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Drilling, gas in water linked

But report fails to find traces of "fracking" chemicals. Industry faults the research.

By DINA CAPIELLO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New research is providing some of the first scientific evidence that a controversial gas drilling technique can contaminate drinking water.

The study published Monday found potentially dangerous concentrations of methane gas in water from wells near drilling sites in North-eastern Pennsylvania, although not in central



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New York, where gas drilling is less extensive.

But in an unexpected finding, the team of Duke University scientists did not find any trace of the chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process in 68 wells tested in

Pennsylvania and Otsego County in central New York.

In hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, water, sand and chemicals are injected underground to crack the rock and get natural gas to flow into a well. Critics of the technique have worried more about the chemicals since companies have refused to make public the proprietary

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Pakistan suspected of leaks

U.S. believes country's intelligence service outed American covert operative.

By SEBASTIAN ABBOT
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Suspicion rose Monday that Pakistan's intelligence service leaked the name of the CIA chief in Islamabad to local media in anger over the raid that killed Osama bin Laden — the second outing of an American covert operative here in six months.

The U.S. said it has no plans to pull the spy chief, but the incident is likely to exacerbate an already troubled relationship between the two countries a week after Navy SEALs in helicopters swooped down on bin Laden's compound without first telling the Pakistanis. The CIA and Pakistan's spy agency have long viewed each other with suspicion, which the death of the terror leader has laid bare.

The Pakistani military and intelligence services have suffered withering criticism at home for failing to stop the U.S. operation. Many Pakistanis view the raid as a violation of their sovereignty — even if they

"Yes, there has been an intelligence failure. It is not only ours but of all the intelligence agencies of the world."

Yousuf Raza Gilani
Pakistani Prime Minister

FINE WEATHER MAKES THE GRADE



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Taking advantage of the weather, now sunny and dry after a long stretch of cloudy and wet, nursing majors Alexandra Grippo of Fair Lawn, N.J., left, Kaci Birosik of Hanover Township, and Kellie Taylo of Madison, N.J., study for final exams Monday afternoon on the Fenner Quadrangle at Wilkes University. Outdoor activities should remain appealing the next few days, with the forecast calling for mostly sunny skies and highs in the mid-70s. The full forecast is on **Page 10B**.

16 judicial candidates raise \$1.045 million for primary race

Ross and Aciukewicz release campaign finance reports.

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Two remaining campaign finance reports in the Luzerne County judicial race were released Monday, bringing the total spent on the 16 contenders to



\$886,311.

The committee for candidate Tony Ross raised \$63,500 and spent \$46,550, its report shows. Candidate John Aciukewicz's committee raised \$28,325 and spent \$23,167.

The additional figures mean a total \$1.045 million had been raised by the 16 candidates as of May 2.

The highest expenditure for Ross

was \$42,189 to Sweda Advertising, Clarks Summit, for advertising. The committee is carrying \$50,200 in unpaid debt for loans made to the committee — \$24,200 from Tony Ross; \$6,000 from Mary E. Ross, Old Forge; \$3,000 from Anthony G. Ross, Mountain Top; and \$17,000 from Mary C. Perry, Hazleton.

The expenditures of Aciukewicz's committee included \$3,865 to Lamar Advertising Co., Scranton, for adver-

tising, and \$9,780 to Lighthouse Marketing Services, Wilkes-Barre, for radio advertising.

Aciukewicz's committee carries \$5,000 in unpaid debt from a loan he made to the committee.

Six judicial seats are up for grabs this year.

The other contenders are Jim Haggerty, Mark Bufalino, Richard "Dick"

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Arena could get pro lacrosse

Authority to get lease terms for team. If OK'd, club's league debut may be in Jan.

By JOE SOPRANO
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Northeastern Pennsylvania could be home to a new professional sports team soon.

Terms for a lease for a professional indoor lacrosse team will be given to the Luzerne County Convention Center Authority board on Wednesday.

If approved, the team could begin play in a new league in January at Mohegan Sun Arena.

"It's something we're hopeful will happen," said Rebecca Bonnevier, SMG general manager at the arena in Wilkes-Barre Township.

"Lacrosse is growing in popularity and we think it will do well here."

The formation of the league — expected to be called the North American Lacrosse League —

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Mason Antonik
Sunny, cool. High 72, low 40.
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REACH's end leaves homeless with few options

Drop-in center at St. Stephen's closing down for lack of funding

By STEVE MOCARSKY
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WILKES-BARRE — Barring "a miracle" or an organization stepping in to take over homeless services of The REACH Program, folks can expect to see increasing numbers of homeless people hanging around Public Square and other areas in the city after July 1.

REACH Inc., a "grass-roots ministry of last resort for the less fortunate," will be forced to close the doors of its drop-in center lo-

cated in the basement of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on South Franklin Street because of a lack of funding, according to a news release that board members issued Monday.

"Nine years ago, we saw the humanitarian need to initiate a drop-in center for the homeless. As of now, we are the only organization addressing this community challenge," according to the letter signed by board President

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Joseph Williams said Monday he uses REACH about twice a week to watch movies and use the phone.

Sewer cost complaints voiced in Hazle Twp.

Residents upset by fees are encouraged to attend May 18 meeting to get more info.

By GERI GIBBONS
Times Leader Correspondent

HAZLE TWP. – Sewer costs were brought up for discussion at Monday night’s Hazle Township supervisors meeting.

Residents from Cranberry, Hardwood, and Crystal Ridge said sewer costs in their areas were higher than in other parts of the township.

“We pay \$165 quarterly and \$65 monthly to cover sewer fees. As working people, we don’t find this acceptable,” said Debra Trentley, a Cranberry resident raising her young grandson.

Chairman William Gallagher said sewer costs of all township residents were similar, although the cost of each individual project dictated the specific cost to the residents. Residents whose sewer projects were recently completed have fees that reflect repayment of project-related loans, said Gallagher.

Supervisor Butchie Boyarski agreed with this assessment and encouraged residents to attend the sewer board meeting May 18, which will directly address this matter.

Gallagher also addressed resident concerns that the cost of township projects was rising in

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The next meeting of the supervisors will be 6 p.m. Monday, June 13. The Sewer Board will meet Wednesday, May 18.

general. He referred to unfunded state mandates that directed the township to pay higher rates to laborers. He said these mandated costs do not take into consideration the income of residents.

“For example, the state directs that we pay construction-site truck drivers over \$40 per hour,” said Gallagher. He said, “There is no way around these mandates.”

In another matter, James McGarry, of Christine Road, said part of that road has not been maintained by the township. He said the township indicated the street was “not deeded or dedicated” and therefore ineligible for township attention.

The resident, who shared photos of his water-logged property, said he frequently fell on the ice in front of his home and safety was a concern.

“I actually went out and bought a snowplow. I am now the ‘street snowplower,’ ” McGarry said. “I believe that it is the township’s responsibility for maintenance of this road.”

Gallagher promised to look into the matter and get back to McGarry.

Wyoming Borough gets sewer grant from state

Money will be used for separation of sanitary, storm sewers and system repairs.

By WILLIAM BELL
Times Leader Correspondent

WYOMING – Mayor Robert Boyer announced at Monday night’s council meeting that the borough has been notified it has been awarded a \$1 million state grant for improvements to its sanitary sewer system.

The H2O grant is provided through the state Department of Community and Economic Development. The grant will aid the separation of sanitary and storm sewers and repairs of the system.

In other matters, Councilman William Starr reported quotes are being obtained for new phone service for the new Borough Building in anticipation of moving in in the near future.

Council passed a motion to retain Constable Ron Scavone for ordinance and code enforcement at a salary of \$11 an hour effective May 9.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, former Mayor Michael Podwicka expressed concern about the lawn waste being allowed to be dumped on borough lands. He said the privilege was being abused with the dumping of non-yard waste, and that non-residents were using the facility.

He cited the dumping of non-lawn items and an odor problem.

Joseph Gayeski, the borough’s representative to the Luzerne County Tax Collection Committee, stated in an update that the committee had initiated a proposed revision to its bylaws that would allow for more quo-

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rum’s at the meetings.

The state-mandated committee includes all municipalities and schools districts in Luzerne County. Its function is to select one firm to act as the earned income tax collector for all municipalities and school districts in the county.

Gayeski provided copies of the proposed revisions of the bylaws to council and Solicitor Jarrett Ferentino.

He said the Don Wilkinson Agency, the firm selected by the committee to collect all local earned income taxes, will be meeting with the committee on Wednesday, and the regular monthly meeting of the committee will be May 25.

Boyer asked Secretary/Treasurer Marcella Starr for an update on the Wyoming Monument since she serves on the Wyoming Monument Association. She reported the repairs to the damage at the monument caused by lightning were almost complete, and that its rededication will be on July 4.

The \$100,000 cost of the repairs was paid for by Drs. Rose and Joseph Mattioli, the owners of Pocono International Raceway.

The association plans to honor the Mattiolis at the rededication. Plans for the ceremony are still being finalized, but the association has asked Boyer to be one of the keynote speakers.

Council President Stephen Nalewajko said the Wyoming VFW has offered to pay for American flags to decorate the borough.

Fire victim remains in critical condition

Times Leader Staff

PITTSTON – A man who was badly burned in a fire at the Apollo Apartments late Friday night remained in critical condition on Monday.

Pittston Firefighter Joe Kelly on Monday identified the fire victim as Russell Root, who lived in the second-floor efficiency apartment in which the fire started.

Root was taken to Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, from where he was flown to the burn unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest in Allen-

town.

A staffer at the burn unit on Monday night said Root was in critical condition.

Kelly said the fire is still under investigation to determine the cause. A state police fire marshal ruled the fire, which started in a kitchenette area, was accidental.

Forty to 50 residents were evacuated from the building, and 12 were put up in hotel rooms over night by the Red Cross, Director of Emergency Services Brian Wrightson had said. The rest stayed with family.

Hanover Twp. pays off loan

Early payment of tax anticipation note saves money, officials say.

By SCOTT L. GOMB
Times Leader Correspondent

HANOVER TWP. – By paying off the 2011 tax-anticipation loan, the commissioners said they will save the township \$12,285 in interest.

Commissioners unanimously voted at Monday night’s meeting to pay off the \$906,615 loan nearly eight months early. The loan would have been due Dec. 31, 2011, but citing a decrease in spending, the township was able to pay it off by the end of the month, said Township Manager John Sipper.

“We’re only spending on what we need to,” said Sipper. “It was all through sound fiscal managing.”

Sipper said the township chose to pay off the loan because it won’t need the funds and there was no reason to hold on to them.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Awarded a bid to replace the floor in the No. 1 fire station to G.C. Wall Inc. of Wyoming for \$21,600. Other companies that bid on the job were LA Concrete of Clarks Summit, \$30,000; C.E. Ankiewicz of Mountain Top, \$31,066; Berger Construction of Freeland, \$24,960; and Multiscape of Pittston, \$29,500.
- Approved payments of \$34,846 to Reilly Associates for work on the Truesdale Terrace and Witinski’s Villa sewer project as well as a payment of \$5,790 for work on fire station No. 1.
- Adopted an ordinance banning the sale, distribution, consumption and possession of bath

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salts in the township.

- Submitted an application under the COPS program seeking funding for one full-time police officer position.
- Approved the request of Police Chief Albert Walker to attend the 98th annual Education and Training Conference in Lancaster, at a cost of \$770.
- Approved a motion to lease a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado from the Ford Motor Credit Co. at a cost of \$67,962. The lease will run for 36 months and the vehicle will be used in the road department.
- Accepted the letter of retirement from Sharon Forsey from the position of records clerk in township police department effective July 29, 2011.

W. Wyoming gets Governor’s Award

Borough recovered from financial trouble after intervention program.

By CAMILLE FIOTI
Times Leader Correspondent

WEST WYOMING – At Monday’s council meeting, Council President Eileen Cipriani announced the borough was recently awarded the Governor’s Award for Local Government Excellence in the category of Responding to Adversity.

Of the 2,562 local governments in the state, West Wyoming was one of 10 communities to receive the award, she said.

“One and a half years ago, it was determined West Wyoming Borough was in serious financial trouble,” she said. “In October 2009, the borough had \$168,000 in unpaid bills and \$32 in its general fund checking account.”

On the advice of state Rep. Phyllis Mundy, D-Kingston, the

borough entered into an Early Intervention Program, and strict financial policy changes instituted by council led to a dramatic recovery, Cipriani added.

“In less than one year, through the efforts of the borough council and with the guidance of the Pennsylvania Economy League, the borough is now financially stable,” she said. “The borough has been on a budget and finished 2010 in the black, which was the first time in five years that happened.”

The borough is holding an open house Thursday at 6 p.m. to showcase energy improvements made to the town hall. The improvements were made possible by a \$241,114 state Conservation Works Grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The event will include local officials, DEP representatives, project engineers and architects. Refreshments will be served.

In other business, council:

- Tentatively awarded a con-

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Next meeting of West Wyoming Council is Monday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m.

tract for a major storm water mitigation project to the lowest bidder, Ed Krasavage Construction, for \$595,938, subject to final approval from the borough engineer. The borough was awarded a combined sum of \$650,000 to fund the project. Two-thirds of that amount comes from a state H2O grant and one third from a Penn Vest Principal Forgiveness Loan, which doesn’t have to be paid back, said Cipriani. The project, which will begin in July, includes repairing or replacing 24 collapsed dry wells throughout the borough.

• Voted to hire Jeff Lewis, Ken Shotwell and Ed Lewko as part-time, as needed police officers.

• Reminded residents of several of the borough’s ordinances that address lawn maintenance and abandoned vehicles.

Hughestown discusses property upkeep

Borough residents complain about the condition of some nearby properties.

By B. GARRET ROGAN
Times Leader Correspondent

HUGHESTOWN – Several borough residents attended Monday night’s council meeting to complain about the upkeep of some properties around the municipality.

Rock Street residents Dave Drobeck and Faye Kascmir complained about the state of the outer property around a house on their street. They said the unkempt lawn, swimming pool and the buildup of junk items in the yard could pose health hazards and drive down the surrounding property values.

Drobeck said he was worried the unused pool will soon become a breeding ground for mosquitoes

that bring disease such as West Nile virus.

Kascmir, who lives next to the problem house, added that many used tires in the property’s backyard also tend to attract pests.

She said the problem has become so bad it has forced her family to consider selling their home and moving out of the borough. Her only concern with that plan is that the state of her neighbor’s home might prevent someone from buying her house.

Mayor Paul Hindmarsh promised he would have police Chief Steve Goyla visit the property owners to tell them what changes are needed to bring the property up to code.

“We like to have the chief go out there and give a warning before we start the legal process,” Hindmarsh said.

He said the borough likes to avoid taking these issues to a district judge because the lengthy

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The next regular council meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. June 13.

process and court costs often make these issues seem self-defeating. He estimated that by the time due process is followed, the summer might be over and/or the issues might already be resolved.

Marty Williams of Washington Terrace complained the home across the street from his has been allowing water to continuously flow out of a pipe and onto the neighboring street and sidewalks.

“How can this be legal?” Williams asked. “If this was happening in January the whole street would be frozen.”

Hindmarsh and the other borough officials were unable to comment on the situation but pledged to have the issue fully explored as soon as the borough engineer became available.

Warrior Run burn ban ordinance again put off

Residents and council expressed frustration at having to delay action again.

By SUSAN DENNEY
Times Leader Correspondent

WARRIOR RUN – For the second month, the Borough Council could not consider a proposed burn ban ordinance because of solicitor James Pyrah’s absence.

Residents and council members alike expressed frustration at having to put off a decision again. Council President Bob Daylida encouraged citizens to contact Pyrah themselves.

Borough engineer Paul Pasonick gave a report on a blocked stormwater pipe on Beaumont Street that was discussed at the April meeting.

Pasonick said a camera was used to assess the damage in the pipe. But the condition of the

pipe is still uncertain.

“The camera could only go 85 feet but the pipe is more than 200 feet long,” he said.

He said it was hard to make an estimate on the cost of repairs, but it could be \$25,000 or more to open the pipe.

During his report, Mayor Jim Brodinski asked for a meeting with the solicitor about the water problems on Beaumont Street.

He said there are questions about property titles that have to be addressed before the borough can proceed with repairs. He said that the erosion caused by the blocked pipe was very serious.

“I’ve received hundreds of calls about the problem,” he said. “It affects many properties. There has to be another solution. Putting \$25,000 into it is not going to fix the problem.”

Several residents also ex-

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pressed continued concerns about the water problems on Beaumont Street.

They also expressed anger at the absence of the solicitor.

Resident Dave Dudeck said quad ATVs were being driven illegally on borough streets. Council member Larry Siejak said the ATVs were being driven at excessive speeds.

Resident Joan Ellis said she felt that the council leadership was unresponsive. She would also like to see the ordinances published in the newspaper.

Council member Sandra Wegrzynowicz said that the ordinances will be made available at the borough building and that residents can make an appointment with the council secretary.

DETAILS

LOTTERY

MIDDAY DRAWING
DAILY NUMBER - **9-8-6**
BIG 4 - **9-1-6-6**
QUINTO - **3-1-4-5-1**
TREASURE HUNT
02-08-26-28-29
NIGHTLY DRAWING
DAILY NUMBER - **4-8-6**
BIG 4 - **3-3-7-0**
QUINTO - **2-4-8-6-7**
CASH 5
03-15-22-27-30
MATCH 6 LOTTO
04-07-21-24-31-37

HARRISBURG – Two players matched all five winning numbers drawn in Monday’s “Pennsylvania Cash 5” game and will each receive a share of the jackpot worth \$62,500.

Lottery officials said 81 players matched four numbers and won \$167.50 each; 2,493 players matched three numbers and won \$9 each; and 26,923 players matched two numbers and won \$1 each.

Thursday’s “Pennsylvania Match 6 Lotto” jackpot will be worth at least \$1,300,000 because no player holds a ticket with one row that matches all six winning numbers drawn in Monday’s game.

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LOCAL

Illegal immigrant's release ripped

State Rep. Toohil blasts feds for recently freeing admitted illegal immigrant in area.

By JENNIFER LEARN-ANDES
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BEAVER MEADOWS – Two area state legislators held a press conference near Hazleton on Monday morning to express their outrage over the federal government's recent release of an admitted illegal immigrant who was stopped for speeding.

"We're fed up with this. Something needs to be done. It's time that our federal government enforces the laws," said state Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Butler Township. "We have local police who are stopping

and doing the job of the federal government. All the federal government needs to do is follow through. It's time that they own up to their responsibility."

State Rep. Doyle Heffley, a Republican in Carbon County, also blasted federal authorities.

"This was a blatant violation of American law, and I cannot believe that our federal government cannot do a better job. I call on our president and the administration to please enforce – are pleading with them to enforce – our immigration laws," Heffley said.

Michael Morresi, who is police chief in nearby Beaver Meadows borough in Carbon County, said the illegal immigrant, Oswaldo Tlalmis-Perez, had been driving 21 mph over

BILL SUPPORTED

State Sen. John Yudichak, D-Plymouth Township, said Monday he supports S.B. 9 that would require individuals, at least 18 years of age, to prove that they are legal residents of the United States before receiving public benefits.

The bill was passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday and now moves on for a full Senate vote. Yudichak cited the recent incident involving an illegal immigrant in Beaver Meadows as justification for the legislation.

the posted speed limit.

Tlalmis-Perez produced a Mexican voter registration card as identification and had two Pennsylvania ACCESS cards in other names and



TIMES LEADER STAFF PHOTO

State Reps. Doyle Heffley and Tarah Toohil hold a press conference outside the Beaver Meadows borough building Monday.

\$3,000 in cash, Morresi said. The man had no job or address and told Morresi that he had lived illegally in New Jersey

for five years and in Hazleton for one year.

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Selection of jury starts in '83 death

Convicted in '84, James Strong gets new trial in slaying of John Strock.

By EDWARD LEWIS
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WILKES-BARRE – Jury selection for a man awarded a new trial in a deadly shooting near a highway rest stop 28 years ago is expected to take a week or more.

James Lincoln Strong, 59, is facing a criminal homicide trial for the shotgun slaying of John Strock along Interstate 81 in Dorrance Township on Aug. 18, 1983.



Strong
Courtesy of WNEP

Strock, of Glenside, had picked up Strong and James Alexander, who were hitchhiking along the interstate near the Maryland border. During the ride, Strong and Alexander had overtaken Strock at gunpoint, according to arrest records.

When they stopped to relieve themselves, Strock was led into the woods, where he was killed by a shotgun blast.

Strong was convicted of first-degree homicide and sentenced to death in 1984.

The state Supreme Court overturned Strong's conviction in November 2000, when the court ruled Strong did not receive a fair trial because prosecutors failed to reveal they had a deal with Alexander in exchange for Alexander's testimony at the initial trial.

Alexander pleaded guilty to third-degree murder and was sentenced to 40 months to 10 years. He died in prison.

The District Attorney's Office was set to retry Strong four years ago, but the trial was delayed after Strong's former attorney filed an appeal with the state Superior Court alleging a retrial constituted double jeopardy, a provision in the U.S. Constitution that precludes a person from being tried twice for the same crime. The appellate court denied the double jeopardy argument.

Before the start of jury selection on Monday, Strong's attorneys – Shelley Centini, Brian Corcoran and William Watt – made one last attempt to have the case dismissed based on double jeopardy and the misconduct by prosecutors during the 1984 trial.

President Judge Thomas F. Burke Jr., who is presiding over the trial, denied the request.

"We've been preparing for this case since 2000. There is no basis to dismiss this case under double jeopardy," said Luzerne County Assistant District Attorney James McMonagle, who is prosecuting the case along with assistant district attorneys Michael Melnick and Maureen Collins.

A pool of more than 130 potential jurors was placed Monday morning in a courtroom, where they were addressed by Burke on what to expect during the selection process and, if picked, the trial.

A total of 16 jurors will be seated for the trial.



S. JOHN WILKIN/THE TIMES LEADER

New Wilkes-Barre Area School Board member Dr. Mark Shiowitz listens during Monday's meeting. He replaced Teresa McGuire, who resigned in December because she was leaving the area.

Shiowitz joins W-B Area board

He will serve the final seven months of the term of Teresa McGuire.

By MARK GUYDISH
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WILKES-BARRE – As the new guy with only about seven months to serve before leaving the post, Wilkes-Barre Area School Board member Dr. Mark Shiowitz concedes his chances to have a major impact are small.

But the successful surgeon believes the district can benefit from a fresh

voice and new ideas.

Shiowitz was sworn in Monday night to replace Teresa McGuire, who resigned in December because she was leaving the area. He will finish her term, which ends in December.

"I would not pretend that I know enough to change the world or to accomplish a great deal in that time," he said Monday afternoon. "For the short period of time I'm there, if there is something I can do to help, at least I'll feel I tried."

The School Board failed to agree up-

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on a replacement for McGuire. By state law, the decision fell to Luzerne County courts.

Judges picked Shiowitz last week from eight applicants, a decision he found surprising.

"I submitted my name truly never thinking I'd ever be picked for this," he

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Sewer-line warranty letter for W-B residents only

Firm sent letters to people with same ZIP code as any used in W-B.

By BILL O'BOYLE
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WILKES-BARRE – Even though people living outside the city have received a letter offering low-cost warranty protection for sewer lines, the program is only for Wilkes-Barre residents.

The letter, signed by Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas M. Leighton, offers to enroll city residents in an optional warranty program from Service Line Warranties of America covering repairs up to \$4,000 on sewer lines running from houses to the sewer mains.

The Plains Township Sewer Authority has nothing to do with the letter that was also sent to residents of the township.

"This program does not cover Plains Township sewer lines," said Ron Filippini, chairman of the Township Board of Commissioners. "The people of Plains should not respond to this because it will not cover their sewer lines."

Filippini said that if any township resident has enrolled in the program, the township will contact the company and notify it of the mailing mix-up and request refunds. Filippini said the letter was deceiving to township residents.

Drew McLaughlin, administrative coordinator for Leighton, said the notification mailer was handled by the company and not the city.

He said the city provided the company with a list of ZIP codes for the city and the company purchased the ZIP code mailing list from the U.S. Postal Service.

"The city shares ZIP codes with neighboring communities, and some residents outside of the city limits received the letter mistakenly," McLaughlin said. "We've contacted the company and they are amending their list so that non-Wilkes-Barre residents will not receive future mailers."

McLaughlin said any Wilkes-Barre resident or non-resident may call 866-922-9006, the customer service hotline, to opt out of future mailings from the

company.

McLaughlin said the Service Line Warranty program provides low-cost, worry-free warranty protection for sewer lines. The city gets 10 percent of revenue from subscriptions.

"Many citizens are unaware that they are responsible for sewer lines that go from the utility connection to their houses. If these lines break or leak, repairs can be very expensive," Leighton said.

The warranty protection covers sewer line repairs up to \$4,000 plus an additional \$4,000 in coverage if public street cutting is required. The program is offered at no cost to the city of Wilkes-Barre.

According to its website, Service Line Warranties of America is headquartered in Canonsburg, Pa., and operates under the umbrella of Utility Service Partners.

Formed in 1996, Service Line Warranties of America works with local municipalities and cities to bring its warranties to the local residents.

NEWS IN BRIEF



SUBMITTED PHOTO

State Rep. Karen Boback is named 2011 Woman of the Year in Politics.

WILKES-BARRE GOP honors Boback

The Luzerne County Council of Republican Women has presented state Rep. Karen Boback, R-Harveys Lake, with the 2011 Woman of the Year in Politics.

The honor was bestowed upon Boback at the Women in Politics Breakfast recently hosted by council at the Ramada Inn, Wilkes-Barre.



Toohil

Award presenters were Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Dallas Township, the Rev. Charles Gommer, campaign chairman of Friends of Karen Boback, and state Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Butler Township.



Baker

Boback was first elected in 2006 to serve the House's 117th District. She serves on the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Gaming Oversight, Tourism and Recreational Development and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committees.

She is the subcommittee chairman of Military and Veterans Facilities, and Speaker of the House Sam Smith appointed her to serve on the Veterans' Home Advisory Council for the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center in Scranton.

Baker said Boback has proven herself to be an inspirational leader who "is committed to serving the citizens in her district." Baker was the 2010 Woman of the Year in Politics at the inaugural awards breakfast last year.

WILKES-BARRE

Raup files finance report

Charlotte Raup, Democratic candidate for Wilkes-Barre mayor, also filed a campaign finance report with the Luzerne County Bureau of Elections. In the report filed for Raup for Mayor, the candidate lists \$1,760 raised and \$1,733 in expenditures.

The largest donor was listed as Edward Gross of Wilkes-Barre at \$500. Donating \$100 each were: Kathy Reiser, Shavertown; Dolores Dlugosh, Eugene S. Pelletier, Linda Felix, Bernadette Druby, Patrick Flannery, Richard Yale, Tyler Hammond and Antonia Camera, and Rick and Marilyn Voelker, all of Wilkes-Barre. James Hayward, former city administrator, donated \$90.

No campaign finance reports were filed by candidates Frank Sorick, Lisa Cope or Nick Punko.



Raup

LUZERNE

Court hearing continued

A court hearing on a petition to decrease the size of Luzerne Borough Council was continued Monday because, according to Luzerne County Judge Lewis Wetzel, the hearing was not properly advertised. A new hearing date has not been scheduled.

Luzerne resident Kathleen Pajor, who is a candidate for council in the primary election, filed a petition through attorney Mark Bufalino earlier this year seeking to reduce the number of council candidates from seven to five.

Pajor said the borough code allows a borough with a population of fewer than 3,000 residents to reduce council membership from seven to five. She said there are an estimated 2,845 residents in Luzerne, according to the 2010 U.S. Census.

Pajor said council has taken action to reduce costs, terminated positions and eliminated all full-time employees.

She said the reduction of council members is equally required to reduce borough expenses.

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ROADSHOW PAYING CASH FOR GOLD, SILVER, COINS AND ANTIQUES TODAY THROUGH SATURDAY!

By Jason Delong
STAFF WRITER

"It's a modern day goldrush as precious metal prices soar due to the unstable economy—it's a seller's market" says Archie Davis, Roadshow Representative.

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to start your spring cleaning early this year. The Treasure Hunters Roadshow opens today in **Wilkes-Barre** and is looking for antiques and collectibles. Remember those Hot Wheels cars you played with as a kid? You know, the ones that have been stored away in the attic for the past 30 years. Well it's time to dig 'em out, along with any other

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forgotten treasures. You might be sitting on a small fortune and not even know it.

Roadshow representative, Archie Davis, explains what the event is all about. "It's a chance to get paid today, on the spot, for your classic collectibles. We host over 3,000 shows every year throughout the U.S. and Canada. Toys, dolls, trains, pocket watches, old advertising signs, gold jewelry, coins and just about anything can be sold at the Roadshow. This event is popular because

puts money in people's pockets. At a typical show, we will see hundreds of people during the five day event. We will see a few unusual items, but mostly we will see a lot of old coins, gold jewelry, and a wide variety of antiques and collectibles. Last week at a show in Missouri, a retired dentist walked in with over 5 lbs. of dental gold fillings. "I would say that is pretty unusual, wouldn't you say?" commented Davis. The gentleman received over \$31,243 for his gold fillings. He told Davis that over the years he would keep the extracted teeth when the owners didn't want them. He would throw them in a jar and over the years it added up to over 5 lbs. of gold. Now, not everyone has a jar of gold teeth lying around, but according to Davis, more than you might think have some sort of gold they can cash in. Davis says,



Above—The Treasure Hunters Roadshow runs today through Saturday this week in Wilkes-Barre.

"The Roadshow receives a fair amount of gold each day of the 5 day event."

Broken jewelry, gold coins and dental gold have been the largest payouts so far with today's high gold prices. Archie Davis commented, "Other top categories at the Roadshow would have to be silver dollars and other coins, pocket watches and my personal favorite, old toys." Davis told me a story about a visitor at a recent Roadshow in Iowa. "This elderly gentleman walked into the show and asked if we were interested in old toys. He explained that he had kept all of the toys from his childhood and that they were outside in his pickup. I walked outside, and to my surprise his pickup was full of the coolest old toys I had ever seen: big old metals trucks, pedal cars, train sets, cast iron toys, he had it all. At the end of that day, he ended up walking away with over \$7,000 for his old toys. His last comment to me was, 'Well, I guess it's time to let 'em go.'"

Whether you have 5 lbs. of gold or a single gold tooth, a pickup full of old toys or a single Barbie doll, you should visit the Roadshow this week. It's free, it's fun and it could put some money in your pocket, maybe a lot of money!

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Patient facing a more normal future
This photo combination shows Dallas Wiens, who received the first full face transplant in the United States on March 14. At top, is a December 2010 photo taken after an electrical accident disfigured his face. At bottom, Wiens is shown as he takes media questions Monday during a news conference at Brigham And Women's Hospital, in Boston.

ATLANTA
Newt to run for president

A spokesman for Newt Gingrich says the former House speaker is running for president.
Rick Tyler told The Associated Press that Gingrich will make it official Wednesday with announcements on Facebook and Twitter. He will give an interview to Fox News later that night.
Gingrich has made no secret of his White House ambitions. He's been raising money and assembling a campaign team for months.
Getting into the race marks a comeback attempt by the former Georgia congressman who stepped down from the House after four tumultuous years as speaker.



Gingrich

SYRACUSE, N.Y.
Bus driver faces charges

The injured driver of a double-decker Megabus that smashed into a low bridge in upstate New York in September, killing four passengers, was charged Monday with four counts of criminally negligent homicide.
John Tomaszewski, 60, of Yardville, N.J., made a wrong turn off an interstate highway late at night just outside downtown Syracuse, and the 13-foot-1-inch-tall bus failed to clear the railroad bridge's 10-foot-9-inch span.
The Philadelphia-to-Toronto bus was carrying 29 people, including the driver, when it crashed Sept. 11 on Onondaga Lake Parkway in Salina.

DAKAR, SENEGAL
U.N.: Scores in mass grave

U.N. investigators in Ivory Coast have determined there were at least 68 bodies spread out across 10 burial mounds in a mass grave recently discovered on a soccer field in Abidjan, the country's commercial capital.
Guillaume Ngefa, the deputy director of the human rights division of the U.N. mission in Ivory Coast, said Monday the victims were likely killed by pro-Laurent Gbagbo militias on April 12, the day after the strongman was arrested.
The killings occurred the day after Gbagbo was arrested by the army fighting to install the nation's democratically elected leader, Alassane Ouattara.

APIA, SAMOA
Date-line switch coming

Samoa plans to leap 24 hours into the future, erasing a day and putting a new kink in the Pacific's jagged international date line so that it can be on the same weekday as Australia, New Zealand and eastern Asia.
It'll be Back to the Future for the island nation, offsetting a decision it made 119 years ago to stay behind a day and align itself with U.S. traders.
That has meant that when it's dawn Sunday in Samoa, it's already dawn Monday in adjacent Tonga and shortly before dawn Monday in nearby New Zealand, Australia and prominent eastern Asia trade partners such as China.

Mississippi reaching its highest levels since the 1930s



AP PHOTO

People gather Monday on the Bonnet Carré Spillway in Norco, La. The spillway, which the Army Corps of Engineers built about 30 miles upriver from New Orleans in response to the great flood of 1927, last opened during the spring 2008.

River rising in Memphis

Officials are confident the levees will hold and have stopped evacuations.

By ADRIAN SAINZ and MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Mississippi crept toward the highest level ever in the river city, flooding pockets of low-lying neighborhoods and forcing hundreds from their homes, though the water was not threatening the music heartland's most recognizable landmarks, from Graceland to Beale Street.
As residents waited for the river to reach its peak as early as Monday night — several inches short of the record mark set in 1937 — those downstream in Mississippi and Louisiana evacuated prisoners and diverted water from the river in an attempt to stave off catastrophic flooding in a region prone to such disasters.
In Memphis, emergency officials warned the river was still dangerous and unpredictable, but they were confident the levees would hold and there were no plans for more evacuations. Sandbags were put up in front of the 32-story tall Pyramid Arena, but the former home of college and professional basketball teams was believed to be safe. Also out of the way were Stax Records, which launched the careers of Otis Redding and the Staple Singers, and Sun Studio, which helped make Elvis the king of rock 'n' roll.
Sun Studio still does some recording, but Stax is now a museum and tourist attraction. Graceland, which is several miles south of downtown, was also spared.
"I want to say this: Graceland is safe. And we would charge hell with a water pistol to keep it that way and I'd be willing to lead the charge," said Bob Nations Jr., director of the Shelby County Emergency Management Agency.
Authorities spent the weekend knocking on doors to tell a couple hundred more people that they should abandon their homes before they are swamped by waters. More than 300 people were staying in shelters, and officials said they had stepped up patrols in evacuated areas to prevent looting.
Aurelio Flores, 36, his pregnant wife and their three children have been living at a shelter for 11 days. His mobile home had about 4 feet of water when he last visited the trailer park Wednesday.



AP PHOTO

Trash floats by flooded homes on Monday in Memphis, Tenn. The swollen Mississippi River could crest as early as Monday night.

Nuke plant closing for seawall

Temporary shutdown necessary for Japan to improve tsunami defenses.

By TOMOKO A. HOSAKA
Associated Press

TOKYO — A Japanese utility agreed Monday to shutter three nuclear reactors at a coastal power plant while it builds a seawall and improves other tsunami defenses there.
Chubu Electric Power Co. acted at a special board meeting after Prime Minister Naoto Kan requested the temporary shutdown at the Hamaoka plant amid concerns an earthquake magnitude 8.0 or higher could strike the central Japanese region sometime within 30 years.
The government's decision came after evaluating Japan's 54 reactors for quake and tsunami vulnerability after the March 11 disasters that crippled the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in northeast Japan. The Hamaoka facility sits above a major fault line and has long been considered Japan's riskiest nuclear power plant.



AP PHOTO

People walk in Ishinomaki, Japan, in an area that sunk more than 2 feet after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Chubu Electric President Akihisa Mizuno described Kan's request, which was announced on live television Friday evening, as carrying immense weight. His company's response reflects its commitment to putting safety first, Mizuno said.
The utility will shutter the No. 4 and No. 5 reactors at the plant, Mizuno said. It will also indefinitely delay a planned resumption of the No. 3 reactor, which has been shut down for regular maintenance since late last year.
The plant's non-operating No. 1 and No. 2 reactors were slated for decommission before the disaster.
About 79,800 people live within a 6-mile radius of the Hamaoka plant.
The operator of the Fukushima nuclear plant, Tokyo Electric Power Co., has said the tsunami that wrecked critical power and cooling systems there was at least 46 feet high.
The March 11 quake and tsunami left more than 25,000 people dead or missing.

Biden, Clinton lecture China on human rights

Concerns about crackdown raised at opening session of two days of high-level talks.

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton both expressed concerns on Monday about the recent security crackdown that has occurred in China.
Biden and Clinton jointly raised the issue at the opening session of two days of high level talks between the United States and China. They noted the large number of arrests that have occurred in China with the government detaining lawyers, activists, journalists and bloggers in a crackdown widely viewed as a Chinese response to forestall any Middle East-style democracy protests.
Biden said that President Barack Obama believed strongly that protecting fundamental rights and freedoms was "the best way to promote the long-term stability of any society."



Biden



Clinton

State Counselor Dai Bingguo, one of the leaders of the Chinese delegation, said in his remarks that China had made progress in the area of human rights.
The remarks from Biden and Clinton and Dai were made during an opening ceremony of this year's U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue.
The discussions were begun in 2006 as a way to bring pressure on China to allow its currency rise in value against the dollar.
The Obama administration in 2009 expanded the talks to cover foreign policy as well as economic issues. This year for the first time, top military leaders from both nations are participating in an effort to ease tensions between the two nations that were heightened last year by U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

Ship with refugees sinks off of Tripoli

The overcrowded vessel was carrying up to 600 hoping to flee the region.

By COLLEEN BARRY and FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

MILAN — An overcrowded ship carrying up to 600 people trying to flee Libya sank just outside the port of Tripoli, the U.N. refugee agency said Monday, citing witness accounts.
Aid officials were still trying to confirm the fate of those people after the vessel broke apart Friday in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya, UNHCR spokeswoman Laura Boldrini said.
Witnesses who left the Libyan capital on another boat shortly afterward reported seeing remnants of the sunken ship and the bodies of some passengers floating in the sea, she said.
Other witnesses saw passengers swimming to shore, but it was unclear how many survived, according to the International Organization for Migration.
At least three other boats that left Libya in late March have disappeared, with hundreds feared dead, Boldrini said.
The number of people fleeing North Africa has soared since mid-January, after Tunisia overthrew its longtime dictator and set off a series of uprisings in Egypt and Libya. Some 25,000 people, mostly Tunisians, have flooded Lampedusa, which is right off the North African coast.
Since fighting began in Libya in mid-February, the IOM estimates that another 10,000 people have reached Lampedusa or the neighboring island of Linosa from Libya — including almost 2,000 who arrived on five boats last weekend.
Boldrini said the deaths and disappearances among people trying to cross the Mediterranean to flee unrest and repressive regimes in Africa is increasing as smugglers begin to use bigger and less seaworthy boats.
"Most of the boats, if not all of the boats, are unseaworthy," said IOM spokeswoman Jemini Pandya. "In addition, the boats are way overloaded."

"Most of the boats, if not all of the boats, are unseaworthy."

Jemini Pandya
IOM
spokeswoman

Pa. panel eyes change to help military

Area lawmakers back bill that would change marriage license validity time period.

By ANDREW M. SEDER
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A state House committee is holding a hearing today on a bill that would benefit the men and women of the military and National Guard.

House Bill 909, is in the Judiciary Committee this morning and seeks to exempt deployed active duty military personnel or National Guard members from the 60-day marriage license validity time period.

