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STINGING DEFEAT

Greensburg Central Catholic girls lose in heartbreak fashion in PIAA playoffs **C5**



ACTIVITY AT SONY PLANT

Businessman obtains permit to treat wastewater from natural gas operations at East Huntingdon facility **B10**

Reporting officer took photo op with Ben

Patrolman who earlier posed with Steelers QB had little to do with case, chief says

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MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. — The Milledgeville police officer who took the March 5 statement from a woman who accused Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger of sexually assaulting her mugged for

photographs with the star hours earlier.

Patrolman Jerry Blash was joined in the photo, taken during Roethlisberger's downtown bar-hopping, by Milledgeville Detective Everett January, Lt. Willie Goddard and Officer Paul Cressman.

Milledgeville authorities insist none of the officers spent time with Roethlisberger at the Capital City nightclub or the dance bar's VIP room, which is adjacent to a rest-

room where Roethlisberger is accused of assaulting the 20-year-old Georgia College & State University student.

Saying that every Milledgeville officer was "in training" Friday, police officials declined to discuss the photos. But police Chief Woodrow Blue Jr. told The Union-Recorder newspaper here that the snapshots don't disturb him and that Blash had little involvement with the case after writing down a

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Ben Roethlisberger and local law-enforcement officers in Milledgeville, Ga., ham it up on the same night but before a 20-year-old college student accused the Steelers quarterback of assaulting her in a local nightclub.

Mortgage relief program sluggish

TROUBLE ON THE ROAD AHEAD



Clinton rebukes Israel's

HOMEWORK

Show casts a light on orchid's mystique



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The Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania will have its annual Orchid Show next weekend at Phipps Garden Center in Shadyside.

The theme of this year's show is the mystique of orchids — their beauty, variety, size, color and country of origin. The show will include orchid exhibits, educational seminars, plant raffles and sales by 12 vendors from throughout the Eastern U.S.

Orchids for sale will include phalaenopsis, varicid slipper orchids, oncidiums, Miltonias, odontoglossums, intergeneric and lycastes, along with many other orchid genera, including mounted and miniature orchids.

The show, which is free and open to public, is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 20 and 21. The garden center is located at the corner of Fifth and Shady avenues.

Details: www.oswp.org.

Colorful cleaners leave others in the dust

We'd be pretty pleased to get this gift: A snazzy new broom.

The stripes broom (\$18) from Alice Supply Co. is a 60-inch corn broom with a printed stem or pole and super-cool custom handle for hanging. If you hadn't given your broom much thought before this, you will now. And because you can't pair a cool broom with an ugly dust pan, you'll be forced to consider the stripes dust pan (\$18), the perfect complement. Other products in the stripes collection include a plunger, hose, metal bucket and dust brush. Products also are available in other prints, bright solids and woodgrain.

Details: alicesupplyco.com.

Kits ease the transition to green

Featuring green products, instructions and an A-Z recycling resources guide, DIY energy-saving toolkits from Eco Hatchery can help homeowners save on utility

bills. The Green & Healthy Home Kit (\$50) comes with water conservation and sustainability products, a soy candle and a food-grade stainless-steel reusable bottle. The Energy Efficiency Kit (\$60) includes an energy monitor, premium energy-saving light bulb, and insulation products. The Eco Starter Kit (\$97.50) includes all the tools needed to go green and save, from energy-efficiency tools to water-conservation products. Typical household savings are \$300 per year, 7,000 gallons of water, and 2.5 tons of greenhouse-gas emissions.

Details: ecohatchery.com.

Shop, and save others

Spiralfoundation.org (Spinning Potential Into Resources And Love), which supports humanitarian programs in Nepal and Vietnam, has too many cool products to list. Click on the "spiral store" link and you'll find bed covers, book accessories, frames, kitchen products, tableware, pillow covers and more, most made from reclaimed or recycled materials. Products are accompanied by brief descriptions and information on where the materials used came from. Here's a sample: Handmade Himalayan wool blanket (\$25); Red Carpet stationary card set (\$12) made of paper from Daphne Bark, from managed forests in the hills of Nepal; hand-carved wooden spatula (\$10); and telephone wire bowls (\$18 each), made from discarded telephone wire.

Easily keep track of Fido's needs

Your dog can't tell you the last time it was fed, but Dog-e-Minder can.

With the press of a button, the device records the time and date when the pet is walked, fed or medicated. It also stores your dog's name and your phone number, so it doubles as an ID tag.

