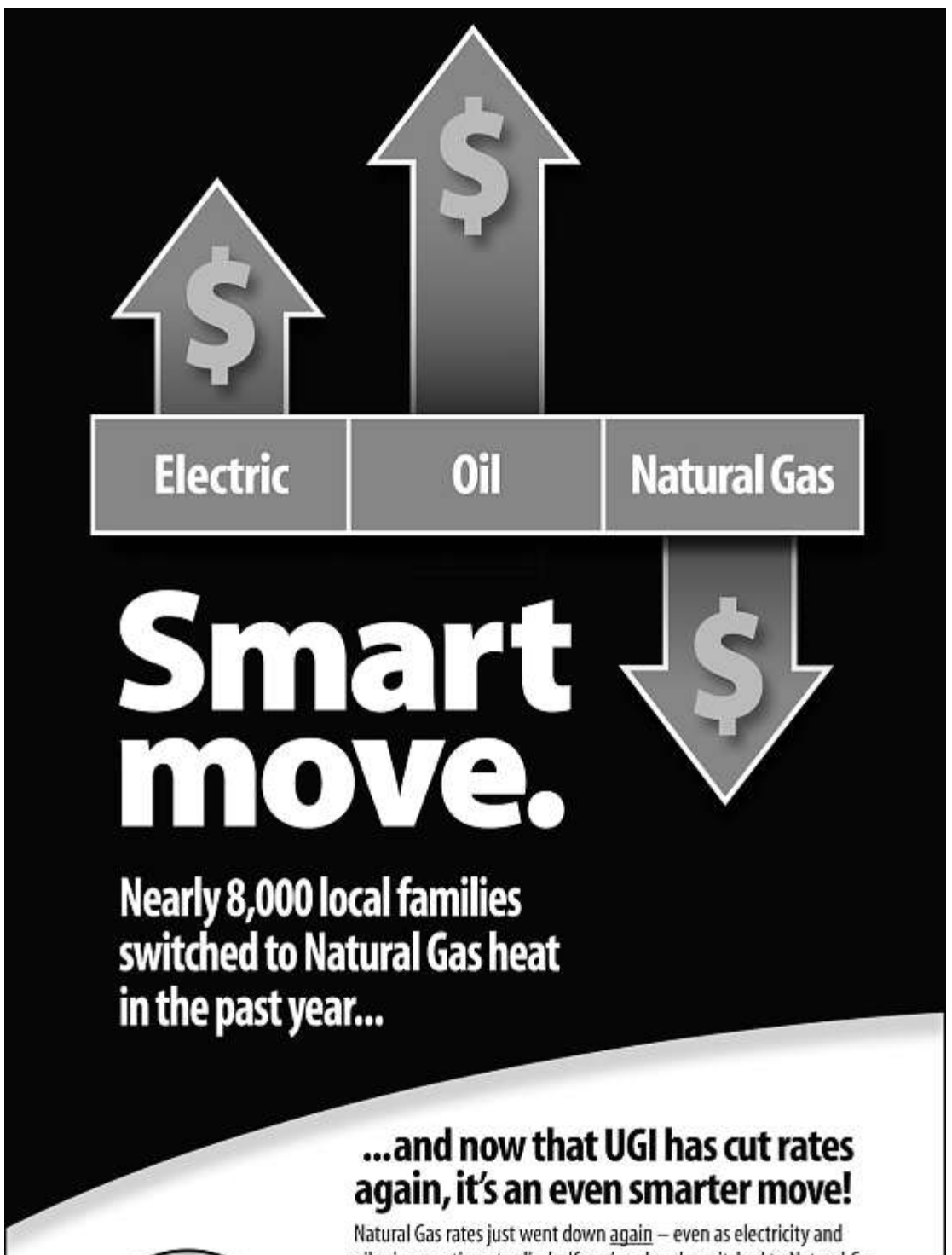
The Bear Creek Community Charter School recently announced the first quarter Honor Roll.

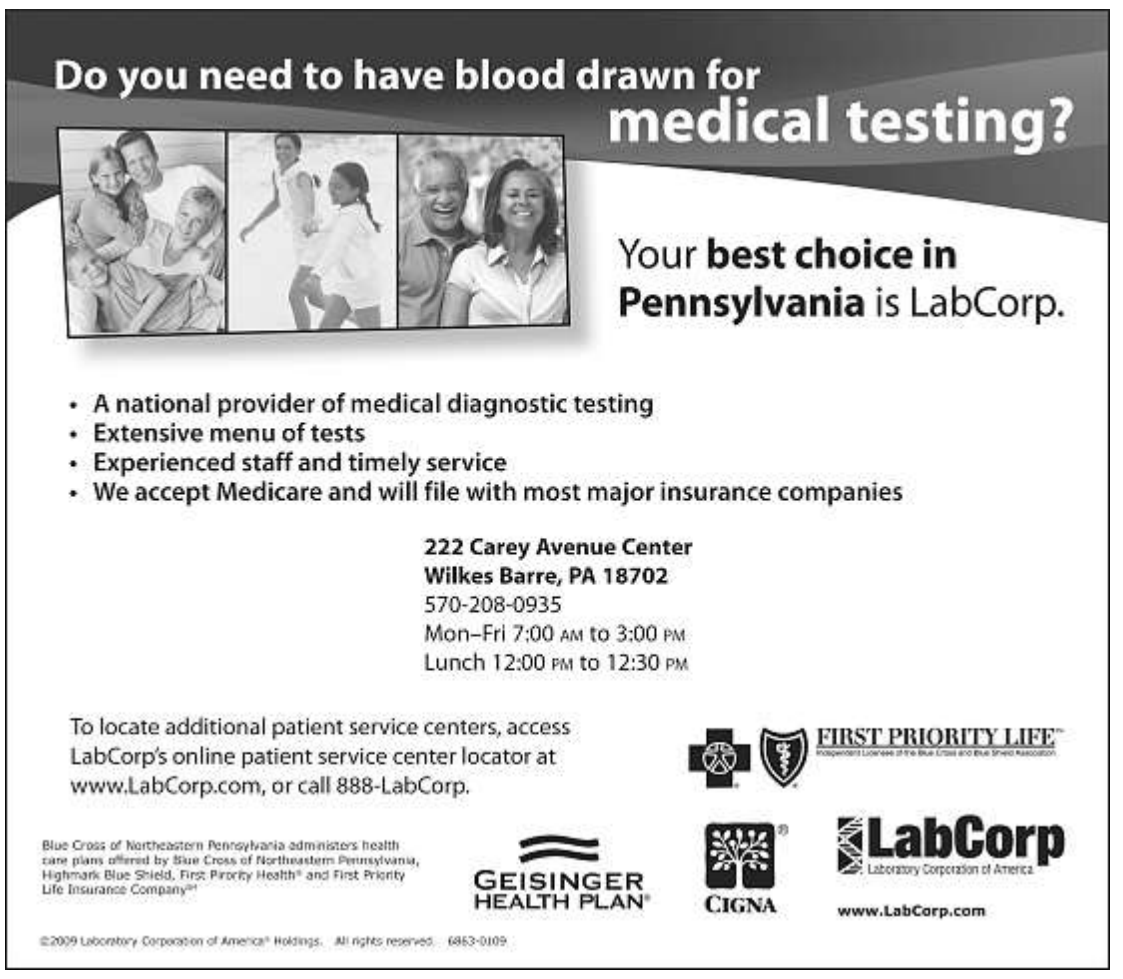
Honor Roll: Cody Benkoski, Jack Chappel, Cameron Corcoran, Ian Collins, Cameron George, Joseph McIntyre Godwin, Madisyn Irace, Caleb Jerome, Hunter Jones, Corey Manganiello, Justin Nolan, Riley McClure, Madison Merchel, Jeffrey Mondulick, Taylor Marie Pawlush, Kendall Pearage, Allie Pileggi, Alixandria Rovinski, Haley Rudofker, Jacob Shedlock, Asher Smart, Kadin Taylor, Jacob Thomas, Jonquil Throop, Sara Tuzinski, Abria Williams, Teri Andrews, David Baird, Rachel Benczkoski, Cassidy Bender, Grant Campbell, Tyler Diggs, Martina Finnegan, Zackery Garnett, Caitlyn Gibbons, Chloe Guerra, Jacob Kuna, Carly Lewis, Savannah Lukas, Sarah Mayhue, Abigail Roberts, Julianna Scammahorn, Sylvia Seda, Hannah Seyer, Diana Stavinski, Breanna Sylvester, Kevan Whalen, Raphael Zbysheski, Amanda Benzkofer, Benjamin Chappel, Michael Delevan, Victoria DeMarco, Brittany Fernandes, Rylee Goldowski, Alexander Heiberg, Elizabeth Heiberg, Kurtis Kehr, Tiffany Kurt, Joshua McGowan, Victoria Morrison, Kendall Mosley, Mary Elizabeth Murphy, Bailey Musial, Cassidy Nolan, Kristi Pearage, Rowan Sherwood, Hope Sipler, Kara Smith, Pavel Svintozelskiy, Kacey Thomas, Isabelle Updike, Manijah Welcome, and Akeem Williams.



Misericordia student paper supports clothing bank

Misericordia University's student newspaper, The Highlander, in conjunction with international online magazine, College Lifestyles, has collected more than 200 articles of clothing for A Common Thread, a local clothing bank in Wilkes-Barre. Students began collecting clothes on Nov. 18 during the inaugural 'Stylista Strut Runway and Trunk Show.' Six local boutiques participated in the show, including Tululahs, Love Want Wear, The Snooty Fox, Sophie's Closet, Earth and Wears and Buka. Misericordia students participating in the fashion show, from left, seated is Caitlin Sorrentino, Suffren, N.Y. Standing: Audra Wehner, Bloomsburg; Michele Drago, Larksville; Gia Mazur, Dickson City; Stephanie Bellino, Kingston; Julia Truax, Millville; Emily Santory, Elizabeth; and Kaleigh Reynolds, Forty Fort.





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church's interpretation of the Bible is the only legitimate one. They are also taught to pray for the death of those with the audacity to try to silence the message.

None of this is evident on a sun-drenched Sunday as Megan Phelps-Roper, the blue-eyed granddaughter of longtime Westboro pastor Fred Phelps, stands on a porch not far from the large wooden privacy fence that serves as a barrier between the church and the outside world, smiling as she braids a little girl's hair. Nor is it evident that she finds herself in the middle of what might most accurately be described as a spiritual family feud.

One of the most reviled families in America is gathered in the backyard, enjoying an afternoon picnic. There are kids scurrying past in every direction and adults sitting on patio chairs, holding cold drinks and talking about work and the weather and upcoming vacations. A half dozen or so little girls cluster around Megan, clamoring for braids.

Often these days, Megan is finding herself at the center of the church's culture and day-to-day operations. She is both big sister and the voice that speaks to the millennial generation, a media-savvy spokeswoman who has emerged as an heir apparent.

She has taken the church's cause mainstream, kick-starting its social media presence (she has more than 7,000 Twitter followers) and appearing as a regular guest on "Afentra's Big Fat Morning Buzz," one of Kansas City's edgiest and most popular morning radio shows. Her online musings have attracted the ire of celebrities, including actors Rainn Wilson and Michael Ian Black. As part of a group that measures success largely in the amount of publicity it is able to generate, she has helped propel the 40-member church to what might be the most visible stretch in its 56-year history.

In the past year, the church has appeared in front of the Supreme Court, arguing successfully that the group's practice of picketing the funerals of U.S. soldiers was protected under the Constitution. It has been the subject of an hourlong BBC documentary that aired in April, and it served as the inspiration for the new Kevin Smith film "Red State," released on DVD last month.

But while the church's profile has never been higher — in the last few weeks alone, the group has picketed a memorial for Apple Inc. founder Steve Jobs and the funeral for one of six men killed in an Atchison, Kan., grain elevator explosion — there exists a lingering uncertainty about its future.

Noticeably absent from the picnic is Fred Phelps, who at 82 has grown increasingly removed from the church's everyday business. His daughter, fire-and-brimstone figurehead Shirley Phelps-Roper, handles operations. But even she's begun delegating more to others, with much of the work falling to Megan, her oldest daughter and the one who, more than any of her brothers, sisters or cousins, has been entrusted with the most responsibility.

Megan has watched with unease as some of those closest to her have defected and then been cut off completely from the family. The older brother who left in the middle of the night the day before her high school graduation. The cousin and best friend who decided three years ago that the church's practices had grown too extreme. Each departure forcing her to confront the same frightening possibility: That she, too, could succumb to the same temptations.

That she, too, could fall away.

"That there would be something or some person that would draw me away from this church, this place that (is) the only place that I've ever seen, in all my travels and all the places I've been and picketed, that I see people who serve God in truth."

"I don't want to be led astray," she says. "... Yikes. Yeah, that's what it is."

Life inside Westboro

Here is what you'll find on an average day inside the Westboro control center, which is actually the Phelps-Roper home: Ringing phones and incessant chatter and a lot of people coming and going. Snacks in the refrigerator and "Call of Duty" on the Xbox and Bibles of all shapes and sizes. Next to a computer where the church's website is bookmarked and regularly updated, a couple of Bed, Bath & Beyond coupons are tacked to a bulletin board.

What you'll also find, on a weekday morning, is Megan, wearing jeans and calf-high boots, fiddling with her iPhone and looking a little fatigued.

She had just returned from a two-day trip to New York City where she had picketed a college media convention in Times Square and was preparing for an upcoming trip to the FBI field office in Manassas, Va., where members of the church were invited for a session with the bureau's trainees on communicating with activist groups. "Sometimes," Megan said, setting her phone down next to her, "it can get kind of hectic."

While many church members have jobs outside the family — Megan's older brother, Sam, works in IT in Kansas City, and her cousin, Jael, is a nurse in Topeka — Megan took a full-time job with the family-run Phelps-Chartered Law Firm following college in part so she could remain entrenched within the church. The job allows her to work from home, at a desk not far from her mother's, splitting her time between duties as a business administrator for the firm and helping push the church's message.

Her cellphone, which she uses to dole out as many as 150 church-related tweets a day, is never far from reach. She has a hand in creating the faxes and music videos littered with homophobic rhetoric and other propaganda the church constantly churns out, and she is a tireless picketer. Since the church's first protest, a rather low-key affair held in 1991 at Topeka's Gage Park, Megan has picketed in 44 states and in roughly 240 cities.

In May, a week after an EF-5 tornado tore through Joplin, Mo., killing 161 people, Megan trekked down there with her family to let the townspeople know that they had it coming.

In the eyes of the church, this work is their version of "love thy neighbor."

To just about everyone else, it is one of the most abhorrent examples of hate in modern America.

"What they do is they run around blaming all of these folks at the most tragic moments of their lives," says Heidi Beirich, a director of research for the Southern Poverty Law Center who considers Westboro the country's most obnoxious hate group. "...I mean, they're a real nasty bunch of folks."

Yet, in a family built upon don't-give-an-inch bullheadedness, Megan stands out as a softer voice.

By Westboro standards, her favorite picket signs are relatively tame: "Mourn for Your Sins." "No Peace for the Wicked." "God Hates Your Idols."

When not stationed at her desk, forging her path to heaven one tweet at a time, she can often be found in her bedroom, with the flower-print-bordered walls, photo collages and a doll on the dresser holding a miniature "Thank God for IEDs" picket sign.

There are times she will let her mind drift to simpler things, like the prospect of a personal vacation. She is well-traveled, having picketed on street corners from Los Angeles to Times Square, but you would not describe her as worldly. She'd love to visit Scotland, she says, launching excitedly into a discussion about the country's beautiful landscapes and how great it would be to visit the place from which her ancestors hail.

But just as quickly, she cuts herself off, changes the subject, explains that you can't dwell on things like that. You can't sit around worrying about what you can't do, what you don't have.

Is there a future outside?

Since she could walk, Megan was taught that the world beyond the family's backyard was an inherently evil place.

The family sets the parameters of the world its children inhabit, and in many ways, those boundaries make a typical childhood impossible.

Like all the Phelps children, Megan attended public school, partly because home-schooling so many children would be too daunting a task for the family's elder members and partly because the children are meant to serve as walking billboards. But being a Phelps kid was not exactly the key to grade-school social success.

Megan was invited to a birthday party at Chuck E. Cheese's once, she thinks. A couple of times, kids from school came over to play. But it didn't really stick. Many times, the Phelps girls would take their lunches to the locker room and eat by themselves.

On weekends, Megan joined her family on pickets. Even though she wasn't quite sure what the church was protesting, she learned quickly.

She learned that her neighbors and teachers and classmates were hell-bound deviates, and that the path to heaven runs directly and solely through the Westboro Baptist Church. Not least of all, she learned that walking away from the church meant walking away from God, and that anyone who did so would be relegated to the harshest corners of hell. For the most part, Megan embraced the teachings, spending her afternoons breaking down scripture in the park with Shirley and her evenings at the house with family, discussing the meaning of this doctrine and that verse. But Megan sometimes found herself wondering about a future outside. It was more of an abstract thought than anything, she says now, but there was a point in middle school when she was doing a lot of extracurricular activities, like volleyball and the school musical, and spending more time with kids from school when it began to occur to her that maybe these kids who liked the same music and watched the same movies weren't so bad, after all.

Maybe the things they did weren't so terrible.

Maybe a life without the church wouldn't be so bad.

Maybe ...

"That's the thing," Megan says. "When I would feel like, well, maybe these people aren't — maybe the stuff they do isn't that bad, well, at the same time, as you start to go there in your mind, you have these people (at home) that are constantly asking you questions and forcing you to go back and look at what the standards are."

When she was 13, the same age psychologists identify as the time adolescents are attempting to branch out from their immediate family, Megan approached her parents to let them know she wanted to spend the rest of her life as a member of the church.

Her baptism was held a couple of weeks later, at the backyard pool. Family members gathered before a Sunday morning sermon and Fred Phelps said a few words and then dunked Megan's head under water.

Twelve years later, the grip on Megan remains firm. Though she's in her mid-20s, she can oftentimes seem much younger, still checking with her mother occasionally to make sure what she's wearing is appropriate.

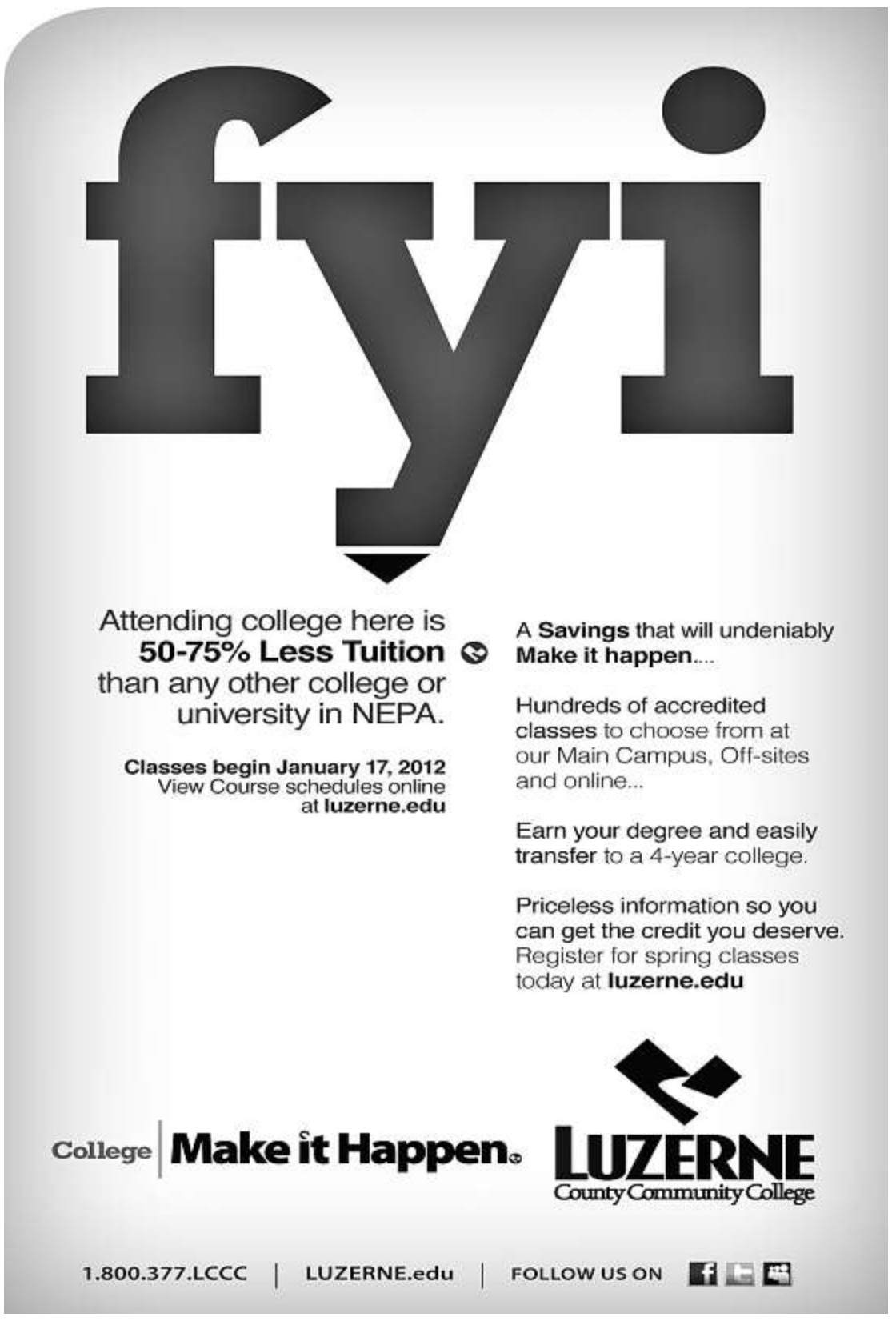
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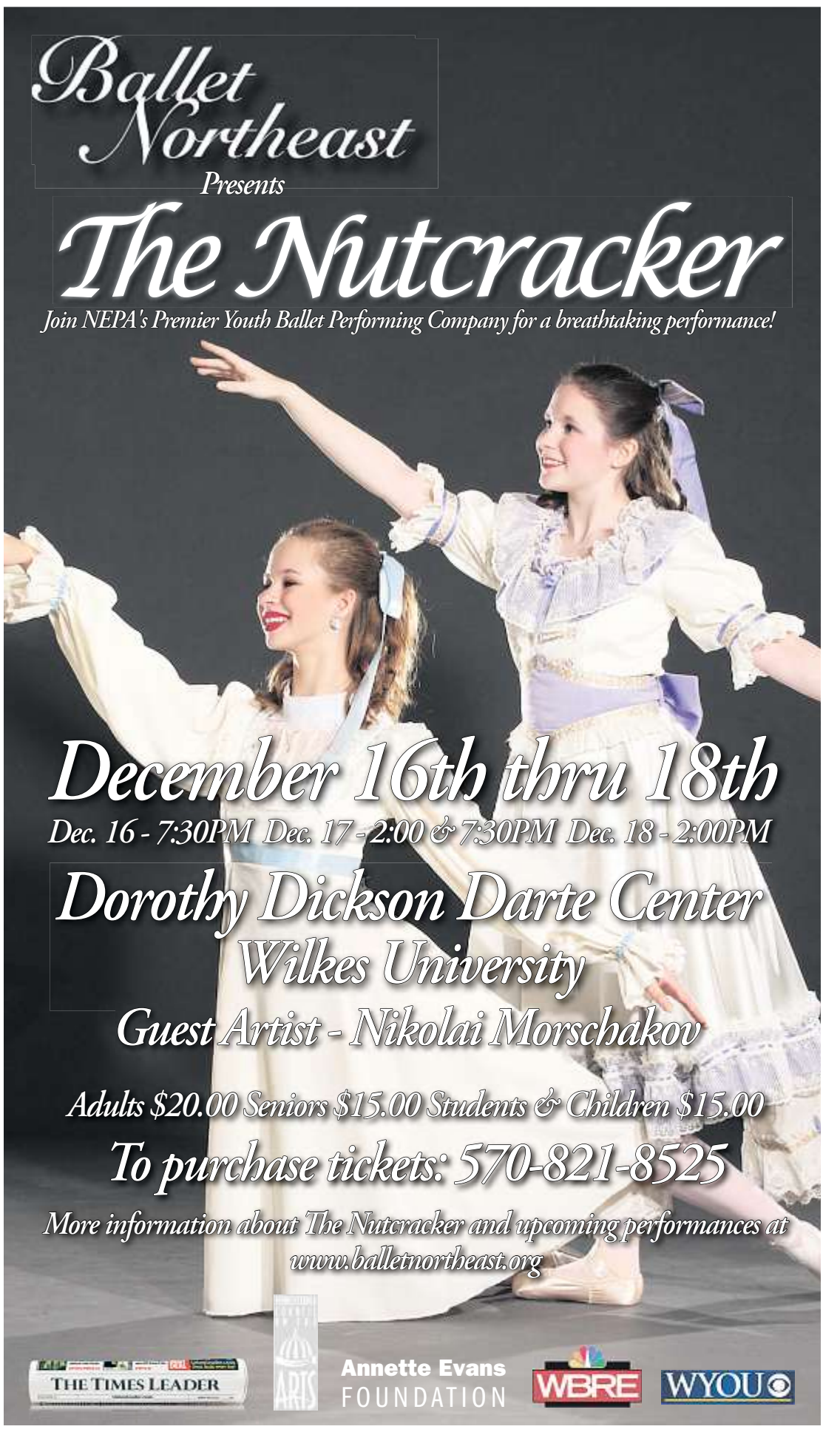
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Shirley Phelps-Roper, left, talks with her daughter, Megan Phelps-Roper, the granddaughter of fundamentalist preacher Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan. Megan uses social media to spread the church's message.






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Holy Redeemer students participate in school-choice rally

Holy Redeemer High School students joined 2,000 other students, teachers and school staff in Harrisburg to rally in support of school choice in Pennsylvania. Nearly 50 Catholic schools were represented at the rally, which was held in support of legislation that includes a voucher program and an increase to the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. In addition to attending the rally in the Capitol rotunda and hearing speeches from Governor Tom Corbett and other speakers, students were able to visit with legislators, tour the Capitol and learn about the legislative process. Prior to leaving for Harrisburg, from left, first row, are Jessica Fu, Mayuko Fujita, Therese Roughsedge, Grace Sipler, Kristen Stepanski, Kelley Shandra and Kaitlyn Littzi. Second row: Cameron Pinto, Michael Bish, Nicole Calomino, Kaya Swanek, John Jablowski, Krista Heller, Nina Paoloni and Taylor Wheeler. Third row: Megan Donnelly, Collin Shandra, Seth Tarselli, Dillon Loeffler, Patrick Chmielewski, Krzysztof Bozentka, Shawn Stefanski, Megan Harding and Alia Gestl. Fourth row: the Rev. Joseph Elston, school chaplain; Carina Forte; Katarina Gereda; Gabby Curcio; Tiffany Jagoda; Michael Alaimo; Joshua Gallagher; Tristen Byers; Connor Linden; James Slavinski; Noah Ziomek; and Tyler Guilford. Faculty member Linda Johnson also chaperoned the trip.



Sem alumni talk to students about college experiences

Four Wyoming Seminary alumni recently returned to the Upper School campus to discuss their college educations and career tracks with the Upper School student body during the annual Career Assembly. The speakers, whose occupations include teaching, engineering, financial advisement and law, described their college searches, how they felt about the universities they attended and the paths they took to their current positions. The assembly is held each year during Homecoming Weekend. At the career assembly, from left: Clem Gover '00, Lehman, financial adviser, Wells Fargo; Alana Anzalone '00, Boulder, Colo., Anzalone Law Office and recruiter and financial aid consultant, College Prospects of America; Linda Steel van Sickle '96, Lewisberry, structural engineer with Center Point Engineering; and C.J. Libassi '06, Washington, D.C., global language teacher in Teach for America at the Oakcrest Elementary School, Prince Georges County, Md.

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smoke. Doesn't go to concerts. If you ask her whether she attended her high school prom, she will chuckle in that are-you-out-of-your-mind kind of way before telling you that, no, she did not, in fact, attend her high school prom.

She has no real friends. Few acquaintances. The majority of her outside interactions comes with the people — journalists, mostly — who stop by to profile the family. Two years ago, after a group of student filmmakers from Holland spent a week in Topeka documenting the church, Megan cried when they finally had to go. She still keeps a voice recording of one of them, a handsome, 20-something guy named Pepijn, saved in her phone.

The family that got away

Libby Phelps Alvarez lives in Lawrence, not far from the University of Kansas campus, with her newlywed husband, Logan.

On the bookshelf in the living room of her tidy home are some photos of the family that disowned her.

Libby is Megan's cousin, and before she left Westboro in March 2009, was her best friend, too.

"Libby," says Afentra, "(was) the original Megan."

Then one day 2 1/2 years ago, Libby says, she was confronted by church members who were displeased that she'd worn a bikini during a family vacation to Puerto Rico. She knew from experience how she was supposed to react. Apologize. Ask forgiveness. Assure the rest of the group that nothing like this would ever happen again. For some reason, she couldn't bring herself to do it.

Not long after, at the age of 25, she left.

According to Steve Hassan, a Massachusetts-based counselor who has written extensively about cults and religious fundamentalist groups, human brains continue to mature until right around the age of 25. People have left cult-like situations at all ages, he says, but when asked the ages most likely to prompt a departure, the first thing he says is "15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25..."

"A woman's biological clock," says Hassan, "can be a very powerful (thing)."

Walking away from everything she'd ever known, Libby says, wasn't easy, and the early days were particularly excruciating. When she left, she had a car, a little money and not much else. If not for her boss, who let her move in for four months while she saved up enough to get her own place, she's not sure how she would have gotten by. "That first year," she says, "there would be days it would hit me really hard."

Things slowly began to get easier. Without the constraints of the church, she began to branch out, experiencing things she was never able to before. She went out for drinks in Kansas City's Power & Light District. And to a Tech N9ne concert. For the first time in her life, she got a haircut. It was weird, she says.

One day, she was shopping at Urban Outfitters in Lawrence and ran into a guy who had been her physical therapy patient. They chatted for a few minutes, and not long after, he bought her flowers.

"Do you think he likes me?" Libby asked her boss.

He did, it turned out, even after she told him on their second date who she was and who her family was and that here was an out, if he wanted it, a chance to cut and run.

Within four months, he told her he planned to marry her. In July, he made good on that promise.

Every once in a while, she thinks about Megan. She knows it's very possible she'll never reconnect with her cousin, knows that the only way it would happen is if Megan were to one day decide to leave the church. "I wish that she could experience the same things," Libby says.

'I'm all in'

A phone rings inside Westboro headquarters on a recent weekday morning, and Megan answers cheerfully.

It's been six months since she traveled with her family to the scene of the deadliest American tornado in the past 60 years. An act that, even for a group built upon shock and awe, was so heinous, so over-the-top, that, for one of the first times in the church's history, members were run out of town before raising a single sign.

As always, her tone is gentle, unassuming. And as always, the message attached to it is dark, disturbing.

As for Libby? No, Megan never wonders what her cousin is up to, never thinks about calling her up and getting together over coffee and laughing the way they used to all those years ago.

"Everything has been said," Megan affirms.

She finds it humorous that there are those who would like to "save" her. People like her cousin and uncle and even director Kevin Smith, who two years ago launched a "Save Megan" campaign over Twitter.

"I remember being, like, 17 or 18 and hearing that, and now I'm 25 and hearing the same kinds of things," she says. "It's so funny. You could still get out! You could still get out!"

She believes, too, that there's more work to be done, more signs to be hoisted, more neighbors to be loved. Later that day, she will grab her "Keep God's Law" sign and head over to a picket at Topeka's City Hall.

Before she does, however, there's one more point to make, crystal clear this time.

"I'm here because I want to be here," she says. "Because I believe these things. Because I love these words.

"I'm all in."



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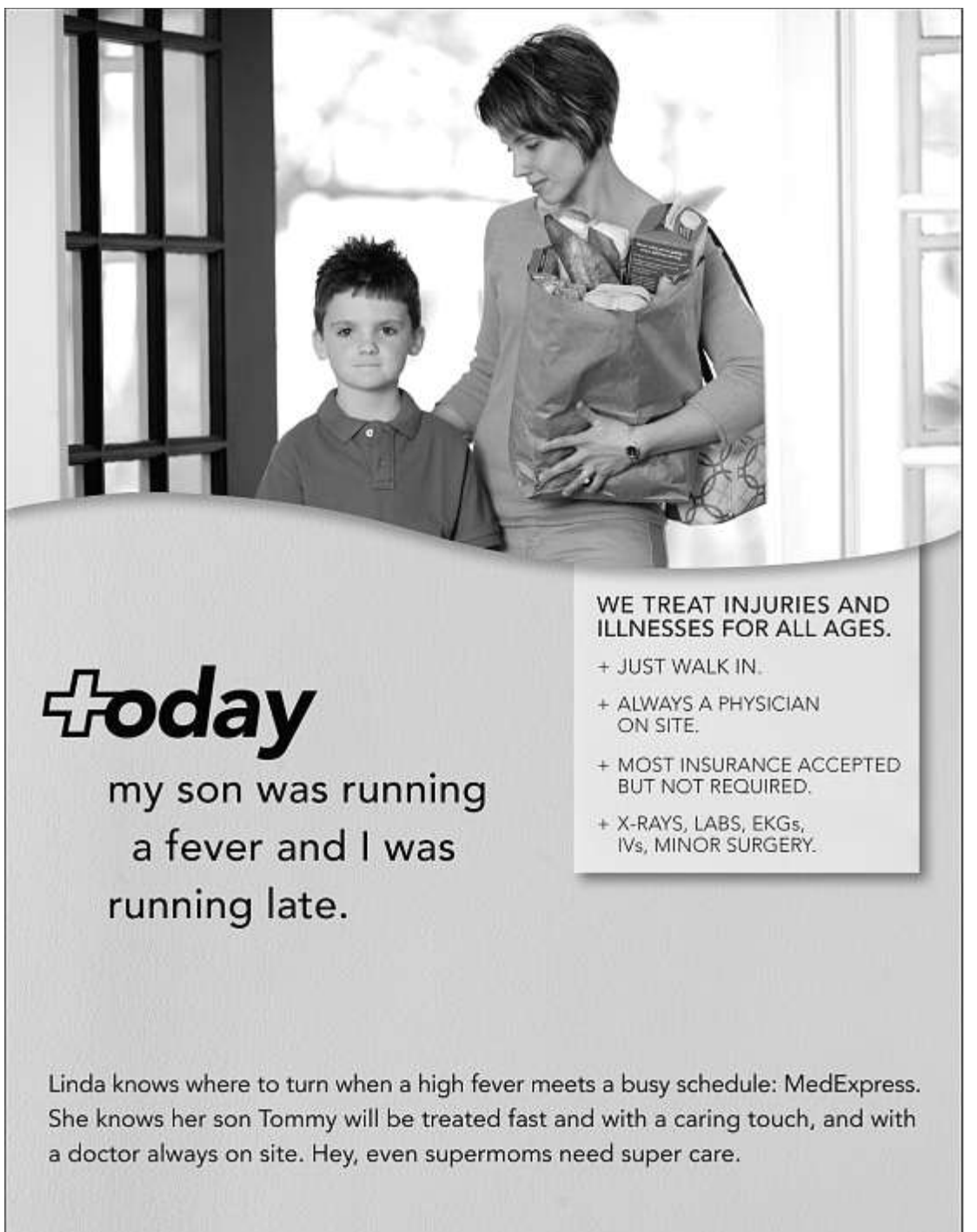
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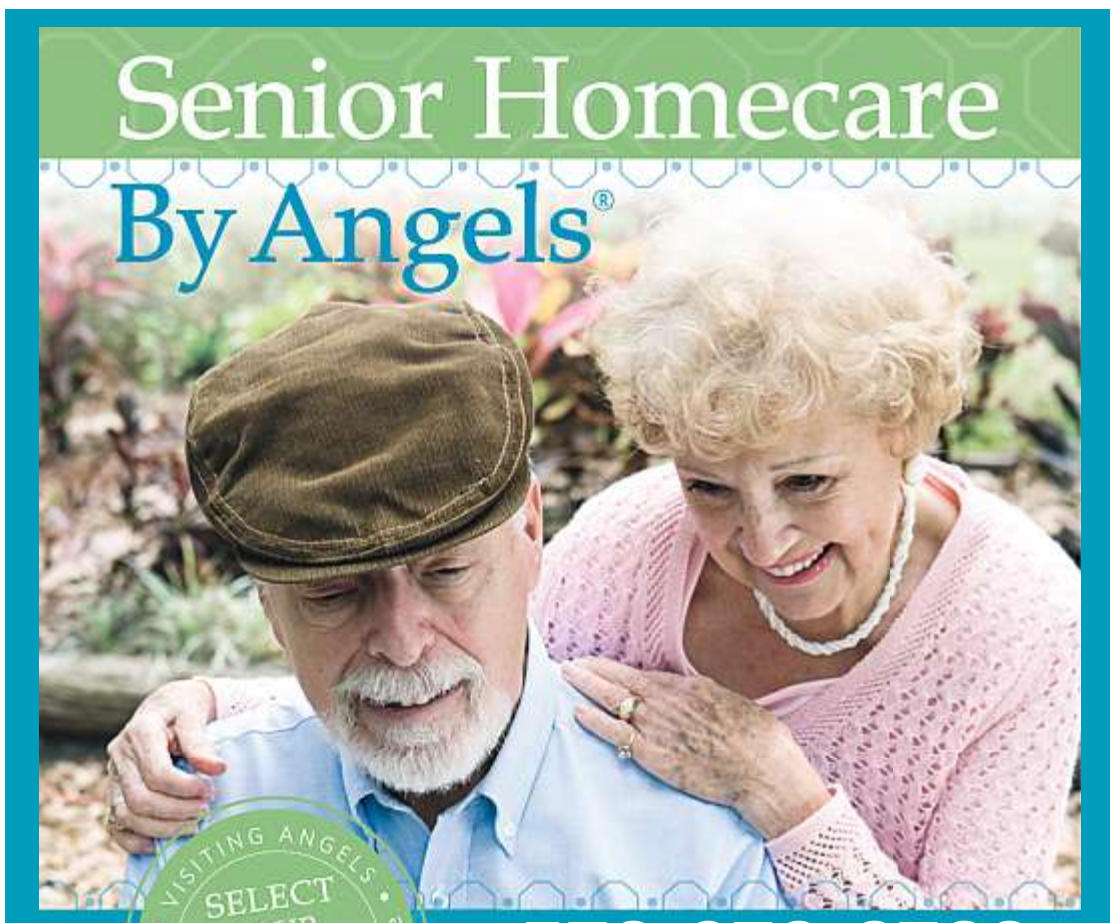


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Dylan Czapracki

Dylan Czapracki, son of Brian and Lisa Czapracki, East Fallowfield, is celebrating his sixth birthday today, Dec.11. Dylan is a grandson of Paul and Joanne Czapracki, Frankford, Del.; John and Margaret Sokoloski, Nanticoke; and the late Jack McClure, Shickshinny. He has a brother, Tyler, 3.



Ellie M. Ray

Ellie Madison Ray, daughter of Kristina and Ryan Ray, Hanover Township, celebrated her first birthday Dec. 8. Ellie is a granddaughter of Sebastian and Jenny Vitale, Wilkes-Barre, and John and Jo Helen Ray, Rochester, N.Y.



Luke C. Silinskie

Luke Christopher Silinskie, son of Christopher and Tammy Silinskie, Breinigsville, celebrated his first birthday Dec. 4. Luke is a grandson of Joseph and Ann Marie Silinskie, Inkerman, and Patty Wilk and Girard Wilk, both of Avoca. He is a great-grandson of Marie Wilk and Charles Olisewski, both of Avoca.



Allied gift shop has holiday offerings

The gift shop at Allied Services Heinz Rehab Hospital is offering special selections for the holidays. The shop has a wide selection of cards, jewelry, crystal and handcrafted seasonal items. It is managed by Mary Yuknavich, director of volunteers and auxilliarians, and staffed by volunteers. For the past 30 years, volunteers have donated many thousands of dollars to improve services and renovate surroundings for patients, residents and their loved ones at the hospital. In the Gift Shop, from left, are volunteers, Sister Mary Daria Bisulca, Sister Anne Turnbach and Dolores Floryshak.



St. Nicholas-St. Mary School students collect toys

The students at St. Nicholas-St. Mary School donated toys to the 'Toys for Tots' campaign during a three-week collection held at the school. Four large boxes were filled to overflowing and many monetary donations were also presented to the U.S. Marine Corp. The collection was organized by Sister Marion Tarone, 6B teacher. With the donated toys, from left, are Corporal Steve Jevnick, Maria Gereda, Emily Bush, Jerod Price and Lance Corporal Kevin McSorley.



Local organizations take part in Columbus Day ceremony in Wilkes-Barre

The Sons of Italy Francesco Ferruccio Lodge 1397 of Wilkes-Barre, Knights of Columbus and Italian American Veterans of Luzerne County Post 1 participated in the annual Columbus Day ceremony held on Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. The Sons of Italy has also made donations to the soup kitchen, Osterhout Library, YMCA and the American Red Cross to help with the flood victims in our area. At the ceremony, kneeling, are Bill Uggian, Joe DeLuca, Ret Lt. Comm. Lou Ann Corrado and Al Cibello. First row: Frank Ciarverilla, Dorothy Ciaverilla, George Brandt, Elma Brandt, Terry DeAngelo, Dena Simone, Pat Volpicelli, Lee Bantell, Connie Piccareta, Louise Lane, Joe Ciavarella, Sal Bottaro, Frank Forlin and Neno Sartini. Second row: Rocco Yanora, Joe Simone, Mary DeAngelo, Donna Comiskey, Joe Castrignano, Sandie Castrignano, Antonietta Bianchini-Bottaro, Dr. Domini Castrignano, Saverio Costantino, Steven Catrignano and Mary Jane Forlin. Third row: Steve Tonkin, Tony DeAngelo and Ayleen Landon.

IN BRIEF

DALLAS: Misericordia University admissions department is holding an open house Jan. 5 for adult learners 4-7 p.m. in Huntzinger Room 218 of Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on campus.

The event is open to adults interested in obtaining more information about the university's undergraduate and graduate programs. It is also open to prospective students who have general questions about entering or returning to college. Faculty members and representatives from admissions and financial aid will be available. Common topics include, credit transfer, credit for life experiences, financial aid eligibility, evening and weekend class schedules on the campus in Dallas, certificate programs, online courses and the Expressway Accelerated Degree program.

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NANTICOKE: Jane Dessoye, executive director of enrollment management at Misericordia University, will be at Greater Nanticoke Area High School 6 p.m. Tuesday to speak with students and parents regarding the financial aid process, completing the FAFSA information, and acquiring grants, loans and scholarships. Seniors and their parents are strongly urged to attend and underclassmen are also welcome.

For more information contact the high school guidance office at 570-735-7755.

WEST WYOMING: West Wyoming Boy Scout Troop 366 is hosting a flapjack fundraiser breakfast from 8-10 a.m. today at Applebee's in Wilkes-Barre. Cost is $5 and tickets can be purchased at the door.

The troop is also selling sand candle kits for Christmas Eve. The kit contains a dozen 10-hour votive candles, 12 white bags, sand and instructions. Cost is $6. Orders are being taken at 693-1425. Order early since supplies are limited.

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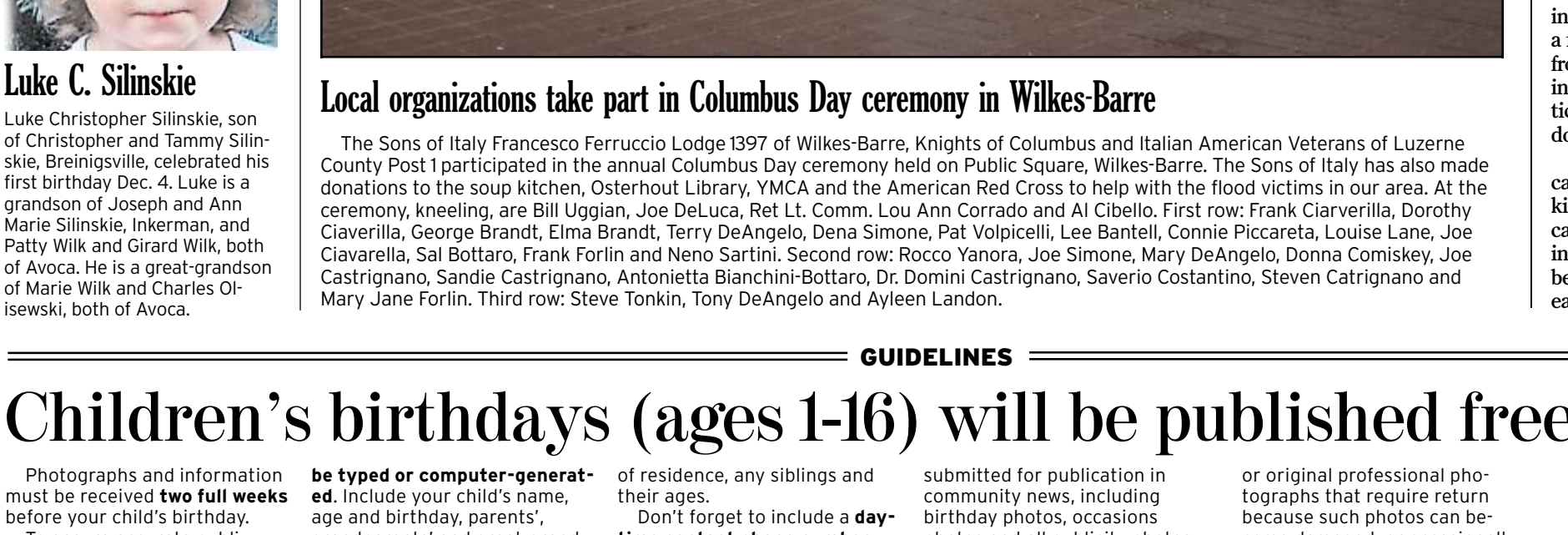
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NAMES AND FACES

Robert Tyler Skrinak recently graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science Degree in neuroscience with program honors and a minor in chemistry. He is a 2008 graduate of the Wyoming Area Secondary Center. Tyler is the son of Kathryn Skrinak and the late Robert Skrinak, West Wyoming. His is the grandson of Florence Skrinak, Dupont, and Ruth Strunk, Hazleton. He has a sister, Jenna, a senior at Wyoming Area. Skrinak has accepted a position as a research assistant in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and plans to continue post graduate studies in neuroscience. He also made a presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, D.C.

MEETINGS

Today

DUPONT: The Polish American Citizens Club, 2 p.m. at the club home on Elm Street. Nomination of officers to serve in 2012 will be on the agenda. Members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

HONOR ROLL

Fairview Elementary School

Ronald Grevera, principal, Fairview Elementary School, recently announced the following sixth-grade students have attained Principal's List and High Honors for the first quarter of the 2011-2012 school year.

Principal's List: Ameen Bader, Brandon Brozena, Samantha Brumagin, Brett Caladie, Katherine Coslett, Andrew Dean, Carina D'Sousa, Julia Fey, Abigail Glynn, Paige Gould, Audralaine Mentrikoski, Kurtis Orrson, Genevieve Osterhout, Abby Post, Michael Schwab, Lauren Shiplett, Andrea Shipton, Jeffrey Siegfried, Taylor Tomalinas, Nicholas Toronzi, Megan Wood, Aidan Zabiegalski and Matthew Zwiebel.

High Honors: Christopher Argenziano, Vanessa Atie, Gianna Brogna, Gabrielle Evans, Maggie Fraley, Dylan Gesford, David Johnson, Lauren LaMarca, Gabrielle Leri, Michael Macri, Laura Miller, Shane O'Rourke, Shiv Patel, Lauren Reidinger, Jeffrey Schmude, Victoria Smolenak, Matthew Taleroski and Justin Yackiel.



Dallas Twp. Class of '50 reunites

Dallas Township High School Class of 1950 recently celebrated its 61st anniversary reunion at Vanderlyn's Restaurant, Kingston. The group is planning to meet again in July 2012 at Vanderlyn's. Classmates in attendance, from left, first row, are Elsie Schichl; Lois Siepman; Mary Mulderig, teacher; Theresa Shiner; and Carolyn Godtfring. Second row: Edward Kraft, Donald Evans, Andrew Matte, Joseph Shields, Albert Dymond and Robert Shultz.



Hanover Twp. Class of '66 holds reunion

Hanover Township High School Class of 1966 recently celebrated its 45th anniversary reunion at R&D Memories. Joining them were classmates from 1963 and 1965. Attendees, from left, first row, are Chardell Wojtowicz Bachman, Ann Witinski Kijek, Bernice Edwards Howatt, Mary Ann Siedlecki Ashton, Cheryl Meszczynski Connaghan and Cheryl Wilkie Telechowski. Second row: Ron Bukevicz, Tom Kravulski, Ozzie Boyson, Evelyn Larson Evans, Jim Spisak, Bob Howatt, Tony Grabowski, Joe Zakowski, Mike Brienza, Steve Brezna, John Ormando, Bill Haines, Tony Telechowski, Imedla Baczmarga Rifenbery and John Demchak. Andrea Wargo Campbell also attended.



Career and Tech Center students build shed for home show

Students from the building trades class at Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center constructed a shed to be auctioned off at the upcoming Home Building Show at the Kingston Armory. All of the proceeds from the sale will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This is the third year that David Vnuk's class has been involved in the auction. Past projects included a picnic table and a dog house. With the shed, from left, are students Anthony Olenick and Aaron Straight.



Institute holds Fire Prevention Week activities

The Luzerne County Community College Public Safety Training Institute (PSTI) recently participated in Fire Prevention Week at the Wyoming Valley Mall. 'Fire Prevention Week -- Protect Your Family from Fire' provided educational and safety-oriented information about smoke alarm maintenance and installation. At the LCCC kiosk at the Wyoming Valley Mall, from left: Julie Schechter, coordinator, PSTI; Ed Hennigan, assistant director, admissions; and Susan Spry, vice president, workforce and community development.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Griffin wins Baylor's first Heisman

The Bears QB beat out preseason favorite Andrew Luck by a sizable margin for college's top honor.



In this photo provided by the Heisman Trophy Trust, Robert Griffin III, of Baylor University, holds the Heisman Trophy award after being named the winner Saturday night in New York.

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By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Robert Griffin III beat out preseason favorite Andrew Luck for the Heisman Trophy, dazzling voters with his ability to throw, run and lead Big 12 doormat Baylor into the national rankings.

The quarterback known as RG3 became the first Heisman winner from Baylor on Saturday night by a comfortable cushion over the Stanford star.

Griffin started the season on the fringe of the Heisman conversation, a talented and exciting player on a marginal team, while Luck was already being touted as a No. 1 NFL draft pick.

Draft day might very well still belong to Luck, but Griffin diverted the Heisman to Waco, Texas, to a school that has never had a player finish better than fourth in the voting — and that was 48 years ago.

The junior received 405 first-place votes and 1,687 points. Luck received 247 first-place votes and 1,407 points to become the fourth player to be Heisman runner-up in consecutive seasons and

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PAUL SOKOLOSKI

OPINION

Coughlin taking on persona of its new coach

He spent his first night as a head basketball coach yelling and clapping and coaxing and cajole his Coughlin Crusaders.

All because Mike Day believed his team had a chance.

"We came here to win," Day said afterward.

The Crusaders lost – just not by as much as most people would have predicted.

Once Darrell Crawford and Shaliek Powell – two football stars still trying to find their basketball legs – entered the game in the second half, the Grenadiers rolled to a 63-47 victory Friday. A far superior GAR team – which could be the class of the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II by season's end – used a 19-2 third quarter to build a 23-point lead early in the fourth.

But Day refused to let Coughlin give in to certain defeat.

He encouraged and praised extra effort, and as he did, the Crusaders kept giving more for him. When reserve Phil Trout hit a layup, they cut their insurmountable deficit to 55-45 with two minutes remaining.

"I told the kids, 'Never quit,'" Day said. "You *can't* quit. You play to the end.

"We almost made it interesting. Almost."

The Crusaders certainly made things suspenseful in the first half, when Marcus Cobb's 3-point bomb gave Coughlin a short-lived 19-17 lead with 3:09 to play in the quarter. If the Crusaders would have hit a couple more foul shots, they would have had a halftime lead.

"It was exciting," Day said of his first day on the job. "I was excited for the opportunity."

Down in the stands at the GAR High School gym, nobody was more excited than old Coughlin coach John Quinn.

He molded his protégé into the most dominant big man in the WVC during Day's playing days at Coughlin in the 1980s, before Day went off to have a splendid basketball career at Division II Bloomsburg University. After that, Day worked as a Coughlin assistant coach under Joe Caffrey, first as a seventh-grade coach, then three years as a freshman coach, then two years with the varsity program.

When Caffrey stepped away after last season to watch his son play at King's, Day was a natural to replace him on Coughlin's bench.

"He did a nice job," Quinn said of Day. "They hung in there real well, first half especially. I thought they gave GAR a run for their money."

And it seems the Crusaders are already off and running with the personality of their new coach.

"Mike was a hell of a player," Quinn said. "Mike was intense, didn't give up the whole way. He's the same personality (now). He's pretty intense. I was proud of the guy.

"They're going to get better."

As a player and an assistant for his alma mater, Day was part of some pretty successful runs that took Coughlin into contention for league titles and into playoff games.

Now he's in charge of leading that charge.

"As a head coach, there's a much different feel," Day admitted. "As a former Crusader myself, I understand where they're coming from. I understand it's not going to be easy. My job is to get the varsity guys ready to play.

"Good teams out there, good players out there."

And another good coach who promises to have the Crusaders battling their way towards the top. This new Day for Coughlin looks a lot like the old one.

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MLB

MVP Braun tabbed for drug use

Facing a 50-game suspension, the Milwaukee Brewers slugger will appeal his positive test result.

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — National League MVP Ryan Braun has tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance, a case still under appeal to an arbitrator under Major League Baseball's drug program, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.



Braun

The person spoke Saturday night on condition of anonymity because the appeal is still ongoing. The positive test was first reported by ESPN.

If Braun's appeal is denied, the Milwaukee Brewers star would be subject to a 50-game suspension.

Braun tested positive for elevated testosterone, ESPN said, adding that a later test determined the testosterone was synthetic.

If suspended, Braun would be eligible to return for Milwaukee's May 31 game at the Los Angeles Dodgers, barring any postponements. He would miss the first 57 days of the major league season, los-

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Lewis can only watch for now



PETE G. WILCOX/THE TIMES LEADER

Eugene Lewis (right) cheers his new Meyers teammates during warmups prior to Saturday's boys high school basketball game against Scranton Prep. Lewis has not been cleared by Wyoming Valley West to play for the Mohawks.

Standout still committed to Penn State

By JOHN ERZAR
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INSIDE: More boys basketball. Page 13C

WILKES-BARRE – Eugene Lewis took the court for the Meyers boys basketball team Saturday night, but not the way he intended.

Wearing blue warm-up pants and a blue hoodie with "Meyers Basketball" across the chest, Lewis stood at midcourt while his teammates went through pre-game shooting drills. He exchanged a handshake with game official and Wyoming Valley West Superintendent Charles Suppon, whose school district is challenging the star athlete's transfer to Meyers.

Then Lewis sat on the bench as Meyers defeated Scranton Prep 49-41.

"I wish I could play," Lewis said. "It's definitely difficult sitting on the bench. I'm used to playing a lot. But this is a transition I have to go through and with the support of my family and Jesus Christ, I know I'll get through it."

Lewis and his family moved to Wilkes-Barre after his father, Rev. Eugene Lewis Sr., took over at another church. Valley West refused to sign the PIAA transfer waiver to allow him to be immediately eligible to play for Meyers.

Meyers athletic director Mike Namey said no date has been set for a hearing before the District 2 Athletic Committee, which will determine whether Lewis transferred for athletic reasons.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Lehman teen hits his mark at nationals

Dominic Hockenbury hits time goal in strong effort at USATF National Junior Olympic Championships.

By BRAD DICKERSON
For The Times Leader

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – Dominic Hockenbury was somewhat disappointed after crossing the finish line Saturday at the USA Track and Field National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships at Whispering Pines Golf Course.



Hockenbury

He probably wasn't the only one who felt that way.

For every runner who pumped their fist in the air, there were some with sullen looks on their faces

Others were simply too exhausted to do anything other than fall to the ground and collect their breath.

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112TH ARMY-NAVY GAME

SEAL saves mission for Mids

Fullback Alexander Teich makes sure his team does not fall as Navy wins its 10th straight in series.