Sponsored by Rep. Adam Smith, R-Mifflintown, the bipartisan piece of legislation has local cosponsorship from representatives. Phyllis Mundy, D-Kingston, Eddie Day Pashinski, D-Wilkes-Barre and Sid Michaels Kavulich, D-Taylor.

It would amend a section of Title 23 that permits marriage licenses to be valid for no more than 60 days from its date of issuance.

The bill would add language specifically addressing active duty military or National Guard members.

The proposed language states: "If an applicant is unable to satisfy the 60-day license requirement under this section due to his deployment for active military service, the applicant shall be granted an additional 60 days following his return from active military service."

Though rare, these types of circumstances have arisen.

Harris said a story from a constituent led to this bill, which he called a "commonsense, pro-military and pro-family measure that will cost the Commonwealth nothing."

"If someone is serving their country, we should offer them a little flexibility," he said.

Mundy said she can't imagine

any holdups with the bill.

"It's just an acknowledgement that sometimes your plans are preempted by duty," Mundy said.

Kavulich, whose own son-in-law is in the military and serving overseas, said the bill has his support.

"These military people who are giving up their time, the least we can do for them is give them an extension of time," he said.

Pashinski said he signed on as a cosponsor because he's "trying to do anything I can for the kids going over there." He said he feels for anyone who paid for a license, gets called to duty and then has to pay for a new license. This bill would avert that situation from happening.

Mundy is the primary sponsor on another bill that will get its shot in front of another House committee today.

Before the Local Government Committee, Bill 231 would raise funds for community-based educa-

tion through an optional personal income tax return allocation.

Mundy said the "checkoff bill" would give people filing personal income tax return the chance to designate some money to the Children's Trust Fund by checking a box and filling in the amount.

According to that fund's website, "The Pennsylvania Children's Trust Fund is dedicated to funding community-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs."

Local cosponsors of this bill include Kevin Murphy, D-Scranton, Pashinski, and Ed Staback, D-Sturges.

Mundy said the one hurdle her bill has is that by adding any more designated organizations to the tax form "would require a second page, but that would be costly."

She said that since there are other bills that would require a second page and are being discussed, now seemed like a good time to push for her bill.

POLICE BLOTTER

WILKES-BARRE – City police reported the following:

- Police said they charged James Joseph of Pottsville with violating a protection from abuse order after Amy Marcinkiewicz stated he sent her a text message when she was in the area of 740 N. Pennsylvania Ave. early Monday morning.

- Police said the text message stated Joseph was betting Marcinkiewicz would die within six weeks and ended the text message with 999 666. Marcinkiewicz told police Joseph believes in voodoo magic and the numbers represent his beliefs.

- Police said they charged Robert Gyle, of Madison Street, with theft and criminal conspiracy after William McCoy stated Gyle entered a car without permission in the area of 108 Madison St at 3:55 a.m. Monday. Gyle ran away from the car and was found hiding on a garage roof, police said.

- Police said a man smoked a cigarette as he sat in a Jeep that did not belong to him in the area of Woodward and Matson avenues at 2:16 a.m. Monday. The steering wheel and ignition had been damaged.

- Police said they arrested Jamell Nashawn Winn, 37, of Simon Block, Hanover Township, for allegedly forcing his way into a residence on Barney Street and assaulting a sleeping woman at about 3:20 a.m. Monday.

Winn was arraigned on charges of burglary and simple assault and jailed at the county prison for lack of \$10,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled May 18 in Wilkes-Barre Central Court.

HANOVER TWP. – Township police reported the following:

- A woman on Claymont Avenue reported Saturday she was the victim of a scam after she sent several payments to receive a prize that did not exist.

- Police said charges were filed after they investigated a hit-and-run crash on the Sans Souci Parkway on Saturday.

Danny Vince of Plymouth, driving a Dodge Durango, was turning left onto Willow Street from the parkway when his vehicle was struck by a Dodge Dakota operated by Ryan Kairo, 28, of Warrior Run. Police said that after the crash Kairo sped away and struck a parked trailer in a parking lot. Kairo and a passenger got into another vehicle and sped away, police said.

- Andrea Kotulski, of Hanover Village Apartments, reported Sunday an attempted break-in at her apartment.

HOLLENBACK TWP. – State police at Hazleton said William D. Custer, 55, of Mountain Top, was cited with harassment after a 52-year-old woman, whose name was not released, stated he made numerous phone calls to her on Saturday and Sunday.

HOLLENBACK TWP. – Barbara M. Charles, of East County Road, reported Sunday a window was shot out on her vehicle while it was parked near her residence, state police at Hazleton said.

HAZLE TWP. – State police at Hazleton cited Stephen F. Davis, 36, of McAdoo, with retail theft after he allegedly stole two televisions and a stereo from Wal-Mart, Airport road, on Friday.

COURT BRIEFS

WILKES-BARRE – A man pleaded guilty Monday in Luzerne County Court to charges he assaulted a 17-year-old girl.

Wilfred Charles, 38, last-known address as South Hunter Highway, Butler Township, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of simple assault before Judge William Amesbury.

Prosecutors withdrew charges of indecent assault and terrorist threats against Charles.

Butler Township police accused Charles of luring a 17-year-

old girl to his South Hunter Highway residence, where he assaulted her on Nov. 22, 2009, according to the complaint.

Amesbury sentenced Charles to credit for 282 days time served and one-year probation.

WILKES-BARRE – A state appellate court upheld the sentence of an Exeter woman who pleaded guilty to her role in a 2005 robbery that turned deadly.

Andrea Bidding, 39, appealed her 20- to 40-year state prison sentence imposed by Luzerne County Judge Tina Polachek Gartley in April 2009 after she

pleaded guilty to third-degree murder and criminal conspiracy.

State police at Wyoming and Edwardsville police alleged Bidding, her husband, Anthony Legg, and their niece, Gabrielle Thomas conspired to rob 73-year-old Peter Lach inside Lach's Edwardsville home on Oct. 22, 2005. Legg and Thomas were both 16 at the time.

Bidding planned the robbery that turned deadly when Anthony Bidding and the two younger women beat Lach, who died from his injuries, according to arrest records.

Bidding appealed her sen-

tence, claiming Gartley made an error when imposing the maximum sentence. Bidding stated the judge did not involve her confession to the murder when she was questioned by investigators in an unrelated case in May 2008.

The state Superior Court denied Bidding's appeal, upholding the sentence.

Anthony Bidding was sentenced to 20 to 40 years in state prison for third degree murder and conspiracy. Legg was sentenced to nine to 18 years in state prison. Thomas' case was settled in county juvenile court.

MUNICIPAL BRIEFS

PLYMOUTH – The Borough Administration and Street Department will be closed Tuesday, May 17 because of the primary election.

Hours will resume Wednesday, May 18.

Residents are reminded newspaper recycling is 7 to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

in front of the borough building at 162 W. Shawnee Ave.

WEST PITTSTON – The police department reminds residents that with the warm weather, doors on vehicles and homes should be locked and all valuables should be out of plain view to deter theft.

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JAMES E. COSTELLO, 51, of Timber Ridge, Plains Township, died Sunday, April 24, 2011, at Timber Ridge. He was born in Belleville, N.J., on February 25, 1960. James was a son of the late James P. Costello and Eleanor McKean Costello. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from October 15, 1979 to June 24, 1982.

His interment was held today in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township. Private funeral arrangements were by the George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 N. Main St., Ashley.

KELLY R. LEDDY, 25, of Wilkes-Barre, formerly of Nazareth, Pa., died unexpectedly Friday, May 6, 2011, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She was born October 23, 1985, in Passaic, N.J., a daughter of William P. Leddy, N.C., and Linda Livingstone Leddy, Nazareth, Pa. Kelly was preceded in death by her sister, Taylor, who died in 2001. In addition to her parents, Kelly is survived by one brother, William M., Nazareth, Pa.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Schmidt Funeral Home, 407 Belvidere St., Nazareth. For online expressions of condolence, or to send a card to the family, please visit www.schmidtfuneralhomepc.com.

BARBARA A. YANCHUK, 69, of Wilkes-Barre, died Sunday, May 8, 2011, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending from Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 173 E. Green St., Nanticoke.

ROBERT D. COLEMAN, 83, of Mountain Top, died Sunday, May 8, 2011, at the Timber Ridge Health Care Center, Plains Township.

Funeral Arrangements are pending from the Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home, 89 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

RICHARD H. EUSTICE, 75, of Buck Township, died Sunday evening, May 8, 2011, at the inpatient unit of Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Funeral arrangements are pending from the Corcoran Funeral Home Inc., Plains Township.

ANN BUTTON, of Mountain Top, died Monday, May 9, 2011, at her home.

Arrangements are in progress. Complete obituary information will be published in Wednesday's edition of this newspaper, and later today at www.celebrateherlife.com.

Joseph Meyer

May 8, 2011

Joseph Meyer, 83, of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Wilkes-Barre, passed away, Sunday morning, May 8, 2011, in Florida.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Charles and Bertha Lehman Meyer.

Joe served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a graduate of Meyers High School, New York Military Academy, and The Pennsylvania State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Meyer was a scrap dealer, and prior to retirement, he owned and operated Charles Meyer & Son, Moosic, Meyer Saba Metal Company, Edwardsville, and Louis Cohen & Son, Wilkes-Barre.

He was a member of Temple Israel Synagogue, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish War Veterans, Irem Temple Masonic Lodge, and other civic and religious organizations.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalyn, on March 3, 2011; and his sister, Irma, on March 11, 1954.

He is survived by sons, Louis Meyer, Upper Saddle River, N.J.; Steven Meyer, and his wife, Julie, Wayne, Pa.; Allan Meyer, Ladino; and Philip Meyer, Bridgeport, Pa.; daughters, Debra Weinstein, and her husband, Scott, Roswell, Ga.; and Rebecca Hoffman, and her husband, Robert, Voorheesville, N.Y.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rosenberg Funeral Chapel, 348 S. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, with interment in Temple Israel Cemetery, Swoyersville. Rabbi Larry Kaplan will officiate. Shiva will be observed at The Woodlands Inn & Resort, Highway 315, Plains Township, from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, and also at the home of Steven and Julie Meyer from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Jewish Community Center, 60 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre, or charity of donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed by visiting Joseph's obituary at www.rosenbergfuneralchapel.com.

OBITUARY POLICY

The Times Leader publishes free obituaries, which have a 27-line limit, and paid obituaries, which can run with a photograph. A funeral home representative can call the obituary desk at (570) 829-7224, send a fax to (570) 829-5537 or e-mail to tlobits@timesleader.com. If you fax or e-mail, please call to confirm. Obituaries must be submitted by 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Obituaries must be sent by a funeral home or crematory, or must name who is handling arrangements, with address and phone number. We discourage handwritten notices; they incur a \$15 typing fee.

Marjorie Warner Conniff

May 8, 2011



Marjorie J. (Warner) Conniff, a resident of Dallas, formerly of Plymouth, passed into Eternal Life Sunday evening, May 8, 2011, in the Hospice of the Visiting Nurses Association inpatient unit at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born August 27, 1919, in Larksville, a daughter of the late John and Mary (Liptak) Mihoch.

Marjorie was a graduate of the former Plymouth High School.

Mrs. Conniff was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, at the employment office, Wilkes-Barre, serving as a claims adjuster until her retirement.

She was a member of Saint Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Wilkes-Barre, and formerly held membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary of Plymouth.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. Joseph R. Conniff; sisters Anne McClure, Helene White, and Dorothy Stalewicz; and brothers, Lt. Col. John P. Mihoch, and Stephen T. Mihoch.

Surviving are her son, Michael S. Warner, Wilkes-Barre; grandchildren, Michael I. Warner, Dallas, and Lisa Sacco, Hazleton; great-granddaughters, Kelly, Cathryn, Brooke, and Caroline; step-daughter, Ellen (Jean) Conniff Roman, Blandon, Pa.; step-grandson, atty. Thomas Roman, Gary, N.C.; step-grand-

daughter, Elena Roman Marasco, Blandon, Pa.; and sister Olga Keefe, Plymouth; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Conniff will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday from the John V. Morris Funeral Home, 625 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, with services to follow in Saint Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. Gary John Scharrer, her pastor, will officiate. Interment with committal services will follow in Fern Knoll Burial Park, Midland Avenue, Dallas. There will be no public calling hours.

To send Mrs. Conniff's family online words of comfort and friendship, please visit our website at www.JohnVMorrisFuneralHome.com.

William Ostroski

May 7, 2011



William L. Ostroski, 86, of Ashley, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Sugar Notch, on March 10, 1925, a son of the late Leo and Ann Buchowski Ostroski.

William was a US Army veteran of World War II, serving from July 1943 to February 1946, attaining the rank of sergeant.

He was employed by St. Leo's Church, Ashley, until his retirement.

William was a member of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, Ashley.

He was also a member of the Catholic War Veterans Post # 274, Hanover Township, and the Ashley American Legion Post # 673.

William enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, going to Reading Phillies baseball games, and in his earlier days, he enjoyed hunting.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, the former Vera A. Pellegrini Ostroski; his brother, Jack Ostroski.

William is survived by his sons, Robert Ostroski, wife, Roslyn, and William J. Ostroski, wife Carol; as well as four grandchildren, Christopher, Amy, William, and Michelle;

and one great-grandson, Luke.

Military funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday from the George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 N. Main St., Ashley. A Mass of Christian Burial is at 9:30 a.m. in St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, with the Rev. Thomas J. O'Malley officiating. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township. Family and friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening and from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bill's name to St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, PA 18706.

Ralph Bennett Jr.

May 8, 2011

Ralph E. Bennett Jr., 63, of Wilkes-Barre, passed away Sunday morning, May 8, 2011, at his home.

Born in Kansas City, Miss., on February 3, 1948, he was a son of the late Florence Marie (Cramer) and the Rev. Ralph E. Bennett Sr.

After graduating high school, Ralph spent four years at Culver-Stockton College, and he also studied at Columbia College Divinity School. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Slovak Lutheran Church, Nanticoke.

Ralph worked at A. Rifkin from April 15, 1976, until he retired on January 7, 2011.

On July 8th, 1989, Ralph married the love of his life, Sylvia A. (Glossen-

ger) Bennett.

Left to cherish his memory, are his wife of 21 years, Sylvia A. Bennett, Wilkes-Barre; brother, Gregory R. Bennett, El Lago, Texas; sisters, Joyce Van Cura, Riversdale, Ill., and Jana Stewart, San Antonio, Texas; and two nephews.

Services are private and entrusted to Kniffen O'Malley Funeral Home Inc., Wilkes-Barre.

Online condolences can be sent to www.BestLifeTributes.com.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 613 Baltimore Drive No. 3, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, or St. John's Evangelical Slovak Lutheran Church, 231 State St., Nanticoke, PA 18634.

Wednesday from the George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 N. Main St., Ashley, Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley. Friends may call 5 to 8 p.m. today.

KASKEY - Mary, funeral 8:30 a.m. today from the Kieftly-Moran Funeral Home Inc., 87 Washington Ave., Plymouth. Mass of Christian Burial 9 a.m. in All Saints Parish, Plymouth.

KOREY - George, prayer service 2 p.m. May 28 at the Mercy Center Chapel, Misericordia University campus, Dallas. All are welcome to attend.

MCANDREW - Emily, funeral 11 a.m. Thursday from the William A. Reese Funeral Chapel, Rear 56 Gaylord Ave., Plymouth. Friends may call 9:30 until the time of service Thursday.

ROBERTS - John David Jr., funeral 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Bernard J. Piontek Funeral Home Inc., 204 Main St., Duruya. Friends may call 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with American Legion Post 585, Duruya, military services at 7 p.m. The VFW Post 1227, Duruya, will conduct military services Wednesday morning.

SIMS - Clarissa, funeral 11 a.m. today from the Yeosock Funeral Home, 40 S. Main St., Plains Township.

VOJTEK - Marilyn, funeral 9:30 a.m. today from E. Blake Collins Funeral Home, 159 George Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. in St. Benedict's Church, Wilkes-Barre.

WASICKANIN - Eugene, friends may call 6 to 8 p.m. today at the S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, 530 W. Main St., Plymouth.

Paul 'Sonny' Paternoster

May 7, 2011

Paul J. "Sonny" Paternoster, of Alster Street, Hazleton, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2011, at Fox Chase Cancer Center, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Born in Hazleton, he was the eldest child of the late Paul A. and Irene Gundy Paternoster.

He recently turned 75 years young in December.

Paul was preceded in death in January by his wife of 56 years, Lillian "LoLo" Paternoster.

He was the owner and president of Case and Keg Beverage Inc., Hazleton.

Paul is survived by his three daughters, Mrs. Melanie Gibale and her husband, Carl, Shavertown; Mrs. Jody Novitsky and her husband, Alan, New Providence, N.J.; and Paula Paternoster, Hazleton; and granddaughters, Savannah Rea, Hazleton.

"Sonny," as he has been known since childhood, was revered, loved, and respected by friends and family alike.

He was fiercely devoted to the people he loved and just as his wife, fought endlessly and tirelessly for causes he believed in. He felt strongly about the rights of animals, and had a sincere, continual desire to improve life in the Greater Hazleton, and surrounding areas.

He not only ran an extremely successful business for generations, but he also found the time and energy to devote to a plethora of organizations at the local, state, and national level.

Paul was a graduate of Hazleton High School, class of 1953, and served as president of the reunion planning committee, for one of the most successful class reunions, which was held in 1983. "The Way We Were" was the theme, and was attended by an unprecedented amount of classmates.

"Peter Pan," as he was nicknamed in high school, was also notorious for his legendary "after-party" gatherings, and hosted many with his wife, at their home, much to the delight of classmates and friends.

Paul was a proud, dedicated member of the U.S. Army, and was never afraid to wear his patriotism on his sleeve, or defend his country both verbally and through his everyday actions.

He served three years with the U.S. Army Medical Corps, stationed in Korea, and Japan.

Through his military experience and beyond, he worked incessantly to satiate his quest for knowledge. His work ethic was outstanding, and no matter how daunting a task, he embraced it with joy de vivre, and enthusiasm.

In April 2004, Paul and his entire family were presented a flag which was flown over the Taliban's Last Stand Building in Kandahar, Afghanistan. This flag, which was flown in remembrance of the Americans who died in the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, had a very special meaning to him.

The phrase "Let us never forget, never waiver, for our cause is just, the cause of freedom," resonated deeply in his heart and soul.

He began his Army career at Brooke Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, where he graduated with a diploma in medical technology, with credits in surgery procedures, and hospital operation (permanent and field type facility).

His practiced internship took place at the Madigan Army Hospital, Tacoma, Wash.

He also received credits in advanced bookkeeping, and the operations of office equipment, and public relations, at the United States Army School of Business, Tokyo, Japan, in 1954 and 1955.

Paul also graduated from the United States Naval/City of Philadelphia Fire School, Philadelphia, Pa., where he specialized in chemical and oil-type fires, along with additional survival training in 1956.

Prior to receiving his Honorable Discharge from the Army in September 1956, he served in the following areas: United Nations Forces, United States Eighth Army, 44th and 45th Field Hospitals, 552nd Ambulance Co. in Korea, Tokyo Army Hospitals, Tokyo, Japan and Madigan, and Valley Forge Army Hospitals, in the United States.

He received the National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal, Korean Unit Citation Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Letter of Commendation from Commanding General of Valley Forge Army Hospital.

He received a diploma in architectural and mechanical design from Lindsay Hopkins Education Center, Miami, Fla., in July 1959.

He received a Certificate in electronics from the Hazleton Area Vocational-Technical School, Hazleton, in March of 1970.

Paul was also a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Leadership Training Institute, Hazleton.

He attended annual Planning and Zoning Seminars at Penn State University, Hazleton Campus, and seminars/workshops on business at satellite locations of the University of Pennsylvania.



He completed a course in community planning conducted by the Municipal Training Division of the Pennsylvania Planning Commission.

Paul always considered himself a lifelong learner, and that quest for knowledge extended to his family pets as well.

He was an active participant in "Puppy Colleges" and was never too busy to assist financially and physically with fund raising events for local, state, and national animal rights organizations.

Paul enjoyed the study of and participation in politics. Since 1960, he was actively involved in the John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Hubert Humphrey committees for President.

He was involved in the senatorial campaigns for Martin Murray, Harris Wofford, Senator Clark, Dan Flood, and Raphael Musto.

He assisted with the Paul Kanjorski and Frank Harrison for Congress Campaign Committees. And was active in the Bob Casey campaign for both Auditor and Governor, and the Governor Milton Shapp Campaign, where he served as the Hazle Township Chairman.

Having many attorneys and judges as friends, he was a member of the Ann Lokuta and Joe Yeager for Judge Committees, and was currently supporting Lesa Gelb for Judge.

He also assisted with the Todd Eachus for Representative Committee, Niperkowski for Sheriff Committee, where he served as the local chairman, and the Rose Tucker for Commissioner Committee.

He was also the Democratic Committeeman for Hazle Township for 12 years.

Paul personally ran for State Representative in 1980, when he lost to the incumbent. With his usual quiet grace and dignity, and aplomb after the defeat, he recited one of his family mantras to his family - and we are giving you the G-rated version - "Don't let them get you down, you get right back up."

In 1986, he served at the general chairman of the Greater Hazleton Area for the Holtzman for Congress Campaign. He also served as District Campaign Chairman for the Michael Dukakis for President Campaign, assisted with both the Marc Singel for Senator and Governor Campaigns as well.

He attended a briefing at the White House in Washington, D.C., with President Ronald Reagan, and found that experience both informative and enlightening.

Paul of course assisted with his wife, Lillian's, bid as an Independent Candidate for Luzerne County Registrar of Wills.

Other government involvement included being a member of the Hazleton Area School Authority for 17 years, and was chairman for 13 of those 17 years, and during his tenure, due to careful planning and research of viable strategies, he was able to save the taxpayers of Hazle Township millions of dollars.

He was also planning director of Hazle Township Zoning Commission for 8 years, secretary and treasurer for the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority from 1992 to 2006, and was secretary/treasurer for the Luzerne County Rail Corp. from 1994 to 2006.

He was then appointed chairman of the Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County in February 2006 to present, chairman of the Luzerne County Rail Corp., chairman of the Luzerne County Public Asset Management, and chairman of Creative Developers.

Although his determination regarding community improvement was incessant, it was not all-consuming. Paul loved to have fun, and spent many years traveling to Manhattan to conduct business with the investment firm of L.F. Rothschild, and then take on the Great White Way to enjoy a multitude of Broadway productions with family and friends.

He also enjoyed attending Comedy Clubs, and exploring new restaurants in New York City, especially steakhouses. He certainly took his bite out of the Big Apple.

Paul was an avid hunter, and delighted in both the solace and camaraderie that came from hunting excursions with friends and family.

He taught his three daughters to respect the power of firearms, and embrace what they represent.

Paul never met a Clint Eastwood movie he did not like, and when his family tested his mettle, as only daughters and his wife could, he could always be heard saying, "Go ahead. Make my day!"

The community showed their love and respect for Paul by awarding him for his participation in the many organizations he was involved with. He received the following accolades: Certificate of Appreciation from the American Red Cross for his service to military families, 1991; United Way Certificate of Appreciation for an Extraordinary Campaign, 1990; certificates of Appreciation from the Unit-

ed Way of Greater Hazleton, 1983, 1986, and 1988; Easter Seal Award for Lillian and Paul, 1980; the United Way Gold Award for Chase and Keg Beverage, United Way of Hazleton Volunteer Award, 1988; American Cancer Society Award for Service to Paul and Lillian, 1977; Flower Power Awards for Case and Keg Beverage, 1988, and 1989; Flower Power Award with Lillian and Paul as chairman, 1980; and United Way of Hazleton Award of Excellence to Case and Keg, 1986.

Other awards include: Certificate of Appreciation for LoLo and Paul from the Greater Hazleton Jaycees, 1982; Community Recognition Award for Case and Keg Beverage from WQEQ Radio; Chamber of Commerce Award for Case and Keg Beverage; Award of Appreciation for Paul from the All American Girls Softball Team; Certificate of Appreciation from Mountain City Lions, 1987; and Award of Appreciation to Paul and Case and Keg Beverage from Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE), 2001.

He and his wife also received many commendations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Senate of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, for their diligent work in combating underage drinking.

Fondly referred to by his family as "quiet ham," he could be heard performing on various radio shows including his daughters show on WQEW Radio, and loved to film television commercials for Case and Keg Beverage, or to be interviewed from both television and news or newspaper reporters. He was never afraid to be honest and blunt.

He was a model for several fashion shows including a fundraiser for the Soroptomist International of Hazleton.

His love of sports had a wonderful effect on his business where he hosted many events and promotions.

Along with his wife, LoLo, Paul helped build an extremely successful business from a dying concern.

He had a pulse on human wants and needs that was unrivaled. Paul had a penchant for gambling, and spent many hours in Las Vegas, and Atlantic City.

Paul's Super Bowl parties and football pools were legendary and exciting.

He thoroughly enjoyed attending Indy Car Races and often felt the "need for speed."

Paul's greatest pleasure was spending time with his family and friends, and that includes his four-legged family.

Just like his wife, he had a special empathy and deep bond and understanding with animals.

In lieu of floral arrangements, the family has requested donations be made to the Humane Society of the United States, and the Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Along with these organizations, donations to the American Cancer Society, and the Hazleton Area Public Library would be most appreciated.

Paul would want to be remembered for his love of life, appreciation of God and country, his infectious laugh and smile, and his ability to help people.

To quote a friend of his, "He was an honorable, pleasant man who was always concerned about other people."

If he were reading this now, he would say, "Do not be sad. I am with the love of my life, LoLo, and my hope is that I leave a fighting spirit, positive impact, and beautiful legacy for the world. Be strong, be happy, and enjoy life and family."

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday from the Frank J. Bonin Funeral Home Inc., 542-544 N. Wyoming Street, Hazleton. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Friends and relatives may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday evening.

Please join us in remembering Paul Paternoster by visiting our memorial at www.aycockportsluacie.com. Through this site, we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family, by leaving both written and spoken guest messages.

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- Christopher Decker, Forty Fort, attorney, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, \$500
- Robert Friedman, Dallas, president, Friedman Electric Co., \$300
- Joy & Nancy Klesefsky, Edwardsville, paralegal, Law Firm of Jane Acri, \$500
- McCarthy Family Account, Wyoming, executive, McCarthy Inc., \$1,000

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- Raymond Joseph, Mountain Top, physician, Renal Consultants, Wilkes-Barre, \$1,000
- Dr. Louis R. Sieminski, Kingston, physician, Hearing Center, Kingston, \$1,000
- Gerald G. Decker, Wilkes-Barre, retired, \$1,000
- Christopher J. Schwartz, Pittston, self-employed businessman, \$1,000
- Tony Klenowski, Shawanese, pharmacist, self-employed, \$800
- Frank Schiel, Wilkes-Barre, owner, Schiel's Family Markets, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Adam J. Burick, Mountain Top, mechanic, BAM Holdings Inc., \$350
- Vern Blazick, Hanover Township, retired, \$2,100
- Kenneth R. Ralston, Wilkes-Barre, owner, Ralston Mechanical Systems, \$500
- K. Bridget Barno, Mountain Top, physical therapist, Pinnacle Rehabilitation Associates, Kingston, \$375
- Stanley P. Tarutis, Wilkes-Barre, property salesperson, Eagle Rock Resort, Hazle Township, \$450
- Joann T. Schiel, Wilkes-Barre, clerk, Schiel's Family Markets, \$1,000
- Steve Skiro, Hanover Twp., owner, Skiro's Garden Center, \$500
- Gloria J. Bobb, Luzerne, secretary, Union Petroleum Co. Inc., Luzerne, \$300
- John Randolph, Naples, Fla., retired \$1,000
- PSEA-BUFA, Harrisburg, \$500
- United Association Local Union 524, Scranton, \$500
- Brain Bufalino, Shavertown, general counsel, Northeast Concerts, \$5,000
- John Dean, Mountain Top, attorney, Elliott, Greenleaf & Dean, \$2,500
- Robert DiPietro, Wyoming, Northeast Transfer, \$500
- Anthony Dominic Bruno, West Pittston, physician, \$1,000
- Donna Parry, Wilkes-Barre, retired, \$350
- John S. Dean, Pittston, retired, \$300
- Joseph D. Burke, Forty Fort, attorney, Burke, Vullo, Reilly & Roberts, Forty Fort, \$500
- Neil O'Donnell, Kingston, attorney, O'Donnell Law offices, \$500
- Kevin Bufalino, Philadelphia, radiologist, South Jersey Radiology, \$5,000
- Clinton S. & Sharon L. Lehman, Shavertown, manager, Lord & Taylor, \$500
- Robyn & Kristopher Jones, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Joseph & Constance Bruno, Pittston, physician, \$1,000
- Donald & Ann Marie Manta, Wyoming, stylist, \$500
- Alan J. Finlay, Wilkes-Barre, owner/partner, Humford Equities, \$500
- James & Pauline Carmody, West Pittston, human resources, Wyoming Valley Health Care, \$500
- Louis F. Goeringer, Wilkes-Barre, retired, \$500
- Lawrence Berti, West Pittston, professor, Penn State, \$300
- Margaret & Michael Cramton, Wyoming, Northeast Concepts, \$500
- John C. Metz, Dallas, chairman, Metz Culinary Management, \$1,000
- Joseph & Donna Mantione, Lafin, owner, J.J. Mantione Realty, \$500
- Joseph & Elaine Lipiniski, Swoyersville, manager, Somerville Construction, \$500
- Jeffrey & Susan Metz, Shavertown, owner/partner, Northeast Concepts, \$500
- Robert J. Gill, Shavertown, CPA, Thomas M. Gill & Co., \$300
- Michael Hinchey, Kingston, owner/partner, Matheson Transfer, \$500
- Loretta Bufalino, West Pittston, retired, \$2,800
- Kenneth J. Sorier, West Pittston, owner, Blue Ribbon, \$500

- Shawn M. Casey, Pittston, owner, Casey Dental, \$500
- Joseph Agolino, West Pittston, owner, Agolino's Restaurant, \$300
- Sandra Brandolino, Swoyersville, manager, Schott Glass, \$1,000
- Max Bartikowsky, Swoyersville, owner/partner, Bartikowski Jewelers, \$500
- Donna Sokola, Hanover Township, housewife, \$750
- Seymour Holtzman, Wilkes-Barre, president, Jewelcor Inc., \$500
- VITO DELUCA:
- PSEA-PACE, Harrisburg, \$500
- F. Scott Nowakowski, New York, N.Y., radiologist, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, \$300
- LESA GELB:
- Max Bartikowsky, Forty Forty, owner, Bartikowsky Jewelers, Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- David Cooper, Wilkes-Barre, orthopedic surgeon, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Walter and Veronica Schaffner, Shavertown, self employed investor, \$500
- JIM HAGGERTY:
- Anthony Bongiorno, Marblehead, Maine, attorney, McDermott, Will & Emery, \$500
- Mary Bongiorno, Marblehead, Maine, homemaker, \$500
- Frank Conyngham, Shavertown, retired, \$500
- Marion Conyngham, Shavertown, homemaker, \$500
- Frank Crossin, Kingston, insurance, \$500
- Dave Fellerman, Kingston, self-employed, \$300
- Richard Heffron, Dallas, retired, \$500
- Frank Lombardo, Shavertown, pharmacist, \$500
- Fred Lombardo, Shavertown, retired, \$500
- Angelo Medico, Forty Fort, self-employed, \$400
- Cliff Melberger, West Pittston, self-employed, \$500
- Ruth Melberger, West Pittston, homemaker, \$500
- Jerome Natishan, Wyoming, self-employed, \$500
- Bill Price, Kingston, self-employed, \$500
- Andrea Register, Westport, Conn., homemaker, \$500
- Harry Register, Westport, Conn., trader, Sapient Inc., \$500
- Rodney Sennett, Harveys Lake, broker, Merrill Lynch, \$500
- Ruth Sennett, Harveys Lake, homemaker, \$500
- Judy Stevenson, West Pittston, homemaker, \$300
- Rose Marie Wateski, Kingston, self-employed jeweler, \$500

- MOLLY HANLON MIRABITO:
- PSEA PACE, Harrisburg, teachers union, Harrisburg, \$500
- Ann Kayrish, Chevy Chase, Md., homemaker, \$500
- Norita Hanlon, Forty Fort, retired \$1,000
- Thomas J. Hanlon, Forty Fort, teacher, \$550
- RICHARD "DICK" HUGHES
- Friends of Jackie Musto Carroll, \$300
- Dr. Henry F. Smith Jr., Wilkes-Barre, physician, \$500
- Joseph J. Romanoski, Bear Creek, retired, \$300
- John S. Dean and Regina H. Dean, Pittston, retired, \$400
- Christine, Gerald, Joseph Jude Nemshick, Mountain Top, \$500
- John G. Dean and Lisa M. Dean, Mountain Top, attorney, Elliott, Greenleaf & Dean, Scranton, \$2,500
- Dr. and Mrs. William F. Calhoun, Natchez, Mo., retired, \$5,000
- Thomas J. Mosca & Andrea H. Mosca, Dallas, attorney, Mosca Law Offices, \$1,000
- Michael R. Mey, Scranton, attorney, Mey & Sulla, Scranton, \$500
- William Boatner Calhoun and Jennifer S. Calhoun, Tupelo, Miss., cardiologist, \$3,000
- Marianne M. Rexer, Mountain Top, professor, Wilkes University, \$1,000
- Karen A. Borton and Christopher Borton, Forty Fort, Borton Lawson, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Adrienne Boyer, Mountain Top, proprietor, Modern Floor, Shavertown, \$500
- Stephen P. Moran Sr. and Launi A. Bianco, Hazle Township, retired, \$400
- M. Clark Conlon and Rita K. Conlon, Shavertown, retired, \$500
- Mark Mack, Kingston, attorney, Mack Law Offices, Kingston, \$1,000
- William B. Sordoni, Forty Fort, construction, Sordoni Construction Inc., \$500
- Kenneth E. Powley and Penelope Powley, Mountain Top, proprietor, Whitewater Challengers, White Haven, \$1,000
- Charles E. Parente, Wilkes-Barre, chief executive officer, Pagnotti Enterprises Inc., \$1,000
- John N. Conyngham, Shavertown, retired, \$1,000
- Scott Meuser, Shavertown, owner, Pride Mobility, Exeter, \$500
- Joseph P. Novack, Forty Fort, attorney, Law Offices of Joseph P. Novak, \$750
- Frank M. Henry, Dallas, retired, \$1,000
- Jean R. Hughes, Kingston, retired, \$700
- Joseph A. Quinn Jr., Kingston, attorney, Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, Kingston, \$500
- Leonard M. Insalaco, Pittston, businessman, Insalaco Development Group, Pittston, \$300
- Jay F. Humphreys and Cheryl A. Humphreys, Kingston, proprietor, Humphrey's Bootery & Bags, Shavertown, \$300
- Robert Rundle and Agnes S. Rundle, Mountain Top, Realtors, Coldwell Banker Rundle Real Estate, Mountain

- Top, \$300
- Thomas A. O'Connor and Roseann O'Connor, Kingston, attorney, Thomas O'Connor Law Offices, Kingston, \$300
- Benjamin R. Jones III, Kingston, attorney, Benjamin R. Jones Law Office, \$1,000
- John P. Zborovian, Duryea, DCNR, Dalton, \$300
- John S. Thalenfeld, Bear Creek, president, Trion Industries Inc., Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Steven W. Gallacher and Sandra J. Gallacher, Mountain Top, businessman, Cornell Iron Works, Mountain Top, \$500
- Richard P. Adams and Linda J. Adams, Kingston, real estate, Dick Adams Realtors, Bethlehem, \$500
- Robert D. Elias, Dallas, attorney, Law Office of Robert D. Elias, Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- Y. Judd Shoval and Susan W. Shoval, Kingston, officer, Panoptic LLC, \$300
- Frank Sokola and Donna M. Sokola, Hanover Township, sales, Kingston Amusements, Kingston, \$300
- James J. Guadino and Dawnee Guadino, Kingston, owner, Cooks Pharmacy, \$500
- Thomas R. Robinson, Dallas, fundraising consultant, TRR & Associates, Dallas, \$500
- Thomas P. Sokola and Patricia Sokola, Hanover Twp., VP of finance, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, \$300
- Catherine S. Smith, Mountain Top, physician, \$500
- William R. Keller and Suzanne O. Keller, Forty Fort, attorney, William R. Keller Esq., Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- Andrew H. Cornell, Mountain Top, owner, Cornell Iron Works, Mountain Top, \$2,500
- Francis J. Hoegen and Molly M. Hoegen, Kingston, attorney, Hoegen & Associates, PC, Wilkes-Barre, \$1,000
- Deborah J. Madden, Shavertown, businesswoman, Law Firm, Kingston, \$500
- Tony Gallis, Hanover Township, insurance agent, Tony Gallis Insurance Co., Hanover Township, \$300
- William Davis, Wilkes-Barre, owner, Davis Powersports Inc., Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- Joseph D. Burke, Forty Fort, attorney, Burke & Burke, Forty Fort, \$500
- Dr. Louis Sieminski, Forty Fort, audiologist, \$300
- Adam J. Burick, Mountain Top, owner, Burick's Service Station, Mountain Top, \$600
- Henry F. Smith Sr., M.D., and Gertrude L. Smith, Mountain Top, physician, \$500
- Robert A. Gonos and Jane S. Gonos, Mountain Top, attorney, Law Offices of Robert A. Gonos, \$300
- Laura C. Dennis, Exeter, attorney, Law Office of Laura C. Dennis, Forty Fort, \$500
- Norman Gavlick and Angela Gavlick, Kingston, owners, Gavlick Personnel, Kingston, \$300
- Barry L. Stankus and Mary Stankus, West Pittston, retired, \$1,000
- Bruce S. Miller and Catherine M. Miller, Hazleton, attorney, Laputka, Bayless, Ecker & Cohn, PC, Hazleton, \$300
- Dougherty, Leventhal & Price, Kingston, law firm, Kingston, \$500
- William Davidowitz, Kingston, retired, \$1,000
- Melanie Maslow Lumia, Dallas, owner, Maslow Lumia Bartorilla, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Paul Lumia, Dallas, executive director, North Branch Land Trust, Trucks-ville, \$750
- Daniel DeJoseph, Conyngham, attorney, Conyngham, \$300
- PSEA PACE, Harrisburg, teachers union, \$500
- Michael J. Kowalski, Moosic, attorney, Scartelli, Distasio & Kowalski, Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- Anne E. and Benny A. Tranguch, Hazleton, retired, \$300
- John C. and Mary Metz, Dallas, owner Metz Enterprises, Dallas, \$500
- Michael J. Hudacek, Plymouth, attorney, Plymouth, \$1,000
- Charles D. Lemmond, Dallas, retired, \$500
- Albert family, Wilkes-Barre, owner Bloomsburg Metal, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Andrew H. Cornell, Mountain Top, president Cornell Iron Works, \$2,500
- Andrew J. Sordoni III, Forty Fort, retired, \$500
- Kenneth J. and Ann M. Krogulski, Shavertown, investment advisor, Berkshire Asset Management, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Michael D. Weaver, Wilkes-Barre, investment advisor, Berkshire Asset Management, \$350
- Bernard J. Boback, Jr., Harveys Lake, employee of Federal Emergency Management Agency, \$350
- Jeffrey S. Thomas, Wilkes-Barre, maintenance, Wilkes-Barre School District, \$300
- James and Mary Kay Sperling, Dallas, owner Circle Nut & Bolt Co., \$1,000
- Anneliese Moghul, Mountain Top, retired, \$1,000
- Christopher and Ramah Hackett, Shavertown, owner One Source Staffing, \$1,000
- Frederick D. and Barbara A. Straub, Bear Creek, retired, \$1,000

