

push for nt to ban marriage

the signatures of 315,000 registered Ohio voters required by Aug. 4 to put an initiative on the ballot.

An amendment isn't necessary, said a Republican lawmaker who supported Ohio's Defense of Marriage Act. The law also denies some state benefits to unmarried employees' partners, but doesn't affect private business or city governments.

"We think we need to let that cake hold before we start mending the Constitution," said Mike Gilb, a Findlay Republican.

Beallor said that workers will most likely not return to work until a contract has been reached, but despite preparations to continue the strike, the union was ready to spend late nights negotiating.

"When you're on strike, you do whatever you can to hamper a settlement," he said. "I'm anywhere near close, but it's as long as it will be."

In October, Desvari also commenced the master's degree list on his resume was awarded a nonaccredited university that, despite listing nine years of college on the resume, didn't have an undergraduate degree.

Before the stay was issued, police tried to pin the murder on him because officers checking the crime scene found his fingerprints from an earlier slay.

Once they found my prints, [figured] I was the one that did murder," said Lott, sitting in a cell, windowless room in the Sheffield Correctional Institution. His hands were locked in his.

It said he was encouraged in when the McGrath description emerged. "I felt good about cause I knew all along I didn't commit the crime," Lott said. "It's hard to deal with because state wants to execute an innocent man, OK? The state wants an innocent man."

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Reuben D. Turner, 71, North Ridgeville principal

CATAWBA ISLAND — Reuben D. "RD" Turner, 71, of Catawba Island, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Lake-wood Grace Hospital following a long illness.

He was born Jan. 17, 1933, in Hugsville, Ky. As a young boy, he moved to Ohio where he lived most of his life in Plymouth, Avon Lake and Port Clinton.



Turner

He was a graduate of New Haven High School, and Bowling Green and Kent State universities.

Turner served in the U.S. Navy in the Korean war on the U.S.S. Missouri.

He was employed as a teacher in Garfield Heights, a guidance counselor in Avon Lake, and retired from education in 1988 as a principal for the North Ridgeville City Schools.

Turner was a member of the American Legion and a past member of the North Ridgeville Kiwanis. He attended

the Erie Shores Assembly of God. He was an avid boater and enjoyed traveling and animals.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Barbara (nee Predieri); daughter, Sherry Szczepanski of North Ridgeville; son, Col. Richard D. Turner, USAF, of Alabama; brother, Kenneth G. Turner of Bethlehem, Pa.; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gorman and Minnie Turner.

Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., at Lindsey-Kocher Funeral Home, 323 Myrtle Ave., Willard. Services will be held at the funeral home Monday at 11 a.m. The Rev. Harry Hunt, pastor of Erie Shores Assembly of God, Port Clinton, will officiate. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Ridgeville City Schools Endowment Fund, 5490 Mills Creek Lane, North Ridgeville, OH 44039, or to the Erie Shores Assembly of God, 220 S. Gill Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

Gary C. Rudnik Sr.

AVON LAKE — Gary C. Rudnik Sr., 60, of Avon Lake, died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at his home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 23, 1943, in Lorain.

Rudnik served in the U.S. Army as a reservist.

He retired as supervisor for U.S.G. Interiors after 37 years.

He was a member of AMVETS Post 55, American Legion Post 2111, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7586. He enjoyed sports and was a Cleveland Browns fan.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Penny E. (nee Drake); sons Gary Jr. and Matthew, both of Avon Lake;

daughters Laura Moore of Sheffield Lake and Denise Sutton of Avon Lake; sister, Doreen Passanisi of Lorain; and six grandchildren and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Chester Rudnik and Theresa Kovarik.

Friends may call Sunday, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., at Busch Funeral Home, 163 Avon-Belden Road, Avon Lake. A prayer service will be Monday at 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by Mass of Christian burial at Nativity Church of Lorain at 10 a.m. The Rev. Robert Glepko will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, where VFW Post 451 and American Legion Post 30 will conduct military honors.

