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Thought of the Day

"A child educated only at school is an uneducated child."
— **George Santayana**, American philosopher (born 1863, died this date in 1952).

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Best of both worlds 8 named in Pa. porn office emails case

BY MARC LEVY
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — Eight former employees of the state attorney general's office sent or received inter-office emails containing pornography, including one man who sent more than three dozen and received more than 400, officials said Thursday.

Among the ex-employees identified by Attorney General Kathleen Kane's office are two top state officials: Police Commissioner Frank Noonan and Environmental Protection Secretary Christopher Abruzzo.

Kane's office disclosed the eight men's identities on Thursday, but her office could not say whether the men opened the emails they received.

A spokesman for Gov. Tom Corbett, the Republican former attorney general who employed all of the men named, said the porn images described by media outlets are inappropriate and should not be tolerated in the workplace.

"His expectation of those that work for him is that they conduct themselves in the highest professional manner," spokesman Jay Pagni said.

Corbett was unaware of the emails at the time, Pagni said. Asked whether Corbett would ask



Kevin Mertz/Standard Journal
Chef **Billy Albertson Jr.** works the grill at Lisa's Milltown Deli. The business has expanded from six employees when it opened four years ago to now employ 20. Separate day and night menus are also featured.

Milton restaurant enjoys growth; daytime/nighttime menu

BY KEVIN MERTZ
Staff writer

MILTON — A Milton business which opened four years ago with six employees and a daytime menu has grown to now feature 20 employees and separate daytime and nighttime menus.

Lisa Showers, owner of Lisa's Milltown Deli, recently expanded her business, located on Broadway in Milton, to offer an evening menu.

In the evening, the business operates under the name Milltown Steak and Seafood to reflect the nature of the menu.

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LAHS Power Lunch unplugged for now

Student expulsion announced

BY MATT FARRAND
Staff writer

LEWISBURG — A 65-minute midday time period called Power Lunch, when Lewisburg Area High School students could grab a bite to eat, meet with clubs or get academic help has been scaled back. Principal David Himes cited a variety of reasons for putting the plan on hold, after its introduction was heralded at the end of the last school year.

He said a more traditional lunch



Matt Farrand/Standard Journal
LAHS student council representatives visited the school board Thursday night. From left, Parliamentarian **Megan Lawton**, President **Erin Devine** and Treasurer **Alex Liscum** noted that student council is occupied with homecoming event preparations. They include the logistics of a dance and a pep rally where boys dress as cheerleaders. Liscum called it a great bonding experience.

schedule was back in place.

"I think there are some students that probably didn't use it as wisely

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Lbg. is a River Town



Matt Farrand/Standard Journal
Officials with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) and local officials announced Thursday that Lewisburg officially qualifies as a River Town. From left, **Mike Grasso**, SGP volunteer steward, **Alice Trowbridge**, SGP project coordinator, **Zach Pyle** River Town project manager, **Samantha Pearson**, Elm Street Manager, **Linda Sterling** LDP executive director, Lewisburg Mayor **Judy Wagner** and **Katie Davis**, BVRA executive director unveiled a sign and a plaque denoting the designation.

Designation 14 years in the making

BY MATT FARRAND
Staff writer

LEWISBURG — A sign and a plaque denoting Lewisburg as a River Town were unveiled Thursday night at Soldier's Park in Lewisburg.

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Eric Holder stepping down after 6 years as AG

BY JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It wasn't difficult for Barack Obama and Eric Holder to be in the same orbit. Both were sons of immigrants, Columbia Ivy Leaguers, basketball fans and prominent African-American political figures.

They first met nearly 10 years ago, dinner guests of a mutual Washington friend who seated Holder next to the newly elected senator from Illinois.

On Thursday, Obama announced Holder would be stepping down as his attorney general, one of his longest serving Cabinet members.

"This is bittersweet," the president said.

Holder, who will stay on the job until his successor is confirmed by the Senate, was at his side.

"In good times and in bad, in things personal and in things professional, you have been there for me," he told Obama.

Indeed, over the course of six

years on the job, Holder has had his ups and downs. He also has become a rare figure: a close Washington friend of the president.