- JAMES MCMONAGLE:
- Rodman Charles Azar, Clarks Summit, Investment Advisor, Jacobi Capital Management, Wilkes-Barre, \$2,000.
- Martha Allen Azar, Dallas, Retired, \$500.
- William B. Sordoni, Forty Fort, construction, Sordoni Construction Inc., \$500
- Kenneth E. Powley and Penelope Powley, Mountain Top, proprietor, Whitewater Challengers, White Haven, \$1,000
- Charles E. Parente, Wilkes-Barre, chief executive officer, Pagnotti Enterprises Inc., \$1,000
- John N. Conyngham, Shavertown, retired, \$1,000
- Scott Meuser, Shavertown, owner, Pride Mobility, Exeter, \$500
- Joseph P. Novack, Forty Fort, attorney, Law Offices of Joseph P. Novak, \$750
- Frank M. Henry, Dallas, retired, \$1,000
- Jean R. Hughes, Kingston, retired, \$700
- Joseph A. Quinn Jr., Kingston, attorney, Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, Kingston, \$500
- Leonard M. Insalaco, Pittston, businessman, Insalaco Development Group, Pittston, \$300
- Jay F. Humphreys and Cheryl A. Humphreys, Kingston, proprietor, Humphrey's Bootery & Bags, Shavertown, \$300
- Robert Rundle and Agnes S. Rundle, Mountain Top, Realtors, Coldwell Banker Rundle Real Estate, Mountain

- Top, \$300
- Thomas A. O'Connor and Roseann O'Connor, Kingston, attorney, Thomas O'Connor Law Offices, Kingston, \$300
- Benjamin R. Jones III, Kingston, attorney, Benjamin R. Jones Law Office, \$1,000
- John P. Zborovian, Duryea, DCNR, Dalton, \$300
- John S. Thalenfeld, Bear Creek, president, Trion Industries Inc., Wilkes-Barre, \$500
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- Richard P. Adams and Linda J. Adams, Kingston, real estate, Dick Adams Realtors, Bethlehem, \$500
- Robert D. Elias, Dallas, attorney, Law Office of Robert D. Elias, Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- Y. Judd Shoval and Susan W. Shoval, Kingston, officer, Panoptic LLC, \$300
- Frank Sokola and Donna M. Sokola, Hanover Township, sales, Kingston Amusements, Kingston, \$300
- James J. Guadino and Dawnee Guadino, Kingston, owner, Cooks Pharmacy, \$500
- Thomas R. Robinson, Dallas, fundraising consultant, TRR & Associates, Dallas, \$500
- Thomas P. Sokola and Patricia Sokola, Hanover Twp., VP of finance, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, \$300
- Catherine S. Smith, Mountain Top, physician, \$500
- William R. Keller and Suzanne O. Keller, Forty Fort, attorney, William R. Keller Esq., Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- Andrew H. Cornell, Mountain Top, owner, Cornell Iron Works, Mountain Top, \$2,500
- Francis J. Hoegen and Molly M. Hoegen, Kingston, attorney, Hoegen & Associates, PC, Wilkes-Barre, \$1,000
- Deborah J. Madden, Shavertown, businesswoman, Law Firm, Kingston, \$500
- Tony Gallis, Hanover Township, insurance agent, Tony Gallis Insurance Co., Hanover Township, \$300
- William Davis, Wilkes-Barre, owner, Davis Powersports Inc., Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- Joseph D. Burke, Forty Fort, attorney, Burke & Burke, Forty Fort, \$500
- Dr. Louis Sieminski, Forty Fort, audiologist, \$300
- Adam J. Burick, Mountain Top, owner, Burick's Service Station, Mountain Top, \$600
- Henry F. Smith Sr., M.D., and Gertrude L. Smith, Mountain Top, physician, \$500
- Robert A. Gonos and Jane S. Gonos, Mountain Top, attorney, Law Offices of Robert A. Gonos, \$300
- Laura C. Dennis, Exeter, attorney, Law Office of Laura C. Dennis, Forty Fort, \$500
- Norman Gavlick and Angela Gavlick, Kingston, owners, Gavlick Personnel, Kingston, \$300
- Barry L. Stankus and Mary Stankus, West Pittston, retired, \$1,000
- Bruce S. Miller and Catherine M. Miller, Hazleton, attorney, Laputka, Bayless, Ecker & Cohn, PC, Hazleton, \$300
- Dougherty, Leventhal & Price, Kingston, law firm, Kingston, \$500
- William Davidowitz, Kingston, retired, \$1,000
- Melanie Maslow Lumia, Dallas, owner, Maslow Lumia Bartorilla, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Paul Lumia, Dallas, executive director, North Branch Land Trust, Trucks-ville, \$750
- Daniel DeJoseph, Conyngham, attorney, Conyngham, \$300
- PSEA PACE, Harrisburg, teachers union, \$500
- Michael J. Kowalski, Moosic, attorney, Scartelli, Distasio & Kowalski, Wilkes-Barre, \$300
- Anne E. and Benny A. Tranguch, Hazleton, retired, \$300
- John C. and Mary Metz, Dallas, owner Metz Enterprises, Dallas, \$500
- Michael J. Hudacek, Plymouth, attorney, Plymouth, \$1,000
- Charles D. Lemmond, Dallas, retired, \$500
- Albert family, Wilkes-Barre, owner Bloomsburg Metal, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Andrew H. Cornell, Mountain Top, president Cornell Iron Works, \$2,500
- Andrew J. Sordoni III, Forty Fort, retired, \$500
- Kenneth J. and Ann M. Krogulski, Shavertown, investment advisor, Berkshire Asset Management, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Michael D. Weaver, Wilkes-Barre, investment advisor, Berkshire Asset Management, \$350
- Bernard J. Boback, Jr., Harveys Lake, employee of Federal Emergency Management Agency, \$350
- Jeffrey S. Thomas, Wilkes-Barre, maintenance, Wilkes-Barre School District, \$300
- James and Mary Kay Sperling, Dallas, owner Circle Nut & Bolt Co., \$1,000
- Anneliese Moghul, Mountain Top, retired, \$1,000
- Christopher and Ramah Hackett, Shavertown, owner One Source Staffing, \$1,000
- Frederick D. and Barbara A. Straub, Bear Creek, retired, \$1,000

- FRED PIERANTONI:
- PA Cleanpac, Wyoming, \$500
- PSEA PACE, Harrisburg, \$500
- PSPA, Kingston, \$500
- Fred Pierantoni Jr., Dupont, retired, \$1,325
- Molly M. Hoegen, Kingston, homemaker, \$425
- Daniel G. Flannery, Wilkes-Barre, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Dougherty, Levanthal, Price LLP, law firm \$750
- Jason J. Mattioli, Old Forge, attorney, Scranton, \$1,500
- Michael Conflitti, Scranton, businessman, Scranton, \$1,000.
- Harry N. Perrillo Jr., Pittston, businessman, \$1,006
- Mark Mack, Kingston, attorney, Mack Law Offices, Kingston, \$1,000.
- Joseph J. Zak, Wilkes-Barre, consultant, Wilkes-Barre, \$500.
- Chester F. Dudick Jr., Forty Fort, attorney, Forty Fort, \$1,000.
- Moses & Gelso, LLP, law firm, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Donald J. Frederickson Jr., Moosic, attorney, Moosic, \$300
- James T. Lesho, Hanover Township, attorney, Hanover Township, \$500
- Joseph Dessoye, Exeter, retired, \$325
- Robert J. Cappelloni, Avoca, retired, \$1,000.
- John P. Rodgers, Wilkes-Barre, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, \$600
- Bruce Phillips, Wilkes-Barre, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Michael A. Pendolphi, Forty Fort, attorney, Forty Fort, \$500
- David R. Cooper, Wilkes-Barre, doctor, Wilkes-Barre, \$1,000.
- John J. Terrana, Kingston, attorney, Kingston, \$500
- Edward J. Ciarimboli, Shavertown, attorney, Kingston, \$500
- Michael R. Mey, Scranton, attorney, Kingston, \$500
- Angelo M Sanguedolce II, Wilkes-Barre, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Brain C. Corcoran, Kingston, attorney, Kingston, \$500
- Paula RADICK:
- James A. Moran, Hazleton, retired, \$1,000
- John G. Dean, Mountain Top, attorney, Elliott Greenleaf & Dean, Scranton, \$1,000.
- Dr. Anthony Griguoli, Hazle Township, chiropractor, Hazleton, \$500

- JENNIFER ROGERS:
- PSPA, Kingston, political action committee, \$500
- PSEA PACE, political action committee, \$500
- Ronald and Madge Rogers, Dallas, retired, \$13,000
- Judith A Yurkin, Wilkes-Barre, homemaker, \$540
- John W. Frye and spouse, Kingston, physician, \$300
- Bettie Ann Morgan, Wilkes-Barre, nurse, \$780
- Robert J. Tambur, Shavertown, real estate developer, \$500
- Douglas R. Rogers and spouse, Eaton Vance, Co., analyst, \$1,000
- Vincent J. Cappellini, Pittston, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, \$5,021.
- William S. Sukus and spouse, Pittston, retired, \$300
- Patrick E. Dougherty, Kingston, attorney, Kingston, \$500
- Clifford K. Melberger and spouse, West Pittston, chairman Greenspace Properties, West Pittston, \$1,000
- Jamie Joseph Anzalone, Wilkes-Barre, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, \$1,000
- William F. Anzalone, Shavertown, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, \$1,000

- TONY ROSS:
- 205 PAC, Scranton, \$500
- Benjamin Nicolsi, Jr., West Pittston, attorney, Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, \$500
- John C. Terrana, Kingston, attorney, \$1,000
- Anthony Ross, Mountain Top, owner, Ross Body Shop, \$7,200
- Adam J. Burick, Mountain Top, owner, Burick Garage, \$400
- Donna Michak, Larksville, self-employed, Today's Treasures, \$1,250
- Mary E. Ross, Old Forge, retired, \$6,075
- Kristin Perry, New York, N.Y., executive, Bloomingdale's, \$500
- Michael Connolly, Roaring Brook Township, attorney, Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, \$600
- Robin Snyder, Clarks Summit, attorney, Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, \$400
- Michael Marsicano, Hazle Township, sales, MGS, Inc, \$500
- Barbara Santorsa, Scott Township, retired, \$290

- JOSEPH SAPORITO:
- PSPA, Kingston, \$500
- Friends of Jackie Musto Carroll, \$500
- Michael Cefalo, West Pittston, Attorney, West Pittston, \$450
- Leonard Falcone, Mountain Top, retired, \$350
- Galli Auto Sales & Service, Pittston Twp., \$500
- Patricia Stella, Kingston, self employed, \$600
- Michael J. Butera, Pittston, attorney, Pittston, \$350
- Sam Falcone Sr., Wilkes-Barre, retired, \$10,000
- Francis Solano, Pittston, retired, \$5,000
- Peter Casterline, Dallas, retired, \$500
- Carlo Saporito, Wilkes-Barre, administrator, Saporito & Falcone, \$1,000
- Aldo Pierotti, Plains Township, retired, \$1,000
- Agolino's Restaurant, West Pittston, \$500
- John E. Butts, Dallas, retired, \$500
- Albert B. Melone Co., Pittston, CPA firm, \$3,000
- Fino's Pharmacy, Pittston, pharmacy, \$500
- Patrick J. Adonizo, West Pittston, dentist, \$500
- Raymond A. DiPietro Jr., Shavertown, executive, Northeast Eagle Distributors, \$500
- John J. Terrana, Kingston, attorney, Kingston, \$500
- Patricia Finan Castellano, Harveys Lake, consultant, \$500
- Karl J. Kwak, Wyoming, attorney, Wyoming, \$500
- John Panzitta, West Pittston, owner Panzitta Enterprises, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Joseph D. Burke, Forty Fort, attorney, Forty Fort, \$1,000
- Marla Roskos Pupa, Pittston, diabetes care specialist, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, \$500
- Robert J. Stella, Wilkes-Barre, partner Robert J. Stella Electrical, \$1,000
- Lance J. Sutter, Shavertown, executive Northeast Eagle Distributors, \$500
- Paul A. Concurso, Pittston, retired, \$300
- Leonard M. Insalaco, Pittston, executive, Insalaco Development, \$2,000
- R.A. Adonizio, Arlington, Va., nurse, Washington, D.C. \$300
- Alicia Adonizio, West Pittston, homemaker, \$1,500
- Therese M. Finan, Vienna, Va., attorney, Washington, D.C. \$1,000
- Harold E. Flack II, Wyoming, executive, Diamond Manufacturing, \$1,000
- Cozen O'Connor, Philadelphia, law firm, \$1,000
- Andrew J. Sordoni III, Dallas, executive, Sordoni Enterprises, Forty Fort, \$500
- John Churnetski, Hanover Township, retired, \$500
- Angelo Falcone, Lafin, retired, \$1,000
- Marianne Prebola, Tunkhannock, homemaker, \$2,000
- William Watt, Drums, attorney, Pittston, \$500
- Francis Solano, Wexford, physician, Pittsburgh, \$1,000
- Samuel Falcone Jr., Pittston, attorney, Pittston, \$2,500
- Tom Ansilio, Wyoming, owner The Flower Tent, Wyoming, \$1,000
- Arthur D. and David Dalessandro, retired, Mountain Top, \$500
- Charles Adonizio, Wilkes-Barre, president, C&J Asphalt, \$500
- Angelo Falcone, Laytonsville, retired, \$500
- Edward J. Machey, Exeter, retired, \$300
- Patrick Casey, Archbald, attorney, Myers, Brier & Kelly, Scranton, \$500
- Molly Hoegen, Kingston, homemaker, \$1,000
- Joseph Durkin, West Pittston, engineer, Reilly Associates, Pittston, \$500
- Gerard A. Champi, Lafin, banker, FNCB Bank, Dunmore, \$500
- Tina Rava, Moscow, teacher, Pittston Area School District, \$500
- Peter Butera, Wyomissing, executive, Merrill Lynch, Wyomissing, \$500
- Burton Berrettini, Dallas, Dallas, executive, Penn Marketing Inc., Forty Fort, \$500
- Roseann O'Connor, Kingston, teacher, Luzerne County Community College, \$500
- Robert A. Stella, Plains Township, owner Stell Enterprises, \$1,000
- Sandy Insalaco Sr., Wilkes-Barre, executive, Insalaco Development, \$5,000
- Michael Insalaco, Moosic, executive, Insalaco Development, \$2,500
- Pauline Carmody, West Pittston, homemaker, \$500
- Jeffrey Walker, Pittston, dentist, Pittston, \$500
- John W. Adonizio, Pittston, financial consultant, Pittston, \$500
- Beverly J. Watt, Sugarloaf, unemployed, \$500
- Kenneth and Christine Sebastianelli, Scranton, physician/homemaker, \$500
- Diane McAliney, Pittston, homemaker, \$500
- Gerald P. Gibbons, Wyoming, physician, Pittston, \$1,000
- Patrick O'Connor, Conshohocken, attorney, Cozen O'Connor, Conshohocken, \$1,000
- Arthur and Sandra Piccone, Kingston, attorney, Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, \$500
- Vincent J. Insalaco, Shavertown, executive, Insalaco Development, \$3,000
- Roxanne Schulman, Shavertown, non medical radiation, Specialist of N.E. P.A., \$500
- Juliette Sgarlat, Dallas, bookkeeper, Airport Sand and Gravel, \$550
- Josephine Gilchrist, Moosic, homemaker, \$500
- Mary Metz, Dallas, homemaker, \$500
- John Stankoski, Pittston, retired, \$1,000
- Sandra Gilmartin, Pittston, homemaker, \$300
- Dougherty, Leventhal & Price LLP, Kingston, law firm, Kingston, \$750
- Angelo C. Terrana Jr., Kingston, attorney, Kingston, \$500
- Thomas Craig, Avoca, executive, Kentrell Corp., Avoca, \$500
- Catherine Gubbiotti, Pittston, homemaker, \$500
- Girard Mecadon, Pittston, attorney, Pittston, \$350

- JOE SKLAROSKY JR.
- PSPA, Kingston, political action committee, \$500
- Emil and Irma Ribacchi, Plains Township, retired, \$350
- Joe and Pat Sklarosky Sr., Plains Township, attorney, Wilkes-Barre, \$5,000
- Edward Sklarosky and Dr. Charles Romberger, Lancaster, retired/doctor, \$1,000
- James M. Kennedy, Sugarloaf, salesperson, Berger Family Dealerships, Hazleton, \$500
- Paul J. Pasonick, Wilkes-Barre, engineer, Michael J. Pasonick & Associates, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Ziegler Orthodontics, Mountain Top, dentistry, Mountain Top, \$300
- Joseph B. Kress, West Hazleton, self employed, Harry's U-Pull It, West Hazleton, \$500
- Joseph H. Kress, Sugarloaf, self employed, Harry's U-Pull It, West Hazleton, \$500
- Joseph and Susan J. Nardone Jr., Plains Township, self employed, Genoa Wholesale Foods, Plains Township, \$500
- Dougherty, Levanthal & Price, Kingston, law firm, \$500
- Gertrude McGowan, Wilkes-Barre, attorney, Blue Cross of NEPA, \$500
- John F. McNelis, Hazleton, self employed, McNelis Home Care, Hazleton, \$500
- Samuel and Sandra Potis, Archbald, retired, \$500
- Joseph and Nancy Schiltzer, Pottsville, insurance, Higgins Insurance, Pottsville, \$500
- Megan Kennedy, Mountain Top, attorney/executive director, First Federal Charitable Foundation, Hazleton, \$26,000.
- Mark M. Mack, Kingston, attorney, Mack Law Offices, Kingston, \$500

- MICHAEL VOUGH
- Mark and Margaret Nobile, Pittston, self employed, United Beverage, Jenkins Twp., \$300
- Joseph D. Burke, Forty Fort, attorney, Forty Fort, \$500
- Dougherty, Leventhal & Price, Kingston, law firm, Kingston, \$500
- Pugliese, Finnegan & Shaffer, law firm, Kingston, \$500
- Michael and Carol Cicon, West Wyoming, truck driver, Falzone Towing, \$500
- Raymond McGarry, Pittston, systems technician, Verizon, \$500
- John Amico, Pittston, nurse, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, \$500
- James and Joette Conaboy, Dunmore, attorney, Scranton, \$500
- Kenneth and Denise Jemiola, Pittston Township, self employed, \$500
- Brady & Grabowski, law firm, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- James and Brenda Murphy, West Pittston, financial advisor,
- Larry and Darcy Berti, West Pittston, salesman, Coates Retrographics, \$1,000
- Mark and Lorraine Perry, Dunmore, attorney, Perry Law Firm, Scranton, \$500
- PSEA PACE, Harrisburg, teachers union, Harrisburg, \$500
- Robert Betnar, Plains Township, attorney, Plains Township, \$350
- Edward Mitchell, Wilkes-Barre, media consultant, Wilkes-Barre, \$500
- Times Leader intern Dawn Drumin contributed to this report.



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Tower wants city officials' pay cut

Kadluboski wants candidates for office in Wilkes-Barre to attend next council meeting.

By **BILL O'BOYLE**
bboyle@timesleader.com

WILKES-BARRE – Bob Kadluboski called a press conference Monday at Wilkes-Barre City Hall and invited all six mayoral candidates, the two controller candidates and all 21 council candidates.

Only Kadluboski showed up to announce he wants council to enact a salary ordinance that would significantly reduce elected officials' salaries.

The ordinance proposed by Kadluboski would eliminate a pen-

sion to part-time employees. The tow truck operator, who usually attends council meetings and speaks out against city policies – he has been escorted from meetings – said that taxpayers can no longer afford what he termed “these pricey sums” for elected officials.

Kadluboski, who decided not to run for mayor despite securing the more than 200 signatures necessary on nominating petitions, said if no candidate supports him on the issue, he will get in the race for mayor.

“If no candidate for mayor supports this, then I will run as an Independent candidate for the office of mayor,” Kadluboski proclaimed.

The owner of City Wide Towing said he sent each city candi-

CITY SALARIES

Current salaries of city elected officials:

Mayor: \$79,911
Council chair: \$14,699
Council member: \$13,199
Controller: \$41,553
Pension eligibility for elected officials:

If elected since 2001, the mayor, council and controller become vested after 12 years of service; prior to 2001, it was 10 years of service. All become fully vested in the pension plan after 20 years of service.

date a certified letter and he said all 28 receipts were returned. He said his goal was to get all the candidates to attend Thursday's council meeting.

“They've all been notified,” he

WHAT'S NEXT

Wilkes-Barre City Council meets in work session today at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall. The regular council meeting is Thursday at 6 p.m., same venue, and public comment is allowed.

said. “Let's see who shows up Thursday night.”

Kadluboski is asking all city candidates to repeal the salaries and benefits of council.

“No longer can the taxpayers of this once great and vibrant city shoulder the exorbitant salaries of its mayor, council members or controller,” he said. “Today, I am asking every candidate for city offices to attend Thursday's council meeting and I am asking that



Bob Kadluboski said Monday he'll run for Wilkes-Barre mayor as an Independent if no current candidate backs his salary edict.

they join the effort of the citizens of Wilkes-Barre to bring sanity back to city government.”

Kadluboski said the retirement benefits for former council members and mayors cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. He said the candidates in the May 17 primaries need to come forward and either support him or state why they oppose his proposal for an ordinance.

Taking in the action at the track to help the YMCA



BILL TARUTIS/FOR THE TIMES LEADER

Diane O'Neil, front left, and Terry O'Neil, front right, of Shavertown, and Debby and Ed Barth, of Plains Township, root for their favorite horses during the 25th Annual Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA's Night at the Races on Monday night inside Pacers Clubhouse Restaurant at the Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. All proceeds from Monday's event in Plains Township benefit the children at the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA.

Ex-judge's appeal cites Tenn. fraud-case ruling

Ciavarella uses case of former official's overturned honest services wire fraud case.



February of 12 counts, including racketeering, money laundering and honest services mail fraud.

The honest service charges related to his filing of financial statements of interest with a state agency that failed to disclose his receipt of nearly \$1 million from real estate developer Robert Mericle.

By **TERRIE MORGAN-BESECKER**
tmorgan@timesleader.com

A judge has been asked to consider a court ruling that vacated the conviction of a former Tennessee state senator when deciding if former Luzerne County Judge Mark Ciavarella's conviction on honest services wire fraud should be overturned.

Attorney William Ruzzo on Monday wrote to U.S. District Judge Edwin Kosik, asking him to consider a ruling made by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of Sen. John Ford, who was convicted of honest services fraud for failing to disclose his interest in a medical firm that did business with the state's Medicaid fund.

The Sixth Circuit in April overturned Ford's conviction based on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling issued last June in the case of former Enron executive Jeffrey Skilling.

The high court's ruling declared the honest services statute applied only in cases in which a defendant accepted a bribe or a kickback. It did not apply in cases in which a defendant failed to disclose a conflict of interest.

In Ford's case, the government conceded the honest services conviction should be vacated based on the Skilling decision because Ford's actions constituted failure to disclose a conflict of interest.

Ciavarella was convicted in

Ruzzo contends the Ford ruling is pertinent to Ciavarella's case as Ciavarella maintains his conduct did not relate to acceptance of a bribe or kickback.

The issue is among several Ruzzo and his co-counsel, Al Flora, raised in post-trial motions filed on March 25. The appeal did not mention the Ford decision because it was not issued until April 14.

The U.S. Attorney's Office, aware that Ciavarella would be citing the Ford case, sought permission to file a legal brief in response. Kosik on Monday granted that motion. He will rule on the issue after receipt of that brief.

IMMIGRANT

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Morresi said he contacted the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to get Tlalmis-Perez detained, but the agency told him four hours later to cite and release the illegal immigrant. Tlalmis-Perez was fined \$162.50 for speeding and \$250 for driving without a license.

The owner of the vehicle, Edgardo Laureano-Molina, was also cited about \$300 for permitting an illegal immigrant to drive his vehicle, Morresi said.

“I wasn't surprised. It's happened several times,” Morresi said of the federal government's decision to release an illegal immigrant.

Toohil and Heffley said the man's possession of two ACCESS cards indicated the possibility of welfare fraud – a problem they're attempting to tackle through proposed new legislation.

The state House of Representatives has passed legislation sponsored by Toohil aiming to strengthen penalties for those convicted of more than \$1,000 worth of welfare fraud by increasing the offense to a third-degree felony.

The legislation also will ensure ACCESS cards are covered in existing welfare fraud laws. These debit cards are issued to Medical Assistance recipients to obtain cash or food-stamp benefits, according to the state.

The bill, which has been sent to the state Senate, would have no impact on anyone lawfully

receiving benefits in the state, Toohil stressed.

Illegal immigrants have been blamed for straining local resources and contributing to violent crime in the Hazleton area. An expert on immigration estimated several years ago that between 1,500 and 3,400 illegal immigrants live in Hazleton.

Heffley said the cards are being used across the state to purchase illegal drugs. Roughly 1.7 million people in the state have some form of an ACCESS card, and the state has replaced 149,595 cards reported as lost or stolen since January, he said. Of those, 8,099 cards have been replaced at least 20 times each since January, he said.

Jennifer Learn-Andes, a Times Leader staff writer, may be reached at 831-7333.

POLITICAL BRIEF

NEWPORT TWP. – Newport Township Democrats unanimously endorsed the following candidates during an endorsement meeting at the Italian American Sporting Club in Glen Lyon:

Luzerne County judges: Vito DeLuca, Joseph Sklarosky Jr., Fred Pierantoni and John Aciekewicz; district judge: Donald L. Whittaker; Greater Nanticoke Area School Board, 4-year term: Tony Prushinski, Kenny James, Ryan Verazin, Janine Floryshak; GNA School Board, 2-year term: Frank Shepanski Jr.; Newport Township commissioners: Paul Czapracki, Mike Roke, John Wilkes Jr.

For information, call Paul Czapracki, Newport Township Democratic Chairman, at 735-6859.

LOCAL BRIEF

DORRANCE TWP. – The Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The indoor rummage sale will take place rain or shine at the fire hall on St. John's Road.



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Joan Zawoiski Lewis

May 7, 2011

Joan Zawoiski Lewis, a children's storyteller whose battle with pancreatic cancer sparked good deeds on all seven continents, died Saturday, May 7, 2011, at her daughter Jocelyn's home in Charlottesville, Va.

Born in Pringle, Joan was a proud graduate of St. Hedwig's Elementary School. She cheered at Pringle High, and graduated from Larksville High School at 16.

A great reader, Joan was known as "Kid Dictionary." She graduated from Wilkes College with a degree in education, and taught at schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Connecticut, including St. John the Evangelist School, Pittston.

She and her husband, Attorney Michael J. Lewis Jr., raised their family on Park Place, Kingston.

Joan was deeply engaged in politics, and the community, including the League of Women Voters, the Democratic Women's Committee, the PTA, the Park Place Association, Lawyers Wives, and Literacy Volunteers.

In 1980 Joan moved to Connecticut, and began a career as a children's storyteller. She was renowned for her children's story hours, especially her babies programs, with their emphasis on educating new mothers.

Joan firmly believed that mothers should speak to their children as though they were adults, and read to them from birth.

Joan worked at both the Wallingford and Meriden Libraries.

Upon her retirement, she moved to Charlottesville, Va., in 2008 to care for her newborn grandson, Owen Michael Paulson.

Joan was diagnosed with end-stage pancreatic cancer in September 2009, and was expected to die within weeks. Instead, she survived 20 months, and sparked good deeds across the world.

When she became ill, Joan asked that, rather than a fuss be made about her, folk perform "good deeds" in her honor, and then tell her about them. Good deeds in honor of "Joannie from Pringle" have been documented in all 50 states, and on all seven continents, including Antarctica, by the family of famous mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary.

Joan crossed many items off her "bucket list" and lived to add new ones, including a ride in a hot air balloon, a trip to New York City, to stay at her beloved Waldorf Hotel, and visit the set of the television show "The View," and watching her grandson Leo Coltrane Kivell row at St. Joseph's Prep.

Most famously, this past March, she traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., to watch the UCONN Women's Basketball team play in the NCAA Tournament.

When the team heard of this last wish, they invited her to a private team practice. After they beat Duke, Coach Gene Auriemma credited their win to Joan's pep talk to the team. There was extensive news coverage of this final trip, and she has been the topic of inspirational speeches and Sunday sermons in churches from Bedford, N.Y., to Gladwyne, Pa.

Joan maintained a lifelong interest in literacy, sports, and world events until her death.

She was commenting actively on the political situation in Afghanistan three days before her death.

Joan was an extraordinarily generous person, with a deep love of family, and a prodigious gift for friendship.



She was den mother to her own and her children's extended network of friends, her home being "party central" for dinner parties, and annual costume parties in Kingston, Connecticut, and Philadelphia.

Joan was an exceptionally hardy spirit who did not let adversity get her down. When her leg was shattered in an accident shortly before her 60th birthday, she told dubious doctors she would dance the polka at her party – and she did.

She showed the same undaunted spirit after becoming ill with cancer two years ago.

She provided child care for her youngest two grandchildren, but also making sure to fulfill as many life-long dreams as possible, including the chance to meet her favorite team – the UCONN Women's Basketball team – and watch them practice.

Her facility for friendship lasted until the end, and is reflected in her website on the Caring Bridge that kept friends and family connected during her brave but characteristically upbeat battle with cancer.

The site, www.Caring-bridge.org/visit/joanniefrompringle, has received more than 25,000 hits, or visits.

She spent her last year helping to care for her youngest grandchildren. The youngest, Amy Elizabeth, was born five months after Joan became ill. Joan was determined to survive until the baby was born and lived long enough to teach her to walk.

She is survived by a large and loving family, her five children, and their spouses, six grandchildren, her sister, an extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as many devoted friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Eva Zawoiski; her sister Evelyn Chukinas; and her brother, John "Jack" Zawoiski.

Joan is survived by her five children, Dr. Michael J. Lewis (Susan Glassman), Judy Lewis (Tim Cheney), Jacqueline Lewis, Esq. (Sheldon Kivell), Jane Lewis Lamb, Esq. (Peter Lamb), and Jocelyn Lewis (Dr. Scott Paulson); six grandchildren, Kate, Colin, and Nora Cheney; Leo Coltrane Kivell; and Owen and Amy Paulson; her sister Dolores Kosisher; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She will be greatly missed by all. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Ignatius Church, 399 Maple Avenue, Kingston. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the A.J. Kopicki Funeral Home, Zerby Avenue, Kingston. Interment will be in St. Hedwig's Cemetery, Larksville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joan Z. Lewis Fund, Wallingford Public Library, 200 N. Main St., Wallingford, CT, or anywhere else it might do some good.

Good deeds may also be posted on the Caring Bridge website.

John Craig 'Jack' Dowling

May 6, 2011



John Craig "Jack" Dowling, 68, of South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Friday, May 6, 2011, at the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center.

Born October 9, 1942, in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Patrick G. and Elizabeth Jasper Dowling.

Jack graduated from Kingston High School, class of 1960, and Penn State University, class of 1964, with a degree in business.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1964 to 1968 as an officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany during the Vietnam War.

Upon his return from active duty, Jack lived in California for the next 40 years, where he was a sales executive for Xerox Corporation.

His passions included San Francisco 49ers football in Kezar Stadium, the San Francisco Giants, his Irish heritage, and Frank Sinatra.

While living in San Diego, he was active in the Downtown San Diego Residents Association, and served as a docent on the USS Midway.

Upon his return to Wilkes-Barre in 2009, Jack became an active member of the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Residents Association.

Jack is survived by a brother, Wayne Dowling, and his wife, Sheryl Saxe-Dowling, Harrisburg, Pa.; nieces and nephew, Lisa McKenney and Claire Dowling, Springfield, Ill., and Patrick Dowling, Chatham, Ill.; as well as great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Celebration of Jack's life will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington.

Memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Memorial Program, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250

Arrangements are by McLaughlin's.

Permanent messages and memories can be shared with Jack's family at www.celebratehislife.com

William Slusark

May 9, 2011



He was born in Avoca on July 25, 1933.

William was a member of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea. He was a graduate of Avoca High School, and retired from the Hillcrest Lamp & Shade Company, Old Forge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Delores (Belcavitch) Slusark, who passed away in 2005; and many brothers and sisters.

William is survived by his sons, William and his wife, Barbara, Throop, Pa.; John and his wife, Simonetta, Naples, Italy; and Joseph and his wife, Elaine, Duryea; his daughters, Kathryn and her husband, John Ferraro, Browndale, Pa., and Mary and her husband, Joseph D'Amico, Pittston Township.

William is also survived by his brothers Henry Slusarczyk, Avoca, and Stanley Sluzark, Iowa; his sister Jean McCloskey, Florida; as well as 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday from Kiesinger Funeral Services Inc., 255 McAlpine Street, Duryea, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church, Duryea. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening. Interment will be held at the parish cemetery.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Mark J. Lyons and his staff, Taylor; the VNA Hospice, Scranton; and the staff at the Linwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Scranton, for their care and support.

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

Ann Marie Maloney

May 9, 2011



Ann Marie Maloney, of Wilkes-Barre, passed away Monday, May 9, 2011, at the home of her daughter, Sara Murphy, Hanover Township, under the care of Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

Born October 28, 1937, in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late Cornelius and Mary Faumore Ward.

Ann Marie was a 1955 graduate of Wilkes-Barre Township High School, and a 1957 graduate of Mercy Hospital School of Nursing.

She was employed as a licensed practical nurse at Wyoming Valley Hospital, and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, and most recently at the Golden Living Center, East Mountain.

Ann Marie was a member of St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wilkes-Barre. Her enjoyments in life were her grandchildren, traveling, and trips to the casino.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Dorothy Purta, Mary Flynn, Rita Farber, Clair Kovaleski, Bernadette Gates, and Marguerite Flynn; and brothers, Leo, Cornelius, John, Joseph, and Thomas.

Ann Marie is survived by her husband, Ronald J. Maloney; daughters, Dorothy Maloney, Wilkes-Barre; Sara Murphy and her husband, E.J., Hanover Township; Molly Gosart and her husband, Jesse, Wilkes-Barre; son, Ronald J. Maloney Jr., Wilkes-Barre; as well as 11 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday from the Jendrzewski Funeral Home, 21 N. Meade Street, Wilkes-Barre, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre. Interment will follow in the parish cemetery, Hanover Township. Family and friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

The family wishes to express a special thank you to the Hospice of the Sacred Heart, for its compassionate services.

Dolores Strausser

May 9, 2011



Dolores M. Strausser, 75, of the Miners Mills section, Wilkes-Barre, passed away Monday morning, May 9, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, after a courageous battle against cancer.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late John and Helen (Lucas) Yanowsky.

Dolores was a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, and was employed as a weaver for the American Silk Mill, Hudson section, Plains Township.

She was a lifelong member of St. Francis Church, Miners Mills.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, John Strausser, in 1985.

She is survived by her sons, Paul Strausser and his wife, Lisa, Plains Township; Wally Strausser, Miners Mills; and Jay Strausser and his wife, Amy, Dallas; grandsons, Paul, David, Brian, Jonathan, Jayson, and Joshua; as well as several cousins.

Funeral will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday from the Corcoran Funeral Home Inc., 20 South Main Street, Plains Township, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Francis Church, Miners Mills. Interment will be held in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton section of Wyoming. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The family would like to thank the staff and nurses at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, River Street Manor, The Oncology Associates, Kingston, and Dr. Paul Witt, for their exceptional care of Dolores.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o 190 Welles St., Suite 118, Forty Fort, PA 18704.

Online condolences may be made at www.corcoranfuneralhome.com.

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EDITORIAL

STATE OPINION: DONOR FAVORS

Limit gift-giving to state legislators

JUST BECAUSE IT'S legal for Pennsylvania lawmakers to take gifts from special interests, business owners and other powerbrokers doesn't make it good public policy.

In fact, it ought to be against the law for elected officials to accept anything of substantial value, if there's not an outright ban on all gift-giving.

The latest filings on gifts accepted by state officials, including former Gov. Edward G. Rendell, provide a window on just how lavish donors can be in bestowing favors.

Officials reported accepting trips to faraway places – China, India and Ireland – Super Bowl jaunts, tickets to galas and meals.

Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County, went to Dublin at the expense of a Massachusetts nonprofit. The Eagles paid for state Rep. Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia, to attend a play-off game in Dallas. Rendell took a private plane ride valued at \$11,000 to speak at an Io-

wa Democratic Committee dinner.

Under the rules, officials have to report anything worth more than \$250, and travel and hospitality valued at more than \$650. But they can still accept these gifts.

Lawmakers often defend the state's lax rules by saying it's OK because they have to disclose what they've received. But with only an annual-filing requirement, there is no way for the public to keep tabs in real time on the favors being lavished on elected officials.

The pro forma denials that overseas junkets, hard-to-get tickets to sporting events and expensive meals have any impact on policy decisions "fuels more cynicism because there is no objective way for the public to verify" the claims, notes Philadelphia Board of Ethics director J. Shane Creamer Jr.

The unusual access to elected officials afforded many donors should be enough of a concern to ban the practice.

The Philadelphia Inquirer

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"It's been a wonderful run."

Phil Jackson

The Los Angeles Lakers coach, whose team was swept out of the playoffs by the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday, said he will retire. As a coach, he won an NBA record 11 titles.

OTHER OPINION: U.S. TROOPS

Review strategy in Afghanistan

THE AMERICAN mission in Afghanistan changed last week with two quick shots from a Navy SEAL.

The calls for reflection on the nature of the war on terror with the death of Osama bin Laden have merit. Al-Qaida and its leader were the reasons behind 100,000 U.S. troops facing daily dangers.

In a world without bin Laden, the terror war could be as legitimately staged in Somalia, Yemen or Iran.

This isn't to say the United States should pull out of the central Asian nation this summer. There is still the threat that – just as in the 1990s – the Taliban could take control and offer a safe harbor for those planning attacks against us.

But the death of bin Laden does call for a full review of the mission.

First consider the numbers: After dipping to a post-9/11 low of \$14.5 billion a year in 2004, the Obama administration's Afghan surge has pumped the annual costs up to \$94 billion in 2010 and \$119.5 billion this year.

Budget is not the only, or primary, concern regarding inter-

national terrorism. But at a time when the nation has been forced to trim needed services costing a fraction of maintaining a massive force in Afghanistan, money is a consideration.

Beyond that, consider the strategy: The Obama plan all along has been to turn Afghan security over to Afghans. That's been difficult to imagine because the Taliban maintain

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influence in much of the nation, especially in remote areas.

But the threat of the Taliban is not a direct threat to the United States. The Tali-

ban are a threat because in the past they have sheltered others seeking to harm us. With al-Qaida scattered and on the run, and its leader and primary means of fundraising dead, a continued battle with the Taliban means putting our sons and daughters at risk to stop a future threat from developing. There are better uses of our troops and cash.

American troops were always moving toward the role of advice and training, and the timetable for this should be accelerated.

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George garners support for W-B council position

Downtown Wilkes-Barre has made great strides in the past few years, and now we need to direct some of that energy to the neighborhoods. This is why I support Tony George for City Council District B.

As a longtime city resident, Mr. George has spent much of his life working on keeping it a safe place to live. As the former police chief, Mr. George worked tirelessly with the residents of this city as well as the city government to come up with creative and effective ways to fight crime. He was instrumental in reviving the Wilkes-Barre Crime Watch and empowered ordinary citizens to get involved in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

I believe Tony George is the best man to serve on city council.

Jean Soltis
Wilkes-Barre

Commissioner should not get seat on county council

The Times Leader's endorsement of Stephen A. Urban for a seat on the new Luzerne County Council leads one to wonder if someone slipped something into the water coolers at the newspaper office. Mr. Urban will forever wear the taint of the county government that we have voted to replace by voting for home rule, as he is one of the current commissioners.