27 NAVY | 21 ARMY

By JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Playing his last game before he goes to SEAL training, Alexander Teich absolutely, positively, emphatically did not want to be known as a member of the Navy team that finally lost to Army.

The fullback was out there returning kickoffs, something he hadn't done all year. He was running over to the stands to fire up the Brigade of Midshipmen that took up a quarter of the lower bowl of the Washington Redskins stadium.

It took a bit more suspense than usual, but Teich and the Midshipmen made it a perfect 10 against the Black Knights, winning 27-21 Saturday in the

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Navy quarterback Kriss Proctor rushes the ball in the second half.

LOCAL CALENDAR

Today's Events

BOYS BASKETBALL
Marsico Tournament
(at Old Forge H.S.)
3 p.m. consolation; 7 p.m. championship
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Pittston Area, Wyoming Area at Old Forge Tournament, TBA

MONDAY, DEC. 12

BOYS BASKETBALL
(7:15 p.m.)
Abington Heights at Wyoming Valley West
Lake-Lehman at Dallas
Meyers at Coughlin
Weatherly at MMI Prep
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Northampton at Holy Redeemer, 6:15 p.m.
Berwick at East Stroudsburg South, 7 p.m.
Coughlin at Meyers 7:15 p.m.
Crestwood at Scranton Prep, 7:15 p.m.
Hazleton Area at Scranton, 7:15 p.m.
North Schuylkill at Nanticoke, 7:15 p.m.
Tunkhannock at Lake-Lehman, 7:15 p.m.
Wyoming Area at GAR, 7:15 p.m.
HS SWIMMING
Holy Cross at Hanover Area, 4:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Central Penn at Luzerne CCC, 8 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Central Penn at Luzerne CCC, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

BOYS BASKETBALL
(7:15 p.m.)
Holy Redeemer at Nanticoke
Meyers vs. Holy Cross, at Marywood University
Pittston Area at Hanover Area
Scranton Prep at GAR
Williamsport at Crestwood
Wyoming Seminary at Tunkhannock
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Salem Christian at MMI Prep, 6 p.m.
Hanover Area at Pittston Area, 7:15 p.m.
Dallas, Meyers at Wyoming Valley West Tip-Off Tournament, TBA
HS BOWLING
Milton at Berwick, 3 p.m.
Columbia Montour Vo Tech at Hazleton Area, 3 p.m.
HS SWIMMING
Delaware Valley at Holy Redeemer, 4 p.m.
Scranton at Hazleton Area, 4:30 p.m.
Tunkhannock at Berwick, 4:30 p.m.
Abington Heights at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Lake Lehman at Valley View, 4:30 p.m.
Wyoming Seminary at Elk Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Wyoming Valley West at Scranton Prep, 7 p.m.
HS WRESTLING (all matches 7 p.m.)
Lake Lehman at Lackawanna Trail
Wyoming Area at Scranton Prep
Delaware Valley at Hazleton Area

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

BOYS BASKETBALL
(7:15 p.m. unless noted)
Hazleton Area at Whitehall
MMI Prep at Panther Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Northwest at Hughesville
Wyoming Area at Lake-Lehman
Wyoming Valley West at Shamokin
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Holy Cross at Wyoming Seminary, 7:15 p.m.
Holy Redeemer at Abington Heights, 7:15 p.m.
Lake Lehman at Wyoming Area, 7:15 p.m.
Meyers at Crestwood, 7:15 p.m.
Pittston Area at GAR, 7:15 p.m.
HS SWIMMING
Dunmore at Wyoming Area, 4 p.m.
Nanticoke at Pittston Area, 4 p.m.
Coughlin at Meyers, 4:30 p.m.
HS WRESTLING (all matches 7 p.m.)
Scranton at Berwick
Honesdale at Coughlin
Columbia Montour CTC at Nanticoke
Western Wayne at Tunkhannock
West Scranton at Crestwood
Abington Heights at Pittston Area
Wallenpaupack at Wyoming Valley West
Meyers at Blue Ridge
Dallas at Elk Lake

WHAT'S ON TV

(All times Eastern)
Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts.

FIGURE SKATING

Noon
NBC — ISU, Grand Prix Final, at Quebec City (same-day tape)

GOLF

3 p.m.
NBC — Franklin Templeton Shootout, final round, at Naples, Fla.

NFL

1 p.m.
CBS — Kansas City at N.Y. Jets
FOX — Philadelphia at Miami
4:15 p.m.
CBS — Oakland at Green Bay
8 p.m.
NBC — N.Y. Giants at Dallas

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m.
YES — UNC Greensboro at Florida State
3 p.m.
YES — North Carolina Central at North Carolina State
5 p.m.
YES — Stony Brook at Boston College

NHL

7:30 p.m.
MSG — Florida at N.Y. Rangers

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with 1B Albert Pujols on a 10-year contract and LHP C.J. Wilson on a five-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed F Vladimir Radmanovic.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Signed F Gary Flowers and F Chris Wright.
INDIANA PACERS — Re-signed C Jeff Foster. Signed F-C Jeff Pendergraph, F-C Jarrid Famous, F Tyren Johnson, F Darnell Lazare and F-C Matt Rogers.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Traded F Ronny Turiaf, cash considerations and a 2013 second-round draft pick to Washington and G Andy Rautins to Dallas, who sent C Tyson Chandler and the draft rights to Ahmad Nivins and Giorgos Printezis to New York and a 2012 second-round draft pick to Washington. Washington also sent a conditional future second-round draft pick to Dallas. Waived G Chauncey Billups.
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed F Lawrence Hill and G Adrian Oliver.
TORONTO RAPTORS — Signed F Rasual Butler.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed F Larry Owens.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DL Eric Moore. Signed DB Malcolm Williams from the practice squad. Placed DL Jermaine Cunningham on injured reserve. Released DB Sterling Moore.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Montreal F Lars Eller $2,500 for boarding Los Angeles D Drew Doughty during the Dec. 3 game.
EDMONTON OILERS — Assigned RW Cameron Abney and C Ryan Martindale from Stockton (ECHL) to Oklahoma City (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Reassigned F Evgenii Dadonov to San Antonio (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Activated D Willie Mitchell from injured reserve. Assigned F Ethan Moreau to Manchester (AHL).
American Hockey League
BINGHAMTON SENATORS — Recalled F Jack Downing from Elmira (ECHL). Signed D Mike Ratchuk to a professional tryout agreement.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled RW Anthony Luciani from Cincinnati (ECHL). Reassigned F AJ Jenks to Cincinnati. Released C Brian Sutherby.
SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Recalled F Kevin King from Elmira (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Utah F Riley Emmerson two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions during Friday's game against Alaska. Fined the Bakersfield and Stockton organizations undisclosed amounts for their players' actions prior to the start of Friday's game.

COLLEGE

TEXAS A&M — Named Kevin Sumlin football coach.
UCLA — Named Jim Mora football coach.

LUGE

World Cup Results

Friday
At Whistler Sliding Centre
Whistler, British Columbia
Doubles
1. Andreas Linger/Wolfgang Linger, Austria, one minute, 22.644 seconds (41.255 seconds-41.389 seconds)
2. Peter Penz/Georg Fischler, Austria, 1:22.888 (41.331-41.557)
3. Christian Oberstolz/Patrick Gruber, Italy, 1:22.943 (41.380-41.563)
4. Ronny Pietrasik/Christian Weise, Germany, 1:22.973 (41.460-41.513)
4. Toni Eggert/Sascha Benecken, Germany, 1:22.973 (41.465-41.508)
6. Tobias Wendl/Tobias Arlt, Germany, 1:22.997 (41.433-41.564)
7. Ivan Nevmerzhitskiy/Vladimir Prokhorov, Russia, 1:23.031 (41.482-41.549)
8. Vladislav Yuzhakov/Vladimir Mackhnutin, Russia, 1:23.104 (41.494-41.610)
9. Michail Kuzmich/Stanislav Mikheev, Russia, 1:23.109 (41.5130-41.596)
10. Tristan Walker/Justin Snith, Canada, 1:23.153 (41.461-41.692)
Other Americans
12. Matt Mortensen, Huntington Station, N.Y./Preston Griffall, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1:23.379 (41.614-41.765)
18. Shane Hook, Grapevine, Texas/Zac Clark, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1:27.434 (44.999-42.435) Christian Niccum (Woodinville, Wash.)/Jayson Terdiman (Berwick, Pa.), Disqualified
Overall World Cup doubles standings after 2 of 9 events
1. Peter Penz/Georg Fischler, Austria, 185 points
2. Andreas Linger/Wolfgang Linger, Austria, 170
3. Vladislav Yuzhakov/Vladimir Mackhnutin, Russia, 127
4. Toni Eggert/Sascha Benecken, Germany, 115
5. Tobias Wendl/Tobias Arlt, Germany, 110
6. Christian Oberstolz/Patrick Gruber, Italy, 106
7. Ivan Nevmerzhitskiy/Vladimir Prokhorov,Russia, 92
8. Ronny Pietrasik/Christian Weise, Germany, 86
9. Tristan Walker/Justin Snith, Canada, 75
10. Ludwig Rieder/Patrick Rastner, Italy, 72
Other Americans
11. Matt Mortensen, Huntington Station, N.Y./Preston Griffall, Salt Lake City, Utah, 66
15. Christian Niccum (Woodinville, Wash)/Jayson Terdiman (Berwick, Pa.), 50
18. Shane Hook, Grapevine, Texas/Zac Clark, Salt Lake City, Utah, 42
Men
1. Felix Loch, Germany, one minute 36.480 seconds (48.263 seconds and 48.217 seconds)
2. Johannes Ludwig, Germany, 1:36.758 (48.406-48.352)
3. David Moeller, Germany, 1:36.778 (48.361-48.417)
4. Andi Langenhan, Germany, 1:36.946 (48.533-48.413)
5. Sam Edney, Canada, 1:37.061 (48.522- 48.539)
6. Ralf Palik, Germany, 1:37.202 (48.619-48.583)
7. Stepan Fedorov, Russia, 1:37.226 (48.664-48.562)
8. Albert Demtchenko, Russia, 1:37.283 (48.664-48.619)
9. Daniel Pfister, Austria, 1:37.330 (48.744-48.586)
10. Viktor Kneyb, Russia, 1:37.347 (48.686-48.661)
Other Americans
25. Taylor Morris, South Jordan, Utah, 1:38.317 (49.275-49.042)
28. Isaac Underwood, Skandia, Mich., 1:38.632 (49.216-49.416)
Overall World Cup men's standings after 2 of 9 events
1. Felix Loch, Germany, 200 points
2. David Moeller, Germany, 155
3. Johannes Ludwig, Germany, 145
4. Andi Langenhan, Germany, 110
5. Armin Zoeggeler, Italy, 100
6. Albert Demtchenko, Russia, 97
7. Sam Edney, Canada, 80
7. Stepan Fedorov, Russia, 80
7. Manuel Pfister, Austria, 80
10. Daniel Pfister, Austria, 78
Other Americans
32. Taylor Morris, South Jordan, Utah, 16
33. Isaac Underwood, Skandia, Mich., 15
36. Trent Matheson, Bountiful, Utah, 10

FOOTBALL

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	362	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290	260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278	304
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246	220

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310	189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249	229
Jacksonville	3	9	0	.250	152	238
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174	358

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	198
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296	192
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266	250
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	178	254

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256	292
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274	308
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163	268
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	287	289

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	283	244
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	287	315
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271	282
Washington	4	8	0	.333	202	256

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	393	269
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	269	244
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	290	324
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218	329

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420	262
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291	242
Detroit	7	5	0	.583	333	277
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246	330

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	288	161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216	246
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232	269
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140	296

x-clinched division

Thursday's Game
Pittsburgh 14, Cleveland 3
Today's Games
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 1 p.m.
New England at Washington, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's Game
St. Louis at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 18
New Orleans at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Houston, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

NCAA

College Football Major Scores
EAST
Navy 27, Army 21MORE
MIDWEST
N. Dakota St. 24, Lehigh 0MORE
SOUTH
Georgia Southern 35, Maine 23
Grambling St. 16, Alabama A&M 15MORE
SOUTHWEST
Sam Houston St. 49, Montana St. 13MORE
College Football FBS Bowl Glance
Saturday, Dec. 17
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Wyoming (8-4) vs. Temple (8-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State (7-5) vs. Ohio (9-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette (8-4) vs. San Diego State (8-4), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Dec. 20
Beef 'O'Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall (6-6) vs. FIU (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 21
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
TCU (10-2) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 22
MAACO Bowl
At Las Vegas
Boise State (11-1) vs. Arizona State (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN2)
Tuesday, Dec. 27
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 28
Military Bowl
At Washington
Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 29
Champs Sports Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Florida State (8-4) vs. Notre Dame (8-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Baylor (9-3) vs. Washington (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Dallas
Tulsa (8-4) vs. BYU (9-3), Noon (ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl
At Bronx, N.Y.
Rutgers (8-4) vs. Iowa State (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 6:40 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma (9-3) vs. Iowa (7-5), 10 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 31
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas A&M (6-6) vs. Northwestern (6-6), Noon (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Georgia Tech (8-4) vs. Utah (7-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
UCLA (6-7) vs. Illinois (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 2
TicketCity Bowl
At Dallas
Penn State (9-3) vs. Houston (12-1), Noon (ESPNU)
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Nebraska (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Georgia (10-3) vs. Michigan State (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida (6-6) vs. Ohio State (6-6), 1 p.m. (ESPN2)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (11-2), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Stanford (11-1) vs. Oklahoma State (11-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Jan. 3
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Jan. 4
Orange Bowl
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Jan. 6
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington, Texas
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 8 p.m. (FOX)
Saturday, Jan. 7
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. SMU (7-5), Noon (ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 8
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 9
BCS National Championship
At New Orleans
LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	18	7	3	39	101	81
Pittsburgh	30	17	9	4	38	94	75
N.Y. Rangers	26	16	6	4	36	77	59
New Jersey	28	14	13	1	29	71	80
N.Y. Islanders	27	9	12	6	24	62	88

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	28	18	9	1	37	94	59
Toronto	29	15	11	3	33	91	94
Buffalo	29	15	12	2	32	79	79
Montreal	30	12	11	7	31	74	77
Ottawa	30	13	13	4	30	91	105

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	29	16	8	5	37	81	71
Washington	28	15	12	1	31	88	89
Winnipeg	29	13	12	4	30	82	92
Tampa Bay	29	12	15	2	26	75	96
Carolina	31	9	18	4	22	79	108

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	29	17	8	4	38	96	90
Detroit	28	18	9	1	37	89	62
St. Louis	28	16	9	3	35	70	62
Nashville	28	13	11	4	30	74	77
Columbus	29	8	17	4	20	71	99

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	29	19	7	3	41	75	63
Vancouver	29	18	10	1	37	97	71
Edmonton	29	14	12	3	31	83	77
Calgary	28	13	13	2	28	70	80
Colorado	30	13	16	1	27	78	91

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	28	15	10	3	33	76	72
San Jose	25	15	9	1	31	73	60
Dallas	27	15	11	1	31	71	77
Los Angeles	28	13	11	4	30	64	65
Anaheim	28	8	15	5	21	65	92

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

Friday's Games
Washington 4, Toronto 2
Buffalo 2, Florida 1, OT
Winnipeg 4, Carolina 2
Edmonton 4, Colorado 1
Saturday's Games
Montreal 2, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Buffalo 1
Vancouver 4, Ottawa 1
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 7, Winnipeg 1
Boston 5, Columbus 3
San Jose at St. Louis, late
Anaheim at Nashville, late
Minnesota at Phoenix, late
Edmonton at Calgary, late
Dallas at Los Angeles, late
Today's Games
San Jose at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

American Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA
St. John's	25	15	6	4	0	34	91	76
Manchester	27	15	10	0	2	32	71	69
Portland	24	12	10	1	1	26	63	72
Worcester	21	9	6	3	3	24	55	54
Providence	27	9	15	1	2	21	57	88

East Division

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA
Norfolk	26	16	9	0	1	33	95	72
Penguins	26	14	7	1	4	33	80	69
Hershey	25	13	7	3	2	31	88	74
Syracuse	24	11	10	2	1	25	80	81
Binghamton	27	9	16	1	1	20	61	82

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA
Connecticut	25	15	7	1	2	33	81	73
Adirondack	25	14	9	1	1	30	76	65
Albany	25	12	10	2	1	27	61	76
Bridgeport	25	11	10	3	1	26	76	82
Springfield	24	11	12	1	0	23	70	72

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA
Charlotte	26	15	9	1	1	32	73	67
Milwaukee	21	14	6	0	1	29	66	54
Peoria	26	11	13	1	1	24	83	84
Chicago	22	9	9	1	3	22	59	64
Rockford	23	9	13	1	0	19	72	83

North Division

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	26	15	7	3	1	34	82	71
Rochester	25	11	10	3	1	26	69	72
Lake Erie	25	11	12	1	1	24	61	66
Grand Rapids	23	10	11	1	1	22	73	72
Hamilton	24	9	13	1	1	20	51	76

West Division

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA
Oklahoma City	25	18	6	0	1	37	77	55
Houston	26	15	4	2	5	37	77	62
Abbotsford	26	17	8	1	0	35	66	60
Texas	22	10	11	0	1	21	66	68
San Antonio	24	10	14	0	0	20	53	74

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss.

Saturday's Games
Toronto 4, Albany 1
Adirondack 3, Rochester 2, OT
Penguins 4, Hershey 2
Connecticut 3, Providence 0
Manchester 3, Springfield 2
Portland 4, Bridgeport 2
Norfolk 5, Binghamton 2
Hamilton 4, Syracuse 1
Oklahoma City at Texas, late
Peoria at San Antonio, late
Milwaukee at Chicago, late
Grand Rapids at Rockford, late
Lake Erie at Abbotsford, late
Today's Games
Worcester at St. John's, 12:30 p.m.
Portland at Manchester, 3 p.m.
Rochester at Hamilton, 3 p.m.
Bridgeport at Springfield, 3 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Chicago, 4 p.m.
Connecticut at Providence, 4:05 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 4:30 p.m.
Norfolk at Hershey, 5 p.m.
Rockford at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Peoria at Houston, 6:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Worcester at Springfield, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NCAA

Top 25 Fared Saturday
1. Kentucky (8-1) lost to Indiana 73-72. Next: vs. Chattanooga, Saturday.
2. Ohio State (8-1) lost to No. 13 Kansas 78-67. Next: vs. South Carolina-Upstate, Wednesday.
3. Syracuse (10-0) beat George Washington 85-50. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
4. North Carolina (8-2) beat Long Beach State 84-78. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Saturday.
5. Louisville (9-0) beat Fairleigh Dickinson 80-58. Next: vs. No. 21 Memphis, Saturday.
6. Baylor (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bethune-Cookman, Wednesday.
7. Duke (9-1) beat Washington 86-80. Next: vs. UNC Greensboro, Monday, Dec. 19.
8. Xavier (8-0) beat Cincinnati 76-53. Next: vs. Oral Roberts, Sunday, Dec. 18.
9. UConn (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Sunday, Dec. 18.
10. Missouri (9-0) beat Navy 84-59. Next: vs. Kennesaw State, Thursday.
11. Marquette (8-0) vs. Green Bay. Next: vs. Northern Colorado, Saturday.
12. Florida (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Texas A&M, Saturday.
13. Kansas (7-2) beat No. 2 Ohio State 78-67. Next: vs. Davidson, Monday, Dec. 19.
14. Wisconsin (8-2) beat UNLV 62-51. Next: at Milwaukee, Tuesday.
15. Pittsburgh (10-1) beat Oklahoma State 74-68. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Saturday.
16. Alabama (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Detroit, Sunday.
17. Mississippi State (9-1) beat Troy 106-68. Next: vs. FAU, Tuesday.
18. Georgetown (8-1) beat Howard 62-48. Next: vs. American U., Saturday.
19. Creighton (7-1) lost to Saint Joseph's 80-71. Next: vs. Houston Baptist, Saturday.
20. Michigan (7-2) beat Oakland 90-80. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Tuesday.
21. Memphis (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Murray State, Sunday.
22. Texas A&M (8-1) beat Louisiana-Monroe 67-54. Next: at No. 12 Florida, Saturday.
23. Gonzaga (5-1) vs. Michigan State. Next: vs. Oral Roberts, Thursday.
24. Illinois (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Coppin State, Sunday.
25. Harvard (9-1) beat Boston University 76-52. Next: vs. FAU, Thursday, Dec. 22.

Saturday's College Basketball Scores
EAST
Baruch 80, Purchase 68
Brown 90, CCSU 80
Buffalo 80, Youngstown St. 72
Castleton St. 85, Maine Maritime 52
Chestnut Hill 86, Caldwell 84
Clarion 78, Cheyney 71, OT
Colgate 65, St. Francis (NY) 63
College of NJ 70, Delaware Valley 67
Columbia 63, LIU 53
Drexel 64, Princeton 60
Duquesne 66, Penn St. 59
E. Mennonite 91, Johnson & Wales 51
Edinboro 73, Millersville 58
Franklin & Marshall 71, Haverford 61
Gannon 94, Shippensburg 75
Georgetown 62, Howard 48
Goldey Beacom 76, Dominican (NY) 74
Hamilton 96, Vassar 71
Harvard 76, Boston U. 52
Juniata 68, Ithaca 65
Keuka 69, Cobleskill 49
La Salle 76, Army 64
Lebanon Valley 76, Moravian 70
Lehigh 70, Wagner 69
Loyola (Md.) 65, Mount St. Mary's 54
Lycoming 90, Wilkes 88
Malone 84, Waynesburg 60
Manhattan 68, Hofstra 59
Manhattanville 83, William Paterson 80
Mercyhurst 70, Bloomsburg 66
Monmouth (NJ) 80, Fordham 65
Montclair St. 73, NYCCT 46
Niagara 79, Hartford 76
Pace 66, Queens (NY) 46
Pittsburgh 74, Oklahoma St. 68
Providence 72, Bryant 61
Rochester 72, Hobart 62
Saint Joseph's 80, Creighton 71
Seton Hall 68, Wake Forest 54
Slippery Rock 78, Mansfield 72
St. Bonaventure 81, Canisius 62
St. Francis (Pa.) 66, American U. 61
Syracuse 85, George Washington 50
Temple 78, Villanova 67
UMBC 62, Towson 58
Ursinus 74, Dickinson 54
Washington & Jefferson 65, Westminster (Pa.) 63
Washington (Md.) 81, McDaniel 63
West Virginia 77, Miami 66
SOUTH
Asbury 70, Cincinnati-Clermont 67
Austin Peay 74, Tennessee 70
Bluefield 103, Bridgewater (Va.) 65
Campbell 103, Methodist 55
Carson-Newman 94, Lees-McRae 73
Charlotte 84, Davidson 61
Christian Brothers 106, Arkansas Baptist 67
Delaware 58, Delaware St. 42
Duke 86, Washington 80
E. Kentucky 63, Georgia Southern 59
ETSU 65, Appalachian St. 48
Freed-Hardeman 74, William Carey 59
Gardner-Webb 87, SC State 57
George Mason 76, Radford 61
Georgia St. 96, Rhode Island 64
Georgia Tech 65, Savannah St. 45
Guilford 66, Randolph-Macon 53
High Point 89, Averett 53
Indiana-Southeast 81, Spalding 70
Jacksonville St. 55, Southern U. 50
Kent St. 58, W. Carolina 56
LSU 64, Boise St. 45
Liberty 78, Va. Intermont 60
Limestone 74, Catawba 69
Lincoln Memorial 87, Glenville St. 47
Louisville 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 58
Martin Methodist 86, William Woods 66
McNeese St. 86, Bacone 45
Md.-Eastern Shore 95, Mercy 69
Mercer 67, Chattanooga 56
Middle Tennessee 78, UT-Martin 62
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PENGUINS SUNDAY

LAST FIVE GAMES

Nov. 29	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 7	Dec. 10
at Norfolk	Portalnd	at Syracuse	at Binghamton	at Hershey
L, 5-2	W, 4-1	L, 5-2	W, 1-0	(night)

NEXT FIVE GAMES

Tuesday	Friday	Saturday	Dec. 19	Dec. 27
Binghamton	at Syracuse	Norfolk	Albany	Hershey
7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	7:05 p.m.

WBS's McDonald wants to show he can help his team in all situations



FRED ADAMS/FOR THE TIMES LEADER

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguin Colin McDonald hopes that his recent success, playing a well-rounded, two-way game, will get him another NHL shot.

Not one-dimensional

By **TOM VENESKY** *tvenesky@timesleader.com*

Don't judge Colin McDonald by the AHL-leading 42 goals he put up last season as a member of the Oklahoma City Barons.

Disregard the fact that just about every season, dating back to his college days, McDonald has had more goals than assists.

And, by all means, ignore the minus-52 rating McDonald has accumulated during his four seasons in the AHL.

None of it is a clear reflection of the type of player McDonald is.

For a more accurate view, look to McDonald's numbers from this season – his first with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

After 24 games, McDonald has five goals, 13 assists and is a plus-6.

The way McDonald sees it, his numbers this season reflect the player he was always capable of becoming – a two-way forward that can contribute offensively, make his linemates better and help his team in all situations.

So what changed to allow the real McDonald to appear in his fifth AHL season?

"I'm on a good team," he said.

Very true.

McDonald spent the first three years of his career playing for the last-place Springfield Falcons. His role on those teams was that of a defensive forward that played against opponents' top lines each night.

"If I went a minus-1 every game, I was doing my job," McDonald said.

Last season with Oklahoma, McDonald was put into a strictly offensive position and he produced a league-high 42 goals.

Now, with the Penguins, McDonald is doing it all.

"I didn't want the 42 goals from last year to be all coach Hynes thought about when it came to my game. That's honestly not who I am. I can play the penalty kill, four-on-four, power play and shootouts."

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WBS Penguins forward

"I didn't want the 42 goals from last year to be all coach (John) Hynes thought about when it came to my game," McDonald said. "That's honestly not who I am. I can play the penalty kill, four-on-four, power play and shootouts.

"I don't want to be a one-dimensional player. I want to play a solid two-way game and contribute that way."

Any worries that the Penguins may perceive him as "just" a goal scorer are a thing of the past. Hynes is well aware that McDonald can be used in any situation and his stats are proof that McDonald can do more than put the puck in the net.

He's proven to be very effective at setting up his linemates. With 13 assists in 23 games this season, McDonald needs three more helpers to match his career high of 16, set last year with Oklahoma.

The fact that McDonald currently has three times more assists than goals puts him on pace to break a personal trend that dates back to his first season at Providence College in 2003-04. Since then, McDonald has posted more goals than assists in six out of the last eight seasons.

Hynes said McDonald's goals/assists ration this season is a reflection of his hard-work and dedication to playing a two-way game.

"Because he's working hard, making plays and creating scoring chances for other players – that's why his assist ratio goes up," Hynes said. "His hard work and ability to make the right decisions elevates his linemates and they all play at a good pace."

Another possible reason lies with the reputation McDonald gained after leading the AHL in goals last season.

"Perhaps teams are looking at me as strictly a shooter and it's leaving my linemates open," he said. "I do look to shoot a lot of the time, but for whatever reason the right play for me has been to make the pass."

One of the beneficiaries of McDonald's success in the set-up role has been Bryan Lerg. McDonald has earned an assist on three of Lerg's nine goals this season.

Not only have Lerg and McDonald showed a chemistry as linemates this season, they are also former teammates for three seasons in Springfield. With a history that goes back several years, Lerg said he isn't surprised to see McDonald excel at playing a multi-faceted game.

"I knew him more to be a two-way player than a 42-goal scorer," Lerg said. "When I watch him play, he's a guy who's going to put up 25 goals and be an all-around player. Him being a good two-way player is more important to us than being a one-sided player scoring 42 goals. That's how he's going to help our team the most."

McDonald, 27, hopes that his recent success at playing a well-rounded, two-way game will get him another NHL shot. It's a shot that he thought would happen early in his career, but – aside from a two-game stint with Edmonton two years ago, McDonald is still waiting.

"When I started with the Edmonton organization, they were the worst team in the league so you would think they needed some call-ups and it's the right organization to be in," McDonald said. "It never happened for me. Even last year I knew I wasn't getting called up because I was only on an AHL deal.

"But I'm thankful for the season I had last year because it put me into a situation to get to the NHL. Now, timing is everything. You just need that one person to give you a chance. That's what I'm waiting for."

FANTASY GM



Bryan Lerg
Center

On the surface it doesn't seem that Buffalo Sabres goaltender Ryan Miller and Edmonton Oilers defenseman Corey Potter have much in common. But there is a bond – one that Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins center Bryan Lerg used in choosing several of the players for his fantasy hockey team.

Lerg's team includes a Flyer, a Bruin and a Penguin. But for the majority of his players, Lerg relied on his Michigan roots, which is why four Red Wings dot the roster. Interestingly, Lerg's favorite team while growing up in Livonia, Mich. wasn't necessarily the Red Wings. It was whomever The Golden Brett played for. Read on to find out more.

FORWARD – Chris Conner (Detroit), "He's a small player who plays the game bigger than he is. He plays with a lot of speed and I like his style."

DEFENSEMAN – Nicklas Lidstrom (Detroit), "I'm a Michigan boy so he's the obvious choice."

GOALTENDER – Ryan Miller (Buffalo), "He's a Michigan State boy and an unbelievable goalie."

POWER PLAY SPECIALIST – Claude Giroux (Philadelphia), "I like the way he plays. His playmaking ability is unbelievable and he has great vision."

PENALTY KILL SPECIALIST – Corey Potter (Edmonton), "I played with him a few years at Michigan State and here. He's my choice."

SHOOTOUT SPECIALIST – Pavel Datsyuk (Detroit), "He turns people inside out. He doesn't always do the same thing and always finds a way to do something crazy. It seems to be a goal every time he's out there."

ENFORCER – Steve MacIntyre (Pittsburgh), "The show he put on when he was down here was pretty special. He's a great guy to be around, too. Always happy and great in the locker room."

AGITATOR/PEST – Brad Marchand (Boston), "He gets under a lot of people's skin. A guy you won't want to play against because he'll do something little to get someone off their game. It's frustrating to play against but fun to watch."

HEAD COACH – Mike Babcock (Detroit), "He always has a winning team. The things I hear about him through players... they say nothing but good things about him."

ALL-TIME GREAT – Brett Hull (Calgary, St. Louis, Dallas, Detroit, Phoenix), "My favorite team was whatever team he was on. We're totally different players, but I always liked him. He's a pure goal scorer."

-- Tom Venesky

WHEELING WATCH

The Nailers beat Trenton 3-1 on Wednesday to give Clark Donatelli a win in his debut as the team's interim head coach.

Patrick Killeen stopped 35 of 36 shots and Zack Torquato and Mickeal Bedard had a goal and an assist.

Cody Chupp added two assists and Chris Barton scored a goal – his 15th of the season.

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NHL

Penguins remain perfect against Islanders



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Canadiens goalie Carey Price blocks a penalty shot by the New Jersey Devils' Zach Parise during the third period Saturday.

The Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — James Neal scored twice, and Pascal Dupuis had the go-ahead goal with 4:02 left in the second period to help the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the New York Islanders 6-3 on Saturday night.

Steve Sullivan, Matt Cooke and Paul Martin added goals for the Penguins, who snapped a two-game losing streak. David Ullstrom, Milan Jurcina and Kyle Okposo scored for New York.

Pittsburgh, playing without Sidney Crosby, has beaten the Islanders all four times the teams have played this season. There are two games remaining between the Atlantic Division rivals, March 27 at the Consol Energy Center and at Nassau Coliseum two nights later.

Flyers 5, Lightning 2

PHILADELPHIA — Danny Briere, Jaromir Jagr, Wayne Simmonds scored in the second period and the Philadelphia Flyers extended their winning streak to five.

The Flyers won for the seventh time in their past eight games to remain atop the Atlantic Division.

Forward Claude Giroux had two assists to add to his NHL-high point total of 39 (16 goals and 23 assists) and extended his point streak to five games (three goals and seven assists for 10 points). Giroux, however, took an inadvertent knee to the head by Simmonds in the last minute of the second period and did not return for the final period.

Rangers 4, Sabres 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Carl Hagelin scored twice to lead the New York Rangers over the Buffalo Sabres, giving the franchise its 2,500th regular-season win.

Hagelin, playing his eighth NHL game, and Ryan Callahan scored short-handed goals, and Martin Biron made 32 saves to help the Rangers become the fifth NHL team to reach the milestone.

Canadiens 2, Devils 1

NEWARK, N.J. — Tomas Kaberle, acquired in a trade with Carolina on Friday, had two assists in his debut with Montreal, leading the Canadiens over the New Jersey Devils.

Red Wings 7, Jets 1

DETROIT — Jiri Hudler scored twice and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Winnipeg Jets for their ninth straight home victory.

Bruins 3, Blue Jackets 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joe Corvo scored his first two goals of the season and Milan Lucic had three assists to lead the Boston Bruins over the Columbus Blue Jackets.

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first since Arkansas running back Darren McFadden in 2006 and '07.

Alabama running back Trent Richardson was third with 138 first-place votes and 978 points. Wisconsin running back Montee Ball (348 points) was fourth and the other finalist, LSU cornerback Tyrann Mathieu (327) was fifth.

Griffin's highlights were simply spectacular — his signature moment coming on a long, cross-field touchdown pass with 8 seconds left to beat Oklahoma — and he put up dizzying numbers, completing 72 percent of his passes for 3,998 yards with 36 touchdown passes and a nation-leading 192.3 efficiency rating.

More importantly, he lifted Baylor (9-3) to national prominence and one of the greatest seasons in school history. The 15th-ranked Bears won nine games for the first time in 25 years, beat the Sooners for the first time ever and went 4-0 in November.

That was after winning a total of four November games in their first 15 Big 12 seasons. And the last three games? Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas.

Luck was the front-runner from the moment in January he surprised many by returning to Stanford for one more season instead of jumping to the NFL to become a millionaire. He didn't disappoint, with 3,170 yards receiving, 35 touchdown passes, a completion percentage of 70 percent and a rating of 167.5.

Griffin put up better numbers and, essentially, out-Lucked Luck, who became a star by lifting a forlorn program at a private school out of the shadows of its powerful conference rivals.

The 6-foot-2, 220 pounder with sprinter's speed — he was an all-American in the 400-meter hurdles — grabbed plenty of headlines and attention with that first Friday performance against the Horned Frogs and ended the first month of the season with more touchdown passes than incompletions.

He finished with a kick and shot up the Heisman charts on Nov. 19, when Baylor beat Oklahoma 45-38. Griffin passed for 479 yards and four touchdowns against the Sooners, including that sensational 34-yard, game-winner to Terrance Williams in the closing seconds.

He stated his case one last time — emphatically — on championship Saturday, capping his season with 320 yards passing and two TD passes and two touchdown runs in a 48-24 victory against Texas. It was the second straight year Griffin led the Bears past those longtime bullies from Austin.

Griffin had committed to Houston and coach Art Briles, but when Baylor hired Briles away, Griffin switched up and followed the coach to a program that hadn't even played in a bowl game sinve 1994.

He started 11 games as an 18-year-old freshman in 2008 and tore a knee ligament three games into the 2009 season.

He returned last year as good as new and with a newfound commitment and love of football. He threw for 3,501 yards and led Baylor to a 7-6 record and its first bowl appearance since 1994.

This season, his passing has improved and he's still a dangerous runner (644 yards and nine TDs).

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hoosiers stun Wildcats



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Xavier forward Andre Walker, left, fights for a rebound against Cincinnati guard Dion Dixon (3) in the first half Saturday in Cincinnati.

No. 1 Kentucky falls at buzzer

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Christian Watford hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Indiana a 73-72 victory over top-ranked Kentucky on Saturday night.

Watford finished with 20 points, giving the Hoosiers their first upset of a top-ranked team since taking down Duke in the 2002 NCAA tournament and setting off a wild scene. Fans stormed the court as officials looked at the replay before counting the basket.

The Hoosiers (9-0) are off to their best start since 1989-90.

Doron Lamb scored 19 points to lead the Wildcats (8-1) and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist added 18 as Kentucky's three-game winning streak over Indiana ended. The teams traded leads five times in the final 2 minutes, but Kentucky missed the front end of a one-and-one with 28.8 seconds left and the first of two free throws with 5.6 seconds to go.

Kansas 78, Ohio State 67

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Thomas Robinson scored 21 points, Elijah Johnson added 15 and No. 13 Kansas never trailed in a victory over second-ranked Ohio State, which had to play without star forward Jared Sullinger due to an injury.

Freshman forward Kevin Young came off the bench to score a career-high 14 points, and Tyshawn Taylor had nine points and a career-best 13 assists for the Jayhawks (6-2), who extended their winning streak to 47 games over non-conference opponents at Allen Fieldhouse.

William Buford had 17 of his 21 points in the second half for Ohio State (8-1), which was playing on the road for the first time this season. DeShaun Thomas added 19 points.

Louisville 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 58

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Gorgui Dieng had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lift Louisville to its 17th straight win at home.

Kyle Kuric added 18 points and Peyton Siva had 16 for Louisville, which is in the midst of a 10-game homestand.

Duke 86, Washington 80

NEW YORK — Freshman Austin Rivers scored 18 points and the Blue Devils overcame a poor performance from the free throw line at Madison Square Garden.

The Blue Devils (9-1) seemed in control, taking a 19-point lead three times in the second half. But the Huskies (4-4) shook off a terrible first half and chipped away at the deficit.

With Duke making just 12 of 18 free throws over the final 2:30, Abdul Gaddy's drive got Washington within 78-72 with 58 seconds left. Duke made 6 of its last 8 to hold on.

Xavier 76, Cincinnati 53

CINCINNATI — Mark Lyons scored 19 points as Xavier beat its crosstown rival in a game that featured plenty of trash talking and was called with 9.4 seconds left because of a brawl.

Words escalated into shoving and swings as the final seconds ticked down. Both benches cleared and coaches pulled their players away. The referees called it.

Xavier center Kenny Frease left the court with a towel pressed against his bloody face.

Wisconsin 62, UNLV 51

MADISON, Wis. — Reserve Ben Brust hit all seven of his 3-point attempts and finished with a career-high 25 points for the Badgers.

Wisconsin (8-2) went on a 13-0 run midway through the first half to take a 31-15 lead. The Badgers pushed the advantage to 19 before the Rebels (9-2) cut it to 36-23 at the half.

Pittsburgh 74, Oklahoma State 68

NEW YORK — Ashton Gibbs scored 17 points, including three free throws in the final 17 seconds as Pitt sent Oklahoma State to its third loss — all at Madison Square Garden.

The Panthers (9-1) led by as many as 16 points in the second half, but Oklahoma State twice was able to get within five late. Each time, Gibbs was able to make at least one free throw.

Nasir Robinson had 15 points for Pitt, and Lamar Patterson added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Mississippi State 106, Troy 80

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Dee Bost scored a season-high 28 points, and Arnett Moultrie added 20 points and 12 rebounds for Mississippi State.

Georgetown 62, Howard 48

WASHINGTON — Playing its first game this season as a ranked team, Georgetown held Howard scoreless for nearly 10 minutes at the start then staved off a strong comeback bid.

St. Joseph's 80, Creighton 71

PHILADELPHIA — Carl Jones scored 29 points, Ronald Roberts and Langston Galloway each had 12, and Saint Joseph's spoiled Creighton's first week in the Top 25 in five years.

Doug McDermott had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Bluejays (7-1), who opend 7-0 to make the AP Top 25 for the first time since the first two weeks of the 2006-07 season.

Michigan 90, Oakland 80

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 18 of his 21 points in the second half and Evan Smotrycz had a career-high 20 points and nine rebounds for Michigan.

Harvard 76, Boston Univ. 52

BOSTON — Kyle Casey had 20 points and nine rebounds to lead Harvard, giving the Crimson hope of holding onto their first-ever ranking in The AP Top 25.

FCS PLAYOFFS

Lehigh falls in quarters to North Dakota State

The Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — Brock Jensen accounted for three touchdowns and Sam Ojuri rushed for 136 yards to lead North Dakota State to a 24-0 victory Saturday over Lehigh in a Football Championship Subdivision quarterfinal.

The No. 2 seed Bison (12-1) will face third-seeded Georgia Southern next weekend.

Jensen scored on a pair of 1-yard sneaks, the last of which capped a 16-play, 80-yard drive to give the Bison a 24-0 lead with 7:23 left. He found Warren Holloway for a 38-yard score in the second quarter.

Chris Lum completed 25 of 52 passes for 288 yards and two interceptions for the Mountain Hawks (11-2). Lehigh played without top receiver Ryan Spadola, who was suspended earlier this week, and top running back Zach Barket, who suffered a season-ending ankle injury three games ago. Ryan Jastram kicked a 31-yard field goal just before halftime to give the Bison a 17-0 lead at the half.

Georgia Southern 35, Maine 23

STATESBORO, Ga. — Quarterback Jaybo Shaw ran for two touchdowns and threw for another to lead Georgia Southern past Maine.

The Eagles (11-2), who seeks their seventh national championship, advance to the semifinals for the second straight year.

Georgia Southern will next play North Dakota State next Saturday in the semifinals.

The Eagles had 476 yards total offense, 360 rushing, in dispatching the Bears (9-4). It was the third time Georgia Southern and Maine had met in the playoffs. The Eagles have won all three meetings.

MIDS

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112th edition of one of the most passionate rivalries in sports.

"I'm an emotional person — I don't know if you guys noticed yet," the senior captain said with a smile. "I was amped. You don't want to let that ball drop in on the senior class, and I was going to do whatever it took."

With President Barack Obama presiding over the first Army-Navy game to be played in the vicinity of the nation's capital, the Mids (5-7) got a pair of touchdown runs from quarterback Kriss Proctor and one from Teich to win their 10th straight in the rivalry.

At least this one was close. Navy had won the other nine by at least a dozen points. The Mids needed a pair of fourth-quarter field goals from Jon Teague and a fourth-down stop in their own territory before those in the blue uniforms could start chanting "10 more years!"

"Whatever it is — we're not playing in a bowl game, we are playing in a bowl game — to beat Army for a decade is unheard of," said Proctor, also a senior. "To do anything 10 straight times is hard to do."

Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, worked the Navy sidelines before the game, shaking hands and even getting a hug from the mascot — a ram wearing a Santa hat. The president performed a left-handed coin toss at midfield — Army won and elected to receive — then adhered to presidential tradition by spending a half on each side of the field. He switched from Navy to Army with an escorted walk on the 50-yard line from sideline to sideline in a formal halftime ceremony.



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Navy running back Gee Gee Greene leaps in the second half.

As always, the pageantry was breathtaking, starting with the Army Corps of Cadets' march onto the field three hours before kickoff. Then the Brigade of Midshipmen took their turn. Both sides taunted each other in good spirits — "Why so quiet?" was the Navy chant after the Mids took a 14-0 lead — and beach balls and even an inflatable snake were batted while slick scoreboard videos poked fun at one academy or the other.

BRAUN

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ing about $1.87 million of his $6 million salary

"There are highly unusual circumstances surrounding this case which will support Ryan's complete innocence and demonstrate that there was absolutely no intentional violation of the program," Braun's representatives at the Creative Artists Agency said in a statement. "While Ryan has impeccable character and no previous history, unfortunately, because of the process we have to maintain confidentiality and are not able to discuss it any further, but we are confident that he will ultimately be exonerated."

Under Major League Baseball's drug program, if a player appeals a first positive test for a performance-enhancing substance, an announcement isn't made until after a decision.

The person familiar with the situation said Braun and others involved in the appeals process have known about the positive test since late October.

The 28-year-old outfielder hit .312 with 33 homers and 111 RBIs this year and led Milwaukee to the NL championship series, where the Brewers lost to the eventual World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals.



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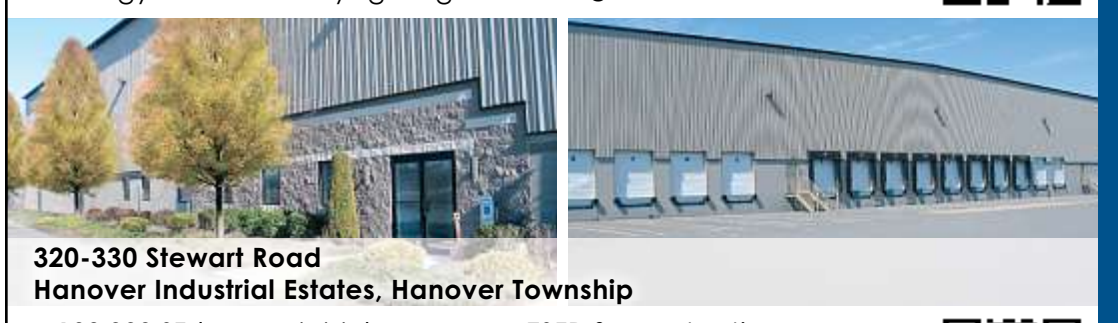
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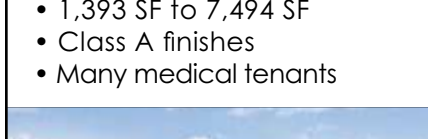


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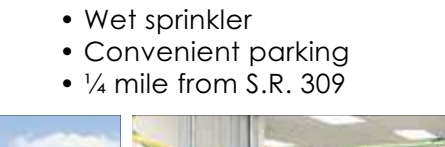
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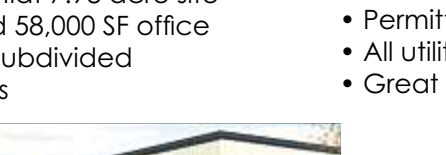
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Matthews back in nickel mix



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Linebacker Casey Matthews, left, defends on a play during the Philadelphia Eagles' training camp at Lehigh University in Bethlehem on July 28. Matthews will be back with the Eagles' nickel package this week.

Starter lost job after bad game against Giants

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Holding onto their last breath of making the postseason, the Eagles will once again attempt to fix the weakest link of their weakest unit.

In what has become almost a weekly change, the Eagles are asking their forgotten man, Casey Matthews, to return to the nickel defense this week when they travel to Miami to face the Dolphins in a battle of a 4-8 teams.

"We've got a few different personnel groups," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "We're going to try to utilize everybody, really. Casey earned the right to get back in there. He's done well when given the opportunity on short yardage and goal line. He's done well on the scout team and he's done well in the classroom.

"Like some of the other guys who took a step back to take a step forward, that's what we're doing with Casey."

Matthews, the rookie fourth-round draft pick out of Oregon, was thrust into the role of starting middle linebacker when training camp opened in late July. He started all four preseason games and the first two regular-season games.

"I feel a lot more prepared than I did. During camp, when I was first in there, everything was on the run. I was just trying to learn on the fly. It was tough. This is another opportunity to go out there and show what I can do. I need to take advantage of it this time."

Casey Matthews
Eagles linebacker

In Week 3 against the Giants, though, it all fell apart.

He started on the weak side vs. New York, bit on a play fake, and was burned for a touchdown. He later heard his fiancee was harassed by fans, and was eventually benched.

Other than that, it was a good day for Matthews.

That loss to the Giants began a movement across the position and was also the last anyone had seen of Matthews, except for a handful of short-yardage plays and on special teams.

But now, the younger brother of Green Bay Pro Bowl linebacker Clay Matthews will be in the first nickel package with Keenan Clayton vs. the Dolphins. They will replace Jamar Chaney and Brian Rolle.

Then again, who knows what Reid will do at gametime. After all, Eagles linebackers have a total of one sack, two interceptions, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery this year.

And Chaney has the sack and both interceptions.

"I feel a lot more prepared than I did," Matthews said. "During camp, when I was first in there, everything was on the run. I was just trying to learn on the fly. It was tough. This is another opportunity to go out there and show what I can do. I need to take advantage of it this time."

For the record, the Eagles have used Chaney as both the starter on the strong side and in the middle, as well as in the nickel.

Moise Fokou, now on injured reserve, started two games on the weak side and four on the strong side.

Akeem Jordan, a starter a year ago, was on the bench until Week 9, and has now started three of the past four games on the strong side.

Rolle, another rookie, has started the last nine games on the weak side, and was on the nickel until this week.

Clayton, who was a healthy inactive player twice this season, hasn't been in the starting lineup — which has included six different groups.

"I think they're all getting better," Reid said of his linebackers. "They're just a young group. We're young at linebacker. Zero excuse on that, that's not what that is, that's reality. So the thing you do is you try to get better as a player every week. I appreciate their effort, their study habits, the things they're doing. "They all have an opportunity to play and contribute."

Battle for survival, not playoff position

Both Dolphins, Eagles playing to save coaches' jobs, secure roster spots for 2012 season.

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — For the Philadelphia Eagles, a 4-8 record stinks.

They were supposed to reach the Super Bowl in a championship season that would serve as the coronation of quarterback Michael Vick. Instead they're tied for last place in the NFC East, fending off questions about coach Andy Reid's job security and struggling to convince anyone they still have a shot at the playoffs.

For the Miami Dolphins, 4-8 represents a huge improvement.

The Dolphins lost their first seven games before staging a dramatic turnaround and outscoring opponents by 85 points over the past five weeks. They remain last in the AFC East and will sit out the playoffs for the ninth time in 10 years, but their locker room's a happy place, and Las Vegas odds-makers now give coach Tony Sparano better than a 50-50 chance to return next season.



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Philadelphia Eagles QB Michael Vick prepares to throw during practice Wednesday.

"We haven't had this much fun in a while," safety Yeremiah Bell said. "Nobody likes to lose. For us to have won four games, you've got to say it feels good."

The Dolphins will meet their equal Sunday when they face Philly — except not all 4-8 records are created equal. While Miami has been blowing teams out, the underachieving Eagles have lost four of their past five games. They've been beaten in the past two games by 17 and 18 points, and since late last season they've lost 11 of 15.

Their best hope is for Vick to inspire a late-season surge. He's expected to start against Miami after missing the past three games with broken ribs.

"We've got to keep our heads up high," Vick said. "We've got to keep playing hard, keep trusting and believing in one another, keep believing in our coaches and the philosophies that are being taught here, and make the most out of this. We've still got an opportunity after everything that we've been through, even though I think our situation should have been different. ...

"The most important thing is to go out there and have fun."

That's what the Dolphins have been doing — but it's easy to have fun when you're blowing teams out. Sparano said the team is even more enjoyable than his 2008 squad, which made a surprising run to the AFC East title.

They're trying to save the coach's job, and with fans disenchanted and attendance in decline, that may be impossible. But everyone credits Sparano for preventing the season from becoming a catastrophe.

He's had help from quarterback Matt Moore, who is making the most of his longest stint as an NFL starter after Chad Henne suffered a season-ending shoulder injury. Moore has thrown eight touchdown passes in the past five games with only one interception.

In the past three games, the Dolphins have stopped opponents in 28 of 32 third-down situations.

"They're one of the more underrated defenses in the NFL," Eagles center Jason Kelce said. There's lots of talent on the Eagles' roster, too, which is what makes their record a head-scratcher. They rank second in the NFL in rushing and third in offense.

But the Eagles rank last in the NFL with 22 interceptions and 29 turnovers.

UP NEXT

PHILADELPHIA at MIAMI
TV: 1 p.m., FOX
OPENING LINE: Dolphins by 3
LAST MEETING: Eagles beat Dolphins, Nov. 18, 2007

Chiefs RB Jones ready for showdown against his former team

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Thomas Jones has no hard feelings, no regrets.

The Kansas City Chiefs running back has seen better days, though, especially when he was pounding out tough yards for the team that will be on the other sideline Sunday, the New York Jets.

"Playing in New York City and the whole buzz that came with that," Jones said, "it was just a great, great experience. It's something I'll always remember."

Jones hasn't been forgotten in the Jets' locker room despite being gone two years. Ask any of his former teammates, and they speak of him with the type of reverence reserved for some of the game's greats.

"He was one of the best teammates I've ever had," quarterback Mark Sanchez said. "Just a real team leader, especially during that playoff push (in 2009). He would talk to the offense the night before games and remind us of what it was like and told us what it would be like to play in the Super Bowl. He had been there before with the Bears. He didn't say much, but when he did, it was important. It was serious, from the heart."

The 33-year-old Jones has never been flashy during a career that has seen him bounce around like a journeyman, but has been marked by impressive numbers — entering Sunday's game 12 yards away from passing both Eddie George and Tiki Barber for 22nd on the NFL's career rushing list. He went from being a disappointing first-round pick in Arizona, to playing a season in Tampa Bay, three years and a Super Bowl appearance in Chicago and then being traded to the Jets and having his best three-year stretch.

He capped it by powering Rex Ryan's "Ground-and-Pound" offense with a career-high 1,402 yards rushing and 14 touchdowns in 2009, while helping the Jets to their first AFC championship game since 1982.

"As soon as I met Rex, we hit it off instantly," said Jones, who played his first two seasons in New York under Eric Mangini. "He's my kind of coach and I think I was his kind of player."

UP NEXT

KANSAS CITY at NEW YORK JETS
TV: 1 p.m., CBS
OPENING LINE: Jets by 9
LAST MEETING: Jets beat Chiefs 28-24, Oct. 26, 2008



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Kansas City Chiefs running back Thomas Jones (20) runs past the tackle attempt of San Diego Chargers outside linebacker Travis LaBoy (99) in the third quarter of their Sept. 25 game.

No doubt about it.

"The thing is, this organization and myself included, I thought the world of Thomas. We all did, and we all do," Ryan said before smiling. "But not this week. I'd rather see him on the sideline."

With Jones already 31 and the Jets wanting to go younger after the 2009 season, New York released him. Four days later, he signed with the Chiefs.

"In my house, I have five jerseys hanging up from five teams that I've played for," Jones said. "Some people look at it as teams that got rid of me, but I look at it as teams I can say I played for in the NFL. It's a kid's dream to play for one team, and I've been able to play for five. I just look at it as a blessing that I've had the opportunity to even play there."

Jones isn't carrying the load anymore as the Chiefs (5-7) have gone to a three-back approach with him, Jackie Battle and Dexter McCluster since Jamaal Charles was lost for the season early. He's third on the team with 325 yards rushing and has yet to score this season.

But getting into the end zone has been a big problem for everyone on the Chiefs. They have scored a total of 35 points in their last five games, going 1-4 in that stretch and losing starting quarterback Matt Cassel for the season in the process.

"It's been frustrating, just because every time you go out there, you want to score points," Jones said. "We go out expecting to be successful, but we know we have to put up more points up to be able to still have a chance to win."

Despite the key injuries and slumping offense, Todd Haley's Chiefs are still surprisingly in the AFC West race, two games behind both Denver and Oakland. Kansas City, which won the division last season, is also coming off an impressive 10-3 victory at Chicago, Tyler Palko's first win as an NFL starter.

"Coach talked a lot about the five-game season," said Palko, likely to start again against the Jets. "We started off with a W and we've got four left. Every game is like a playoff game from here on out, and that's how we have to approach it."

That's how the Jets (7-5) have gone into their last few games, saying they need to win them all to get to the postseason for the third straight season.

"The Jets are a team much like us," said Haley, a former New York assistant. "They're fighting like heck to find a way into the playoffs."

Anticipating double trouble



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Carolina Panthers quarterback Jimmy Clausen (2) gets sacked by New York Giants' Jason Pierre-Paul (90) during the first half at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., in August.

Pierre-Paul latest Giants DL to become a star

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J — With Osi Umenyiora out with ankle and knee problems, and Justin Tuck still fighting through neck and groin issues, the Giants' pass rush in Dallas on Sunday will again hinge on the talents of Jason Pierre-Paul.

Maybe that's not such a bad thing.

Pierre-Paul, a second-year pro who has a team-high 10½ sacks, will undoubtedly face the same double-teams Umenyiora and Tuck have battled throughout the years against the Cowboys. The difference, though, is that the 6-foot-5, 278-pound Pierre-Paul's has progressed meteorically in his short pro career.

The Giants (6-6) are a game behind first-place Dallas (7-5) in the NFC East.

Pierre-Paul's thrust against veteran left tackle Doug Free will gauge whether the seventh-rated passing offense of Dallas quarterback Tony Romo and receivers Dez Bryant, Miles Austin, and Jason Witten can exploit a secondary where rookie Tyler Sash will likely replace injured safety Kenny Phillips (doubtful).

"He brings that athleticism, energy, and spontaneity that a guy like him brings to something he loves doing," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "He's a spark."

The Giants could use that right now. After dropping their fourth straight game against Green Bay last week, a win against the Cowboys would, somehow, draw them even for the NFC East lead and put them a leg up on the divisional tiebreaker. They also face Dallas in the regular-season finale on New Year's Day.