As attorney general, Holder aggressively enforced the Voting Rights Act, addressed drug-sentencing guidelines that led to disparities between white and black convicts, extended legal benefits to same-sex couples and refused to defend a law that allowed states to disregard gay marriages. He oversaw the decision to prosecute terror suspects in U.S. civilian courts instead of at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and helped establish a legal rationale for lethal drone strikes on suspects overseas. All were Obama priorities.

He has also been Obama's point man in the federal response to the racial tensions in Ferguson, Missouri, where a white police officer shot and killed an unarmed 18-year-old African-American last month.

"His greatest legacy has been in the areas of civil rights and race," said Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond School of

Law. He said Holder aimed for a frank discussion in the U.S. about issues surrounding race with a dialogue "that intrinsically defies completion and so remains unfulfilled."

While his enforcement of civil rights laws and fight against voter ID laws made him a champion of civil rights groups, they also made him a top target of conservatives, who said he put race at the forefront and endangered the integrity of elections.

Early on, he was roundly criticized for an ultimately abandoned plan to try terrorism suspects in New York City. A botched gun-running probe along the Southwest border prompted Republican calls for his resignation, and many liberals accused him of failing to hold top bankers accountable for the economic meltdown.

John Fund and Hans Von Spakovsky, conservative authors of a critical book on Holder, "Obama's Enforcer: Eric Holder's Justice Department," wrote that Obama found in Holder "both a kindred spirit and

a heat shield against criticism that would often be directed at the White House."

Yet, some in the White House also believed Holder created political problems for the president.

Under his watch, the Justice Department cracked down on journalists reporting on national security matters. The department secretly subpoenaed Associated Press phone records and used a search warrant to obtain some emails of a Fox News journalist as part of a separate leak investigation. The cases created a furor, and Obama ordered Holder to review the department's policies, resulting in tougher guidelines for obtaining reporters' phone records and email.

In an interview Thursday, Holder said Obama respected the separation between the White House and the department and let the department "do those things I thought appropriate."

He said his biggest regret was "the failure to pass any responsible and reasonable gun safety legislation after the shootings in Newtown." He said he thought the nation would embrace change that was "not radical but really reasonable" on gun safety after the massacre at the Connecticut elementary school.

As for the civil rights uproar in Ferguson, Holder said he's not sure whether the Justice Department will finish its investigation into the shooting before he leaves. "I don't want to rush them," he said.

Holder and his wife have grown close personally to the Obamas and recently vacationed together on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. Obama said Holder told him over the summer of his timing for retirement.

Obama noted that Holder's father was an immigrant from Barbados who served in World War II only to return to a segregated nation.

"But he and his wife raised their son to believe that this country's promise was real, and that son grew up to become attorney general of the United States," Obama said. "And that's something."

That Washington dinner party 10 years ago had been hosted by Ann Walker Marchant, a cousin of Obama adviser and confidante Valerie Jarrett. Marchant knew the two men were interested in the law, were passionate sports fans and each played basketball.

"I sat them next to each other," she said. "They talked the entire night."

LAHS

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as they should have," he said of Power Lunch. "There were some positives with it and there were some negatives."

Himes said students liked the flexibility, and did not preclude returning to it at different times of the year, such as during the spring.

"We lost a few advantages to running it, and gained some other things," Himes said. "There is kind of a delicate trade-off balance between both systems."

A flex period at a different time of day will allow students to get help from teachers and meet with clubs.

Following an expulsion hearing, directors voted to expel student 2014-1 from school from Monday through the end of the current semester. The student would be allowed back in school at the start of the second semester.

Superintendent Dr. Mark DiRocco said the exact date for the second semester to start would depend on things like snow days, but otherwise offered no comment. Directors voted 5-0 in favor, with Mary Howe offering her regrets.

Job descriptions will be written for non-union central office staff, part of a reorganization of the office. Two people have retired and another position was eliminated from the office. Replacements were hired for two of them. The reorganization eliminated an administrative assistant for the Assistant Superintendent Cathy Moser.

Board President Kathy Swope said the retirements prompted the reorganization, much like when teachers retire, with a goal of saving money and making operations more efficient.

With one less person in the central office, school directors agreed to allow mail to be delivered from building-to-building aboard a Rohrer bus. It will cost the district about \$30 per day, or \$7,800 over 260 days for the service.