Now let's look at his record. This is the politician who pushed for leasing Moon Lake Park to the gas drilling companies, then wanted to let these drillers pump water out of the park's pristine lake so they could crack their wells. Only opposition from county residents prevented Moon Lake Park, one of the most beautiful areas of Luzerne County, from being turned into an industrial brownfield.

He also was instrumental in closing a lot of the amenities at Moon Lake Park and, with his fellow commissioners, laid off the park's staff. The result: The buildings of the nature center and the swimming pool area have been ruined by vandals and copper thieves.

Time to make a clean sweep.

Philip E. Galasso
Shickshinny

Risky bin Laden plan merits photo publication

Am I missing something? U.S. intelligence locates Osama bin Laden. After much pondering by the White House, obliteration by a bomb was nixed because we would not be able to prove to the world that bin Laden had been killed.

So, to be certain that we could demonstrate bin Laden's demise, the White

House decided to put the lives of many U.S. Navy SEALs – very brave men – at risk in a very dangerous invasion of Pakistani territory to assassinate bin Laden. Now the same White House will not display the photo of bin Laden's dead body because some group or groups might be offended.

Shouldn't that have been considered before putting lives at risk?

Richard deY. Manning
Fairview Township

Leighton deserves credit for improvements in city

Ask yourself this: Why are there so many critics in the city of Wilkes-Barre? It is so easy to find fault in the things that surround us: streets with potholes, dilapidated rental houses or an increase in crime. But have you ever thought: I should step up and do something about it?

Well, thankfully, Tom Leighton has. He has paved more than 160 streets, put a program in place to deal with absentee landlords to fix dilapidated houses and hired about 29 new police officers since he first took office in 2004.

No one is perfect; but our current mayor, Tom Leighton, is trying to make our city the best community it can be.

Patty Hughes
Wilkes-Barre

Writer questions process used to fill NW board seat

You don't know what you don't know. Have you ever heard that before?

Evidently, the majority of my fellow school directors in Northwest Area School District haven't. Or, perhaps they have, but ignore it.

It has become more prevalent in meeting after meeting that this board is content with what's right in front of its nose and doesn't care to put forth an effort to research anything. Recently, this board was faced with filling a seat vacated by a resignation. For at least a dozen years, this board has followed the same process: advertise for applicants, review applicants, host public interviews and appoint the replacement. Both current board member Daryl Morgan and former board member Kelly Jenkins were seated through this process.

The part of this procedure that is invaluable is the public interviews. However, this board refused to hold public interviews. In fact, the entire process was so hurried it left many people, including myself, suspect of the appointment.

Here's how it went: Advertised on Friday and Saturday, deadline for applicants was Monday, board members saw application letters Wednesday at approximately 6:30 and the vote was cast at approximately

7:30.

And, the vote was cast to appoint a former board member who served on the board with several current members.

Mr. Randy Tomasacci might very well be the best candidate who applied, but we'll never know because we were not given the chance to interview him or the others. Board members, as well as Mr. Tomasacci, all asked if he could take a seat at the board table immediately. His nameplate was even pulled out from where it sat waiting atop a bookshelf in the boardroom.

The law is clear. The board gets to appoint the interim director. However, this board's refusal to explore all its options and choose the best one certainly is questionable.

This is just the most recent example, but the problem is endemic of this board. We are public servants and owe the public more than this.

Gina M. Schwartz
School director
Northwest Area School District

Reader says Cronauer would be good magistrate

I am writing to express my opinion about the upcoming magisterial race. The candidate of my choice is Rick Cronauer, a lifelong resident of Wilkes-Barre.

He is currently a council member for District A. Along with satisfying the daily responsibilities of a councilman, he also created the District A Fund. The fund was created to use tax-deductible donations to improve city-owned recreational facilities and enhance the security level for the residents. His successful idea was to get residents involved in local business, and local business involved in the community – with the basic understanding that tax revenue alone cannot maintain our facilities and provide the residents with the level of security they deserve.

Some accomplishments of the fund are security lighting in Miner and Lafayette parks, various improvements to Christian Field and the South W-B Little League field, and construction of four dugouts at the Wilkes-Barre girls softball field. This fund has generated more than \$70,000 of improvements.

Recently endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, he always emphasizes "safety in the neighborhoods, schools and homes for our children," and giving "our children the opportunity to prosper in this place we call home."

I know Rick very well; he is not politically motivated. He is truly passionate about his family, friends and home. He has chosen to stand up and fight for us. In turn, I will vote for him.

Democratic and Republican voters, choose No. 1 on your ballot for Magisterial District Judge 11-101.

Carlo Mullan
Wilkes-Barre

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McGinley, Evans backed for council

I completely understand the issue we all are having with choosing our nominees for Luzerne County Council. I would like to offer my recommendations.

Please consider Tim McGinley and Casey Evans.

I have known Tim, my uncle, for 23 years, and I consider him one of the most intelligent men I know. If elected, he would bring a much-needed intellect to our county government. His previous work experience and education should be considered invaluable to the electorate. He is the choice with which you should feel comfortable when you tuck your children in at night.

Casey Evans is also an honorable gentleman. I have had the distinguished pleasure of working with Casey on several political campaigns and many more events, and I am comfortable in saying that he is one of the best and brightest political minds of my generation. A vote for Evans is a vote for the future of the Wyoming Valley. He has our true values at heart and will fight for them as hard as he can.

Both Tim and Casey are true and honorable Pennsylvanians, and they have earned my vote for Luzerne County Council – and, I hope, yours.

Jim McGinley
Wilkes-Barre

Evans says he'll freshen government

Luzerne County is at a crossroads.

We are on the cusp of electing a new government. Either we can stay with the same old names and same old faces, or we can elect thoughtful people who will bring to this job a fresh new point of view. I hope to be one of them.

If you are opposed to natural gas drilling and want to hold the gas industry accountable for its actions, I am your candidate for county council: My plan will require land development plans for each fracking site that must include emergency plans in case of a blowout. I will never vote to surrender any more county land or county property to the natural gas companies.

If you believe in accountability and empowering the taxpayers, I am your candidate for county council: I will work to authorize and create a website that will track every county transaction of more than \$25 and post it on the Internet for every citizen to see exactly where the money goes.

If you believe in fiscal oversight, I am your candidate for county council: My plan would follow the example of our neighbors in Columbia County and require purchase orders for every transaction of more than \$50.

I am a lifelong Luzerne County resident, and I am endorsed by EqualityPA, the only statewide organization dedicated to achieving equal rights for all Pennsylvanians. I am running to build a home rule government that works for everyone; and if you stand for me for just one day on May 17, I will stand for you every day of this campaign and every day at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

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Casey Evans
Democratic candidate
Luzerne County Council
Lehman Township

Resident is happy to call W-B home

Being a young adult in my mid-20s, I remember, just a short time ago, when there was nothing to do in the city of Wilkes-Barre.

I hear the mayor being criticized for focusing only on the downtown. I felt the need to write to stress my belief in giving young people a positive place to spend some quality time. In the last few years, there were two playgrounds built within walking distance from my home, plus the addition of a beautiful riverfront park, bookstores, coffee shops and many new restaurants.

Thank you, Mayor Tom Leighton, for giving my generation a reason to stay in Wilkes-Barre to raise our children and for a positive community that I am proud to call home.

Michael Chmielewski
Wilkes-Barre

Argo defends votes on police hirings

In a recent political ad, the Committee to Elect McLean-Alfano makes an allegation that I “consistently vote against hiring police.” Please allow me to set the record straight.

The voters of Pittston should know that since 2006 I have never voted against hiring police. At every council meeting I have voted in favor of a resolution for the appointment of temporary police officers, on a month-to-month basis, to protect the residents of our town.

Furthermore, I voted to hire two full-time officers at a council meeting that was held in September 2009, under Mayor Donna McFadden Connors' tenure.

Other accusations have been made by the same people, but those are so ridiculous that they do not warrant a response, except to say that I am proud to sing the national anthem at ceremonies conducted by veterans' organizations in our town, which I graciously have done for the past five years.

Danny Argo
Candidate for city council
Pittston

Schiowitz will help on W-B Area board

I took the time and expense to petition the Luzerne County courts to select a replacement for the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board.

The objective was to take it out of the hands of a board that apparently cannot make a

decision that is not politically motivated. The first attempt by the board was to appoint a former board member; then six board members sent a letter to Judge Thomas Burke requesting that they appoint another former board member. Bottom line: They want more of the same, no new ideas.

I had faith that under the direction of Judge Burke the best candidate would be chosen. My investment paid off, as some very qualified people applied and the best candidate was selected.

Dr. Mark Schiowitz is not an educator but has educator experience at the college level. He has attempted to provide input in the past to help this district.

I am a retired educator who had a lot to offer, but I am an educator. Had I been selected by the court, one-third of the board would have been retired administrators. This board needs independent thinkers who can instill new ideas. They now have what they need.

Dr. Schiowitz will be one of nine members with only a handful of months to serve. I have reported to boards for 17 years and have observed just what board members can accomplish when they are the caliber of Dr. Schiowitz.

In only a few hours following his court appointment, he contacted me and complimented me on my efforts, education and experience. Now that is a professional. In 10 years of writing to the superintendent and board members, two have replied.

Is it any wonder why the taxpayers seem to have no respect for this board? A news article stated “this board faces epic crises of public confidence.”

The first challenge has to be the restoration of confidence, because without it nothing will improve in this district. Perhaps I should be thanking the doctor for his victory.

Richard A. Holodick
Wilkes-Barre

Taxpayers Forum backs ‘GNA Five’

On May 17, five school board positions in the Greater Nanticoke Area district will be up for election. The GNA Taxpayers Forum is supporting the election of “the GNA Five.” Their record on behalf of the taxpayers over the years has earned them our support.

The GNA Five team consists of Kenny James, Tony Prushinski, Ryan Verazin, Frank Shepanski Jr. and Janine Floryshak.

Their opponents, Dave Hornlein and Chet Beggs Jr., have raised a red flag for the Taxpayers Forum because of their supporters: Bob Bertoni

and Barbara Zaborney, their campaign manager.

To refresh voters' memories, Zaborney is a retired GNA school teacher and former president of the teachers union. Zaborney was a real hardliner in contract negotiations.

When Bertoni was a school director and chief negotiator for the board in contract negotiations with the teachers union, the teachers were given a real sweetheart contract with increases of 6, 6.5, 7, 7.5 and 8 percent over a five-year contract. This was a real back-breaker for the taxpayers, resulting in huge tax increases and near bankruptcy of the district.

Support the GNA Five. They have supported us by keeping control of spending and holding down tax increases.

Hank Marks
President
GNA Taxpayers Forum
Nanticoke

Council candidates promise a solution

We are entering a very challenging period in Luzerne County. Due to its financial difficulties, in 2004 the county entered into the commonwealth's Early Intervention Program for local governments. After this action was taken, the county borrowed money every year from 2004 through 2009.

From 2006 through 2009, the county borrowed \$67 million, enacted a countywide property reassessment and in 2009 raised taxes 10 percent while eliminating 138 jobs. The county's debt is approximately \$450 million, which is nearly four times its total annual revenue. The debt service in the 2011 budget is \$21.8 million out of a \$125 million budget.

The members of the first Luzerne County Council must be people who will take the time to study the budget and be willing to make tough decisions. The members should be people who will do what is in the best interest of the county taxpayers.

One of the first decisions will be the appointment of a county manager who has responsibilities comparable to those of the CEO of a large company. This person must be a professional.

We make the following pledges to the taxpayers of Luzerne County:

1. We will spend whatever time is necessary to be able to make informed decisions.
2. We will object when government attempts to spend more money than it receives.
3. We will report to the news media any violation of the home rule charter.
4. We will make all decisions based on what is in the best interest of taxpayers' money.
5. We will work to eliminate waste from county government.

Someone once said, “A problem is an opportunity for a solution.” Applying that statement to Luzerne County results in many opportunities for solutions.

We have been consulting with Walter Griffith, Luzerne County controller, to get his input on ideas that will eliminate waste in Luzerne County government and save taxpayers' money. We also will study the report prepared by the commonwealth's early intervention group. We will strive to implement recommendations from this report that eliminate waste.

Ed Warkevicz
Lehman Township
Kathleen M. Dobash
Hazleton
and

Eugene Kelleher
Dallas Township
Republican candidates
Luzerne County Council

Mayor's war chest sign of confidence

I read with stunned bemusement a recent article in which Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton's Democrat primary opponent was shocked to learn that the mayor has some \$65,000 in his campaign war chest.

Really? Perhaps some of us should hearken back to late 2003, when Wilkes-Barre had an empty, boarded-up downtown, a dangerously depleted police department, crumbling infrastructure as far as the eye could see, finances dripping with an endless supply of red ink and a thoroughly dispirited populace. Some of us might need to recall where we were versus where we are.

People actually believe in Leighton's stewardship, and many have donated money to his campaign. Is that some sort of negative? That some people do want him to secure a third term as mayor?

If Leighton's record as mayor or only served as an indictment of sorts, wouldn't the big money be going the other way – to his opponents?

Seriously, this is sophistry already. All I'm getting from the would-be leader is that the neighborhoods will be significantly improved by way of some still yet-to-be-seen magic wand. That somebody out there stole an election sign. And that some phone poll included some supposedly mean-spirited, leading questions. That's it?

Sorry, but an enhanced Crime Watch contingent will not keep our neighborhoods under control; only boots on the ground can achieve that. Only dedicated, well-trained, well-armed police officers in sufficient numbers will ever come close to returning us to the days when we could leave the front screen door unlocked. And to that end, one candidate has seized upon every possible opportunity to bolster the ranks of our police department, while the other has prowled around at night, praising our police officers' performance but constantly carping about their leadership.

Well, the way I see it, if the coach stinks, then the team probably stinks, too. So which is it already? Is police Chief Gerard Dessoye a capable leader, or should he be unceremoniously replaced by a member of the Crime Watch, too? Is the mayor inattentive to our

policing needs? Should he, too, be replaced by those who would patrol rather than do what they were originally chartered to do: watch?

You know the answers to those overdue questions. And so do the majority of the voters of Wilkes-Barre.

\$65,000? That's it?

Mark Cour
Wilkes-Barre

Baker gives view on school choice

It is perfectly legitimate for any group to encourage citizens to contact their state legislators and voice an opinion on an issue of great concern. The resulting give-and-take helps to increase public understanding of the details of legislation, and provides me with greater insight into what people are thinking and why.

It is a different story when such an effort misconstrues the “facts” and is little more than an attack ad. That generates more confused calls than it does compelling advocacy. As a case in point, the Washington, D.C. folks who paid for the recent ad in The Times Leader regarding Senate Bill 1 showed very little understanding about education in this area.

Yes, there is great appeal in the concept of letting families have more opportunities to pick a school for their children. The question is this: Are there enough opportunities locally to justify the cost? The answer seems to be that, since our area does not have the failing and violent schools the ad describes, school choice would have little impact here in the early going. Nor would families find easy access to affordable alternatives, which are more prevalent elsewhere in the state.

At a time when our schools are scrambling to deal with serious cuts in funding, it seems hard to justify creating a program that will have little benefit locally.

The cuts in state funding are a reality, with or without a school-choice bill being approved. Reduced funding will have mixed results. On the plus side, it is an opportunity to erase some administrative overhead, eliminate marginal programs and mine the cost-saving potential of consolidation and efficiency steps. On the minus side, some useful programs and good educators seem sure to become casualties of cost-cutting.

I acknowledge the need for a wide range of changes in education funding and policy, and support proposals where the benefits are certain. This includes providing additional funding for the popular Education Improvement Tax Credit program and adopting a series of mandate-relief measures. But I am not convinced of the advantage of supporting a program that would effectively subtract dollars from education here and send the money mainly to big-city schools.

Lisa Baker
State senator
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W-B Area considers ways to aid students

District faces need to offer help to more students who are low-income and at-risk.

By MARK GUYDISH
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WILKES-BARRE – Monday's Wilkes-Barre Area School Board work session was highlighted by the unveiling of plans to bring multiple existing behavioral and mental health services under one umbrella while expanding the reach and effectiveness of such help.

School Psychologists Beth Ann Owens and Jennifer Thiemann noted the district's student population has grown markedly poorer, with about 65 percent of roughly 6,900 students classified as low income.

Studies have repeatedly shown that such students are at higher risk of numerous problems, including health issues, substance abuse and turning to crime.

The duo praised the district's efforts aimed at heading off problems, but said the need is growing, requiring a more comprehensive approach. They proposed a review to see what is working, a look at successful programs in other districts, a monthly newsletter to be sent home detailing signs of a specific issue and resources parents could use to counter the problem, a new website, and increased training of staff.

Training would begin this summer, they said. Superintendent Jeff Namey said he expects to ask the board for money for the additional training and material

needed for the effort, and said it could run about \$25,000.

Namey stressed the district has done "a terrific job" trying to help students and their families with problems, but that the population has become more transient, with homeless families increasing 15-fold, up to 40 percent of students being raised by grandparents, and more students with no family living locally.

The board also questioned John Anstet, a former Luzerne County chief assessor who offered to work as a consultant on assessment appeal issues. The board is looking for ways to stem large losses of property tax money from successful reductions of assessed property values. Anstet touted his decades of experience

and noted he does similar consulting work for Wilkes-Barre.

Asked what he would charge, Anstet said the board would have to decide if it wanted to pay by case handled, by the hour or some other way. The board asked him to work up more solid figures, and the scope of work payments would cover.

When board member James Fisher brought up the idea of getting nonprofit entities to pay money in lieu of taxes – he noted roughly half the property in the district was owned by nonprofits – the board's newest member, Dr. Mark Shiowitz, said he knew members of some nonprofit boards of trustees and would approach them with the idea.

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SHIOWITZ

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said.

The applicants included former administrators, teachers and board members, but Shiowitz hopes he can turn his outsider status into a school district plus, starting with the budget. The board is grappling with a shortfall in excess of \$6 million created largely by education cuts in Gov. Tom Cor-

bett's proposed budget – a big reason he applied for the post, Shiowitz said.

"I certainly will ask some questions and try to get up to speed and see if there is any out-of-the box thinking, any question that may not have been looked at before to garner a little savings," he said.

Stressing he wants to get to know more about finances and curriculum, he said he would like to keep junior high extracurricular activities intact if possible. Cutting them has been a frequent pro-

posals as area districts cope with shortfalls.

"I do have an interest in maintaining extracurricular activities for junior high kids," he said. His son is in seventh grade at Meyers.

"I believe they are more important than ever."

Though he admitted needing more information before offering soliciting proposals, Shiowitz would also like to see the district's three high schools kept open "if there is a good fiscal reason." Converting one or two into something

akin to "magnet schools" – focusing on specific areas such as arts or science, drawing tuition-paying students from other districts – could be an option.

More transparency and new hiring, anti-nepotism and ethics policies are on the list of a man who doubts he will run for a full term.

"I've just got to learn the job," Shiowitz said. "I've got to learn what's involved."

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CLOSING

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Shep Rawling, Vice President Rob Neher, Secretary Nancy Morris, Treasurer William Remy and the Rev. Daniel Gunn, rector.

The once independent VISION program, which recently closed its office and shifted management to Catholic Social Services because of a lack of funding, provides only temporary overnight shelter for homeless men in Luzerne County.

In addition to providing breakfasts, showers and information, referral and case management services, REACH's drop-in center gave the homeless a safe place to get off the streets and take a breather during the day, said Executive Director Stefanie Wolownik.

Wolownik said she has seen sources of funding dry up over her 10 years with REACH, from about \$40,000 annually to "zeroing-out" for this coming fiscal

year.

"But because of the governor's cuts, we have to cut that (homeless services) program. So no more drop-ins, no more breakfasts, showers, mail, telephone, nowhere for the unsheltered homeless to go, really," Wolownik said. "There is no other drop-in or case-management service. I was referring them to all sorts of job programs and housing assistance and helping them fill out applications for welfare and public housing, and telling them about different programs."

"Unless we get a miracle, which I always pray, we'll be concentrating on the food pantry, the clothes closet and our family advocacy program," she said.

The homeless services program has never received government funding; other REACH programs did. But because funding for those programs has ceased, the board made the difficult decision to use donations previously dedicated to homeless services for those other pro-

REACH Drop-in Center for the Homeless fast facts

In the last 12 months:		
200	homeless people came through the doors	representing about 9,100 visits
3,600	Food and clothing provided	
4,000	showers were provided	
5,200	breakfasts were served	
1-Households served		

Since July 2007:	
600	intakes for homeless individuals processed

2011:	
\$107	cost per day to provide services for one homeless individual

SOURCE: The REACH Program Inc.
RESEARCH: STEVE MOCARSKY
GARY VISGATIS THE TIMES LEADER

street lends itself to more bouts of public drunkenness, vagrancy, loitering and fighting. "They will be more likely to get in trouble, and it will take them longer to get on the right path because nobody will be there to guide them because it's not just about what you're eligible for, it's the encouragement and the guidance along the way," she said.

Joe Williams, 48, said he will be sorry to see the program close its doors.

In 2008, when Williams became homeless after his divorce, the VISION program gave him a place to stay overnight, and REACH helped him out during the day.

Even after REACH helped him find work and a place of his own, Wolownik and other volunteers continued to help him with Social Security Disability issues and to keep doctor appointments after he was injured at a job site when he fell off a ladder. He spends most days volunteering at the drop-in center.

"This place gave me that step ahead," Williams said.

PAKISTAN

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were pleased that bin Laden was killed.

U.S. officials have said they didn't tell Pakistanis in advance because they were worried someone might tip off bin Laden. American forces also used helicopters with radar-evading technology so the Pakistanis couldn't track them.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani defended the military and intelligence services Monday, telling parliament it was "disingenuous for anyone to blame Pakistan ... for being in cahoots with al-Qaida."

He acknowledged his nation's failure to track bin Laden but said the failure wasn't Pakistan's alone.

"Yes, there has been an intelligence failure," Gilani said. "It is not only ours but of all the intelligence agencies of the world."

U.S. officials have said they see no evidence that anyone in the upper echelons of Pakistan's military and intelligence establishment was complicit in hiding bin Laden in Abbottabad, an army town only 35 miles from the capital. But suspicions remain, and members of Congress have threatened to cut off U.S. aid if evidence is found.

President Barack Obama said the U.S. believes bin Laden must have had a support network inside Pakistan.

"But we don't know who or what that support network was," Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes." "We don't know whether there might have been some people inside of government, people outside of government, and that's something that we have to investigate, and more im-



AP PHOTO

Pakistanis watch their prime minister, Yousuf Raza Gilani, making a televised address to the parliament, in an electronics store in Karachi, Pakistan, on Monday.

portantly, the Pakistani government has to investigate."

Gilani proclaimed the death of bin Laden as "indeed justice done" since al-Qaida has launched many attacks inside Pakistan. But he warned the U.S. not to try a similar covert raid in the future.

"Unilateralism runs the inherent risk of serious consequences," Gilani said. "Pakistan reserves the right to retaliate with full force. ... No one should underestimate the resolve and capability of our nation and armed forces to defend our sacred homeland."

At the same time, however, he stressed the importance of Pakistan-U.S. ties and insisted the relationship was still strong.

"Our communications at the official and diplomatic levels with the U.S., during this phase, have been good, productive and straightforward," said Gilani.

Gilani's speech and the suspected leak of the CIA station chief's name illustrate the balancing act that Pakistani officials seem to be trying to

achieve in responding to the bin Laden raid.

Civilian and military leaders must placate a domestic population that is upset at the U.S. for violating the country's sovereignty and outraged at the country's army and intelligence agency for allowing it to happen. But they must also worry about preserving their relationship with the U.S., which provides billions of dollars in military and civilian aid for cooperation on the war in

POLICE BLOTTER

HAZLETON – City police are investigating a shooting that occurred early Monday morning and are seeking information about it from the public.

Timothy Brady, 26, was shot in the leg by an unknown assailant at the intersection of Diamond Avenue and Wyoming Street at

about 12:22 a.m., police said in a press release.

Brady was treated at and released from Hazleton General Hospital.

Apparently, an argument between two factions ultimately led to the shooting, police said.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call police at 459-4940. All information will be held in confidence, police said.

LACROSSE

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will be announced at a press conference today in New York.

The Wilkes-Barre area team would be officially announced later in May, according to sources.

The franchises will cost about \$250,000 and players will earn from \$200 to \$1,000 a week, according to the Sports Business Journal's Web site.

The area franchise will be owned by a group headed by Jim Jennings, owner of a public relations company in Easton.

Jennings, who did not want to comment on the league or the team, has a long history with professional sports and lacrosse.

He has owned several teams and served as commissioner of the National Lacrosse League from 2000 to 2009.

Jennings got his start in professional sports in 1982 as a ticket sales executive for the New York Cosmos of the North American Soccer League. He has owned and operated three minor league basketball franchises – the Florida Beach Dogs, the New Jersey

Shorecats and the Pennsylvania ValleyDawgs.

He is currently president of Waterbuck Media in Easton.

In recent years, lacrosse has seen a surge in popularity in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In the past three years, Dallas, Tunkhannock, Crestwood and Lake-Lehman high schools have all added boys and girls lacrosse programs. Wyoming Seminary also has girls and boys lacrosse programs, and five area Division III colleges also play the sport.

Other cities rumored to be in the league include Charlotte, N.C., Hershey, Lexington, Ky., Richmond, Va., and Orlando, Fla.

The news left at least a couple of area high school coaches excited.

"I think it's just exciting," said Wyoming Seminary girls lacrosse coach Catie Kersey. "I think it will give publicity to a sport that is already growing."

While noting that indoor lacrosse is closer to the boys game than the girls, Kersey said fans can expect plenty of action.

"It's a really fun, exciting sport to watch," Kersey said.

"Anything that brings attention to lacrosse is good in my book," Seminary boys coach Jon Siff said.

WATER

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blends used and some of the ingredients can be toxic.

On average, water from wells located less than a mile from drilling sites had 17 times more methane than water tested from wells farther away, according to the study published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Methane is not known to be toxic, but in high concentrations it can be explosive and cause unconsciousness and even death, since it displaces oxygen needed to breathe.

Of the 60 wells tested for methane gas, 14 had levels of methane within or above a hazard range set by the Department of Interior for gas seeping from coal mines – all but one of them near a gas well. In nine wells, concentrations were so high that the government would recommend immediate action to reduce the methane level.

Methane is released naturally by bacteria as they break down organic matter. The researchers' analysis shows the type of methane in the wells with the highest concentrations is coming from deep in the earth, the same place tapped by companies in search of natural gas.

In the most severe case, a homeowner in Bradford County who leased her property to a gas company has so much methane coming out of her tap she can light her water on fire. A natural gas well is located 800 feet from her house.

"Not every homeowner within a kilometer (of a drilling site) will have high methane concentrations," said Stephen Osborn, a postdoctoral associate at Duke's Center on Global Change. "If you are a homeowner within a kilometer, and our study shows this, I would be a little bit concerned."

What the study does not say is how exactly the methane is getting into drinking water sources, and what part of the drilling is potentially involved. While wells closer to drilling sites had more methane, most of the wells in the study – 85 percent – had some.

Industry groups on Monday faulted the research, saying it did not show that fracking itself was behind the methane contamination, nor did the researchers conduct before-and-after tests to prove the contamination occurred after drilling. The authors themselves suspect that the methane is likely flowing up the sides of the gas well – rather than down pathways created by hydraulic fracturing.

"The authors admit they have no baseline data at all, which makes it impossible to characterize the state of those water wells prior to recent development," said Chris Tucker, a spokesman for Energy in Depth, a national coalition of independent gas producers.

The industry also was critical of the paper's editor, William H. Schlesinger, who selected the study's outside reviewers. Schlesinger, a biogeochemist and president of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, N.Y., has supported moratoriums in New York on hydraulic fracturing permits until its effects are completely understood.

Group: Corbett should heed drilling study

By STEVE MOCARSKY
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The head of a local group that supports more restrictions on natural gas drilling says a scientific report released on Monday substantiates group members' concerns and should be evidence enough for Gov. Tom Corbett to impose a moratorium on drilling in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Tom Giunta, president and founder of the Luzerne County-based Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition, said a report by a team of Duke University scientists that is to be published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, "documented pathways from where they track to drinking water supplies."

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is the injection of water, sand and a low concentration of chemicals into a shale formation a couple thousand feet underground at high pressure to stimulate the release of natural gas from the formation. A perforation gun lowered into the well casing detonates charges that create initial fractures in the shale.

Giunta said a Cornell University scientist, Anthony Ingraffea, showed his group slides indicating that scientists believe the fractures are "unpredictable."

"If pathways exist for methane, then it also exists for the toxic heavy metals found underground along with the brine solutions that are hazardous and the fracking chemicals," Giunta said. "It's common sense."

"Gov. Corbett said last week he would rely on science, not emotion" for making decisions related to natural gas exploration. "There's plenty of science out there now, and I think this proves it," Giunta said.

In a prepared statement, Kathryn Klaber, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, said Pennsylvania has "an extensive and well-documented history of naturally occurring methane impacting private water wells, long before Marcellus development began just a few years ago."

She called the report "at best inconclusive. Further, the fact that it was prepared, in part, by a vocal and outspoken natural gas production critic raises a host of questions regarding academic veracity."

Travis Windle, spokesman for the coalition, pointed to a New York Times article that quoted John Conrad, a New York hydrogeologist "closely affiliated with the drilling industry," who said the researchers may have "jumped the gun" by relying on only post-drilling data without testing water wells before drilling occurred in the area.

Windle also noted that Conrad told The New York Times that the thermogenic methane found in the water wells, which many scientists say comes from the same deep gas layers where drilling occurs, could be naturally occurring.

I.L. BASEBALL

Homers lift SWB to victory

Vazquez hits two blasts, while Maxwell also goes deep; both tie for league lead in HRs.

By MIKE HAIM
For the Times Leader

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Scranton/Wilkes-Barre got power from typical sources early Monday night and rode it all the way to a key victory.

The Yankees got two homers from Jorge Vazquez and another from Justin Maxwell in a 6-2 win over the Buffalo Bisons in the opener of a four-game series at Coca-Cola Field.

The homers, which were all hit in the second and third innings, helped keep the Yankees in first place in the I.L. North by the slimmest of margins. Their half-game cushion over Pawtucket remained intact as the Red Sox won 9-2 against Gwinnett.

The Yankees victory seemed very secure until the ninth inning,

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Misericordia captures Freedom

The Times Leader staff

The Misericordia baseball team clinched its first trip to the NCAA Division III tournament in program history, beating FDU-Florham 9-3 on Monday to win the Freedom Conference championship at Memorial Stadium in Quakertown.

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3 FDU-FLORHAM

The top-seeded Cougars had to fight their way back through the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament, needing to defeat FDU-Florham twice to capture the championship.

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H.S. GIRLS SOCCER

Back in business



S.JOHN WILKIN/THE TIMES LEADER

Dallas' Sara Kneal attempts to keep the ball away from Berwick's Jade Welsh at Dallas Monday afternoon.

Jaffin leads Dawgs' to victory over Dallas

By JOHN ERZAR
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DALLAS TWP. – Berwick wasn't out of first place for long.

Not even a week, thanks to the Wyoming Valley Conference's top scorer and the WVC's stingiest defense.

Bella Jaffin scored twice and Berwick posted its sixth shutout of the season, defeating Dallas 3-0 in a key Division 1-A game.

Berwick (9-1-1) moved into a first-place tie with Coughlin (9-1-1), the team that knocked the Dawgs off the top perch last Tuesday. Dallas (7-1-2) dropped from first to third.

Berwick's victory, its first over Dallas since the 2009 season, was also important in the District 2 playoff race. The top-two Division 1-A teams get first-round byes. All three of the aforementioned have clinched D2 playoff spots.

"It's really nice. I don't think we've beaten them in a few years," Berwick coach Paul DiPippa said. "That was very re-

3 BERWICK
0 DALLAS

warding. We're playing great. We're missing our senior captain on defense (Olivia Jaffin)."

It didn't look like Berwick was missing any parts. The fullback line of senior Kayla Connor and sophomores Alex Lorson, Bridget Orlando and Kelly Sheptock was outstanding once again.

Sheptock in particular seemed to be all over the field. The Times Leader All-WVC selection as a freshman scored Berwick's first goal in the seventh minute during a scramble after a corner kick.

"They've been playing great," Berwick keeper Sarah Wilczynski said. "Kelly Sheptock has been doing a great job with our injury to Liv Jaffin. Kayla has been stepping it up and doing great back there. We have a great defense that's really strong."

The offense has been good as well. Bella Jaffin, who has been all-WVC the past

three seasons, scored late in the first half off a corner kick by Caty Davenport for a 2-0 lead. She struck again midway through the second half, benefiting from a beautiful pass from Abby Takacs. Takacs launched a pass from the right side, well beyond the penalty area, to the far post where Jaffin scored.

The victory came six days after a 3-2 overtime loss to Coughlin where Berwick surrendered one less goal than it had all season.

"It just made us want to win much more and practice harder, which is always a good thing," Bella Jaffin said of the loss. "The way you practice is the way you play in a game. Today we hit on all our passes."

Meanwhile, Dallas suffered a setback at the onset. Ashley Dunbar, one of its top scorers, didn't last long after being accidentally kicked in the ankle she sprained earlier in the year. Colleen McDonald tweaked her left knee trying to make a

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PAUL SOKOLOSKI

OPINION

When a season of greatness just goes blank

The blank looks on their faces suggested the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins would have trouble facing reality.

Because a really good opportunity just slipped right past them.

The smoothest season in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre history went skidding off the ice. The team to beat in the Calder Cup Playoffs was beaten soundly.

And the sound of eerie silence inside the Penguins locker room only explained how hard everyone was trying to figure out why.

"I've got no rhyme or reason," Penguins captain Ryan Craig said. "If I did, we wouldn't be talking about it."

Instead, we're talking about a sudden and certain collapse.

The best team in the AHL, based on a league-high 58 victories during the regular season, isn't supposed to get steam-rolled in the second round of the playoffs.

But that's exactly what happened when the Penguins got chucked by the Charlotte Checkers in six games. The kicker came Saturday, when Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's three-goal lead in the third period was buried under an avalanche of Charlotte goals.

Chris Terry scored twice, Brett Sutter once, and Zac Dalpe rifled home the winner for the Checkers in machine-gun like fashion, all within a 10-minute span.

Rat-a-tat-tat.

Just like that, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's season went flat.

"I don't think any of us expect right now ... it doesn't feel like it should be over yet," Penguins goalie Brad Thiessen said after the series-ending 4-3 defeat.

It may take a long time for the Penguins to get over it.

Some of them doubled over in disbelief at the final result. Others took an eternity leaving the ice. Thiessen stared straight ahead, almost aimlessly, still dressed in his goalie gear in the locker room as minutes of stunned silence ticked away.

This wasn't the way the Penguins planned to bring the series with Charlotte back to Mohegan Sun Arena.

"It's a great group of guys we had in here," Thiessen said.

He's right about that.

The Penguins overcame constant change – they lost their top six scorers to parent Pittsburgh at one point – to record a franchise-record and league-best 58 victories this season.

Their resolve and resiliency made the Penguins, and a lot of other people, believe they'd come home with the Calder Cup.

Instead, a season overflowing with spectacular success now looks empty.

"We had a team we felt definitely could do it this year," Thiessen said.

That makes the finality of this season even tougher to take for the Penguins.

"I've been on teams where we think about winning, going all the way," Penguins center Joe Vitale said. "But for one reason or another, it didn't seem like it was all there."

"This team, this year, everything was put in place."

Until a 10-minute flurry sent everything out of place.

"Everyone in this room felt we had what it takes," Vitale said. "You don't come across that very often."

"It's disappointing."

More like devastating.

"It takes a little while to digest the end of the season," Penguins coach John Hynes said.

When high hopes come crashing down, the taste is never very sweet.

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Penguins goal tender Brad Thiessen packs up his belonging Monday morning.

AHL

Penguins are still in shock as they head into offseason

By TOM VENESKY
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Brad Thiessen will have a long time to think about the four-goal eruption by the Charlotte Checkers on Saturday that brought an abrupt end to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins season.

Forty five hours to be exact.

That's how long it will take Thiessen to make the drive to his home in Aldergrove, British Columbia where he will spend the summer.

On Monday, he and the rest of his teammates stopped by the Ice Rink at Coal Street to clean out their lockers, pack up belongings and put an end to a season that was full of so many highs yet ended with a shocking low.

"It doesn't feel like it should be over," Thiessen said. "It was a successful year and something a lot of guys can be proud of, but at the same time we gave up a three goal lead with 10 minutes left. It will stick with you for the summer."

"It doesn't feel like it should be over."

Brad Thiessen
Penguin goalie

the locker room the customary music was silent, the television was off and heads still hung low.

"It was a disappointing way to go out and it hasn't sunk in," said winger Tim Wallace.

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LOCAL CALENDAR

Today's Events

H.S. BASEBALL

(4:15 p.m.)
GAR at MMI Prep
Meyers at Hanover Area
Wyoming Seminary at Lake-Lehman
West Side Tech at Northwest

H.S. SOFTBALL

(4:15 p.m.)
GAR at MMI Prep
Holy Redeemer at Wyoming Area
Meyers at Hanover Area
Wyoming Seminary at Lake-Lehman
West Side Tech at Northwest

H.S. BOYS VOLLEYBALL

(5:45 p.m.)
Berwick at Holy Redeemer
Dallas at Tunkhannock
Wyoming Area at Lake-Lehman
Nanticoke at Abington Heights

H.S. GIRLS SOCCER

(4:15 p.m.)
North Pocono at Hanover Area
Wyoming Seminary at Pittston Area
MMI Prep at GAR
Tunkhannock at Wyoming Area

H.S. TRACK

Dallas at Wyoming Valley West, 4:15 p.m.
Berwick at Coughlin, 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday

H.S. BOYS VOLLEYBALL

(5:45 p.m.)
Crestwood at Coughlin
Hazelton Valley at Meyers
Hanover Area at North Pocono
Wyoming Valley West at Hazelton Area

H.S. TRACK

(4:15 p.m.)
Meyers at Holy Redeemer
Tunkhannock at Pittston Area
Crestwood at Hazelton Area

H.S. GIRLS SOCCER

(4:15 p.m. unless noted)
Crestwood at Berwick, 7 p.m.
Holy Redeemer at Coughlin
Lake-Lehman at Nanticoke
Tunkhannock at MMI Prep
Wyoming Valley West at Delaware Valley

H.S. SOFTBALL

Nanticoke at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Thursday

H.S. BASEBALL

Dallas at Wyoming Area
Berwick at Wyoming Valley West
Delaware Valley at Meyers
Coughlin at Pittston Area
Nanticoke at Hazelton Area

H.S. SOFTBALL

(4:15 p.m.)
Dallas at Wyoming Area
Berwick at Wyoming Valley West
Crestwood at Holy Redeemer
Coughlin at Pittston Area
Nanticoke at Hazelton Area

H.S. BOYS VOLLEYBALL

(5:45 p.m.)
Dallas at Dallas
Pittston Area at Dallas
Holy Redeemer at Wyoming Area
Tunkhannock at Nanticoke
Nanticoke at Hazelton Area

H.S. GIRLS SOCCER

(4:15 p.m.)
Dallas at Delaware Valley
Hanover Area at Wyoming Seminary
Honesdale at North Pocono
GAR at Tunkhannock
MMI Prep at Meyers

Friday

H.S. BASEBALL

(4:15 p.m.)
Hanover Area at MMI Prep
Lake-Lehman at GAR
Northwest at Meyers
West Side Tech at Wyoming Seminary

H.S. SOFTBALL

(4:15 p.m.)
Hanover Area at MMI Prep
Lake-Lehman at GAR
Northwest at Meyers
West Side Tech at Wyoming Seminary

H. GIRLS SOCCER

Berwick at Holy Redeemer, 4:15 p.m.
Pittston Area at Honesdale, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Hazelton Area at Lake-Lehman, 6:30 p.m.