With yet another loss in the secondary, the front seven pressuring Romo will be imperative, especially if fast-rising running back DeMarco Murray gets going. And Pierre-Paul will be the focal point of that attack, just as he was last week against Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers. Tuck and Dave Tollefson recorded the sacks in that game, but Pierre-Paul delivered two hits on Rodgers and broke up two passes in a heavy-duty, 70-snap outing.

He was also cited as the only player to make any significant plays in the previous week's blowout in New Orleans.

"My motor's always running," Pierre-Paul said. "I've always been that guy, even when I'm tired. I wasn't tired against Green Bay. A little sore, but not tired. I'd rather stay in there. If we'd gone to overtime, I'd have been fine."

Still, defensive coordinator Perry Fewell would rather spell him from time to time.

"I never want him in for that many snaps," Fewell said. "But you have to pry him off the field and we have to tell him, 'Hey, JPP, take a rest.' But he loves to play the game and he plays hard and fast. We think he can play harder and faster when he doesn't play as much."

Putting Romo on his back will help the secondary. Sash, in his most extensive defensive appearance this year, expects to play both near the line and in Phillips' traditional deep coverage spot in the three-safety alignment with Deon Grant and Antrel Rolle.

He took a few snaps against the Packers, but his full workload of reps as Phillips spent the week on the stationary bike is expected to have a significant effect on the sixth-round rookie out of Iowa.

"This is the first time I've actually gotten (defensive) reps in practice," Sash said. "Antrel came up and said I've got to get ready to go, and everybody's embraced any questions I have.

UP NEXT

NEW YORK GIANTS at DALLAS
TV: 8:20 p.m., NBC
OPENING LINE: Cowboys by 3 ½
LAST MEETING: Cowboys beat Giants 33-20, Nov. 14, 2010

Vilma's patience during rehab paid off

The Saints are excited to have their defensive captain back for the stretch run.

By BRETT MARTEL
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METAIRIE, La. — Like many who played college football at Miami, Jonathan Vilma tends to project a level of confidence that can easily be mistaken for arrogance.

This week, however, the middle linebacker and Saints defensive captain momentarily revealed his self-effacing side while talking about rejoining his teammates on the field last weekend following a three-game absence with a left knee injury.

"I don't know how much better I make them when, again, we went 3-0 in that stretch," Vilma said of his absence.

"But again, I'm glad to be out there, be out there with my guys," Vilma continued, still a little bleary eyed from one of his daily afternoon power naps. "I know they all welcomed me back, they were excited that I was back. So that was probably the best thing, everyone was happy I was back, no one happier than I was, of course."

Vilma spent most of the first half of the season playing through pain in his left knee that often caused him to miss practice. While he is not sure the injury made him noticeably slower or weaker on game days, he said the added attention he had to devote to treatment during the week, combined with his regular duties of studying opponents offenses so he could make all the defensive calls on the field, was exhausting.



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New Orleans Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma is back for the stretch run after a 10-tackle game against Detroit last week.

"I'd say it was just tough preparing," Vilma said. "Those Monday through Saturdays leading up to the game, those are tough. Tough physically and mentally, because I have to split my time now between taking care of my body and taking care of the opponent, getting ready for them. So that was probably the hardest thing. It wasn't my performance."

Vilma wanted to remain in the lineup, but was eventually persuaded that it might be better for him and the team if he took a month off in midseason to have minor arthroscopic surgery and returned in top form for the stretch drive and the postseason.

"That was everyone saying, 'Look, let's think big picture,'" Vilma said.

The procedure involved cleaning up loose cartilage that had been causing swelling and pain.

Vilma had a team-leading 10 tackles in his return last Sunday night against Detroit. That was a good sign for the Saints, who play this Sunday at Tennessee and will have to deal with quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, whose veteran savvy and ability to throw on the run can cause fits for a heavy-pressure defense like that of the Saints.

Tennessee coach Mike Munchak said the amount of responsibility defensive coordinator Gregg Williams places on Vilma is a clear sign of how important the veteran linebacker is to his team.

"From the player's perspective, when your leader's there, it gives you a comfort that you wouldn't have maybe if he's not there," said Munchak, a former NFL player himself. "It allows you to do more and play a little more relaxed. ... Gregg can put it on one guy to do the thinking and let the other guys just go play football. People don't realize what a value that is."

Outside linebacker Scott Shanle said he was impressed by Vilma's performance in his return, but even more impressed by the patience Vilma showed before coming back.

"I'm proud of him for waiting until he was healthy enough to actually go out there and play that way because I think he probably could have pushed it and came back came back a little earlier," Shanle said. "He looked good (Sunday night)."

PREDICTIONS

Opportunities to brag seem so rare that one looks upon them as a lion eyes a limping gazelle. I am no better at resisting temptation, so I must preen over last week's 12-4 mark against the spread — equaling my most wins in a week against the line. Highlights included an Upset of the Week bull's-eye on Texans over Falcons ("Aawwk!"), and the 'dog Chiefs, Colts, Panthers, Giants and Cardinals with the points.

EAGLES (4-8) at DOLPHINS (4-8)

Line: MIA by 3
Cote's pick: **PHI 31-23**
TIME: 1 p.m. EST

I wrote on this very page on Sept. 9 that the Eagles would win the Super Bowl. It might have been my worst prediction ever, other than that time I called the Internet a passing fad. All that talent, though! Makes this the Mystery Bowl, because how Philly's so-called Dream Team could be 4-8 and how the Miami team we have seen lately could have started 0-7. Both are head-shakers sufficient to haunt the dreams of Andy Reid and Tony Sparano. I like the Birds here to end the Dolphins' three-game home win streak, with Philly getting three points almost feeling like an early Christmas gift. Multitalented QB Mike Vick returns from injury for a Phils squad that has had extra prep time after playing a week ago Thursday. Miami also faces the most talented runner it has seen all season in LeSean McCoy. Eagles have been better on the road (3-3) than at home this year and bring more offensive pop in what should be a high-scoring game. I can only pray this pick is closer to the mark than that Super Bowl forecast.

GIANTS (6-6) at COWBOYS (7-5)

Line: DAL by 3 ½.
Cote's pick: **DAL 28-27**
TIME: 8:20 p.m.

The records of these NFC East rivals might not suggest a heavyweight bout (or a Game of the Week) but the circumstances do and merit the prime-time stage. NYG's fading playoff hopes are realistically in must-win mode, especially since it plays Dallas twice in the final four games of the season. And the Cowpokes, after blowing it vs. Arizona last week, would see their postseason hopes take a hit with another loss here. Telemundo is simulcasting this NBC game in Spanish in nine markets, including Miami, further underlining its appeal. Dallas is 5-1 at home, and it's tough to not like the Boys in this one. Tony Romo has a 107 passer rating his past six starts vs. the Giants and probably gets Miles Austin back, but RBs Ahmad Bradshaw and Brandon Jacobs are both less than healthy for the Bigs. Having said all that, I'd chance the visitors getting that added half point on the bet line. Eli Manning will keep this one tighter than my belt after Thanksgiving.

TEXANS (9-3) at BENGALS (7-5)

Line: CIN by 3
Cote's pick: **HOU 20-17**
TIME: 1 p.m.

"AAWWK!" croons the Upset Bird, incongruously walking through a Barnes & Noble wearing a flowing scarf made of tinsel. "Houston Taaawwwk!" Texans came through in last week's Upset pick, and we're playing that card again. I don't care that the QB is T.J. Yates and that Andre Johnson might be out again. I just trust Arian Foster and that HOU defense — a lot. Texans would clinch AFC South crown with a win if Titans also lost. Cincy needs this, too, but Houston is a stout road squad (4-2) out to prove to doubters it can survive and thrive without Matt Schaub. "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire," carols U-Bird, words garbled by the Bing Crosby pipe clamped in his beak, "Jack Frost nipping at my naaawwwk!"

RAMS (2-10) at SEAHAWKS (5-7)

Line: OFF BOARD
Cote's pick: **SEA 24-10**
TIME: 8:30 p.m. Monday

Yes, Bucs vs. Jags put up a decent fight for Week 14 Mutt honors, but I cannot resist the delicious odiousness of a Monday night matchup that not even ESPN's hype machine can sell as anything anybody might be excited to watch. I'm not sure what will be worse to see: Seattle's hideous home uniforms or a pathetic Rams offense that could be down to third-string QB Tom Brandstater because of injuries to Sam Bradford and A.J. Feeley that kept this game mercifully off the gambling sheets. St. Lose is 1-5 on the road, and Seattle has had extra time to prepare after playing last Thursday and has won 12 of past 13 in this series.

CHIEFS (5-7) at JETS (7-5)

Line: NYJ by 9
Cote's pick: **NYJ 19-13**
TIME: 1 p.m.

Rex Ryan's Planes take care of biz at home (5-1), and I can't see them losing outright, but the point spread either underestimates KC a little, flatters the Jets (more likely) or a combo. KC has won three of its past four on the road, including last week at Chicago, and getting near double digits is a lot for what I would surmise will be a game of modest points.

BUCCANEERS (4-8) at JAGUARS (3-9)

Line: OFF BOARD
Cote's pick: **JAC 20-17**
TIME: 1 p.m.

The state of Florida flag should be flying half-mast over the capitol for this game. Tampa, loser of six straight, might be the NFL's biggest 2011 disappointment after Philly. Jacksonville has lost three straight and fired its coach. Game stayed off bet-boards because Tampa QB Josh Freeman (shoulder) is iffy and might cede to the Next Best Available Josh (Johnson) for a second straight game. Somewhat against my gut I make this a venue call. Bucs are 1-4 away, and Maurice Jones-Drew should run big on bad Tee Bees run-D.

PATRIOTS (9-3) at REDSKINS (4-7)

Line: NE by 8
Cote's pick: **NE 24-17**
TIME: 1 p.m.

Pats would clinch AFC East title with a win here if Jets also lose, and a win would give New England a ninth season in a row of 10 or more wins. Only the 49ers (16 in a row from 1983 to 1998) and Colts (nine in a row from 2002 to 2010) have done that. Cannot conceive an outright upset, but give me Skins and that defense getting this many points at home.

FALCONS (7-5) at PANTHERS (4-8)

Line: ATL by 2 ½
Cote's pick: CAR 23-20
TIME: 1 p.m.

Michael Turner's groin. That's it. What makes this game a tough pick. How's the ol' groin, Mike? Atlanta's star RB has dominated Carolina for 11 TDs and a 109-yard average in past six meetings, including 139 in an October win. So now what? Take home 'dog, and cross fingers.

COLTS (0-12) at RAVENS (9-3)

Line: BAL by 16 ½
Cote's pick: **BAL 24-10**
TIME: 1 p.m.

John Harbaugh is 0-3 vs. Indy, but such stats are rendered meaningless of course by Peyton Manning's absence. Winless Colts face a Crows squad that is 6-0 at home. The question isn't who wins, but by how much, and yet I feel like Colts with all those points is the right play.

VIKINGS (2-10) at LIONS (7-5)

Line: OFF BOARD
Cote's pick: **DET 27-23**
TIME: 1 p.m.

Division compadres have lost six in a row combined. Vikes used to own this series but Motown has won past two — though only by 26-23 in OT in September. Game stayed off bet boards because Adrian Peterson stayed questionable with that high ankle sprain. Heard he was 70 percent healthy. That sounds like a third straight game out. Still think it will be competitive.

SAINTS (9-3) at TITANS (7-5)

Line: NO by 3 ½
Cote's pick: **NO 31-24**
TIME: 1 p.m.

Had this one on my upset watch list. Just a hunch. A feeling. Wanted to like Titans — on a 9-1 run at home vs. NFC teams — with Chris Johnson finally hot with 343 yards rushing in past three games. The thing is, I trust Drew Brees and this Cajun offense to outscore just about anybody, anywhere. And 3 ½ points is not a lot for an offense such as this to cover. Saints could clinch NFC South title if Falcons also lost and cinch playoff spot if Lions or Bears lost.

BEARS (7-5) at BRONCOS (7-5)

Line: DEN by 3 ½
Cote's pick: **DEN 20-17**
TIME: 4:05 p.m.

Stating for the record here I am not on the bandwagon of the Savior of Games, Tim Tebow. It would not surprise me in the least if Chicago — yes, even with Caleb Hanie starting a third straight game at QB and now with star RB Matt Forte out injured, too — won this game. In terms of likelihood, though? Roll with Tebow but hedge against the spread with that extra half point.

49ERS (10-2) at CARDINALS (5-7)

Line: SF by 4
Cote's pick: **SF 23-20**
TIME: 4:05 p.m., FOX

Niners already have already clinched the NFC West and won't leapfrog Green Bay overall, so this isn't a big game for SF. Arizona has won two straight and showed sporadic spasms of respectability. Frans have won five in a row in series including 23-7 on Nov. 20 (thanks to five takeaways), but with Kevin Kolb back pitching for Cardbirds I would expect a more competitive game this time.

BILLS (5-7) at CHARGERS (5-7)

Line: SD by 7
Cote's pick: **SD 30-20**
TIME: 4:15 p.m.

It's the weirdest thing. Philip Rivers is 21-2 as a starter in December. And since 2006 the Chargers are an NFL-best 19-1 in the final four games of the regular season. The beginning and middle might not be so great, but San Diego sure can finish! Buffs are 1-5 away, and this is an awful long way to go just to play out the string.

RAIDERS (7-5) at PACKERS (12-0)

Line: GB by 11
Cote's pick: **GB 34-24**
TIME: 4:15 p.m.

Pack has clinched the NFC North title and now can sew up a first-round bye with a win if Saints also lose. I am beyond thinking Aaron Rodgers and the Gee Bees will lose. Sorry, Raiders. Sorry, '72 Dolphins. Not gonna happen. Oakland is a nice little team, and pretty good (4-2) on the road. And Carson Palmer gives them a bit of a gunslinger quality to maybe hang in a shootout and keep this one inside the betting number. But then Rodgers will bury you in the end. As always.

-- By Greg Cote

WYOMING VALLEY CONFERENCE WRESTLING PREVIEW

Easy matches few and far between

WVC shaping up to be competitive in both divisions

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When it comes to high school sports, it can be easy to look into the future and have a good idea of which team has the best chance of winning a division or district championship.

That's not the case for the 2011-12 Wyoming Valley Conference wrestling season.

Many teams have a legitimate shot of walking away at the end of the season with a title in Division I or Division II, or glory in District 2's Class 2A or 3A, as parity has been prevalent all over during the preseason.

"Anybody will be able to beat anybody on any given night," Coughlin coach Steve Stahl said. "There will be a lot of exciting bouts to see who's going to come out, and who's going to wrestle who, and see what's going to happen."

Coughlin participates in Division I and Class 3A.

Last year, a close loss to Pittston Area in the last dual of the regular season kept the Crusaders from being co-division champs with the Patriots and Crestwood.

All three teams have many competitive wrestlers back from a year ago.

Then factor in that Wyoming Valley West had four division losses last season – with three being decided in the last bout. The Spartans lost just three seniors.

And don't forget about Berwick, which was 3-3 in D-I but really turned things up at the end of the season and has four returning regional qualifiers.

"It always makes it more interesting when everyone's in position to compete," Berwick coach Ernie Yates said. "It'll make it fun."

Predicting a Division II winner is as foggy as D-I.

Returning champion Meyers should be considered a favorite, but Dallas' only division loss last year was by two points to the Mohawks.

Meyers defeated the Mountaineers by one point in the District 2 Class 2A Duals finals. Both teams should battle again this season.

But Lake-Lehman, which struggled to fill weight classes just a few years ago, is looking as a contender once again with a very strong underclassmen group, including sophomore Austin Harry, who was a state qualifier in March.

And don't forget about Wyoming Area or Nanticoke.

The Warriors have been on the brink over the last few seasons, and with a new coach and system with first-year man Steve Mytych, they shouldn't be overlooked.

The Trojans have been building to this point for a few years and return a large group from the last few seasons. Then there's Hanover Area, just two seasons removed from a division championship in 2010.

"I think once again our division is going to be very strong with a lot of good returning guys," Dallas coach Mike Richards said. "It's going to be a pretty tough division overall."



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Dijon Townes of Meyers (left) and Andres Jones of GAR battle to gain control in the 182-pound match during Friday's high school wrestling meet in Wilkes-Barre.

Returning State Qualifiers

Vito Pasone, Meyers, senior: He is a two-time state qualifier and is coming off a seventh-place finish at the PIAA Class 2A Championships. He begins the season with 109 career wins.

Kyle Krasavage, Wyoming Valley West, junior: He qualified for states his freshman season and just missed last season with a fourth-place finish at regionals. He's posted a 64-11 record to date.

Chad Hoffman, Hazleton Area, senior: Also a standout on the football field, he placed eighth at the PIAA Class 3A Championships a year ago and enters the season with 73 career wins.

Austin Harry, Lake-Lehman, sophomore: Harry claimed a district title and finished second at regionals as a freshman. He earned 36 wins, including one at the state event.

Top Returning Regional Qualifiers

Wyoming Area junior **Andy Schutz** and Pittston Area senior **Jamie Scarantino** are two-time district champs. Schutz placed fourth at the Class 2A Northeast Regional as a freshman. Scarantino won two matches at the 3A regional last season.

Darren Stucker, a senior at Meyers, was fourth at the 2A regional last season after claiming district gold, while Crestwood senior **Kyle Hankinson** picked up his first district title and was fourth at the 3A regional.

Coughlin junior **Brad Emerick** was hampered with injuries last season yet still posted 21 wins, including three at the 3A regional.

"Anybody will be able to beat anybody on any given night. There will be a lot of exciting bouts to see who's going to come out and who's going to wrestle who and see what's going to happen."

Steve Stahl
Coughlin coach

Top Freshmen

The Wyoming Valley Conference has produced a freshman state qualifier for the last three years. If the streak is extended to four this season, it's probable one of the following will ninth-graders will fit the bill.

Coughlin's **Bobby Hawkins** had the most success on this list as a two-time District 2 junior high champion with a 69-2 record. Lake-Lehman teammates **Jimmy Stuart** and **Josh Sayre** were also district champs a year ago. Stuart grabbed a third-place medal in 2010.

Crestwood's **Dan Ritz** was one of just two junior high unbeatens from the WVC in 2011 with a 35-0 record as he claimed a junior high title. The other undefeated from the conference walking away with a junior high gold medal was **Dominic Vitale**, from Hanover Area, who was 37-0.

Coaching Carousel

Successful high school and college wrestler Steve Mytych has taken the reigns at Wyoming Area, replacing John Ratajczak. Mytych graduated from Division I Drexel in 2010.

At Hazleton Area, Keith Maurer becomes the third coach in three years for the Cougars, taking over for Jeff Sweda. Maurer is former head coach at West Hazleton High School and took over the Cougars program when the three Hazleton area schools merged in the early 1990s.

After three years as assistant coach at Hanover Area, Anthony Mercadante takes over the head role for Mike Ropietski.

Milestone approaching

Berwick coach Ernie Yates is beginning his 24th year with the program. One of just five coaches in school history (since 1955-56), he needs only three dual wins to get to 300.

Yates is also leading the program to a milestone. With 15 wins this season, the Bulldogs will get to the 600-win achievement mark. The team picked up 20 wins in 2010-11.

Back Points

The weight new weight classes have gone into effect this season and are a drastic change. Another transformation that didn't go too well was that the PIAA put a halt to the District 2 junior high tournament. But the WVC will have a season-ending tournament.

Next year, another big change will take place with the revision of the competition points system.

In October, the PIAA Board of Directors adopted a new method for scheduling regular season individual and dual tournaments.

The most important ramification to the system is that four points will no longer be given for two-day dual tournament and the two extra points for each additional day has also been eliminated. Instead those events will be just three points.

Schools can only participate in regular season tournaments adding up to 22 points. Any postseason event does not use any points.

Key Dates

Dec. 20: Pittston Area at Delaware Valley (District 2 Class 3A finals rematch); **Dec. 29-30**: Tunkhannock Kiwanis Tournament; **Jan. 4**: WVC season begins with six meets including Meyers at Dallas in District 2 Class 2A finals rematch; **Jan. 6-7**: Wyoming Valley Conference Tournament at Lake-Lehman; **Feb. 3-4**: District 2 Dual Championships; **Feb. 9-11**: PIAA Duals Championships at Giant Center, Hershey; **Feb. 24-25**: District 2 Individual Championships; **March 2-3**: Northeast Regional Championships; **March 8-10**: PIAA Championships at Giant Center, Hershey

That's heavy: Coaches shuffling lineups to meet new classes

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There are 14 Wyoming Valley Conference wrestling teams.

Of those 14, more than half of the head coaches were asked about the new weight classes that were put into effect this season.

The vast majority of the coaches apparently are not very fond of the added upper weight that is now being used. The new system adds a 195-pound class and eliminates 140.

Four classes (145, 152, 160, 285) remained the same, while 189 dropped to 180 and 215 bumped up to 220. The rest of the weights weren't a drastic change only moving by one, two or three pounds.

RECENT WEIGHT CLASS CHANGES

Here's a look at the last five weight class changes

2011	2006	2003	1989	1978
106	103	103	103	98
113	112	112	112	105
120	119	119	119	112
126	125	125	125	119
132	130	130	130	126
138	135	135	135	132
145	140	140	140	138
152	145	145	145	145
160	152	152	152	155
170	160	160	160	167
182	171	171	171	185
195	189	189	189	HWT
220	215	215	HWT	
285	285	275		

The change was approved back in April when the National Federation of State High School Associations Wrestling Rules Committee met after surveying high school matches from around the country. It came to the conclusion that another upper weight was needed.

It marked the first shift in weight classes since 2006.

Changes had been infrequent in the past. In 1989, the 98-pound class was bumped up to 103. There have been more changes since with 215 being added in 2003 as the 14th weight. Then in 2006, the 275 limit was increased to 285. The trend has remained consistent in the previous changes as being one that favors heavier athletes.

"I know they did it statistically, but we don't get the numbers of big kids out," Berwick coach Ernie Yates said. "But we will play the cards we're dealt."

Yates, who is the longest tenured WVC coach in his 24th year with the Bulldogs and is just three dual meet wins shy of reaching the 300-win milestone, isn't the only coach to voice those concerns. His thoughts were echoed throughout the WVC.

"Wrestling is supposed to be for everyone, but some of the little guys are getting screwed," Coughlin coach Steve Stahl said.

There are optimistic sides to the new format.

Take Wyoming Valley West for example. Although coach Steve Barber doesn't have the numbers for the upper weights, he has some depth at 170, which helps out the 182-pound class. In the previous weights, it might have been hard for a coach to bump a grappler from 171 to 189 and give up that much weight to an opponent. Now, instead of an 18-pound difference, it is only 12.

"It does give you some options there," Barber said.

Another positive is that there might not be as much moving away from a quality opponent in the middleweights and gives coaches another strategy to take into account in duals.

Meyers coach Ron Swingle said the change will also benefit the smaller guys who are upperclassmen.

"Overall, I think it's a good thing," he said. "I saw a lot better battles the last couple years with guys being at good weights. I think it will work and there's still a lot of parity here."

The two-pound weight allowance will still kick in on Jan. 15, so that will help some teams as well, but won't help in the higher weights, where most teams may have to forfeit at least one of the weights in every dual.

WYOMING VALLEY CONFERENCE WRESTLING CAPSULES



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Johntae Nelson of Meyers (left) takes Jammar Taylor of GAR to the mat in the 170-pound match during Friday's high school wrestling match in Wilkes-Barre.



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Meyers' Vito Pasone wrestles Wyoming Valley West's Kyle Kresavage during a match last season. Both wrestlers are back this season.

Division I

Berwick (3A)

Coach: Ernie Yates, 24th year
Last Year: 3-3 Division I; 20-11 overall
Key Losses: Roy Dennis
Probable Lineup: 106: Dakota Connor, Fr.; 113: Aaron Preston, Jr.; 120: Pete Talanca, So. or Troy Hernandez, Fr.; 126: A.J. Woznock, Jr.; 132: Austin Soboleski, Sr.; 138: Kevin Laubach, Jr.; 145: Zack Kittle, So. or Dalton Arner, Sr.; 152: Anthony Talanca, Sr. or Dallas Arner, Fr.; 160: Will Masteller, Jr.; 170: Ismael Vaquiz, Jr.; 182: Dustin Hosler, So.; 195: Isaac Moyer, Jr.; 220: Jake Jola, Sr. or Tyler Ohl, Jr.; 285: Jake Jola or Tyler Ohl
Outlook: The Bulldogs have shown improvement over the last two seasons. If that trend continues this season, they are primed for a run at the division championship as much talent from a year ago has returned.
Coach's Comments: "Last year we started slow and did our best wrestling at the end of the year. At the district individual tournament we did our best wrestling, but we want to emphasize getting better wrestling at the beginning of the year."

Coughlin (3A)

Coach: Steve Stahl, 5th year
Last Year: 4-2 Division I; 13-6 overall
Key Losses: Stephen Turner, Josh Popple, Shane Smith
Probable Lineup: 106: Bobby Hawkins, Fr.; 113: Billy Poray, So.; 120: Eddie Ciprich, Jr.; 126: Brandon Butry, Fr. or Kyle Poray, Sr.; 132: Jake Vera, Sr.; or Alex Sheverman, Sr.; 138: Frankie Mahmoud, Sr.; 145: Mark Meloro, Sr.; 152: Colin Gobbler, So.; Dom Gulius, Sr.; 160: Dave Sterba, So.; 170: Troy Vannucci, Sr.; 182: Paul Cole, So.; 195: John Holson, Sr.; 220: Jordan Phillips, Jr. or Sidonio Castro, So.; 285: Brad Emerick, Jr.
Outlook: A few key pieces were lost from last season's team that was in the divisional race until the final dual of the season. But many wrestlers who were successful in 2010-11 are back. The Crusaders should again be in the hunt for the division title.
Coach's Comments: "We're cranking along and miss some guys that left, but we have some younger guys returning who had nice years last year."

Crestwood (3A)

Coach: Jay Konigus, 2nd year
Last Year: 5-1 Division I; 9-6 overall
Key Losses: Matt Ritz, Mike Mirra, Nico DiSabatino
Probable Lineup: 106: Seth Korch, Fr.; 113: Bob Gray, Sr.; 120: John Jasionwicz, Jr.; 126: Dan Ritz, Fr.; 132: open; 138: Mike Legg, So.; 145: Jake Geroski, Jr.; 152: Kyle Hankinson, Sr.; 160: Matt Hammerstone, Jr.; 170: Andrew Brodginski, Sr.; 182: Matt Dexter, Jr.; 195: Roger Legg, Sr.; 220: Will Wormer, Jr.; 285: Tony Morgante, Sr.
Outlook: The Comets really stepped up last season, finishing second in the division. The team only graduated a few seniors from that squad and injected some youth for this season. As always, Crestwood will be a team to watch out for in the division and should crown a few district champions once again come February.
Coach's Comments: "We're tough. We're feeling good. We're chomping at the bit. We're ready to go. I set the goals for our kids really high and expect nothing else but the best from them. We expect to win and win every match. I don't care who you're wrestling."

Hazleton Area (3A)

Coach: Keith Maurer, first year
Last Year: 1-5 Division I; 5-9 overall
Key Losses: Ryan Kline, Tim Samec
Probable Lineup: 106: Lucas Johnson, Sr.; 113: Bryan Jaramillo, So.; 120: Larry Romanchick, Fr. or Jeremy Vopava, Jr.; 126: Larry Romanchick, Fr. or Jeremy Vopava, Jr.; 132: Josh Mussoline, Jr. or Derek Spachman, Fr.; 138: Kody Masters, Jr. or Jonathan Deet, Fr.; 145: Frank Marchetti, So. or Tim Kline, So.; 152: Randy Lisnock, Jr. or Daniel Bove, Jr.; 160: Adam Fredmund, Jr.; 170: Tom Biesadesky, Sr.; 182: Frank Hoffman, Sr., Carmen Beltrami, So. or William Ramirez, Jr.; 195: Chad Hoffman, Sr.; 220: Taylor Schermerhorn, Jr.; 285: open
Outlook: On their third coach in as many years, the Cougars still have some talent on the team. That will go a long way in helping the team achieve its goals of improving from last season.
Coach's Comments: "I like the talent that's in the room and the work ethic in the room. I think we're going to compete and be over .500 and compete for a division title. We just plan on going out and putting our best foot forward every day."

Pittston Area (3A)

Coach: James Woodall, 2nd year
Last Year: 6-0 Division I champion; 16-3 overall
Key Losses: Michael Domarasky, Brandon Dolan, Bob Falvo, Jason Laboranti
Probable Lineup: 106: Steve Dileo, Fr.; 113: Jamie Scarantino, Sr.; 120: Tyler Lutecki, So.; 126: Dan Gambini, Fr. or Justin Paglienti, So.; 132: Donnie Parham, So. or Brad Rush, Jr.; 138: Kevin Wesolowski, So.; 145: Angelo Lussi, Jr.; 152: Frank Ardo, Jr.; 160: Justin Wilk, Jr. or Sam Falcone, Jr.; 170: Chris Cummings, So.; 182: Pat Nallin, Sr.; 195: John Minich, Jr.; 220: Eric Danaher, So.; 285: Chris Wesolowski, Sr.
Outlook: The Patriots cruised to the division title last season before barely dropping the District 2 Class 3A finals match to Delaware Valley. This season should be very similar to a year ago, with only a handful of graduates gone from that team.

Tunkhannock (3A)

Coach: Mike Carroll, 2nd year
Last Year: 0-6 Division I; 6-16 overall
Key Losses: Nathan Franko, Kevin Packer, Mitch Wiernusz
Probable Lineup: 106: Brad Seward, Jr.; 113: Justin Stonier, Fr.; 120: Mike Pavlichko, Sr.; 126: open; 132: Zack Appleby, So.; 138: Chris Packer, So. or Austin Yeager, So.; 145: Ben Siegel, So.; 152: Mike Pugh, So. or Colton Coolbaugh, Jr.; 160: Cole Wright, Sr.; 170: Charlie Generotti, Sr.; 182: Nate Carrasco, Sr.; 195: open; 220: Tyler McNamara, Sr.; 285: Casey Drake, Sr.
Outlook: The Tigers ended a rough campaign in 2010-11 riddled with injuries and didn't pick up a victory in the conference. They still return a pair of regional qualifiers in Charlie Generotti and Casey Drake with many talented youngsters to keep an eye on.
Coach's Comments: "This year, I think from a dual meet perspective, we're wrestling a tough schedule to get the good competition and to prepare for the postseason. We're looking to get four or five guys to regionals."

Wyoming Valley West (3A)

Coach: Steve Barber, 6th year
Last Year: 2-4 Division I; 9-9 overall
Key Losses: Steve Matello, Adam Jaworski, George Simms
Probable Lineup: 106: James Wright, Fr.; 113: Mike Shields, Jr. or Alec Tirko, So.; 120: Travis Roper, So.; 126: Kyle Krasavage, Jr.; 132: Nathan Cheek, So. or Tyler White, So. or James Donovan, So.; 138: Derrick Simms, Jr.; 145: Cody Cordes, Fr. or Mike Wren, So. or Matt Noble, Jr. or Alex Kepp, Sr.; 152: Nick Palkovic, Sr. or Evan Amendola, Sr.; 160: Brian Dwyer, Sr. or Juan Rojo, Jr.; 170: Tommy Smulowitz, Sr. or Alan Sakawsky, Jr.; 182: Trey Cowman, Jr.; 195: Ian Moran, So.; 220: Brandon Baird, Jr.; 285: T.J. Evans, Sr.
Outlook: Last year was a bit of a rebuilding season for the Spartans, and they may be ready to get back into contention for the division this season with all but four who graduated from last year returning. Expect them to make a drastic jump in wins this season.
Coach's Comments: "We were just behind a couple teams by a couple points last year and hope now that these guys are in their third year together that all their hard work has paid off."

Division II

Dallas (2A)

Coach: Mike Richards, 5th year
Last Year: 5-1 Division II; 21-8 overall
Key Losses: Aaron Perez, Brian Deluca, Adam Goeringer, Mike Glowaniak, Jeremy Roberts
Probable Lineup: 106: Dominic Degraba, Jr.; 113: open; 120: Jimmy Caffrey, Jr.; 126: Eric Young, So.; 132: Jordan Visneski, Sr.; 138: Stephen Mingy, Jr.; 145: Zack Macosky, Jr.; 152: Kris Roccograndi, Jr.; 160: Bill Dixon, Sr.; 170: Ryan Kozloski, Jr.; 182: Dominic Chopka, Sr.; 195: Garret Artsma, Sr.; 220: Ryan Monk, Fr.; 285: open
Outlook: Dallas picked up 12 medals at the District 2 Class 2A championships last season en route to the team title. Six of those placewinners are returning for this season, including four finalists. The team should be a force once again in the division and district.
Coach's Comments: "We have something we want to prove this year. Because we lost as many guys as we did, we might not be held up to the standard we were last year, but we have a nice group returning."

GAR (2A)

Coach: Richard Simon, 5th year
Last Year: 0-6 Division II; 2-10 overall
Key Losses: Andrew Barrow, Ray Ashford, Lance Letteer
Key Wrestlers: Zachary Faust, Fr.; Victor Francisco, Jr.; Elijah Gresham, Jr.; Peter Hodgson, Sr.; Andres Jones, Sr.; A.J. Luton, So.; Rashaun Mathis, So.; Joey O'Day, So.; Vincent Phan, Jr.; Devin Reese, So.; Kenneth Reese, Sr.; Richard Sickler, So.; Jamaar Taylor, So.; Korey Welker, So.; Kristopher Welkey, Sr.
Outlook: There's no question the Grenadiers had a rough 2010-11 campaign as low numbers turned into a low win total. The numbers are back up for coach Richard Simon and although underclassmen largely make up the squad, GAR should be able to improve on last season's mark. A.J. Luton was the lone regional qualifier last year and this year, the team should be able to pass that mark as well.

Hanover Area (2A)

Coach: Anthony Mercadante, first year
Last Year: 4-2 Division II; 14-13 overall
Key Losses: John Elick, Matt Lukachinsky, Kurt Pericci, Garrett Wynn, Andrew Kaufer, Nick Fine
Probable Lineup: 106: Brad Glezenski, So.; 113: Jon Nautitus, Jr.; 120: Ian Murphy, Jr., Shane Elick, Jr.; 126: Ian Murphy, Jr.; 132: Chris Jones, Jr. or James Lukachinsky, Jr.; 138: open; 145: Brian Belcher, So.; 152: Dominic Vitale, Fr.; 160: Anthony Eck, So.; 170: Tom Bogarowski, So.; 182: Steve Radzwilla, Sr.; 195: open; 220: Dillon Ropietski, Jr.; 285: Brandon Holmgren, Jr.
Outlook: Many new coaches go through a transition period, but this may be different for Mercadante, who was an assistant in the program and that could pay dividends early. The Hawkeyes lost some key pieces from a year ago, but still have a nice nucleus back from then and could contribute in a big way.
Coach's Comments: "Our goals are set high because they have to work hard to attain those goals. I expect good things from them as an individual and team standpoint. I think some kids are going to surprise some and will make some noise at districts."

Lake-Lehman (2A)

Coach: Tom Williams, 2nd year (12th overall)
Last Year: 2-4 Division II; 10-11 overall
Key Losses: none
Probable Lineup: 106: J.T. Tomasurra, Fr.; 113: Jimmy Stuart, Fr.; 120: Jimmy Stuart, Fr.; 126: Zeb McMillan, Jr.; 132: Austin Harry, So.;138: Jake Winters, Sr. or Josh Sayre, Fr; 145: Jake Winters, Sr. or Josh Sayre, Fr.; 152: Bobby Rights, So. or Josh Winters, So.; 160: Bryan Carter, Sr. or Richard Emel, Jr.; 170: Nick Shelley, Sr. or Derek Dragon, Fr.; 182: Brady Butler, So.; 195: Justin Winters, So.; 220: open; 285: Mark Bullock, Sr. or Dustin Jones, So.
Outlook: The Black Knights return three district titlists from a year ago in Bryan Carter, Austin Harry and Nick Shelley. With more talent coming up this year, they could be grabbing more medals come February and could help the team get back into championship contention.
Coach's Comments: "We'll be improved. We haven't really won anything as a team yet but we have some good individuals. The kids are working hard and we're going on the foundation we laid last year. If they continue to work hard I think we'll be ok."

Meyers (2A)

Coach: Ron Swingle, 10th year
Last Year: 6-0 Division II champion, District 2 Class 2A champion; 20-12 overall
Key Losses: Ken McDonald, Bill Dress, Jason Berman, Anthony Gipson
Probable Lineup: 106: Sean Bergold, Sr. or Josh Sheetz, Fr.; 113: Jose Nunez, Jr.; 120: Vito Pasone, Sr. or Justin Elick, Jr.; 126: Tyler Patronik, Fr.; 132: Kashif Alston, Jr. or Tyler Savage, So.; 138: Jeff Nealon, Sr. or Alex Burke, So. or Sharif Alston, Jr.; 145: T.J. Cistrunk, Fr. or D.J. Linker, So or Darren Stucker, Sr.; 152: Eric Carty, Sr. or Wesley Hermanson, So., 160: Johntae Nelson, So. or Zach Wengzen, So.; 170: Miles Davis, So. or Dijon Townes, Sr.; 182: Adrian Brito, Jr. or Angel Garcia, Jr.; 195: Bryan Velez, Jr.; 220: open 285: open
Outlook: For the first time in 11 seasons, the Mohawks have the target on their backs as returning division champs and District 2 Class 2A duals champions. Only a few key pieces are gone from that squad, leaving players and coaches with the possibility of another promising season ahead.
Coach's Comments: "When you come back as a returner, it's yours to lose. It's fun to be in that position. Our older guys know where we're at and where we want to be ... It should be fun. The one thing you hope for every year is to have a chance and have people talking about you and we've done that."

Nanticoke (2A)

Coach: Joe Ebert, 7th year **Last Year**: 2-4 Division II; 14-5 overall
Key Losses: James McMoore, Kyle Koviack
Key Wrestlers: Josh Allabaugh, Sr.; Rich Badowski, Sr.; Josh Benscoter, Fr.; Giacomo Bova, So.; Pedro Bracero, Sr.; Joey Brady, Jr.; Mike Colatosti, Jr.; Drew DiRocco, Jr.; Anthony Edwards, So.; Kyle Gavrish, So.; Kyle Hamilton, Sr.; Jimmy Hauer, Sr.; Cory Irish, Fr.; Klayton Kasprzyk, Sr.; Dylan Keller, Sr.; Ronnie Kotz, Fr.; Thomas LAcomy, Jr.; Brian Maslowski, Sr.; Justin Phillips, Sr.; Zack Stavetski, So.; Maurice Wood, Jr.
Outlook: This is the season coach Joe Ebert, his staff and the team have been waiting for with a slew of grapplers back for another go around and plenty of depth. The Trojans only lost a few seniors from 2010-11 and could be a sleeper pick for the division championship.

Wyoming Area (2A)

Coach: Steve Mytych, first year
Last Year: 2-4 Division II, 6-16 overall
Key Losses: Trevor Skene, John Ratajczak, Anthony Lemardy, Mitch Payne, Mike Yakobitis
Probable Lineup: 106: Shaun Vazquez, Fr.; 113: Mark O'Malley, Fr.; 120: Eric Filipiak, So.; 126: Carm Mauriello, Jr.; 132: Stephen Barush, Jr.; 138: Andy Schutz, Jr.; 145: Mike LaFratte, Jr.; 152: Nick Heck, Jr.; 160: Mike Harding, Jr.; 170: Nico Mazzone, Sr.; 182: Jude Moran, Fr.; 195: Shawn Whiting, Jr.; 220: Corey Popovich, Sr.; 285: Jeff Skursky, Fr.
Outlook: New blood has been pumped into the team with a new coach at the helm. Even though Mytych hasn't been in the program, he's got a quality team and coaching staff that could lead to contention this season.
Coach's Comments: "My team goal is to qualify for district duals as a team and have some representative at Hershey at the state championships.
"The guys really bought into our system and things are improving every day. I just think that the whole morale and expectations of the team have changed. They want to do good as a team and individually. I'm really glad they bought into the system and it's going really, really well right now."

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Berwick captures tournament game in OT

The Times Leader staff

Berwick overcame a late rally that forced the game to overtime to earn a 38-34 victory over Lehman (N.Y.) on Saturday in a preseason tournament game at Pocono Mountain East High School.

Caty Davenport scored six of her game-high 15 points in overtime as Berwick outscored Lehman 9-5 in the extra period.

The Bulldogs won the game at the foul line, hitting 18 free throws, including seven in overtime.

BERWICK (38): Steeber 0 0-0 0, Davenport 3 9-12 15, Shortlidge 1 3-10 5, Welsh 0 0-0 0, Bridge 1 2-2 4, Palermo 2 2-4 6, Sheptock 2 2-4 6, Floryshak 0 0-0 0, Rinehimer 1 0-0 2. Totals 10 18-32 38.

LEHMAN (34): Smith 3 0-0 8, Sims 4 2-4 12, McQueen 0 0-0 0, McCallister 0 0-1 0, Tucker 0 0-0 0, Belfour 3 0-0 6, Taylor 1 0-0 2, Shirley 3 0-2 6, Edwards 0 0-2 0, Sanders 0 0-0 0, Vizcarrando 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 2-9 34.

Berwick	12	5	6	6	9 — 38
Lake-Lehman	10	3	2	14	5 — 34

3-Point Field Goals— BER 0; LL 4 (Smith 2, Sims 2)

Wyoming Valley West 57, West Scranton 35

Tara Zdancewicz topped all scorers with 21 points to help lift Valley West to a win in the Lady Spartan Tip-Off Classic.

Quinterrua Gross added 13 points for the Spartans, who held the Invaders to just 12 points in the second half.

WEST SCRANTON (35): Joyce 7 1-8 18, Langan 0 0-0 0, Pazzaglia 0 1-2 1, Hodanich 2 1-2 6, Miller 1 1-3 3, Bolsar 0 0-0 0, Hart 1 3-10 5, Nowakowski 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 7-25 35.

WYOMING VALLEY WEST (57): C. Smicherko 0 0-0 0, Reese 1 1-2 3, Reilly 2 0-1 4, K. Smicherko 2 5-7 9, Zdancewicz 8 5-7 21, Quint. Gross 5 2-3 13, Quinn. Gross 1 0-0 2, Hoffman 2 1-2 5. Totals 21 14-22 57.

West Scranton	12	11	4	8	— 35
Wyoming Valley West	17	17	15	8	— 57

3-Point Field Goals— WS 4 (Joyce 3, Hodanich); WVW 1 (Quint. Gross)

Dallas 61, Meyers 35

Ten players scored for Dallas, which used a balanced attack to knock off Meyers at the Lady Spartan Tip-Off Classic.

Sara Flaherty scored 14 to lead the Mountaineers, followed by 12 from Maggie Michael.

Amy Kowalczyk (12) and Salimeh Biggs (10) finished in double figures for the Mohawks.

DALLAS (61): Missal 2 0-0 4, Dunbar 3 0-0 6, Kelley 1 0-0 3, Englehart 2 1-3 5, Hiscox 2 2-2 7, Comitz 2 2-2 7, Michael 6 0-0 12, Zurek 0 2-2 2, Flaherty 5 4-5 14, Volpetti 0 1-2 1. Totals 23 12-16 61.

MEYERS (35): Martinez 1 0-0 3, Quinones 0 0-1 0, Kowalczyk 4 0-0 12, Biggs 5 0-0 10, An. Moses 1 0-0 2, Soto 0 1-2 1, Robertson 3 1-2 7. Totals 14 2-5 35.

Dallas	15	14	14	18	— 61
Meyers	9	14	3	9	— 35

3-Point Field Goals— DAL 3 (Kelley, Hiscox, Comitz); MEY 5 (Kowalczyk 4, Martinez)

Spring-Ford 70, Hazleton Area 34

Sammy Stipa had 12 points to help give Spring-Ford the win. Brittany Moore and Courtney Himant each contributed with 11 points.

For the Cougars, Angie Marchetti led the way with 10 points while Keana Schoennagle finished with eight points.

SPRING-FORD (70): Burgess 1 1-2 4, Mueller 3 1-1 7, Moore 4 0-0 11, Landis 1 1-2 3, Himant 4 3-5 11, Lynch 0 0-0 0, Stipa 5 1-3 12, Traywick 2 2-6 6, Locke 0 2-2 2, Haas 0 2-2 2, Puckett 1 2-3 4, Payonk 4 0-0 8. Totals 25 15-26 70.

HAZLETON AREA (34): Bono 0 2-2 2, Schoennagle 3 0-2 8, A. Marchetti 3 2-2 10, B. Marchetti 1 0-0 2, Sitch 0 1-2 1, Kozel 0 0-1 0, Pfeil 0 0-1 0, Woznicki 3 0-0 6, Buchman 0 0-0 0, Ciccozzi 0 0-0 0, Carter 0 0-0 0, Zamonas 0 1-3 1, Smith 0 0-0 0, McNelis 2 0-0 4. Totals 12 6-13 34.

Springford	20	15	12	23	— 70
Hazleton	8		8	10	8 — 34

3-Point Field Goals— SF 5 (Moore 3, Burgess, Stipa); HAZ 4 (Schoennagle 2, A. Marchetti 2)

Weatherly 69, MMI Prep 36

Erin Dougherty topped all scorers with 16 points to lead Weatherly past MMI Prep.

For the Preppers, Maria Carrato scored nine points while Hayle Shearer added eight.

Weatherly (69): Galada 6 0-0 13, Panzella 2 0-0 5, J. Dougherty 5 2-2 12, Heister 3 0-0 6, Boyerski 5 1-3 11, E. Dougherty 6 4-6 16, Adamczyk 1 2-2 4, Bizarre 0 0-1 0, Polchin 0 2-6 2. Totals 28 11-20 69.

MMI (36): Stanziola 3 0-0 7, Lobitz 2 0-0 4, Carrato 3 1-2 9, Shearer 4 0-0 8, Karchner 2 0-0 4, Lara 1 0-0 2, Purcell 0 2-2 2. Totals 15 3-4 36.

Weatherly	15	15	23	16	— 69
MMI	9	10	9	8	— 36

3-Point Field Goals— WEA 2 (Galada, Panzella); MMI 3 (Carrato 2, Stanziola)

Lake-Lehman 53, Lackawanna Trail 27

Nikki Sutliff scored a game-high 15 points to help Lake-Lehman overcome Lackawanna Trail.

Emily Sutton and Cayle Spencer each contributed with eight points.

For Lackawanna Trail, Natasha Pacholec finished with 10 points.

Lackawanna Trail (27): Jones 0 1-2 1, Gionsdale 2 0-2 4, Pacholec 3 3-4 10, Eggleston 0 0-2 0, Smorkusky 3 0-1 6, Lauzon 2 0-0 4, Grimm 1 0-0 2, Sunseti 0 0-0 0, Lewandoski 0 0-0 0, Rusk 0 0-0 0. Totals 11 4-11 27.

Lake-Lehman (53): Yamrick 0 0-0 0, N. Sutliff 6 2-2 15, Brooks 0 0-0 0, Konopinski 2 0-0 4, Sutton 4 0-0 8, Mosier 2 0-2 4, Moosic 1 3-3 5, Williams 1 0-0 2, Leskonsky 2 0-0 5, Mahoney 1 0-1 2, Spencer 3 2-4 8, D. Sutliff 0 0-0 0, O'Connor 0 0-0 0. Totals 22 7-12 53.

Lackawanna Trail	5	6	9	7	— 27
Lake-Lehman	17	11	13	12	— 53

3-Point Field Goals— LAC 1 (Pacholec); LEH 2 (N. Sutliff, Leskonsky)

Tunkhannock 56, GAR 25

Lisa Kitner finished with 13 points to lead Tunkhannock to a victory over GAR. Gabby Alguire followed with 12 points.

For GAR, Jessica Montigney scored six points.

GAR (25): Lelo 1 0-0 2, Domezaloski 0 0-0 0, Spence 1 2-4 4, Montigney 2 0-0 6, Mosier 2 0-0 4, Twyman 1 0-0 2, Seabrook 1 0-0 2, Powell 2 0-0 5. Totals 10 2-4 25.

Tunkhannock (56): Ayers 2 0-0 4, Holdren 1 0-0 2, Brown 1 0-0 2, Custer 0 0-2 0, Wrubel 0 0-0 0, Nafus 1 0-2 2, Dudock 1 0-0 2, Proulx 3 0-2 6, Alguire 3 5-5 12, Williams 3 0-3 8, Kintner 5 3-5 13, Bonner 2 0-0 4, Levi 0 1-2 1. Totals 22 9-21 56.

GAR	6		8	3	8 — 25
Tunkhannock	16	16	16	8	— 56

3-Point Field Goals— GAR 3 (Montigney 2, Powell); TUN 3 (Williams 2, Alguire)

Elk Lake 59, Susquehanna 43

Casey Tyler scored 12 points to lead Elk Lake to a win over Susquehanna. Taylor Watkins chipped in with nine points.

For Susquehanna, Mashawna Hargett finished with 12 points and Emily Carmody netted 11 points.

Elk Lake (59): Moon 2 2-4 6, Mitchell 0 2-2 2, Kwiatkowski 5 1-5 11, T. Watkins 4 2-4 12, Tyler 4 1-2 9, Caines 0 2-4 2, Boner 0 0-0 0, L. Watkins 2 2-2 6, Benscoter 0 0-0 0, Bush 5 1-2 11. Totals 23 13-25 59.

Susquehanna (43): Carmody 5 1-10 11, Ma. Hargett 5 1-3 12, Barnes 1 2-2 4, Burdick 1 0-0 2, Mi. Hargett 0 0-0 0, Carvin 2 0-2 4, Mroz 0 0-0 0, Dubanowitz 0 0-0 0, Bianco 0 2-5 2, Serfilippi 2 4-4 8, Williams 0 0-0 0, Sampson 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 10-26 43.

Elk Lake	10	23	9	17	— 59
Susquehanna	11	4	10	18	— 43

3-Point Field Goals— ELK 0; SUS 1 (Ma. Hargett)

WRESTLING

Catasauqua Duals

Lake-Lehman finished 5-0 to win the Catasaqua Dual Meet Tournament. Lake-Lehman defeated Allentown-Allen 58-24, Palmerton 36-33, Catasauqua 42-33, Wyoming Area 51-24 and Pius X 46-33.

Bryan Carter picked up Outstanding Wrestler honors, going 5-0 in his matches. Austin Harry, Nick Shelley and Brady Butler also finished 5-0 on the day.

Ironman Invitational

Wyoming Seminary placed fourth at the Walsh-Jesuit Ironman Invitational.

Eric Morris finished second at 170 while A.J. Vizarrondo placed second at 220. Michael Johnson (285) contributed with a fourth place finish.

West Chester Rustin Tournament

Matt Hammerstone captured the Outstanding Wrestler award at 160 pounds to lead Crestwood to a fourth-place finish at the West Chester Rustin Tournament. Aside from Hammerstone, Jake Geroski (145) and Kyle Hankinson (152) were also champions.

Andrew Brodginski contributed with a second place finish at 170 pounds, while Roger Legg (195) and Mike Ritz (126) had third-place finishes.

NBA

Howard eyes trade

The Associated Press

While the New Orleans Hornets try to trade Chris Paul, Dwight Howard wants to be moved, too.

Howard has formally requested a trade from the Orlando Magic, general manager Otis Smith said Saturday.

It's unknown if the Magic will grant their All-Star center's wishes, but they have given New Jersey, Dallas and the Los Angeles Lakers permission to talk with his agent about trades.

"When you invest seven years in a player and that's what he decides, then you have to deal with that from that angle. But it's not the end of the world," Smith said. "Like I said before, the Orlando Magic franchise is what it's about. We like to make this into an individual game, but the fact of the matter is it's a team sport. And we'll continue to move forward."

The Hornets seem more motivated to deal. The NBA, as their owners, killed the first attempt Thursday, a three-team trade that would have sent Paul to the Lakers. But general manager Dell Demps said they will keep trying, since Paul has told them he won't sign a contract extension this season.

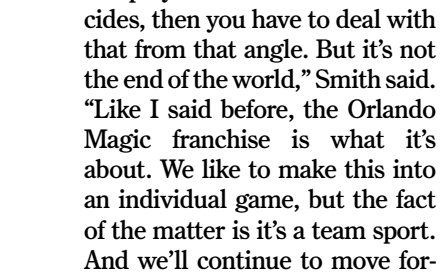
Howard, Paul and the Nets' Deron Williams were expected to lead the 2012 free agency class. Instead, two of them could soon be on the block, giving the NBA an immediate jolt to its post-lockout return.











PENN STATE FOOTBALL

Postseason matchup now looks like interim coach bowl

Houston coach Kevin Sumlin is leaving the Cougars to take over the Texas A&M program.


Sumlin


Levine

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Unlikely partners in the TicketCity Bowl, Penn State and Houston found some common ground this weekend. Both schools will now be looking for a new head coach.

Kevin Sumlin has left Houston to take the head coaching job at Texas A&M, the Aggies announced Saturday.

Sumlin will not be with the Cougars when they face Penn State on Jan. 2 in Dallas. Assistant head coach Tony Levine will lead Houston against Tom Bradley and the Nittany Lions in a battle of interim coaches.

Sumlin, who led the Cougars to a 12-1 record and one win short of a BCS bowl bid this season, replaces Mike Sherman, who was fired last week after four seasons in College Station.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to serve as the head football coach at Texas A&M University," said Sumlin, who previously served as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator during two years at A&M (2001-02).

"Having coached there before, I understand the culture and embrace the commitment by the '12th Man' regarding Aggie football. Aggieland is a special place and I look forward to working with the young men in the football program and recruiting the type of players we need to be successful in the SEC.

"With that being said, I can't thank the University of Houston enough for giving me a chance to become a head football coach. It is tough to leave a group of players who have worked so hard and have done things the right way in taking Cougar football to greater heights."

This will be the second straight season and third in the last five that Penn State's bowl opponent is in the midst of a coaching change.

Coincidentally, Texas A&M was also involved back in 2007 when Dennis Franchione resigned before facing the Lions in the Alamo Bowl. Sherman was in line to take over, but defensive coordinator Gary Darnell coached the bowl game. Penn State held on for a 24-17 win.

Last December Urban Meyer announced he would be stepping down at Florida following the Outback Bowl matchup against the Lions. Meyer led the Gators to a 37-24 win and served as an ESPN analyst in 2011 before accepting the Ohio State job two weeks ago.

Now it's Levine's turn to continue the trend. In four seasons at Houston, Levine, 39, has coached special teams, tight ends and inside receivers.

"We're going to send the seniors out the right way," said Levine, who was given a standing ovation by his players when he addressed them for the first time as interim coach. "This has been tough. It's an adjustment, it's adversity for them."

Yet more honors for Still

Devon Still continues to rack up the accolades. The senior defensive tackle was named a first-team All-American by two more organizations on Saturday, receiving the honor from the Football Writers Association of America and AT&T/ESPN.

That makes four first-team selections for the Penn State captain, who was also selected to the Walter Camp and CBSsports.com squads.

"It's an honor to be named an All-American," Still said. "As a little kid you dream of being one of the best players in college football. Words can't describe what it will be like to walk down the hall in the Lasch Building and see my picture on the All-America wall. I want to thank my family, teammates and coaches for helping me achieve my dream."

Still is the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and Defensive Linemen of the year. He remains a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy for the nation's top defensive player, which will be announced Monday.

LOCAL COLLEGE ROUNDUP

King's men tumble in two overtimes

The Times Leader staff

A high-scoring showcase went to the visitors as Carnegie Mellon downed King's 112-106 in two overtimes Saturday to capture third place in the PNC Bank/Monarch Men's Basketball Classic.

The Tartans outscored host King's 13-7 in the second overtime period.

King's was paced by Keyton Winder with 25 points and six rebounds. Matt Fiorino added 17 points and five assists.

Kyle Stackhouse and Tim O'Shea tallied 15 points each, while Kyle Hammonds chipped in with 13.

For the Tartans, John Duhring finished with 24 points and Christian Manoli added 22 points.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Lycoming 90, Wilkes 88

Kendall Hinze and Jourdan Wilson combined for 42 points, 11 rebounds and five assists, but the Colonels were unable to extend their five-game win streak.

Mike Bradley led the Warriors with a game-high 24 points and seven rebounds.

DeSales 73, PSU Wilkes-Barre 61

Brett Moyer scored 19 points to lead DeSales to a victory over PSU Wilkes-Barre.

Ryan Griffin contributed for DeSales with 16 points while Mike Coleman finished with 12 points.

