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Fans predict Buckeyes will win close one

By DAVE WEDDO Sports Editor

There's no middle ground when it comes to predicting The Game's outcome.

Josh Harris of New Lexington, a second-year OSU medical student and a former star golfer at Rosecrans and Wright State, didn't miss a home game in the Horseshoe.

disband that he used to take a portable TV with him when he worked on the Big Muckie for Central Ohio Coal.

and on the Buckeye Booster bus to Ann Arbor. He signed up for the trip in July.

More on 'The Game'

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Although he wouldn't name a score, "it will probably be three points our way," Dellings said.

David Cox of Zanesville said that you would ever hear in a bus.



KATHY THOMPSON/TR This memorial, created by local sculptor Alan Cottrill, will be dedicated Sunday in Nanticoke, Pa., as a tribute to coal miners.

Sculptor dedicates a tribute to miners

By KATHY THOMPSON Staff Writer

ZANESVILLE — Local sculptor Alan Cottrill immediately felt a connection to the 1950s Pennsylvania coal miner when the man's daughter handed him his photograph.

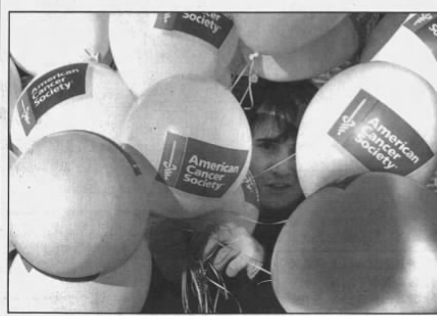
"I felt a connection the minute I saw the picture," Cottrill said. "When you look at his face, you see the character, the hard work, the intensity the man had. These men were rugged. They worked hard at their lives and I relate to that. I was the first person in my family to graduate high school. I know what working for a living means."

Berlot commissioned Cottrill for the statue when she visited a mine in McDade Park in Scranton this past year with her family.

"What those men went through," Berlot said, "I never knew they had to put up with such filth and rats and other terrible conditions. I just knew that that I had to do something that would honor these brave heroes. There's what they are, miners, they are heroes."

Berlot lost her father in November 1955 when the mine he was working in collapsed.

Room to breathe



Sean Evans, a volunteer from Palis High School, unrolls balloons before the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout balloon release at Adorner's Pizza Thursday afternoon.

Kickoff to kicking habit in Great American Smokeout

By KATHY THOMPSON Staff Writer

ZANESVILLE — The smokers were out all over Muskingum County.

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Smoking is responsible for about 83 percent of lung cancers and is associated with cancer of the mouth, pharynx, esophagus, pancreas, cervix, kidney, colon and bladder, the cancer society said.

Householder's attorney may be 'the naked photographer'

Police say lawyer has flashed women, taken photos 39 times

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COLUMBUS — A lawyer working for House Speaker Larry Householder's office was placed on paid leave following his arrest Wednesday night for allegedly flashing women and taking their pictures.

Police believe Stephen Linnen, 33, of 815 N. High St., has struck at least 20 times in the last 18 months. He allegedly flashed two more people Wednesday before he was nabbed at 11:05 p.m. in an alley behind a Kroger store in northwest Columbus.

Linnen was charged with indecency and assault. Upon his release from custody Thursday morning, he was quickly picked up again, this time on a warrant out of Gahanna, a city just east of Columbus.

Gahanna police charged Linnen Thursday with one count of gross sexual imposition and one count of abduction.

Linnen's Republican caucus executive assistant earning roughly \$42,400, has been a consultant in areas including tax and the budget since his hiring in January 1999.

Householder placed him on paid leave pending the outcome of the criminal investigation, and spokesman Dwight Crum declined further comment on the matter.

Rep. Jon Husted, R-Kettering, who is expected to take over as House speaker in 2005, said he never really worked with Linnen, "and it doesn't look I probably will."

Appalachian areas have higher cancer rates

Staff and wire reports

COLUMBUS — Residents of Ohio's Appalachian counties suffer more from lung, colon and cervical cancers than those who live elsewhere in the state, according to the American Cancer Society and the Ohio Department of Health.

Rates in Muskingum County follow that pattern, but also are higher than the state average in two categories where the rest of Appalachia-an Ohio has lower rates than the rest of the state.

Although no one factor explains why these cancers are more common and deadly in Appalachia, state experts say smoking plays a major role.

The lung-cancer rate is 10.8 percent higher in Appalachia and the mortality rate is 9 percent higher. Among those 18 or older, about 31 percent smoke compared with about 26 percent in the rest of the state, according to the Ohio Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

They also have fewer hospitals and private physicians, less insurance coverage, smaller incomes and are less likely to have regular screening tests, including Pap smears.

Others don't have long-distance service and can't call their oncologist or hospital to schedule appointments, Hehr said.

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