NHL HOCKEY

VERSUS — IIHF World Championship, qualification round, Canada vs. Sweden at Kosice, Slovakia

VERSUS — Playoffs, conference semifinals, San Jose at Detroit

WHAT'S ON TV

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m.
CSN — Philadelphia at Florida
ROOT — L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh
YES — Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees

8:30 p.m.

SNY — N.Y. Mets at Colorado

8 p.m.

MLB — Regional coverage, St. Louis at Chicago Cubs or Cincinnati at Houston
WGN — St. Louis at Chicago Cubs

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.
TNT — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 5, Atlanta at Chicago

NHL HOCKEY

2 p.m.
VERSUS — IIHF World Championship, qualification round, Canada vs. Sweden at Kosice, Slovakia

VERSUS — Playoffs, conference semifinals, San Jose at Detroit

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB—Suspended Oakland OF Josh Willingham one game and fined an undisclosed amount after making contact with an umpire during a May 6 game at Kansas City. Willingham appealed the suspension.

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned RHP Jeanmar Gomez to Columbus (IL).

SEATTLE MARINERS—Designated OF Milton Bradley and INF-OF Ryan Langerhans for assignment. Recalled OF Carlos Peguero and OF Mike Wilson from Tacoma (PCL).

National League

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated RHP Joe Blanton from the 15-day DL.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed LHP Michael Anton.

NORMAL CORNBELLTERS—Placed OF Tim Rodriguez on the suspended list.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed LHP Eric Barrett, C Tyler Bullock, RHP Rob Hedrick and LHP Shawen.

CLAYTON DILL 1B Matt Edgcombe, OF Jose Hage, RHP Justin Harper, OF Sean Harrell, C Trey Marz, OF Jimmy Parquer, LHP Ryan Quigley and RHP Justin Robichaux.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed OF Luis Rivera to a contract extension.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Signed LHP Paul Fagan.

North American League

RIO GRANDE VALLEY WHITEWINGS—Signed OF Antonio DeJesus.

FOOTBALL

EDMONTON Eskimos—Signed QB Marc Mueller.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Announced the retirement of WR-DB Markus Howard. Signed DL Dashaun Cassell, DL Elroy Combs, DL Jason Vega and WR Perry Floyd.

United Football League

HARTFORD COLONIALS—Signed WR Ryan Grice-Mullen and DE Keith Grennan.

National Hockey League

NEW YORK RANGERS—Acquired F Oscar Lindberg from Phoenix for C Ethan Werek.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed F Kyle Hagel.

BELMONT—Promoted Brian Ayers to men's associate basketball coach.

LENOIR-RHYNE—Named Mike Houston football coach.

MASSACHUSETTS—Named Joe Tricario special teams coordinator.

MISSISSIPPI—Fired softball coach Missy Dickerson.

MISSOURI—Announced redshirt freshman QB Tyler is leaving the school.

MOUNT UNION—Announced the addition of men's and women's lacrosse programs.

NAVY—Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Billy Lange.

NBA

Playoff Glance

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

(x-if necessary)
Saturday, April 16

Chicago 104, Indiana 99
Miami 97, Philadelphia 89
Atlanta 103, Orlando 93
Dallas 89, Portland 81

Sunday, April 17

Memphis 101, San Antonio 98
New Orleans 109, L.A. Lakers 100
Boston 87, New York 86
Oklahoma City 107, Denver 103

Monday, April 18

Miami 94, Philadelphia 73

Chicago 96, Indiana 90

Tuesday, April 19

Boston 96, New York 93
Orlando 88, Atlanta 82
Dallas 101, Portland 89

Wednesday, April 20

Oklahoma City 105, Denver 89
San Antonio 93, Memphis 87
L.A. Lakers 87, New Orleans 78

Thursday, April 21

Chicago 88, Orlando 84
Miami 100, Philadelphia 94
Portland 97, Dallas 92

Friday, April 22

Boston 113, New York 96
Atlanta 88, Orlando 84
L.A. Lakers 100, New Orleans 86

Saturday, April 23

Indiana 89, Chicago 84
Portland 84, Dallas 82
Memphis 91, San Antonio 88
Oklahoma City 97, Denver 94

Sunday, April 24

Philadelphia 86, Miami 82
Boston 101, New York 88, Boston wins series 4-0
Atlanta 88, Orlando 85
New Orleans 93, L.A. Lakers 88

Monday, April 25

Memphis 104, San Antonio 86
Dallas 93, Portland 82
Denver 104, Oklahoma City 101

Tuesday, April 26

Orlando 101, Atlanta 76
Chicago 116, Indiana 89, Chicago wins series 4-1
L.A. Lakers 106, New Orleans 90

Wednesday, April 27

Miami 97, Philadelphia 91, Miami wins series 4-1
San Antonio 110, Memphis 103, OT
Oklahoma City 100, Denver 97, Oklahoma City wins series 4-1

Thursday, April 28

Atlanta 84, Orlando 81, Atlanta wins series 4-2
L.A. Lakers 98, New Orleans 80, L.A. Lakers wins series 4-2
Dallas 103, Portland 96, Dallas wins series 4-2

Friday, April 29

Memphis 99, San Antonio 91, Memphis wins series 4-2

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 1

Memphis 114, Oklahoma City 101
Miami 99, Boston 90

Monday, May 2

Atlanta 103, Chicago 95
Dallas 96, L.A. Lakers 94

Tuesday, May 3

Oklahoma City 111, Memphis 102
Chicago 86, Atlanta 73
Dallas 93, L.A. Lakers 81

Wednesday, May 4

Chicago 99, Atlanta 82
Dallas 98, L.A. Lakers 92

Thursday, May 5

Memphis 101, Oklahoma City 93, OT, Memphis leads series 2-1
Boston 97, Miami 81

Sunday, May 8

Dallas 122, L.A. Lakers 86, Dallas wins series 4-0
Atlanta 100, Chicago 88, series tied 2-2

Monday, May 9

Miami 98, Boston 90, Miami leads series 3-1
Oklahoma City at Memphis, late

Tuesday, May 10

Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12

Chicago at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
x-Miami at Boston, 7 or 8 p.m.
x-Oklahoma City at Memphis, 9 or 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 15

x-Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
x-Boston at Miami, 8 p.m.

NBA All-Defensive Team Voting

First Team

Pos. Player, Team 1st2ndPts
C Dwight Howard, Orlando 27 2 56
G Rajon Rondo, Boston 16 7 39
F LeBron James, Miami 17 4 38
G Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers 13 7 33
F Kevin Garnett, Boston 15 3 33

Second Team

G Tony Allen, Memphis 7 923
C Chris Paul, New Orleans 6 618
C Tyson Chandler, Memphis 31117
F Andre Iguodala, Philadelphia 5 515
F/C Joakim Noah, Chicago 3 915

Other players receiving votes, with point totals (First Team votes in parentheses): Derrick Rose, Chicago, 14 (4); Dwyane Wade, Miami, 13 (3); Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City, 13 (4); Gerald Wallace, Portland, 11 (1); Grant Hill, Phoenix, 11 (4); Luol Deng, Chicago, 11 (4); Tim Duncan, San Antonio, 11 (3); Chuck Hayes, Houston, 10 (2); Al Horford, Atlanta, 7 (3); Josh Smith, Atlanta, 7 (2); Ron Artest, Los Angeles Lakers, 7 (1); Serge Ibaka, Oklahoma City, 6 (1); Shane Bieber, Memphis, 5 (2); Thabo Sefolosha, Oklahoma City, 5; Wesley Matthews, Portland 4 (2); Kendrick Perkins, Oklahoma City, 3; Nicolas Batum, Portland, 3 (1); Joe Johnson, Atlanta, 2 (1); Keith Bogans, Chicago, 2 (1); Kyle Lowry, Houston, 2; Lamar Odom, Los Angeles Lakers, 2; Luc Mbah a Moute, Milwaukee, 2; Manu Ginobili, San Antonio, 2 (1); Andrew Bogut, Milwaukee, 1; Andre Bassey, Detroit, 1; Aaron Afflalo, Denver, 1; Jue Holsaday, Philadelphia; Kirk Hinrich, Atlanta 1; Nene, Denver, 1; Ronnie Brewer, Chicago, 1; Shawn Marion, Dallas, 1; Tayshaun Prince, Detroit, 1.

The voting panel consisted of the NBA's 30 head coaches. Each selected NBA All-Defensive first and second teams by position. Coaches were not permitted to vote for players from their own team. Two points were awarded for a first-team vote and one point for second team.

International League

North Division

W L Pct. GB
Yankees 18 12 .600 —
Pawtucket (Red Sox) 18 13 .581 1/2
Lehigh Valley (Phillies) 17 14 .548 1 1/2
Rochester (Twins) 12 16 .429 5
Buffalo (Mets) 13 19 .406 6
Syracuse (Nationals) 9 20 .310 8 1/2

South Division

W L Pct. GB
Durham (Rays) 19 12 .613 —
Gwinnett (Braves) 16 14 .533 2 1/2
Charlotte (White Sox) 12 18 .400 6 1/2
Norfolk (Orioles) 12 18 .400 6 1/2

West Division

W L Pct. GB
Columbus (Indians) 24 7 .774 —
Louisville (Reds) 12 .600 5 1/2
Toledo (Tigers) 15 17 .469 9 1/2
Indianapolis (Pirates) 10 21 .323 14

Monday's Games

Pawtucket 9, Gwinnett 2
Lehigh Valley 1, Toledo 0
Columbus 5, Chicago 2
Yankees 6, Buffalo 2
Louisville at Rochester, late
Indianapolis 7, Durham 5
Syracuse 8, Norfolk 4

Tuesday's Games

Lehigh Valley at Toledo, 10:30 a.m.
Gwinnett at Pawtucket, 6:15 p.m.
Charlotte at Columbus, 6:35 p.m.
Louisville at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Yankees at Buffalo, 7:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Durham, 7:05 p.m.
Syracuse at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Indianapolis at Durham, 11:05 a.m.
Gwinnett at Pawtucket, 6:15 p.m.
Lehigh Valley at Toledo, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Columbus, 6:35 p.m.
Yankees at Buffalo, 7:05 p.m.
Louisville at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Syracuse at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.

Eastern League

Eastern Division

W L Pct. GB
Reading (Phillies) 19 11 .633 —
New Hampshire (Blue Jays) 18 11 .621 1/2
New Britain (Twins) 17 12 .586 1 1/2
Trenton (Yankees) 16 15 .516 3 1/2
Binghamton (Mets) 11 17 .393 7
Portland (Red Sox) 10 18 .357 8

Western Division

W L Pct. GB
Harrisburg (Nationals) 15 15 .500 —
Bowie (Orioles) 15 16 .484 1/2
Richmond (Giants) 15 16 .484 1/2
Altoona (Pirates) 14 15 .483 1/2
Akron (Indians) 14 16 .467 1
Erie (Tigers) 13 15 .464 1 1/2

Monday's Games

New Britain 8, Binghamton 5
Harrisburg 3, Altoona 2
Richmond 1, Bowie 0
Trenton 2, Reading 0

Today's Games

New Britain at Binghamton, 6:35 p.m.
Harrisburg at New Hampshire, 6:35 p.m.
Reading at Trenton, 7:05 p.m.
Richmond at Bowie, 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Altoona at Harrisburg, 10:30 a.m.
Portland at New Hampshire, 10:35 a.m.
Akron at Erie, 11:05 a.m.
Richmond at Bowie, 7:05 p.m.
New Britain at Binghamton, 6:35 p.m.
Reading at Trenton, 7:05 p.m.

AMERICA'S LINE

By ROXY ROXBOROUGH

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Odds to win TMAmerican Idol[®]

Scott McCreery 6/5
James Durbin 9/5
Haley Reinhart 4/1
Lauren Alaina 5/1

BASEBALL

Favorite Odds Underdog

American League

YANKEES-\$225 Royals
INDIANS-\$135 Rays
Red Sox-\$150 BLUE JAYS
ORIOLES-\$105 Mariners
RANGERS-\$110 A's
TWINS-\$125 Tigers
ANGELS-\$135 White Sox

National League

PIRATES-\$112 Dodgers

BRaves-\$210 Nationals
Phillies-\$115 MARLINS
Cards-\$115 CUBS
Reds-\$120 ASTROS
BREWERS-\$162 Padres
ROCKIES-\$162 Mets
GIANTS-\$190 D'backs

NBA

Favorite Points Underdog

BULLS 9 Hawks
NHL

Favorite Odds Underdog

RED WINGS-\$140+/\$120 Sharks
Friday

BRUINS-\$145+/\$125 Lightning

BULLETIN BOARD

CAMPS CLINICS

Mounts Field Hockey Camp, sponsored by the Dallas Field Hockey Booster Club, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 20 through June 24. Members of the Dallas Varsity Field Hockey Team will accompany the coaches in instruction of basic skills and game like scenarios. The cost \$70 per player and the camp is open to girls in grades three through nine. For more information, contact Kylie Rosengrant at 570-881-6907 or krosengrant@dallassd.com.

Stan Waleksi Basketball Camp is accepting registrations. The camp will be at the St. Joseph's Oblates gym in Laffin from July 12 to 30 for boys and girls in grades K through 8. The camp stresses fundamentals, skills, competitions, team play and fun with all players receiving a certificate and camp T-shirt. For camp information, call Coach Waleski at 457-1206 or Coach LoBrutto at 654-8030. Camp information is also available at stanwaleski.com or by emailing at stanwaleski@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hanover Area Alumni Flag Football Tournament has been scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 21 at the Hanover Area football stadium. If you want to Hanover and are at least 18 years old you are eligible to play in the games. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for all players. There will be a \$5 minimum donation to play. The proceeds will be donated to the Hanover Area "Hawks" football team. The games will be 7-on-7 with a 12-man roster limit. It will be a double-elimination tournament where each member of the winning team will receive their own trophy. At 10 a.m. the teams will be picked and the games will begin around 11 a.m. and run until a winner is crowned. The Hanover Area Quarterback Club will have the stand open for food and beverages. If you are interested in playing, have a few guys who want to play, or even have an entire team of 12, email hawkflagfootball@gmail.com or just show up on May 21.

Meyers Field Hockey Booster Club will hold a fundraiser from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 20 at Senunas' Bar and Grill.

Bulletin Board items will not be accepted over the telephone. Items may be faxed to 831-7319, emailed to tlistsports@timesleader.com or dropped off at the Times Leader or mailed to Times Leader, c/o Sports, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0250.

REGISTRATIONS/TRYOUTS

Hanover Mini Hawks will be holding registrations for the 2011 football/cheerleading season from 6 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

Playoff Glance
FIRST ROUND

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington 4, New York Rangers 1
Wednesday, April 13: Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, OT

Friday, April 15: Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Sunday, April 17: N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Wednesday, April 20: Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, 2OT

Saturday, April 23: Washington 3, N.Y. Rangers 1

Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 3

Thursday, April 14: Buffalo 1, Philadelphia 0
Saturday, April

MAJOR LEAGUE ROUNDUP



AP PHOTO

The Phillies' Ryan Howard watches the ball as he heads to first base on a double against the Florida Marlins Monday in Miami.

Blanton, Philadelphia double up on Marlins

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Philadelphia Phillies turned four double plays behind Joe Blanton, who came off the disabled list to pitch five innings and earn his first victory of the season by helping to beat the Florida Marlins 6-4 on Monday night.

Blanton (1-1) allowed eight hits but left with a 6-3 lead. He made his first start since April 23 after being sidelined with an impingement in his throwing elbow.

The Phillies won for the 18th time in their past 21 games in Miami.

While Blanton benefited from some nifty fielding, Florida had trouble catching the ball. When Jimmy Rollins homered on the game's fifth pitch, right fielder Mike Stanton leaped but the ball deflected off his glove and cleared the wall. Marlins pitcher Javier Vazquez dropped a throw covering the plate in the third, which let an unearned run score.

Pirates 4, Dodgers 1

PITTSBURGH — Neil Walker hit a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning and the surging Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-1 to move above .500 in mid-May for the first time in seven years.

Garrett Jones led off the eighth with a walk before Walker laced a shot into the right-field corner off Los Angeles starter Chad Billingsley (2-2). Jones scored all the way from first to give the Pirates a 2-1 lead.

Reds 6, Astros 1

HOUSTON — Travis Wood hit a three-run homer and pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-1 win over the Houston Astros.

Wood's shot to the Crawford Boxes in left field made it 3-0 in the third inning and Ramon Hernandez pushed the lead to 5-0 with a two-run homer to almost the same spot an inning

later.

Brewers 4, Padres 3

MILWAUKEE — Zack Greinke struck out nine over six effective innings in his home debut and Rickie Weeks homered, lifting the Milwaukee Brewers to a victory over the San Diego Padres.

Rockies 2, Mets 1

DENVER — Chris Iannetta broke a seventh-inning tie with a homer that barely cleared the left-field wall and the Colorado Rockies snapped their four-game skid with a win over the New York Mets.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tigers 10, Blue Jays 5

TORONTO — Max Scherzer won his sixth consecutive decision, Victor Martinez hit a two-run homer and the Detroit Tigers beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

Athletics 7, Rangers 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — Trevor Cahill pitched seven strong innings to earn his sixth straight win to start the season and Josh Willingham homered and drove in five runs and the Oakland Athletics beat the Texas Rangers.

Cahill (6-0) matched the major league lead with his sixth victory, and equaled his career best by winning his seventh consecutive decision. The 23-year-old right-hander struck out seven, walked one and allowed five hits. He became Oakland's first 6-0 starter in 21 years.

Red Sox 2, Twins 1

BOSTON — Pinch-runner Jose Iglesias raced around from first to score on close play at the plate on Carl Crawford's one-out double off the left-field wall in the bottom of the 11th inning, lifting the Boston Red Sox to a win over the Minnesota Twins.

Boston beat Minnesota the final three games of a four-game series, and won for the 11th time in 12 games in Fenway Park.

STANDINGS/STATS

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
East Division					Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
New York	19	13	.594	—	5-5	W-1	12-6	7-7	
Tampa Bay	20	14	.588	—	7-3	W-4	9-10	11-4	
Boston	17	18	.486	3½	3½	6-4	W-3	6-9	
Toronto	15	20	.429	5½	5½	3-7	L-3	8-12	
Baltimore	14	19	.424	6½	5½	4-6	L-4	7-11	

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Cleveland	22	11	.667	—	7-3	L-1	13-2	9-9	
Kansas City	18	16	.529	4½	2	6-4	L-1	15-8	
Detroit	18	18	.500	5½	3	6-4	W-3	9-7	
Chicago	13	22	.371	10	7½	3-7	W-2	5-11	
Minnesota	12	21	.364	10	7½	3-7	L-3	4-6	

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Los Angeles	20	16	.558	—	6-4	W-1	9-8	12-7	
Oakland	19	17	.528	1½	2	6-4	W-2	8-8	
Texas	18	18	.500	2½	3	3-7	L-2	12-8	
Seattle	16	19	.457	4	4½	6-4	L-2	8-11	

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
East Division					Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Philadelphia	23	11	.676	—	7-3	W-1	13-7	10-4	
Florida	20	14	.588	3	4-6	L-1	11-8	9-6	
Atlanta	20	16	.556	4	1	7-3	W-1	9-7	
Washington	18	18	.500	7	4	6-5	W-3	9-7	
New York	15	20	.429	8½	5½	4-6	L-2	8-11	

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
St. Louis	20	15	.571	—	6-4	W-1	10-9	10-6	
Pittsburgh	18	17	.514	2	1½	6-4	W-2	10-9	
Chicago	15	18	.455	4	4½	5-5	L-1	7-10	
Milwaukee	15	20	.429	5	5½	2-8	W-1	9-5	
Houston	13	22	.371	7	7½	4-6	L-3	7-10	

W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Colorado	19	14	.576	—	3-7	W-1	8-6	11-11	
San Francisco	18	16	.529	1½	2	6-4	W-3	7-5	
Arizona	15	18	.455	4	4½	5-5	L-1	10-9	
Los Angeles	16	20	.444	4½	5	3-7	L-1	9-9	
San Diego	14	21	.400	6	6½	5-5	L-1	7-14	

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Detroit 5, Toronto 2
Boston 9, Minnesota 3
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 12, Texas 5
Oakland 5, Kansas City 2
L.A. Angels 6, Cleveland 5
Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 2, 10 innings

Monday's Games

Detroit 10, Toronto 5
Boston 2, Minnesota 1, 11 innings
Oakland 7, Texas 2
Chicago White Sox 4, L.A. Angels, (n)

Tuesday's Games

Kansas City (Davies 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineda 4-2) at Baltimore (Arrieta 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sonnastine 0-0) at Cleveland (Tolmin 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 4-1) at Toronto (Drabek 2-2), 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (Anderson 2-2) at Texas (C.Lewis 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 2-2) at Minnesota (Liriano 2-4), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-5) at L.A. Angels (Pineiro 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Detroit at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

AL BOXES

Athletics 7, Rangers 2

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	1	0	0	Kinsler 2b	4	1	2	0
Barton 1b	3	2	1	0	Andrus ss	4	0	1	0
CJcksn rf	2	2	0	0	MYong 1b	4	0	1	0
Wlmg lf	4	2	2	5	Napolri dh	3	0	0	0
KSuzuk dh	4	0	1	1	DVmrp lf	4	0	1	0
AnLRc 3b	1	0	0	0	Torreal c	4	0	0	0
M.Ellis 2b	3	0	0	1	Morfin rf	4	1	2	1
Pnngtn ss	3	0	0	0	Borbon c	3	0	1	0
					ABeltre ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	28	7	4	7	Totals	35	2	9	1

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Cahill W,6-0	7	5	1	1	7				
Alburquerque	1	1	1	0	0				
Ziegler	1	1	0	0	0				
Breslow	1	2	0	0	0				
Texas	7	2	5	5	2				
C.Wilson L,4-2	7	2	2	2	2				
Tomko	2	0	0	0	1				
C.Wilson pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.									
Tucker pitched to 4 batters in the 8th.									
HBP—by C.Wilson (Crisp), WP—Cahill.									
Umpires—Home, Gerry Davis;First, Sam Holbrook;Second, Greg Gibson;Third, Todd Tichenor.									
T—2:43. A—24,375 (49,170).									

Tigers 10, Blue Jays 5

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
AJcksn cf	6	1	4	1	YEScor ss	3	1	2	1
Kantlag 2b	5	0	1	1	CPtzn cf	5	0	2	1
Boesch rf	4	2	0	0	Bautist rf	4	0	2	1
McCarri 1b	4	1	0	0	Encnc 3b	5	0	1	1
C.Wells rf	0	0	0	0	A.Hill 2b	4	0	1	0
Valenz 3b	4	2	1	1	Alwies lf	4	0	1	0
Kelly 3b	3	1	2	1	Arenceli dh	3	0	0	0
Inge pr-3b	1	1	0	0	Cooper 1b	3	1	0	0
JHPert ss	4	1	2	0	DMoln ph	2	1	0	0
Avila c	4	1	2	0					
Raburn lf-1b	5	0	1	1					
Totals	39	10	11	10	Totals	34	5	8	5

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Scherzer W,6-0	5	5	2	2	3	5			
Alburquerque	1	1	0	0	1				
Benoit	1	1	0	0	0				
Perry	1	1	0	0	0				
Valverde	1	0	0	0	0				
Toronto	3	5	3	5	3	6			
Morrow L,1-2	3½	3	5	3	6				
Camp	2½	4	1	1	0	2			
Dotel	1	3	4	4	2	2			
Raburn	1	1	0	0	1				
Janssen	1	1	0	0	0				
HBP—by Perry (A.Hill), by Dotel (Kelly), WP—Valverde, Morrow.									
Umpires—Home, Dan Iassogna;First, Dale Scott;Second, Jerry Meals;Third, John Tumpance.									
T—3:26. A—11,785 (49,260).									

Red Sox 2, Twins 1

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Span of	4	1	2	0	Ellsury cf	5	0	1	0
Tolbert ss	5	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0
Kane dh	4	0	1	1	CFtzn cf	4	0	1	0
ACasali pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Yokulis 3b	5	0	0	0
Mornea 1b	5	0	2	0	Ortiz dh	5	0	0	0
Tosoni pr-rf	0	0	0	0	J.Drew rf	4	0	1	0
Valenz 3b	0	1	1	0	Alwies lf	4	0	1	0
Cuddly rf-1b	4	0	2	0	Iglesias pr	0	1	0	0
Revere lf	5	0	0	0	Crwfrd lf	5	0	1	1
RRiver c	5	0	0	0	Vartek c	4	1	2	0
LHughs 2b	3	0	2	0	DMoln c	0	0	0	0
					Sillmch c	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	11	10	1	Totals	39	2	9	2

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Span of	4	1	2	0	Ellsury cf	5	0	1	0
Tolbert ss	5	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0
Kane dh	4	0	1	1	CFtzn cf	4	0	1	0
ACasali pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Yokulis 3b	5	0	0	0
Mornea 1b	5	0	2	0	Ortiz dh	5	0	0	0
Tosoni pr-rf	0	0	0	0	J.Drew rf	4	0	1	0
Valenz 3b	0	1	1	0	Alwies lf	4	0	1	0
Cuddly rf-1b	4	0	2	0	Iglesias pr	0	1	0	0
Revere lf	5	0	0	0	Crwfrd lf	5	0	1	1
RRiver c	5	0	0	0	Vartek c	4	1	2	0
LHughs 2b	3	0	2	0	DMoln c	0	0	0	0
					Sillmch c	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	11	10	1	Totals	39	2	9	2

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Span of	4	1	2	0	Ellsury cf	5	0	1	0
Tolbert ss	5	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0
Kane dh	4	0	1	1	CFtzn cf	4	0	1	0
ACasali pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Yokulis 3b	5	0	0	0
Mornea 1b	5	0	2	0	Ortiz dh	5	0	0	0
Tosoni pr-rf	0	0	0	0	J.Drew rf	4	0	1	0
Valenz 3b	0	1	1	0	Alwies lf	4	0	1	0
Cuddly rf-1b	4	0	2	0	Iglesias pr	0	1	0	0
Revere lf	5	0	0	0	Crwfrd lf	5	0	1	1
RRiver c	5	0	0	0	Vartek c	4	1	2	0
LHughs 2b	3	0	2	0	DMoln c	0	0	0	0
					Sillmch c	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	11	10	1	Totals	39	2	9	2

H.S., BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Tunkhannock captures division title

The Times Leader staff

TUNKHANNOCK — Avengeing the team's only loss of the season, Tunkhannock trounced Berwick 12-1 in five innings on Monday, clinching the Wyoming Valley Conference Division I West title in the process.

It's the second straight division championship for the Tigers (11-1), who won their 11th straight game since falling 5-3 to the Bulldogs in the season opener on April 4.

The Tigers are now guaranteed one of the top seeds in the upcoming District 2 Class 3A tournament.

Rich Condeelis led Tunkhannock on Monday, finishing 3-for-3 with two home runs and five RBI. Ty Saylor (2-3, RBI) and Josh McClain (two RBI) also homered for the Tigers.

Ryan Goodwin finished the day 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

As a team, the Tigers went 17-of-25 with nine extra-base hits.

Joey Favata led the Bulldogs (3-8) with two hits.

Berwick	ab	r	h	bi	Tunkhannock	ab	r	h	bi	
Fenstmrchr p	2	0	1	1	KCluster cf	3	0	1	1	
May ph	1	0	0	0	Ash ph	1	0	0	0	
Soboleski cf	3	0	1	0	Zaner 2b	1	0	1	0	
Lashock 3b	1	0	0	0	Saylor dh	3	1	2	1	
DCalovi c	2	0	0	0	Papi 3b	1	0	0	0	
Berkes 1b	2	0	0	0	McCarty ph	1	0	0	0	
Miller ss	1	1	0	0	Healey p	2	2	1	0	
Cadman 2b	0	0	0	0	Condeelis 1b	2	3	5	1	
Fadava dh	2	0	2	0	WCuster c	2	2	2	1	
McDaniel lf	1	0	0	0	McClain ss	3	2	1	2	
JCalovi rf	1	0	0	0	Goodwin lf	3	1	3	2	
Kuchka ph	1	0	0	0	Lee rf	1	1	0	0	
					Cline ph	1	0	1	0	
Totals	17	1	4	1	Totals	25	12	17	12	
Berwick.....					Pittston Area.....	010	00	—	1	
Tunkhannock.....					2B—KCluster, Papi, Goodwin, WCuster, Healey, HR—Condeelis 2, Saylor, McClain					
					IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Berwick	2+	7	7	7	2	1				
Fenstmrchr (L, 1-2).....	2+	7	7	7	2	1				
Bower.....	1	0	2	1	1	1	0			
Soboleski.....	0+	5	4	4	0	0				
DeNoia.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1			
Tunkhannock										
Healey (W, 5-1).....	4	0	4	1	1	2	4			
Knott.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2			

Pittston Area 2, Nanticoke 1

James Castellino and Kyle Callahan combined to throw a one-hitter as Pittston Area held on for the win.

Castellino gave up just one hit and one run in 5½ innings. Callahan pitched 1½ innings of perfect relief for the save.

Brian Delaney went 2-for-3 for Pittston Area (8-3) with an RBI. Matt Antal singled and drove in the Patriots' other run.

Josh Decker had the lone hit for the Trojans (2-9) and Tom Vitale's sacrifice fly scored their

run.

Anthony Ioanna and Alex Passetti held the Patriots to just four hits.

Pittston Area					Nanticoke						
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi		
Bone lf	4	0	0	0	Hauer cf	3	0	0	0		
Castellino p	0	0	0	0	Briggs 2b	3	0	0	0		
Loftus dh	3	0	0	0	Yudichak c	1	0	0	0		
Savokinas ss	2	0	0	0	Clawson lf	3	0	0	0		
Emmett 2b	3	0	0	0	Jezewski 3b	2	0	0	0		
Musto c	2	1	1	0	Ioanna p	2	1	0	0		
Delaney rf	3	1	2	1	Decker rf	3	0	1	0		
Razvilas 1b	3	0	0	0	Ivan 1b	1	0	0	0		
Antal cf	3	0	1	0	Vitale ph	0	0	0	1		
ASchwab 3b	2	0	0	0	Passetti p	1	0	0	0		
					Higgs ss	0	0	0	0		
					Yalch dh	2	0	0	0		
Totals	25	2	4	2	Totals	20	1	1	1		
Pittston Area.....						010	010	0	—		
Nanticoke.....						000	010	0	—		
						IP	H	R	ER	BB	SC
Pittston Area											
Castellino (W, 2-0).....	5	1	1	1	1	4	1				
Callahan (S).....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0				
Nanticoke.....											
Ioanna (L, 0-3).....	5	1	4	2	2	2	2				
Passetti.....	1	2	0	0	0	1	2				

Wyoming Area 5, Wyoming Valley West 4

The Warriors continued their second-half surge, edging out Valley West at Atlas Field.

Nine different players recorded a hit for Wyoming Area (5-7), with Randy McDermott leading the way with a triple and an RBI. Chris Murphy and Trent Grove (RBI) both adding a double.

Dylan Maloney earned the win in relief.

Tyler Potoski went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Spartans (8-4). Chris Clocker doubled.

Wyoming Valley West				Wyoming Area			
	ab	r	h bi		ab	r	h bi
Dosiak ss	4	0	1 1	Carey 3b-rf	4	0	1 0
Shillabr lf-2b	3	2	0 0	Kiepadlo p	0	0	0 0
Leonard 2b	0	0	0 0	O'Brien cf	0	0	0 0
Pechulis dh	3	0	0 0	Drahus dh	3	0	0 0
Clocker 3b-p	2	1	0 0	Murphy ss	3	1	1 0
Alexandr lf-1b	4	0	0 0	McDmrtt 2b	3	1	1 1
Potoski c	3	1	2 1	Nowicki c	3	1	1 0
Zielen p	2	0	0 0	Bone cf-lf	3	1	1 1
Stelovich p	0	0	0 1	Colaraso 1b	3	1	1 1
Souilvanph	0	0	0 0	Romanil pr	0	0	0 0
Hogan p	1	0	0 0	Klmas pr	0	0	0 0
Yuhas rf	3	0	1 0	Chupka 1b	0	0	0 0
Smichenko cf	3	0	1 0	Harris lf	1	0	1 0

Hazleton Area 9, Crestwood 7

The Cougars scored seven unanswered runs after the third inning, rallying from a 7-2 deficit to beat Crestwood on the road.

Matt Barletta finished 3-for-5 with two RBI to lead the Cougars (6-5) at the plate. Carl Cara had a double and an RBI.

Mark Solanick pitched four shutout innings of relief to earn the win, allowing just two hits.

Matt Ritz and Jesse Quintiliani both homered for the Comets (2-10). Ethan Slembariski added a triple and Steve Brynok doubled.

Hazleton Area					Crestwood				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Cara ss	4	2	1	1	Ritz cf	4	2	2	2
Rubasky c	3	2	1	0	Snyder ss	3	0	0	0
Hernandez pr	0	1	0	0	Brynok 1b	4	1	1	1
Medvesky 3b	3	1	1	1	Berg c	4	0	1	0
Barletta cf	5	1	3	2	Miale p	0	0	0	0
Nikonenko lf	0	0	0	0	JEngler p	0	0	0	0
Seach lf	2	0	0	1	Kaster p	0	0	0	0
Wolfe rf	1	0	1	1	Casey p	0	0	0	0
LaRose lf-rf	0	0	0	0	Quintilini dh	4	1	1	1
Solanick p	0	0	0	0	Algelding lf	4	1	1	0
Zaloga pr	0	0	0	0	Caladie 2b	3	1	2	0
Chirico dh	5	0	0	0	Survilla pr	0	0	0	0
Vigna 1b	0	0	0	0	Sadvary ph	1	0	0	0
Bannon 1b	3	0	0	0	Petrchko 3b	2	1	0	0
Bayzick p-2b	2	0	1	1	Sartini ph	1	0	0	0
Klein 2b-rf	3	2	1	0	Beshada rf	0	0	0	0
					Slembrski rf	3	0	1	2
Totals	31	9	9	7	Totals	33	7	10	6

Holy Redeemer 14, Coughlin 0

Christian Choman gave up just one hit in a five-inning victory as the Royals powered past Coughlin at Hollenback Park.

Steve Ruch (3-4, four RBI) blasted two home runs to give him a league-leading eight on the season. Choman (2-3, RBI), Mark Malloy (2-3), Ted Ritsick (2-4, RBI) and Eric Ringsdorf (2-3, four RBI) each added a double for Redeemer (6-4).

Shamus Gartley had the lone hit for the Crusaders (5-7).

Coughlin	ab	r	h	bi	Holy Redeemer	ab	r	h	bi
Sorokas p-cf	2	0	0	0	Malloy cf	3	2	2	0
Parsnik ss	3	0	0	0	Policare 2b	4	1	2	0
Grillini 3b	2	0	0	0	Ruch 3b	3	3	4	0
Gullus c	2	0	0	0	Choman p	3	3	2	1
Picketts lf	1	0	0	0	Ritsick 1b	4	3	2	1
Cunningham ph	0	0	0	0	Peterlin c	0	0	0	0
Andrews 1b	1	0	0	0	Ringsdorf ph	3	2	2	4
Spyrnwsky ph	0	0	0	0	Byorick rf	3	0	1	0
Concini rf	1	0	0	0	Tsevdos lf	2	0	1	1
LePore 1b	1	0	0	0	Hachak ph	1	1	0	0
Haupt cf	1	0	0	0	Dnsmuir ss	2	0	0	0
Heffers p	0	0	0	0	Kerestes ph	1	0	0	0
Francis ph	1	0	0	0					
Wyoming Area									
Gartley ph	1	0	1	0					
Totals	16	0	1	0	Totals	30	14	15	11
Coughlin.....					Coughlin.....	000	00	—	—
Holy Redeemer.....					Holy Redeemer.....	554	0x	—	14
2B—Malloy, Choman, Ritsick, Ringsdorf; HR—Ruch									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
Coughlin	1.1	6	8	6	2	0			
Haupt.....	1.2	7	6	4	0	2			
Heffers.....	1.0	2	0	0	0	0			
Holy Redeemer									
Choman (W, 1-1).....	5.0	1	0	0	4	5			

Northwest 13, GAR 3

Devon Mazonkey struck out nine and went the distance in a five-inning victory while adding

a double, a triple and three RBI at the plate.

Ryan Kondrosky finished with four RBI for the Rangers (4-4) while Zach White went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI.

Lance Letteer homered for the Grenadiers (2-8).

GAR	ab	r	h	bi	Northwest	ab	r	h	bi
Prednis cf	3	0	0	0	Mazonkey p	3	2	2	3
Letteer c	3	1	1	1	Feno lf	2	2	1	1
Smith p	2	0	0	0	DiPasqule ss	1	2	1	0
Dudick 3b	2	0	0	0	Kittle ss	0	0	0	0
Curriel 2b	2	0	0	0	Kndrsky 1b	1	1	1	4
Ankner ss	0	0	0	0	Korea c	4	0	0	2
Rodriguez dh	2	0	0	0	Stempien cf	2	0	0	0
Klapa 1b	2	1	1	1	Samulivich rf	2	1	0	0
Moore rf	2	0	0	0	Grzynski ph	1	1	1	0
Tyson lf	1	1	0	0	Mrgiwacz 2b	0	0	0	0
					Pegarlza dh	4	2	0	0
					White 3b	4	2	2	2
Totals	19	3	2	2	Totals	24	13	8	12
GAR.....					000	12	—	3	
Northwest.....					234	22	—	13	
2B—Mazonkey, White; 3B—Mazonkey; HR—Letteer									
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
GAR	1.1	1	4	4	6	2			
Smith (L, 0-2).....									

H.S. VOLLEYBALL

N. Pocono shuts down W.S. Tech

The Times Leader staff

PRINGLE – Dom Verdetto posted a match-high 16 kills and added four blocks as the North Pocono defeated West Side Tech 3-0 in high school boys volleyball. The scores were 35-18, 25-14, 25-22.

Ryan Rinaldi (30 assists, 2 aces, 1 kill), Tim Cummings (10 kills, 2 blocks) and Brent Bisignani (13 kills, 1 block) also contributed for North Pocono.

Leading the Titans were Tyler Atherholt (10 service points, 2 aces, 1 kill, 2 blocks), Brian Cupp (8 service points, 1 assist, 3 kills, 2 blocks), Derrick Eyerman (2 service points, 1 ace, 1 kill, 3 blocks) and Jack Davenport (7 service points, 1 ace).

Valley West 3, Meyers 0

The Spartans came through with a 25-14, 25-13, 25-22 sweep of Meyers on the road.

Matt Pieszala (8 service points, 2 aces, 10 kills), Dylan Saneholtz (22 service points, 9 digs, 11 assists), Kyle Spellman (4 kills, 13 blocks, 3 digs) and Ridge Scott (16 digs) led Valley West.

Derek Gentry (2 aces, 4 kills, 3 digs), Alex Pape (2 kills, 1 service point), Chris Moyer (4 service points, 3 kills, 2 digs) and Matt James (11 assists) topped the Mohawks.

Tunkhannock 4, Haz. Area 1

Tunkhannock rebounded from an early loss to win 15-25, 25-14, 25-20, 25-19.

James Hawk had 15 kills, 13 blocks, 2 two digs and four service points for the Tigers. Cliff Kingston contributed with 10 kills three blocks, two digs, four aces and nine service points. No individual statistics were supplied for Hazleton Area.

H.S. SOFTBALL



BILL TARUTIS/FOR THE TIMES LEADER

Valley West's Kimber Letter scores as Wyoming Area catcher Melissa Eipper awaits the throw in Monday's game.