For PSU Wilkes, Frank Peters had 14 points and Jacob Bronder netted 10 points.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Elizabethtown 68, Wilkes 57

Despite Allison Walsh's second consecutive double-double, Wilkes was defeated by Elizabethtown in the second game of the R1 Blue Jays Classic.

Walsh posted 11 points and 14 rebounds during the game.

Ginny Edwards contributed with 11 points, while Amanda Pawlowski and Megan Kazmerski each had three assists for the Lady Colonels.

Delaware Valley 74, PSU Wilkes-Barre 43

Emily Soper netted a game-high 22 points to pace Delaware Valley.

For PSU Wilkes-Barre, Tiaira Brathwaite scored 12 points while Tiffany Denny had 10 points.

LCCC 71, Valley Forge 26

Michelle Bugonowicz scored 19 points to lead LCCC to a victory over Valley Forge Military Academy.

Holly Kile followed with 16 points and Nicole Maximowicz added 12 points.

Staphanie Hopkins contributed with 11 points.

WRESTLING
Wilkes splits

Wilkes posted a 26-15 win over Delaware Valley before falling to No. 22 York 22-13 at a quad match held in the Marts Center. Anthony Dattolo and Nathan White led Wilkes on the day with two wins each.

Dattolo pinned Delaware Valley's Rich Tieto at 149 before recording a 3-1 decision over York's Chris Gugliotti in the second match. White (165) took his first match 13-1 over Alec Horan of Delaware Valley and picked up a major decision over Trent Bond of York.

SWIMMING
King's has split decision

The King's men's swim team posted a 102-96 victory over visiting Lebanon Valley.

Mike Sweeney won the 1,000 freestyle in a time of 10:50.17, as well as the 100 freestyle with a time of 52.64. Kyle Newton contributed with a win in the 100 butterfly with a 56.45 and also touched first in the 100 breaststroke at 1:04.37.

Meanwhile, the women's squad posted a 143-58 loss. Patricia Manning led the women with a victory in the 200 individual medley in 2:20.63 and a second-place finish in the 100 breaststroke in 1:14.05. Caroline Fitch added a win in the 500 freestyle in a time of 5:52.33.





LUGE

Heated development DQs Berwick native

Jayson Terdiman and partner Christian Niccum sit out finale because of overheated runner.

ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Christian Niccum and Jayson Terdiman, from left, speed down the course during their first run at the men's luge World Cup doubles race in Igls, near Innsbruck, Austria, last month.

From staff, wire reports

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Olympic champion Felix Loch led a German sweep of the top three places in the men's singles World Cup luge race at the Whistler Sliding Centre.

The meet is the first major international luge competition at the venue since the 2010 Winter Olympics, when Georgian athlete Nodar Kumaritashvili died in a crash hours before the opening ceremonies.

Two-time Olympian Christian Niccum, of Woodinville, Wash., and Jayson Terdiman, of Berwick, were 12th at the halfway point of the doubles event, but were disqualified in the second run for a runner that was less than one degree above the control temperature.

According to usaluge.org, the coaching staff repaired a nick in one of their steel runners with the normal use of files and sandpaper between runs.

While repairing the steel in this manner, the temperature of the material remained in the safe zone of the control temperature, which is taken every 15 minutes. However, when the control temperature at the track dropped by one degree just as the sled was being presented for its technical check, there was no additional time available to make any further adjustments.

This meant that the temperature of their steel was now above the control temperature by just 0.5 of a degree, knocking the duo out of the second run and the race.

Niccum and Terdiman finished third in Thursday night's Nations Cup qualifying to advance to the World Cup race.

They were just 0.02 from the winning team of Ronny Pietrasik and Christian Weise, of Germany, in the single heat competition. It was the American's second straight medal finish in a Nations Cup meet.

Germans put down a time of 41.563 seconds down the 1,200 meter track. Second place went to the Russian duo of Alexandr Denisyev and Vladimir Antonov in 41.582, while Niccum and Terdiman came through in 41.588.

Athletes ranked in the top 15 in men and top 10 in women and doubles are exempt from Nations Cup qualification. Those points are determined by the three most recent events on the calendar, including the previous season.

Due to Niccum's back troubles last February, he and Terdiman skipped the final two events and only had points from this season's World Cup opener in Igls, Austria, two weeks ago.

Olympic champions Andreas and Wolfgang Linger won the doubles race. They had a two-run time of 1:22.644, setting a track record of 41.255 on their first run. Austrian's Peter Penz and Georg Fischler were second in 1:22.888, followed by Italy's Christian Oberstolz and Patrick Gruber in 1:22.943.

Matt Mortensen, of Huntington Station, N.Y., and Preston Griffall of Salt Lake City, were 12th in 1:23.378, and Shane Hook, of Grapevine, Texas, and Zac Clark of Salt Lake City, finished 18th in 1:27.434.

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Spartans fall to Pleasant Valley

The Times Leader staff

KINGSTON—Nick Stanovick scored a game-high 22 points to lead Pleasant Valley to a 49-45 road victory over Wyoming Valley West on Saturday afternoon. Selwyn Wright followed with 10 points while John Guadagna contributed with six points.

For the Spartans (0-2), Brett Good finished the game with 18 points while Jaquan Ingram had with eight points.

PLEASANT VALLEY (49): Marquis 1 1-2 3, Shrivers 1 2-2 5, Howard 0 0-0 0, Zwack 0 0-0 0, Wright 4 2-6 10, Dekmar 1 0-0 2, Getz 0 0-0 0, Gerolimatos 1 0-0 3, Jones 0 0-0 0, Helfrich 0 0-0 0, Stanovick 6 6-6 22, Guadagna 1 2-3 6. Totals 15 13-19 49.

WYOMING VALLEY WEST (45): McCann 2 3-4 7, Hoinski 2 3-3 7, Good 6 3-4 18, Ingram 4 0-2 8, Gimble 1 2-2 5, C. McCue 0 0-0 0, Baur 0 0-0 0, E. McCue, 0 0-0 0, Gibson 0 0-0 0, Calloway 0 0-0 0, Gurtis 0 0-0 0, Doroskewicz 0 0-0 0, Abdumizzaq 0 0-0 0, Sands 0 0-0 0, McGee 0 0-0 0, Anderscavage 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 11-15 45.

Pleasant Valley ..... 9 10 16 14 — 49
Wyoming Valley West ..... 13 6 15 11 — 45
3-Point Field Goals— PV 6 (Stanovick 4, Gerolimatos, Shrivers); WVW 4 (Good 3, Gimble)

Nanticoke 50, Dallas 43

The host Trojans trailed by three headed into the fourth quarter before breaking out for 18 points in the final frame to beat the Mountaineers.

Nanticoke's Josh Decker knocked down six threes for a game-high 18 points while Luke Casey followed with 14 points.

Bobby Saba led Dallas with 14 points.

DALLAS (43): Behm 1 0-3 3, Brace 3 3-6 9, Dunn 3 3-4 9, Saba 6 0-0 14, Simonovich 2 0-4 4, Zapoticky 1 0-0 2, Fell 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 6-14 43.

NANTICOKE (50): Bevan 2 0-0 6, Yudichak 0 1-2 1, Reakes 1 0-0 3, Zaykoski 1 0-1 2, Matulewski 0 0-0 0, Decker 6 0-0 18, Casey 5 4-6 14, Kairo 2 2-2 6. Totals 17 7-11 50.

Dallas ..... 12 8 15 8 — 43
Nanticoke ..... 17 4 11 18 — 50
3-Point Field Goals— DAL 3 (Saba 2, Behm); NAN 9 (Decker 6, Bevan 2, Reakes)

Hanover Area 49, Wyoming Seminary 44

ShaQuille Rolle (19) and Jacob Barber (16) combined for 35 of the Hawkeyes' 49 points in a home win.

Freshman Seth Callahan scored 15 to top the Blue Knights.

It was the second win in as many nights for the Hawkeyes, who earned a 52-50 overtime win over Montoursville at a tournament in Berwick on Friday.

WYOMING SEMINARY (44): Ellis 3 0-0 8, Hwang 2 0-0 6, Flippen 3 2-2 8, Sedor 0 0-0 0, Lefkowitz 1 0-0 3, Callahan 6 2-4 15, Barilla 2 0-0 4. Totals 17 4-6 44.

HANOVER AREA (49): Steve 1 1-4 3, Rolle 6 5-6 19, Barber 6 2-2 16, Bogart 1 0-2 2, Colon 3 0-0 7, Smith 0 0-0 0, Hoolick 0 0-0 0, Everetts 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 8-14 49.

Wyoming Seminary ..... 10 10 12 12 — 44
Hanover Area ..... 7 13 11 18 — 49
3-Point Field Goals— WS 6 (Ellis 2, Hwang 2, Lefkowitz, Callahan); HAN 5 (Rolle 2, Barber 2, Colon)

Athens 59, Tunkhannock 46

Mack Wright netted 17 points as Athens went on to defeat Tunkhannock. Garrett Clark followed with 12 points while Adam McCawley had 10 points.

For Tunkhannock, James Hawk scored a game-high 20 points and Derik Franklin added 13 points.

TUNKHANNOCK (46): Christy 0 0-0 0, Alguire 0 2-2 2, Zaner 1 0-1 2, Faux 1 0-0 3, DeWitt 0 1-2 1, Yanora 0 1-2 1, Franklin 4 4-4 13, Stephenson 2 0-0 4, Hawk 7 6-10 20, Kristunas 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 14-21 46.

ATHENS (59): Canfield 1 0-1 2, L. Wright 0 2-2 2, Stivason 0 0-0 0, McDougan 1 0-0 2, McCawley 4 1-2 10, Clark 6 0-2 12, R. Fauver 2 3-4 8, M. Wright 7 2-3 17, B. Fauver 0 0-0 0, Cu. Moore 0 0-0 0, Cr. Moore 3 0-0 6. Totals 24 8-16 59.

Tunkhannock ..... 9 10 7 20 — 46
Athens ..... 14 14 15 16 — 59
3-Point Field Goals— TUN 2 (Faux, Franklin); ATH 3 (McCawley, R. Fauver, M. Wright)

Shenandoah Valley 69, MMI Prep 25

Josh Dombrosky scored 18 points to pace Shenandoah Valley in its victory over visiting MMI. Nick Merva followed with 13 points and Chris Palubinsky added 11 points.

For the Preppers, George Gera and Cory Rogers each tallied six points.

MMI (25): G. Gera 3 0-0 6, Kollar 2 0-0 4, Rogers 3 0-0 6, Wenner 0 0-2 0, Marchetti 0 0-0 0, Connors 1 0-0 2, Karchner 0 4-4 4, J. Gera 0 0-0 0, Kupcho 0 0-0 0, Synoski 0 0-0 0, McCoy 0 1-2 1, Yamulla 0 0-0 0, Plaska 1 0-0 2, Sarno 0 0-0 0. Totals 10 5-8 25.

SHENNANDOAH VALLEY (69): Storm 2 0-0 4, Merva 5 0-0 13, Twardzik 2 2-2 7, Dombrosky 8 2-3 18, Atkins 2 0-0 4, Moyer 4 0-0 8, Gallo 0 0-0 0, Herb 1 0-0 2, Palubinsky 5 1-1 11, Maskonnick 0 2-2 2, Sharp 0 0-0 0, Marconi 0 0-0 0. Totals 29 7-8 69.

MMI Prep ..... 2 10 4 9 — 25
Shenandoah Valley ..... 15 20 26 8 — 69
3-Point Field Goals— MMI 0; SHE 4 (Merva 3, Twardzik)

Pittston Area 61, Northwest 25

Steve Stravinski scored 21 points and Chris Kovaleski added 16 as Pittston Area advanced to today's title game in the Marsico Tournament at Old Forge High School.

Devon Mazonkey scored 10 for Northwest.

NORTHWEST (25): Mazonkey 4 2-2 10, Meininger 0 0-0 0, Foley 0 1-2 1, Nelson 0 0-0 0, Feno 0 0-0 0, Yustat 2 1-3 6, Tomko 1 0-0 2, Volkel 2 0-0 5, Mauer 0 0-0 0, Cragle 0 0-0 0, Sirak 0 0-0 0. Totals 9 4-7 25.

PITTSTON AREA (61): Houseman 5 0-0 10, Schwab 0 0-0 0, Sklanka 3 1-1 7, Emmett 0 0-0 0, K.Kovaleski 0 1-2 1, McDermott 0 0-0 0, C.Kovaleski 8 0-1 16, Bykowski 0 0-0 0, Stravinski 8 0-0 21, Crawford 1 0-0 2, Tobish 0 0-0 0, Delaney 0 0-0 0, Gross 2 0-0 4. Totals 27 2-4 61.

Northwest ..... 4 2 14 5 — 25
Pittston Area ..... 18 12 22 9 — 61
3-Point Field Goals— Northwest 3 (Yustat, Tomko, Volkel); Pittston Area 5 (Stravinski).

Old Forge 56, Wyoming Area 48

Jake Manetti scored 15 points to pace host Old Forge to today's championship game in the Marsico Tournament.

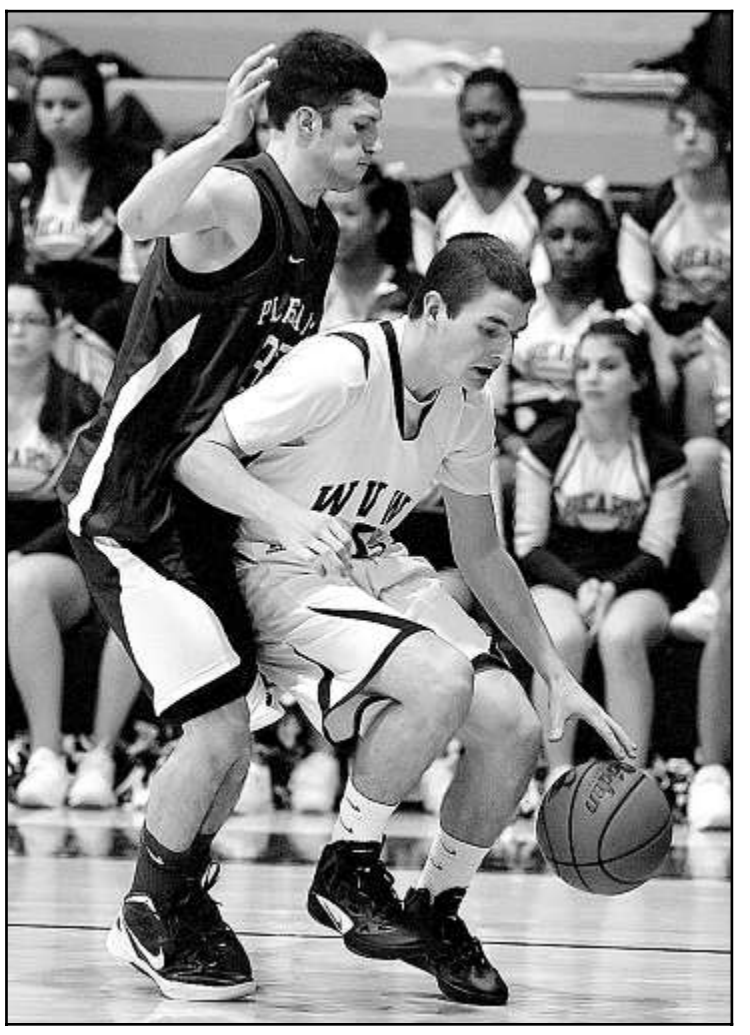
Brendon Wahl added 13 for the Blue Devils.

Wyoming Area's Bart Chupka led all scorers with a career-high 30 points. Lou Vullo added 12.

WYOMING AREA (48): Zezza 0 0-0 0, Adonizio 0 0-0 0, Grove 0 0-0 0, Newhart 0 0-0 0, Vullo 4 3-3 12, Carey 2 0-0 6, Klus 0 0-1 0, Driving Hawk 0 0-0 0, Kirby 0 0-0 0, Chupka 13 4-8 30. Totals 19 7-12 48.

OLD FORGE (56): Wahl 4 5-7 13, Manetti 4 4-6 15, Aversa 0 3-4 3, Argonish 1 1-2 3, Tomasetti 4 3-5 12, Argust 2 0-3 5, Piccolini 0 0-0 0, Chromey 2 1-2 5. Totals 17 17-29 56.

Wyoming Area ..... 8 10 10 20 — 48
Old Forge ..... 13 16 8 19 — 56
3-Point Field Goals— Wyo. Area 3 (Vullo, Carey 2); Old Forge 5 (Manetti 3, Tomasetti, Argust).



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Nick Stanovick of Pleasant Valley puts pressure on Chris McCue of Wyoming Valley West as he dribbles toward the basket during the first half of a game Saturday.

GOLF

Bradley, Steele up 1 shot at Shootout

The Associated Press

NAPLES, Fla. — PGA champion Keegan Bradley and Brendan Steele shot a 10-under 62 in better-ball play on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Mark Calcavecchia and Nick Price in the Franklin Templeton Shootout.

Bradley and Steele had a 19-under 125 total at Tiburon Golf Club.

"Our goal was to have two people in on every hole, and not make stupid, aggressive plays, and just play the way we normally play, and we did," Bradley said.

"We had a lot of fun. We were making putts and birdies. It seems easy right now, and we're excited to play that scramble tomorrow."

Calcavecchia and Price, trying to become the first Champions Tour duo to win the 12-team event, had a 63.

Rory Sabbatini and Jhonattan Vegas were two strokes back at 17 under after a 60, and Rickie Fowler and Camilo Villegas were 16 under after a 63.

The event will finish Sunday with a scramble round.

Nine teams were tied for the lead or within a stroke before Bradley and Steele birdied Nos. 7-10 to take a two-stroke advantage. They also birdied four of the last six holes, but Calcavecchia and Price made birdies on six of the final seven to draw within a stroke.

"We definitely thought that at some point we could kind of separate ourselves a little bit, maybe get that two- or three-shot advantage," Steele said. "We were two ahead for a while and wanted to push it to three or four. You'd always like it to be bigger, especially with those guys there.

"They've got so many shots and they're playing so good, they're tough."

Jerry Kelly and Steve Stricker, the longtime Madison, Wis., friends who the event in 2009, were four strokes back at 15 under along with Kenny Perry and Scott Stallings. Kelly and Stricker had a 65, and Perry and Stallings shot a 62.

NATIONALS

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"I didn't get out as good as I'd hoped to get out," said the 14-year-old Hockenbury, a Lake-Lehman student.

Immediately following the race, Hockenbury flocked with the other runners to drink some much-needed Gatorade.

As for his position, he thought he finished around 30th place in the youth division 4K run. According to official results, he placed 43rd out of 305 runners. His final time was 13 minutes, 30 seconds.

Hockenbury qualified for Saturday's national championships after finishing first at the Middle Atlantic Conference Meet held Nov. 5 at Belmont Plateau in Philadelphia, and fifth at the Nov. 20 Region 2 race in Deerfield Park, N.J.

The young runner and his family arrived in Myrtle Beach on Thursday. Prior to Saturday's race, Hockenbury stuck to a strict training regiment, including two-a-days, to make sure he was in top shape.

"I've been running on the beach," he said.

His goal coming into Saturday's competition was to run 13 minutes and 30 seconds, or under. And he did just that.

Hockenbury was registered under the Wyoming Valley Striders and represented Lake-Lehman. He was undefeated for the Black Knights JV squad this season, including a victory at the Wyoming Valley Conference Coaches' Meet by 11 seconds over the field.

He was impressed with the high competition he faced Saturday, as well as the training his coach, Justin Mazur, has given him.

"All of my coaches are just amazing," Hockenbury said.

Hockenbury said the Junior Olympics Championship has inspired him to do even better. He'll next be preparing for March's JV track season. When it's all said and done, the young man hopes to one day become an Olympian.

But first, he'll relish his accomplishment in the Palmetto State.

"I think it's great," Hockenbury said.

LEWIS

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In the meantime, Lewis is answering the same question over and over again about his verbal commitment to play football at Penn State. The 6-foot-3 Lewis played quarterback at Valley West the past two seasons, but will be a receiver at the college level.

"I'm still very committed to Penn State," Lewis said.

Lewis, though, said depending who Penn State hires to replace fired coach Joe Paterno, it could open up his recruiting. Penn State expects to hire a coach within the next 30 days.

"That's going to be a big part of my whole decision," Lewis said. "Right now, I'm fine with the coaches they have now. It's just a waiting game seeing who the coach is going to be. That's going to be big in the whole process."

Other college football programs have contacted Lewis in the wake of the upheaval at Penn State. He said Florida and Oregon have been the two colleges that have been the most aggressive.

"I talked to a couple coaches," Lewis said, "but it really hasn't affected my decision right now. That's where I'm at with that right now."

Besides finding out whether he'll be able to play basketball at Meyers, Lewis is also looking forward to getting back on the football field. He'll be playing in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl on Dec. 30 at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas, Texas.

"With everything that's going on, I'm definitely excited about getting away for a little bit," Lewis said. "Get my mind off everything and just play football."

AHL

Tangradi, Lerg lead Penguins over Bears

By By TOM VENESKY
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HERSHEY — When Eric Tangradi scored 46 seconds into the third period to give the Penguins a one-goal lead over the Hershey Bears on Saturday, he took over the team lead in goals.

Three minutes later, he helped Bryan Lerg move into a tie.

With the game tied entering the third, the top line of Tangradi, Lerg and Colin McDonald took over, generating three goals in the period to give the Penguins a 4-2 win over the Bears.

The Penguins are now 14-7-1-4 on the season and 4-1-0-1 against Hershey. They are also tied with Norfolk for first place in the East Division, dropping Hershey to second.

Saturday's win was an inspiring one for the Penguins, who faced one of the AHL's top offenses with a defense corps depleted by call-ups and injuries.

Veteran defenseman Joey Mormina was absent from the lineup due to an injury, while fellow blueliners Robert Bortuzzo, Alexandre Picard and Simon Despres are up in Pittsburgh. Moving into the lineup were Alex Grant, Cody Wild, Dan Henningson and Peter Merth, who was called up from Wheeling on Saturday and made his first AHL start.

Making the situation even more dire was the call-up of veteran forward Jason Williams earlier in the day.

Williams' absence made it imperative for Tangradi, who finished the night with a goal and an assist, to pick up the offensive void.

"It was important for him," Penguins coach John Hynes said. "He's in a situation where he had to be a leader on our team. We relied on him heavily, gave him a lot of ice time, and it was good to see him step up and be a difference maker."

With a lineup filled with new faces, goaltender Scott Munroe proved to be a steadying presence, stopping 33 of the 35 shots he faced. With his 25-save shutout against Binghamton on Wednesday, Munroe has stopped 58 of the 60 shots he faced in his last two games.

"When you have new players in the lineup, if they make a mistake or a break down happens and it doesn't wind up in the back of the net, it gives the new guys confidence when they realize they have a guy back there to make the big stop," Hynes said.

After Hershey's Ryan Potulny scored in the first period and Ben Street's second period tally forced a 1-1 stalemate, the Penguins' offense came to life in the third.

Less than a minute into the period, Tangradi got things rolling after Lerg forced a turnover near the boards and dished a pass into the high slot. Tangradi collected the puck, skated in on goaltender Braden Holtby and roofed a backhand under the crossbar to give the Penguins their first lead of the night at 2-1. It was Tangradi's 10th goal of the season.

"I was trying to get moving on the backcheck and saw Lerg make a hustle play, so I hit the brakes and the puck came to me," Tangradi said. "When you're given the puck in a scoring area, you need to capitalize like that."

Three minutes later, the top line did it again, thanks to Tangradi. After gaining possession in the Hershey end, Tangradi cycled behind the Bears' net and passed to McDonald, who moved the puck out in front to Lerg for a wrist shot goal and his 10th of the year, good for a 3-1 Penguins lead.

Hynes said Tangradi's ability to generate offense by gaining control of the puck down low is crucial to his game.

"That's really the foundation," Hynes said. "We talked about having guys step up in the third period and (Tangradi) did that."

McDonald was credited with a goal late in the period after Hershey pulled Holtby. McDonald skated the puck into the Bears' zone when Graham Mink intentionally knocked the net off its moorings before the shot.

The move gave the Penguins a three-goal lead and enough cushion to withstand a late Hershey goal for a 4-2 final.

On the night, the top line of Tangradi, Lerg and McDonald combined for three goals and three assists, all of which came in the third period.

"When you lose a guy like Jason Williams on a call-up, we knew we had to bring a strong game," Tangradi said. "Coach told us before the game that you want big players to show up. Our line had a good night and we built some true chemistry."

Penguins 4, Hershey 2

Penguins ..... 0 1 3 — 4
Hershey ..... 1 0 1 — 2
First Period—1. HER, Ryan Potulny 7 (McNeill, Ford) 7:38. Penalties – WBS, Tangradi (elbowing) :31; WBS, Schnell (fighting) 3:32; HER, Rechlicz (fighting) 3:32; HER, Aucoin (slashing) 11:06; WBS, Tangradi (roughing) 12:04; HER, Kane (roughing) 12:04; WBS, Petersen (kneeing) 16:29; HER, Wellar (roughing) 16:29; WBS, Sill (high-sticking) 17:10.
Second Period—WBS, Ben Street 8 (Gibbons, Grant) 11:48. Penalties – HER, Potulny (boarding) 5:01; HER, Lacroix (high-sticking) 9:34; WBS, Wild (roughing) 12:28; HER, Kundratek (unsportsmanlike conduct) 12:28; HER, Wellar (roughing) 12:28; WBS, Merth (slashing) 15:29.
Third Period—3. WBS, Eric Tangradi 10 (Lerg) :46. 4. WBS, Bryan Lerg 10 (McDonald, Tangradi) 3:50. 5. WBS, Colin McDonald 6 (unassisted) empty net 17:55. 6. HER, Tomas Kundratek 3 (Hanson, Rechlicz) 19:20. Penalties – HER, Rechlicz (roughing) 5:41; WBS, Petersen (roughing) 6:41; WBS, McDonald (roughing) 15:14; HER, McNeill (roughing) 15:14.
Shots on goal—Penguins, 10-8-9-27; Hershey, 15-12-8-35 **Power-play Opportunities**—Penguins, 0-5; Hershey, 0-4 **Goaltenders**—Penguins, Scott Munroe 4-2-2 (33 saves – 35 shots); Hershey, Braden Holtby 7-6-1 (23-26)
Starters—Penguins, G Scott Munroe, D Carl Sneep, D Dan Henningson, LW Eric Tangradi, C Bryan Lerg, RW Colin McDonald; Hershey, G Braden Holtby, D Patrick McNeill, D Sean Collins, LW Boyd Kane, C Keith Aucoin, RW Chris Bourque
Three Stars—1. WBS, Eric Tangradi (goal, assist) 2. WBS, Scott Munroe (33 saves) 3. WBS, Bryan Lerg (goal, assist)**Referee**—David Banfield. **Linesmen**—Jud Ritter, Bob Fyrer
Attendance—9,758

An Open Letter of Thanks...

To the ER, LCCC, Nursing Students, Mrs. G.(squadron leader), Nurses Aides and Nurses of Geisinger Hospital, 5 East.

My extended stay in room 541 has enlightened me to the hard work these professionals endure.

Physical Therapy and Nursing are professions that deserve far more credit than they currently receive.

In closing, I believe Nurses and Nurses Aides should have special close parking to shopping centers and sporting events. They should be served first in restaurants and be provided choice seats at all theaters and receive giant discounts on large ticket items like refrigerators and cars.

They have earned my respect and I close with my sincere thanks.

Love to all.

Recovering well.

Kevin J. McGroarty
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OUTDOORS



MCCLATCHY NEWS SERVICE

A black bear walks over a tree at Yellowstone Park recently.

Saturday alright for big harvest

Figures show second-largest takeoff bears by hunters in history, thanks in part to new weekend opener.



MCCLATCHY NEWS SERVICE

A black bear with two cubs forages through garbage at a residence in East Anchorage, Alaska, in May.

By TOM VENESKY
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This season's bear harvest of 3,968 was the second-highest in state history, and all but one of the 12 counties in the Northeast Region showed an increase from last year.

Harvest figures tripled in Bradford (38 bears in 2010, 122 this year) and Sullivan (57 bears in 2010, 177 this year) counties, and doubled in Luzerne (58 in 2010, 95 in 2011) and Wyoming (22 in 2010, 55 in 2011) counties.

Pennsylvania Game Commission Northeast Region biologist Kevin Wenner said the increase can be attributed to the extended seasons which weren't in place last year, and the Saturday opener.

Statewide 557 bears were taken during the extended season. Wenner said the check station in Dallas averaged between 20-30 bears brought in each day during the extended season.

"We were pretty busy during the extended season," he said. "In Wildlife Management units 3D and 4C, we didn't have it last year, so a large majority of the increase could be attributed to the extended season."

In some areas, the extended season was brought back to reduce the bear population in places that generated a high number of complaints.

In Sullivan County, Wenner said, the high harvest was reflective of an abundant population.

"It's an area that can support some additional harvest not necessarily from a conflict standpoint, but for additional recreational opportunities," Wenner said.

The heaviest bear taken this year had an estimated live weight of 767 pounds. It was taken in Tobyhanna, Monroe County, on Nov. 16, during the archery season. The top 10 heaviest bears in the state all had live weights exceeding 678 pounds, and statewide 81 bears weighed 500 pounds or more.

At the Dallas check station, Wenner said six bears weighed 550 pounds or more, including a 677-pound male taken in Sullivan County. The bear was trapped and tagged by Wenner in 2010, and it weighed 442 pounds at the time.

The second heaviest bear brought to the Dallas check station had an estimated live weight of 660 pounds and was taken on Earth Conservancy property in Nanticoke.

"Not only did we see a near-record harvest this season, but hunters took a lot of exceptionally large bears," Wenner said.

When asked if this year's high harvest would equate to a shorter season next year, Wenner didn't anticipate a major impact.

"We'll continue to monitor the population and compare the number of tagged bears to the overall harvest," he said. "The bear population is estimated to be at its highest ever, and it can probably afford the same opportunity next year."

BEAR NOTES

-- Two bears fitted with radio collars as part of the urban bear study were brought to the Dallas check station this year, in addition to 12 tagged bruins.
-- In the 2005 bear season, hunters harvested a record 4,164 bears. The harvest record was set in a three-day statewide season and a six-day extended bear season in five WMUs. Official total bear harvest figures won't be available until early 2012, after a detailed review of each harvest report is completed. Preliminary bear harvest totals do change occasionally by a few bears.
-- 257 bears were taken during the statewide, five-day archery bear season; 3,154 bears taken during the four-day bear season, which included a Saturday-opener; and 557 bears taken during the extended bear season held in various Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) during all or portions of the first week of the deer season.
-- Bears were harvested in 54 of the state's 67 counties. The top five bear harvest counties this year, once again, all come from the Northcentral Region. The top county was Tioga, with 343 (183 in 2010); followed by Potter, 327 (148); Lycoming, 291 (228); McKean, 246 (92); and Clinton 198 (248).

OUTDOORS NOTES

An ice fishing derby will be held at Lake Jean on Jan. 8 . Registration fee is $10 per person and an optional $5 pickerel lunker. Registration is from 5:30-7 a.m. at the west boat launch off of Route 487. The derby runs from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A second ice fishing derby will be held at Long Pond in Wayne County on Jan. 22.

For more information, email Christopher Jones at bigbuck326@aol.com.

The Factoryville Sportsmen's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. This change in schedule is due to the upcoming Christmas holiday. Successful antlered deer season hunters wishing to have their racks measured should bring their trophies to the meeting.

Nescopeck State Park will hold the following programs in January (For more information or to register, call 403-2006):

Sunday, Jan. 1 – New Year's Hike with Audobon Society at Hickery Run State Park, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7 – Winter Trails Day: Snowshoeing for Beginners, 9-10:30 a.m.

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Saturday, Jan. 14 – Junior Bird Club: Eagle Watching, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19 – Snowshoe Stroll along the Lehigh, 10 a.m. to noon.

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Owl Prowl, 6-8 p.m.



TOM VENESKY
OUTDOORS

Hunters should have a voice among choir

Typically, the language in a legislative bill is mundane, wordy and dry.

I've read many and I usually spend a few minutes skipping over the legal jargon to get to the good stuff.

But House Bill 2034 is different. Not only is it intriguing, but HB 2034 takes a somewhat basic premise and builds into an earth-shattering climax.

First, the basics of the bill.

It was introduced by Rep. Mike Hanna (D-Lock Haven) and co-sponsored by local Rep. Gerald Mullery (D-Nanticoke) among others. It amends Title 34 – basically the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Game Commission by mandating the agency "shall focus primarily on serving the interest of sportsmen and our special heritage of recreational hunting and furtaking."

Fair enough.

To serve the interest of sportsmen, HB 2034 states that the PGC must maximize the "sustainable harvest of the whitetail deer herd," in addition to providing other adequate opportunities to hunt and trap.

And it gets better yet.

The bill would create a committee consisting of five licensed hunters that would determine the antlerless license allocation for each Wildlife Management Unit.

So what would be the PGC's role in the allocation process? They would simply provide recommendations for the committee to consider.

A bold move

It's an interesting concept and a bold move by Hanna considering complaints of too few deer still exist among hunters.

But is it the right solution? Not entirely. Giving hunters a direct voice in the antlerless license allocation process isn't a bad thing. But giving them the only voice is.

Sound science should always play an important role in deer management and the thoughts of other stakeholders – such as farmers – need to be considered as well.

While hunters currently don't have a direct role, i.e. a vote, when it comes to allocations, some contend that they do have a voice. They can contact the PGC commissioner for their region, speak their mind at the agency's quarterly meetings or attend one of the deer open houses held throughout the state.

In years past, such options may have been only token gestures to make hunters feel like they were involved. Today, however, there's a bit of proof that hunters' opinions do carry some influence.

The concurrent buck and doe seasons have been split in some WMU's, and in 2010 antlerless license allocations were reduced in almost every WMU.

But more can be done. While the PGC did expand the split deer season to 11 WMU's this year, they also raised the antlerless license allocation. Good move or bad? It remains to be seen.

There are still demands from some hunters to do away with the split season and bring back the three-day doe season. This wouldn't be a bad idea in some areas, even if a three-day season began on a Saturday.

Sure, improvements can still be made in the way the PGC manages deer. But strides have been taken and it may be a bit premature to give the responsibility of setting antlerless license allocations solely to a committee of five hunters.

But if hunters feel their voices aren't being heard, then that's something serious that needs to be addressed.

And if deer management suddenly begins to digress to the way things were not so long ago, then maybe hunters do need more of a voice in the process.

And a vote.

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OUTDOORS

Poacher loses his trophy buck

The Associated Press

LAPEER, Mich. — After his hunting buddy missed, Jeff Kerr says he couldn't resist: He shot a 13-point trophy buck on his grandmother's land in Lapeer County, a deer with a generous rack.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime rack for a deer hunter," said Lt. Dave Malloch of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

But the antlers and the venison no longer belong to Kerr. The DNR seized everything after learning that Kerr didn't get a hunting license until after he shot the deer on Nov. 20.

"I was wrong," Kerr, 28, said Thursday. "I'm not going to point fingers."

With a construction job going well, he doubted he would get a chance to hunt. Then a pal called and they were off to his grandmother's 40 acres in Lapeer County's Marathon Township. Kerr didn't have a license but had a Remington shotgun.

"He missed it twice and I couldn't let it go again," Kerr said of the deer. "I shot him at 10 yards."

He got a license and removed the deer from the field the next day. He put the animal in his pickup truck and posed for a photo at a shop in Lapeer. The picture was posted on a website, www.q1buckpole.com , where people can see other Michigan trophy deer.

The DNR said it got a tip that Kerr didn't have a $15 license when he shot the buck. He confessed after a visit from conservation officer Ken Kovach.

"I wasn't going to lie. There's nobody to blame but myself," Kerr said.

He could face fines of up to $1,500. The DNR plans to display the antlers during public talks on hunting laws.

Michigan

DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Here's some advice for hunters who don't follow the law: Don't wear a hat that promotes breaking it.

During the traditional deer season last month, state conservation officer Jeremy Payne stopped a pickup truck with two hunters in central Michigan's Isabella County.

They were from Maine, and one of the hunters was wearing a cap that said, "Registered Maine Poacher."

Payne checked their guns and paperwork and found that the Mainers were illegally hunting with Michigan resident licenses, a savings of more $100 each. The officer later found two deer that had been killed illegally.

Pennsylvania

EDGMONT — The second day of the annual Ridley Creek State Park deer hunt resulted in 54 deer being shot and killed Thursday.

The first day of the hunt was Dec. 1, when 82 deer were killed.

There were 33 does, 13 button buck and eight antlered deer killed by the 206 hunters in the 2,600-acre park.

Last year's Day 2 hunt saw 43 deer harvested. The two-day total for this year was 136, while the two-day total for last year was 134.

The two December hunts each year are the only ones for regulated shotguns and the park is closed from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on those days. The park has held a deer hunt each year since 1983, when it was approved by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to allow for more food supply for other animals and for vegetation to grow.

West Virginia

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Hunters killed 59,835 bucks during West Virginia's two-week firearm season, up 38 percent from the 2010 season.

Division of Natural Resources director Frank Jezioro said Friday that Preston County led the state with 2,162 bucks killed. Randolph County was second with 2,039, followed by Jackson County with 1,960, Mason County with 1,931 and Greenbrier County with 1,803.

Jezioro says an exceptional acorn crop in the fall of 2010 and deer populations more in balance with habitat contributed to the increase.

New York

BRUTUS, N.Y. — Authorities say two of 14 elk that escaped from a private zoo in central New York remain on the loose. Two others were mistaken for deer by hunters and shot, while the zoo's owners reportedly have killed several of the animals.

State environmental conservation police confirm Thursday that two of the Roosevelt elk that escaped from Glenn Donnelly's Cayuga County property have been shot.

Officials say a bull elk was shot Saturday and a cow elk was killed Sunday by different hunters.

The Post-Standard of Syracuse reports that Donnelly's staff herded some of the other 12 elk back into their enclosure but some had to be shot. Officials say the animals escaped through a hole in a fence.

There are no wild elk in New York state.

Illinois

CHICAGO — Illinois hunters took home nearly 98,000 deer during the seven-day firearm season that ended earlier this week.

The exact preliminary number, at 97,760, is a little less than last year, when the total was 98,944.

Paul Shelton is a program manager the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He says rainy weather during the season affected this year's hunt.

The counties with the highest deer totals were Pike, Fulton, Adams, Jefferson and JoDaviess.

State officials say there are still upcoming deer hunting opportunities. They are archery deer season which continues through mid-January.

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Whitehall girl, 12, brings down two deer with one shot

BY GARY R. BLOCKUS
The (Allentown) Morning Call

ALLENTOWN — Black Friday, as it is called, is a bargain hunter's dream.

For 12-year-old Cara Bonshak of Whitehall, Black Friday turned out to be a hunter's dream.

Hunting with her dad, Mark, on leased land in North Carolina, Cara took careful aim with her Winchester 30-.06 and downed a doe with a perfectly aimed shot behind the deer's shoulder.

By the time Mark left and returned on a four-wheeled ATV to haul the deer out of the field, young Cara was as giddy as a young shopper finding the last item of its kind for a perfect gift bargain.

"When I walked over and found it, I was really shocked," Cara said.

"It" was a second deer, a button buck. Cara's perfectly aimed shot scored not only her first deer, but a second deer. The bullet traveled through the vital areas of the first deer and into the neck of the second, the button buck, for two fatal shots with one squeeze of the trigger.

She and her dad were in a buddy tree stand when the deer first appeared, and Cara said she wasn't nervous to take the shot, just anxious.

"I kept asking my dad if I could take the shot," she remembered. "I was shaking after I shot it. I just wanted to get out of the tree stand, but my dad said to wait."

The Bonshak family has been going to an area about 40 minutes from East Carolina University to hunt and fish for the past 10 years or so, according to Mark.

"We ended up leasing some land in North Carolina with a couple of my friends from the Lehighton area and some of the guys from near there down south. It's nice, it's flat, we can take the 4-wheelers and the kids love to get away to a different part of the country."

In North Carolina, a hunter can harvest up to six deer.

In Pennsylvania, such a shot would prove problematic, according to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

"Outside of the Special Regulations Areas, it is unlawful to harvest more than one deer without having lawfully tagged the first deer first," Jason A. Raup, the assistant counsel for the PGC Bureau of Wildlife, explained in an email. "Should a hunter find herself having killed more than one deer with one shot, both animals should be tagged and the second animal should be reported as a mistake kill. This is the case even if the hunter has a lawful tag for each animal. Upon review, the officer will decide a course of action which may include hunter retention of both animals."

Mark said that Cara has been shooting since she was 4, starting with a .410 shotgun and clay targets. Mark makes the trip, with various family members, about four times a year.

"It's a seven-hour drive, but they come home with smiles on their face as big as if you took them to Disney World," Mark said.

Mark and his wife Cathy ("Peach") have four children: Erinn, a sophomore at Lehigh, Matt, a junior at Whitehall, and Ryan, a sophomore at Whitehall, along with exchange student Ryuta "Utah" Amaike, whom they consider another member of the family.

Mark and Cara have been in the tree stand together in previous years, but this was the first time Mark let her shoot at anything, and the deer were about 75 yards away. This time, he decided not to take his gun in order to concentrate on his daughter's hunt.

"I whispered for her to put the gun up, put the crosshairs behind the shoulder, take a deep breath, relax and squeeze the trigger, and she nailed it," he said. "It jumped up and went right down. Initially, it looked like a bigger deer until it jumped. She wanted to go down right away, but I said to wait, and I went to get the 4-wheeler to pull it out.

When I came back she was screaming, 'Dad, I got two of them!' The bullet went through the shoulder and heart of the first deer and hit the other deer in the neck. It must have head its head down, feeding."

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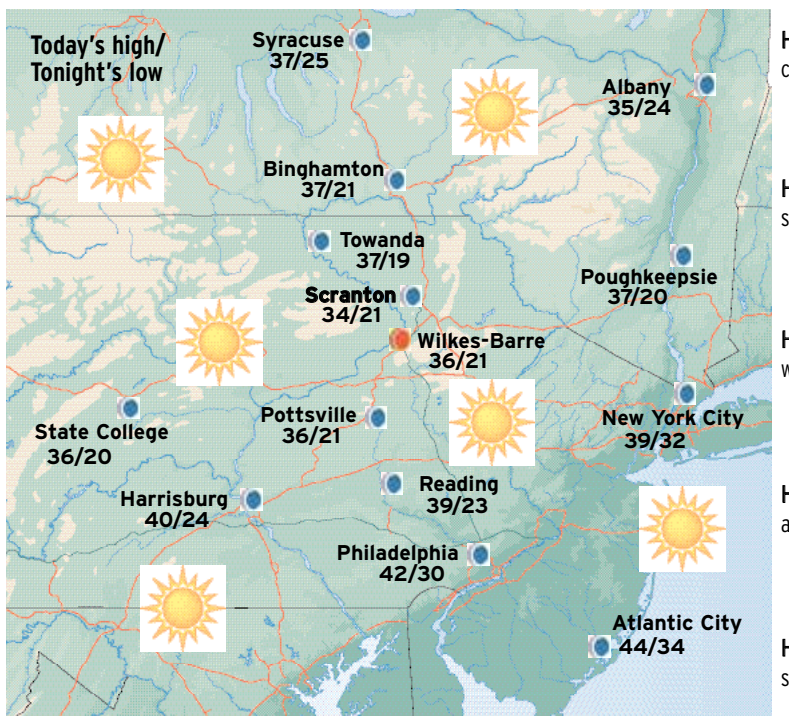
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40° / 35°

REGIONAL FORECAST



TODAY'S SUMMARY

The Poconos
Highs: 34-40. **Lows:** 20-21. Sunny and calm today.

The Jersey Shore
Highs: 41-44. **Lows:** 24-35. Mostly sunny skies, light winds expected.

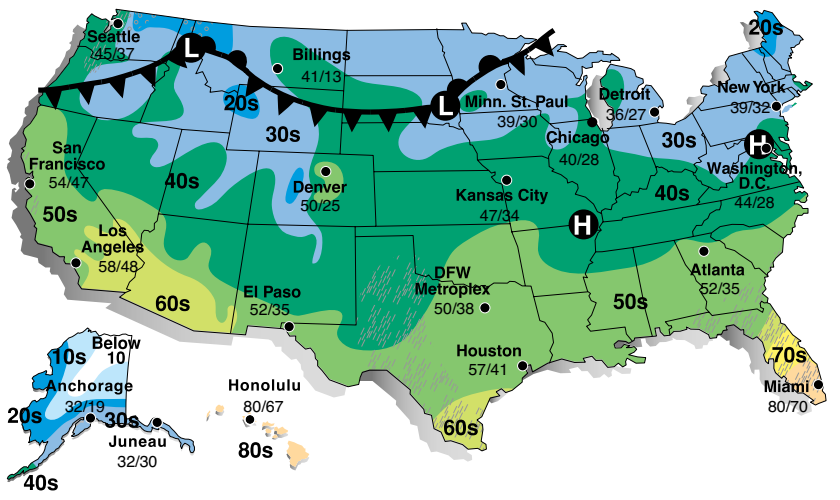
The Finger Lakes
Highs: 35-39. **Lows:** 17-33. Mostly sunny with a chance for some lake effect snow.

Brandywine Valley
Highs: 38-43. **Lows:** 21-30. Sunny skies and calm conditions.

Delmarva/Ocean City
Highs: 41-44. **Lows:** 23-33. Mostly sunny skies with light winds expected.

NATIONAL FORECAST

NATIONAL FORECAST: High pressure building across the United States will keep the country mostly dry today. There will be some showers developing over the Southeast. Western Texas could see some showers as well. To the west, a low pressure system will begin to impact California's Central Coast with showers.



City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Anchorage	27/19/.00	32/19/sn	25/6/c
Atlanta	56/36/.00	52/35/pc	54/40/pc
Baltimore	47/33/.00	44/30/s	46/28/s
Boston	47/36/.00	40/30/s	48/33/s
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Charlotte	53/34/.00	48/30/s	52/33/s
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Honolulu	81/69/.08	80/67/r	81/70/pc
Houston	57/47/.00	57/41/pc	63/53/c
Indianapolis	30/15/.00	39/24/s	44/31/pc
Las Vegas	58/37/.00	58/40/pc	55/43/c
Los Angeles	64/48/.00	58/48/pc	58/46/sh
Miami	81/74/.04	80/70/sh	80/67/pc
Milwaukee	27/10/.00	41/30/s	40/34/c
Minneapolis	27/6/.00	39/30/s	37/27/i
Myrtle Beach	55/50/.00	54/40/s	58/41/pc
Nashville	42/27/.00	48/28/s	50/40/pc
New Orleans	57/45/.00	55/45/pc	64/54/pc
Norfolk	51/48/.01	44/32/s	50/33/pc
Oklahoma City	44/23/.00	50/36/c	52/41/c
Omaha	33/5/.00	40/34/pc	39/27/c
Orlando	80/63/.00	77/64/sh	77/64/sh
Phoenix	70/42/.00	66/43/pc	65/47/pc
Pittsburgh	33/23/.00	36/21/s	41/27/s
Portland, Ore.	34/27/.00	44/34/c	44/31/pc
St. Louis	38/19/.00	46/26/s	47/35/pc
Salt Lake City	40/20/.00	43/28/pc	40/30/pc
San Antonio	54/47/.12	52/45/c	60/54/sh
San Diego	65/47/.00	60/48/s	59/48/sh
San Francisco	56/40/.00	54/45/sh	55/45/pc
Seattle	40/31/.00	45/37/sh	46/37/pc
Tampa	75/62/.00	79/60/sh	80/60/sh
Tucson	69/41/.00	67/41/pc	64/44/sh
Washington, DC	47/37/.00	44/28/s	47/27/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Amsterdam	45/36/.00	42/38/c	45/39/sh
Baghdad	61/43/.00	63/38/s	64/40/s
Beijing	41/21/.00	45/23/s	40/20/s
Berlin	41/34/.05	38/32/c	43/33/sh
Buenos Aires	90/72/.00	87/65/t	81/60/sh
Dublin	46/32/.00	43/38/sh	47/37/r
Frankfurt	45/28/.00	37/31/pc	43/32/sh
Hong Kong	63/52/.00	65/54/s	67/55/pc
Jerusalem	61/42/.00	59/44/s	60/43/pc
London	43/30/.00	50/35/sh	46/38/pc
Mexico City	70/43/.00	70/43/pc	74/44/pc
Montreal	32/23/.00	34/30/pc	41/28/s
Moscow	34/28/.00	31/29/sf	33/28/sf
Paris	48/37/.00	43/32/c	44/41/sh
Rio de Janeiro	77/73/.11	76/69/sh	77/68/s
Riyadh	73/43/.00	68/49/s	65/44/s
Rome	64/54/.00	63/49/sh	62/48/r
San Juan	82/74/1.43	84/75/t	83/74/t
Tokyo	52/36/.00	52/41/s	56/40/pc
Warsaw	39/34/.00	35/27/pc	38/28/pc

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sn**-snow, **sf**-snow flurries, **i**-ice.

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DAILY FORECAST



Grab your scarves, jackets and gloves. It will be very cold the next couple of days! We will warm up to 37 degrees today with plenty of sunshine. We will have another cold night tonight with clear skies and temps dropping into the mid 20s. On Monday, the sun will stick around the entire day, letting us warm up to 42 degrees. Tuesday will bring partly sunny skies. The chance for rain showers will start in the early afternoon on Wednesday and continue throughout the night, turning to a mix as temps drop into the low 30s. Thursday will be cloudy with rain showers. It will clear later in the day.

- Michelle Rotella

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Temperatures

Yesterday	34/28
Average	40/26
Record High	65 in 1966
Record Low	4 in 1958

Heating Degree Days*

Yesterday	34
Month to date	254
Year to date	1302
Last year to date	1536
Normal year to date	1614

*Index of fuel consumption, how far the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.69"
Normal month to date	0.87"
Year to date	58.57"
Normal year to date	35.88"

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	7:19a	4:35p
Tomorrow	7:20a	4:35p
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Today	5:43p	8:06a
Tomorrow	6:44p	8:50a

River Levels, from 12 p.m. yesterday.

	Stage	Chg.	Fld. Stg
Susquehanna			
Wilkes-Barre	8.51	-0.84	22.0
Towanda	4.48	-0.47	21.0
Lehigh			
Bethlehem	2.86	0.54	16.0
Delaware			
Port Jervis	6.26	-0.74	18.0

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Working out 2,000 tiny details

Merger of Continental and United means streamlining most policies.

By HUGO MARTIN
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Continental Airlines serves Angus cheeseburgers on its flights. United Air Lines doesn't even have the right ovens to heat them.

United loads passengers in window seats first. Continental boards from the back. And United has a specific way to load dogs onto a plane — always tail-first as they ride up the conveyor belt in carrier cages. On Continental, there's no strict policy.

These are just three of the thousands of differences in the daily practices and policies of United and Continental airlines. But soon they will have to act as one.

The two airlines are close to completing a $3 billion merger that next year will create the nation's largest carrier, with more than 86,000 employees and nearly 1,200 jets. Federal regulators approved a final clearance to the merger Nov. 30.

But in the past year and a half, a team of managers and staff from the two carriers has made about 2,000 decisions about how the new hybrid airline will operate. The trick has been trying to preserve the most popular practices of each without alienating devotees of either.

One merger decision — whether to have a fleet-wide audio channel to let passengers hear pilots talk to air traffic controllers — even sparked an online campaign by fans of the channel.

"If the acquiring airline has an open mind, it will examine both carriers' business practices and pick those that offer a combination of better service for the traveler and improved savings or efficiency for the airline," said Henry Harteveldt, co-founder of Atmosphere Research Group, a San Francisco travel marketing and technology research firm.

It's a time-consuming process. When Delta Air Lines merged with Northwest Airlines last year, airline officials said they had so many decisions to make that they started by writing

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AP PHOTO

Pedestrians walk around Christmas decorations on the Rua Augusta, Lisbon's main shopping street. The streets of downtown Lisbon are usually ablaze with Christmas lights around this time – but this year the city has cut back drastically in the face of austerity.

Little holiday cheer for austerity-hit Europeans

By BARRY HATTON
Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — The streets of downtown Lisbon are usually ablaze with Christmas lights around this time — but this year the city has put on a somber show that matches the somber mood of austerity.

The Yuletide gloom is seen across Europe's crisis-hit southern rim, as Athens and Madrid also dim the Christmas lights in a sign of how anxious countries have become about the future.

In Lisbon, the city council has cut its festivities budget to (euro) 150,000 ($200,000) from (euro) 850,000 ($1,150,000) last year, leaving streets short on Christmas spirit.

The frugality has inspired ingenuity. Artists invited to help Lisbon look more festive have strung up multicolored umbrellas with flashing lights over busy Chile Square. Across town, passers-by are being given sparkling lapel pins to provide their own Christmas lighting.

In Portugal, officials aren't just playing Scrooge with the Christmas decorations: The government is pocketing half of most workers' annual Christmas bonus — roughly equivalent to a month's pay — in a special one-

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Rough economy, legal liabilities take a toll on the once-popular office holiday party



PETE G. WILCOX/THE TIMES LEADER

John Chaump, president of the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Business Association, welcomes guests to the Holiday Mixer at Rodano's on Public Square. Fewer employers are holding holiday parties, leading employees to make their own plans or attend mixed gatherings.

Merry & Bright?

By ANDREW M. SEDER | *aseder@timesleader.com*

A DECADE AGO, area hotel ballrooms were filled with revelers throughout December. But a rough economy, worries over legal liabilities and other factors have begun to take a toll on the office holiday party.

As fewer and fewer companies book parties, the venues that have long hosted them have come up with ways to cater to those who still want to celebrate the season with co-workers, even if it's at their own expense.

The Woodlands Inn & Resort in Plains Township and Genetti Hotel and Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre are among those that have started so called "office bashes."

For a set price – at Genetti's it's $39.95, and at The Woodlands it's $59.95 – attendees can eat, drink, be entertained and mingle with their own co-workers and those from other companies whose managers have also decided a holiday party was not in the mix this year.

"The new office party is five or six people who get together with friends from the office and go out," said Ross Kornfeld, whose family owns The Woodlands. He said this year's bash is expected to draw more than 200 people on Dec. 16.

He said the state of the holiday party is much different from just half a dozen years ago.

"They're not what they used to be," Kornfeld said.

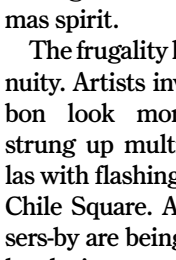
It's not just the economy that's factoring in. He said some companies are put off by the liability of sponsoring an event where employees drink alcohol and then drive home.

Lindsay Bezick, the social sales and catering manager at Genetti's, said even companies that still book parties have scaled back on what they're offering employees. "They're doing just the basics. Basic menu, cash bar," she said. "They're not doing anything too extravagant."

That trend started in about 2007, said Bobby Soper, the president and

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It's gift cards galore and more at area businesses



ANDREW M. SEDER

STEALS & DEALS

IT TRULY IS the most wonderful time of the year, at least when it comes to gift-card deals. Many eateries pull out buy a gift card, get a bonus card promotions between Black Friday and Christmas.

Here are a few of the offers:

• Smokey Bones will give you a $10 Bones Card when you buy a $50 gift card.

• Applebee's has a free $10 gift card with the purchase of a $50 gift card.

• Buy a $100 gift card, get a $20 bonus gift card at Outback Steakhouse.

• Get a $5 gift card for every $25 in gift cards purchased at Red Robin.

• Get a $5 bonus gift card at Friendly's for every $25 gift card you buy there.

• At TGI Friday's, spend $25 on gift cards, get a $5 bonus gift card.

• Save 10 percent when you purchase a gift card of $100 or more at Chili's.

• Buy a $25 Uno Chicago Grill gift card, get a $5 bonus voucher.

• Get a coupon for $5 off your meal in January when you buy a $25 Lone Star gift card.

• Buy $250 in Ruth's Chris gift cards, get 10 percent off.

• Order a $50 Ruby Tuesday's gift card on the restaurant's website and they'll mail you the card plus a bonus $15 gift card for no shipping cost.

• Cooper's Seafood House is offering a $5 bonus gift certificate when you purchase a $50 gift certificate.

• Go to Sonic and get a $5 bonus gift card for free for every $25 in gift cards you buy.

• Buy a $10 Arch Card at McDonald's, get a free medium McCafe beverage.

• You won't get a free gift card, but the reward will be tasty at Taco Bell. Buy a $20 gift card in the restaurant and you'll get a free taco flatbread sandwich combo. Quick run for the border.