The device can be attached to a key chain or collar and has a waterproof casing that the manufacturer says will stand up to swimming and pet play.

Dog-e-Minder is available in four colors (black, blue, pink and red) and can be ordered for \$19.96 plus shipping at www.dogeminder.com.

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THIS JUST IN

Madonna offers marriage advice

Madonna doesn't think a wife should withhold sex from a sloppy husband.

But she believes a wife should dispose of her late husband's prosthetic leg to spare the feelings of the wife's current mate.

This was some of Madonna's relationship advice on NBC's "The Marriage Ref," where she joined actor-comedians Larry David and Ricky Gervais as a guest panelist on Thursday's edition.

The show invites its panel of "experts" to help analyze real-life disputes between married couples, mostly for laughs. Host Tom Papa, aka The Marriage Ref, makes the final call.

In one case, Mindy Goldman was offering sexual favors to Alan, her husband of 28 years, if he would clean up their messy basement.

A good idea? "I think it's weird that she wants him to be clean so that they can be dirty," cracked Madonna.

Gervais wondered, "Could they combine the sex with the housework?"

— The Associated Press

Jackson's furniture goes to auction

The 22 pieces of custom-made furniture Michael Jackson commissioned for his London home are going on the auction block.

Darren Julien of Julien's Auctions says a gilded red velvet sofa that seats nine, a leopard-print chair trimmed with ostrich feathers and a pair of velvet armchairs embroidered with gold eagles are among the offerings.

Jackson intended to use the furnishings during his "This Is It" comeback concert run in London.

Fans can visit a re-creation of the home at Las Vegas' Planet Hollywood casino from June 14 to June 25 before the items are sold at auction.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit two charities: MusiCares, which provides health care and other services for struggling musicians, and Joshua's Heart, which aims to end world hunger.

— The Associated Press



COLOMBOS/LE

Series reaches ze grand finale

The French Seasons of Musique on the Bluff reaches what should be a grand finale Sunday afternoon with a program devoted to composer Maurice Ravel.

Series artistic director and pianist David Allen Wehr will be joined by Pittsburgh



Cardenes

Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Andres Cardenes and principal cellist Anne Martindale Williams for Ravel's Piano Trio, which the symphony performed in conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier's orchestration in January 2009.

Cardenes and Williams also will perform Ravel's fantastic and clever Sonata for Violin and Cello.

Three of Ravel's popular piano pieces will complete the program: "Jeux d'eau" (Fountains), Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun, and the suite from his ballet "Mother Goose."

The concert starts at 3 p.m. Sunday at PNC Recital Hall at the Mary Pappert School of Music, Duquesne University, Uptown. Suggested donation is \$13.

Details: 412-396-6083.

— Mark Kenny

Man charged for threats against Elton

A Georgia man who posted a video on YouTube of himself holding a sign saying "Elton John must die" has been arrested for making terroristic threats.

Atlanta Police Sgt. Curtis Davenport says Neal Horsley was arrested early Wednesday in Carrollton, about 50 miles west of Atlanta. Davenport would not say who Horsley is accused of threatening, but

This handmade bergere upholstered in faux fur and edged in ostrich feathers called the "Haute Couture" Wild Cat by Colombostile was made for Michael Jackson for his residence in Kent, England, where he was to stay during the "This Is It" concert series in London.

Horsley's son, Nathan Horsley, says he believed the arrest is connected to the video about the musician.

Horsley complains in the video about John's comments in a magazine interview last month that Jesus Christ was gay.

Horsley was being held Thursday in the Fulton County jail on \$40,000 bond.

— The Associated Press

Brits win big at U.S. book awards

Hilary Mantel's "Wolf Hall," winner last year of the Man Booker Prize in London, was honored Thursday night on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

The novel, set in the age of King Henry VIII, won the National Book Critics Circle Prize for fiction. It's a compassionate narrative of royal adviser Thomas Cromwell, a leading enforcer of the English Reformation and a rival of Sir Thomas More.

Mantel was not in attendance at Thursday's ceremony but issued a statement saying that she was working on a sequel and that the award is "the best possible encouragement."

Three British authors were winners Thursday: Mantel, historian Richard Holmes for general nonfiction and 90-year-old editor Diane Athill for autobiography.

Holmes was cited for his crossed stars of science and poetry, "The Age of Wonder." Blake Bailey's "Cheever: A Life," a thorough account of the late novelist John Cheever, was the biography winner, and Athill won for "Somewhere Towards the End," an atheist's spirited reflection on old age.

— The Associated Press



Madonna

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