Inman, Gordon lead Tigers to victory

The Times Leader staff

TUNKHANNOCK – Ashley Inman hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth to put Tunkhannock ahead for good before picking up the win in relief in the Tigers 5-3 win over Berwick Monday.

Artonya Gordon also came up with a two-run shot of her own for Tunkhannock.

Tunkhannock's Jamie Hampsey struck out eight in 4½ innings in a no-decision.

Berwick..... 000 120 0 — 3
Tunkhannock..... 200 021 x — 5
WP – Ashley Inman, 2.1 IP, 1H, 0R, 0ER, 1BB, 2K; LP – Margaret Bridge, 6 IP, 5H, 5R, 5ER, 1BB, 3K; 2B – BER, Shields, Stefanick, Ballo. 3B – BER, Kern. HR – TUN, Inman, Gordon.

Coughlin 3, Holy Redeemer 0

Jess Luton tossed a four-hit shutout over Holy Redeemer. Luton also helped her cause with a double. Danielle Cerep had three hits. Sydney Kotch doubled for the Royals.

Coughlin..... 011 000 1 — 3
Holy Redeemer..... 000 000 0 — 0
WP – Jess Luton, 7 IP, 4H, 0R, 0ER, 1BB, 2K; LP – Abby Staskiel, 7 IP, 13H, 3R, 2ER, 0BB, 0K; 2B – HR, Sydney Kotch; COU, Luton, L. Ellsworth. Top hitters – COU, Danielle Cerep, 3-4

Nanticoke 12, Pittston Area 1

Nanticoke scored 12 in the first three innings to lock a victory at Pittston Area. Sara Bertoni hit a double and pitched a scoreless inning with three strikeouts.

Hannah Rubasky picked up the win with two innings pitched, allowing no earned runs.

Marissa Nardone doubled for the Patriots.

Nanticoke..... 345 00 — 12
Pittston Area..... 100 00 — 1
WP – Hannah Rubasky, 2 IP, 2H, 1R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K; Sara Bertoni, 1IP, 1H, 0R, 3K, 0BB; Roberts, 2IP, 3H, 2K; LP – Palerico, 5 IP, 11 H, 12 R, 9 ER, 4 BB, 4 K; 2B – NAN, Bertoni, Gola, Wolse; PA, Marissa Nardone.

Hazleton Area 12, Crestwood 1

Hazleton Area's Candace Van Horn tripled twice and Catherine Labuz hit a two-run home run. Becky Demko allowed four hits to pick up the victory.

Theresa Chupla scored the only run for Crestwood, hitting a triple.

Hazleton Area..... 220 002 6 — 12
Crestwood..... 000 010 0 — 1
WP – Becky Demko, 7IP, 4H, 1R, 0ER, 4BB, 5K; LP – Alyssa Davies, 7IP, 11H, 12R, 7ER, 1BB, 3K; 3B – HAZ, Candace Van Horn, 2; Abby Stutz; CRE: Theresa Chupla. HR – HAZ, Catherine Labuz.

Wyo.Area 3, Valley West 2

Nicole Cumbo notched the win, allowing three hits in seven innings for the Warriors. Riley Thomas triples and Sara Degnan supplied two hits.

Kimber Letter tripled for Wyoming Valley West.

Wyoming Valley West..... 001 100 0 — 2
Wyoming Area..... 101 100 X — 3
WP – Nicole Cumbo, 7IP, 3H, 1ER, 2BB, 5K; LP – Abby Owens, 6IP, 7H, 3R, 2ER, 0BB, 1K; 2B – WVW, Vanessa Peterson, 3B – WVW, Kimber Letter, WA: Riley Thomas. Top hitters – WA: Sara Degnan, 2-2

H.S. TRACK

Hawkeyes defeat Lake-Lehman

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HANOVER TWP. – Olivia Jendrzejewski won three events – high jump, triple jump, long jump – to lead the Hawkeyes to a 93-50 victory over the Black Knights. Amy Viti (1600, 800), Raisha Piper (100, 200) and Jessica Curtis (shot put, discus) all won multiple events for Hanover Area.

3200 RELAY – 1. HAN, (Keegan, Kaminsky, Viti, Antall, 10:21.1; 110 HURDLES – 1. LL, Snyder, 15.9; 2. LL, Faux; 3. HAN, Pena; TRIPLE JUMP – 1. HAN, Jendrzejewski, 35-2.5; 2. LL, Snyder; 3. LL, Mathers; 100 – 1. HAN, Piper, 13.0; 2. HAN, Keegan; 3. LL, Mathers; 1600 – 1. HAN, Viti, 7:29; 2. HAN, Metre; SHOT PUT – 1. HAN, Curtis, 30-4; 2. LL, Runner; 3. HAN, Earley; 400 – 1. HAN, Keegan, 1:04.7; 2. HAN, Kaminski; 3. HAN, Maldonado; 400 RELAY – 1. LL, (Snyder, Mathers, Jenkins, Eddy), 54.6; 300 HURDLES – 1. LL, Faux, 56.1; 2. HAN, Pena; POLE VAULT – 1. HAN, Rogers, 6-6; 2. HAN, Smith; 2. LL, Sabol; DISCUS – 1. HAN, Curtis, 81-5; 2. HAN, Earley; 3. LL, Ritsick; LONG JUMP – 1. HAN, Jendrzejewski, 16-1; 2. LL, Snyder; 3. HAN, Piper; 800 – 1. HAN, Viti, 2:30.5; 2. LL, Lipski; 3. LL, Foster; 200 – 1. HAN, Piper, 26.5; 2. LL, Eddy; 3. HAN, Fuller; 3200 – 1. HAN, McGovern, 13:45; JAVELIN – 1. HAN, Cormier, 102-4; 2. LL, Ritsick; 3. HAN, Saraka; 1600 RELAY – 1. LL, (Lipski, Gromel, Jenkins, Lee), 4:57.8; HIGH JUMP – 1. HAN, Jendrzejewski, 4-6; 2. LL, Faux

BOYS TRACK

Hanover Area 97, Lehman 40

Carl Daubert and Tony Dennis each won two individual events for Hanover Area. Daubert claimed first in the 100 and 300 hurdles, and Dennis had the farthest throw in the javelin and shot put.

3200 RELAY – 1. LL, (Bevar, Vanloon, Pinkerton, Bohan), 9:45; 110 HURDLES – 1. HAN, Daubert, 20.1; TRIPLE JUMP – 1. LL, Dawsey, 38-6; 2. LL, Notski; 3. HAN, Sharif, 100 – 1. HAN, Westawski, 12.1; 2. LL, Evry; 3. HAN, Jayne; 1600 – 1. LL, Bohan, 4:51.2; HAN, Gavlick; 3. HAN, Jasefowicz; SHOT PUT – 1. HAN, Dennis, 50-8; 2. HAN, Jayne; 3. HAN, Steve; 400 – 1. HAN, Wolsiefer, 54.2; 2. HAN, Cabrera; 3. LL, Bevan; 400 RELAY – 1. HAN, (Westawski, Hawk, Belcher, Lakachinsky), 48.9; 300 HURDLES – 1. HAN, Daubert, 47.0; POLE VAULT – 1. HAN, Redmond, 10-6; 2. HAN, McFadden; 2. HAN, Siam; DISCUS – 1. HAN, Steve, 129-5; 2. HAN, Schmolli; 3. HAN, Dennis; LONG JUMP – 1. HAN, Sharif, 18-1.5; 2. LL, Novitski; 3. LL, Dawsey; 800 – 1. HAN, Williams; 2:11.7; 2. HAN, Hoolick; 3. HAN, Osko; 200 – 1. HAN, Hawk, 23.9; 2. HAN, Westawski; 3. HAN, Belcher; 3200 – 1. HAN, Osko, 13:08; 2. HAN, Jasefowicz; JAVELIN – 1. HAN, Dennis, 14-1; 2. LL, Carey; 3. LL, Hizzy; 1600 RELAY – 1. LL, (Bohan, Sevan, Eilenberger, Evry), 3:43.7; HIGH JUMP – 1. LL, Bevan, 6-0

GIRLS LACROSSE

Mid-West 19, Dallas 9

Madeline Mulhern scored six goals and an assist as Dallas fell to Mid-West. Cara Pricher scored two goals, and Kelsey Maas chipped in with one goal.

BOYS TENNIS

Dallas 5 Holy Cross 0

Dallas swept Holy Cross in the first round of the District 2 boys tennis playoffs. Scot Ricetti defeated Jordan Joyce 6-0, 6-0 in the No. 2 singles match.

The Mountaineers will take on Wyoming Seminary in the semifinal Tuesday at Kirby Park.

Montrose defeated Montrose, 3-2, in the other quarter-final.

Singles: Ethan Pensak (DAL) def Robby Azzacelli 6-0, 6-1; Scot Ricetti (DAL) def Jordan Joyce 6-0, 6-0; Andrew Nakkache (DAL) def TJ Thomas 6-1, 6-4.

Doubles: Ryan McCarthy/Blake Donovan (DAL) def Casey Gaughan/Chris Gasper 6-3, 6-2; Francois Ross/Tyler Tuck (DAL) def Kerry Kearney/Matt Smith 6-0, 6-1

LOCAL COLLEGES

King's softball team headed to D-III tournament

The Times Leader staff

After capturing a third straight Freedom Conference championship over the weekend, the King's softball team was seeded sixth for its upcoming regional in the NCAA Division III tournament.

The Lady Monarchs (18-11) are appearing in the national tournament for the 11th time in the last 12 years. Their opening opponent in the six-team, double-elimination bracket will be top-seeded SUNY-Cortland at 10 a.m. Friday in Cortland N.Y.

The host Dragons (36-3-1) are ranked ninth nationally entering the regional after winning their own league tournament.

Also in the bracket are No. 2 Moravian, No. 3 Montclair State, No. 4 Piedmont (Ga.) and No. 5 College of Staten Island.

King's Cardone honored

For the third time this season, King's standout and Nanticoke grad Amanda Cardone was named Freedom Conference Player of the Week.

Cardone went 3-for-9 with two home runs and three RBI in three games of the Freedom Conference tournament over the weekend, helping the Lady Monarchs clinch the league title and an NCAA bid.

Cougars earn ECAC bid

Misericordia earned a berth in the ECAC South Championships for the fourth consecutive season.

The Cougars (22-16) are seeded eighth in the eight-team tournament and will face No. 1 seed Neumann at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Alvernia, DeSales, Stevenson, Wilson, Penn State Altoona

na and Marywood will also compete in the bracket.

First-round winners will advance to a double-elimination tournament hosted by the highest remaining seed.

TENNIS

Wilkes teams prep for NCAA's

The NCAA Division III tennis tournaments open this week, with both the Wilkes men's and women's teams learning their opening opponents on Monday.

The Wilkes men will face Ohio Northern on Friday at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. The women will open up on Thursday against Ithaca at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Winners of each four-team regional will advance to the national quarterfinals in Claremont, Calif.

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CYCLING

Belgian rider dies as result of crash

By JEREMY INSON
Associated Press

MILAN — Belgian cyclist Wouter Weylandt died Monday after a high-speed downhill crash at the Giro d'Italia, the first death in a major cycling race in 16 years.

The 26-year-old rider fell during a descent more than 12 miles from the finish in northern Italy. He lay motionless and bleeding heavily on the roadside before paramedics removed his helmet and tried to resuscitate him.

"He was unconscious with a fracture of the skull base and facial damage," Giro doctor Giovanni Tredici said. After 40 minutes of cardiac massage we had to suspend the resuscitation because there was nothing more we could do."

His body was covered by a sheet and taken away by ambulance about an hour after the accident. Local investigators immediately opened an inquiry. Weylandt's body was taken to a nearby hos-



Weylandt

pital for an autopsy. Weylandt's father and the cyclist's pregnant girlfriend were en route to Italy and were to be met at Malpensa airport in Milan.

"Things like this shouldn't happen. Absolutely sick to the stomach," British cyclist Mark Cavendish said on Twitter.

Davide Vigano, one of Weylandt's teammates, described the descent as a technical one, with smooth asphalt.

"I wasn't told about what had happened during the race," he said. "I'm lost for words."

Wouter Weylandt (pronounced WOW-tehrk WAY-lahnt) rode for Leopard-Trek. The team put a picture of the smiling rider on its website.

"The team is left in a state of shock and sadness and we send all our

thoughts and deepest condolences to the family and friends of Wouter," the statement said. "This is a difficult day for cycling and for our team, and we should all seek support and strength in the people close to us."

Leopard-Trek general manager Brian Nygaard tweeted that the team would decide later in the day if it would continue to race. The 21-stage Giro finishes in Milan on May 29.

"I'm shocked and saddened. May he rest in peace," Lance Armstrong, the seven-time Tour de France champion who is now retired, said on Twitter.

Organizers canceled the day's prize ceremony. Spain's Angel Vicioso won Monday's 107-mile stage from Reggio Emilia to Rapallo. David Millar of Britain took the pink jersey as overall leader.

Race director Angelo Zomegnan said there will be no afternoon music or festivities at Tuesday's fourth stage. He

added that it will be up to the riders to decide how they might want to honor Weylandt.

Almost exactly a year ago — May 10, 2010 — Weylandt won the third stage of the Giro on its final day in the Netherlands.

Weylandt was the first rider killed in a crash in one of cycling's three main tours since Italian rider Fabio Casartelli died during the 1995 Tour de France.

Weylandt is the fourth cyclist to die during Giro and the first in 25 years. The others were Orfeo Ponsin (1952), Juan Manuel Santisteban (1976) and Emilio Ravasio (1986).

At the 2009 Giro, Pedro Horrillo was induced into a coma after falling 200 feet over a guard rail into a ravine during the eighth stage. The following day, the main pack deliberately rode slowly to protest safety conditions.

In 2003, Kazakh rider Andrei Kivilev died after he fell from his bike and frac-



AP PHOTO

Brice Feillu, teammate of Belgium's Wouter Weylandt, boards a bus after the Giro d'Italia Monday. Weylandt died after a fall during the day's stage.

tured his skull while not wearing a helmet during the Paris-Nice stage race. The International Cycling Union subsequently made the wearing of hard helmets compulsory.

AHL

Painful end for one Pen

By TOM VENESKY
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During the second to last game of the season against the Hershey Bears, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguin Bryan Lerg was on the ice for his last shift of the night when disaster struck.

He hit Hershey forward Andrew Gordon, spun around and hit the back of his knee, resulting in an injury that was painful and mysterious.

X-rays and MRI's revealed that everything in Lerg's knee was still in place and it wasn't broken, but there was a big problem.

"I couldn't walk," Lerg said. Lerg returned for the first four games of the Norfolk series, but the injury limited his time on the ice.

"I don't even know how I played," Lerg said. "They had to do some injections to numb it up."

During the second game of the Norfolk series Lerg was limited to a few shifts on the power play. That night he couldn't sleep.

"I woke up at 4 a.m. rolling around," he said. "I went down to the hotel pool in Norfolk to just try to relieve some pain."

The injury got worse and Lerg missed the final two games of the Norfolk series.

"My leg was dead. I fell into the glass during one of the games. I was a mess," Lerg said.

He tried to return against Charlotte, but things didn't get any better. During one game he was limited to a few power play shifts, and another he made a brief appearance and spent the rest of the night on the bench due to what head coach John Hynes later said was a mishap.

The mishap had to do with a nerve in his leg.

"The whole mishap we had was if you hit a certain nerve in my leg it goes numb and I can't skate. My foot's dead, my leg's dead," Lerg said. "We were trying to wait it out. We thought it would come back."

Things would continue to get worse, however. As Lerg tried to play through the pain, he overcompensated for the injury while skating and ended up hurting his hamstring as well. He said the Penguins' trainers never saw an injury like it so there was no way of knowing when it would heal.

All Lerg could do was take a shot and hope his leg didn't get too numb to skate.

"It was such a frustrating scenario just not knowing," Lerg said. "After each warmup we had to find out if my leg was dead or alive. It was crazy."

Lerg did recover enough to play a regular shift in the final two games against Charlotte, but he still wasn't 100 percent.

"I'm walking and moving better now, and the season's over. Go figure," Lerg said.

NBA PLAYOFFS



AP PHOTO

Boston Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo gets up off the floor after he was knocked down by Miami Heat forward LeBron James during Monday's game in in Boston.

James, Wade help Heat to 3-1 lead

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — LeBron James scored 35 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Miami to a 98-90 overtime victory over the Boston Celtics on Monday night and give the Heat a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Dwyane Wade scored 28 with nine rebounds and Chris Bosh had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Miami, which could eliminate the defending conference champions and advance to the East finals with a victory in Game 5 in Miami on Wednesday night.

James, Wade and Bosh scored 83 of Miami's 98 points and had 35 of its 45 rebounds.

Paul Pierce scored 27, Ray Allen had 17 and Kevin Garnett had seven points and 10 rebounds for Boston.

James made up for a turnover at the end of regulation with a fallaway jumper to start overtime and give Miami the lead for good. The Celtics scored just four points in overtime, shooting 1 for 6 and making four of their 18 turnovers.

Rajon Rondo, who dislocated his left elbow Saturday night in Game 3, played 39 minutes with a padded sleeve covering what appeared to be a brace on his left arm, scoring 10 with five assists.

Boston took an 84-81 lead with 2:28 left after back-to-back 3-pointers by Delonte West and Allen, but James hit a 3 to tie it and then made a left-handed lay-in with 48 seconds to play to give Miami an 86-84 lead. Pierce drove to the basket to tie it, but James lost control of the ball while he was dribbling down the clock.

Allen went for it and was bumped by James Jones, giving Boston the ball out of bounds with 19.5 seconds left and the game tied at 86. Pierce got the ball, waited out the clock and then took a high-arching fallaway jumper in the final seconds that bounced off the rim as time expired.

In the overtime period, Garnett threw the ball away and then James made a fallaway jumper as the shot clock expired to give Miami an 88-86 lead. Allen missed, Bosh dunked at the other

end, West missed a 3-pointer and then James drew a charging foul on Pierce. After another Boston turnover, Wade made a 2-pointer with his foot on the 3-point arc to give Miami a 92-86 lead with 2 minutes left in overtime.

One game after the Heat's Big Three combined for just 44 points — their lowest total since they assembled their superteam in Miami — they provided almost all of the offense. No one else had more than four points, and the Heat's bench totaled just seven.

Miami won the first two games at home, but the Celtics responded when the series returned to Boston and clamped down on the Heat's Big Three to win Game 3 97-81. Garnett had his best game of the series, scoring 28 with 18 rebounds, but the star for Boston was Rondo.

The Celtics point guard returned from a dislocated left elbow and provided his team with the spark it had been missing.

There was some doubt about whether he would be ready for Game 4 — but not in Rondo's mind.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Canucks top Predators, make West finals

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Daniel Sedin and Mason Raymond scored first-period goals, and Roberto Luongo made 23 saves as the Vancouver Canucks beat the Nashville Predators 2-1 Monday to advance to the Western Conference finals.

The Canucks, who had the NHL's best record this season, reached the conference finals for the first time since 1994 and will face the winner of the series between the San Jose Sharks and Detroit Red Wings.

Raymond gave Vancouver the lead 7:45 into the game and Sedin made it 2-0 just 1:43 later. Luongo did the rest for the Canucks, who were outshot 24-19. Vancouver recorded only nine total shots in the first two periods.

David Legwand's goal 3:31 in-

to the second period cut Vancouver's lead to 2-1, but the Predators couldn't avoid elimination again and force a Game 7.

After grabbing the early lead, the Canucks put the game away with defense. Nashville had 11 shots in the first period, but only 13 over the final 40 minutes.

The Canucks got some help to get their offense rolling as Predators defenseman Ryan Suter turned over the puck to Ryan Kesler right next to the net. Kesler passed to Raymond, who backhanded a shot past goalie Pekka Rinne.

Sedin doubled the lead while Nashville forward Jordin Tooot served an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for diving, after he was hit by Alex Edler. Sedin connected just 36 seconds into the power play.



AP PHOTO

Vancouver Canucks celebrate a goal by Daniel Sedin against the Nashville Predators in Nashville, Tenn., Monday night.

PENGUINS

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Captain Ryan Craig was the last player scheduled to meet with head coach John Hynes and Pittsburgh assistant general manager Jason Botterill. The reality that this season — one in which the Penguins dominated the AHL with 58 wins and won a truckload of awards along the way, hit Craig as he was the last player to pack up his bags and leave the locker room.

It was kind of like a high school graduation where classmates that had grown into a family over the years were now going their separate ways.

"We won't have this same group together again, which is the most disappointing part," Craig said. "We were a team that I don't think had the most talent and didn't score the most goals, but we started with a commitment to each other and we found ways to win. Unfortunately that ran out a little too soon."

"I hope it sticks with everybody for a little while. Learn from the mistakes."

Hynes agreed, adding that the postseason expectations for the Penguins were high based on the success they had during the regular season. At times, he said, the team overachieved to fight their way to 58 wins. But the ultimate test of success comes in the playoffs in a high pressure environment.

Watching a three-goal lead disappear of a span of nine minutes is such a situation.

But Hynes was adamant that the Penguins didn't choke. They just couldn't stop Charlotte's sudden momentum swing.

"When you choke you freeze. You don't show up and you don't execute," Hynes said. "We came to play."

So long to some familiar faces?

Wallace has been with the Penguins since 2006, and John Curry joined the team in 2007. They are the longest-tenured members on Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, and they both could be gone.

Wallace and Curry are unrestricted free agents, meaning they could easily sign elsewhere this summer.

Will they? "I haven't thought about it yet. It's still kind of shocking that the season's over," Wallace said. "I have no idea where I'll be playing next year, but I'll cherish my experience here."

Curry lost his starting job to Thiessen but still managed to win 23 games and post solid numbers for the fourth straight year. He's been through team clean-out days before, but this one, he said, feels different.

This is the first time that Curry heads into a summer not knowing where he'll be playing next season.

"I don't know if I'll be back or somewhere else, but I had a great experience this year. The way things were handled with me by this organizations was top notch," Curry said. "I haven't thought about what's going to happen this summer, but I'm going to have some options. I've done everything I can up to this point."

Wallace and Curry both said they would welcome a return to the Penguins, but there are several variables in play. Wallace said a lot of his decision will be based on where he has the best chance to play in the NHL, and Curry said it's difficult to separate one's attachment to a place — Wilkes-Barre, with what's best for his career.

"The most important thing is you have to look out for yourself and do the best thing for your career," Curry said. "But I've made a lot of good relationships here. It will be tough to leave this place, if that happens."

Other unrestricted free agents include Craig, Andrew Hutchinson, Steve Wagner, Corey Potter, Brett Sterling, Bryan Lerg, Chris Collins and Geoff Walker. Lerg was set to start the season in Europe when the Penguins called. He was burned once in his career when the Edmonton Oilers barely gave him a look after drafting him, and Lerg made it clear that he didn't want it to happen again.

It didn't. Over the season, Lerg went from tryout to a top player on the power play, clearly re-establishing himself in the AHL.

"Maybe this is what I needed. A coach that believed in me, gives me confidence and knows what I can do," Lerg said. "You always want to improve your resume and I feel I took a huge step this year."

For Craig, his season with the Penguins was his first away from the Tampa Bay organization sine he turned pro seven years ago. On Monday he said he has no regrets.

"I'm quite happy with where I ended up and how this organization treated me and my family," Craig said. "My experience in Wilkes-Barre has been great."H-is plans for next season?

"Get a contract for next year and try to work my way back to the NHL full-time," Craig said. "But I'm definitely open to coming back here."

Hynes' future in air?

With several job openings in the NHL coaching ranks, it wouldn't be a surprise if someone inquired if the AHL's Coach of the Year was interested in taking a step to the next level. If the NHL does come calling, Hynes said he doesn't know what he would say.

But Hynes did make it clear that he is perfectly happy in the Penguins organization.

"To me, it's all about trying to find the right fit and where you think you can have the most success," Hynes said. "Right now I'm in a great situation in a great organization. My aspirations are to be the best coach I can be here now. Where that leads me I don't know."

The bar is raised

After being named the AHL's top goaltender this season, it was obvious that Thiessen achieved most of the goals he set for himself at the onset of the season.

Next season, he'll have another.

"Going into next year it will be to try to prove that I can do it on a consistent level, that it's not just one year," Thiessen said.

Ohno will decide later about Winter Olympics

By ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Speed-skating great Apolo Anton Ohno will decide by the end of the year or early 2012 whether he'll train for the next Winter Olympics.

Ohno turns 29 this month and would be 31 when the Winter Olympics are held in Sochi, Russia.

He said Monday some people thought he was too old to succeed in the Vancouver Games, where he won three medals. His eight medals over three Games is a record for an American Winter Olympian.

"The Olympic spirit is always going to be within my blood, who I am as a person," Ohno said at a news conference. "I'm excited for the 2014 Games. I'll be there for sure. It's just whether I'll have my ice skates with me or not."

Ohno, who isn't competing in the sport this year, said he has nothing left to prove to himself as a speedskater.

"Pre-2006 and pre-210 Games, I was very content and happy with my career, actually, as far as how many medals I had won," he said. "I felt very blessed. I had reached every single goal I wanted to accomplish."

The decision to try for a fourth Olympics would go beyond the chase for medals, he said.

He said he must ask himself whether he wants to put his life on hold to invest the time and energy into another Olympics.

"Some athletes are able to balance their life and do a lot of separate things," said Ohno, in Omaha to speak at an awards luncheon. "Essentially my life revolves around skating when I'm competing."

Ohno has used his celebrity to become an author, motivational speaker and philanthropist. He also has entered the nutritional supplement industry.

Going for another Olympics would be a high-risk, high-reward endeavor, he said.

"My sport, short-track speedskating, is one where at any given moment anything can happen," he said. "No matter how well prepared we are for something, a variable could change. You could get disqualified, someone pushes you, you slip, or you're a second too late."

He said it's difficult "mentally dealing with the concept of four years of your life coming down to 40 seconds on the ice."

Ohno plans to begin preparations in earnest in a few weeks for the New York Marathon. He said his training for the November race, his first marathon, has been "sporadic"

because of his heavy travel schedule.

Ohno accepted the challenge to run the marathon from Subway spokesman Jared Fogle, who ran his first marathon last year.

Ohno is among the "famous fans" of the sandwich-shop chain.

Ohno joked that he thought Fogle told him the race would be 2.6 miles instead of 26.2 miles. Ohno said he would like to finish in 3 hours, 30 minutes.

"I've never run anything over 8 miles in my life," he said.

After the marathon, he'll

decide on the Olympics.

"The nice thing about the New York Marathon is I'll be in pretty good shape post," he said.

"So I'm assuming November or December, perhaps early next year. We'll see. The decision needs to come sooner than later."



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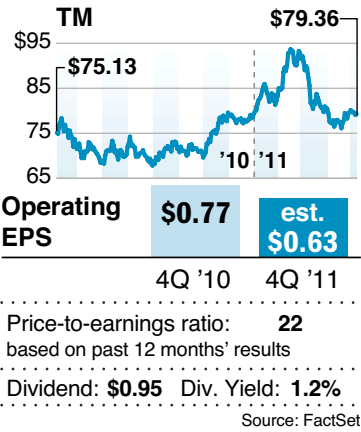
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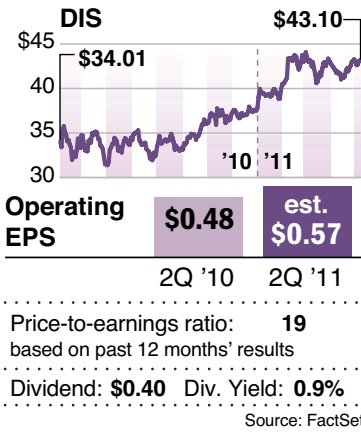
Toyota assesses quake impact

Toyota's earnings report for its fiscal fourth quarter will show how much the car maker was hurt by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. The disaster sharply curtailed Toyota's production. The company's vehicle output has already fallen by 500,000. And many Japanese car buyers put off buying new cars because of uncertainty about the country's economy. Toyota has said worldwide production will start to recover in July. Look for an update on that forecast.



Disney earnings

Walt Disney's earnings are likely to show that its television operations, including ABC and ESPN, benefited from the continuing recovery in the advertising market. A big question is how the company's theme parks did. Harsh winter weather kept some travelers from making it to Florida and Walt Disney World. And the earthquake and tsunami in Japan shut the two Disney parks in that country. The company also has stores and shows movies in Japan.



Arby's - sell or hold?

Investors want to know more than how Wendy's/Arby's Group did during the first quarter. They want an update about possible plans to sell Arby's. The company said in January it would consider selling Arby's, which is trailing other fast-food chains. The company is also expected to say whether it's raising prices. If so, it will join competitors including McDonald's who are charging more to offset the rising cost of ingredients.



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IN BRIEF

Aqua starts project

Aqua Pennsylvania Inc.'s White Haven Division has started an \$830,000 main replacement project in the Sunrise Estates development in Kingstown Township. Aqua contractors began replacing 6,000 feet of 4- and 6-inch plastic pipe with new 8-inch ductile iron pipe last week as part of its continuing infrastructure improvement program. Water mains will be replaced along Tamanini Drive and Alfred, Eileen, Timothy, Louise, and Dolores roads. The new larger mains will increase reliability and water flow to area residents throughout the area. The project will also make fire protection available throughout the development. Construction will take place Monday through Friday, and possibly on Saturdays, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Once the new main is in place, crews will begin to install and connect the new service lines to properties along the affected streets. Final restoration will be completed later in the spring and early summer.

Ford F-150 tanks probed

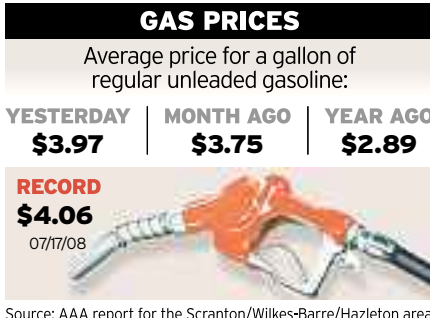
U.S. safety regulators are investigating a fuel tank problem that could affect more than 2.7 million Ford F-150 pickup trucks. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Monday that the steel straps holding up the truck's gas tank can rust and break, possibly causing a fuel spill and fire. No injuries have been reported from the possible defect. The agency is looking into trucks from the 1997 through 2001 model years. NHTSA's investigations often lead to recalls.

NYSE shareholders reached

Nasdaq and IntercontinentalExchange reached out directly to the shareholders of the parent company of the New York Stock Exchange in its unsolicited bid to acquire the exchange owner. On Monday, Nasdaq OMX Group Inc. and IntercontinentalExchange Inc. (ICE) issued a letter to NYSE Euronext shareholders saying that the NYSE board is rushing them to a vote without exploring better alternatives. The two exchanges hope that shareholders will put pressure on NYSE's board to consider Nasdaq and Intercontinental's bid for NYSE Euronext, which is worth about \$11 billion. The parent company of NYSE has twice rejected the joint bid from Nasdaq and ICE, saying it is committed to its previously agreed-to \$10 billion merger with German exchange operator Deutsche Boerse, despite the lower price.

Items boost for McDonald's

Sales of McDonald's shakes, coffee drinks and breakfast food helped revenue at its restaurants open at least 13 months rise 6 percent in April, the company said Monday. Business was strongest overseas, with the figure rising 6.5 percent in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. U.S. growth of 4 percent was slower but still ahead of industry trends.



Source: AAA report for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton area

Tenet rejects new CHS offer

DALLAS, Texas — Hospital operator Tenet Healthcare Corp. on Monday rejected Community Health Systems Inc.'s latest buyout offer, which had been increased by about 21 percent. CHS's latest offer had been set to expire Monday and it had said the latest proposal represented its final offer. Tenet said the offer still undervalues the company. On May 2, CHS made the increase offer of \$4.06 billion, or \$7.25 per share in cash. Tenet had already rejected CHS's \$6 per-share offer last month. The companies have been fighting over a deal since last fall. The dispute has since spilled into federal court. "Community Health's latest proposal does not reflect our current financial position, our 2011 outlook and our positive future growth prospects," Tenet President and CEO Trevor Fetter said in a statement. Tenet, meanwhile, said its board of

"Community Health's latest proposal does not reflect our current financial position."

Trevor Fetter
Tenet President and CEO

directors approved the repurchase of up to \$400 million shares of common stock. In November, CHS had offered to buy Tenet for \$5 per share in cash and \$1 per share in stock. It took the offer to Tenet shareholders in December after Tenet rejected that bid. CHS said in January it would nominate its own slate of directors to Tenet's board. Tenet, based in Dallas, said in early January that it was adopting a "poison pill" stock distribution measure to deter the takeover bid. A poison pill defends a company against takeovers by diluting the holdings of an

unwanted acquirer. It also has delayed its annual meeting and election of directors to November. Tenet then filed a lawsuit in April, claiming CHS bilks Medicare by admitting patients when they should only be kept under observation, a practice that Tenet said leads to artificial inflation of CHS's stock price. CHS, based in Franklin, Tenn., has denied the allegation and asked a judge to dismiss the suit. After the lawsuit filing, CHS switched its \$6-per-share offer to an all-cash offer to allay any concerns about its stock price. CHS runs about 130 hospitals in fast-growing and non-urban markets, while Tenet's 49 hospitals are in urban and suburban markets. CHS purchased the Wyoming Valley Health Care System for \$271 million on May 1, 2009. This month a \$150 million sale was finalized that brought three former area Mercy Hospitals, one in Nanticoke, one in Scranton and one in Tunkhannock, into the CHS fold.



LinkedIn headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. The professional networking website plans to sell shares.

LinkedIn wants to sell stock

NEW YORK — Professional networking website LinkedIn Corp. hopes to sell its stock for \$32 to \$35 per share in an upcoming initial public offering. Its IPO may encourage other growing Internet services to make their stock market debuts during the next year. The price target, set in a filing Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission, signals that LinkedIn is nearly ready to complete its IPO. The shares are expected to be sold May 18, according to IPO analyst Scott Sweet. The stock would then begin trading under the ticker symbol of "LNKD" on the New York Stock Exchange. The company's debut could offer a preview of investor demand for other popular online services that connect people with common interests. Although they haven't set timetables, Facebook, Twitter, the online deals site Groupon and the game maker Zynga are among the other social-networking services expected to go public. With more than 500 million users, Facebook is considered to the hottest commodity of them all.

NEW GEISINGER CLINIC HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING



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On Monday, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new Geisinger Clinic in Dallas. Participating in the event, from left, were Trish Brent, the director of clinical operations; Lori Zaleski, senior director of CareSite pharmacy; Pat Langan, operations manager for community practice in Luzerne County; Dr. John Gardner, department medical director for community practice in Luzerne County; Dr. Glenn Steele Jr., president and CEO of the Geisinger Health System; Dr. Mike Kovalick, the physician site lead at the Geisinger Medical Group in Dallas; and Dr. Stella Cruz, a pediatrician. The 17,000-square-foot building on Lt. Michael Cleary Drive was designed by Williams Kinsman Lewis Architecture in Wilkes-Barre. In addition to a family practice and laboratory, the site also offers pediatric, podiatry and radiological services, as well as sports medicine and general surgery.

Data hack reveals potential disaster scenario



The recent news that PlayStation users' personal data has been compromised might seem like generic "Who cares?" technology news.

Unless you happen to own a PlayStation, of course. Hacking and data theft are part of life in the 21st century — it's gone from an "oh no" scenario to a "damn it, not again" occurrence. When proper security measures are taken, your data is generally safe, so you have no one to blame but yourself. However, depending on your age — and parents, I'm directing this at you — you can't easily protect data that gets entered into your PlayStation, Xbox, or other generic Internet-enabled devices. And in many cases, it's children or young people who do the data entry. So, let's say you give your credit card number to your children or input it in a game console yourself so that

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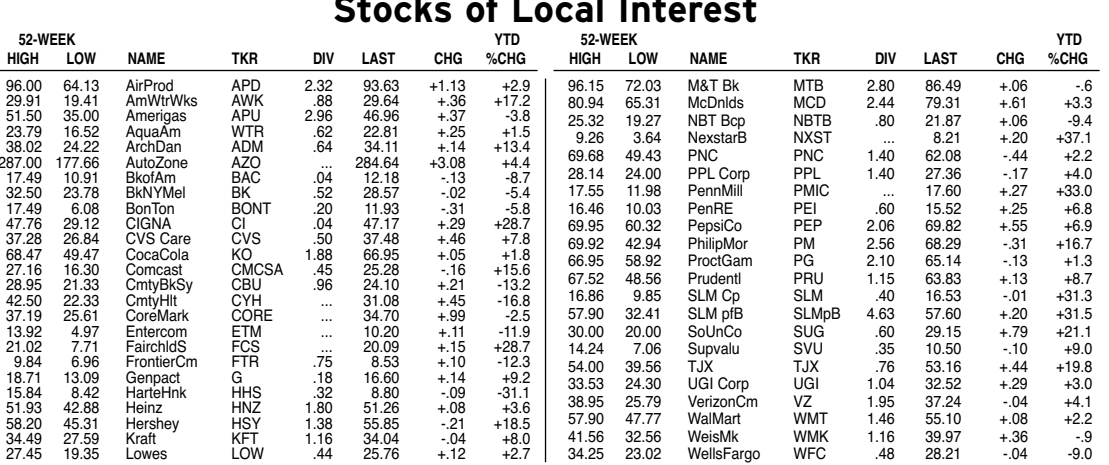
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your children can buy new games, buy expandable content, or utilize other paid services. But how much attention do typical parents pay to what their children are doing, aside from ensuring that they aren't playing games with overly graphic content? Granted, that's not quite how the current PlayStation hack works. But it is, without a doubt, putting sensitive information in someone else's hands — someone who may not have sufficient judgment. And let's look at Facebook as well. Few age restrictions and it encourages people to regurgitate as much personal information as possible. And increasingly, they have been moving to offer paid services to consumers as well. Realistically, anything that connects to the Internet — your phone, your

Xbox, your TV — all have access to at least some personal information. Internet-enabled TVs for example, require you to input an e-mail address and sometimes credit card information to purchase apps. How secure are these new mediums? Who is responsible for their security? Two points: One: You are, ultimately, the last possible gatekeeper when it comes to your personal information. Do at least a little research to discover where that information is going and how it's used. Two: Think twice before entering any sensitive information. You're never fully secure. It may be a good idea to establish separate accounts or cards for online-only usage, and even a separate e-mail address from which to conduct business. Nick DeLorenzo is director of Interactive and New Media for The Times Leader. Write him at ndelorenzo@timesleader.com.

Hertz ups Avis offer

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — Hertz Global Holdings Inc., the largest publicly traded rental-car company, said Monday it has offered to buy Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group Inc. for \$2.24 billion in cash and stock, countering a bid by Avis Budget Group Inc. Hertz offered \$72 a share, 24 percent more than Avis's offer, the Park Ridge, N.J.-based company said in a statement. Hertz aims to thwart the planned combination of Avis and Dollar Thrifty after having an earlier offer rejected. Since then, Parsippany, N.J.-based Avis and Dollar Thrifty, which has its headquarters in Tulsa, Okla., have been seeking Federal Trade Commission approval for a deal that would combine the third- and fourth-largest U.S. rental-car companies. "I feel certain that this will not be the last act of the bidding process either," Fred Lowrance, an analyst with Avondale Partners in Nashville, Tenn., said in an e-mail. "I would expect to hear from Avis — FTC clearance or not — very soon." Hertz's offer, which isn't subject to financing conditions, consists of \$57.60 in cash and 0.8546 Hertz shares.