Most of the bonus cards have restrictions including when they can be used. Most are January 1 through Feb. 28, though some have a bit longer lifespan.

Don't shop for gift cards on an empty stomach; Burger King is offering a buy-one Whopper, get-one free today only. Hey, ladies, get up early this week and log on to Victoria Secret's Facebook page every day at 9 a.m. to try to claim one of 6,000 Secret Reward Cards. The lingerie store is giving away these cards every morning through Dec. 15, but act fast, they tend to be gone within minutes. The cards are essentially gift cards worth at least $10. Some are worth $50, $100 or even $500. They're redeemable both online and in stores through Dec. 21.

And since you're already online, you might as well go to www.orientaltrading.com/win to try to win the daily $500 gift card giveaway.

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RON BARTIZEK

BUSINESS LOCAL

Trouble here, trouble there, to buy or not?

I was just about to splurge on a new car last winter; you know, beat the spring rush. Then I saw on the television that Greece was about to slide into the Aegean – figuratively, I think – so I put it off.

After some encouraging news about GDP in April, I figured that was a good time to buy, as my investments would undoubtedly swell. But, poof! The good news vanished the next day because we suddenly learned that Portugal was bankrupt, and somehow that meant bad things for my portfolio. Not only that, Spain was teetering and French banks were in danger of going belly up. Darn! Those profligate socialists were again wrecking my plans to boost the U.S. economy.

Greece, Italy and the supercommittee, oh my! What's a consumer to do?

The summer breeze ushered in new optimism as our own government formed a "supercommittee" charged with putting the United States' finances in order. Surely these 12 competent and responsible leaders would lead America out of the debt wilderness so that we could once again borrow and spend while lecturing other nations about fiscal responsibility. I decided to wait until I was sure their magical formulas would reduce our trillion-dollar deficit and guarantee the steady flow of my future Social Security and Medicare benefits.

So I didn't worry when Italy was added to the daily news reports and stock markets jiggled and bounced on every bit of news from Europe. Monday: the ECB will print money to bail out anyone who needs help – markets soar. Tuesday: German Chancellor Angela Merkel makes a face at French president Nicolas Sarkozy – stocks plummet.

Here in the USA, the tone of news reports was changing. Talking heads and pundits began to suggest we really didn't need to think big on our own plans to deal with the debt, and soon I was reading columns suggesting that no plan was better than the cockamamie schemes pushed by this Republican or that Democrat. Besides, they all said nothing important could happen until after the 2012 elections and even if it did the new administration might take it all back.

That made news of the supercommittee's failure easy to discount against my spending plans; after all, if these dozen heavyweights conclude there's no urgency to change our course, who am I to think otherwise. It's comforting to know that just three years after the financial meltdown our elected leaders have enough confidence in the economy to do nothing. That's the kind of news I can take to the bank – at least the little ones, since the financial giants aren't much interested in lending to me when they can get interest-free money from the government, play the markets and then get bailed out if they're "too big to fail."

So I'm again paying attention to what's really important; whether or not Merkel smiles and Greeks start paying their taxes. As soon as either of those happens I'm heading to the showroom, fully aware that the next day I might read that Hungary's credit rating may be cut, possibly leading to a worldwide bank collapse. If that happens I'll take out a classified and sell my new acquisition. Does that mean I'll have stimulated the economy twice?

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BUSINESS AGENDA

CFO/FINANCE ROUNDTABLE: Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Top of the 80's, Hazleton. Presenter John E. DeRemer will discuss Act 32 and its impact on the local earned income tax consolidation. Also up for discussion will be tax collection districts/collector changes, political sub-division codes, new withholding requirements, withholding examples, certificate of residency requirements, E-File options and multi-site employer filing options. $36 for Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Association members; non-members $72. To register, email nmccloskey@maea.biz, call 570-622-0992 or visit www.maea.biz.

10-HOUR OSHA TRAINING IN CONSTRUCTION SAFETY & HEALTH: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, 20 W. Broad St. Chamber members $175; non-members $225, includes training materials and lunch. Registration required; call 570-455-1509 or email lfallabel@hazletonchamber.org.

MANUFACTURING/PLANT OPERATIONS ROUNDTABLE: Thursday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Top of the 80's, Hazleton. Presenter William Bujalos, director of the MidAtlantic Trade Adjustment Assistance Center, will discuss available federal grants that can improve a company's global competitiveness. $36 for Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association members, $72 for non-members, includes lunch. To register, call 570-622-0992 or email gwhalen@maea.biz.

GREATER W-B CHAMBER MIXER: Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Shanix Restaurant and Bar, 385 N. Main St., Edwardsville. Happy hour drink prices and other refreshments. Free, to chamber members only. Registration required; call 823-2101 ext. 113 or email jeankile@wilkes-barre.org.

Send announcements of upcoming events by email to tlbusiness@timesleader.com; by mail to Business Agenda, Times Leader, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 or by fax to 829-5537. Include a contact phone number and email address. The submission deadline is Wednesday for publication on Sunday.

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ANZALONE LAW OFFICES



Doyle

Attorney Patrick J. Doyle Jr., has become associated with the law firm with offices in Wilkes-Barre, Stroudsburg and Scranton. Doyle is a graduate of The Penn State University Dickinson School of Law, The Johns Hopkins University and Bishop Hoban High School. He will concentrate his practice in personal injury law.

PENNSTAR BANK



Mott

Edward Mott has been promoted to vice president. Mott is area manager, overseeing the bank's four offices in Luzerne County. He has 37 years financial services experience, and has been with Pennstar since 2001. He attended Wilkes-Barre Business College, the Eastern Pennsylvania Real Estate School and the American Institute of Banking. He is a graduate of Leadership Wilkes-Barre. Mott serves as board member and vice president of Lackawanna Neighbors Inc., and is a member of Mountain Top Business Alliance and Mountaintop on the Move.

TMG HEALTH

The provider of solutions for government-sponsored health plans recently announced the following additions to its management team. **Heidi Kimmel,** Wyoming, was promoted to production control manager. Kimmel joined TMG Health in 2007 and is based in the Scranton Data Center. **Erin Carey,** Pittston, was promoted to operations compliance manager, Enrollment and Billing Regulatory Affairs. She joined TMG Health in 2002 and is based in the National Operations Center, Dunmore. **Patricia Curtis,** Duryea, joined the company as a quality and process improvement manager. She is based in the company's National Operations Center, Dunmore.

KING'S COLLEGE

Patrick Endler, Kingston, vice president of the Architectural Division of Borton Lawson, Wilkes-Barre, was appointed to a three-year term on the President's Council. The recipient of a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame, Endler also is a member of the board of directors of the Catholic Youth Center and United Way of the Wyoming Valley, and a member of the St. Ignatius Parish Council.

French IT company aspires to be email-free

By DEBORAH NETBURN
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — How many work emails do you get a day? 80? 200? 500? More than 1,000?

If you are one of the many people who feel overwhelmed by the daily deluge of unnecessary emails in your inbox, consider applying for a job at Atos. The French information technology services company is hoping to become a zero-email company by 2013.

"We are producing data on a massive scale that is fast polluting our working environments and also encroaching on our personal lives," Thierry Breton, Atos' chairman and chief executive, said in a statement. "At Atos Origin we are taking action now to reverse this trend, just as organizations took measures to reduce environmental pollution after the industrial revolution."

Email pollution? That's one way to look at it.

While the idea of an email-free existence makes the prospect of coming back from a vacation more palatable, it's hard to imagine how a company of Atos' size — 74,000 employees spread out over 42 offices worldwide — can function without email.

In an interview with ABC News, a spokeswoman for Atos said the company was still evaluating solutions, but that the result will probably be a mix of collaborative social media tools like the Atos Wiki, which enables employees to communicate by contributing or modifying online content, and the company's online chat system, which also enables video conferencing and file sharing.

She added that the company has already reduced internal email 20 percent since it started working toward the zero-email goal six months ago.

Clifford Nass, director of the Communication Between Humans and Interactive Media Lab at Stanford University and author of the book "The Man Who Lied to His Laptop," isn't convinced that Atos has found a good solution to email overload.

"There is no question that the amount of information that is being pressed upon people is more than they can handle," he said. But "the increase of chat is almost certainly a bad thing. There is a lot of evidence that it is more of a hindrance than a help."

Chat, he said, is more distracting than email — if someone wants to chat, they want to chat now — and generally less valuable than email because people tend to type the first thought that comes to mind.

As for the idea of a central document that everyone keeps updating, he said that works only if everyone remembers to check it frequently.

"The real core of this is how often people know what they need to know," he said. "The more people know what they need to know, the more you can have systems with centralized documents and then people know where they can go to find out what they need to know. But when you don't know you need to know something on the document, how will you know to check?"

The issue, he said, is finding the balance between making sure people get information they need to know and not bogging them down with information they don't need to know.

WILKES LAUNCHES BUSINESS CAMPAIGN



Members of the business community recently met to kick off the 2011-2012 Wilkes University Business Campaign. The campaign raises money for the Wilkes Fund, which provides programs and services for the university and provides opportunities for more students to receive a Wilkes education through the general scholarship fund. For more information, contact Amy Hetro, manager of Annual Giving at Wilkes University, at 570-408-4302. Pictured, from left: Michael Wood, vice president of advancement, Wilkes University; Joe Angelella, First National Community Bank, campaign volunteer; Amanda Salvo, Hilton Garden Inn, campaign volunteer; Clayton Karambelas, campaign volunteer; Lauren Pluskey, director of Annual Giving, Wilkes University; Amy Hetro, manager of Annual Giving, Wilkes University.

MERGER

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the topics on yellow Post-it notes that covered an entire wall.

"It only made sense that they would do that," said Bob McAdoo, an airline analyst for Avondale Partners in Nashville, Tenn. "That is the kind of stuff that makes a merger work."

When United and Continental begin to operate as one, the new airline will fly with United's name but with Continental's globe symbol and a new motto — "Let's Fly Together."

In weighing which system of boarding passengers to use, airline executives chose the United method. Post-merger, customers with window seats will be first to get on the plane, followed by those in middle seats and finally passengers in aisle seats.

Industry studies have shown that the United process reduces boarding time, allowing the airline to squeeze in more flights per day.

On the other hand, the new airline will adopt a Continental policy that gives current employees priority over retired workers when waiting to fly coach on standby.

The new merged airline also will sell a snack box that contains some of the most popular food sold on both airlines, including Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers and Oreo cookies.

Some policy changes are made in response to customer feedback. United officials say they routinely review thousands of online surveys taken by passengers.

"We have a lot of data," said Rahsaan Johnson, a spokesman for United Continental Holdings, the Chicago company that owns both carriers. "We know what people say they like."



MCT PHOTO

Planes at LAX show the Continental world logo that will be adopted while the name United will remain with the airlines merging into one and the current United logo, left, will disappear.

Practical matters, such as cost, have prompted other changes. Continental's Angus cheeseburgers, a passenger favorite served on domestic flights, will not survive the merger because United's planes are not equipped to heat up the patties.

Soon after the merger was announced, Jeffrey Smisek — formerly the chief executive of Continental and now the CEO of United Continental Holdings — said it was too expensive to expand to all planes an onboard channel that lets passengers listen in on cockpit conversations.

Fans of Channel 9 protested by creating a Facebook page, writing letters to Smisek and sending Twitter messages in support of the channel expansion.

"My kids and I both love Channel 9," said Jorge Flores, a United passenger from Los Angeles. "By listening in on ground control one can anticipate any type of chop that may be ahead and know how long it will last."

In August, Smisek agreed to expand Channel 9 to the entire fleet after the airline's maintenance crew found they could cut the installation costs by doing the work in conjunction with other maintenance work.

"We are expanding Channel 9 because customers like it and because we determined we can do it cost-effectively," Johnson explained.

And as for those dogs, there will be no more choice on the part of baggage handlers. United has won out on this one — when the merger is completed, all pets will be riding into the plane tail-first.

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Cummins

Daniel E. Cummins, a partner in the Scranton law firm of Foley, Cognetti, Comerford, Cimini & Cummins, has been notified by Lexis Nexis that his blog, Tort Talk (www.tort-talk.com) has been selected as one of the Top 25 tort law blogs in the United States. His blog was also recently honored by Lexis Nexis as one of the top insurance law blogs in the nation. The Tort Talk blog is designed to provide updates on important cases and trends in Pennsylvania civil litigation law.

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Matt and Cindy Moore have opened an Edible Arrangements franchise in the Wilkes-Barre Township Marketplace, Highland Park Boulevard. The store offers fresh fruit bouquets, dipped fruit, balloons, cards and other special-occasion items. Delivery is available. There are about 1,100 Edible Arrangements stores across the United States and in 14 countries, allowing orders to be placed locally and delivered elsewhere. The store is open every day. For more information, call 570-820-0509 or visit www.ediblearrangements.com.

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off tax to help settle the country's crippling debts.

In Athens, which has suffered fatal riots against government austerity measures, authorities are mending their ways after the lavish spending of past years.

Municipal authorities say their outlay on Christmas and New Year will be one-tenth of last year's, at (euro) 200,000 ($270,000). That's the same as what a previous administration spent on the city's main Christmas tree, which was torched during December 2008 riots.

In struggling Spain, where the jobless rate stands at 21.5 percent, Madrid City Council has scaled back its seasonal spending, making do with some of last year's decorations along city avenues and using fewer light bulbs. The total cost of (euro) 2.5 million ($3.35 million) is down 15 percent from last year.

Stores in Madrid are slashing their prices by up to half to entice shoppers. Higher-end shops are feeling the pinch.

There's further evidence of changing habits and expectations in Ireland, another bailout recipient. The Celtic Tiger era of lavish office Christmas parties and generous gifts for clients is out of fashion.

"Companies are embarrassed to be seen spending on parties when they're laying people off of their jobs, and that's only going to get worse in 2012," said the Rev. Sean Healy, a Catholic priest who runs an anti-poverty lobbying group called Social Justice Ireland.

That is only half the story, though. An expected pre-Christmas hike in the sales tax to a record 23 percent drove shoppers to Dublin stores before it came into force.

"Everything's only going to get more dear (expensive) in a few days, so I'm tapping out the credit card now and taking the rest of Christmas off," said Bridget Dwyer, 52, standing in a long line to pay for goods at a Dublin store.

Overall, Christmas consumer spending in Ireland is forecast to fall by 9.4 percent this year compared with a 7.8 percent drop in Portugal, according to a recent survey by consulting firm Deloitte. But even those numbers look modest next to Greece's predicted slump of almost 25 percent.

Other EU countries offer a sobering contrast in fortunes.

In Germany, Europe's richest country, holiday spending is seen rising by close to 5 percent. Tills were ringing at markets and stores last weekend in Berlin, where Christmas shoppers had a hard time making their way around luxury department store KaDeWe because it was packed.

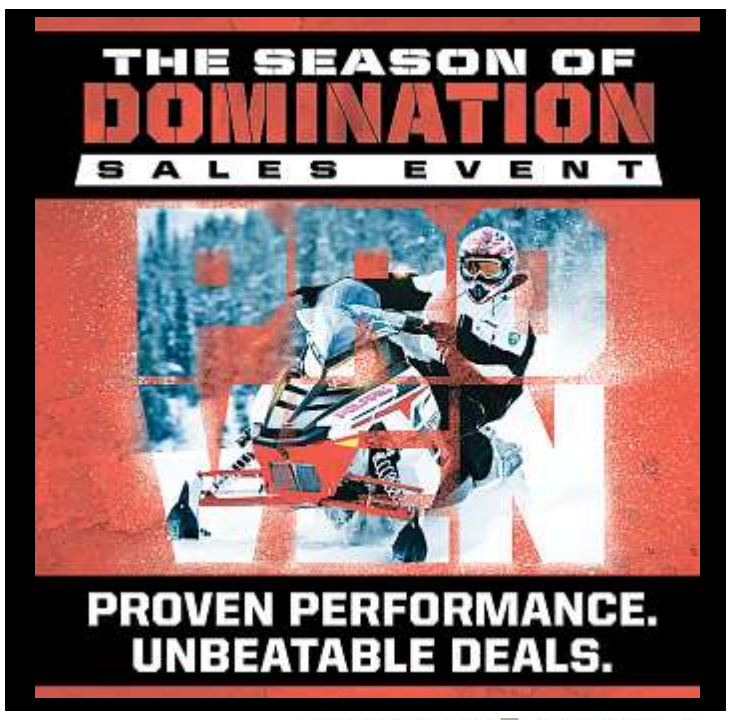
There's no sign of austerity spoiling Christmas in Sweden or Denmark, either. Those countries have stayed out of the eurozone. But nearby Finns, who are in it, plan to spend (euro) 38 ($50) less each this year, an average of (euro) 492 ($650) per person, according to the Nordic region's biggest bank Nordea.

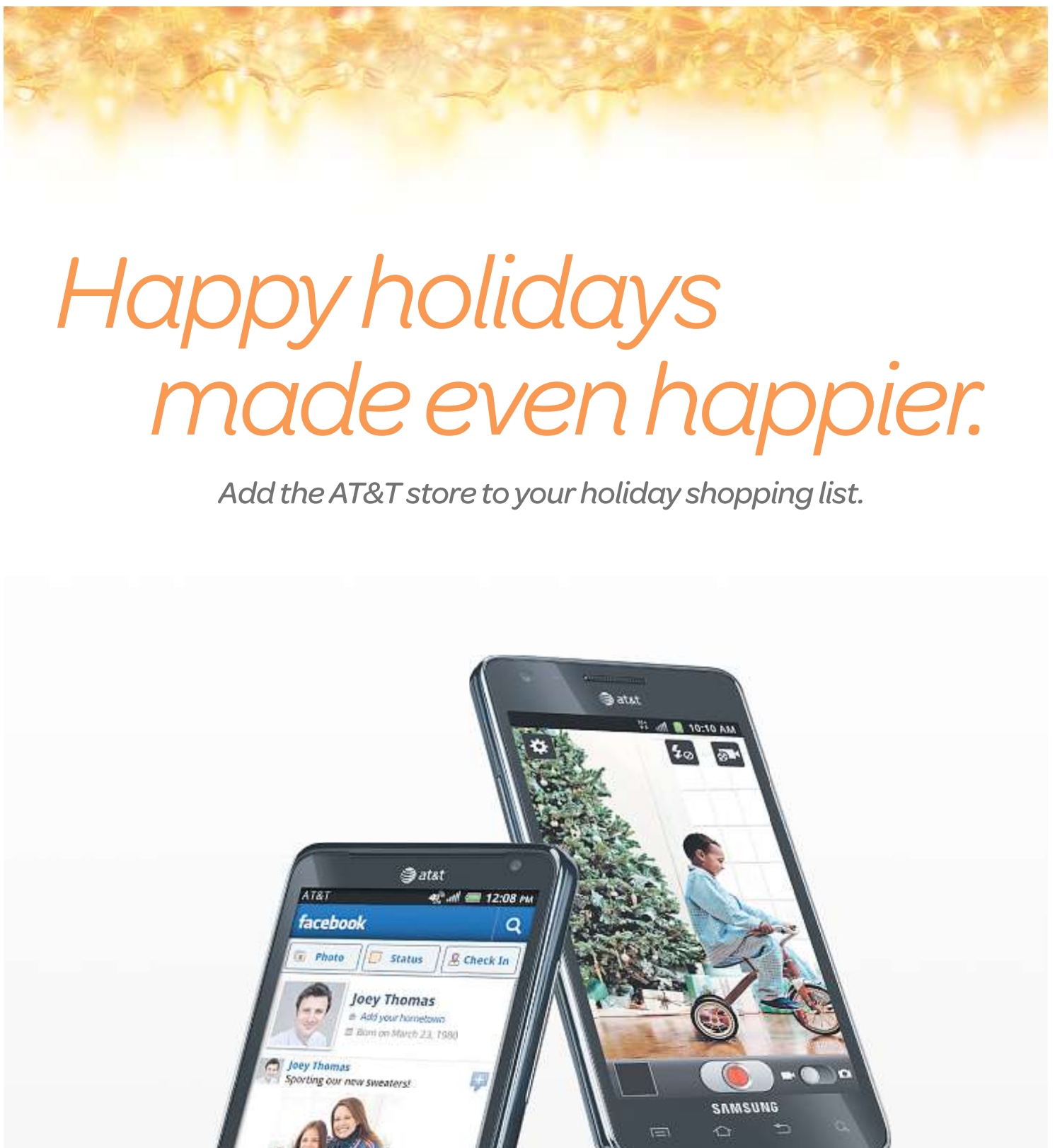
France's outlay on Christmas should rise by a modest 1.85 percent, Deloitte says. Recent fears that the eurozone's second-largest economy is being dragged into the debt mire have brought a sense of prudence.

In teetering Italy, new austerity measures expected before Christmas have cast a shadow over festivities. But consumer groups, tour operators and surveys indicate Italians won't be tightening their belts just yet.

Veratour, one of Italy's big tourism firms, reports its peak-season New Year's bookings are holding up well, even to Egypt, where new clashes in Cairo have scared away many visitors.











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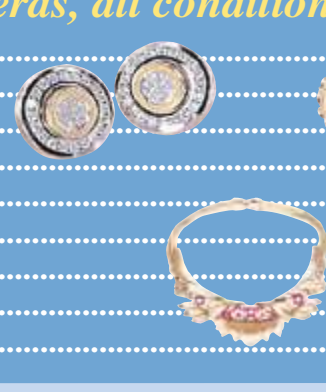
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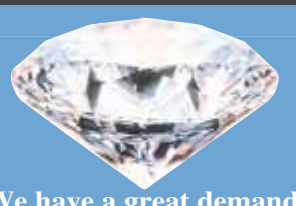
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Holiday season a good time for job-seekers to press their search

By JANE M. VON BERGEN
The Philadelphia Inquirer

With the hustle-bustle of the holidays, job-seekers may want to ease up on their searches, but that's the wrong approach, experts say.

"It's not the time to take a respite, although you might be tempted to because it's the holidays and your focus is elsewhere," said Anita Dombrowski, immediate past president of the Greater Valley Forge Human Resource Association, a professional group.

In fact, the holidays provide the perfect confluence of corporate timing and job-search opportunities.

On the corporate side, companies are finishing their 2011 spending and completing plans for 2012 hiring budgets. On the job-seeker side, parties abound, with excellent opportunities for networking.

"Companies are putting more substance to budget projections and those projections are coming to reality," said Adam Berman, president of the Philadelphia Human Resource Planning Society.

If companies are hiring, he said, they may be poised to make an offer at the very start of the year. Or, he said, they may be rushing to fill a vacant 2011 position before the budget for it goes away.

"You want to get the body in the chair by the end of December," said Sean Milius, president of Healthcare Initiative, an affiliate of MRINetwork, a national recruiting company based in Philadelphia. The best way to get a job, experts agree, is to balance Internet searching with deliberate efforts to connect with people who may know people who are hiring.

That's why Dombrowski spent December 2009 in a whirlwind of parties, luncheons, cocktail hours, and holiday gatherings.

"That was my busiest social calendar ever," Dombrowski remembered.

That was also the year that Dombrowski was out of work, one of 600 cut after the Philadelphia law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen dissolved in March 2009.

"I was out there networking at every social event," said Dombrowski, now a human-resources manager at Fox Rothschild L.L.P. "I wanted people to remember me."

Just as important, she said, being with people can provide a psychological lift to combat the depression and isolation of unemployment.

OFFICE COACH

Working motherhood a delicate balance

By MARIE G. McINTYRE
MCT Wire Services

Q.: I'm a single mother who has been unemployed for about six months. In my previous position, I had a flexible schedule which allowed me to easily attend school events or schedule medical appointments for my two young children.

I have now been offered a 9-to-5 job located about an hour from my home. Although I'm relieved to have found this position, I'm afraid that the time I need for my children's activities may create problems at work. How should I handle this?

A.: Balancing work and family is especially tough for single parents, since they don't have a built-in backup. In a structured work environment, your child-related absences will undoubtedly be scrutinized more closely, so you are wise to think about this in advance. Here are some tips for effectively managing this juggling act.

Explain to your new boss that you occasionally have necessary child care appointments, but will keep them as brief as possible. Since you live an hour away, try to schedule times in the early morning or late afternoon. Be sure to provide sufficient notice whenever you plan to be out.

Make every effort to minimize inconvenience to your co-workers. Return from appointments quickly, without taking extra time to run errands. If you're home with a sick child, check email regularly and telework as much as possible. Express appreciation to anyone who picks up the slack while you're away.

In conversations with colleagues, avoid complaining about child care problems or the challenge of raising children alone. Bringing up these issues will only make your departures more obvious. When co-workers think of you, the phrase "single parent" should not be the first thing that comes to mind.

Plan ahead for unexpected events. If you're suddenly asked to work late, reliable friends or relatives should be available to baby sit on short notice. Given your distance from home, you must have at least one person who can respond quickly in an emergency. And since you never know when a serious accident or illness may require an extended absence, you need to hoard your vacation and sick leave.

At the end of the day, however, the best way to insure that management will tolerate your family demands is to be a pleasant, cooperative employee who always does outstanding work. If you want your boss to go the extra mile for you, then you must consistently go the extra mile for your boss.

Q: Top management in our company has stated that, due to financial problems, they plan to reduce expenses by laying off some employees. Should I ask my manager if I'm on the termination list, or would he view that as inappropriate?

A: Your manager may not yet know the details of this layoff or, if he does, may be prohibited from discussing them with you. Nevertheless, there's no harm in asking. Even if he can't answer your specific question, his response may provide a clue to what's happening behind the scenes.

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PARTY

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chief executive officer at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Plains Township.

"I think we saw a shift a couple of years ago when the economy first went on the skids," said Soper, who added that bookings for this year are "static" from 2010. "I think the mindset has changed since 2007 and it's continued. We're not living in the glory days when people could spend more freely."

Nadine Howe, the general manager of the East Mountain Inn in Plains Township, said that while large holiday dinner parties are definitely down over the past few years there has been an uptick in other gatherings such as luncheons, breakfasts and even smaller group dinners.

"We're seeing a lot of smaller parties ... different facets of the office are having their own parties," Howe said.

Bezick said that over the past few years even long-standing companies that have thrown parties for years have chosen not to book this year. But, she said, some companies that have set up operations in the region have taken their place.

Not all the companies that have cancelled bookings this year did so based on the economy. A dental office from Pittston called off plans for a holiday party because it sustained damage in September's floods, Bezick said.

She said the small group of co-workers deciding to book their own office party is definitely a trend that's picking up.

Deidre Cuevas a district manager for a local fast food group that she asked not be identified, said the office bash at Genetti's seemed like an affordable way to thank her regional general managers but not cost the company too much money.

She said that if she had to pay for a disc jockey, drinks, food and a room it would cost thousands. But taking out 10 managers will set her back less than $450.

And as companies see staffers spending their own money and handling the parties themselves, they will likely be less apt to get involved in party planning in the future.

Co-workers booking their own party is "the current and the future" for the annual tradition, Kornfeld said.

But there are still some companies that through thick and thin see the annual party as a rite for employees.

John P. Kuderka, a principal at Martin-Rogers Associates in Wilkes-Barre, said his office has been going to the East Mountain Inn for the past six years and will do so once again this month.

Kuderka said the party is held in years that are very good and in those that are not as profitable.

"I see it as something the employees earned and deserve over the course of the year," Kuderka said. In addition to the staff of 27 and their guests, clients and guests also are invited, meaning between 80 and 100 will be at the dinner.



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CEO SCORECARD
The exodus of CEOs slowed further last month. The outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas counted 82 announcements that CEOs were leaving, down from 91 in October and the smallest number in a year. So far in 2011, Challenger has counted 1,095 CEO announced departures, down nearly 3 percent from the 1,127 that were announced in the first 11 months of 2010. Health care companies had the highest CEO turnover, with 19 chiefs leaving. Among last month's most notable announcements: Mattel's Robert Eckert, who's retiring after 11 years. Another was Jon Corzine, who left the brokerage firm MF Global shortly after it filed for bankruptcy court protection, and days before the firm shut down.



TURNING A CORNER?
For the first time in nearly six months, a survey of small business owners showed they've added workers. The survey by the National Federation of Independent Business found that on average, owners added an average of 0.12 workers per company during November. Now, that's a tiny number. But the small business trade group noted that it was a start. The survey also found that the number of businesses cutting jobs has returned to levels that the group called normal. NFIB Chief Economist William Dunkelberg forecast that the number of business owners who are adding jobs should "pick up a bit" in the coming months. The job market isn't expected to show much improvement until small businesses start hiring significantly.

CEO departures by industry, year to date

CATEGORY	2010	2011
Health care/ products	189	175
Government/ non-profit	146	139
Financial	112	118
Computer	84	109
Energy	53	55

SOURCE: Challenger, Gray & Christmas

FOOD INFLATION IN INDIA
Soaring prices for food gave India an inflation rate over 9 percent in 2010. And this year, it's inflation is expected to be 11 percent. Researchers at Columbia University have found that food prices have been driven higher in large part by the country's poor infrastructure. A report from the Vale Columbia Center on Sustainable International Investment found that there aren't enough cold storage facilities and inadequate transportation. Because of that, half of the country's fresh produce rots and goes to waste. That hurts the supply of food and in turn sends prices sharply higher. Other reasons for soaring prices: hoarding, poor productivity in the agricultural industry, limits on the size of landholdings and middlemen who add their charges to the price of food.



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A bright 2012

U.S. stocks will likely rise next year, says **Nathan Rowader**, director of investments at Forward Management, which manages about $6 billion in assets. But he still suggests spreading your investments beyond them to emerging market stocks and commodities.

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Rowader

What's your outlook for U.S. stocks in 2012? Does everything depend on Europe?
Europe is an extremely important factor going into next year. People are still shell shocked from (the financial crisis of) 2008, and there is a specter of a redux of 2008. It's kind of like when you get off the highway, and you still think you're moving fast.

Stock investors should be long-term investors. Unfortunately it looks like they're more short-term investors right now. The good things (for stocks) are: good cash flow, good earnings growth, decent economic data and good (prices relative to earnings). That gives us the indication that for a long-term investor, now is a good entry point

You say that investors should expect annual returns of about 7 percent over the next decade. Is that what you expect from 2012?
I think we can end up a little better than that because we are entering the year at fairly good valuations. Once some of the unknowns are taken out, like Europe, and once the market becomes aware of who the likely victor will be in the election (for U.S. President), you'll probably get some better returns, maybe end the year in the 9 percent ballpark.

But you suggest investors consider emerging markets before U.S. stocks.
Absolutely. You have the option of buying emerging markets at 10 times (their earnings) or U.S. small cap stocks at 22 times earnings. If those are your options, you've got stronger, more fiscally responsible companies in emerging markets that should be able to grow at a faster rate.

You also could get just shy of a 3.5 percent dividend yield from emerging markets (versus about 2 percent from S&P 500 companies). Emerging markets tend to have more of a dividend focus because there is a lot of government and family ownership (of companies). That usually requires some kind of payback (to stockholders, like through a dividend).

Why do you think the bond bubble hasn't popped.
I myself have been talking about a bond bubble since 2009 and 2010. By any metric, Treasurys are overvalued. They're probably extremely overvalued as a long-term investment. (But) they have acted as an excellent hedge against risk, so I think it may be imprudent to totally eliminate them from a portfolio.

You recommend commodities. aren't they too volatile for many investors?
Most people have approached it by buying an index ETF. And that's really kind of using a very blunt instrument to access what is a pretty interesting asset class. We have a long-short commodity fund (that bets on some commodities rising in price and others falling in price), and there are other strategies out there where the objective is to give higher returns in a way that's less volatile than a commodity index ETF.

And you like oil.
(The price of) oil is very sensitive to economic growth. If we see some resolution in Europe, some resolution in who will become the next president, the expectations for future economic growth will go up, and oil will too. It's like a levered (supercharged) version of stocks.

Will Santa arrive this year?

If the stock market keeps going by the book this year, look for another Santa Claus rally.

Stocks have tended to rise the last five trading days of each year, plus the first two of the new year. According to the Stock Trader's Almanac, that time stretch has brought a gain for the S&P 500 in 32 of the last 42 years, including the last three. The index has had an average gain of 1.6 percent during those 42 post-Christmas periods.

Some years, the rally has been huge. In 2008, the S&P 500 rose 7.4 percent as stocks had a temporary recovery from their crash during the financial crisis.

WHY SANTA MAY COME CALLING

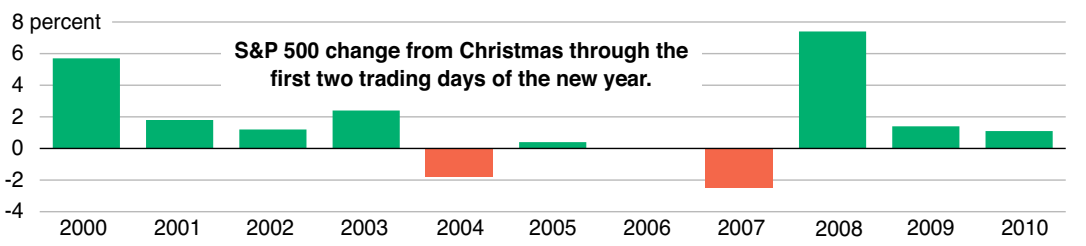
- The economy has been getting stronger. The unemployment rate fell in November to 8.6 percent, its lowest since March 2009. Manufacturing grew in December at its fastest pace since June. And holiday sales had a strong start.
- Congress will likely extend payroll tax cuts that are set to expire on Jan. 1, says Jeff Kleintop, chief market strategist for LPL Financial.

WHY SANTA MAY SIT OUT THIS THIS YEAR

- European leaders have agreed on a plan to prevent debt crises like the one that has threatened the region's economy this year. But this long-term fix won't go into effect until a treaty is written. If investors become anxious about the current debt problems, stocks could fall.

When the Santa Claus rally has failed to happen, it's usually presaged tough times ahead for stocks. The last time was in 2007, when the recession was starting.

Investors have benefited from a Santa Claus rally eight times since 2000.



SOURCE: Stock Trader's Almanac Stan Choe, Kristen Girard - AP

LocalStocks

COMPANY	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%CHG 1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	RANK 1YR	%RTN 5YRS*	PE	YLD
Air Products	APD	72.26	98.01	83.22	1.26	1.5	▼	▲	-8.5	-3.72		5.3	15	2.8
Amer Water Works	AWK	24.56	31.80	31.08	-0.31	-1.0	▼	▲	22.9	+28.43		17.6a	18	3.0
Amerigas Part LP	APU	36.76	51.50	43.97	0.02	0.0	▲	▲	-9.9	-2.71		11.9	19	6.7
Aqua America Inc	WTR	19.28	23.79	21.64	-0.23	-1.1	▼	▲	-3.7	+1.73		-0.1	22	3.0
Arch Dan Mid	ADM	23.69	38.02	29.12	-0.87	-2.9	▼	▲	-3.2	-2.18		-1.3	9	2.4
AutoZone Inc	AZO	246.26	343.90	329.82	-0.40	-0.1	▼	▲	21.0	+24.98		22.9	16	...
Bank of America	BAC	5.03	15.31	5.72	0.08	1.4	▼	▼	-57.1	-53.08		-27.5	...	0.7
Bk of NY Mellon	BK	17.10	32.50	19.60	0.31	1.6	▼	▼	-35.1	-32.06		-10.7	9	2.7
Bon Ton Store	BONT	2.23	17.49	3.42	0.36	11.8	▼	▼	-73.0	-75.55		-37.0	...	5.8
CVS Caremark Corp	CVS	31.30	39.50	38.37	0.08	0.2	▼	▲	10.4	+15.72		5.8	15	1.3
Cigna Corp	CI	35.95	52.95	42.61	-0.46	-1.1	▼	▼	16.2	+14.70		-0.1	9	0.1
CocaCola	KO	61.29	71.77	67.57	1.19	1.8	▼	▼	2.7	+7.13		9.1	12	2.8
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	19.19	27.16	22.68	-0.68	-2.9	▲	▲	3.7	+10.86		-3.1	16	2.0
Community Bk Sys	CBU	21.67	28.95	26.99	0.48	1.8	▲	▲	-2.8	+6.63		6.0	13	3.9
Community Hlth Sys	CYH	14.61	42.50	17.61	-1.16	-6.2	▼	▼	-52.9	-44.34		-13.2	6	...
Entercom Comm	ETM	4.61	13.63	6.11	0.51	9.1	▲	▲	-47.2	-37.46		-21.7	6	...
Fairchild Semicond	FCS	10.25	21.02	12.87	-0.22	-1.7	▼	▲	-17.6	-16.42		-6.2	9	...
Frontier Comm	FTR	5.16	9.84	5.16	-0.20	-3.7	▼	▼	-47.0	-36.99		-7.0	34	14.5
Genpact Ltd	G	13.09	18.16	14.98	-0.30	-2.0	▼	▼	-1.4	-.27		26.2a	19	1.2
Harte Hanks Inc	HHS	7.00	13.74	9.50	0.27	2.9	▲	▲	-25.6	-25.66		-16.1	14	3.4
Heinz	HNZ	46.99	55.00	53.00	0.62	1.2	▼	▲	7.2	+11.10		6.1	17	3.6
Hershey Company	HSY	45.67	60.96	59.30	1.46	2.5	▲	▲	25.8	+28.89		5.7	22	2.3
Kraft Foods	KFT	30.10	36.90	36.70	0.20	0.5	▲	▲	16.5	+20.24		3.6	20	3.2
Lowes Cos	LOW	18.07	27.45	24.97	0.66	2.7	▲	▲	-0.4	-1.09		-2.8	18	2.2
M&T Bank	MTB	66.40	91.05	73.01	-0.87	-1.2	▼	▲	-16.1	-8.09		-6.5	11	3.8
McDonalds Corp	MCD	72.14	98.29	98.03	2.33	2.4	▲	▲	27.7	+26.30		19.6	19	2.9
NBT Bncp	NBTB	17.05	24.98	21.50	0.19	0.9	▼	▲	-11.0	-5.07		0.8	13	3.7
Nexstar Bdcstg Grp	NXST	4.59	10.28	8.05	0.11	1.4	▼	▲	34.4	+39.27		10.0	...	...
PNC Financial	PNC	42.70	65.19	55.91	1.94	3.6	▲	▲	-7.9	-7.33		-2.4	9	2.5
PPL Corp	PPL	24.10	30.27	29.07	-0.26	-0.9	▼	▲	10.4	+19.76		-0.3	11	4.8
Penna REIT	PEI	6.50	17.34	10.10	0.49	5.1	▲	▲	-30.5	-28.71		-15.9	...	5.9
PepsiCo	PEP	58.50	71.89	65.19	0.91	1.4	▲	▲	-0.2	+3.86		3.2	16	3.2
Philip Morris Intl	PM	55.85	77.03	75.58	0.11	0.1	▲	▲	29.1	+31.79		25.4a	16	4.1
Procter & Gamble	PG	57.56	67.72	64.97	0.31	0.5	▲	▲	1.0	+6.22		2.7	16	3.2
Prudential Fncl	PRU	42.45	67.52	50.39	-0.01	0.0	▼	▲	-14.2	-8.35		-8.8	7	2.9
SLM Corp	SLM	10.91	17.11	13.08	0.44	3.5	▼	▲	3.9	+6.85		-22.5	14	3.1
SLM Corp flt pfB	SLMpB	39.50	60.00	40.00	-0.75	-1.8	▼	▼	-8.7	...		0.0	...	11.6
Southn Union Co	SUG	23.78	44.65	42.00	0.40	1.0	▼	▲	74.5	+75.20		9.3	21	1.4
TJX Cos	TJX	42.55	63.89	63.25	1.01	1.6	▲	▲	42.5	+42.28		18.6	18	1.2
UGI Corp	UGI	24.07	33.53	28.70	0.20	0.7	▼	▲	-9.1	-6.83		3.1	14	3.6
Verizon Comm	VZ	32.28	38.95	38.43	0.58	1.5	▲	▲	7.4	+20.60		7.2	15	5.2
WalMart Strs	WMT	48.31	59.40	58.32	0.60	1.0	▼	▲	8.1	+9.08		6.6	13	2.5
Weis Mkts	WMK	36.52	42.20	40.82	0.99	2.5	▲	▲	1.2	+6.62		2.8	16	2.9

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (far-left box) to bottom 20 percent (far-right box).

Yields, mortgage rates remain low

InterestRates

Mortgage rates remain anchored near record lows. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage dipped to 3.99 percent last week from 4 percent, Freddie Mac says. That's close to its record low of 3.94 percent, set in October. Mortgage rates tend to follow the yield on the 10-year Treasury, which remains close to 2 percent. It was 3.4 percent at the start of 2011.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
FRIDAY	3.25	.13
6 MO AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	0.01		
RS Money Market Fund/Cl A	0.11	$ 2,500 min	(800) 221-3253
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.01		
BofA Muni Reserves/Instit Cap	0.10$	100,000 min	(800) 345-6611

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WK HIGH	52-WK LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.29	-0.16	▼	▼	-0.70	3.29	2.15
Triple-A corporate Moody's	3.95	-0.15	▲	▼	-1.12	5.31	3.73
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	3.77	-0.20	▲	▲	-0.29	4.22	3.36
Municipal Bond Buyer	4.97	-0.06	▼	▼	-0.53	5.95	4.87
U.S. high yield Barclays	8.54	-0.25	▲	▲	0.88	10.15	6.61
Treasury Barclays	1.07	-0.03	▼	▲	-0.96	2.46	0.96

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WK HIGH	52-WK LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.01	0.01	▬	▬	-0.12	0.15	
1-year T-Bill	0.14	0.00	▲	▲	-0.15	0.34	0.07
6-month T-Bill	0.03	-0.01	▲	▬	-0.14	0.20	0.01
2-year T-Note	0.23	-0.02	▬	▲	-0.38	0.83	0.16
5-year T-Note	0.89	-0.02	▼	▲	-1.00	2.39	0.78
10-year T-Note	2.06	0.03	▬	▲	-1.16	3.72	1.72
30-year T-Bond	3.11	0.09	▬	▼	-1.29	4.77	2.72

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

MutualFunds

GROUP, FUND	TICKER	FRIDAY NAV	WK CHG	RETURN/RANK 4WK	1YR	5YR
American Funds BalA m	ABALX	18.25	+.06	+1.5	+5.3/A	+2.4/B
American Funds BondA m	ABNDX	12.50		-.3	+6.0/C	+3.4/E
American Funds CapIncBuA m	CAIBX	49.17	+.10	+1.2	+3.0/A	+1.1/C
American Funds CpWldGrIA m	CWGIX	32.39	-.06	+.7	-6.1/D	-.5/B
American Funds EurPacGrA m	AEPGX	36.36	-.19		-10.6/C	-.6/A
American Funds FnInvA m	ANCFX	35.57	+.05	+1.9	+.1/D	+.5/A
American Funds GrthAmA m	AGTHX	29.26	-.03	+1.2	-2.0/D	-.5/D
American Funds IncAmerA m	AMECX	16.67	+.11	+1.9	+5.4/A	+1.8/B
American Funds InvCoAmA m	AIVSX	27.19	+.14	+1.9	-.3/D	-.8/C
American Funds NewPerspA m	ANWPX	26.85	+.03	+.8	-4.4/C	+1.3/A
American Funds WAMutInvA m	AWSHX	28.27	+.24	+2.7	+7.9/A	/A
BlackRock GlobAlcA m	MDLOX	18.80	-.01	-.1	-.5/B	+4.0/B
BlackRock GlobAlcC m	MCLOX	17.49	-.02	-.1	-1.2/C	+3.2/B
BlackRock GlobAlcI d	MALOX	18.90	-.02	-.1	-.2/B	+4.3/B
Dodge & Cox Income	DODIX	13.32	+.02	-.7	+4.3/E	+6.1/B
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	DODFX	30.70	+.10	+1.6	-12.5/D	-2.4/A
Dodge & Cox Stock	DODGX	101.70	+1.04	+2.5	-2.3/D	-4.0/E
Fidelity Contra	FCNTX	68.50	+.18	+.9	+1.8/B	+2.7/A
Fidelity DivrIntl d	FDIVX	26.06	-.11	-.3	-10.1/C	-3.8/C
Fidelity Free2020	FFFDX	13.58	+.02	+.4	+.5/D	+1.2/C
Fidelity GrowCo	FDGRX	85.87	+.49	+1.5	+3.7/A	+4.4/A
Fidelity LowPriStk x	FLPSX	35.98	+.18	+1.2	+3.1/A	+2.3/B
Fidelity Spartan 500IdxInv	FUSEX	44.62	+.41	+2.4	+3.8/A	-.2/B
FrankTemp-Franklin Income A m	FKINX	2.07	+.01	+.2	+3.3/B	+2.6/C
FrankTemp-Franklin Income C m	FCISX	2.09	+.01	+.7	+2.7/C	+2.2/D
FrankTemp-Mutual Euro Z	MEURX	19.23	-.07	+2.9	-8.3/A	-.2/A
FrankTemp-Templeton GlBond A m	TPINX	12.81	-.04	-1.4	-.6/E	+9.2/A
FrankTemp-Templeton GlBondAdv	TGBAX	12.77	-.04	-1.4	-.5/E	+9.4/A
Harbor IntlInstl d	HAINX	54.87	+.10	+1.8	-6.8/A	+.4/A
Oakmark EqIncI	OAKBX	27.97	+.11	+2.2	+3.0/B	+4.5/A
PIMCO AllAssetI	PAAIX	11.95	-.05	-1.1	+3.5/A	+5.4/A
PIMCO ComRlRStI	PCRIX	7.49	-.37	-4.0	-.3/C	+2.0/A
PIMCO LowDrIs	PTLDX	10.33	+.02	+.1	+1.9/B	+5.1/A
PIMCO TotRetA m	PTTAX	10.84	+.02	-.5	+3.3/E	+7.2/A
PIMCO TotRetAdm b	PTRAX	10.84	+.02	-.5	+3.5/E	+7.5/A
PIMCO TotRetIs	PTTRX	10.84	+.02	-.4	+3.7/E	+7.7/A
PIMCO TotRetrnD b	PTTDX	10.84	+.02	-.5	+3.4/E	+7.4/A
Permanent Portfolio	PRPFX	47.25	-.92	-1.2	+7.3/A	+8.7/A
T Rowe Price EqtyInc	PRFDX	22.95	+.21	+2.3	+1.1/C	-1.0/B
T Rowe Price GrowStk	PRGFX	32.30	+.06	+.5	+.8/C	+1.6/B
T Rowe Price HiYield d	PRHYX	6.45	+.04	+.2	+3.1/C	+6.4/B
T Rowe Price MidCpGr	RPMGX	58.20	+.02	+1.1	+.7/B	+5.4/A
Vanguard 500Adml	VFIAX	116.12	+1.05	+2.3	+3.9/A	-.2/B
Vanguard 500Inv	VFINX	116.09	+1.05	+2.3	+3.8/A	-.3/B
Vanguard GNMAAdml	VFIJX	11.18	+.02	+.7	+7.7/A	+6.9/A
Vanguard InstIdxI	VINIX	115.35	+1.04	+2.4	+3.9/A	-.1/B
Vanguard InstPlus	VIIIX	115.36	+1.04	+2.4	+3.9/A	-.1/B
Vanguard MuIntAdml	VWIUX	13.93	+.10	+1.2	+8.1/B	+4.8/B
Vanguard STGradeAd	VFSUX	10.63		-.3	+2.0/B	+4.4/B
Vanguard Tgtet2025	VTTVX	12.59	+.05	+1.2	+1.6/A	+1.4/A
Vanguard TotBdAdml	VBTLX	10.98	-.01	-.3	+7.2/A	+6.3/B
Vanguard TotBdInst	VBTIX	10.98	-.01	-.3	+7.2/A	+6.3/B
Vanguard TotIntl d	VGTSX	13.75	-.03	+.4	-10.4/C	-2.7/B
Vanguard TotStIAdm	VTSAX	31.42	+.26	+2.3	+3.1/B	+.4/B
Vanguard TotStIIns	VITSX	31.43	+.27	+2.3	+3.1/B	+.4/B
Vanguard TotStIdx	VTSMX	31.41	+.26	+2.3	+3.0/B	+.3/B
Vanguard Welltn	VWELX	31.30	+.25	+1.7	+4.6/A	+3.4/A
Vanguard WelltnAdm	VWENX	54.07	+.43	+1.7	+4.7/A	+3.5/A
Vanguard WndsrII	VWNFX	25.90	+.28	+2.6	+4.4/B	-1.2/B
Wells Fargo AstAlIIcA f	EAAFX	12.08	-.06		+1.8/B	+2.3/C

Rank: Fund's letter grade compared with others in the same performance group; an **A** indicates fund performed in the top 20 percent; an **E**, in the bottom 20 percent.

Stock Screener

What are the pros holding

Investors have largely written off banks in 2011, but Wells Fargo remains popular with one important group of them: mutual fund managers.

Of the 50 largest U.S. mutual funds run by stock pickers, 18 have the San Francisco bank as one of their top 10 holdings, according to a review by Citi Investment Research. Wells Fargo has long been a fund favorite. It has been the most popular top-10 holding among the group since at least the second quarter of 2010, Citi says.

Those investors have been patient: Wells Fargo dropped 15.5 percent in 2011 through Thursday, compared with just a 1.9 percent fall for the S&P 500. Worries about Europe's debt crisis and its impact on the global financial system hurt stocks across the banking sector.

SOURCE: FactSet

COMPANY	TICKER	NO. OF FUNDS WITH STOCK AS TOP 10 HOLDING	CLOSE	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	DIVIDEND YIELD	PRICE-EARNINGS RATIO (BASED ON LAST 12 MOS.)
Wells Fargo	WFC	18	$26.19	$22.58	$34.25	1.8%	10
Apple	AAPL	17	390.66	310.50	426.70	0.0	14
Merck	MRK	16	35.19	29.47	37.65	4.7	26
Philip Morris Intl.	PM	15	74.56	55.85	77.03	4.1	16
Google	GOOG	15	616.05	473.02	642.96	0.0	21
Microsoft	MSFT	15	25.40	23.65	29.46	3.1	9
Pfizer	PFE	13	20.19	16.59	21.45	3.9	14
Chevron	CVX	11	102.25	85.84	110.01	3.1	8
Exxon Mobil	XOM	11	79.87	67.03	88.23	2.3	10

Other popular stocks among big mutual funds are Apple, Merck and Philip Morris International. Apple's revenue rose 39 percent last quarter from a year earlier on stronger iPad sales. Merck's revenue rose 8 percent, and Philip Morris International's rose 27 percent.

JPMorgan Chase is also still a popular stock, but not by as much. It's a top 10 holding for 9 of the largest actively managed mutual funds, Citi says. That's down from 14 three months earlier.

Data through Dec. 8

Dow industrials	+1.4% WEEKLY	+0.3% MO	+5.2% YTD
Nasdaq	+0.8% WEEKLY	-1.2% MO	-0.2% YTD
LARGE-CAP S&P 500	+0.9% WEEKLY	-0.7% MO	-0.2% YTD
SMALL-CAP Russell 2000	+1.4% WEEKLY	+0.1% MO	-4.9% YTD

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Q What's a UIT? — *R.G., Springfield, Mo.*

A It's a unit investment trust, invested in a relatively fixed portfolio of securities (such as, say, five or 20 stocks or bonds), with no investment manager buying and selling holdings throughout its defined lifespan. The UIT components are held until the trust is liquidated at a predetermined date in the future — which could be several or many years down the road.

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My Dumbest Investment

Dumb Luck

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The Motley Fool Take

Buffett Buys IBM

Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway (NYSE: BRK-B), recently revealed that he has bought a 5.5 percent stake in IBM (NYSE: IBM), worth more than $10 billion. After a great third-quarter earnings report and the appointment of 30-year veteran Ginni Rometty as the next CEO, Buffett's buy, and therefore implicit approval of IBM's path, is icing on the cake for what most investors already know is a great company and stock.

In the past, Buffett has avoided the tech sector, claiming he didn't understand the companies well enough to make significant investments. But current CEO Sam Palmisano impressed Buffett with his unusually detailed disclosure of IBM's future financial plans and goals.

At one point, IBM had teetered on the edge of irrelevance. Palmisano reimagined and reinvented the company, adding consulting and other services. Looking beyond mere technology to the total customer solution took IBM out of its comfort zone and has led it to new and unimagined heights.

Buffett's big buy bodes well for a company that's already doing quite well. IBM's stock has been on a steady climb since 2009, and with a P/E of 14, it's reasonably priced. The company even pays a modest dividend, yielding around 1.6 percent. (Motley Fool newsletter services have recommended buying shares of Berkshire Hathaway, and the Fool owns shares of it and IBM.)

Foolish Trivia

Name That Company

I was founded in 1986, opening my first store in Brighton, Mass. Today I'm the world's biggest office-products company, with annual sales of $25 billion. (I'm the world's second-largest online retailer, too, after Amazon.com, and I rake in more than $5 billion online annually.) I employ 90,000 people in more than 26 nations, and operate more than 1,800 stores in North America, offering copying, printing and shipping services. I've won awards for my recycling and environmental efforts. The Grammy Awards and Los Angeles Lakers games occur under my name. I make things "easy." Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Founded in 1979 and based in Massachusetts, I'm a tech giant today, helping companies store, manage, protect and analyze information. The first product I sold was a desk for computer users.

Since 2003, I've invested more than $10 billion in research and development around the world and $14 billion acquiring companies. In 1995 I overtook IBM as the mainframe storage leader. I rake in more than $19 billion annually. My stock has grown by an average of 13 percent annually over the past 15 years. My name might make you think of Albert Einstein. Who am I? (Answer: EMC)

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KEVIN BLAUM

IN THE ARENA

Commissioners continue to cause damage



FOURTEEN shopping days until Christmas, and the Luzerne County commissioners are the holiday gift that keeps on giving.

Continuing to remind us why voters last year marched to the polls en masse to obliterate the offices they hold, the ongoing actions of the board of commissioners only heighten the public's eager anticipation for the new county council destined to take over in January.

Against the wishes of council members-elect and the best interests of Luzerne County, not to mention the voters who sent them packing, the outgoing county commissioners continue to exercise their shriveling authority with impunity. They do so despite what was perhaps the most clear and convincing vote of no-confidence that Luzerne County has ever recorded.

With only 45 days remaining in their tawdry tenure, the county commissioners brazenly made two appointments to the Luzerne County Community College's Board of Trustees and named two more to the often pivotal county planning commission.

They did so despite requests from county Councilmen-elect Rick Williams and Edd Brominski to postpone such actions, as the new home rule government will be sworn-in on Jan. 2 and might wish to move in a different direction. Brominski also asked the commissioners to hold off on the purchase of a building on North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

In response, Commissioner Chairwoman Maryanne Petrilla reportedly said, "I took an oath of office until Dec. 31 of 2011, and I'm going to fulfill my duties until then." Scary, I know.

Will Rogers used to say such things made him feel as when the baby gets hold of the hammer; you just hope to get it away from them before they can do any more damage.

No such luck.

On Monday your Luzerne County commissioners voted to create a bi-county authority to run the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. The Lackawanna County commissioners followed suit, and each body gets to make three appointments to the board with each appointee serving a four-year term.

Again, Brominski asked the county commissioners, those repudiated at the polls one year ago, to put off naming anyone to the airport board and leave it to the new home rule county government to decide.

True to form, this week the commissioners are scheduled to push through their three, four-year appointments.

For weeks members of the newly elected county council have asked the sitting commissioners to use restraint when it comes to official actions. Needless to say, no one wants them to make matters worse than they already have.

Councilwoman-elect Linda McClosky Houck said, "I'd hate to see major decisions made when a new government is going to take over in just a few weeks."

Councilman-elect Rick Morelli went even further, suggesting he is politely and respectfully asking commissioners to refrain from such decisions. He said it's "the ethical and right thing to do." Good luck with that argument.

Worse, the commissioners might be leaving behind a political budget document set to explode early next year, forcing the new council to raise taxes only a few weeks in or preside over a government that makes huge cuts in the office of a new district attorney and the new judiciary in which it functions.

Last week respected President Judge Thomas Burke said the commissioners' budget does not even fund the county court to the recognized legal standard of "reasonable necessity."

So let us give thanks to Maryanne Petrilla, Stephen Urban and Thomas Cooney for reminding everyone why voters marched to the polls en masse to abolish the offices they hold and to establish a new, reform government that assumes its responsibilities on Jan. 2.

Happy shopping.