Emails

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for the resignation of Noonan or Abruzzo, Pagni would only say that "the news accounts raise questions that need to be reviewed further."

Kane is a Democrat who took office last year. The men were hired by Republican administrations before her.

Hundreds of pornographic inter-office emails, which were and still are against office policy, were discovered during Kane's review of the sex abuse prosecution of former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, her office said. A spokeswoman could not immediately say Thursday whether the office found more current or former employees who sent or received such emails.

Noonan received 338 pornographic emails and sent none, and Abruzzo received 46 and sent eight, Kane's office said. Noonan was the office's chief of criminal investigations, and Abruzzo formerly supervised the

The board agreed to buy electric school zone traffic signs for use near the new high school on Newman Road in Kelly Township. They will cost about \$28 per month to operate. District officials noted the district is bearing the entire cost of the signs.

Swope was on ballots for president-elect of the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association. Directors cast their votes for the state-wide positions.

Swope is currently an at-large representative for the PSSBA and on the board of directors. Nearly 500 school districts, vo-techs, and intermediate units are voting through Monday, Oct. 6. Results will be announced at a joint conference of the PSSBA and the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators later in October.

Swope noted that Chuck Ballard is also running for president-elect, Mark Miller is running unopposed for vice president, Otto Voit is running again unopposed for treasurer, and David Hutchinson is running for the at large position.

Neither Swope nor DiRocco have any apparent interest in administrative positions at the state level, should a new governor be elected in November and turnover result at the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). They were asked by reporters after the meeting.

Swope said there were people far more qualified for PDE positions. DiRocco said major PDE appointments usually have stronger political party connections, and are not generally chosen for expertise garnered at the district level.

Directors Edward Zych, Kelly Komula, Mark Hendrickson and Fred Scheller were absent.

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attorney general's drug strike force section.

Representatives for Noonan and Abruzzo did not immediately respond to requests for comment Thursday.

The man who sent more than three dozen porn emails and received 436 was identified as Randy Feathers, a former agent Corbett appointed to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. He didn't respond to requests for comment.

In a statement defending Kane's decision to release the names, her office said that she believes it is in the public's best interest to understand how its public servants conduct business.

"She also believes transparency on this issue is a very good way to help ensure that the exchanging of sexually explicit material through internal emails on state-owned equipment during official work hours doesn't happen elsewhere," it said.

Local Briefs

The Anonymous People

LEWISBURG — The Anonymous People, a documentary film about the more than 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs will be shown at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium of Lewisburg Area High School, 815 Market St., Lewisburg.

The free screening is presented by the 17th Judicial District Treatment Courts, CMSU Behavioral Services, White Deer Run Treatment Centers and the Recovery Community Initiative.

A panel discussion will follow the film. Contact Jennifer Lombardo at jelombardo@crchealth.com for more information.

YMCA accepting applications

MILTON — The Milton YMCA is accepting applications for a part-time custodian.

Hours will vary on a weekly basis and Sunday hours will be required.

Applications are available at the YMCA.

For more information, contact Shane Purves at 570-742-7321.

Town

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Officials said the designation, already in place in Lock Haven, will strengthen the Susquehanna Greenway, a series of interconnected towns, parks and trails.

"It is like pearls on a necklace," said Alice Trowbridge, project coordinator for the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, the group that authenticates requests for the designation.

Trowbridge said being named a River Town can earn extra points on certain grant applications, and what she called technical assistance.

"We can help identify what are projects to help connect the community better to the river," she said. "If there is a project already in place...we can assist in getting a grant ready."

The SGP will also help sketch conceptual site plans and promote projects or events.

A good sample project where they can help, Trowbridge said, is the extension of the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail to the river. A convenient launching area for canoes or kayaks has also been suggested.

Mayor Judy Wagner said being named a River Town was a positive way to connect the borough more closely with the West Branch.

"There are a lot of assets here that people really want to enjoy, but we don't have the facilities to do it yet," Wagner said.

Linda Sterling, Lewisburg Downtown Partnership executive director said connecting the community to the river was called a pressing issue when the LDP was founded in 1999.

"I'm just thrilled this is happening," Sterling said. "There wasn't a clear way forward."

The extra branding, Sterling added, using a recognizable sign and logo to identify Lewisburg and other River Towns, was also a plus.

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