Stocks of Local Interest

Combined Stocks

Vitran (VTNC)

Vitrin is a small Canadian trucker that's little known among U.S. investors. It's growing quickly and adding more routes in this country. Its first-quarter revenue rose by 18 percent from a year earlier. Dahlman Rose analyst Jason Seidl expects Vitrin stock to reach \$22 per share over the next year. That's a 40 percent increase from its current price. Profits at small truckers like Vitrin can fluctuate because they can't buy and sell trucks as quickly as larger companies to meet rising or falling demand. But Seidl says the potential gains from the stock are worth the risk.

Kansas City Southern (KSU)

Big railroads want to expand, and tiny Kansas City Southern looks like an attractive takeover target, says Eric Marshall, portfolio manager of the Hodges Small Cap fund. The company is unusual because its rail network runs north-south; most go east-west. Kansas City Southern also gets almost half its revenue from Mexico. Its economy grew nearly 6 percent in 2010 and is expected to grow nearly 5 percent this year. Larger train operators like CSX do all of their business in the U.S. Kansas City Southern's earnings are expected to rise 31 percent this year. The stock is up 17 percent this year.

Monday close	\$56.63	are worth the risk.	
52-WEEK RANGE		Monday close	\$15.50
\$31.73	● 58.92	52-WEEK RANGE	
Price-earnings ratio	30	\$8.25	● 16.00
(based on past 12 months)		P/E ratio	lost money
Market value	\$6.2 billion	(based on past 12 months)	
REVENUE		Market value	\$253 million
2009	\$1.5 billion	REVENUE	
2010	1.8 billion	2009	\$629 million
NET INCOME		2010	673 million
2009	68 million	NET INCOME	
2010	180 million	2009	-\$4 million
ANNUALIZED RETURNS		2010	-38 million
5 years	16%	ANNUALIZED RETURNS	
10 years	16%	5 years	-7%
		10 years	20%

SOURCES: FactSet; Morningstar Returns through May 6 Chip Cutter, Francesca Levy, Elizabeth Gramling • AP

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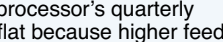
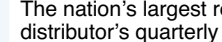
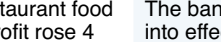
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Foreign Exchange & Metals

CURRENCY	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.6386	+0.016	+1.0%	1.6039	1.4808
Canadian Dollar	1.9644	-0.048	-5.50%	1.0028	1.0433
USD per Euro	1.4336	-0.001	-0.1%	1.3830	1.2731
Japanese Yen	80.39	-19	-2.24%	81.60	91.35
Mexican Peso	11.6357	-0.132	-1.1%	12.1900	12.8290
METALS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
Copper	4.00	3.96	+1.02	-8.8	+24.54
Gold	1502.90	1491.20	+0.78	+6.60	+25.20
Platinum	1795.10	1786.40	+0.49	-0.80	+6.00
Silver	37.11	35.28	+5.18	+28.40	+100.27
Palladium	728.90	716.20	+1.77	-1.72	+39.24

Story Stocks

Commodities prices recovered some of last week's losses. That helped lift stocks in energy and raw materials companies despite new worries about Greece's debt problems. The S&P 500 rose 0.5 percent. The Dow rose 0.5 percent. The Nasdaq rose 0.6 percent. Financial stocks were the only industry group to fall. Citigroup Inc. fell 2.7 percent on its first day of trading after completing a one-for-10 reverse split. Better sales pushed other companies higher.

Tyson Foods	TSN	Sysco	SYY	Citigroup	C
Close: \$17.75 ▼-1.14 or -6.0%		Close: \$31.57 ▲3.06 or 10.7%		Close: \$44.16 ▼-1.04 or -2.3%	
The meat processor's quarterly profit was flat because higher feed costs offset improving demand and higher meat prices.		The nation's largest restaurant food distributor's quarterly profit rose 4 percent. That beat expectations of Wall Street analysts.		The bank's reverse stock split went into effect, raising share prices by 10 times. But the stock fell throughout the trading day.	
					
\$14.59 52-week range \$20.12		\$27.13 52-week range \$32.76		\$35.30 52-week range \$51.50	
Vol.: 12.2m (3.3x avg.) PE: 7.3 Mkt. Cap: \$5.46 b Yield: 0.9%		Vol.: 34.0m (7.1x avg.) PE: 16.3 Mkt. Cap: \$18.4 b Yield: 3.3%		Vol.: 49.0m (1.2x avg.) PE: 147.2 Mkt. Cap: \$128.59 b Yield: ...	

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7-DAY FORECAST

TODAY 72°
Sunny, cool
40°

WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny
72°
43°

THURSDAY
Sunny, low humidity
75°
47°

FRIDAY
Partly sunny
75°
52°

SATURDAY
Showers possible
70°
52°

SUNDAY
Showers likely
70°
55°

MONDAY
Showers likely
70°
55°

REGIONAL FORECAST

TODAY'S SUMMARY

Today's high/
Tonight's low

The Poconos
Highs: 67-73. Lows: 39-44. Sunny with light winds.

The Jersey Shore
Highs: 63-67. Lows: 47-50. Mostly sunny.

The Finger Lakes
Highs: 67-70. Lows: 37-48. Mostly sunny today, remaining clear overnight.

Brandywine Valley
Highs: 71-73. Lows: 45-51. Partly to mostly sunny.

Delmarva/Ocean City
Highs: 62-71. Lows: 45-53. Mostly sunny, some clouds to the west.

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Temperatures

Yesterday 68/40
Average 69/46
Record High 90 in 1979
Record Low 31 in 1966
Heating Degree Days*
Yesterday 11
Month to date 84
Year to date 6111
Last year to date 5638
Normal year to date 6052
*Index of fuel consumption, how far the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.

Precipitation

Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 1.70"
Normal month to date 1.03"
Year to date 18.65"
Normal year to date 11.54"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise 5:51a
Sunset 8:10p
Today 5:51a
Tomorrow 5:50a

Sunrise 5:51a
Sunset 8:11p
Today 12:25p
Tomorrow 1:35p

River Levels, from 12 p.m. yesterday.

Susquehanna Stage	Chg.	Fld. Stg.
Wilkes-Barre	8.77	-1.35 22.0
Towanda	5.13	-0.87 21.0

Lehigh

Bethlehem 3.73 1.41 16.0

Delaware

Port Jervis 5.16 -0.35 18.0

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL FORECAST: Scattered showers and thunderstorms will be likely through portions of the Southeast today. Some storms could be strong to severe. A low pressure system extended across the central United States will bring partly cloudy skies, but not much precipitation to the central states.

I have many friends this week. Since we have a chance to go six straight days without rain (today would make three), I may be tempted to climb a mountain, beat my chest and take all the credit. With a storm stalled in the north Atlantic and a ridge of high pressure wedged in place over our area, dry northerly winds will continue, allowing for sunny days and cool nights through Thursday. We may even get through Friday, and most of Saturday without rain. I fear we may pay for all this dry weather next week when our rainfall is projected to be above normal ... again.

- Tom Clark

City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Anchorage	54/38/00	55/35/pc	53/33/pc
Atlanta	84/64/00	90/65/t	91/66/pc
Baltimore	73/52/00	74/48/pc	75/51/s
Boston	67/52/00	62/48/c	58/48/sh
Buffalo	64/43/00	68/48/s	73/53/s
Charlotte	82/56/00	81/60/t	81/58/t
Chicago	72/47/00	78/65/pc	84/62/t
Cleveland	64/42/00	67/54/c	77/59/pc
Dallas	92/73/00	88/71/t	88/70/t
Denver	84/58/00	73/39/pc	51/41/sh
Detroit	67/44/00	65/53/pc	73/55/t
Honolulu	81/72/39	85/72/r	86/73/r
Houston	93/76/00	91/73/s	90/74/pc
Indianapolis	76/55/00	84/66/t	86/66/pc
Las Vegas	66/56/00	74/55/c	83/61/pc
Los Angeles	65/54/00	66/56/pc	67/57/pc
Miami	92/71/00	89/74/pc	87/74/pc
Milwaukee	58/48/06	61/53/pc	67/53/t
Minneapolis	68/54/47	81/63/pc	78/57/t

City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Myrtle Beach	75/61/04	78/62/t	79/59/t
Nashville	85/63/00	89/65/pc	90/66/pc
New Orleans	89/70/00	87/71/s	88/72/pc
Norfolk	74/53/00	71/53/pc	72/55/pc
Oklahoma City	93/71/00	94/71/pc	86/62/t
Omaha	94/68/00	91/65/s	81/58/t
Orlando	94/61/00	92/70/pc	91/73/pc
Phoenix	80/65/00	81/58/pc	88/64/pc
Pittsburgh	70/44/00	77/53/pc	80/53/pc
Portland, Ore.	59/48/00	68/49/c	65/45/c
St. Louis	84/67/00	94/73/pc	91/67/pc
Salt Lake City	45/41/23	56/43/sh	63/45/c
San Antonio	95/73/00	90/73/pc	89/74/t
San Diego	63/58/00	67/54/pc	67/56/pc
San Francisco	62/47/00	64/47/pc	62/49/pc
Seattle	57/48/00	62/49/c	60/47/sh
Tampa	87/68/00	90/71/pc	91/68/pc
Tucson	81/65/00	79/52/pc	84/57/pc
Washington, DC	73/53/00	75/54/pc	77/51/s

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School nurses are vital

By EILEEN GODIN
Times Leader Correspondent

Despite threats from state funding cuts and proposed changes to school nursing educational requirements, school nurses are proving to be an important part of students' academic lives.

The school nurse is the first medical person a student will see when injured or ill. Today, many public school nurses are juggling administering medications to children through pick lines, tracheostomy tubes, monitoring diabetes cases and creating curriculum to promote good nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

According to nationwide statistics released from the National Association of School Nurses, only 45 percent of schools have a full-time nursing staff, 30 percent have part-time nurses and 25 percent are without school nurses.

"It would be sad for the community if school nurses did not exist," said Linda Burd, certified school nurse for the Dallas School District's elementary schools in Dallas.

Besides meeting the current health needs of students, school nurses take an active role in preventing and reporting communicable diseases such as head lice, chickenpox or staph infection outbreaks, Burd said.

Some districts such as Greater Nanticoke Area and Wyoming Valley West have their certified school nurses shifting to different school buildings throughout the week. If the certified school nurse is in one building, a registered nurse provides coverage in another.

Wyoming Valley West School District has six certified school nurses and four licensed practical nurses to cover nine buildings. They also cover private and parochial schools including, Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston, Graham Academy in Luzerne, Apple Tree Nursery and Primary School in Forty Fort, Wyoming Seminary Lower School in Kingston, and the Wyoming Valley Montessori School in Kingston.

The difference between being a certified school nurse and a registered nurse is 24 credits in nursing school. This three-year certificate is awarded by the Department of Education, said Laura O'Malley, Dallas School District nursing department supervisor and certified school nurse.

"It is a specialty," O'Malley said. "The extended practicum is necessary to refine nursing skills. You cannot rely on a second opinion."

A proposed U.S. Senate Bill 802 would abbreviate training requirements for school nurses. O'Malley and Sandy Najaka, nursing coordinator with Greater Nanticoke Area and a certified school nurse, disagree with the proposed bill, stating the specialized training received from the certification prepares them to effectively handle the mental and physical wellbeing of the student population.

"You really would not under-

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Registered nurses Terri Kelley, left, and Donna Stancavage, help Lauren Nee with her newborn son, Gavin, on the third floor Obstetrics unit at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Plains Township.

TAKING CARE OF NEW LIFE

By CAMILLE FIOTT
Times Leader Correspondent

Florence Nightingale believed her divine calling in life was to be a nurse. Born to a wealthy landowner in 1820, she grew up in a world of opulence and finery. Much to her mother's dismay, however, she turned her back on the privileged life and taught herself the art of nursing. During the Crimean War, she cared for wounded British soldiers in European military hospitals.

Dubbed "The Lady with the Lamp" because of her habit of making rounds at night, Florence set an example of compassion and excellence in patient care. Bearing no children of her own, she gave birth to the profession of modern nursing as we know it today. More than 30 years after her death at the age of 90, the first National Nurses Week was observed in 1954 in honor of Nightingale, marking the 100th anniversary of her mission to Crimea.

It takes a special person to be a nurse. Terri Kelley, of Dallas, has seen her share of joy and sadness as a registered nurse in the Obstetrics unit at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

"It's a rewarding job, but it's not always rocking babies," she said.

Happiness filled the air inside the homey private suite on the third floor



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Rosalie Sawchak, a registered nurse and clinical director of Obstetrics and Pediatrics, prepares a stabillette, an infant warmer, in the delivery room at the Nesbitt Women's and Children's Center at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Obstetrics unit at Geisinger one recent afternoon. Cradling her 1-day-old daughter, Aubrey, Brooke Mizenko, 30, of Pittston, said she appreciated the convenience of staying with

her baby in the same room she labored and delivered in. Aubrey's father, Corey, 37, agreed.

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Programs providing advanced opportunities

By STEVEN FONDO
Times Leader Correspondent

As baby-boomers approach retirement and we enter what census officials call "the graying of America," health care and, in particular, the need for highly-trained nurses will take on an even greater prominence. Wilkes University and the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center have successful, state-of-the-art nursing programs which offer area students the education and clinical training required to meet the ever-growing demand for quality health care.

Wilkes University opened its new School of Nursing in 2010 to train students across a variety of curricula and specialties ranging from a four-year RN, Bachelor of Science through advanced degrees in Master's level and Doctoral programs.

"Wilkes has the first independent school of nursing in the area," said Dr. Mary Ann T. Merrigan, associate dean and chairwoman of the school of nursing. "The recent addition of our doctoral program makes us a comprehensive learning facility, which reflects the university's commitment to professional nursing education."

Dr. Maryann Merrigan
Wilkes University's
nursing chairwoman

Merrigan said the admission process is very selective and the curriculum is challenging. Admission statistics show that 160 applications were approved across all nursing levels out of the 260 submitted. In fact, the school of nursing had the highest number of deposits university-wide.

"We have one of the best nursing programs right here in our own backyard," said Carmen Bower of Kingston, a senior nursing student at the school. "I wanted to be a nurse since I was a child so when I graduated from Bishop Hoban, I knew I wanted to go to Wilkes. The program has its overwhelming moments, but the clinical instructors are great. They're always available if you need assistance."

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VA medical center provides special care for heroes

By EILEEN CIPRIANI
Times Leader correspondent

Registered nurse Linda Zaneski believes the field of nursing is filled with exciting opportunities and rewards. The Edwardsville resident is the deputy nurse executive at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, which serves more than 40,000 veterans in 19 counties throughout Pennsylvania and southern New York.

"You can work in a helicopter or an emergency room, the field is so open and with so many opportunities," Zaneski says.

In her nursing administrator role, Zaneski is responsible for staffing levels throughout the facility to ensure patients receive proper care. Zaneski says the VA is fortunate because the turnover rate is very low and staffing is adequate. She encourages her nursing staff to seek advanced certifications in their specialties. This advanced training has served to improve the quality of care at the Plains Township center.

Zaneski is also excited about advancements in the technology coming to the VA. The facility

plans to open a Cardiac Catheterization Lab and a new state-of-the-art Hemodialysis Center. Previously, veterans had to travel to other facilities for catheterizations. The VA has a full-scale operating room for major and minor procedures and recently hired another orthopedic surgeon to assist with the large volume of cases. Zaneski also notes that the VA offers special programs for members of the military who are serving in current

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Beth Morio, RN, checks the blood pressure of Quinto Rossi, 89, at the Community Living Center at the VA medical center in Plains Township. Rossi, a resident at CLC for the past two years, says he is well cared for by the staff.

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Donna Delaney, RN, nurses manager, and Angela Banellis, RN, go over paper work at the nurses' station in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Plains Township.

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conflicts. These programs help servicemen and women assimilate back into civilian life and they offer follow-up care.

Multi-tasking and sometimes juggling are needed to balance her career and family, Zaneski says, but her enthusiasm for the field of nursing is evident. Her responsibilities at the VA require her to wear multiple hats. She also is the acting chief of geriatrics at the Community Living Center at the VA. The CLC is a 105-bed assisted-living center. Zaneski is very proud of the CLC for the excellent care that is given to the veteran residents and the active lifestyle afforded them with activities such as hockey games, bingo and parties.

Qunito P. Rossi, 89, a resident at CLC for the past two years says he is well cared for by the staff. Rossi is a veteran of World War II and former prisoner of war in Germany. Rossi had been treated as an outpatient at the VA for years prior to becoming a resident at the CLC.

But not all nurses affiliated with the VA work in the hospital or assistant living facility.

Registered nurse Beth Ann Morio of Lehman Township is also a nurse at the VA, but her role with the facility is very different. Morio is a home-based primary care nurse. She has been with the VA for the past 18 years after serv-



Deborah Mudlock, LPN, prepares medication for distribution at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Plains Township.

ing as an army medic in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm. Morio is part of a team consisting of physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers and pharmacists who go to veterans' homes and evaluate, educate and care for veterans who are unable to travel to the hospital or one of the VA clinics.

Advances in electronic records and monitoring devices have made this program more effective. The electronic technology links the hospital services and services from other veterans' medical facilities to give the patient the best care possible. The program also has a 24-hour triage nursing service to give veterans medical advice.

Morio and Zaneski are proud of the work being done at the VA medical center and are excited about the field of nursing.

"Nurses now are involved in more critical thinking and playing a role in decision making," says Zaneski.

"Nursing is diverse; it is one of the best career options out there."

NEW LIFE

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"The baby definitely seemed to bond better." The fourth floor of the hospital is being renovated to include 15 additional rooms to handle postpartum, postoperative and other women's health issues. The unit is expected to open in July.

The level of neonatal care at Geisinger Wyoming Valley and Nesbitt Women's and Children's Center at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital is classified as Level I, which provides post-natal care to healthy newborns and stabilizes babies who are born premature or ill until they can be transferred to a facility that can provide a higher level of care. Currently, when a baby who needs additional intervention is born at Geisinger Wyoming Valley, he or she is airlifted to Geisinger's Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Danville. But by October, the hospital will be able to care for neonates in its new NICU, a separate building that will be connected to the obstetrics unit and accessed by a hallway.

Donna Stancavage, a registered nurse and operations manager of the obstetrics unit at Geisinger said she has seen a lot of changes since she began her career at the hospital 30 years ago. Stancavage, Drums, said new technology such as central monitoring has greatly improved the level of care patients receive. Both hospitals have taken extra security precautions by fitting newborns with electronic bracelets. If a baby gets too close to the exit door, an alarm sounds and the doors lock automatically.

Many of the new mothers Stancavage cared for in her earlier years have come back with their daughters to witness the birth of grandchildren.

"I'm seeing the generations," she said. "It's such a rewarding specialty. If you are a really good labor nurse, your patient never forgets you." Stancavage said the unit couldn't run as efficiently without such a skilled staff.

"If you find a dedicated OB nurse, she's here until she re-



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Donna Stancavage, RN, checks the schedule in the Obstetrics unit at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Plains Township. She has seen many changes in nursing during her 30-year career.



Terri Kelley, RN, says working in the nursery on the third floor at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center is rewarding.

tires or wins the lottery."

Rosalie Sawchak of Swoyersville, decided at the age of 16 to become a nurse, when she saw how well her aunt cared for her dying grandmother. "When I saw what she did, I knew I wanted to help sick people," she said. With only three days to go before graduating from Wyoming Valley West High School in 1968, Sawchak entered Nesbitt Hospital's School of Nursing. After receiving her high school diploma, Sawchak dove into the rigorous three-year program that continued through the summers. While doing rotations in the obstetrics unit as a nursing student, Sawchak said she knew she found her specialty.

"I saw these new lives come into this world and knew I wanted to help moms with



Terri Kelley, RN, helps nursing student Melissa Atkins, left, in the nursing station on the third floor Obstetrics unit at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

their babies."

Sawchak, a registered nurse and clinical director of obstetrics and pediatrics at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, recalls one life-changing experience. An expectant mother of twins was brought into the unit from her doctor's office because she hadn't felt her babies move for a while. A baby boy was delivered first, but had complications. His sister was delivered next but also had a lot of problems. She had no heartbeat and wasn't breathing, Sawchak said. As the doctor worked on the baby boy, he gave Sawchak instructions on how to treat the

infant girl, who was intubated to open her airway.

"I had the stethoscope and heard the baby's heart rate go from a slow 'thump, thump' to a normal heart rate," Sawchak said.

"I still get chills when I think about how we were able to take a baby from the brink of death and bring her back to life."

Sadly, the baby boy died. Sawchak recalled how, two and a half years later, that same mother came back to the hospital to deliver another child. The little girl she helped save was with her mother and doing fine.

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stand the need unless you spend the day in our shoes," Najaka said. "We deal with students and their families with health, social and mental issues."

Beth Blaum, a head nurse for Wyoming Seminary Upper School in Kingston, said since her student population lives on campus, her situation is a little different from a public school.

"Independent schools, such as Wyoming Seminary, do not require certification," Blaum said.

With 17 years of school nursing and triage experience behind her, Blaum is able to meet the immediate needs of the school's student population. She does not see cases of students with pick lines and trachs like the public schools, but assists students in illnesses

and injuries.

"We have a physician who is available to us every day, based on need," she said.

With the high costs of health care, Najaka and O'Malley said a number of students and families rely on the public school nurse to advise when to see a doctor about an illness.

Donna Martin, head of nursing for the Wyoming Valley West District and a certified school nurse, said in addition to giving acute care, "you also have to be a social worker."

"Every student who walks through my door has a problem; something going on," Blaum said. "A failed math test that they do not want to tell Mom and Dad about or Mom was diagnosed with breast cancer and they cannot get home."

Sometimes students just need someone to listen and a shoulder to cry on, Martin said.



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HEALTH CALENDAR

TODAY

AL-ANON PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: 7:15 p.m., Nesbitt Medical Center, 562 Wyoming Ave., Kingston (ER entrance). Call 603-0541 or (866) 231-2650.

ARTHRITIS LAND EXERCISE: 10:30-11:30 a.m., John Heinz Institute, 150 Mundy St., Wilkes-Barre Township. Call 826-3738.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: 7-8:30 p.m., Annunciation Roman Catholic church, 122 S. Wyoming St. Hazleton. Call (877) 438-3511; 4:30-5:30 p.m., Hospice for the Sacred Heart, Center for Education, 340 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic. Call 706-2400.

BI-POLAR/DEPRESSION SUPPORT: for those with bi-polar disorder or fighting chronic depression, 6:30 p.m., Community Counseling Services board room, 110 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Call 954-9184.

BREAST-FEEDING INFORMATION: Greater Pittston La Leche League, 10 a.m., St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin. Call (800) 432-8007.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: 12-step bible-based recovery program for hurts, habits and hang ups, 6:30 p.m., Cross Creek Community Church, Carverton Road, Trucksville. Call Dave at 706-5104.

GASTRIC BYPASS SUPPORT: 5-8 p.m., Dorranceton United Methodist Church, 549 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. Call 864-3289.

GENTLE YOGA CLASS FOR CANCER PATIENTS & OTHERS: 5:30-6:45 p.m., Candy's Place, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort. Free to cancer patients (doctor's note required for all patients); \$5 per class or \$30 per month for all others. Call 714-8800.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: noon, basement of St. Stanislaus Church, West Church and Maple streets, Nanticoke; 6:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Church, 211 E. Main St., Wilkes-Barre; 8-9 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 190 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre; 8 p.m., Nesbitt Medical Arts Building, 534 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. Call (866) 935-4762.

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: 7-8 p.m., Town Hill Methodist Church, 417 Town Hill Road, Shickshinny. Call Barbara at 256-7735 or visit www.oa.org.

SENIORS EXERCISE: Group strength/stretch exercise and relaxation classes for adults 55 and older, 10:15 a.m., Thomas P. Saxton Medical Pavilion, 468 Northampton St., Edwardsville. Call 552-4550.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC: for Wilkes-Barre residents only, 1-4 p.m., Kirby

Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Call 208-4268.

TRAUMA SUPPORT: day program for female trauma victims, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Nanticoke. Call Linda O'Boyle at 735-7590.

WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, weigh-in 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting to follow, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Hanover Township. Contact Tess at 825-6312.

WEDNESDAY

ABUSE SUPPORT: a community support group for victims and survivors of domestic violence in the Wilkes-Barre area. 6:30 pm Childcare is provided. Call 1-800-

424-5600. Services are free and confidential.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: 7 p.m., Wesley Village, 209 Roberts Road, Jenkins Township. Call 655-2891, ext. 402.

AQUATIC EXERCISE AND AEROBICS: 3:30-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m., John Heinz Institute, 150 Mundy St., Wilkes-Barre Township. Call 826-3738.

ARTHRITIS AQUATIC PROGRAM: 2:30-3:15 p.m., Greater Pittston YMCA, 10 N. Main St., Pittston. Call 655-2255.

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9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Collections also take place every Monday from 9 a.m.-noon at the Hazleton Chapter House, 165 Susquehanna Blvd., Hazleton. For a complete donation schedule, visit nepagivelife.org or call (800) GIVE-LIFE, ext. 2150. Area blood donation sites include: **Today,** 12:30-6 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4909, 403 Main St., Dupont; 12:30- 6 p.m., St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown. **Thursday,** 12:30-6 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 316 S. Main St., Mountain Top. **Sunday,** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 529

Stephenson St., Duryea. **Monday,** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, 40 W. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre; 12:30-6 p.m., Odyssey Fitness Center, 401 Coal St., Wilkes-Barre. **May 17,** noon-6 p.m., Thomas P. Saxton Medical Pavilion, 468 Northampton St., Edwardsville; noon-6 p.m., Northeast Sports and Fitness, 209 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top. **May 18,** 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., West Side Career and Technology Center, Evans Street, Pringle. **May 19,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 111 E. End Blvd., Plains Township.

FREE MEDICAL CLINICS

BACK MOUNTAIN FREE MEDICAL CLINIC: 6:30 p.m. Fridays, 65 Davis St., Shavertown. Volunteers, services and supplies needed. For more information, call 696-1144.

BMW FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC: 6-8 p.m., second Thursday, New Covenant Christian Fellowship Church, rear entrance, 780 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Free basic care for people without health insurance and the underserved. Call 822-9605.

CARE AND CONCERN FREE HEALTH CLINIC: Registration 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, former Seton Catholic High School, 37

William St., Pittston. Basic health care and information provided. Call 954-0645.

CARE AND CONCERN FREE PEDIATRIC HEALTH CLINIC for infants through age 11, former Seton Catholic High School, 37 William St., Pittston. Registrations accepted from 4:30-5:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 654-9923.

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WILKES-BARRE FREE CLINIC: 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Appointments are necessary. Call 793-4361. Physicians, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, RNs, LPNs and social workers are needed as well as receptionists and interpreters. To volunteer assistance leave a message for Pat at 793-4361.

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Loving Memory" support group for parents who have lost a child, 7 p.m., at the home of Norm and Peg Ball, Tunkhannock. For information or address, call 836-3324.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Edwardsville Apartment Complex community room, 9 Beverly Drive, Edwardsville. Call Nancy, 331-0235.

EXERCISE CLASS: 10:15-11:30 a.m., standing strong chair class, Candy's Place, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort. Free to cancer patients (doctor's note required for all patients); \$5 per class or \$30 per month for all others. Call 714-8800.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: 7:30 p.m., 333 Broad St., Hazleton. Call Help Line, 829-1341.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: 1-4 p.m., Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Free for children ages 6 weeks to 18 years. Must have a current immunization record and call 208-4268 for an appointment.

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NAR-ANON: support group for families affected by the disease of drug addiction; 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 175 S. Main Road, Mountain Top. Call 262-3793.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: 7 p.m., basement of St. Stanislaus Church, West Church and Maple streets, Nanticoke; 8 p.m., Nesbitt Medical Arts Building auditorium, 534 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. Call (866) 935-4762.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: beginners' meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dorranceton United Methodist Church, 549 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. Call Diane, 822-6239 or visit www.oa.org.

SUNRISE STRETCH: sponsored by Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties, 7:30 a.m., Swallow Street, Pittston. Call 822-1158.

WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, weigh-in 5:30-5:55 p.m., briefing 6-6:30 p.m., Lehman United Methodist Church, call 675-1682 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; 6-6:45 p.m. weigh-in and 7 p.m. meeting, West Pittston Borough Building; weigh-in 5:30-6 p.m., 6 p.m. meeting, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas, call 639-5464.

THURSDAY

ADDICTION HELP: Recovery Through Jesus, 11 a.m., Christ Community Church, 100 West Dorrance St., Kingston. Call

283-2202.

AGING PARENTS: caregiver support group, 7 p.m., Moses Taylor Hospital, original hospital building, second floor, partial hospitalization program, Scranton. Call 340-2362.

AL-ANON: 10 a.m., Nebo Baptist Church, 75 S. Prospect St., Nanticoke; 7 p.m., Brick United Methodist Church, 935 Foote Ave., Duryea; 7:30 p.m., Misericordia University, Mercy Center, 301 Lake St., Dallas Township (first building on right). Call 603-0541 or (866) 231-2650.

ALATEEN: 7:30 p.m., Misericordia University, Mercy Center, 301 Lake St., Dallas Township. Call 603-0541.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: 7:15 p.m., Heather Highlands Community Center, 609 S. Main St., Jenkins Township. Call 654-1032 or 655-1565.

EX-POWS' GROUP: 11 a.m., Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, eighth-floor group room, 111 East End Blvd., Plains Township. Call Alan Kurlansky at 824-3521, ext. 7698.

GENTLE YOGA CLASS FOR CANCER PATIENTS & OTHERS: 5:30-6:45 p.m., Candy's Place, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort. Free to cancer patients (doctor's note required for all patients); \$5 per class or \$30 per month for all others. Call 714-8800.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: 7-8:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 52 E. 8th St., Wyoming. Facilitated by

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HEALTH BRIEFS

Zumba classes offered

The Lake-Lehman Foundation is offering Zumba classes at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month of May at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary gymnasium, Market Street, Lehman Township. Classes are facilitated by certified instructor Gina Boyle.

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Geisinger-Mountain Top will host free blood pressure screenings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 19 at the Mountain Top Senior Center, inside Wright Manor, 460 S. Main Road, Mountain Top. At 12:30 p.m., Geisinger internal medicine

physician Dr. Sandeep Mehrook will present a free seminar on hypertension, including risk factors, prevention, diagnosis and treatment options.

Nursing staff will also provide health and safety information for seniors such as driving and fire safety and fall prevention. For more information, visit www.geisinger.org/events or call 1-800-275-6401 and say "CareLink."

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OSTOMY SUPPORT: 6 p.m., Hazelton General Hospital, annex board room, 700 E. Broad St. Call 501-4787.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: 7-8 p.m., Clearbrook, 1003 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Call Lori at 814-3051 or visit www.oa.org.

RECOVERY INC.: support group

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SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: for family and friends of suicide victims, 6-7:30 p.m., Catholic Social Services, 214 W. Walnut St. Hazleton

TRADITIONAL YOGA: 5:30-6:45 p.m., Candy's Place, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort. Cost is \$7; age 60 and older \$5. Call 714-8800.

WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, weigh-in 5:15-5:45 p.m., meeting follows, West Wyoming Municipal Building, 464 W. Eighth St., call 333-4930; weigh-in 5:30-6 p.m., meeting follows, Shavertown United Methodist Church basement, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Kingston Township, call Rhonda 696-5065 or Carol 477-5867.

FRIDAY

AL-ANON: 7 p.m., Nesbitt Medical Center, 562 Wyoming Ave., Kingston (front entrance, first room on right); 7:30 p.m., Triangle 24 Hour Club, Route 415, Dallas (next to bowling alley). Call 603-0541 or (866) 231-2650.

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Carmen Bower, of Kingston and a senior nursing student at the Wilkes University School of Nursing in Wilkes-Barre, will soon graduate and has already accepted a job locally.

PROGRAMS

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Bower said she recently accepted a position with Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center and plans to start work immediately after graduation. "We're like a family here," Bower said. "I plan to continue my education and work toward my master's here at Wilkes."

Student exit interviews reveal job placement numbers for graduates of the school are extremely high and a large percentage of students find employment in NEPA following graduation.

"I actually talked with two students from other states who plan to relocate to the area to accept job offers this summer," says Merrigan. "That's a definite boost to our local economy."

"We've created a high-tech nursing program with a 21st century skill-set," Merrigan added. "There's no other profession that offers such a wealth of opportunities as nursing, both in and out of the hospital setting."

In Plains Township, the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technology Center's Licensed Practical Nursing program graduates more than 100 nurses each year.

"Our program serves many purposes," said Marybeth Pacuska, the director of practical nursing at the school. "We prepare our students to enter the workforce and earn a great living serving the people in our community. And we provide them with a strong foundation to continue their education through our strong articulation agreements with The University of Scranton and Wilkes."

Tuition for WBCTC's one-year LPN program is \$12,500 including books, supplies and fees and financial aid is available to qualified students. "Many of our current students are already CNAs (certified nursing assistants) who are working with elderly patients at long-term care facilities in the area," says Pacuska. "In fact, many of those facilities assist with the cost of tuition for students seeking their LPN."

"I couldn't have asked for a better school," says WBCTC student Christina Koprowski of Wanamie. "There's always someone to help. Someone to offer a word of encour-

"We have one of the best nursing programs right here in our own backyard. I wanted to be a nurse since I was a child so when I graduated from Bishop Hoban, I knew I wanted to go to Wilkes."

Carmen Bower
A senior at the Wilkes University School of Nursing



Freshmen nursing students Maseilla Anselme, left, and David Racemus demonstrate nursing procedures on an advanced nursing simulation mannequin at the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center in Plains Township.



Dr. Mary Ann T. Merrigan, associate dean and chairwoman of the Wilkes University School of Nursing, says the admission process is very selective and the curriculum is challenging.

agement."

Koprowski, who works part-time with mentally-challenged children, has already been offered full-time employment upon graduation.

"I keep telling myself, 'I can do this,'" says Koprowski adding "I now have faith in myself because my instructors showed faith in me."

Koprowski said a number of stu-

dents were single parents or unemployed and that the promise of a rewarding and secure career was a great incentive for the students to succeed.

"I've been in nursing education for over 50 years," Pacuska smiled. "And I'm extremely proud of the direct impact our LPNs have had on our community."

"It's my fondest hope that we'll continue for another 50 years."



NEPA Long Term Care Association sponsoring Spring Networking Mixer

A Spring Networking Mixer for nursing facilities, assisted-living centers and vendors will be sponsored by the Northeastern PA Long Term Care Association from 6 to 9 p.m. May 25 at the Waterfront in Plains Township. The event is free for association members and \$20 for non-members. Open registration will be available on site. Contact Michelle Baubie at 341-0050, ext. 1220, to register or for additional information. Board members planning the event, seated, are Ellen Craven, Linwood; Ann Quinnan, the Manor at St. Luke Village; Ron Patti, Birchwood; and Chris Minich, Allied Services. Standing: Jim Miller, Osprey Ridge; Gary Malia, Guardian; Bill Kammerer, Mountain View; Mark Palma, Mountain View; Jim O'Malley, Mobilex; and Len Wesolowski, Community Life Support.

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Wendi Wolford, NHA and Lori Shiskowski, DNS GLC Tunkhannock

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Ivan M. Vnuk

Ivan Matthew Vnuk, son of Brian and Mary Vnuk, Plymouth, celebrated his sixth birthday May 9. Ivan is a grandson of Edward Vnuk and the late Barbara Vnuk and Jacqueline Gabriel and George Becker, all of Plymouth. He has a sister, Julia.



Riley M. Purcell

Riley May Purcell, daughter of Patrick and Kelly Purcell, Kingston, is celebrating her fifth birthday today, May 10. Riley is a granddaughter of Brian Hann and the late Roger and Mary Alice Purcell, all of Kingston, and Susan Schlesing, Pittston. She is a great-granddaughter of Ketora Hann, Kingston. Riley has a brother, Rorey, 2, and a sister, Conlon, 3 months.



Hunter A. Hartz

Hunter Aspen Hartz, daughter of Chuck and Loree Hartz, Portland, Ore., is celebrating her 11th birthday today, May 10. Hunter is a granddaughter of Tom and Marie Hartz, Lake Silkworth, and Darald and Jackie Christensen, Beaverton, Ore. She is a great-granddaughter of the late Joseph and Genevieve Dorrance, Wilkes-Barre. Hunter has a brother, Jakob, 8.



Charleigh M. West

Charleigh Maye West, daughter of Patty Ann West, Harveys Lake, is celebrating her first birthday today, May 10. Charleigh is a granddaughter of Larry and Betty Jane West, Harveys Lake. She is a great-granddaughter of the late Charles and Shirley Maye Shovlin and the late Lawrence and Pauline West.



Gavin M. Bonar

Gavin Michael Bonar, son of Scott and Rosa Bonar, Mountain Top, is celebrating his second birthday today, May 10. Gavin is a grandson of Giacomo and Helen Calabrese, Mountain Top.



Aaron, Braydon and Carson Crossley

Aaron, Braydon and Carson Crossley, triplet sons of James and Debbie Crossley, are celebrating their fifth birthdays today, May 10. Aaron, Braydon and Carson are the grandsons of Dee Crossley, Exeter; James Crossley, California; and Juanita and Dave Aumick Sr., Plymouth. They are the great-grandsons of Martha Sorrells, Exeter, and the late Garrett Sorrells. Aaron, Braydon and Carson have two brothers, Mark and Bret, and a sister, Alexis.



Blood pressure screening held at Tiffany Court

Tiffany Court at Kingston, 700 Northampton St., Kingston, hosted a free blood pressure screening that was conducted by Amedysis Home Health Services. Participants, seated, are Dawn Nolan, RN; and Colleen Kranson, RN, of Amedysis Home Health. Standing: Denise Sherrill, LPN, executive director; Renee Newhart, LPN, resident services director; and Linda Valania, community relations director all of Tiffany Court.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Name: Albert
Sex: male
Age: 2 years old
Breed/type: Chihuahua-pug mix
About this dog: details not provided



Name: Patrick
Sex: male
Age: 8 months old
Breed/type: Angora mix
About this cat: details not provided

How to adopt: Call or visit the Hazleton Animal Shelter, 101 North Poplar St. (corner of Hemlock) in Hazleton. Phone 454-0640. Hours for adoptions are Monday through Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Business hours are Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wish List: donations of cat and dog foods, cleaning supplies, paper products, and blankets are in need.



Open house and health fair being held at The Meadows in Dallas

The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 55 W. Center Hill Road, in Dallas will have a free open house and health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday in the lobby and Community Room. A variety of health-related, wellness and beauty companies will provide screenings, samples, other services and information. Tours will take place and a healthy lunch will be sold. For more information, call Volunteer Services at 675-8600, ext. 195. Members of the planning committee, from left, are Marilyn Gregorski, volunteer director; Susan Gillespie, Ascera Care; Betty Sorchik, volunteer director; Ann Marie Trotta, Ascera Care; Alyson Neely, pet therapy; Joan Krispin, admissions director; Jennifer Kozak, Walgreens; George Schwartz, director of rehabilitation; Brenda Balinski, director of nursing; Rebecca Sims, registered dietitian; and doctors Robert Shmokler and Donald Kretchmer of Foot Center Podiatry.