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AP PHOTOS

Santa, Cliff Snider, gets a kiss on the cheek from Bella Champion, 3, during a Christmas photo shoot at the 'Beach Shack' in Emerald Isle, N.C. When Snider, who's been playing Santa since he was a teenager, gets a big-ticket request, he typically answers: 'There's an awful lot of children asking for that this year. What else do you want?'

Asking for less

Santa finds kids giving shorter lists in recession

By MARTHA WAGGONER
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A job for their mom or dad. Money for the heating bill. Food or a place to live. Maybe gloves or boots. More and more, Santas say the children on their laps are asking for less for themselves — and Santa is promising less as well.



Santa talks with Adeline Adams, 3, about her Christmas list during a photo shoot at the 'Beach Shack' in Emerald Isle, N.C.

With unemployment stubbornly high, more homes in foreclosure and the economic outlook dim, many children who visit Santa are all too aware of the struggle to make ends meet.

"These children understand the conditions around the home when they ask for stuff," said Richard Holden, a 69-year-old Santa from Gastonia, N.C. "They understand when there are other children in the family, they need to be cautious or thoughtful of them as well and not ask for 10 to 12 items."

Cliff Snider, who's been playing Santa since he was a teenager, agrees.

"I think the parents are saying, 'It's an economic thing. Just list two to three things you really want to have,'" he said. "Parents are trying to encourage the children to be thrifty."

And the 64-year-old Snider does his best to help out. When he gets a big-ticket request, he typically responds: "There's an awful lot of children asking for that this year. What else do you want?"

At the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School, Santas learn lines like, "Wow, that's a big gift. Is there anything else you might like?"

These days, though, Santas are having to use it less and less.

"I think it's becoming more popular not to have that long list," said Tom Valent, dean of the Howard Santa school in Midland, Mich., which gets more than 3,000 letters to Santa a year and just graduated its 75th class. "Families are teaching their children to be as much of a giver as a receiver."

Starlight Fonseca has been teaching her five children, ages 5 to 14, "that we're not the only ones who have to cut things back. We're not the only ones struggling."

The 31-year-old mother and her husband Jose had been relying on a stipend from the University of Texas law school that Fonseca lost when an illness made it impossible for her to keep her grades up. She'd hoped to graduate in May but was unable to attend school this semester and can't get student loans due to poor credit.

Fonseca tells her kids that "to

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"These **CHILDREN** understand the conditions around the home when they ask for stuff. They understand when there are other children in the family, they need to be cautious or **THOUGHTFUL** of them."

Richard Holden
A 69-year-old Santa from Gastonia, N.C.

COMMENTARY

SPIKE DOLOMITE WARD

'Obamacare' to the rescue of cancer victim

I WANT TO apologize to President Obama. But first, some background.

I found out three weeks ago I have cancer. I'm 49 years old, have been married for almost 20 years and have two kids. My husband has his own small computer business, and I run a small nonprofit in the San Fernando Valley. I am also an artist. Money is tight, and we don't spend it frivolously. We're just ordinary, middle-class people, making an honest living, raising great kids and participating in our community, the kids' schools and church.

We're good people, and we work hard. But we haven't been able to afford health insurance for more than two years. And now I have third-stage breast cancer and am facing months of expensive treatment.

To understand how such a thing could happen to a family like ours, I need to take you back nine years to when my husband got laid off from the entertainment company where he'd worked for 10 years. Until then, we had been insured through his work, with a first-rate plan. After he got laid off, we got to keep that health insurance for 18 months through COBRA, by paying $1,300 a month, which was a huge burden on an unemployed father and his family.

I'm sorry I didn't realize that he really has stood up for me and my family, and for so many others like us.

By the time the COBRA ran out, my husband had decided to go into business for himself, so we had to purchase our own insurance. That was fine for a while. Every year his business grew. But insurance premiums were steadily rising, too. More than once, we switched carriers for a lower rate, only to have them raise rates significantly after a few months.

With the recession, both of our businesses took a huge hit — my husband's income was cut in half, and the foundations that had supported my small nonprofit were going through their own tough times. We had to start using a home equity line of credit to pay for our health insurance premiums (which by that point cost as much as our monthly mortgage). When the bank capped our home equity line, we were forced to cash in my husband's IRA. The time finally came when we had to make a choice between paying our mortgage or paying for health insurance. We chose to keep our house. We made a nerve-racking gamble, and we lost.

Not having insurance amplifies cancer stress. After the diagnosis, instead of focusing all of my energy on getting well, I was panicked about how we were going to pay for everything. I felt guilty and embarrassed about not being insured. When I went to the diagnostic center to pick up my first reports, I was sent to the financial department, where a woman sat me down to talk about resources for "cash patients" (a polite way of saying "uninsured").

"I'm not a deadbeat," I blurted out. "I'm a good person. I have two kids and a house!" The clerk was sympathetic, telling me how even though she worked in the health-care field, she could barely afford insurance herself.

Although there have been a few people who judged us harshly, most people have been understanding about how this could happen to us. That's given me the courage to "out" myself and my family in hopes that it will educate people who are still lucky enough to have health insurance and view people like my family as irresponsible. We're not. What I want people to understand is that, if this could happen to us, it could happen to anybody.

If you are fortunate enough to still be employed and have insurance through your employers, you may feel insulated from the sufferings of people like me right now. But things can change abruptly. If you still have a good job with insurance, that

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EDITORIAL

OUR OPINION: HELPING OTHERS

Your simple gifts fill great needs

AS HOLIDAY WISH lists go, this one strays a bit beyond the traditional.

New slippers and socks.

Undershirts for boys and girls (sizes 4, 6, 8 and 10).

Bras (all sizes).

Pajamas.

Peanut butter.

Someone who can teach people how to quilt.

A request for these items, and many more household staples, recently was issued by the Catherine McAuley House in Plymouth and its Scranton-based affiliate, which provide temporary housing for homeless women and their children who are displaced for reasons other than domestic violence.

Money, well, that's always appreciated, too. Financial donations from area residents keep the McAuley House and other charitable programs afloat. But most nonprofits in Northeastern Pennsylvania are equally grateful for material goods, even the most modest of things. Ditto for gifts of volunteer time.

Please give. Plenty of people in Luzerne and Wyoming counties are finding it difficult to provide for themselves this year, due to circumstances such as the sluggish national economy and late-summer storms that devastated many homes and businesses.

If you can afford to write a check, do so. If your kitchen cupboards or bathroom closet overflow with unopened, duplicate items, fill a box with extras and deliver them. If you know a neighbor who could use a hand, reach out.

The Times Leader's "Giving Guide," which each December spotlights a handful of area agencies in need of support, offers information this year on five area programs impacted by the 2011 flooding. The series begins in today's edition with an article about the Salvation Army.

The series, of course, only hints at the hundreds of regional groups that collectively strive to feed, shelter, heal, inspire and otherwise support people and improve this place. This week, contact your favorite food bank, animal-rescue group, environmental outfit or social service organization. Ask to hear its wish list; learn its needs.

You probably can't fill the bulk of its requests; a few of them might even be highly unorthodox. However, much like the tale of the Little Drummer Boy, you might be under-appreciating the abilities – and the simple gifts – that you can supply.

For instance, maybe you can teach quilting.

KNOW THE NEEDS

- Get information about the area's nonprofit network via Help Line's website, at www.helpline-nepa.info. Or call 1-888-829-1341.
- Connect with the Catherine McAuley House, Plymouth, at www.catherinemcauleycenter.org. Or call (570) 779-2801.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"People are afraid that I'm going to run as an independent candidate and some of the people that are supposed to be in the debate have expressed that."

Donald Trump

The real estate mogul – who remains a potential contender for the U.S. presidency – explained to CNN's Wolf Blitzer last week why a scheduled Dec. 27 debate that Trump was supposed to moderate was failing to attract participants. All but two of the Republican candidates, Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum, declined to attend.

OTHER OPINION: MAIL DELIVERY

A poison pill for post offices

THE U.S. POSTAL Service plan to delay first-class letters a full day, while eliminating thousands of mail handlers' jobs, will only make USPS services less appealing to customers.

Like the perennial proposals to eliminate Saturday mail delivery, this plan needs to be rethought. It's a short-term fix that will save $3 billion, but not the needed long-range solution for the quasi-governmental agency that faces a $14 billion loss this fiscal year.

A relentless strategy of postal cutbacks risks triggering a downward spiral that could only hasten a feared bankruptcy for this vital agency, which receives no taxpayer help.

Certainly, the Postal Regulatory Commission's required review of plans to effectively end next-day service for first-class letters and close dozens of regional sorting facilities must be undertaken with a critical look at the broader impacts.

For 40 percent of Americans who still pay their bills by mail, slower mail service could well mean more late fees. For businesses that rightfully rely on the Postal Service to reach customers, an extra day will pose logistical woes and added costs.

Holding out on moving away from six-day delivery is the more sensible stance of U.S. Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., who chairs the Senate subcommittee that oversees the USPS. He suggests lawmakers should look for ways to help the Postal Service's bottom line by removing other restraints – such as permitting post offices to offer new products and services that could generate revenue.

With first-class rates set to rise by only a penny in January despite the agency's fiscal crisis, it's obvious that the federal law capping postal rate hikes to the level of inflation makes less and less sense, and should be eased.

The Philadelphia Inquirer



College graduates just aren't that special anymore



COMMENTARY

JANE S. SHAW

AS A child perusing my parents' and grandparents' libraries in the 1950s, I came across odd books like one instructing the reader in proper pronunciation. It taught how to say the word "despicable" (stress the "des," not the "pic") and incognito (stress the "cog," not the "nito") – just the opposite of what you normally hear.

Another book told me that while there are many ways to announce that "it's time to go to bed," one never should say "let's hit the sack." Using that term revealed you as a hick because it alluded to times (and places) when beds were made of straw – and you didn't want to be associated with them.

Such tomes (and others, including Emily Post's famed book of etiquette) helped many Americans who weren't fortunate enough to attend college – the vast majority in those days – brush off the hayseed and become proper members of the middle class as they moved into their Levittown homes with their new all-electric kitchens, Presto pressure cookers, and Encyclopaedia Britannicas.

Today nearly 30 percent of American adults have college degrees. But there doesn't seem to be much difference between many of the college educated and their non-college peers.

To some extent this might be because of mass culture. Lawrence Summers, former president of Harvard, recently claimed that average Americans are smarter than they used to be. His evidence: in the 1960s the country's favorite TV show was the "Beverly Hillbillies"; in the 2000s, it was "West Wing." In his view, the silliness of the one versus the erudition of the other reveals the elevation of mass culture. We all have "moved up."

Maybe, but an equally plausible reason that college graduates don't stand out is that they are just as deeply mired in lowbrow culture as everyone else. Sports – college, professional, amateur – are today's great levelers, along with entertainment emblems such as "American Idol," "Biggest Loser," "Jersey Shore," and the technological world of Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

The college graduate is part and parcel of this environment, and I haven't noticed that graduates speak noticeably better than those who haven't been to college. Every person under 30 seems to use the dreadful locution "me and Jan" as the subject of a sentence.

Personally, I don't care terribly whether graduates sound educated or not; of greater concern is whether they are educated.

But why doesn't college provide the superficial veneer of respectability that it did in the past?

The answer is that it doesn't provide the substance that it did in the past. College graduates rarely quote Shakespeare or even use his plots to illustrate points. Does anyone under age 50 ever allude to Plato's cave? As Lee Doren says in his new e-book, "Please Enroll Responsibly," students "aren't receiving the education most people expect when they think of earning a degree."

Few students get a solid grounding – or any grounding at all – in what used to be called "high culture": the fundamental intellectual ideas that underlie modern society. Core curricula at most colleges have been tossed out the window. Of the 54 accredited colleges and universities in North Carolina, for example, only two require courses in U.S. government or history.

All in all, a college education doesn't seem to make you anything special anymore.

If Americans once used college as a stepping-stone to a more respectable life, and that doesn't work anymore, families are going to rethink spending thousands of dollars on higher education. Junior can just get a job and with the money he saves and buy a – well, perhaps a Lamborghini.

Now that would move the family up in the estimation of the neighbors, wouldn't it?

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In war on drugs, 'unpatriotic' dissent can get you fired



COMMENTARY

GLENN GARVIN

I OWE Kyle Vogt an apology. A former military policeman, he's now a member of a group called Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, or LEAP, a group of former cops, prosecutors and judges that supports ending the war on drugs.

When I interviewed Vogt for a column earlier this year, everything he said about the high cost and low results of the war on drugs made perfect sense. But he made one claim that, though I smiled politely, I didn't believe and didn't use in my column: that dozens and dozens of drug cops have contacted LEAP to express their support.

"They're afraid," Vogt said. "Any policeman who says he thinks drugs should be legalized gets fired."

In civil-liberties-conscious America, patrolled by attack squadrons of ACLU lawyers? Get real, buddy, I thought. The war on drugs does enough damage without piling on with paranoid delusions.

But in the war on drugs, the line between paranoia and reality turns out to be a thin one indeed.

Earlier this month, The New York Times carried a story on Bryan Gonzalez, a young agent fired by the U.S. Border Patrol. Grounds for dismissal: Gonzalez told another agent that legalizing marijuana would save lives in both the United States and Mexico. And he mentioned LEAP.

When the other agent reported the conversation to his superiors, it triggered an internal affairs investigation that ended with an official letter dismissing Gonzalez for holding "personal views that were contrary to core characteristics of Border Patrol Agents, which are patriotism, dedication and esprit de corps."

For starters, that sentence is a flat-out lie. The Border Patrol's "core values," according to its own webpage, are serving the American public "with vigilance, integrity and professionalism." There's not a single word about patriotism, dedication or esprit de corps.

But what if there were? Since when is it unpatriotic to advocate a change in the U.S. criminal code? If Gonzalez had told his fellow Border Patrol agent that he thought prison terms for drug smugglers should be doubled, would that have been unpatriotic, too?

Gonzalez did not light up a joint or bring a pan of Alice B. Toklas brownies to work. He did not let a drug smuggler go. He did not even sell guns to the Sinaloa Cartel. All he did was express an opinion.

But, as Kyle Vogt tried to tell me, having the wrong opinion about the war on drugs is enough to get you fired from a law-enforcement job these days:

- Last month, former Arizona probation officer Joe Miller filed suit to get his job back after being fired for signing a letter in support of a ballot initiative (in another state!) to legalize personal use of marijuana.
- Jonathan Wender, a sergeant in the Mountlake Terrace, Wash., police department, was fired for backing the decriminalization of marijuana. He won a court case that got him an $815,000 settlement plus his job back, but decided to quit anyway.
- Canada, which hosted so many American draft dodgers trying to stay out of the war in Vietnam, is apparently taking a less tolerant view of dissent from its own war on drugs. When city officials in Victoria, British Columbia, invited local cop David Bratzer to give a speech outlining his support for legalization, Bratzer's chief canceled it, then warned him not to criticize drug laws while within the city limits.

Clearly, the war on drugs has escalated to a war on talking about the war on drugs.

I'm sorry I doubted Vogt. As the old joke goes, even paranoids have real enemies. Though nobody's laughing at this one.

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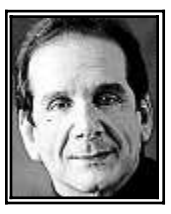
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Obama's campaign for class resentment



COMMENTARY

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

IN THE first month of his presidency, Barack Obama averred that if in three years he hadn't alleviated the nation's economic pain, he'd be a "one-term proposition."

When three-quarters of Americans think the country is on the "wrong track" and even Bill Clinton calls the economy "lousy," how then to run for a second term? Traveling Tuesday to Osawatomie, Kan., site of a famous 1910 Teddy Roosevelt speech, Obama laid out the case.

It seems that he and his policies have nothing to do with the current state of things. Sure, presidents are ordinarily held accountable for economic growth, unemployment, national indebtedness (see Obama, above). But not this time. Responsibility, you see, lies with the rich.

Or, as the philosophers of Zuccotti Park call them, the 1 percent.

For Obama, these rich are the ones holding back the 99 percent. The "breathtaking greed of a few" is crushing the middle class. If only the rich paid their "fair share," the middle class would have a chance. Otherwise, government won't have enough funds to "invest" in education and innovation, the golden path to the sunny uplands of economic growth and opportunity.

Where to begin? A country spending twice as much per capita on education as it did in 1970 *with zero effect on test scores* is not underinvesting in education. It's mis-investing. As for federally directed spending on innovation – such as Solyndra? ethanol? The preposterously subsidized, flammable Chevy Volt?

Our current economic distress is attributable to myriad causes: globalization, expensive high-tech medicine, a huge debt burden, a burst housing bubble largely driven by precisely the egalitarian impulse that Obama is promoting (government aggressively pushing "affordable housing" that turned out to be disastrously unaffordable), an aging population straining the social safety net.

Yes, growing inequality is a problem throughout the Western world. But Obama's pretense that it is the root cause of this sick economy is ridiculous.

As is his solution, that old perennial: selective abolition of the Bush tax cuts. As if all that ails us, all that keeps the economy from humming and the middle class from advancing, is a 4.6-point hike in marginal tax rates for the rich.

This, in a country $15 trillion in debt with out-of-control entitlements systematically starving every other national need.

This obsession with a sock-it-to-the-rich tax hike that, at most, would have reduced this year's deficit from $1.30 trillion to $1.22 trillion is the classic reflex of reactionary liberalism – anything to avoid addressing the underlying structural problems, which would require modernizing the totemic programs of the New Deal and Great Society.

As for those structural problems, Obama has spent three years on signature policies that either ignore or aggravate them:

• A massive stimulus, a gigantic payoff to Democratic interest groups (such as teachers, public sector unions) that will add nearly $1 trillion to the national debt.

• A sweeping federally run reorganization of health care that (a) cost Congress a year, (b) created an entirely new entitlement in a nation hemorrhaging from unsustainable entitlements, (c) introduced new levels of uncertainty into an already stagnant economy.

• High-handed regulation, best exemplified by Obama's failed cap-and-trade legislation, promptly followed by an EPA trying to impose the same conventional-energy-killing agenda by administrative means.

Moreover, on the one issue that already enjoys a bipartisan consensus – the need for fundamental reform of a corrosive, corrupted tax code that misdirects capital and promotes unfairness – Obama did nothing, ignoring the recommendations of several bipartisan commissions, including his own.

Obama can't run on stewardship. He can't run on policy. His signature initiatives – the stimulus, "Obamacare" and the failed cap-and-trade – will go unmentioned in his campaign ads. Indeed, they will be the stuff of *Republican* ads.

What's left? Class resentment. Got a better idea?

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ANOTHER VIEW

A photograph by Don Carey and words by Mark E. Jones



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't take the bait today. Stay in school. Sure, you might feel like you're stuck in the same-old, same-old, just going through the motions with a brainless bunch of imitators. But one day soon you're sure to be a big fish in a small pond.

Online, all the time: It's our newest diversion



COMMENTARY

MITCH ALBOM

WAIT LONG enough, and a study will be published confirming you were right.

So it was earlier this month when a Pew Research Center project revealed that on any given day, more than half of Americans ages 18-29 go on the Internet for "no particular reason."

Aha!

I knew it!

I have long believed that going into cyberspace is a mission young people take not to actually land on a planet, but to cruise around the stars until the ship runs out of gas. The study shows that these young people have no purpose with the Web other than "fun," which is why a video of a two drunken Ukrainians can have a gazillion hits.

When you're not looking for anything special, the un-special will do just fine.

It reminds me of when we were kids, and we came into the house and immediately flipped on the TV set.

"What are you watching?" our parents asked.

"Nothing," we said.

"Then why do you have it on?"

We had no good answer then, as I suspect kids have no good answer today. Their parents ask, "Why are you on that computer?"

And they say, "Uh ... what?"

Now it's true, every generation has its diversions. In the recent Woody Allen movie "Midnight in Paris," the main character thinks life in the 1920s is much more alluring than today, and he gets to go back to that time – only to find a woman who thinks that life in the 1800s is much more alluring than the 1920s.

Same thing with diversions. We wonder why our kids are on the computer for so long, our parents wondered why we were addicted to the TV, their parents wondered why the radio always had to be on, and their parents wondered how the horse got disconnected from the buggy. (OK, I made up that last one. My research doesn't go back that far.)

But there is special concern with this new online addiction. No one was a predator on the radio. No one stole your identity through the TV. No one posted anonymous hate mail or vicious rumors through those mediums, nor were they used as a way of communicating with people in lieu of speaking face to face.

I am not in the 18-29 age group anymore. I barely remember it. But I see so many people of that age drawing all their opinions, news, entertainment and – worst of all – social interaction through a computer screen, that I worry soon the whole world will roll out of bed, plop down and reach for the mouse.

That is not how we were meant to live.

An old teacher of mine once told me he couldn't watch much TV because he found it "physically depressing." Not the programs. The act of sitting and staring at images.

He said he felt worn out after a few TV hours, even though he barely moved a muscle.

I know what he means. I feel that way after too many hours on the computer. It's a cross between wanting to fly away and not wanting to let go. There's always one more thing to check. One more site to find. One more search to run.

It's this yin and yang that are behind the Pew survey, I believe, and I don't think it's getting better. More and more of our lives are online – banking, shopping, problem-solving. And of course, communicating. We're beginning to hear about people texting in their sleep.

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It makes you wonder how we ever filled up our time before screens or speakers were invented.

You know what people did? They talked. They visited. They sat near fires or rocked on porches. They wrote letters. They read quietly. They played with the kids and looked at the stars.

You know what we call that today?

A vacation.

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Pumpkin Festival backers thanked

Thank you to all the merchants, vendors, parade participants, entertainers, volunteers and patrons who were instrumental in making our 16th annual Fall Pumpkin Festival a great success. We hope to see everyone at our Christmas event.

Dick Evans
President
Luzerne Merchants Association

'God bless' sent to pantry fillers

The volunteers of the Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne thank the following churches and groups for donating to our pantry this holiday season: The Knights of Columbus Assumpta Council No. 3987, Luzerne; Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville; the Bennett Presbyterian Church, Luzerne; and the Wyoming Valley West High School student council, Plymouth.

We sincerely appreciate the members of these groups who took time out to sponsor collections of food items. The donations will help to keep our pantry stocked for the next few months.

God bless the people who helped these drives and everyone who donated food.

Carol Cardoni
Volunteer
Holy Family Food Pantry
Luzerne

MOUNTAIN LAURELS

Mountain Laurels is a regular series of letters from readers conveying thanks to individuals or groups for their support, help or kindness.

Seven Loaves rises to very top

As a caseworker for the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program, I have clients who live miles apart and have many different needs. In Tunkhannock, I have a client who visits the Seven Loaves soup kitchen twice a week.

Until very recently, she had not been able to cook for herself because of a lack of a stove and help. Even though she now has a stove, I do not think her visits to the kitchen will change. Seven Loaves has become a part of her social environment; what will change is that she will be able to have healthier meals while she is at home.

I have visited numerous soup kitchens in communities such as Allentown, Buffalo, Rochester and a dozen small towns in between. I have witnessed some decent shelters and food cupboards, but I also have witnessed many very cruel soup kitchens and food banks that put on a "servant" attitude but don't show heart. Years of experience have taught me that the way a homeless person or a parent with hungry children is treated the first time at an establishment providing free services is how the person will feel each time he or she visits.

Many people continue to step forward for their child's sake and take the humiliation, while their self-esteem hits another low. Many people will never return and choose to go hungry. How sad this is in a country so full of wasted food.

In Tunkhannock, I have had the privilege of seeing the Christmas spirit demonstrated in the Seven Loaves soup kitchen on a year-round basis. If I could gather what these wonderful people have, I would spend the rest of my life marketing it and dispensing it for free.

Kindness, love and an abundance of happy smiles are common across the counter of the serving area. Hard work and dedication are evident, as is a real acceptance of anyone who walks in the door.

I do not know how or why this soup kitchen came to be, but I know how different it is from so many others.

Thank you, Seven Loaves, for giving joy to so many and for finding in your hearts what many never find at all: the love that makes this time of year what it is. You have shown me the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you for all that you do. This caseworker visits your establishment without any fear of ever having to step in and correct an attitude toward my client, or helping to heal the hurt of a client who has been left feeling humiliated because they needed food. You have made my job easier and enjoyable. Thank you for saying "merry Christmas" all year long.

Patricia Hockenbury
Greenfield Township

Veteran impressed by Dallas students

As a combat Marine veteran of World War II, I was invited to participate in the Veterans Day ceremonies on Nov. 11 at the Dallas High School, and I readily accepted.

The program was planned to perfection and carried out in the same manner. The part that really impressed me was the participation of the high school students. The girls were modestly and tastefully dressed while the boys wore white shirts, ties and dark suits. This program was indeed a first-class production.

I graduated from Newport High School in 1941, and these students really took me back in time. There were no jeans then – nobody wore dirty sneakers, sloppy sweatpants or shirttails untucked, and the boys certainly didn't wear pants way below the waistline.

It is a credit to the Dallas administration and faculty, and to the parents and families of these students, to see such decorum. And, of course, this discipline is visible in other channels. Just look at the success of Dallas academically and in athletics.

Again, thank you for taking me back to the "good old days."

Ralph T. Galicki
Mocanaqua

Newspaper loaded with top workers

I think The Times Leader has an excellent paper, so keep up the good work.

Your quality of artwork is a credit to all your employees. Most of your picture pages are beautiful.

I retired from the newspaper business after 45 years. My editor once told me that a newspaper is only as good as its employees want it to be, so your employees must be loaded with talent.

William Dillon
Pittston

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Crucial bill for patient safety

In the 13 years I have been a medical doctor serving the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania, advances in technology have improved how we care for our patients. New tests, medications and treatments reduce risk and increase the likelihood of recovery.

With these changes come new challenges. For example, technological advancements have blurred the perception of what might be considered eye surgery. But I think we all can agree that if we must have surgery, whether performed with a scalpel, laser or other tool, we want a medical doctor doing it.

Unfortunately, Pennsylvania law has not kept up with improvements in the operating room. Currently, non-physicians are prohibited from performing surgery. Yet the legal definition of "surgery" is not clear enough to ensure that only trained medical doctors will be permitted to perform emerging surgical procedures.

HB 838, which passed the state House by an overwhelming bipartisan vote and is now before the state Senate, clearly defines eye surgery. The bill was written after months of discussions among legislators and medical professionals. It clarifies that surgical procedures must be performed by ophthalmologists, who are medical doctors, while not removing anything from the scope of practice of optometrists, who have received medical training but are not physicians.

This bill is an important patient safety and protection measure.

Northeastern Pennsylvania's state senators John Blake, Lisa Baker and John Yudichak should support its passage right away in the state Senate.

Dr. Steven Vale
Scranton

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Drilling legislation lacks safeguards

In Northeastern Pennsylvania we now see TV commercials that tout natural gas well-casings as the silver bullet that will transform deep-seated gas drilling from the dangerous industry that we have experienced for the past few years into one that is benign.

But much of the methane contamination has been traced to sources that lie at shallower geologic levels than the Marcellus Shale. It does not take a rocket scientist to understand that this type of pollution is not the result of bad casings; for a gas well-casing protects against pollution only from Marcellus gas.

The types of methane migration that the industry wants us to believe are "naturally occurring" are precisely the ones that it has no idea how to predict or how to control. Thus, it seemingly invents explanations to exonerate itself from the associated responsibilities.

Lawmakers in Harrisburg are considering so-called comprehensive gas-drilling legislation. There are many serious issues that are either not mentioned or insufficiently addressed within the pieces of legislation (SB 1100 and HB 1950). These issues include placing strict limitations upon local municipal governments' power to regulate the gas industry, taxing the industry, appropriating associated tax revenues and environmental concerns.

Deep-seated drilling/fracking is much different than older methods of vertical drilling to extract shallow methane. Pennsylvania laws currently in place do not apply to the new technology.

Given the insufficiency of our current level of scientific understanding of the environmental problems associated with deep-seated gas drilling in Pennsylvania, the proposed legislation includes environmental regulations that are very risky. In particular, the proposed setback distances between gas wells and waters wells do not adequately account for the problems associated with methane migration.

Pennsylvania residents are encouraged to contact their state representative and state senator, voicing opposition to both SB 1100 and HB 1950.

Audrey Simpson
Shavertown

Agency helps families get by

Looking back through the lens of "Christmases past," I recall holiday seasons not of want or of plenty but of sufficient blessings each year that continue to make fond memories.

There was never enough to share with others in the community who were not so blessed, aside from contributions to the United Way, but our household always was somehow a warm, grateful place to reside. It was a different time, as my brother and I were blessed with parents who didn't need to worry about job security. They were both production line workers at local factories, and, though the wages were low, there was enough to meet our needs. I am humbled by the sacrifices my mother and father made in order to produce a better life for their children. I have carried that standard forward, and I hope years down the road my daughter will look back at the efforts of her mother and father and feel the same.

As I take inventory of our community today, I see a host of issues that simply didn't exist or I was too young to recognize. High unemployment, military deployment, widespread substance abuse, bullying through social media and damage wrought by recent flooding. Among many things, I take comfort in working for an organization, Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley, that is committed to helping families confront today's challenges.

How do we assist, and who are we? Simply put:

- We are the family that sits at a supper table that provides scant offerings because Mom, Dad or someone at the table was a victim of job downsizing and is now unemployed.
- We are the family of a child who sits huddled in a corner, covering his ears, trying to block out the sounds of an argument that has escalated into physical abuse.
- We are the family that gathers in a circle before the children go off to bed in order to pray for the safety of a loved one who stands thousands of miles away, dressed in desert khakis, in hostile territory.
- We are the family whose children struggle with school performance and attendance, and who find greater comfort with street acquaintances than within their own family because of the rift and tears caused by substance abuse.
- We are the family of a young woman who struggles to understand why she and her partner simply can't seem to get along anymore, and she fears that her family will be torn apart.
- We are the family that has been working tirelessly after school to tear out the walls, remove the furniture, the keepsakes, the photos of a happier time and the muck left behind by a river that could not be contained.
- We are the family that otherwise doesn't exist for an elderly gentleman who has lost his mental faculties and isn't able to make decisions about the care of his property.
- We are the family of a young man who sits by the phone vacillating between making the call and taking the pills.

These are the families with whom we work daily through counseling services, anger management, batterer's intervention services, high-risk youth re-entry, time-limited family reunification, family finding, youth outreach, guardianship and, of course, Help Line. These are the programs that do good and are available because of your generosity.

Help us to carry forward so Christmas future will find our community a better place in which to live.

For information on the programs of Family Service Association and how your donation can help, call us at 823-5144 or visit www.fsawv.org.

Michael Zimmerman
Executive director
Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley
Wilkes-Barre

Tax codes stalling economic recovery

I find it sad that in what is supposedly the greatest country on Earth we have unemployment hovering around 9 percent.

Sure, economies based on capitalism will have their ups and downs, but it seems as if there's something more that's preventing a more robust recovery. Perhaps it's because our tax code is *ridiculous* compared to other countries' codes, and it doesn't help our country's biggest problem now – a jobless recovery that's going slow (and sometimes stalling).

Since our tax laws give corporations tax breaks for shipping jobs overseas, of course companies will build plants elsewhere and hire plenty of cheaper foreign labor. Let me ask this question: Why would we do that as a country? I know we want our corporations to be able to compete globally for business, but we have shoved good manufacturing jobs to the brink; and that is why our economy isn't where it should be right now.

Since the United States is predominantly a service-oriented economy, we have many people working in jobs that just aren't right for them. Let's face it: Some of these people are *not* cut out to do customer service work and it shows. (Ever hear how many people complain daily about poor customer service?) That's really not these people's faults; they're probably better suited for building or making things. But where are those jobs? They are few and far between for many U.S. workers. This is a direct result of our tax codes.

If we just change that one law to give companies tax breaks for creating jobs here, I'd be willing to bet that this economy would begin to see some true growth. Some people might argue that's protectionism, or that the United States is isolating itself from the global economy. Last I checked though, the global economy isn't doing that well either. Sure, companies would have to pay the American workers more than our foreign counterparts, but we should incentivize companies to do this.

Let's hope this proposed tax law change comes sooner rather than later. Millions of U.S. families are depending on it.

Martin A. Federici Jr.
Dallas



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Pa. should abolish the death penalty

The United States is the only western industrialized nation that permits capital punishment, or execution.

In February, Illinois became the 16th state to abolish capital punishment. Pennsylvania should follow suit. The high number of death-row inmates eventually exonerated makes a strong argument for the possibility that some innocent people have been wrongfully put to death.

Nationwide, as of March 2011, about 273 people convicted of crimes, including murder, had been exonerated by incontrovertible evidence. The Innocence Project, founded in 1992, evaluates evidence, especially DNA evidence, which is available in only about 10 percent of cases, mainly rape.

In Pennsylvania, since 1980, six death-row inmates have been exonerated. The American Bar Association in 2007 highly criticized the many flaws in Pennsylvania's death penalty system and concluded the state runs the risk of the unthinkable execution of an innocent person.

Pennsylvania has the fourth-largest death-row population in the United States: 213 men and women.

Despite the current publicity of the execution in Georgia and Texas Gov. Rick Perry's unabashed support for executions in his state, juries nationwide are increasingly reluctant to sentence people to death. That includes Pennsylvania, where only three people were so sentenced in 2010.

Whether you are morally for or against capital punishment, and since there is no fail-safe way a jury can reach a verdict of first-degree murder, capital punishment needs to be abolished because of the enormous danger of taking the life of an innocent person.

Dr. James P. Bond
Pocono Pines

Thanks, Paterno; it's all your fault

I imagine the firing of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno might have gone something like this:

There is a knock on Joe's door at home. When he answers it a cloaked figure with dark glasses and hat pulled down hands Joe an envelope, kisses him on both cheeks and leaves. The envelope contains instructions to call a phone number. Joe calls and the voice at the other end identifies himself as a member of the university's board of trustees.

"Joe, I'm calling about this scandal thing. First, we want to assure you that we appreciate the nearly 60 years of service to PSU; you have been an icon and have done more for this university than anyone in its history, and I don't mean just athletically. You have brought prestige, honor and integrity to our beloved university. You have developed a program that has helped subsidize many other athletic programs. You have led by example and shown athletes the value of an education and how important it is to make contributions in their communities. Joe, we appreciate the library and the large amounts of money you have raised for us to be used for scholarships and building projects. Last, but not least, we commend you for announcing that you will retire at the end of the current season, but, Joe, you screwed up once. You never followed through to make sure everyone in the chain of command above you was doing their jobs.

"We are not sure of all the facts, because from what we hear the investigation is not complete. We have been busy traveling and spending time with our families. You should have called everyone to check on the investigation. Joe, it was your responsibility to make sure *everyone* here was doing their jobs.

"Besides that we have other concerns: the grass at your house is a little high, a lot of leaves have been falling all around campus, you haven't found that district attorney who went missing, the economy is in a slump and a lot of good TV shows have been cancelled. Joe, you haven't been on the ball!

"So, Joe, YOU'RE FIRED. Thanks for everything, but the *one* screw-up here is too much. We would have told you all this in person, but we've been meeting for the last few hours and we are hungry and are going to dinner (at PSU's expense)."

Frank J. Michaels
Forty Fort

Merry Christmas minus material

Camping out in front of a store is not the true meaning of Christmas. People need not put an importance on material things. It would make the world a better place.

Alex S. Partika
Wilkes-Barre

Rid U.S. tax code of all subsidies

As a starter, please consider that the U.S. tax code is more than 75,000 pages of exemptions and exceptions written by lobbyists and passed into law by our esteemed Congress.

Don't forget who permits this atrocity to continue from one Congress to another. Vote them out if they choose not to address the use of the tax code as a political tool. The message here is to get politics – and about 74,900 pages – out of the tax code.

Government, regardless of whether the sponsors of legislation are Republican or Democrat, should not determine who wins or who loses in any marketplace. It is intrinsically unfair. This notion extends to the Republican-sponsored "Pickens Plan," House Resolution 1380, which was introduced in April. The Pickens Plan is just as bad as Solyndra. Democrat or Republican, no subsidies means no subsidies.

Regardless of how it is restructured, the U.S. tax code should have all subsidies removed. If businesses cannot make it, then they should not make it. It is that simple.

Rich people should not risk my money in order to become richer. Moreover, they should not think they even have a right to my money and your money for any reason.

For honest government, subsidies, which always create crony capitalism, must become a thing of the past.

Brian Kelly
Wilkes-Barre

Life's explanation rests with God

In a recent letter, Justin Vacula discussed Occam's razor, explaining phenomena with the fewest assumptions and using a theory that has the most explanatory power.

I submit that he is wrong about prayer and supernatural intervention. His naturalistic world view is inadequate to explain the bigger questions of life.

The naturalistic atheistic model holds that (a) the universe was created from nothing; (b) life came from non-life; (c) persons came from the impersonal; (d) minds come from the mindless; (e) order from the orderless; (f) reason from the non-rational; (g) morality from the non-moral; (h) information without a sender; (i) code from a non-programmer; (j) truth from an accident.

The biblical theistic model holds (a) that the universe was created by a Creator; (b) that life comes from ultimate Life; (c) persons come from the Superpersonal; (d) minds come from the ultimate Mind; (e) order comes from an Orderer; (f) reason comes from a rational Being; (g) morality comes from a moral Person; (h) information comes from a Sender; (i) code comes from a personal Programmer; (j) truth comes from ultimate Truth.

I invite the reader to examine both models to see which has the greatest explanatory power. A good hypothesis such as the God of the Bible provides a consistent metaphysical foundation for explaining the important realities and phenomena encountered in life.

(a) God uniquely accounts for the physical universe's beginning; (b) God uniquely accounts for the ordered complexity and the design evident in the universe; (c) God uniquely accounts for the reality of abstract nonphysical realities such as numbers, which are the foundation of mathematics and which are not explainable in terms of physical matter and its processes; (d) God uniquely accounts for the meaning, purpose and significance that human beings sense and yearn for; (e) God uniquely accounts for man's sense of the design.

Without meaning and purpose, the naturalistic atheistic model leads to angst, despair, dread and ultimate extinction of human beings.

I submit it is better to be "standing on the promises of God" than the idea that everything came from nothing.

James U. Sinclair
Wright Township

Writer opposes traffic cameras

I have some comments on the proposed expansion in Pennsylvania of the red-light camera method of issuing tickets.

Many drivers simply will avoid a camera-equipped city or at least the streets with the cameras. This possibly will divert traffic away from main thoroughfares and push it onto narrow residential streets. This is unsafe and will create delays. It also will hurt the local businesses.

Theoretically, you could see fewer crashes on one street, but you could create more somewhere else. You cannot know which roads drivers will take, and those routes might not be a part of any published results.

Since certain studies have shown that camera intersections have experienced more crashes, especially rear-end collisions, the state and the various cities might be looking at getting sued or needing to defend the law in court. The validity of the camera law could be challenged in court on the grounds of being a safety hazard, plus on constitutional grounds. Many organizations, such as the National Motorists Association, likely would back legal challenges.

In addition, if courts force the cameras to be removed, tickets likely will need to be refunded and the camera contracts breached. Once people get citations or are involved in crashes, they will be victims, thus having legal standing in court and could pursue damages on their own. You could even see a class-action suit. All of this has the potential to bankrupt the cities and the state.

I did traffic studies and can tell you that it is a fallacy to say that people deliberately run red lights in a careless fashion. The various bills on this topic do not require cities to first make engineering improvements, such as extending yellow durations or trying all-red intervals, vehicle sensors, visible countdown timers, etc.

In conclusion, dig deeper before believing what you're told. In addition to stopping the further expansion of camera use statewide, let's say good riddance to the Philadelphia cameras that expire on Dec. 31; they should be deactivated.

James Sikorski Jr.
Wapwallopen



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doesn't mean that you're better than me, more deserving than me or smarter than me. It just means that you are luckier. And access to health care shouldn't depend on luck.

Fortunately for me, I've been saved by the federal government's Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan, something I had never heard of before needing it. It's part of President Obama's health-care plan, one of the things that has already kicked in, and it guarantees access to insurance for U.S. citizens with pre-existing conditions who have been uninsured for at least six months. The application was short, the premiums are affordable, and I have found the people who work in the administration office to be quite compassionate (nothing like the people I have dealt with over the years at other insurance companies). It's not perfect, of course, and it still leaves many people in need out in the cold. But it's a start, and for me it's been a lifesaver — perhaps literally.

Which brings me to my apology. I was pretty mad at Obama before I learned about this new insurance plan. I had changed my registration from Democrat to independent, and I had blacked out the top of the "h" on my Obama bumper sticker, so that it read, "Got nope" instead of "got hope." I felt like he had let down the struggling middle class. My son and I had campaigned for him, but since he took office, we felt he had let us down.

So this is my public apology. I'm sorry I didn't do enough of my own research to find out what promises the president has made good on. I'm sorry I didn't realize that he really has stood up for me and my family, and for so many others like us. I'm getting a new bumper sticker to cover the one that says "Got nope." It will say "Obama-Cares."

Spike Dolomite Ward is the founder and executive director of Arts in Education Aid Council (http://www.aieac.org), a nonprofit organization that is restoring the arts to public schools in the San Fernando Valley. She wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

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make it fair for everyone, Santa has to cut back for everyone. ... We paint it in a way that Santa is doing the best he can to make everybody happy at Christmas."

It's especially hard for the oldest children.

"They were two little kids who used to be excited about Christmas, and now they know every gift under the tree should have gone to the utility company," she said. "It shouldn't be that way, but that's where we are now."

Of course, Santas still see some kids like the 9-year-old who pulled out a BlackBerry and showed Snider photos of all the things he wanted. "It cracked me up," he said.

Holden's response to a long list is to say something like, "Why don't you narrow this down just a little bit and choose two or three items you would really like?" Sometimes he'll even mention prices, and say, "With things like they are, Santa Claus will do what he can to help you get what you like. But we can't make you any promises."

Tim Connaghan, who runs the International University for Santa Claus in Riverside, Calif., conducts an annual survey among the 500 Santas he employs. The economy has become such a big issue that Connaghan asked them for advice on how to handle some of the questions kids were asking about unemployed parents or having to move.

"Let's all hope your dad will find a new job, or you will get into a new home," is one recommended response.

"Acknowledge the problem, give them a positive response and say, 'Santa loves you, too. Maybe I could get something special for you,'" said Connaghan. "It's that quick, usually. But the hope is that when the child leaves, he feels a little better."

Connaghan recalled the night he and other Santas took some needy children shopping. One boy wanted to buy toilet paper because his mother was taking napkins and paper towels from a fast food restaurant for toilet paper.

"He wanted to buy her real toilet paper — a common, everyday item that we all take for granted," Connaghan said. "And this child is thinking this is a Christmas gift."

Holden has had children ask for things like heat at home. He'll tell the child Santa will do what he can, then try to let the parents know about agencies that might help.

One child returned a year later and "said she wanted to thank Santa for getting her some help when they didn't have food or a place to stay." Someone had overheard the conversation with Santa and helped the family.

"There's more to being a Santa Claus than you think there is," Holden said. "You don't just go 'ho, ho, ho,' pat them on the back of the head and send them on their way. You get involved with them. ... You just make sure they feel loved and they feel special when they leave your lap."

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Santa, Cliff Snider, poses for Christmas photos with Garrett Shipp, 5, left, and Samantha Shipp, 2, at the 'Beach Shack' in Emerald Isle, N.C.

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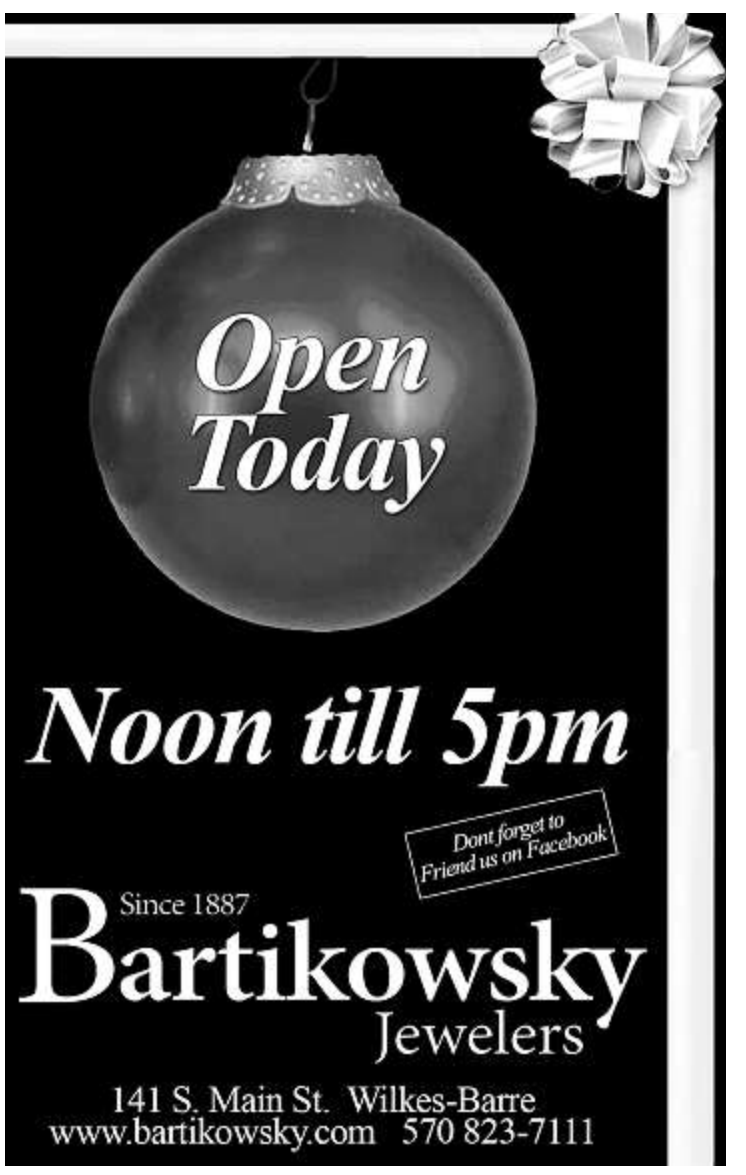
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By MARY THERESE BIEBEL | *mbiebel@timesleader.com*

After Hurricane Irene toppled a weeping willow in the Back Mountain, woodworker David Doty found an intriguing, roundish growth on its trunk.

The craftsman, who salvages material rather than cutting new wood, turned that burl into a gleaming wooden bowl.

In another waste-not-want-not measure, he filled the bowl's cracks with brass shavings – a byproduct of key grinding he asked to take away from Lowe's home-improvement center.

"At my daughter's request, my next project will be a wooden rattle for a baby," said Doty, of Wyoming, whose work is on display this month at Mainstreet Galleries in Kingston.

The galleries are full of art that is similarly green, from wine bottles transformed into lamps by a company called Drunken Bottles Inc. to a picture frame made from corrugated building material.

"It's fantastic," visitor Pat Kennedy of East Stroudsburg said during the recent opening reception of an exhibit titled "Environmental Concerns: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly."



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David Doty shows off some of his handcrafted wooden bowls at Mainstreet Galleries in Kingston. Doty, of Wyoming, operates Dennison Woodturning and said he's always looking for wood to salvage.

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"I love the glass," she said, admiring sculptures by artist Maria Livrone, who used the heat of a kiln to shape one-time shards into a female torso, crafted a rippled piece from a window pane and put together a kind of floral arrangement with 14 Rolling Rock beer bottles serving as the petals.

"What other studios would throw out, we use," said Livrone, who creates her sculptures in the former St. Joseph's Monastery in Wilkes-Barre Township. "We have a zero-waste studio."

Complementing the three-dimensional art at the galleries are photographs that depict waterfalls and icicles, forest creatures and farm scenes.

A few show what some may see as a benefit while others say it's a blight upon the land: evidence of natural-gas wells among the fields and cornstalks.

"When we showcase things like this, we

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Left: Those green petals used to contain Rolling Rock beer. Now they're part of a garden sculpture by Maria Livrone.



Photographer Terry Wild wants people to consider the environmental impact of natural-gas drilling, as illustrated in his photograph of a well in a cornfield.



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Michaela Conlin plays Angela Montenegro in 'Bones,' on FOX.

Girl geeks rule today's TV shows

By ELLEN GRAY
Philadelphia Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — Watching TV might not make you smart, but unless you spend all your tube time keeping up with the Kardashians, chances are it's at least broadened your view of what smart looks like.

For more than 20 million viewers a week, it looks like Abby Sciuto, the pigtailed Goth girl Pauley Perrette plays on CBS' "NCIS."

A forensic specialist who's been known to narrow a list of suspects by analyzing the DNA in people's poop — a dirty job that happily occurred off screen — Abby has a different skill set, but she's the glass-is-at-least-half-full version of Chloe O'Brian (Mary Lynn Rajskub), the grumpy CTU worker whose computer wizardry on Fox's "24" helped Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) survive some of his worst days.

"For years we saw one thing, which was men and technology and math and science and women being the heart and soul and spiritual person, and I think that all of us eventually ... get tired of that."

Hart Hanson
"Bones" creator

Abby's so popular that when CBS was ready to spin off its No. 1 drama, it had Perrette help in the handoff to "NCIS: Los Angeles" with an early crossover.

Chloe's so iconic that including a woman who's good with computers and other technology — think Penelope, the Caltech dropout Kirsten Vangsness plays on CBS' "Criminal Minds," Jasika Nicole's Astrid on Fox's "Fringe" or Angela, Michaela Conlin's tech-savvy artist on Fox's "Bones" — is now more the TV rule than the exception.

"Bones," of course, is a geek-girl extravaganza, a romantic comedy (with, yes, corpses) built around a brilliant scientist/novelist named Temperance Brennan (Emily Deschanel) and her less cerebral FBI agent partner, Seeley Booth (David Boreanaz).

"I think that for years we saw one thing, which was men and technology and math and science and women being the heart and soul and spiritual person, and I think that all of us eventually — the people who make TV, networks, studios and TV writers — look at that and get tired of that," said "Bones" creator Hart Hanson.

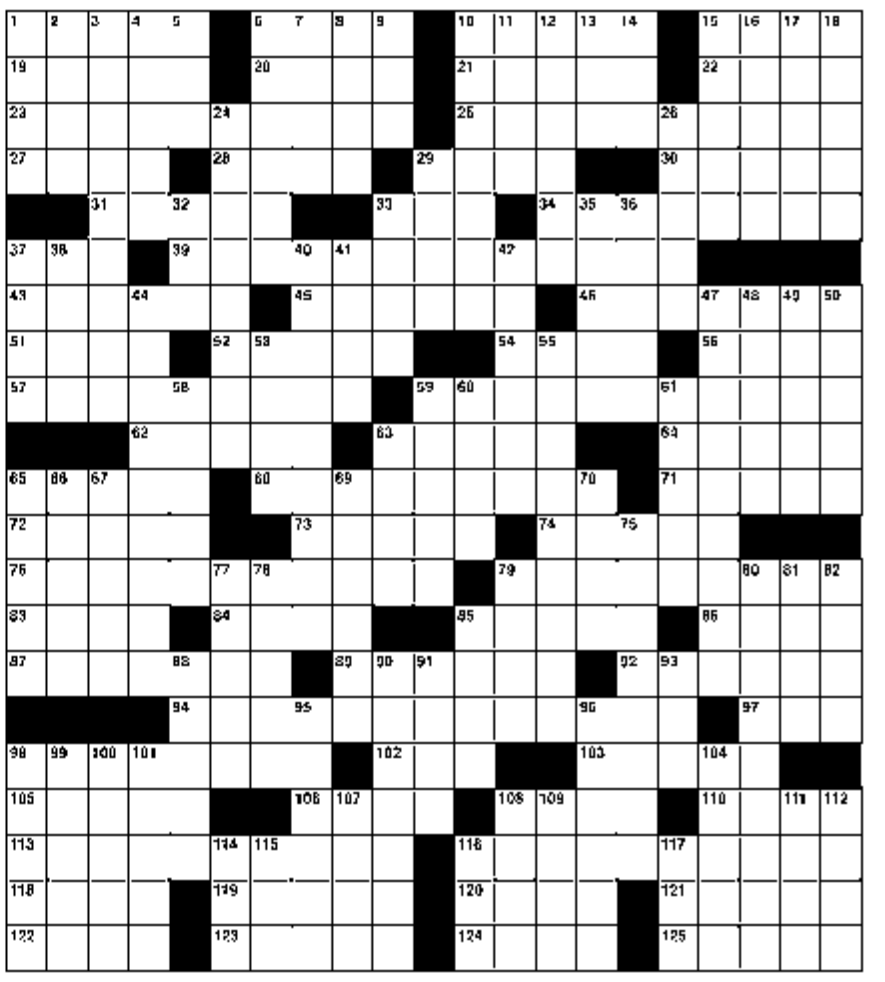
Conlin, whose character was initially less comfortable with science than most of her col-

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NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

No. 1204

SWAPPING PARTNERS By Kelsey Blakley / Edited by Will Shortz



Across
1 Secretaries, e.g.
6 Modern record holder?
10 Bucks
15 Take ___ (doze)
19 Dow Jones industrial with the N.Y.S.E. symbol "AA"
20 Cataract site
21 "The Ten Commandments" role
22 ___ contendere (court plea)
23 Anaïs Nin, e.g.?
25 Seizure at Sing Sing?
27 Title girl in a 1979 Fleetwood Mac hit
28 Reverse
29 Cause for a kid's grounding
30 Heavenly: Prefix
31 Tech marvel of the 1940s
33 "Adam-12" call, briefly
34 Pioneering
37 Rice may be served in it
39 Heavenly voice of conscience?
43 Figure in Raphael's "School of Athens"
45 Going to hell
46 Verbally attack, with "at"
51 Old switch attachment?
52 Wrong
54 Due
56 House of (European dynasty)
57 Sailors' spars
59 Specialty of a couples therapist?
62 "___ see it my way" (Beatles lyric)
63 Razzed
64 Adams and Falco
65 Israel's Dayan
68 Dear
71 Capital and largest city of Ghana
72 Gathering of spies
73 Fjord, e.g.
74 Very good, in slang
76 Courtroom jacket?
79 Work in a chamber, say
83 Scrutinizer
84 Prune to acne, say
85 Food item prized in French cuisine
86 De Matteo of "Desperate Housewives"
87 Put right
89 "Yeah, r-i-i-ight!"
92 Hypnotist Franz
94 Circus performer in makeup?
97 Fashion units.
98 Stores, as a big meal
102 Business partner, often
103 Reciprocal function in trig
105 Very sore
106 Island hopper?
108 No voter
110 Herr's her
113 Storyteller for Satan?
116 Improvement of a Standardbred's gait?
118 "The ___ lama, he's a priest": Nash
119 Biology lab stain
120 Dense
121 Rend
122 Moolah
123 Prefix with history
124 Gorilla skilled in sign language
125 Kicks back

Down
1 Many Little League coaches
2 "Popular Fallacies" writer
3 One starting a stampede, maybe?
4 Much-read collection of verses
5 Suppose
6 Rub with ointment, as in a religious ceremony
7 Skewbald
8 Bread spread
9 Burrow, for some
10 Qualified
11 "___ and the Real Girl" (2007 movie)
12 Up
13 Criminal patterns, briefly
14 Hostess ___ Balls
15 Up in arms
16 "WarGames" grp.
17 "The George & ___ Show" (old talk series)
18 Submarine
24 DiGenova
26 Sets to zero
29 Name sung over and over in a Monty Python skit
32 The last Pope Julius
33 Décade divisions
35 Decorative tip on a lace
36 ___-faire (literary event)
37 English channel, familiarly, with "the"
38 Mark's replacement
40 Counterpart of advertising
41 Antarctica's Ice Shelf
42 Votary
44 Became discouraged
47 NyQuil targets
48 "Hamlet" courtier
49 Downright
50 Nickname for Theresa
53 "Leather," in baseball
55 Generous leeway
58 Onetime Procter & Gamble shampoo
59 Churl
60 Be contiguous to
61 Pages (through)
63 Kind of force
65 Corner joint
66 How some sandwiches are made
67 Wallowing sites
69 Cause of a breakdown
70 ___ of Venice
75 Movie genre
77 Element used for shielding nuclear reactors
78 Rank below capt.
79 Mohins strip, e.g.
80 Troops' harvest?
81 Athletic supporters?
82 Title below marquis
85 Big name in faucets
88 Balcony window
90 "What's it gonna be?"
91 Whip
93 Some "Men in Black" characters, for short
95 Card game akin to Authors
96 Time for the balcony scene in "Romeo and Juliet"
98 Managed
99 "The Faerie Queene" character
100 It may punctuate a court order
101 Fence straddler
104 Annual advertising award
107 It may come in buckets
108 First name at Woodstock
109 Barnes & Noble electronic reader
111 Stuck in
112 Tag callers?
114 "Get it?"
115 Bunch
116 Reproachful cluck
117 Mess up

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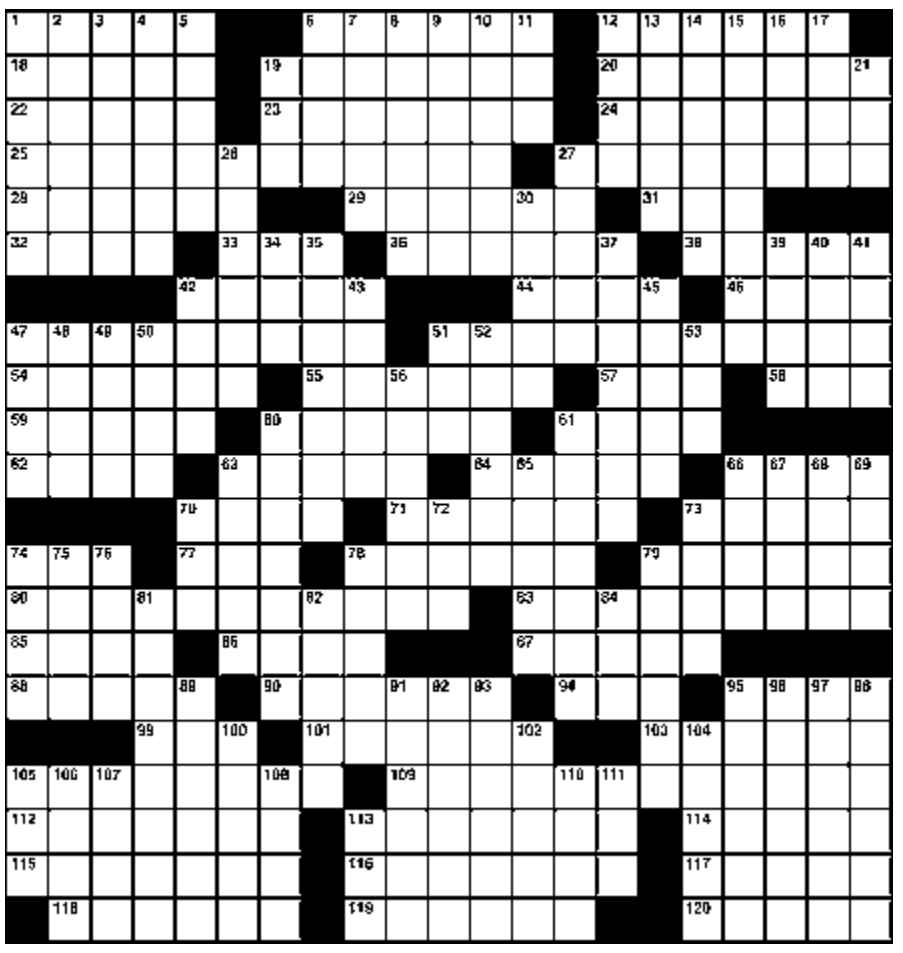
BONUS PUZZLE

"GIVE B'S A CHANCE"
Jayne and Alex Boisvert

ACROSS
1 Corrupt, in a way
6 Ignore
12 Sleeping
18 Ayes
19 "Lady Marmalade" group
20 Caesar salad topper
22 Unpleasant pair to choose from
23 "To reiterate ..."
24 Deep-fried Japanese dish
25 Jaded ballplayer?
27 Grain of sand?
28 Mocha native
29 Fantastic
31 As well
32 Vase-shaped pitcher
33 Drama with two spin-offs
36 Scarlett, to Rhett, ultimately
38 1983 Keaton title role
42 Tweet
44 Alka-Seltzer sound
46 New York college whose team is the Gaels
47 Coal receptacle building blocks?
51 Steer groups?
54 2001 French film nominated for five Academy Awards
55 One reason to work
57 Energy meas.
58 Tell
59 Stain-removal brand
60 Turning pans
61 Grasps
62 Sharpen
63 Family name in Kafka's "The Metamorphosis"
64 Shark's practice
66 Tell
70 Field division
71 They get tipped in lots
73 1971 Clapton classic
74 Psyche part, to Freud
77 General at Antietam
78 White Label Scotch maker
79 Roaches, e.g.
80 Fish with a bad cold?
83 Pointed front of a two-wheeler?
85 Jar ___
86 Deserve
87 Browns
88 Cheers
90 Slightly burned
94 Was in charge of
95 Insect stage after larva
99 Morning morsel
101 "Got me"
103 Ear problem
105 Sound of Crosby's doorbell?
109 Collection of yokels?
112 Kuwait, for one
113 How a team should work
114 "Love Story" co-star
115 Timeline divisions
116 Reddish-brown horses
117 Like some mythology
118 Malevolent beings
119 From Aconcagua, say
120 Lamb place

DOWN
1 Parting words
2 Look over
3 "Am I crazy?"
4 Merman, notably
5 Museum Folkwang city
6 Normal opening?
7 Stands guard, perhaps
8 One may be deviated
9 D sney dwarf
10 Played loudly
11 Although
12 Enlr'__
13 Costumed kid's hope
14 "Pretty Woman" genre, briefly
15 Blissful
16 Broadway souvenir
17 Songwriter Amos
19 Bldg. with stacks
21 Rebellious Turner
26 Singer Lionel
27 NBAers' game
30 RSVP
34 Word seen in brackets
35 Trying
37 See 69-Down
39 Comedian Jay
40 Draft status
41 Sail support
42 Short review?
43 H.S. exams
45 Crack filler
47 Gala
48 Letters before an online view
49 Krypton relative
50 Word after sky or powder
51 Grill partner
52 Sea witch in "The Little Mermaid"
53 Frat letters
56 Bakery array
60 49-Down, for example
61 Braver
63 Part of an act
65 Southern Slavs
66 Zinger
67 Connecticut town for which a disease is named
68 Et
69 With 37-Down, Bonnie and Clyde
70 Ex-boxer Laila
72 Litter reactions
73 Reduced
74 Auction site
75 __ warning
76 Like much history
78 Steve's sidekick in "Hawaii Five-O"
79 Washington's mount?
81 About 2.2 pounds
82 "___ it on!"
84 Kipling python
89 Domingo preceder
91 Martini with an onion
92 Einstein's second son
93 Reserved
95 Some uprights
96 Says
97 Web image-viewing software
98 Scarlett's love
100 On a scale of one __
102 Sleep problem
104 Beef cut
105 Flower place
106 Wrote online, briefly
107 Pleasing
108 Stoned loch
110 Potter's oven
111 "___ a Wonderful Life"
113 Botanist Gray

The Sunday Crossword
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis



DIAGRAMLESS

Diagramless, 21 x 21
Football
By Myles Mellor

ACROSS
1 Winning Gators coach, Meyer
6 LSU player
11 Cut
12 Crop up
13 Winter ailment: 2 wds
19 Dark colored seabirds
21 Number of national championships won by the Gators
25 Vast expanse
26 Country bumpkins
27 Certain print
28 Any doctrine
30 UT players
36 Resolved: 2 wds.
37 Koppel and Kennedy
38 Swiss mathematician
40 Airport abbr.
43 Appendage
44 Mrs. Roosevelt
48 Where lipstick is sometimes found?
50 Antiparkinsonian agent
51 Refrain from doing
54 One who's coming out
56 Farm area
57 Big first name in horror movies
59 Atmosphere
60 Badgers team
62 Cut
63 Fishing aid
64 Idaho team that has been stellar in the past few years
68 Monsters in legend
73 Out-and-out
74 Bucks
75 Right now: 2 wds.
80 Noisy talk
86 Salon supply
87 Two-door car
88 Publicist's concern
89 Remove, in a way

DOWN
1 The Trojans
2 Greek letter
3 Loud thud
4 Recliner part
5 Prefix with classical
6 Road crew supply
7 Lyricist Gershwin
8 Kind of mill
9 Time zone
10 Matter for a judge
14 To the ___ degree
15 Sorority letter
16 Tolkien creature
17 Albanian cash
18 Conceptions
19 A low chest of drawers
20 Root vegetable
21 Prepare flax
22 Sumo wrestling area
23 Wedded
29 That girl
30 Small night bird: 2 wds.
31 Sandwich cookie
32 Knot
33 Don Juan?
34 ___ and void
35 Caribbean music group: 2 wds
39 Far out, in the '90s
40 Grimm character
41 Chinese "way"
42 Credit card rate
45 Figs.
46 Elect
47 Beam
49 Tidal motion
52 La Scala highlight
53 Computer processor (abbr.)
54 Clean the house
55 War of 1812 battle site
58 View
59 Science of body structure
61 Vein contents
64 Hair style
65 Giant Giant
66 __ be nice if ...
67 Dead or Red?
69 Tibetan gazelle
70 "Arabian Nights" menace
71 Deer species
72 Envelope that comes back to you
75 Pressure measurement (abbr.)
76 Eng. speed
77 Mesozoic, for one
78 Droop
79 Needle part
81 They are the Horned Frogs
82 Pointer's direction
83 Nope's counterpart
84 King Kong, e.g.
85 Fraternity party staple

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. JDSOVVDJ TP D PDNZ JXHTIDK: UJZGZ'P SX GXXN IDFDBZ NGXF NGTPVK GZTSIZZG XG UGXOWIIZ YTUJ PDSU'D BZUUTSB WHXEVZI TS UJZ EJTFSZK.

2. CF FRQ CDYFLY YLDYPQ, ULFR SQZLVMZ VLXXPLZW MZ FRQ TLDQ. FRQ RMPLHCN DQSQPQDV VCZW ULFR KMN, "TDQQXQ C KMPPN WMMH TQPPMU!"

3. YMNRBP BQI RFNKTDF LR YMWADC DFO ZWLCOR WH QLR MIRIMSIR. QI'R ANNO DB RDSLFA DFO VIIHR QLR TNFIP LF D RFNKZDFV.

4. HMNYAF HQZWA MW VXKKF XW X FXDY QJ VMW ZWZXE NVDMWSHXW SDXJWKQDSXSMQJ. HMNA WYXSAW.

Puzzle Answers on 3F

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Take your time, and look for the very best deals. There will probably be some driving involved. Shopping around and doing research now will really pay off in the near future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's an issue you're tired of fighting. Maybe it's not so important to be right about this one, after all. Once you realize you don't need to be right, your mind will get quiet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be highly influential. You'll take your own advice and provide a successful example. You'll follow your own suggestions, and others will join in when they see how well they work for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are things that will happen that are not to be blamed on anyone. It's nobody's fault. However, there are people who can make it better, and you'll feel lucky to be one of them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be thinking about the emotional development of your loved ones. You have a special gift that makes it easy for you to accept people as they are and help them grow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's a dangerous day for spending. You're likely to get carried away by the wealth of items in front of you. Know the return policy of the items you buy, and keep your receipts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your work is very important, and you will be thinking about it even when you are not technically on the job. In a relaxed setting, you'll arrive at a truly brilliant conclusion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even the briefest glimpse of divinity will transform your mood. And you're so astute now that you can see heaven in the color of the sky or in the eyes of the one you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll thrive when you hang out where crowds of people are. Hydration and health go hand in hand. A bottle of water just might be your best friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It seems rather basic to figure out when you're going to eat, drink and rest, and you don't think you need an actual plan for this, but make one anyway. You'll be glad you did.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Once you feel true happiness, you won't settle for less. There are many ways to achieve this happiness, and you'll enjoy more than one of them today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's difficult to say why something bothers you; it just does. You may even feel that you don't have a right to be bothered, but you can assume there's a very good reason for why you are.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 11). Your favorite people will come together to celebrate you this year. You'll go back and forth on a decision in the weeks to come, but by the time 2012 arrives, you'll make your choice and stick with it all year long. Your tenacity will bring about a glorious reward. New relationships and contracts happen in June. Leo and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 24, 31 and 6.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S SOLUTION

1	4	9	8	5	2	3	6	7
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3	8	2	1	6	7	4	5	9
9	3	1	5	7	6	8	2	4
4	2	8	9	3	1	5	7	6
7	5	6	2	8	4	9	3	1
2	7	5	4	1	8	6	9	3
6	9	4	7	2	3	1	8	5
8	1	3	6	9	5	7	4	2

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UNIVERSAL SUDOKU KIDS

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and colored box contains ALL the numbers from 1 to 6. Bonus clue: which number should go in the circle: 1 or 5?

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		1		4	3
3	4		1		
	1			5	
6		◯			

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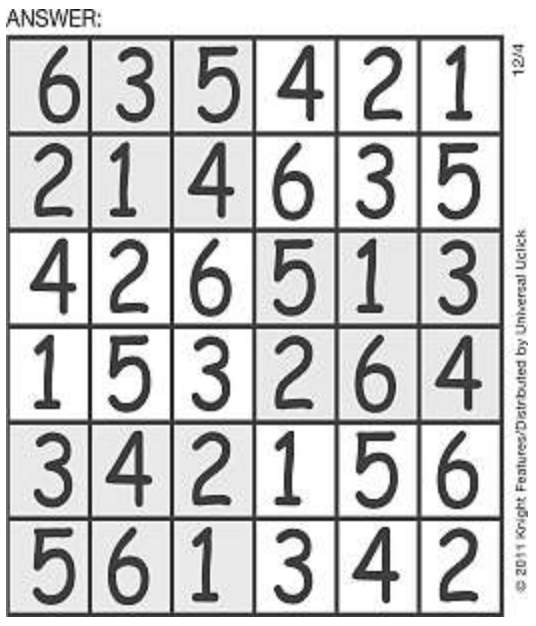
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4	2	6	5	1	3
1	5	3	2	6	4
3	4	2	1	5	6
5	6	1	3	4	2

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WONDERWORD

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CLUES

All Wheel
Automobile
Balance
Battery
Boost
Cable
Capable
Cars
Charging
Cleaner
Color
Comfortable
Converting
Cost
Crude
Development
Device
Distance
Drive
Economy
Efficient
Energy
Environmentally
Extension
Fans
Fast
Features
Fuel
Future
Gear Box
Golf Carts
Hatchback
Household
Maintenance
Miles
Miniwagon
Models
Motors
Open
Outlet
Pack
Panel
Parking
Platform
Plug-In
Port
Potential
Power
Protector
Quiet
Rechargeable
Remote
Road
Safety
Save
Silent
Small
Solar
Speed
Stored
Switch
Terminals
Timer
Travel
Truck
Trunk
Unique
Vehicle
Voltage
Volume
Wire

12/11 ANSWER NEXT WEEK | Last Week's Answer: BRIEFS

by DAVID OUELLET

ELECTRIC VEHICLES — SOLUTION: 9 LETTERS

Y	D	S	E	C	N	A	L	A	B	R	E	N	A	E	L	C	S	S	M
C	L	E	E	C	S	L	E	D	O	M	X	M	O	T	O	R	S	I	R
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N	H	M	A	E	U	V	C	A	B	L	E	U	T	C	T	I	A	E	L
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GOREN BRIDGE

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Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 5
♡ K 4 3 2
◇ Q 9 3
♣ K Q 6 2

WEST
♠ Q J 6 4 2
♡ 8 6 5
◇ 10 7 2
♣ 7 4

EAST
♠ 9 3
♡ A Q 10 9
◇ A J 8 4
♣ J 9 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 7
♡ J 7
◇ K 6 5
♣ A 10 8 3

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1NT	Dbl	2♠	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Seven of ♣

After East's weak no trump opening bid and South's double, West's two spades seems reasonable. However, he would not have enjoyed declaring on this lie of the cards. North's cue-bid seems like a normal action and South ended in an "iffy" notrump game.

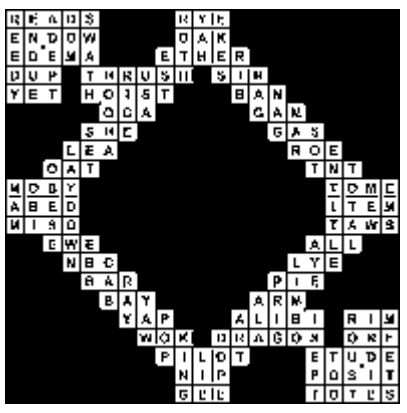
South's double of the opening bid suggested that a spade lead might not be the way to go and West elected to lead his short suit. Declarer won in hand and returned a club to dummy in order to lead a low heart. East won with the queen and exited with his remaining club.

Declarer won with the ten, cashed his spade winners and exited with the jack of hearts. East won and exited safely with a heart, but that simply delayed matters a whit. Declarer won in dummy and threw East in with his remaining heart. That forced East to break the diamonds and it was a simple matter for declarer to win in dummy and return a diamond for his ninth trick.

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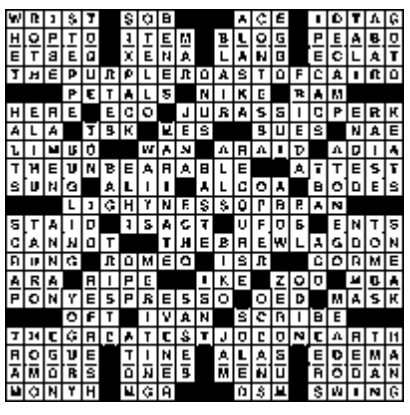
LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

Diagramless



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Bonus Puzzle



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Cryptograms

1. Santa is being more environmentally friendly. The proof? He ordered Rudolph to turn his bright red nose olive green!
2. The reindeer elected a new representative in D.C. He introduced a hefty bill to increase the caribou lands in Alaska. When he was accused of "pork," he said, "no, only venison."
3. Santa has reluctantly agreed to reduce spending a little. He moved to a smaller place in the Arctic and is insisting on sootless chimneys this year to save on dry cleaning.
4. The reindeer found a way to harness moonlight to power Santa's sleigh. It may be a starry-eyed concept but they reduced their carbon footprint!

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JUMBLE

Answer :

DRESSY TRUANT ORATOR
ICONIC FEMALE SPIRAL

What the astronauts wished they had for watching TV in orbit —

SPACE STATIONS

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New York Times

D	E	M	O	■	S	H	I	N	E	■	H	O	M	E	R	■	R	A	M	A
O	L	A	V	■	A	B	N	E	R	■	E	N	O	L	A	■	O	F	I	T
R	I	D	E	■	H	O	T	A	N	D	H	E	A	V	Y	■	U	R	G	E
K	H	A	N	■	A	M	E	L	I	A	■	S	T	E	G	O	S	A	U	R
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■	■	■	I	T	A	■	■	■	■	E	N	D	S	■	N	E	E	D	L	E
F	I	L	T	H	■	H	A	R	I	■	A	A	H	S	■	S	A	O	■	■
U	N	I	T	■	M	O	R	O	S	E	■	Y	O	U	D	■	U	F	O	S
M	S	G	■	C	O	N	S	U	L	S	■	D	O	N	N	A	■	T	R	E
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C	T	A	■	L	E	M	O	N	■	P	E	A	■	T	E	N	■	D	E	I
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DEAR ABBY

ADVICE

Guest isn't celebrating finding her photo online



Dear Abby: Why do camera-happy people think it's OK to snap someone's picture and then post it on social networking sites without permission?

I recently attended a party for an old friend. Of course, everyone wanted a photo of the guest of honor. I think that if the photographer is intending to post it online, he or she should ask, "Is it all right if I post your photo on my Facebook page?"

One considerate person asked if he could photograph our table and we agreed. Another person didn't ask and just kept snapping away. I tried to duck out of the way when I knew it was going to be an unflattering shot, but it was posted anyway and I looked awful.

I have some health issues that have caused weight gain and hair loss, and I'm very self-conscious and do not want my image plastered all over the Internet looking this way. I am usually a good sport, but wonder if others feel this is a breach of etiquette and possibly security. What do you think?

— Camera-Shy in Pennsylvania

Dear Camera-Shy: You are definitely not the only person who feels this way. Most people prefer to be seen when they know they look their best. Feeling as you do, contact the person who took and posted the picture and ask that it be taken down from the Facebook page. Your reason for asking is valid — and if the person has any manners at all, your wishes will be respected.

Dear Abby: When my sister's husband comes to our house for a family dinner or other event, he immediately asks where he can take a nap. He then goes upstairs and sleeps for a couple of hours. This has been going on for more than five years and is not related to any medical condition. Should I mention this to my sister? I think he is being rude.

— "Sleepy's" B.-I.-L.

Dear B.-I.-L.: You should definitely talk to your sister about her husband's behavior — although she may wonder why it has taken you so long to do so. "Sleepy" may be uncomfortable interacting with people, which is why he retreats upstairs to sleep. Withhold judgment until you have more information.

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By Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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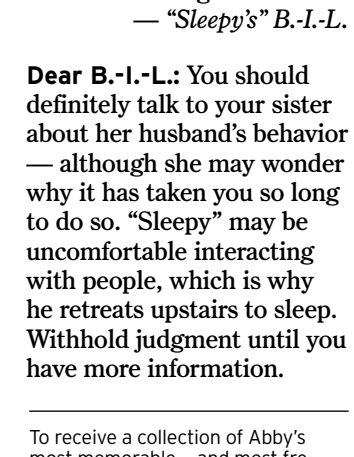
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want to start a conversation," gallery director Sally Casey said. "There is some controversy there."

Photographer Terry Wild from Williamsport contributed photos that show natural-gas equipment in fields, as well as photos of natural or agricultural settings without such intrusions.

Pointing to a photo of Amish farmers at work, Wild said he hopes the land can remain free of pollution and their sustainable style of farming can be preserved.

"I make labels for them and trade for food," he said. "I get my chicken and beef and eggs and ice cream from them."

Photographer Bill Maile of Lackawanna County brought several images of animals: a mink running across ice, an eagle soaring, and the face of a black bear that had been eating a deer (he didn't show that part) when he came across it. He too is concerned about their habitat and the effects natural-gas drilling and fracking might have on it.

"Right where the eagle is flying," he said, "that's where a pipeline goes through."



Artist Maria Livrone displays her glass sculptures at Mainstreet Galleries in Kingston, where they are part of an exhibit called 'Environmental Concerns: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.'



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Photographer Terry Wild answers questions about his work and how it reflects his concern for the environment.



Before you throw away a glass bottle, consider how it can be converted into a lamp or candle holder.

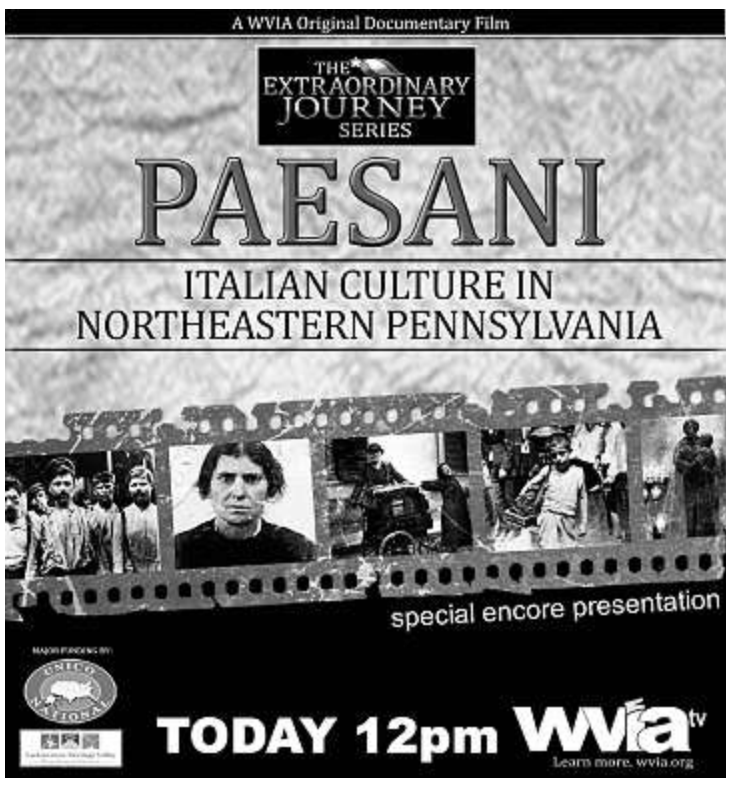


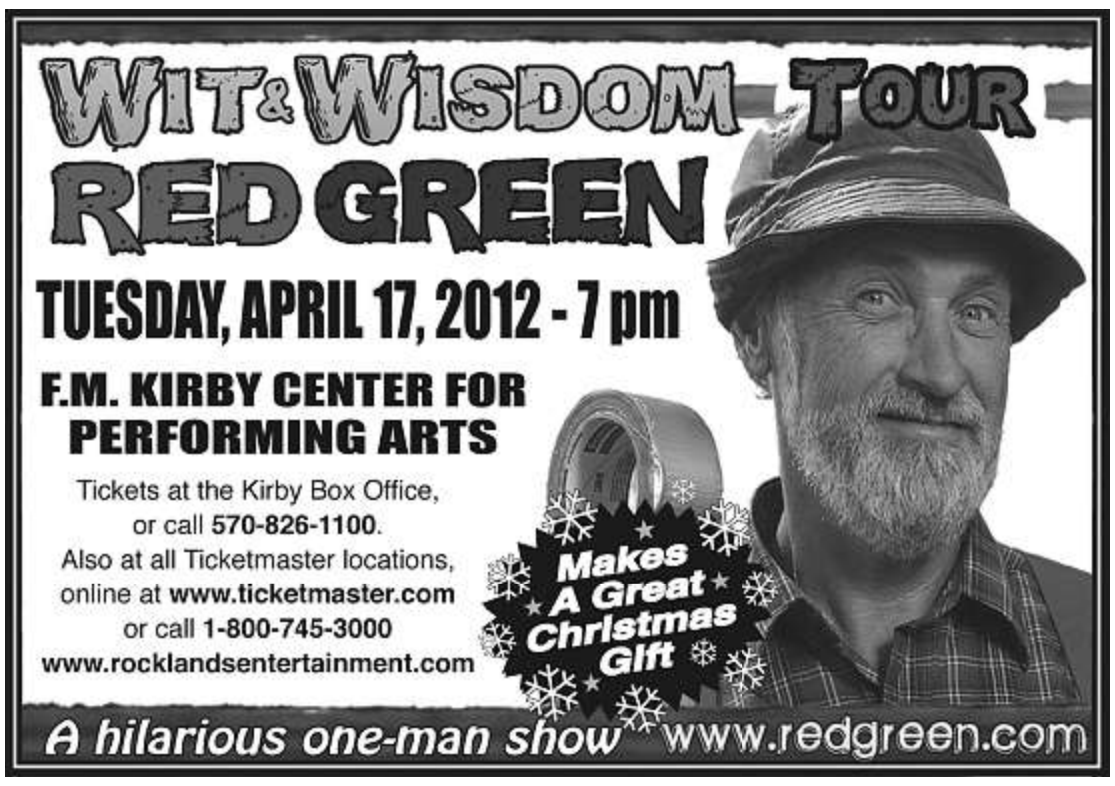
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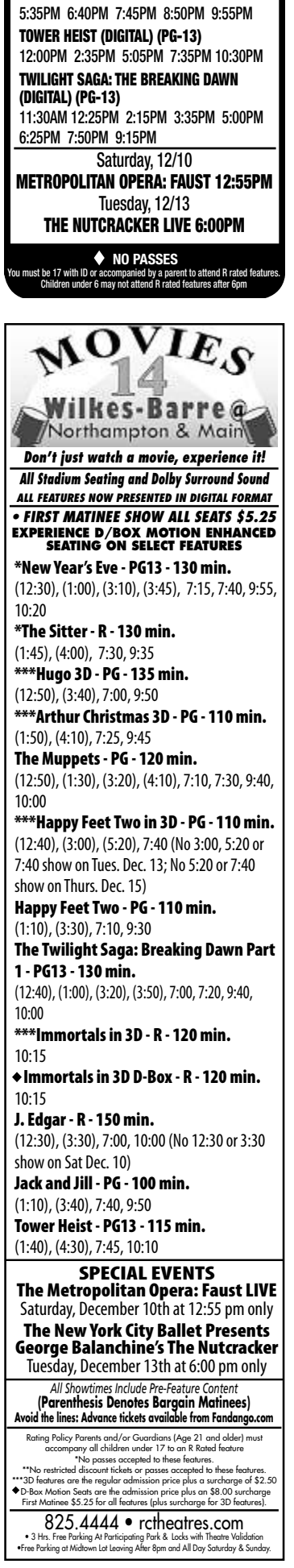












GEEKS

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leagues at Washington's fictional Jeffersonian, has seen Angela evolve into a tech-savvy member of the team.

"I think the thing about Angela is I think she thinks she's not a geek," Conlin said. "She kind of postures as this very cool kind of, you know, street-smart gal, but I think she's actually a real dork at heart. And I think that's why she's been at the Jeffersonian for so long. You can't have that sort of skill set and know how to do all those things that those people do there without being kind of geeky."

"Our hard shiny lab has had its effect on everyone," said Hanson, "except for Booth, who it should have, and Brennan, who just lived there always from the beginning."

The lure of the lab also has been felt in comedy. One of TV's most-watched sitcoms, CBS' "The Big Bang Theory," started out as a show about superbright male roommates (Jim Parsons and Johnny Galecki) and their blond, less academically gifted female neighbor (Kaley Cuoco).

"Big Bang" has only gotten funnier as it's expanded the guys' universe to include women scientists, especially the two played by Mayim Bialik and Melissa Rauch.

In real life, "I revolve in the world of geekdom," said Bialik, who, like her character, Amy Farrah Fowler, has a doctorate.

(The character's doctorate is in neurobiology, while "I'm a neuroscientist," Bialik said. "It's a subtle distinction.")

Glammed up for a CBS press party this summer, the former "Blossom" star was barely recognizable as the fashion-challenged Fowler, but the red-carpet look was just a facade, Bialik insisted.

She may appear more comfortable socially than Amy — "I have a different sort of training as a performer, I guess" — but "I'm known in certain circles for being socially awkward. Socializing is hard for me, especially with a lot of trendy, hipster kind of people," she said.

"That's kind of actually why I like working on 'Big Bang.' Our writers are such interesting intellectual types that at any random party we have to go to, there's always a heavy philosophical discussion that I find myself in, and I appreciate that. I'm much more comfortable competing on that level than at the 4-inch heels level," Bialik said.

Rauch plays the girlier of the two scientists. The Monmouth County, N.J., native said she borrowed the high-pitched voice for her character, Bernadette Rostenkowski, from her own mother, "without the New Jersey accent."

"What's really cool about the characters that have been brought to 'Big Bang' is that we're kind of geeks in our own way. I think we're seeing more and more of that on other shows as well," she said.

And if seeing is believing, some think having girls grow up seeing women on television with math and science backgrounds may lead to more women pursuing careers in those fields.

It's already happening, said "NCIS'" Perrette, who's participated in a public-service campaign to promote careers in science and technology.



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Pauley Perrette in a scene from CBS' 'NCIS.'

"They call it the Abby Effect, actually. We've been on the show nine seasons, and these girls started watching when they were young, and they're in college now," Perrette said.

"I get letters and stuff from people all the time, all over the world — parents, grandparents, kids themselves — that say this fictional character that I play" influenced them, "and now they're pursuing math and science ... I went to college, I loved school. I love math and science myself. And to be able to play this character that has literally made young girls think that it's OK for them to pursue math and science is unbelievable," she said.

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BEST books of 2011

By JANE HENDERSON
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

No single person can read the thousands of new books every year — let alone pick 10 best. Luckily, there are helpers who, like Santa's elves, divvy up the work.

Every December, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch compiles a list of some of the best books of the year after quizzing freelance reviewers, polling a few book sellers and considering some of the books chosen by other publications or award committees.

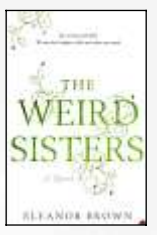
This year, a look at other best-book lists reveals as diverse a selection as seen in a long time. Few books seem to show up on every list, unlike last year's endorsement of several heavy hitters, such as "Autobiography of Mark Twain," Jonathan Franzen's "Freedom" and Jennifer Egan's "A Visit From the Goon Squad."

And of this fall's widely reviewed novels, such as Haruki Murakami's "1Q84" and Chad Harbach's "The Art of Fielding," critics were wildly divided (our reviewers weren't wowed by either book).

Still, even average years have plenty of appealing titles: Don't hesitate to ask the Big Elf for novels, poetry or whatever you'd like this holiday season.

Fiction

- Daniel Woodrell's first collection of short stories, **"The Outlaw Album"** (Little, Brown), is a stunner. Woodrell has the rare ability to tell compelling stories rooted in familiar soil that are simultaneously simple and complex, local and universal, funny and tragic.
- Another riveting book set in the Ozarks is John Dalton's second novel, **"The Inverted Forest"** (Scribner). Dalton daringly sets his unusual, low-key story in a summer camp for mentally disabled adults.
- Two children who were struck mute by the vicious murder of their mother are pursued by the killer — their stepfather — in Charles Frazier's gripping **"Nightwoods"** (Random House).
- In **"Once Upon a River"** (Norton), Bonnie Jo Campbell's heroine is a teenager who grows up quickly after her father is killed and she navigates the Michigan river landscape looking for her mother and modeling herself after self-sufficient sharpshooter Annie Oakley.
- Not every good story involved scary woods, but a novel about a family that quotes Shakespeare does have an inherent risk: putting your prose next to the Bard's dialogue could just serve to remind the reader that you're no Shakespeare. Eleanor Brown, however, uses the device to great effect in **"The Weird Sisters"** (Putnam), a story of three daughters of a Shakespeare scholar who return home after their mother is diagnosed with cancer.

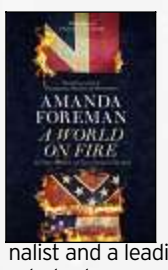


- Also inspired by classic English literature is Jeffrey Eugenides' **"The Marriage Plot"** (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), which follows a college love triangle a la Jane Austen or Henry James.
- Eleanor Henderson was inspired by 1980s youths with her first novel, **"Ten Thousand Saints"** (Ecco), in which bored, drug-using Vermont teens dream of escaping to New York.
- Irish writer Sebastian Barry tells an intimate story of a family through the memories of one woman in **"On Canaan's Side"** (Viking).
- In the superb **"You Believers"** (Unbridled Books), Jane Bradley explores a mother's search for her missing daughter.
- Steven Millhauser remains one of the best short-story stylists around, as demonstrated by his new collection, **"We Others"** (Knopf). Other good collections came from Don DeLillo with **"The Angel Esmeralda"** (Scribner) and Richard Burgin in **"Shadow Traffic"** (John Hopkins).
- Horror writer Stephen King outdid many literary writers with his brilliant alternative history, **"11/22/63"** (Scribner), which explores what would happen if a man could go back in time and stop John F. Kennedy's assassination.

- Alice Hoffman reached far back into history with **"The Dovekeepers"** (Scribner), a historical novel of four strong Jewish women holding out against the Romans in the desert.
- Yet another important moment in history became a sober novel with **"Nanjing Requiem"** (Pantheon). Ha Jin fictionalizes the Japanese army's 1937 destruction of Nanjing in this story about several Chinese and American women who provide sanctuary for desperate women and children.
- The real meets the unreal when Colson Whitehead offers a smart, funny, literary story with a zombie cast in **"Zone One"** (Doubleday).
- **"The Night Circus"** by Erin Morgenstern (Doubleday) takes readers inside a circus without a seedy side — full of magic, moonlight and romance between two competing magicians.
- Like "Night Circus" **"A Man of Parts"** (Viking) evokes Victorian England as part of its story. David Lodge portrays the real-life science fiction writer H.G. Wells, whose randy personal life was no prissy British stereotype.

Nonfiction

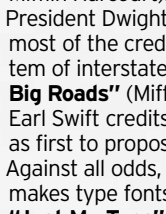
- One of the most popular history books this year is **"In the Garden of Beasts"** by Erik Larson (Crown). An account of the first year of William Dodd's ambassadorship in Nazi Germany (1933-34) and a tale of his daughter Martha's coming of age in Berlin, it offers something for both serious students of the 1930s and for lovers of charming stories.
- Candice Millard also weaves a fascinating history in **"Destiny of the Republic"** (Doubleday), the story of the assassination of President James Garfield, who might have survived a bullet if doctors had washed their hands and taken a few other precautions.
- Many historians are examining the Civil War, marking its 150th anniversary. But with **"A World on Fire"** (Random House), Amanda Foreman focuses on a new angle: Britain's crucial role.



- A prominent journalist and a leading foreign policy scholar team up to assert that contemporary America has lost its edge and needs to get it back quickly — and they show how in **"How We Can Come Back"** (Farrar, Straus & Giroux) by Thomas L. Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum.
- More fodder for worry is **"Retirement Heist: How Companies Plunder and Profit from the Nest Eggs of American Workers"** by Ellen E. Schultz (Portfolio).
- James Carroll has applied his writer's skills and scholarly mind to the conundrum of one of the world great metropolitan areas: Why does a 3,000-year-old city holy to the three Abrahamic religions have such a wretched, bloody history? He discusses the modern importance of an ancient city in **"Jerusalem, Jerusalem"** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt).
- President Dwight D. Eisenhower gets most of the credit for America's system of interstate highways. But in **"The Big Roads"** (Mifflin Harcourt), author Earl Swift credits Franklin D. Roosevelt as first to propose the network.
- Against all odds, writer Simon Garfield makes type fonts sound fascinating in **"Just My Type"** (Gotham Books).
- Maureen Stanton also makes the common uncommonly interesting with her look into flea-market America in **"Killer Stuff and Tons of Money"** (Penguin Press).

Biography and Memoir

- **"Catherine the Great"** by Robert Massie (Random House) is a logical successor to Massie's biography of Peter the Great, as the author seems to be working his way through the Romanov rulers of Russia, not all of whom were so great.
- In **"The Oil Kings,"** Andrew Scott Cooper deals with the kings of Saudi Arabia and Iran in the 1970s and our policy in that part of the world.
- **"The Wizard of Lies"** by Diana Henriques (Henry Holt) tells the fascinating story of the rise and fall of Bernie Madoff, crook extraordinary.



- The mercurial genius behind Apple died this fall, and, soon after, Walter Isaacson's intriguing **"Steve Jobs"** (Simon & Schuster) made it to the top of best-seller lists.
- One best-selling memoir this year was by Eric Greitens, who has been both a humanitarian (as a volunteer abroad) and a warrior (as a Navy SEAL in Afghanistan and Iraq). He tells his two-sided story in **"The Heart and the Fist"** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt).
- Edmund Morris wraps up his three-volume biography of Theodore Roosevelt with **"Colonel Roosevelt"** (Random House).
- After World War II, the State Department's George F. Kennan devised the containment strategy that held the Soviet Union within bounds. In **"George F. Kennan"** (Penguin), John Lewis Gaddis recounts the life of this undersung hero.
- Boston professor Julie Winch delves deeply into an early St. Louis family with **"The Clamorgans"** (Hill & Wang), uncovering an interesting history of race and money.
- In the elegantly written, extensively researched **"The Great Heart of the Republic"** (Harvard) Adam Arenson looks at Civil War St. Louis and tells how it was unable to set aside sectional differences to transform itself into a truly national city.
- Stan Musial gets a well-deserved biographical pat on the back in **"Stan Musial: An American Life"** (Ballantine). New York Times sportswriter George Vecsey says Musial deserves more retrospective glory than he has received.
- Meanwhile, Richard M. Cook , burrows into a New York literary life by editing **"Alfred Kazin's Journals"** (Yale University Press).
- Memories of her daughter's death haunt Joan Didion's **"Blue Nights"** (Knopf), the follow-up to her remarkable "A Year of Magical Thinking."
- Annia Ciezadio's **"Day of Honey"** (Free Press) follows the author's life in Baghdad and Beirut as a lovely, unusual "memoir of food, love and war."

Military

- Karl Marlantes, author of the epic Vietnam novel "Mattterhorn," tells of the complex reactions of men who go to war and how values are affected for the rest of their lives in **"What It Is Like to Go to War"** (Atlantic Monthly Press).
- In **"Brute"** (Little, Brown), author Robert Coram draws a compelling portrait of Marine Gen. Victor Krulak, the man who stood up to Lyndon Johnson over Vietnam — and tells why Krulak got the nickname "Brute."



- Writer Adam Hochschild uses **"To End All Wars"** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) to explain the antiwar movement in World War I Britain.
- Three key American generals in World War II — Dwight Eisenhower, Omar Bradley and George Patton — get a close-up look from author Jonathan W. Jordan in **"Brothers, Rivals, Victors"** (NAL Caliber).
- In **"A Soldier's Dream"** (NAL Caliber), William Doyle tells how Travis Patriquin came to be known as "America's Lawrence of Arabia."
- The six months after Pearl Harbor are recalled by Ian W. Toll in **"Pacific Crucible"** (Norton). What started as a disaster on Oahu ended in triumph off Midway — a battle that gets too little attention.
- Timothy J. Lomperis arrived in Vietnam as an Army officer just in time for a major enemy assault in 1972. In **"The Vietnam War from the Rear Echelon"** (University Press of Kansas), Lomperis reflects on why his war ended as such a mess.
- Behind much of the mess in Vietnam was Gen. William C. Westmoreland. In **"Westmoreland"** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), Lewis Sorley offers a highly critical biography of the photogenic general.

Crime Thrillers

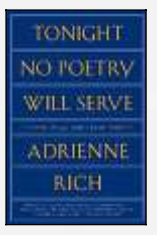
- One of the best crime thrillers was **"Damage"** (Dutton), in which author John Lescroat takes a challenging approach. Right away, he identifies the bad guy in a series of San Francisco killings. Even so, Lescroat holds readers fast for almost 400 pages.
- In **"The Collaborator"** (Overlook), Briton Gerald Seymour mixes the Mafia and deadly toxic waste. In this book, his characters rise to a level of literature that goes far above the genre.
- Wyoming native C.J. Box brings his home state to literate life in **"Cold Wind"** (Putnam), another in his series starring game warden Joe Pickett. As this tale opens, Pickett finds a murder victim in an unlikely place: chained to a vane on a big wind turbine.
- In **"Field Gray"** (Putnam), British author Philip Kerr brings back Berlin detective Bernie Gunther. In a tale that runs from 1931 through 1954, Gunther must deal with nagging ethical questions in pursuing a cop killer.



- Another long-running character is author John Sandford's Lucas Davenport. In **"Buried Prey"** (Putnam), two corpses turn up when a house is torn down. Davenport must fight a turf war with other police officials as he tracks down the killer.
- Michael Connelly may be the best thriller writer we have. He shows why in **"The Fifth Witness"** (Little, Brown). It's a dandy courtroom drama.
- David Anthony at teaches English at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and has written a black-comedy thriller, **"Something for Nothing"** (Algonquin). In this tale, an unlikable hero is forced to smuggle drugs — and to deal with a surprise of a villain.
- Similarly, Scott Phillips gives the starring role to a cad in **"The Adjustment"** (Counterpoint). In postwar Wichita, Kan., his cad pimps for a corporate bigwig — but finds his own wife in peril because of his wartime misdeeds.
- In **"Silent Enemy"** (Putnam), author Thomas W. Young has his hero flying an Air Force C-5 that's carrying a big problem: a bomb that will go off if the plane descends to land.

Poetry

- Rae Armantrout's static feedback, often fragmentary and playful, ("Give a meme/ a hair-do"), belies an underlying peacefulness of contemplation: "It's well/ that things should stir/ inconsequentially/ around me." **"Money Shot"** (Wesleyan) is a fine followup to Armantrout's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Versed."
- No one has suffused poetry with music, especially jazz, more breathtakingly than Yusef Komunyakaa, whose collection **"The Chameleon Couch"** (Farrar, Straus & Giroux) stands as one of his finest.
- Not everyone who wins the Yale Younger Poets Award goes on to become a literary legend, but Adrienne Rich, who won it in 1950, has done that. Her place in our canon is secure. Every reader can find a place in declarations like "I do not give/ simplehearted love and nor/ allow you simply love me" from **"Tonight No Poetry Will Serve"** (Norton).



- Thick with religious language, rural symbolism and literary allusion—and barbed with surprising music—Rodney Jones' poetry is becoming a national treasure, too. **"Imaginary Logic"** (Houghton Mifflin) is his best book in years.
- Devin Johnston, who teaches at St. Louis University, is emerging as a new sort of old-school imagiste. In **"Traveler"** (FS&G) he begins one poem with "In the subdivisions of the dead/ a Plum Blossom cigarette/ stuck upright," and, in another, mentions Schnucks.
- A single, book-length poem might not seem appealing to today's impatient reader. Anselm Berrigan obviously doesn't care and proves he doesn't need to in **"Notes From Irrelevance"** (Wave), which sings easily through 65 pages with (in the author's words) "upscale pop sexiness." Love all the cultural references.

NIAGARA FALLS

lighting has a long, colorful history

By CAROLYN THOMPSON | *Associated Press*

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — You can't take a boat ride into the roar and spray of Niagara Falls in the winter, but this time of year offers a different spectacle: Nighttime illumination of the falls in a changing array of colors — red, white, blue, purple, orange, amber and green. In spring and summer, the colored lights shine for just three hours, but with less daylight in winter, curtains of color wash over the falls each night for up to seven hours.

Crowds gather along the sidewalk and railing on Niagara Parkway to see the show as mist rises from the falls and basin in front of them; others watch from the windows of hotels and restaurants on the Canadian side.

The display starts with patriotic themes — red, white and blue for the American Falls, red and white for the horseshoe-shaped Canadian Falls — and frequently includes colors to honor a cause.

When Niagara Falls hosted the first wedding following New York's legalization of same-sex marriage in July, Mayor Paul Dyster arranged for a rainbow of colors, the symbol of gay pride.

The light beams emanate from a bank of 18 spotlights, each 30 inches in diameter, sitting atop a raised stone bunker across the road. For more than 50 years, Peter Gordon, 80, has been manning the light show, splitting the week with "the rookie," Dick Mann, 78, who has been at it just under 30 years. Both are from Ontario.

"I never get tired of it," Gordon, 80, said one night in November, the start of his busy season, when fewer daylight hours mean longer nights to light.

The best views come on crisp winter nights, Gordon said, when the mist is transformed to sparkling ice crystals that catch the soft colors.

For the past year, Gordon and Mann have used a relatively new technology to control the lights — computerized touch screens. But the history of Niagara's illumination goes back more than 150 years.



AP PHOTOS

The 21-spotlight system at Niagara Falls uses 4,000-watt bulbs that shine with a combined brilliance of 8.2 billion candles. Often, colors are chosen for special causes.

The falls were lit for the first time at 10 p.m. on Sept. 14, 1860, when 200 lights like those used to signal for help at sea were put in place for a visit from the Prince of Wales.

Electricity was first used in 1879. An Illumination Tower, still used today, was built in 1899.

Colors appeared in 1907 when gelatin films were included in a 36-light system near the base of the gorge designed by General Electric Co. of Schenectady. Workers, including Peter Gordon's father, were paid $3 a night to change the gels when a foreman shouted cues.

The Niagara Falls Illumination Board, a cross-border body established in 1925, has kept the lights on most nights since with a few exceptions.

They were turned off during World War II, for example, to conserve power.

The control room where Gordon and Mann work 75 feet above street level has a musty old feel with stone walls, well-worn wooden floors, cobwebby beams overhead and a couple of bare bulbs above a bank of humming generators.

"This place is a dump, really," said Gordon, laughing.

But then there's that million-dollar view. After changing the lights' colors on the touchscreen, the controller can see the result 15 seconds later by looking out the windows or stepping through a door to a platform outside where the lights are mounted.

On the face of the waterfalls, colors fade to white as the next colored gel covers the spotlight and a new hue spills with the water over the falls.

With each color change, it's as if someone has dumped dye into the river above as it careens over the edge to the rocks below.

The 4,000-watt spotlights burn with a combined brilliance of 8.2 billion candles, about what NASA used to light the runway for night space shuttle landings.

Gordon staggers the lights to avoid repeating color combinations, changing them as often as every five minutes to keep things fresh for tourists milling across the street below.





AP PHOTO

El Santuario de Chimayo is located outside of Espanola, N.M and attracts around 200,000 visitors a year.

For two centuries, miracles sought at NM's Chimayo

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS
The Associated Press

CHIMAYO, N.M. — They come in pain and in prayer, seeking cures and a cup of sand from a tiny adobe church called Chimayo.

For two centuries, Hispanic and Native American pilgrims have sought help from El Santuario de Chimayo (pronounced CHEE'-mah-YOH'), located in a mountain hamlet in northern New Mexico. They clutch pictures of sick loved ones, hobble weakly on crutches, and bring stories of hopeless conditions. They leave small slips of paper asking for mercy and miracles, promise to give up drinking and show more compassion, and they light candles in front of images of saints and La Virgen de Guadalupe, patron of the Americas.

IF YOU GO

EL SANTUARIO DE CHIMAYO: 15 Santuario Drive, Chimayo, N.M., eight miles east of Espanola, about 30 miles north of Santa Fe and 40 miles south of Taos; http://www.elsantuariodechimayo.us/. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., October-April and 9 a.m.-6 p.m., May-September.

Before they leave, they visit a room in the shrine that houses "el pocito," which means the little well, a small pit of holy adobe-colored dirt which some say possesses the power to cure. Just one touch, say those who believe, and cancer might go into remission, an injured knee might heal, and leukemia might be held off long enough to witness a child's birth. Along the wall hang crutches that are no longer needed, material proof from those who say they've been helped.

"People discover that there's something special here when they come with an open heart and mind," said Rev. Jim Suntum, a priest at Chimayo. "There's a kind of peace that's available here that you can't find anywhere else."

Chimayo is a National Historic Landmark, described in the landmark citation as a "well preserved, unrestored example of a small adobe church, notable for its original decorations, including numerous superb religious paintings." Some 200,000 people are estimated to visit each year.

The history of el pocito goes back 200 years, when legend holds that a friar, performing penances, saw a strange light streaming from a hillside near the Santa Cruz River. The friar began to dig to find the source of the light, and soon uncovered a crucifix. The crucifix was taken to a nearby church several times, but according to the story, it kept mysteriously returning to the place where it was found.

A chapel was built there in 1813, and followers have been returning to pray at el pocito ever since. They take so many cups of dirt to spread over foreheads, hearts and knees, that Chimayo officials must refill the pit periodically with replacement sand that's been blessed. Visitors can purchase small containers of sand for $3 to take to a sick relative, or even order the sand from the shrine's website.

Suntum said Chimayo officials typically refill el pocito with fresh, blessed desert dirt every day. During the crowded week of Easter when the shrine can see as many as 100,000 visitors, Suntum said officials have to refill the hole every hour.

The hallway outside el pocito is covered with photos of the sick on one side and soldiers and police officers on the other. Many pictures have notes attached, like one that asks God to protect a Marine from the Navajo Nation who is serving in Iraq. Another note asks the Guadalupe virgin to "hold off my cancer until I can see my daughter graduate from college. After that, I'm yours."

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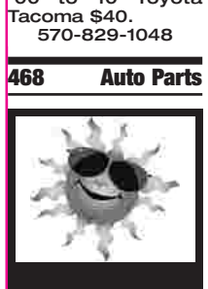


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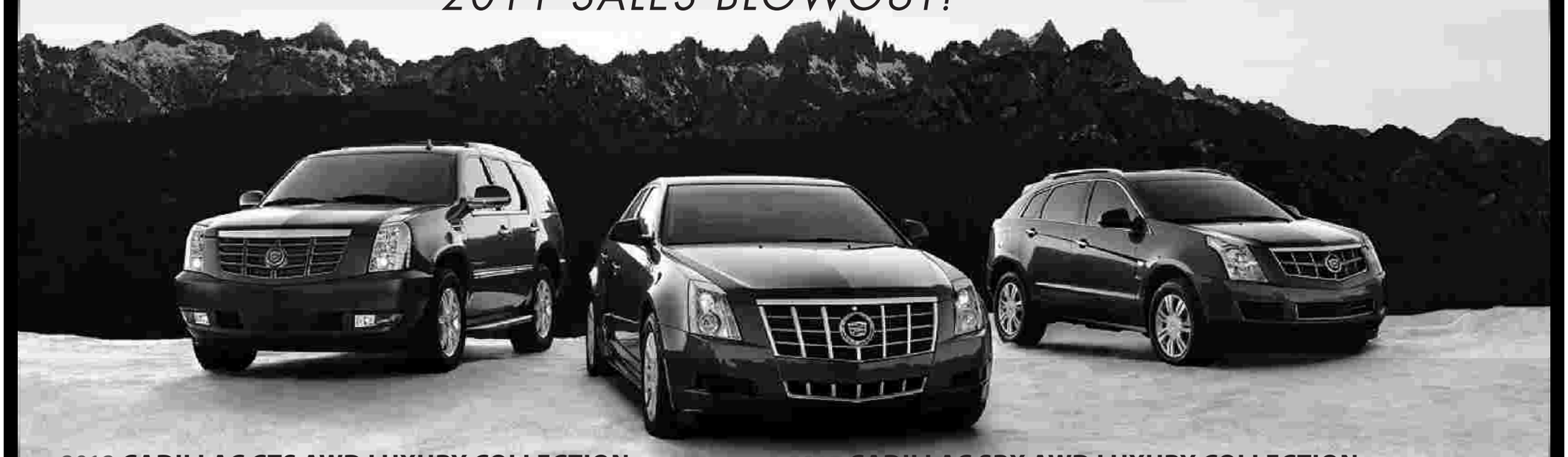
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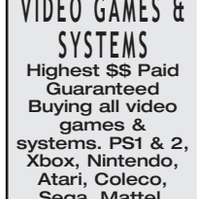
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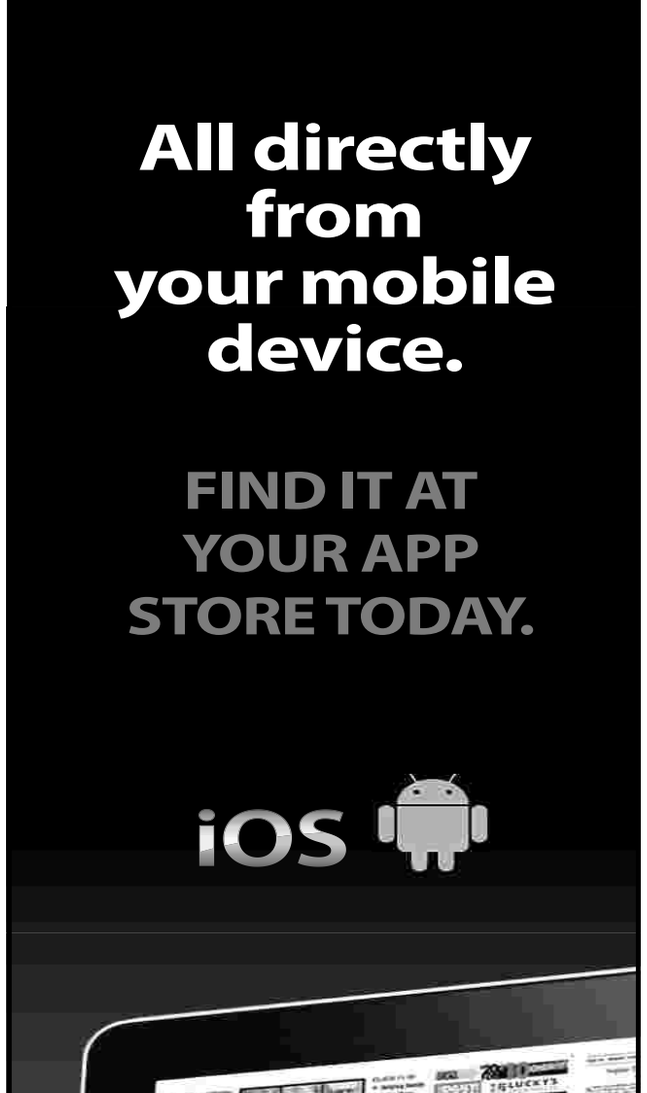
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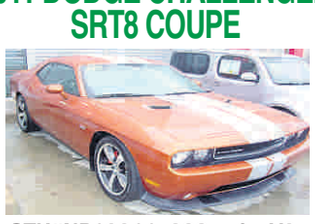
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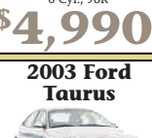
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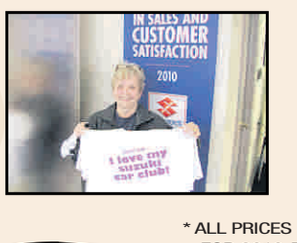


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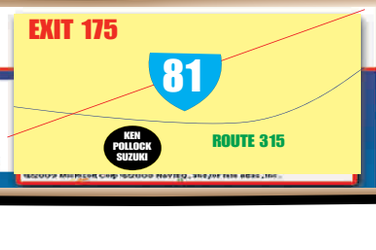


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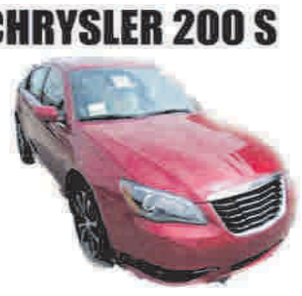
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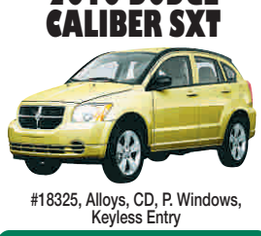
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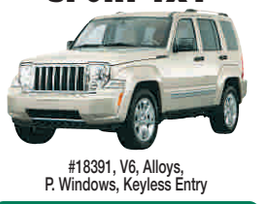
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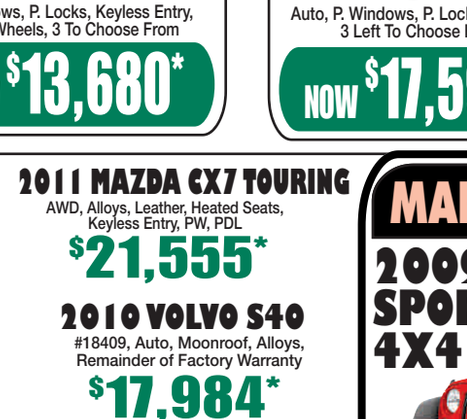
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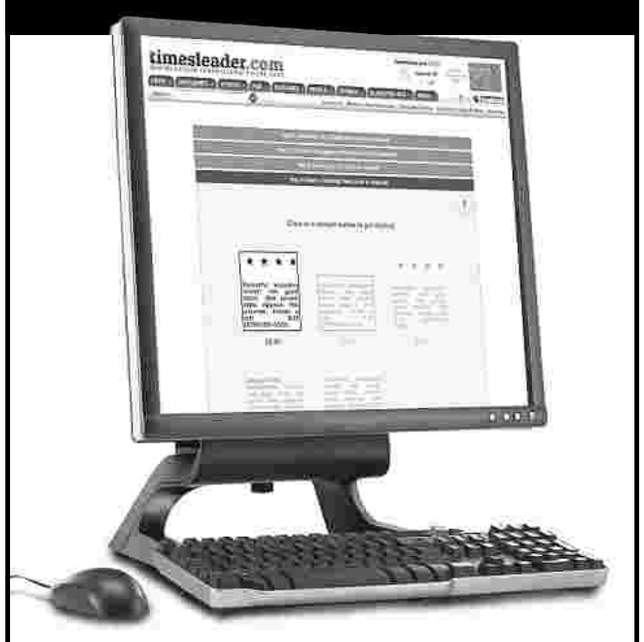


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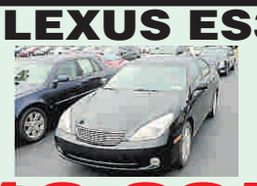
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Convenient location highlights renovated Exeter

Story and photos
by Marianne Tucker Puhalla
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Cute and comfortable are among the words you could use to describe this totally renovated two-story conveniently located just off Wyoming Ave. in Exeter. Make time to see 140 Valley St., a three-bedroom, two-bath home that has everything new, including new gray vinyl siding, new windows, redone first-floor master bedroom and up-to-date kitchen with all new stainless steel appliances.