Mental Illness Alliance slates Annual Walk for Recovery in May

'Connect the Pieces One by One' is this year's theme for the 10th Annual Walk for Recovery sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness-PA Wilkes-Barre Chapter and the mental health community in celebration of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. The free event will begin at noon on May 22 at the Guard Insurance Group parking lot, River and West Market streets, Wilkes-Barre. The walk will conclude at Kirby Park where a picnic, entertainment, pony and horseback rides will be held. A cookout, refreshments, along with a Chinese auction, will round out the afternoon's activities. For more information, phone NAMI Wilkes-Barre Chapter at 371-3844. Organizing the event, first row, are Jerri Sydlo, Northeast Counseling Services; Ruth Helgemo and Paul Radzavicz, NAMI-PA Wilkes-Barre Chapter. Second row: Stephanie Bradley, Northeast Counseling Services; Cathy Podlaski, Valerie May, JoAnn McGovern, and Paul VanMaanen, corporate compliance officer at Children's Service Center, and walk chairman.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

Editor's note: Please submit information for this space to people@timesleader.com or Senior News, The Times Leader, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711. To ensure accuracy, information must be typed or computer-generated. The deadline is each Thursday at noon for all copy. For more information, call Michele Harris at 829-7245.

EXETER: The Cosmopolitan Seniors invites the public on the following trips: Mount Airy Casino Wednesday; the Italian festival at Mt. Haven, June 15; the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster Aug. 17; and Oct. 19 for King Henry and the Showmen at Penn's Peak. Details can be obtained from Johanna at 655-2720.

KINGSTON: The Kingston Senior Center, 680 Wyoming Ave., will host a presentation on "Advance Medical Directives" at

10:45 a.m. today. Bagged lunches will be served Wednesday morning and the center will close at 11 a.m. to attend "Hollywood Glamour," the annual dinner dance at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre. Tickets are \$21 at the center. For more information, call 287-1102.

PLYMOUTH: Shawnee Senior Citizens will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at First Welsh Baptist Church, Shawnee and Girard avenues.

Members are asked to bring a sandwich; beverages will be provided.

TUNKHANNOCK: A line dancing class with Rose Mary Lubinski will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Wyoming County Senior Center, 101 Dymond Terrace. Cost is \$3. The shuffleboard team will play at Kingston at 10 a.m. on Monday. An open house is planned from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 18. Reservations can be made at the

center by May 17. A variety of activities will take place including a Healthy Steps chair exercise class at 9:15 a.m., line dancing at 10 a.m., lunch and bingo. For more information, call 836-2324.

WILKES-BARRE: The Charles T. Adams Senior Center, 5 E. Market St., will host Day of Caring volunteers from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. The Walking Group Kick-off Day and T-shirt give away be-

gins at 9:30 a.m. Friday. A bus trip to Mount Airy Casino will depart at 9 a.m. on June 21. Cost is \$25 per person with \$25 in free slot play and a \$10 voucher toward lunch. Call 825-3484 for more information.

WILKES-BARRE: The Miners Mills Community Club will meet at 1 p.m. Monday at St. Francis Church Hall, Miners Mills. Hosts are Helen Dula, Julia Dobish, Rose Hayes, Joan Herbert and Margaret Hoover.

GUIDELINES

Children's birthdays (ages 1-16) will be published free of charge

Photographs and information must be received **two full weeks** before your child's birthday. To ensure accurate publication, your information **must be typed or computer-generated**. Include your child's

name, age and birthday, parents', grandparents' and great-grandparents' names and their towns of residence, any siblings and their ages. Don't forget to include a **daytime contact phone number**.

We cannot return photos submitted for publication in community news, including birthday photos, occasions photos and all publicity photos. Please do not submit precious or original professional photographs that

require return because such photos can become damaged, or occasionally lost, in the production process. **Send to:** Times Leader Birthdays, 15 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0250.

WIN A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE

If your child's photo and birthday announcement is on this page, it will automatically be entered into the "Happy Birthday Shopping Spree" drawing for a \$50 certificate. One winner will be announced on the first of the month on this page.



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16	News	World News	Newsweek	Inside Edition	Dancing With the Stars (N) (TVPG)	Dancing With the Stars (N) (TVPG)	Dancing With the Stars (N) (TVPG)	Dancing With the Stars (N) (TVPG)	(C)1 Body of Proof (N) (CC) (TVPG)	News	(C)5 Nightline	
16.2	Maude (TVPG)	Maude (TVPG)	Good Times	Good Times	Married... With	Married... With	All in the Family	All in the Family	Newsweek	Seinfeld (TVPG)	The Nanny	The Nanny
22	Judge Judy	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	NCIS "Svan Song" (N) (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Imposters" (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Imposters" (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Imposters" (TV14)	The Good Wife (N) (CC) (TV14)	Access Hollywood	Letterman	
23	News	Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Biggest Loser	Contestants show what they have learned. (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Contestants show what they have learned. (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Contestants show what they have learned. (N) (CC) (TVPG)	The Voice (N) (CC) (TVPG)	News at 11	Jay Leno	
33	Extra (N) (TVPG)	Family Guy (CC)	Simpsons	Family Guy (CC)	One Tree Hill (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Hellicats (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Hellicats (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Hellicats (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Entourage	Curb Enthusiasm	TMZ (N) (TVPG)	Old Christine
44	PBS NewsHour (N) (CC)	Call the Doctor	Call the Doctor	Call the Doctor	Black in Latin America (N) (TVPG)	Black in Latin America (N) (TVPG)	Black in Latin America (N) (TVPG)	Black in Latin America (N) (TVPG)	Independent Lens "Bhutto" Benazir Bhutto. (N) (CC) (TVPG)			
59	Judge Mathis (N) (CC) (TVPG)	The People's Court (CC) (TVPG)	The People's Court (CC) (TVPG)	The People's Court (CC) (TVPG)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Hawaii Five-0 (CC) (TVPG)	Honey-mooners	Name Is Earl	
63	The Office (CC)	Two and Half Men	The Office (CC)	Two and Half Men	Glee "Prom Queen" (N) (TV14)	Raising Hope (N) (TV14)	Traffic Light (N) (TV14)	Traffic Light (N) (TV14)	News First Ten	Racing Tonight	Love-Raymond	
64	Without a Trace (CC) (TVPG)	Without a Trace (CC) (TVPG)	Without a Trace (CC) (TVPG)	Without a Trace (CC) (TVPG)	Without a Trace (CC) (TVPG)	Criminal Minds (CC) (TV14)	Criminal Minds (CC) (TV14)	Criminal Minds (CC) (TV14)	Criminal Minds (CC) (TV14)	Criminal Minds (CC) (TV14)	Criminal Minds (CC) (TV14)	
3	News	Evening News	Entertainment	The Insider (N) (TV14)	NCIS "Svan Song" (N) (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Imposters" (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Imposters" (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Imposters" (TV14)	The Good Wife (N) (CC) (TV14)	News	Letterman	
9	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	How I Met	How I Met	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	King of Queens	Love-Raymond	My 9 News	House of Payne
11	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	One Tree Hill (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Hellicats (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Hellicats (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Hellicats (N) (CC) (TVPG)	PIX News at Ten Jodi Applegate. (N) (TVPG)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	
17	My Wife and Kids	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Family Guy (CC)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Are You Smarter? (N) (TV14)	Phil7 News	Friends (TVPG)	Family Guy (CC)	Entourage
AMC	El Dorado (5:00) (67) Robert Mitchum. (CC)	*** John Wayne, Robert Mitchum. (CC)	*** John Wayne, Robert Mitchum. (CC)	*** John Wayne, Robert Mitchum. (CC)	Rio Bravo (59) *** John Wayne. A powerful rancher seeks his brother's release from prison. (CC)	Rio Bravo (59) *** John Wayne. A powerful rancher seeks his brother's release from prison. (CC)	Rio Bravo (59) *** John Wayne. A powerful rancher seeks his brother's release from prison. (CC)	Rio Bravo (59) *** John Wayne. A powerful rancher seeks his brother's release from prison. (CC)	The Cowboys (GP, T2) *** (CC)			
AMER	Today at Auction "Stars for a Cause"	Beachcombers	Beachcombers	Beachcombers	Chicago Hope (CC) (TVPG)	Chicago Hope (CC) (TVPG)	Chicago Hope (CC) (TVPG)	Chicago Hope (CC) (TVPG)	The Revolutionary (R, 70) *** Jon Voight, Jennifer Salt, Seymour Cassel.			
AP	Wild Recon "Rampage" (CC) (TVPG)	I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC) (TVPG)	I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC) (TVPG)	I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC) (TVPG)	Planet Earth "Deserts" (CC) (TVG)	Madagascar Madagascar was left untouched by man. (CC) (TVPG)	Madagascar Madagascar was left untouched by man. (CC) (TVPG)	Madagascar Madagascar was left untouched by man. (CC) (TVPG)	Planet Earth "Deserts" (CC) (TVG)			
ARTS	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 "Gone" (TV14)	The First 48 "Gone" (TV14)	The First 48 "Gone" (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TVPG)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 "Twist of Fate" (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)		
CNBC	Mad Money (N)	The Kudlow Report (N)	The Kudlow Report (N)	The Kudlow Report (N)	Coca-Cola: The Real Story	Coca-Cola: The Real Story	Coca-Cola: The Real Story	Coca-Cola: The Real Story	60 Minutes on CNBC	60 Minutes on CNBC	Mad Money	
CNN	Situation Room	John King, USA (N)	John King, USA (N)	John King, USA (N)	In the Arena (N)	Piers Morgan Tonight (N)	Piers Morgan Tonight (N)	Piers Morgan Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (CC)			
COM	Scrubs (TV14)	Scrubs (TV14)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Jeff Dunham: Arguing With Myself	Tosh.0 (TV14)	Tosh.0 (TV14)	Tosh.0 (TV14)	Sports Show	Daily Show	Colbert Report	
CS	SportsNite	Phillys Pregame	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Florida Marlins. From Sun Life Stadium in Miami. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Florida Marlins. From Sun Life Stadium in Miami. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Florida Marlins. From Sun Life Stadium in Miami. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Florida Marlins. From Sun Life Stadium in Miami. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Florida Marlins. From Sun Life Stadium in Miami. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Florida Marlins. From Sun Life Stadium in Miami. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	SportsNite (CC)	Game 365	net IMPACT	
CTV	Choices We Face	Road to Cana	Daily Mass	The Holy Rosary	CTV Special Presentation	Focus (TVG)	Focus (TVG)	Focus (TVG)	Threshold of Hope (TVG)	Fulton Sheen	Women of Grace	
DSC	Cash Cab (CC)	Cash Cab (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC) (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (CC) (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (CC) (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (N) (CC) (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (N) (CC) (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (N) (CC) (TV14)	Swamp Brothers	Swamp Brothers	Deadliest Catch (CC) (TV14)	
DSY	Shake It Up! (CC) (TVG)	Phineas and Ferb (TVG)	Phineas and Ferb (TVG)	Phineas and Ferb (TVG)	Suite Life on Deck	Suite Life on Deck	Suite Life on Deck	Suite Life on Deck	Phineas and Ferb (TVG)	Phineas and Ferb (TVG)	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck Charlie
E!	Speed (4:30) (R, '94) ***	E! News (N)	E! News (N)	E! News (N)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Khloe & Lamar	Khloe & Lamar	Chelsey Lately	E! News
ESPN	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)	E:60 (N)	E:60 (N)	E:60 (N)	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	MLB 2011: Fields of Play (N)	Baseball Tonight (N) (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)	
ESPN2	SportsNation	Interruption	Football Live (N) (CC)	NFL Live (N) (CC)	Year of the Quarterback	30 for 30 (CC)	30 for 30 (CC)	30 for 30 (CC)	E:60 (N)			
FAM	Still Standing	Still Standing	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	The 700 Club (CC) (TVPG)		
FOOD	Best Dishes	Minute Meals	Iron Chef America "Play vs. Excoffier"	Iron Chef America "Play vs. Excoffier"	Cupcake Wars	Chopped "My Froggy Clementine"	Chopped "My Froggy Clementine"	Chopped "My Froggy Clementine"	Chopped "Canned Cheese, Please!"	Challenge "Newlywed Cakes"		
FNC	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)	FOX Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (N) (CC)	The O'Reilly Factor (N) (CC)	Hannity (N)	On Record, Greta Van Susteren	On Record, Greta Van Susteren	On Record, Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		
HALL	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVG)	Fraser (TVPG)	Fraser (TVPG)	Fraser (TVPG)	Fraser (TVPG)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
HIST	Modern Marvels "Insulation" (TVPG)	Modern Marvels (CC) (TVPG)	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy	How the States Got Their Shapes (N)	How the States Got Their Shapes (N)	How the States Got Their Shapes (N)	How the States Got Their Shapes (N)	Ax Men "Down to the Wire" (TVPG)			
H&G	Property Virgins	Property Virgins	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	My First Place (N)	My First Place (N)	Property Virgins	Property Virgins	House Hunters Int'l	Property Virgins	Property Virgins	
LIF	Unsolved Mysteries (CC) (TV14)	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers (CC) (TVPG)	American Pickers (CC) (TVPG)	American Pickers (CC) (TVPG)	American Pickers (CC) (TVPG)	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	
MTV	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Silent Library (N)	RJ Berger	16 and Pregnant "Jamie" (TV14)	16 and Pregnant "Danielle" (TVPG)	16 and Pregnant "Danielle" (TVPG)	16 and Pregnant "Danielle" (TVPG)	Worst. Prom. Ever. (11) Daryl Sabara, Haley Ramm, Chloe Bridges. Premiere.			
NICK	iCarly (TVG)	iCarly (TVG)	Brain-Surge (N)	Sponge-Bob	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	George Lopez	George Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny
OVAT	Fame "Leroy and the Kid" (TVPG)	Fame (TVPG)	In Search of Food "Minneapolis"	In Search of Food "Minneapolis"	Trainspotting (R, '96) Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner.	Trainspotting (R, '96) Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner.	Trainspotting (R, '96) Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner.	Trainspotting (R, '96) Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner.	Trainspotting (R, '96) Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner.	Trainspotting (R, '96) Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner.	Trainspotting (R, '96) Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner.	
SPD	Pass Time	Pass Time	NASCAR Race Hub (N)	NASCAR Race Hub (N)	Test Drive	Ticket to Ride	Barrett-Jackson Special Edition	Barrett-Jackson Special Edition	Speedmakers "Lotus Evora"	Test Drive	Ticket to Ride	
SPIKE	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Repo Games	Repo Games	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Auction Hunters	Repo Games	Auction Hunters	
SYFY	Powder (5:30) (PG-13, '95) *** Mary Steenburgen, Sean Patrick Flanery. (CC)	The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG, '08) *** Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley. (CC)	The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG, '08) *** Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley. (CC)	The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG, '08) *** Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley. (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	Conan Jennifer Lopez; Judd Apatow.	
TBS	Seinfeld (TVG)	Seinfeld (TVPG)	King of Queens	King of Queens	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	Conan Jennifer Lopez; Judd Apatow.	
TCM	Eye of the Devil (6:15) (67) *** Deborah Kerr, David Niven.	My Brother Talks to Horses (46) *** Peter Lawford.	The Rocking Horse Winner (9:45) (49) *** Valerie Hobson, John Mills.	The Rocking Horse Winner (9:45) (49) *** Valerie Hobson, John Mills.	She Wnt-Races							
TLC	Cake Boss: Baby Special (TVPG)	America's Septuplets Turn 13 (CC)	Child Frozen in Time (CC) (TVPG)	Child Frozen in Time (CC) (TVPG)	The Tiniest Girl in the World (TVPG)	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Child Frozen in Time (CC) (TVPG)	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Child Frozen in Time (CC) (TVPG)	
TNT	Law & Order "Bot-tomless" (TV14)	Bones "A Boy in a Tree" (CC) (TVPG)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Chicago Bulls. (N)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Chicago Bulls. (N)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Lakers.			NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Lakers.				
TOON	Codename	Codename	Johnny Test	Scooby-Doo	Looney Tunes	World of Gumball	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	American Dad	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	
TRVL	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	
TVLD	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	All in the Family	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14)	
VH-1	Mob Wives (CC) (TV14)	Mob Wives (CC) (TV14)	Mob Wives (CC) (TV14)	Mob Wives (CC) (TV14)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Sinbad It's Just Family (N) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	
WE	Charmed "12 Angry Zen" (TVPG)	Charmed (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Sinbad It's Just Family (N) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	Braxton Family Values (CC) (TVPG)	
WGN-A	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg	America's Funniest Home Videos (TVG)	America's Funniest Home Videos (TVG)	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N) (Live) (CC)	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N) (Live) (CC)	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N) (Live) (CC)	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N) (Live) (CC)	News at Nine	Scrubs (TV14)		
WYLN	Chef Lou	I.N.N. News	Beaten Path	Tarone Show	Rehabilitation	Sweets	Leg. Report	Let's Talk	Local News	Classified	Topic A	

PREMIUM CHANNELS												
HBO	The In-vention of Lying	He's Just Not That Into You (6:45) (PG-13, '09) *** Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston. Men and women navigate through complex relationships. (CC)	Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13, '10) *** Michael Cera. A slacker contends with his new girlfriend's exes. (CC) (TVMA)	Game of Thrones Ned looks for clues. (CC) (TVMA)								
HBO2	Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG-13, '09) *** John C. Reilly, Ken Watanabe, Josh Hutcherson. (CC)	Terminator Salvation (PG-13, '09) *** Christian Bale. Humanity fights back against Skynet's machine army. (CC)	Real Time With Bill Maher (CC) (TVMA)	Sex and the City 2 (R, '10) *** Sarah Jessica Parker.								
MAX	Independence Day (5:30) (PG-13, '96) *** Will Smith, Bill Pullman. Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships. (CC)	S.W.A.T. (PG-13, '03) *** Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell. A Los Angeles SWAT team must protect a criminal. (CC)	Catch Me if You Can (PG-13, '02) *** Leonardo DiCaprio. A teenage scam artist poses as a pilot, surgeon and lawyer.									
MMAX	Splice (5:30) (R, '09) *** Adrien Brody. (CC)	Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG, '10) *** Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson. (CC)	The Losers (PG-13, '10) *** Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Zoe Saldana, Chris Evans. (CC)									
SHO	Triage (5:30) (R, '09) Colin Farrell, Paz Vega. iTV. (CC)	The Joneses (7:15) (R, '09) *** David Duchovny. iTV. Stealth marketers move into a wealthy neighborhood. (CC)	United States of Tara (TVMA)	Nurse Jackie (TVMA)	United States of Tara	Diary-Call Girl	The War Boys ('09)					
STARZ	Hollywood Homicide (5:15) ***	The Czeries (7:15) (R, '10) *** Timothy Olyphant, Radha Mitchell. (CC)	Salt (PG-13, '10) *** Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber. (CC)	The Runaways (10:45) (R, '10) *** Kristen Stewart. (CC)								
TMC	K-19: The Widowmaker (5:30) (PG-13, '02) *** Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sars-gaard. (CC)	Leaves of Grass (R, '09) *** Edward Norton. A professor learns his brother has concocted a crazy plan. (CC)	Savage Grace ('07) *** Julianne Moore, Stephen Dillane, Eddie Redmayne. (CC)	Lake City (11:40)								

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****Jumping the Broom - PG13 - 120 Min.** (2:20), (5:00), 7:40, 10:05

***Something Borrowed - PG13 - 120 Min.** (1:50), (4:20), 7:10, 9:40

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***Prom - PG - 110 Min.** (2:00), (4:25), 7:15, 9:35

***Hoodwinked Too! Good vs. Evil 2D - PG 95 Min.** (1:45), (4:05), 7:00

Water for Elephants - PG13 - 125 Min. (2:05), (4:40), 7:30, 10:00

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family - PG13 - 110 Min. (1:50), (4:00), 7:50, 10:15

Rio - PG - 100 Min. (2:10), (4:20), 7:35

Soul Surfer - PG - 110 Min. (1:30), (3:50), 6:10

Insidious - PG13 - 110 Min. (1:40), (4:40), 7:25, 9:55

Dylan Dog: Dead of Night - PG13 - 115 Min. 9:45

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Best & Brightest 2011

Each year The Times Leader Best & Brightest program honors local high school students for their scholastic achievements and community service. Listed here are this year's finalists.

The final winners for each category will be announced at The Times Leader's 2011 Best & Brightest Awards Ceremony to be held at The Woodlands Inn & Resort on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

CIVICS: Thomas Hogan, Omeed Firouzi, Samantha Snyder, Gabrielle Richards, Robert Kost

ATHLETICS: Selena Adamshick, Michael Papi, Shelley Black, Lauren Skudalski

ART: Neil Mattern, Loren Schott, Rachel Spect, Delilah Van Gorden

ENGLISH & LITERATURE: Rebecca Ann Richards, Caitlin Vitale, Joseph Hornak

Woman who feels lonely needs to get up and meet some new people



Dear Abby: “Little Bit Lonely” (March 26) misses traveling since her husband’s death. She wrote that she isn’t “good at mingling with new people” and wondered if it would be appropriate to ask her son to include her on weekend trips with his family.

I want to urge “Lonely” to go to her local community college and take classes for seniors. Take any class she might have dreamed of as a young woman. Make friends. Expand her horizons!

I had breast cancer 18 months ago. The day after my surgery, I took stock of my life and decided if I was to follow my childhood dream, what

DEAR ABBY

A D V I C E

better time than now? I am doing that, and have begun studying voice and theater arts. Do I aspire to be another Helen Reddy or Helen Mirren? No, but I intend to have fun while I take the journey of the rest of my life.

Let me say to her, “Don’t be a ‘little bit lonely.’ Be a little bit too busy!”

— *Not at All Lonely, Santa Rosa, Calif.*

Dear Not Lonely: Thank you for an inspiring letter. Other readers shared creative ideas for “Lonely” that might

help her set her sails in new directions. Read on:

Dear Abby: “Lonely” should organize a trip (even just a weekend jaunt) and invite her son and family along. That would give the son the opportunity to reciprocate her invitation, which could lead to a new family tradition.

— *Gayle in Kansas City*

Dear Abby: My dad passed away eight years ago, and Mom has been on her own ever since. She has become a savvy traveler and has made numerous friends along the way. “Lonely” should look into churches, travel agencies and cruise companies for trips for senior singles.

“Lonely” does not need to be alone. My mom goes places with family and is close friends with my mother-in-law, too. One or two trips, and “Lonely” should be able to find a few good friends.

— *Proud of My Brooklyn Mom*

Dear Abby: Here’s what I’d tell “Lonely”: Take a course in self-development. Programs are available for developing skills and learning to live life from the perspective of “possibilities.”

Do something for someone in a nursing home or visit Alzheimer’s patients. Read to them or just hold a hand. When you get a smile from these patients, you’ll know your presence really makes a difference.

Join the Red Hat Society. Most of the members are alone and have a great time together.

Volunteer at church, teach Sunday school, work with the homeless in a shelter. Do something for someone who has less. Our world needs people with warm hearts and the time to contribute. You will be amazed at how great you’ll feel.

— *Lorraine in Encinitas, Calif.*

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PREVIOUS DAY’S SOLUTION

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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IS LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the end letters are different.

5-10 CRYPTOQUOTE:

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— MGVVGLH TLDVJOUW

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE IS NO FINER INVESTMENT FOR ANY COMMUNITY THAN PUTTING MILK INTO BABIES. — WINSTON CHURCHILL

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North-South vulnerable. South deals.

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The bidding:			
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

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West's two clubs was an attempt to find a 4-4 fit in either clubs or spades. North-South brushed this petty annoyance aside and reached the normal contract of three no trump, against which Elahmady led the two of hearts (third- or fifth-best). Sadek won with the king and returned a low heart. Declarer looked at this suspiciously, but eventually decided to treat it as an honest card and placed West with Q x x of hearts and, therefore, followed low. West's ten won and the defense started off with four heart tricks, with the ace of diamonds still to come. Down one.

(Tannah Hirsch welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Media Services Inc., 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207. E-mail responses may be sent to gorenbridge@aol.com.)

Opening lead: Two of ♠

Watching all the unrest in the Middle East reminded us that, except perhaps for South Africa, Egypt has

JUMBLE

BY MICHAEL ARGIRION & JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter in each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Ans: "□ □ □ □ □" □ □ □ □ □

Yesterday's Jumble: PING PONG
Answer: The traffic jam was turning the highway into a — TRUCK STOP



Now arrange the dotted letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

HOROSCOPE

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Implement timesaving strategies, and rid yourself of activities that take you away from your goals.

A Virgo or Libra can help you set up your personal business in a way that will serve you for years to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You love it when something new comes into your world, but you also know it is best to be careful with things you know nothing about. Your inexperience makes you vulnerable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A battle goes on inside of you. It seems that you are the only witness to this struggle, but this is not the case. Someone is so in tune with you that he or she can look into your eyes and know what you're going through.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be involved in a project that captures your full attention and transports your mind, body and spirit to a level of awareness from which there is no going back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your attention goes to updating your look. Your desire to be perceived in a certain way may lead you to retail outlets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Why you choose one direction instead of another is a mystery. You defy the laws of marketing and laugh in the face of persuasion. You definitely have your own mind. Many will try to predict your next move; none will succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Play it cool. Don't tell all you know or show all you have. Offer a glimpse and hold back the rest.

Let others know you've held something back in as nonchalant a way as you can muster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). How can you take a relationship to more splendid levels? You will accomplish this aim, mostly because you have the creativity, curiosity and moxie that it takes to ask this question.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll connect with a part of your past. Maybe you've let go of certain grudges and moved past some old opinions. But there's still a kind of electrical charge when you touch on this part of your history. It may surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You like to think that when you love someone, you give everything. But when you think about how this plays out in practical terms, it may not add up completely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Brief conversations are favored. If you've stopped talking but your audience is still listening, that's a good sign. You can always carry on with this later.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're on a sort of mission. You'll have to be your own cheerleader. A distant image of the future you seems to be coming nearer every day as you grow into the person you want to be.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 10). Persuasion and negotiation are strong suits for you this year. Whether for personal gain or on behalf of your business or family, you win people over and make deals in June with great finesse. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 46, 48, 42 and 22.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Colorless
- Dairy Queen treat
- 1972 Olympics star Mark
- Get a better int. rate, perhaps
- Genesis victim
- Hidden repository
- Qualify for
- "Jeopardy!" creator Gifford
- Clay who was the "Idol" runner-up to Ruben Studdard
- Good place for a run
- "Doesn't bother me"
- Logo on many a Richard Petty race car
- Inventor Whitney
- Bug-loving org.
- Lebanese
- Schindler purveyor
- Bad place for a run
- Flared
- Heaven bread
- Hairpieces, singly
- Good place for a run
- "Porlino's Complaint" writer
- Sweet companion
- Aphy names
- Quaker cereal
- Gloomy guy
- Eastern philosophy
- Danzon River
- capital
- Bad place for a run
- It might end in a sack
- Molecule part
- Singer with Crosby and Stills
- Lolly ebb
- Discipline with poses
- Oklahoma tribe
- Long form
- Husky-sounding acronym
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By Doug Peterson and Angela Olson Mallick

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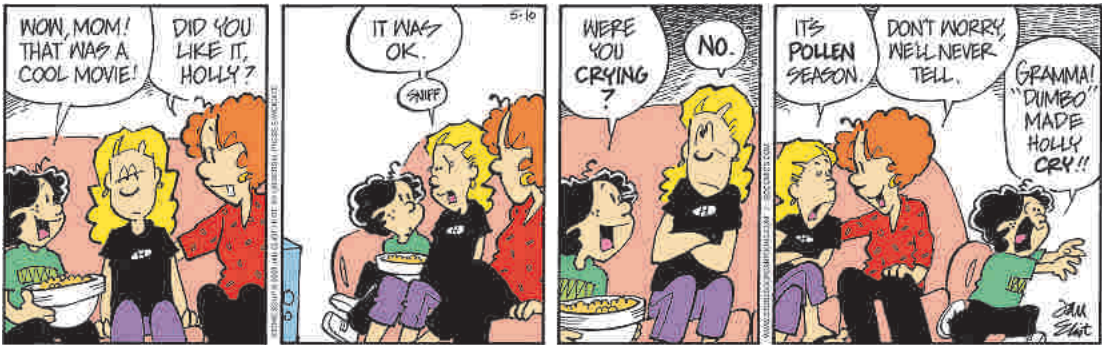
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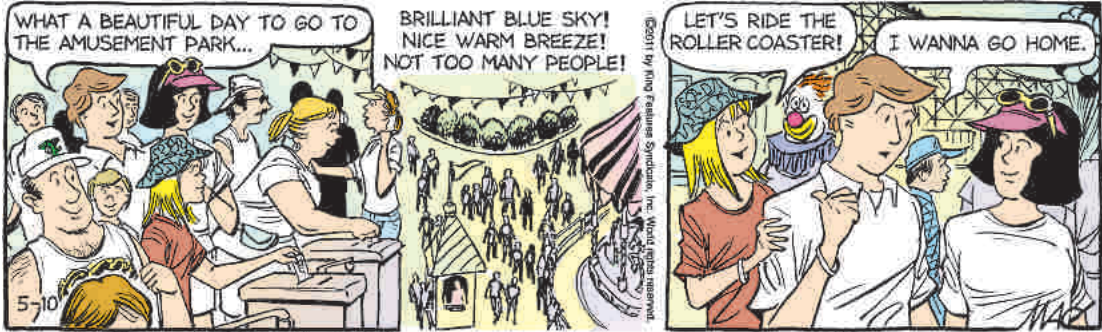
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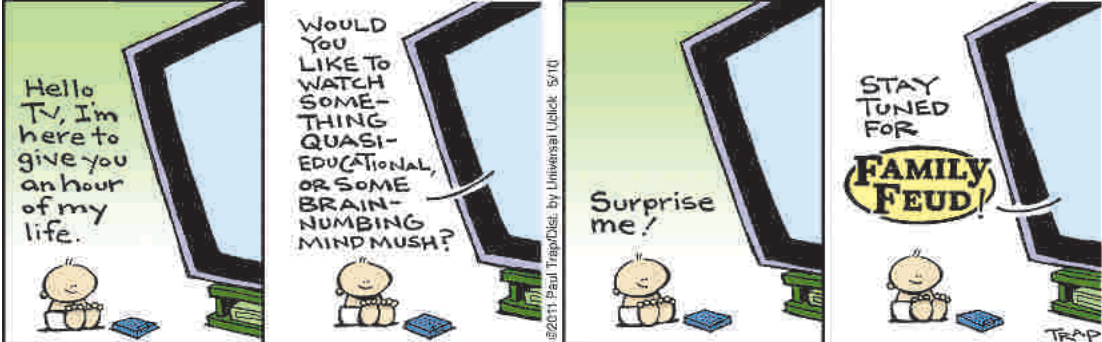
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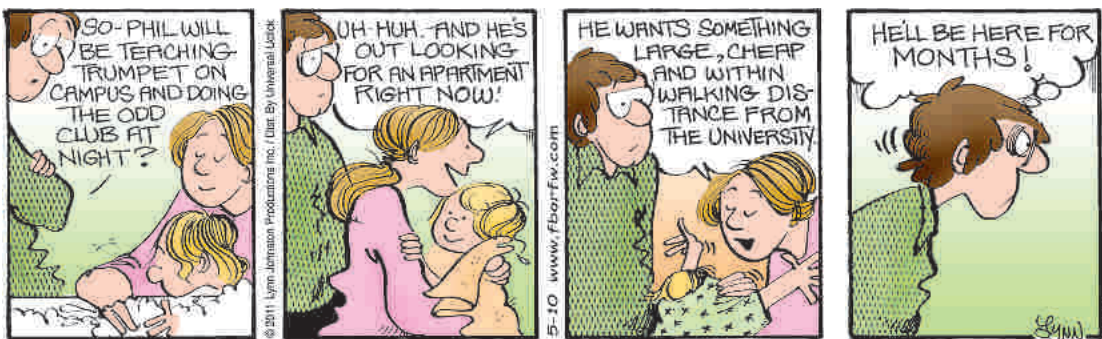
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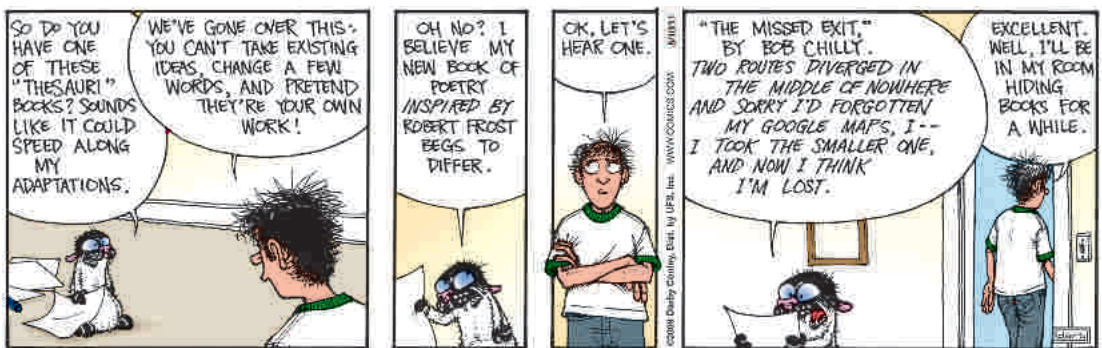
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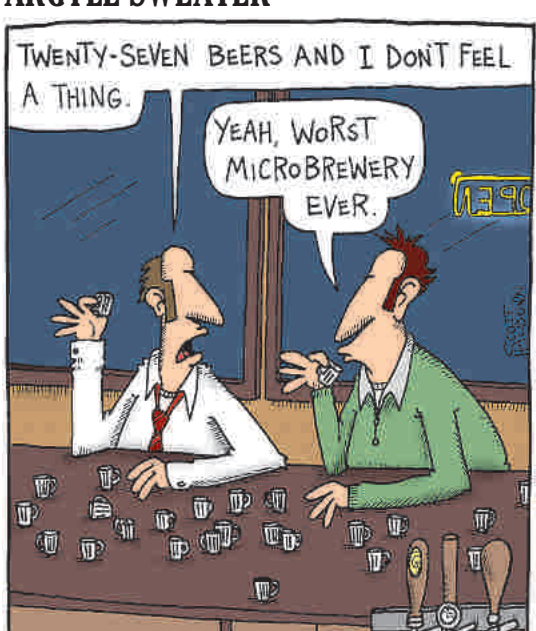


CLOSE TO HOME



"I'm tellin' ya, this McClure kid looks really sharp! Did you see how he pinned down the rope in the library?"

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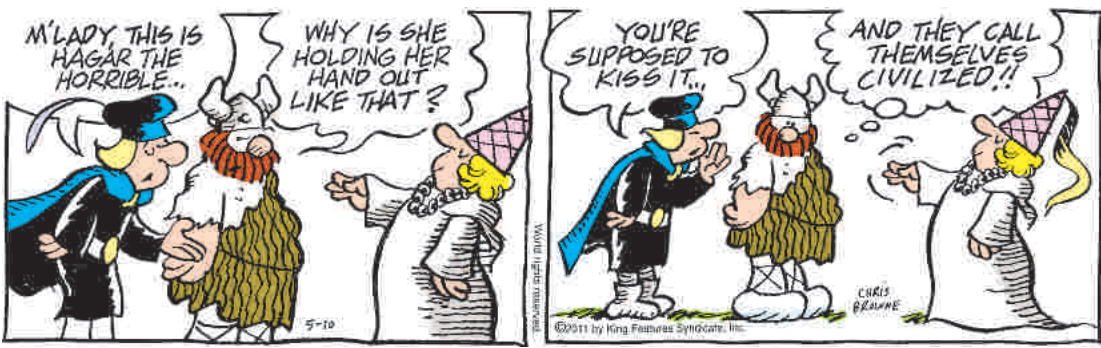


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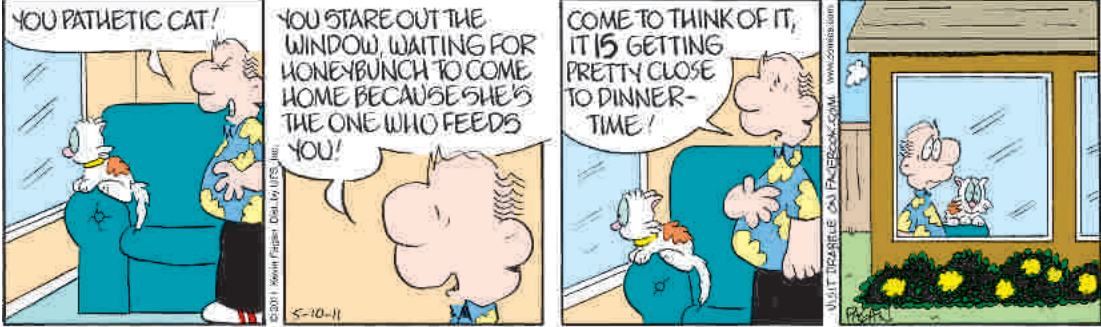
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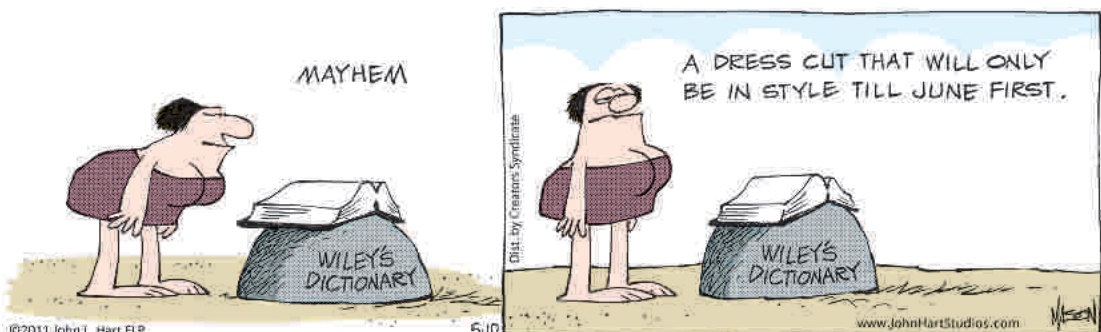
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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to William Burger and George Patterson, Executors of the ESTATE OF LUELLA MAY BABEY, late of Hunlock Creek, PA, who died on February 7, 2011. All persons indebted to the Estate and those having claims against the Estate are to make payment or present claims without delay to William Burger, PO Box 302, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

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By Orders of the Finance Committee of the Board of School Directors
 Deborah A. Rachilla
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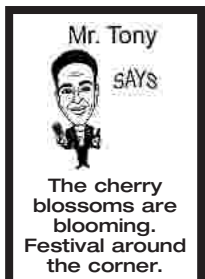
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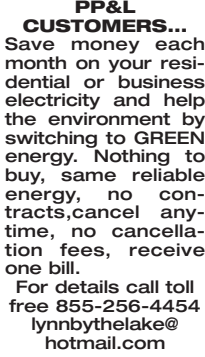
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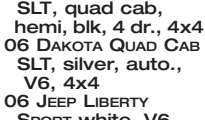
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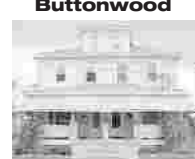
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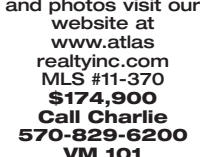
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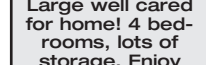
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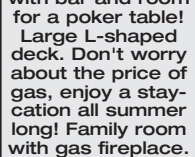
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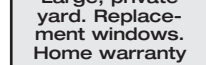


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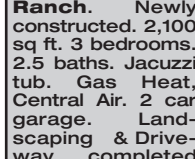
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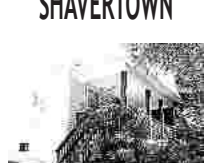
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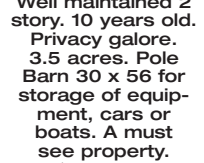
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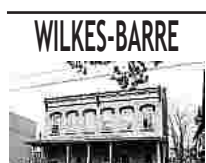
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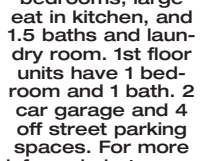
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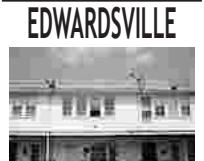
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