Listed by Terry Lin Solomon-August of Antonik & Associates, Inc. for $159,900, this home offers all new flooring, including tile and carpeting, and a rear deck to help enjoy the 40-by-156 lot. A driveway provides off-street parking.

A covered porch spans the front where a door with leaded glass window opens into the tan ceramic tiled foyer. An open staircase to the right leads to the second floor.

To the left, the 17-by-13 living room features pale yellow walls with white trim and tan carpeting. This room has a 10-foot ceiling and two large windows that face front.

Just down a short hall is the 19-by-12 eat-in kitchen. This updated kitchen has a tan ceramic tile floor, and large breakfast room that has a door that opens to the right side porch. There is also a door here to the full, unfinished basement.

The cooking portion has a breakfast-bar peninsula and plenty of maple cabinets topped by black speckled laminate countertops, with a beveled wooden edge, and a tan tiled backsplash. A favorite attribute is sure to be the addition of new stainless steel appliances, including a side-by-side refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher and stove.

A nearby laundry room also has more of the tile flooring.

Around the corner, you find the 16-by-12, first-floor master bedroom. A highlight here is a French door that leads rear to the deck. This room has tan carpeting, pale yellow walls and a large walk-in closet along with a

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second double closet. A single window faces the side yard.

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The second full bath is found on the second floor. This bath has a white vanity with white cultured marble sink a tan tile floor and acrylic tub and shower surround. It also has a side-facing window.

The second bedroom measures 11-by-11 and has more of the tan carpeting and yellow walls. It has a double closet and single window rear.

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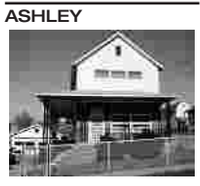
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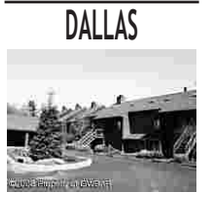
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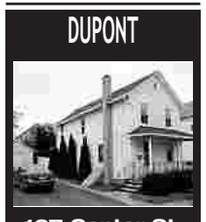
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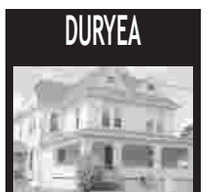
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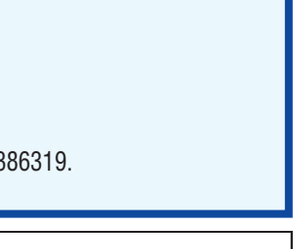
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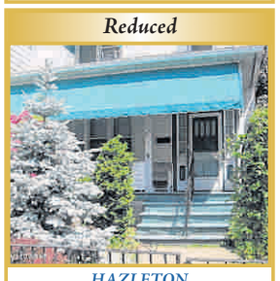
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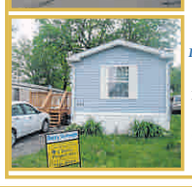


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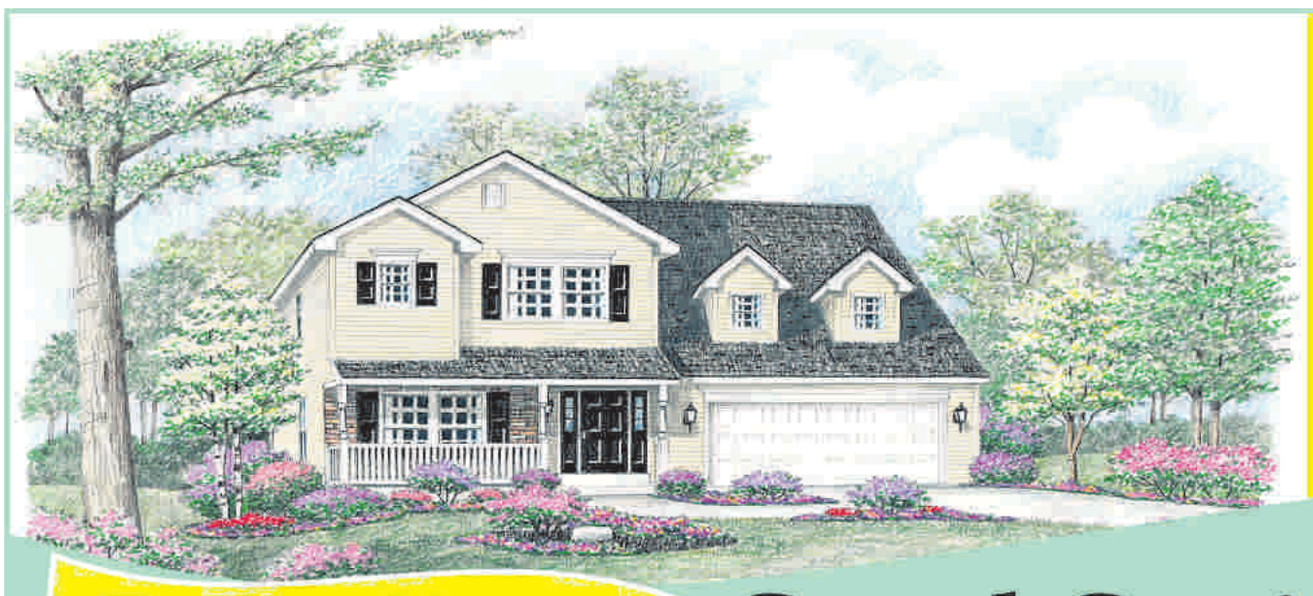
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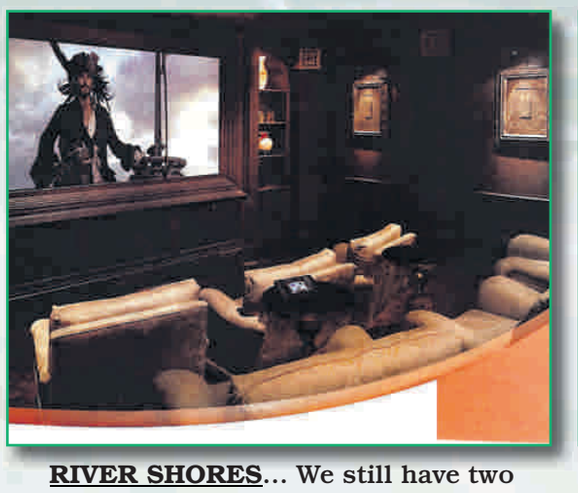


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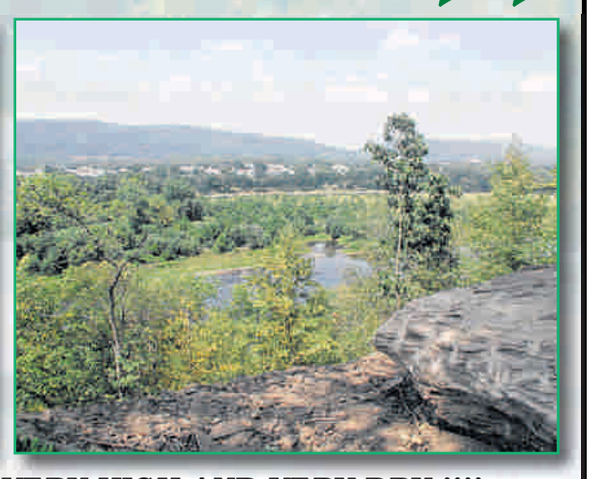
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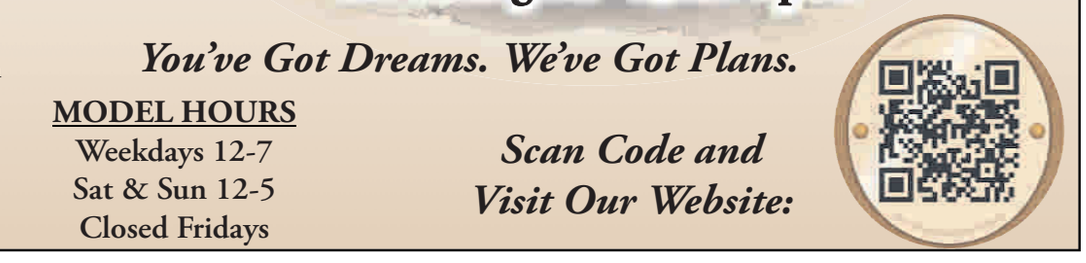
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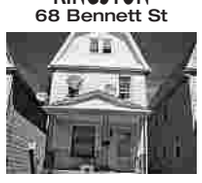
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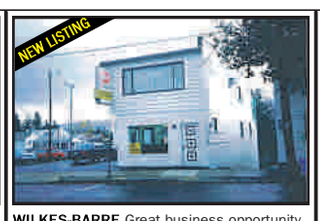
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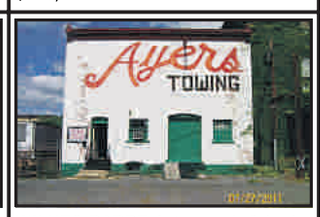
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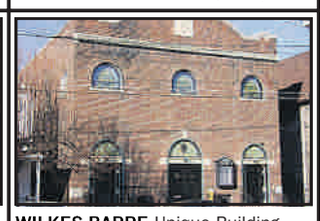
NANTICOKE Established turn-key restaurant w/2 apts. Business & building priced to sell! MLS#11-130
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ANITA REBER 788-7501 **$229,900**



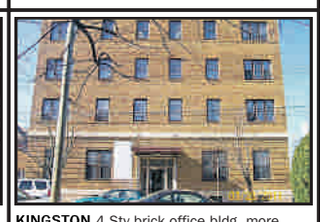
DRUMS Commercial Bdg located on busy Rte 309. 4000 SF of space. Off street pkg. MLS#11-2096
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RHEA SIMMS 696-6677 **$325,000**



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WILKES-BARRE 5700 SF in Prime downtown location. Suitable for office/residence. Full basement, private parking, Zoned C3. MLS#11-345
MARGY 696-0891 **$395,000**



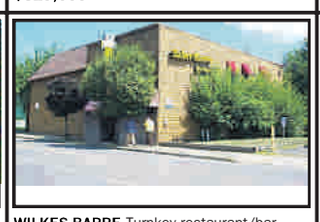
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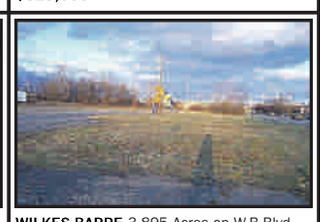
WILKES-BARRE Outstanding brick bldg! Parking for 7-10 cars. MLS#08-2790
PEG 714-9247 **$499,900**



WILKES-BARRE Turnkey restaurant/bar. Liquor license & inventory included + 3 Apts. MLS#11-3895
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SUSAN LONGO 714-9264 **$600,000**



WILKES-BARRE 3.895 Acres on W-B Blvd-700 front feet provides excellent exposure. Utilities, access road, possible KOZ opportunity. MLS#11-1346
VIRGINIA ROSE 288-9371 **$900,000**

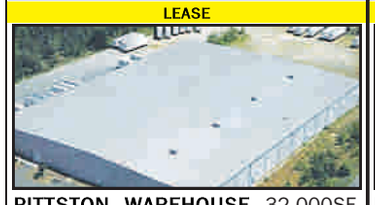


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VIRGINIA ROSE 288-9371 **$1.90/SF**

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MATT 714-9229 **STARTING AT $3.50/SF**

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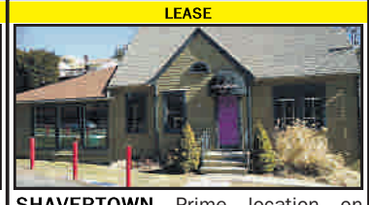
SWEET VALLEY Attractive office space in excellent condition. Good visibility. For "rent" only. MLS#10-4503
BARBARA M 696-0883 **$600/MO**

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SHAVERTOWN Prime Location - 1900SF - 12 pkg spaces. MLS#09-3085
MARGY 696-0891 **$950/MO**

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MARK 696-0724 **$1250/MO**

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10 Norman St. Brick 2 story home with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large family room with fireplace. Lower level rec room, large driveway for plenty of parking. Just off the by-pass with easy access to all major highways. For more info and photos visit: www.atlasrealtyinc.com. MLS 11-2887 **$169,900 Call Colleen 570-237-0415**

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PLAINS



Large 4 bedroom, 1 bath home on extra deep lot wit frontage on 2 streets. Multi family unit (MLS #11-2244) next door also for sale. Possible commercial use with rezoning. $88,500 MLS# 11-2228 **Four Star McCabe Realty 570-674-9950**

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PLAINS



3 unit income property on extra deep lot with frontage on 2 streets. Single family home next door (MLS#11-2228) also for sale. Possible commercial use with rezoning. $73,000 MLS#11-2244 **Four Star McCabe Realty 570-674-9950**

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PLAINS



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KEYSTONE SECTION
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1 ACRE- PRIVACY

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46-48 Helen Street



Well Maintained Double Block on Quiet Street, Great Neighborhood. Perfect Home for You With One Side Paying Most of Your Mortgage, or Would Make A Good Investment, With Separate Utilities and Great Rents. Newer Roof, Vinyl Replacement Windows, Vinyl Aluminum Siding, Walk-Up Large Attic from One Side, Lower Front and Rear Porches, With Two Rear Upper Closed In Porches. $124,900
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PLAINS



Updated 2-story, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has 1 car garage & carport, fenced rear yard with tiered deck and more. MLS#11-3655 $152,000
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401 W. Shawnee Ave
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Beautifully redone 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath bi-level with garage on cozy corner lot near Valley West High School. New Paint, Carpeting, Appliances & more. $125,000. 570-706-5496

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350 Union St. Residential and commercial zone this property would make a perfect spot for your place of business. Zone B-3 highway business. See residential list #11-3569 for additional info and photos.MLS 11-3788 **$67,500 Jay A. Crossin EXT. 23 CROSSIN REAL ESTATE 570-288-0770**

PRINGLE



Open House

SUNDAY, DEC-11 12 NOON – 2 PM
50 Broad Street, Nicely appointed, all brick Ranch with brand new kitchen features wood cabinetry, granite countertop, new stove and dishwasher, microwave. Totally renovated bath with beautiful decorative tile & double vanity. Refinished original hardwood floors. This home has a phenomenal view from the kitchen, living room & dining room. Lower level has kitchenette, full bath & plenty of dry walled area. MLS#11-1844
Directions: Rte 11 turn on Northampton St., straight on Main, follow to right on Williams, left on Hurbane, right on Conner, right on Broad St.
Hostess: Margaret Reasonably priced at $174,900. 613-9080

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Well maintained raised ranch in Midway Manor. Good size level yard with shed. Large sunroom/laundry addition. Lower level family room with wood stove. MLS #11-4178
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Enjoy the quiet life in this spacious 3 bedroom home on double lot. Features hardwood floor in dining room, covered patio, oversized 2 car garage, family room with fireplace & finished, walk out basement with another fireplace. MLS# 11-1873
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Lovely 3 bedroom 2400 sf Cape Cod with modern eat-in kitchen, large sunroom & family room. Master bedroom with master bath. Central air, gas heat & 2 car garage. Very well landscaped with beautiful paver sidewalks. Quiet neighborhood. Possible 6 month rental for the right tenant. $229,000
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Woodridge I
This spacious 2 story sits on a private partially wooded lot with inground pool. Plenty of living space, living room with fireplace, first floor den, and laundry, needs some attention but well worth the price.
$159,900
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* NEW LISTING! * Great space in this 2-story coveted Dallas neighborhood! Lots of oak on 1st floor, door, moldings, kitchen, beams; finished basement, 3-season room, bonus room on 2nd floor with computer nook. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, office on 1st floor, dual heat/air units. MLS#11-4064
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SWEET VALLEY



Adorable seasonal cottage with rights for North Lake. Two bedrooms, furnished, 10x10 shed, front porch with roof, deck, tip-top condition! Make it your getaway for just $68,900!
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ERA BRADY ASSOCIATES
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4 Oliver Road
Located in the back part of Oliver Road in a very private part of North Lake in Sweet Valley. Yearning to be restored, lake front cape cod in a very tranquil setting was formerly used as a summer home. MLS 11-2113
$99,000
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CROSSIN REAL ESTATE
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Beautiful 2 story, 3 bedroom home. Modern kitchen & bath. Nice yard. Gas heat. $69,900. Call
100% OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE
Call Bob at
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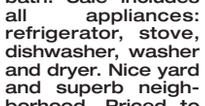
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday
12pm-5pm
52 Barber Street
Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in the heart of the town. With new carpets, paint, windows, doors and a modern kitchen and bath. Sale includes all appliances: refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Nice yard and superb neighborhood. Priced to sell at $89,900 or $433.00 per month (bank rate; 30 years, 4.25%, 20% down). Owner also willing to finance 100% of transaction with a qualified cosigner
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SWOYERSVILLE



OUT OF FLOOD ZONE
Estate. Nice brick front ranch home on a corner lot. 1 car attached garage, circle driveway, central air. 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath with 2 showers, Full basement with brand new water proofing system that includes a warranty. Great location. MLS 11-2127
$108,500
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REDUCED TO $199,900
Luxurious End Townhouse
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, gas heat, Central Air, master bath with whirlpool tub & shower, lovely landscaped fenced yard, 1 car garage. Great Location.
MLS#11-3533
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1114 Golf Course Dr
Raised Ranch with 3 bedrooms & attached garage. Spacious wrap around deck and enclosed patio. ADT security system has also been recently installed. 11-8467
$125.000
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Retreat to this charming Pocono Style Contemporary. A stones throw to Pennsylvania's state gamelands. Relax or entertain outdoors and enjoy Pennsylvania's abundant wildlife.
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THORNHURST



68 Laurel Drive
True log home, inside and out. 4 bedroom / 2 bath home with full basement. located in quiet community. Knotty pine interior, living room fireplace, wrap decking, paved drive and more. MLS 11-4211
$114,900
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TRUCKSVILLE



Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath double wide in nice neighborhood. Many updates. Landscaped & fenced yard with pool, large deck & koi pond!
$99,700
MLS#11-2253
Four Star McCabe Realty
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TUNKHANNOCK



Affordable living on ¾ acre, one mile from Tunkhannock. Cape Cod, 4 bedrooms, appliances stay, newer metal roof and replacement windows. Great price at $119,500!
Shari Philmeck
ERA BRADY ASSOCIATES
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Lovely bi-level, 4 bedroom home situated on scenic one acre with pond, above ground pool, shed and fruit trees. Stay cozy with 2 gas stoves and coal stove (in addition to electric heating.)
Great buy at
$189,900
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WANAMIE



950 Center St.
Unique property. Well maintained - 2 story 10 year old set on 3.56 acres. Privacy galore, pole barn 30x56 heated for storage of equipment, cars or boats. A must see property. GEO Thermal Heating System.Only 10 minutes from interstate 81 & 15 minutes to turnpike. MLS#10-3802
$249,900
Call Geri
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LEWITH&FREEMAN 570-696-3801

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3 bedroom home in beautiful country setting. Large 3 stall detached garage. Priced to sell. MLS#11-1046
$104,900
Owner willing to sell separate detached garage parcel for $39,900
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570-788-8500

WEST HAZLETON

100 Warren St
16,000 sq. ft. commercial building with warehouse / offices. Great location. 1 block west of Route 93. Approx. 3 miles from 80/81 intersection. Many possibilities for this property--storage lockers; flea market; game/entertainment center; laundromat; auto garage.
$119,000
Call Karen at
Century 21 Select Group - Hazleton
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WEST PITTSTON



Spacious 3 unit in very nice condition & has been owner occupied for over 40 years. 3 bedrooms each unit, vinyl sided and most all replacement windows, 2 furnaces, ample parking & a lot of old charm! Nice location on tree lined street. MLS#11-3253
$142,500
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570-674-9950

WEST PITTSTON



16 Miller St.
4 bedroom Cape Cod, one with hardwood floors. Central air, nice yard in Garden Village.
For more info and photos visit: www.atlasrealtyinc.com
MLS 11-3645
$129,900
Call Tom Salvaggio
570-262-7716
Atlas Realty, Inc. 829-6200

WEST PITTSTON



Well cared for and nicely kept. A place to call home! Complete with 2 car oversized garage, central air, first floor laundry, eat in kitchen. Convenient to shopping, West Pittston pool and ball fields.
PRICE REDUCED!
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MLS 11-583
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LEWITH&FREEMAN 570-696-3801

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WEST PITTSTON



438 Tripp St
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday
12pm-5pm
Completely remodeled home with everything new. New kitchen, baths, bedrooms, tile floors, hardwoods, granite countertops, all new stainless steel appliances, refrigerator, stove, microwave, dishwasher, free standing shower, tub for two, huge deck, large yard, excellent neighborhood
$154,900 (30 year loan @ 4.5% with 5% down; $7,750 down, $785/month)
100% OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE
Call Bob at
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WALSH REAL ESTATE 696-1490

WHITE HAVEN



124 Holiday Drive
4 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Brick fireplace in living room. Large front deck. Screened porch. Unfinished dry basement. Sold furnished. Home close to Route 940, Interstate 80, NE Ext to PA turnpike, Route 81. Open floor plan. MLS 11-5369
$89,000
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180 Woodhaven
Tucked at the end of a natural Spring-fed Lake, a quiet, restful setting gives you the peace and tranquility you're searching for. Sophisticated log design features cathedral ceilings with expansive glass to soak in the view overlooking the lake. Expansive living area with high, vaulted ceiling leads your eye to the open loft and wide Catwalk. Easy access to decks and patio from every level to enjoy nature at it's best. Huge 840 sq. foot, guest quarters –so very convenient for friends and family. Call now to learn more about this very special property. MLS 11-5544
$374,900
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WHITE HAVEN



30-31 Oak Drive
3 Bedroom, 2 bath single family.
11-6522
$129,900
Century 21 Select Group
570-643-2100
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100 Darling St



Nice tow bedroom single, gas heat, enclosed porch, fenced yard. Close to downtown & colleges. Affordable at $42,500. Call
TOWN & COUNTRY REAL ESTATE CO.
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570-542-5708

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3 unit commercial building with 2 apartments & a store front operation plus a detached 2 car garage.
$75,000
MLS# 11-1724
Four Star McCabe Realty
570-674-9950

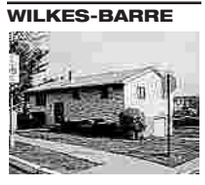
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Beautifully maintained double block on large landscaped lot (5 lots). Many updates, hardwood under carpet, ceiling fans, plaster walls and off street parking for 9! Must See!
MLS # 11-2651
$110,000
Call Christine Kutz for details.
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116 Amber Lane
Very nice Bi-level home with newer laminate floors, vaulted ceiling, 2 large bedrooms. Finished lower level with 1/2 bath and laundry room. Large family room built in garage, and wood pellet stove. No sign, alarm system. For more info and photos visit:
www.atlas realtyinc.com.
MLS 11-3290
$89,900
Call Colleen
570-237-0415
Atlas Realty, Inc. 829-6200

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134 Brown Street
Nicely remodeled, spacious 2-story with attached garage on corner lot. Modern, eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances; large lower level Theatre Room and additional rec room with dry bar and 5th bedroom. Newer roof, mostly newer replacement windows & gas furnace. MLS# 11-1817
REDUCED TO $79,900
Call Steve Shemo
(570) 288-1401
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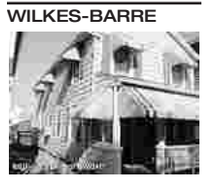
156 Sherman Street
HANDYMAN SPECIAL. Extra Large duplex with 7 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, screened porch, full basement and 2 car garage on double lot in Wilkes-Barre City. $59,500
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185 West River St



OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, DEC 18
2 to 4
Spacious, quality home, brick - two story with 6 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, two fireplaces, den, heated sunroom off living room, screened porch off formal dining room, modern eat-in kitchen, garage. Many extras... Sacrifice,
Owner relocating out of state.
$114,900.
MLS 11-2474
JANE KOPP REAL ESTATE
570-288-7481

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2 Story, 3 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 bath single family. Large eat-in kitchen, 1st floor laundry, hardwood floors, newer furnace & water heater, 1 car garage. Off street parking. Quiet one way street.
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Coldwell Banker Rundle
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WILKES-BARRE
241 Dana Street



Spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 baths with textured ceilings, updated kitchen, all appliances including dishwasher, tiled bath with whirlpool tub, 2nd floor laundry room. Replacement windows.
DRASTIC REDUCTION
$60,000
MLS# 11-88
Call Arlene Warunek
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Century 21
Smith Hourigan Group
(570) 696-1195

WILKES-BARRE



26-28-30 Blackman Street
Nice investment triplex conveniently located on bus route close to schools. Grosses over $3,000/month! Separate gas, electric & water; parking for 10+ cars. Reduced to $94,900.
MLS#11-423
Call Steve Shemo
(570) 288-1401
(570) 793-9449
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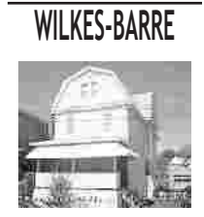
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WILKES-BARRE
35 Hillard Street



Great neighborhood surrounds this updated 2 story home with original woodwork. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,500sf oak eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, stained glass windows, large rooms, fenced yard, deck. Zoned R1 Single Family Zone.
$79,900
MLS #11-599
Call Tracy Zarola
570-696-0723
LEWITH&FREEMAN 570-696-3801

WILKES-BARRE



35 Murray St.
Large well kept 6 bedroom home in quiet neighborhood. Off street parking, good size back yard. Owner very motivated to sell.
MLS 10-3668
$79,900
Call Don Crossin
570-288-0770
CROSSIN REAL ESTATE
570-288-0770

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39 W. Chestnut St. Lots of room in this single with 3 floors of living space. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath with hardwood floors throughout, natural woodwork, all windows have been replaced, laundry/pantry off of kitchen. 4x10 entry foyer, space for 2 additional bedrooms on the 3rd floor. Roof is new.
MLS 11-325
$69,900
Jay A. Crossin
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Ext. 23
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49 Hillard St.
Great 3 bedroom home with large modern kitchen. Ductless air conditioning on 1st floor. Laundry on 2nd floor. Nice deck and fenced in yard. Off street parking for 2 cards via rear alley
MLS 11-2896
$85,000
Call Shelby Watchilla
570-762-6969
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WILKES-BARRE
54 PENN ST.
SALE BY OWNER
$1500
CASH BACK



Remodeled 2-3 bedroom with eat-in kitchen & oak cabinets; large dining room with oak flooring; laundry room on first floor with 1/2 bath; ceramic tile master bath with granite vanity and walk in linen closet; extra large master bedroom; wrap porch; partially fenced; concrete basement; ceiling fans; stained glass windows; gas heat; wood floor attic; shed; close to mall; quiet, safe neighborhood. Nice view. Move in condition, no repairs needed. Low real estate taxes. **New concrete driveway. Out of flood zone.**
$87,500.
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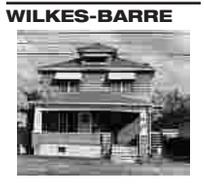
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WILKES-BARRE
60 Saint Clair St



Great 4 bedroom home with new kitchen, furnace and bath. Laundry room off kitchen. Newer windows and roof. Hardwood on first floor. Off street parking. Older one car garage. Walk up attic. MLS 11-1478
$69,000
Call Nancy Answini
570-237-5999
JOSEPH P. GILROY REAL ESTATE
570-288-1444

WILKES-BARRE



DOUBLE LOT IN WILKES-BARRE CITY
Extra large duplex. Total 7 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, fireplace, screened porch, full basement and 2 car garage. $58,000.
Jeannie Brady
ERA BRADY ASSOCIATES
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WILKES-BARRE



Former Blessed Sacrament Church, Rectory and paved parking lot. 4,372 square foot Church 1,332 square foot Rectory. Parking for 40 vehicles. Three adjacent lots for one price.
$160,000
MLS#11-4037
Call Jeff Cook
Realty World Bank Capital
570-235-1183

WILKES-BARRE



Great price! 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, needs some love. High ceilings, open floor plan downstairs, extra room upstairs for closet, office, storage, whatever you need. Subject to short sale, bank approval.
$37,900
MLS 11-3134
Call/text for Details.
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570-947-3824
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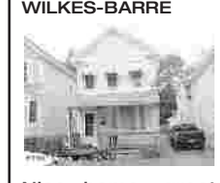


Huge Price Reduction!! Owner says SELL! Move right in to this 2-3 bedroom. Newer roof and windows & fenced rear yard.
$24,900
MLS#11-3440
FOUR STAR MCCABE REALTY
Call 570-674-9950

WILKES-BARRE

Lot 39 Mayock St.
9' ceilings throughout 1st floor, granite countertops in kitchen. Very bright. 1st floor master bedroom & bath. Not yet assessed. End unit. Modular construction.
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Jim Graham at
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WILKES-BARRE



Nice home, great price. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, wood floors, off street parking, Approx 1312sq ft. Currently rented out for $550 monthly, no lease. Keep it as an investment or make this your new home. MLS 11-3207
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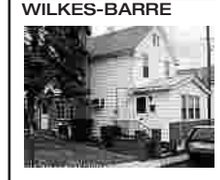


262 Stucker Ave & Extra Lot (3rd street after baseball field)
7 room (3 bedrooms), 1 1/2 baths. Lower Level has family room and 1 car attached garage. To settle Estate. Drastically reduced. Original price $119,900, now reduced $79,900.
10-2472
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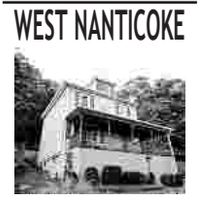
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3-4 bedroom, 2 story home with well kept hardwood floors throughout. Private driveway with parking for 2 cards and nearly all replacement windows.
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To Settle Estate $60,000



314 Horton Street
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New Price $60,000
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WEST NANTICOKE



High on the hill with a country style porch. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, modern eat in kitchen with island. Gas fireplace, large foyer & office. MLS # 11-3717
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WYOMING
40 Fifth st



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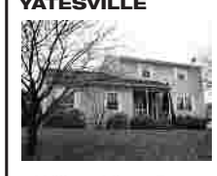
New Listing. Beautiful home in "Willow View" that shows "Pride of Ownership" throughout! Spacious Florida room that leads to a private yard with extensive landscaping, brand new roof, 3 baths, 4 bedrooms, lower level family room & more!
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7 Osborne Drive
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DALLAS



DALLAS Lovely 2BR, 2bth, ranch style condo at iThe Greens! in Newberry Estate. LR w/cath ceiling, gas FP w/built-ins. Gas heat C/A, mod kit w/island, open to den, 2car gar. MLS# 11-3797
SALLY 714-9233 **$349,000**

HARVEYS LAKE



HARVEY'S LAKE Renovated 3BR, 2 bath Lakefront 2story; Great room = LR w/FP DR; cherry kitchen w/ all appliances; Open to large porch w/lakeview; FR; Laundry room; 25' Lakefront & dock.
MLS# 11-4149 RAE 714-9234 **$299,000**

OPEN HOUSE TODAY • 1:00-3:00 PM

Lot 1 Woodberry Dr., Mountaintop



Preview this 4BR, 3bath 2 story model w/ lots of HW & tile. Granite counters in kit, MSTR Suite w/2 walk-in closets & tiled bath w/ dbl vanities, shower & whirlpool. Home/lot packages available. TERRY D. 715-9317
Dir: 309S. to Right on S Main, Right on Nuangola, RIght on Fairwood Blvd. to end. Straight into Woodberry Manor. Right on Woodberry Dr.

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1012 Sarah Street



PINE RIDGE ESTATES Close to work & shopping!! Almost new traditional home in a gorgeous neigborhood. All mod conveniences, 2 stry foyer, granite Kit w/ss appls, open flr plan, gas FP w/stone hearth & 2nd flr lndry. Lg MSTR Ste w/sitting area, whirlpool tub w/shower, walk-in closet, walk-out LL. A must see gem! MLS# 11-138 JOAN 696-0887 **$249,900**
Dir: From 315N take a L on Laird St (across from Woodlands). Go all the way to the end - road curves to the R - 1st L after curve and 1st L in subdivision. House on R.

DALLAS



DALLAS Attractive 4BR, 4 bath Tudor on 3.78acres w/stream & pond. Loft library off Master Suite & great room w/stone FP. MLS# 10-4516
BARBARA M. 696-0883 **$399,900**

MOUNTAINTOP



MOUNTAINTOP Beautiful 4BR, 3 bath lakefront home on cul-de-sac in Laurel Lakes. Fireplace in FR, H/W floors, gorgeous kitchen, attached garage. MLS# 09-295
MATT 714-9229 **$349,900**

LAFLIN



LAFLIN OAKWOOD PARK - Beautiful landscaping, great views surround this gracious all brick ranch. Great kitchen w/brkfst area, opens to heated FL rm. 2 FP's. Frml LR & DR w/HW. Must see! MLS# 10-4583 TERRY D. 715-9317 **$399,000**

MOUNTAINTOP



MOUNTAINTOP Spectacular 7BR, 4 bath home on 35acres w/ tennis courts, in-ground pool, barn, pond & trails galore! Very private. Right in the middle of Mountain Top. MLS# 11-4395
SHARON 970-1106 **$1,299,000**

KINGSTON



KINGSTON Comfy 5BR home w/mod eat-in kit plus 2 full mod baths, LR & DR w/hardwood floors, 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry room & gas heat. Lease purchase option available. MLS# 11-1042
MATT 714-9229 **$179,000**

KINGSTON



KINGSTON This 6BR, 2 bath 3 story makes a perfect family home at a price you can afford! Great location. Close to schools & shopping. Home warranty! MLS# 11-3760
BARBARA M. 696-0883 **$130,000**

SHICKSHINNY



SHICKSHINNY LAKE CHEROKEE DRIVE - SHICKSHINNY LAKE. If you crave privacy, consider this 4BR, 3 bath raised ranch on a 5+ acre lot. A tree-lined driveway leads to this spacous 3,300SF home. MLS# 11-2458 BARBARA M. 696-0883 **$225,000**

FRANKLIN TWP.



FRANKLIN TWP. Carmichael & Dame custom built home w/ beautiful views, circle driveway. Dallas School District. MLS# 11-2102 DIANE 696-0889 **$610,000**

FRANKLIN TWP.



FRANKLIN TWP. Start your new year moving into this stunning & immaculate 4 BR, 4 bath traditional set on 2.68 A. Cozy up to the warm FP & enjoy the breathtaking views from French doors that lead to spacious decks. Enjoy the great outdoors only 10 min from schools & shopping. Too many amenities to mention. MLS# 11-1252 Shirley 714-9281 **$469,900**

COURTDALE



COURTDALE Peacefully secluded custom blt Contemp. on 6.4acs w/4-5BRs, 3.5 bths, ingrnd pool, 3 car gar, LR w/flr to ceiling windows, marble entry w/spiral staircase. LL rec rm w/ wet bar, granite tops & gas FP Sweeping views from 61x9 deck. Country living in town! MLS# 11-3971
DEB R. 714-5802 **$438,000**

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Prices Start at $219,900
Call Lisa Joseph at 715-9335 or
Virginia Rose at 714-9253 for more information.

OPEN HOUSES - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2011

PITTSTON/NORTH & SURROUNDS

Exeter	318 Roosevelt St.	12-1:30PM	Atlas Realty
Duryea	619 Foote Ave.	12-1:30PM	Atlas Realty
Jenkins Twp.	Insignia Point Courtyards	1-3PM	Lewith & Freeman
West Pittston	216 Spring St.	1-2:30PM	Lewith & Freeman
Laflin	215 Haverford Dr.	2-4PM	Lewith & Freeman
Scranton	1124 Woodlawn St.	1-3PM	Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group
Exeter	29 Grant St.	1-2:30PM	Coldwell Banker Rundle Real Estate

MOUNTAINTOP & SURROUNDS

Mountaintop	4 Mystic Dr.	1-2:30PM	Lewith & Freeman
Mountaintop	Lot 1 Woodberry Dr.	1-3PM	Lewith & Freeman
Mountaintop	139 Sandwedge Dr.	1-3PM	ERA One Source Realty
Mountaintop	21 Walden Dr.	12:30-2PM	Century 21 Signature Properties

WILKES-BARRE & SURROUNDS

Wilkes-Barre	1012 Sarah St.	12:30-2:30PM	Lewith & Freeman
Wilkes-Barre	27 McLean St.	1:30-2:30PM	Lewith & Freeman
Wilkes-Barre	296 N. Main St.	12-1PM	Lewith & Freeman
Bear Creek	101 Maple Rd.	1-3PM	Lewith & Freeman
Wilkes-Barre	590-592 N. Main St.	2-4PM	Rothstein Realtors
Plains	74 Mack St.	1-3PM	Marilyn K. Snyder Real Estate
Wilkes-Barre	17 Donald Court	1-2:30PM	ERA One Source Realty

BACK MOUNTAIN & SURROUNDS

Dallas	135 Lincoln St.	12-2PM	Lewith & Freeman
Dallas	20 Fox Hollow Dr.	12-1:30PM	Lewith & Freeman
Shavertown	1305 Oak Dr.	1-3PM	Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group
Kingston Twp.	26 Dug Rd.	1-3PM	Prudential Poggi & Jones

Harveys Lake	Pole 290	12-1:30PM	Century 21 Signature Properties

KINGSTON/WEST SIDE & SURROUNDS

Swoyersville	67 Watkins St.	1-3PM	Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group
Luzerne	Waypoint Townhomes	1-3PM	ERA One Source Realty
Pringle	50 Broad St.	12-2PM	JJ Mantione Appraisal & Realty Group
Edwardsville	64 E. Luzerne Ave.	12-1:30PM	Classic Properties
Kingston	267 Grove St.	1-3PM	Elegant Homess

HANOVER/ASHLEY/NANTICOKE & SURROUNDS

Nanticoke	112 Pine St.	12-2PM	Realty World Rubbico Real Estate

HAZLETON & SURROUNDS

Conyngham	2 Backfield Circle	12-1:30PM	Lewith & Freeman

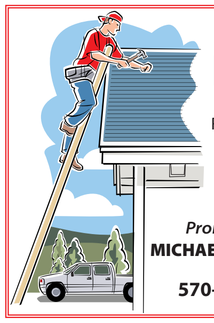


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MLS#11-4072 **$95,900**

17 DONALD CT., WILKES-BARRE (OPEN HOUSE TODAY • 1:00-2:30)
Take Carey Ave to Simpson St, turn right onto Plymouth St, turn left onto Willow St, then turn left onto Donald Ct. MLS#11-2969 **$189,900**
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WILKES-BARRE
Spacious 4 bedroom 2 full bath home. New carpet, freshly painted, Ductless A/C, large private yard, carport, off st parking, screened in back porch, new roof. MLS#11-3458 **$47,900**

WILKES-BARRE
Charming 2 story 3 bedroom home. Laminate flooring in the kitchen and dining room. New roof (August 2010), replacement windows, paved drive and a fenced yard.
MLS#11-2181 **$52,500**

WILKES-BARRE
Gorgeous Condo in Downtown Wilkes-Barre. This 2 bedroom Condo has it all! Open floor plan with ultra modern kitchen and baths. Beautiful wood floors, high ceilings, balcony and a community rooftop deck. Quiet, worry free, city living in the heart of downtown. KOZ Zone (NO PROPERTY, STATE OR LOCAL INCOME TAXES FOR 9 YEARS!) Covered parking with a 8x10 storage area. MLS#11-428 **$249,500**

WILKES-BARRE
3 bedroom 2 story home on a large lot. Modern eat-in kitchen and bath. 1st floor laundry. 3 season screened in back porch. Storage building and plenty of off street parking. Located in the Rolling Mill Hill section of W-B. Out of flood area. Seller will give 1,400.00 towards closing costs. MLS#11-2183 **$58,900**

KINGSTON (MULT-UNIT)
Investment or Buyers here you go! Large double block in good condition, off street parking, great size back yard & offers plenty more ! Please contact Amanda for showings 570-706-5534.
MLS#11-3774 **$119,900**

PLAINS (MULT-UNIT)
Nice Double located in Plains Township in a beautiful neighborhood. 3 bedrooms & 1 full bath in #19.2 Large bedrooms & 1 full bath in #17. One car garage, large eat-in kitchen,nice sized back yard.
MLS#11-2398 **$149,900**

WHITE HAVEN
Home being sold in as is condition short sale opportunity !
MLS#11-3457 **$79,900**

HANOVER TWP.
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. Fantastic ranch home located in the Hanover Hills Development in Hanover Twp. 3 bedroom, 2 baths. Eat-In kitchen, HW floors in bedrooms. BRAND NEW ROOF! One car attached garage. Large yard. Out of flood area !!
MLS#11-4232 **$105,000**

DURYEA
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DALLAS
Motivated Seller! Very Spacious cape cod located in Elmcrest development. Nicely landscaped yard, Beautiful built-ins with original wood work highlight each room. Stone fireplace in living room with hardwood floors under carpet, all new updated electrical.
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MOUNTAINTOP
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MOUNTAINTOP
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MLS#10-4123 **$299,000**

MOUNTAINTOP
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139 SANDWEDGE DR., MOUNTAINTOP (OPEN HOUSE TODAY • 1:00-3:00)
Rt.309 South to Triangle, R onto S Main Rd, Right on Alberdeen Rd.,R into Blue Ridge Trail Golf Course,1st Left onto Sandwedge, Home on Right. MLS#11-3813 **$269,000**
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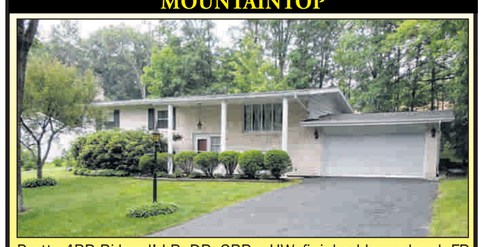


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MOUNTAINTOP



Pretty 4BR Bi-level! LR, DR, 3BRs, HW, finished lower level, FR w/FP 3 full baths, 2 car garage. 2120SF. Nice lot!
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$84,900
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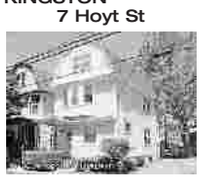


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KINGSTON

7 Hoyt St



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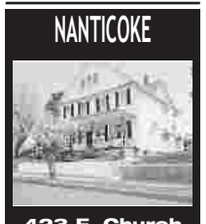
LAFLIN



33 Market St. Commercial/residential property featuring Ranch home with 3 bedrooms, newly remodeled bathroom, in good condition. Commercial opportunity for office in attached building. For more info and photos visit: www.atlas realtyinc.com MLS 11-3450 **Reduced $159,000 Call Tom 570-262-7716**

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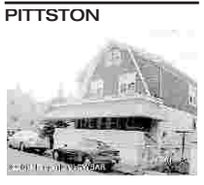
PITTSTON



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WILKES-BARRE

98-100 Lockhart St



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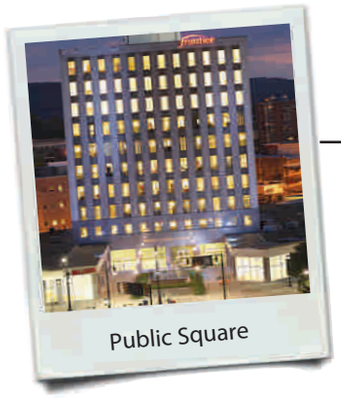


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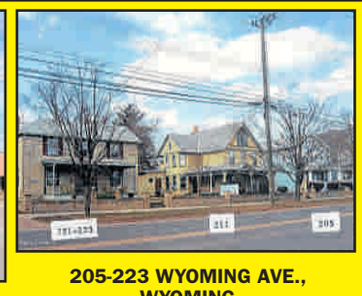
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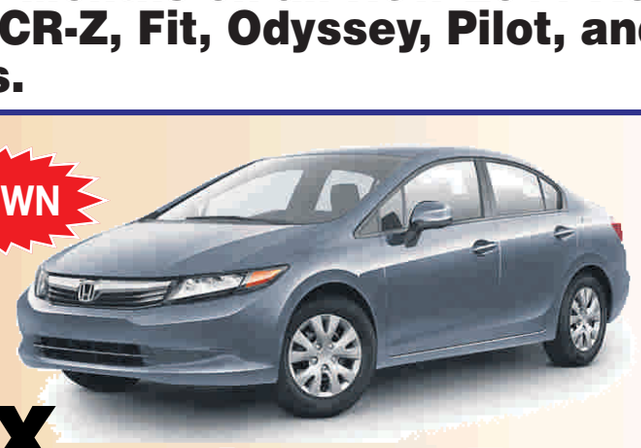
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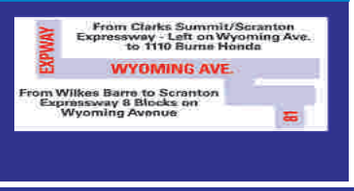
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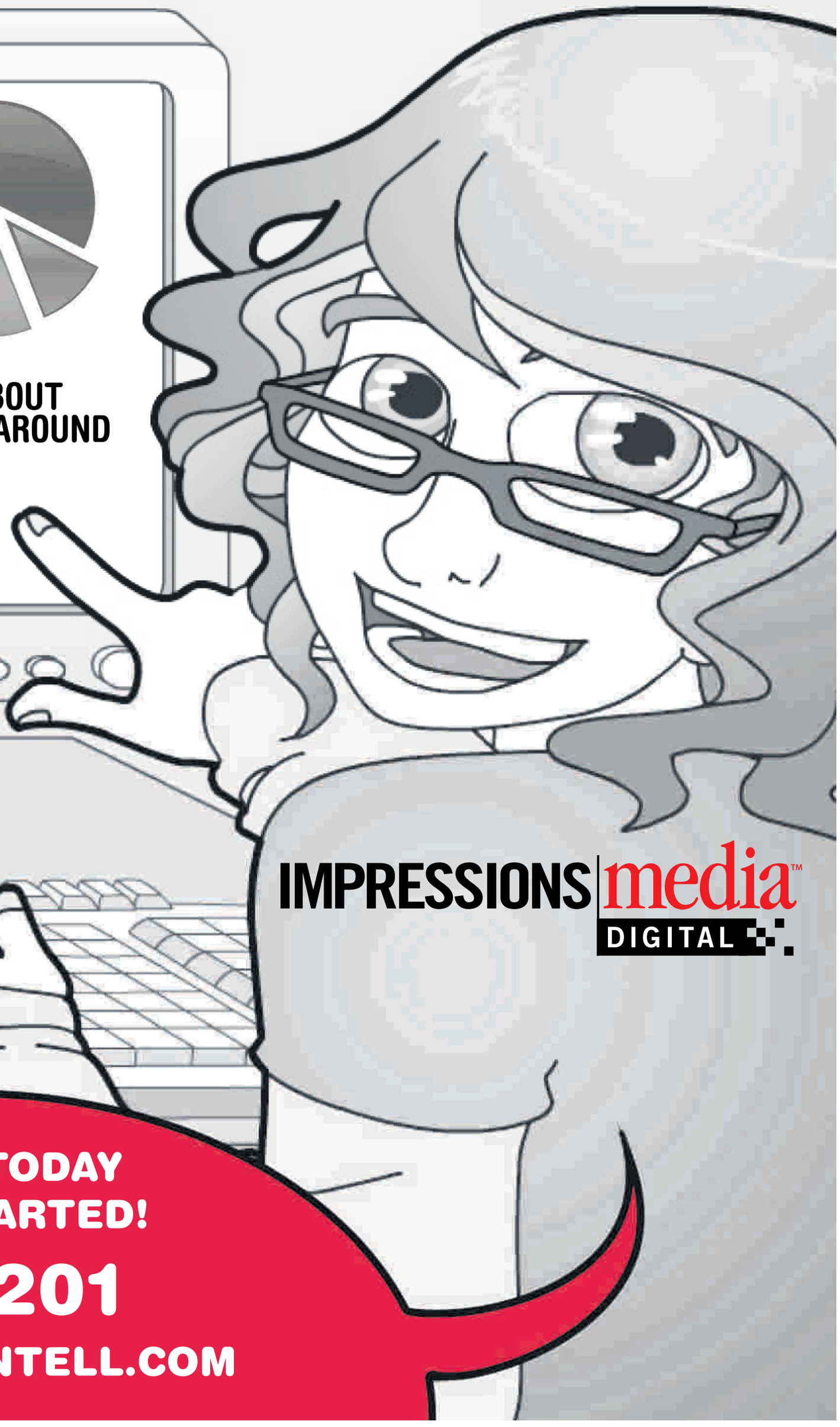
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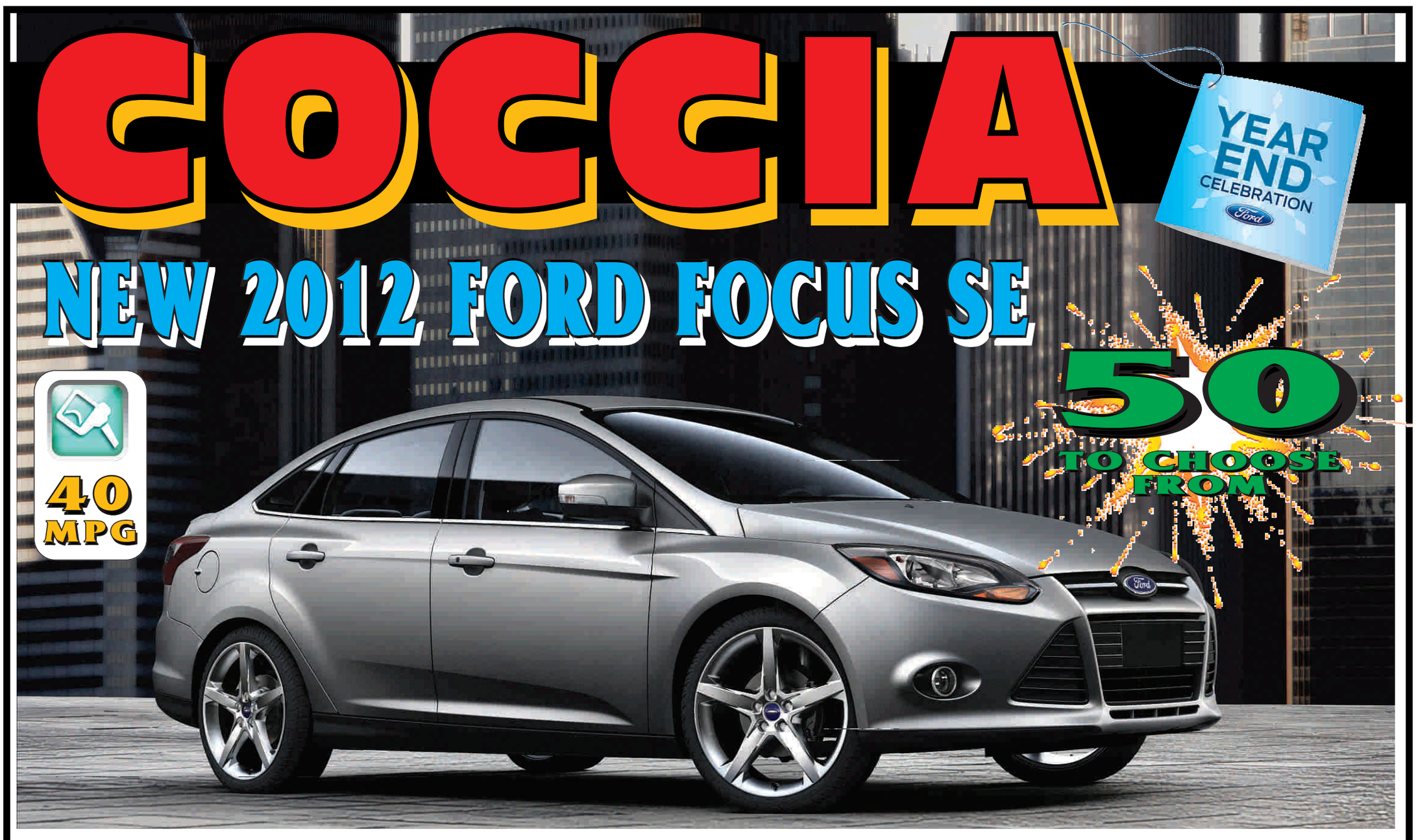
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WAS....$18,160
Ford Rebate.....500
Off Lease Rebate.....500
Ford Regional Discount off MSRP.....70
Coccia Discount off MSRP.....76

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WAS....$25,065
Ford Rebate.....500
Ford Bonus Rebate.....1,500
FMCC Rebate.....500
Off Lease Rebate.....1,250
Ford Regional Discount off MSRP.....445
Coccia Discount off MSRP.....871

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FMCC Rebate.....1,000
Off Lease Rebate.....1,250
Trade In Rebate.....1,000
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Coccia Discount off MSRP.....991

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LEASE FOR $169 27 Mos.

WAS....$28,730
Ford Rebate.....1,000
Ford Bonus Rebate.....1,500
Off Lease Rebate.....1,250
Ford Regional Discount off MSRP.....195
Coccia Discount off MSRP.....786

COCCIA PRICE $23,999

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WAS....$33,680
Ford Rebate.....2,000
Ford Bonus Rebate.....500
FMCC Rebate.....1,000
Off Lease Rebate.....1,250
Trade In Rebate.....1,000
Coccia Discount off MSRP.....1,431

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WAS....$33,620
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