Peter David Goldsmith

OBERLIN — Peter David Goldsmith, 51, of Oberlin, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at his home after a brief illness.

He was born Aug. 27, 1952, in Lafayette, Ind., and had lived in Oberlin for the past five years.

He served as the Dean of Students at Oberlin College.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Kalish; son, Benjamin D. Goldsmith of Oberlin; daughter, Joanna B. Goldsmith of Oberlin; parents George and

Sonia Goldsmith of Sherborn, Mass.; brother, Robert B. Goldsmith of Forest Hills, N.Y.; and sisters Laurie R. Goldsmith of Roxbury, Mass., and Lynn M. Goldberg of Bedford, N.H.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peter Goldsmith Memorial Fund, Oberlin College Office of Development, 50 W. Lorain St., Oberlin, OH 44074.

Andrew L. Bandell

LORAIN — Andrew "Andy" L. Bandell, 78, of Lorain, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at his daughters' residence in Indianapolis, Ind., following a one-year illness.

He was born Oct. 5, 1925, in Bridgeport, Conn., moving to New York in 1930. In 1957, he moved to Lorain.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II for three years.

Bandell was a self-employed carpet installer for 15 years, retiring in the late 1970s. Prior to that, he worked for L & J Carpet in Lorain as a carpet installer for many years.

He enjoyed traveling to Canada's Marlin River, fishing and was an avid

movie watcher.

Survivors include his daughter, Patricia Rose of Indianapolis; sons Andrew Jr., of Indianapolis, Harry, of Wakeman and Edward, of Brunswick; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Lillian (nee Bennett) in 1996; a sister, Shirley, in 1996; and his parents, Harry and Eleanor (nee Stairs) Bandell.

Private family visitation and funeral services were held yesterday at the Dovin Funeral Home, 2701 Elyria Ave., Lorain. The Rev. Fr. James Ols, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiated.

Eileen Joan Bartoto

OBERLIN — Eileen Joan Bartoto, 80, of Oberlin, died Thursday, April 22,

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Ann Whiting

NILES, Mich. — Elizabeth Ann Whiting (nee Mayse), 42, of Niles, Mich., formerly of North Ridgeville, died suddenly Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

She was born in Lakewood and raised in North Ridgeville, where she was a 1980 graduate of North Ridgeville High School. She had lived in Michigan for the past 10 years.

Mrs. Whiting loved animals, raised and rode horses, and enjoyed sewing and spending time with her grandchildren. She also loved the outdoors.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Whiting of Niles; daughters Shannon and Lauren Whiting of

Niles; son, Steven of Niles; parents Jack and Lavinia Mayse of North Ridgeville; brother, Leonard Mayse of New London; sisters Susan Powers of Brookpark, Marina Kimble of Elyria, and Jacqueline Mayse of North Ridgeville; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday and Sunday, 7 to 9 p.m., at Liston Funeral Home, 36403 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Cathedral of Life, 5375 Jaycox Road, North Ridgeville. The Rev. John Helms will officiate. Burial will be in Reshavan Memory Gardens, Avon.

William E. Hutchins

ELYRIA — William E. Hutchins, 82, of Elyria, died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph, Lorain.

He was born Aug. 31, 1921, in Cleveland.

Hutchins graduated from Birmingham High School, Birmingham, in 1941.

He served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific, Philippines and Korea during World War II.

Hutchins moved to Elyria in 1946 and was employed at Sears in downtown Elyria and Midway Mall. He was then employed at Oberlin Medical Center in the maintenance department and was also an EMT for the Oberlin Ambulance Squad.

He was member of the Lorain County Sheriff's Auxiliary Department, and the LaGrange United Methodist Church, LaGrange.

He was active in Scouting and served as district commissioner and was also involved with Little League South in Elyria. He taught water safety and self-defense classes for the Elyria Chapter of the American Red Cross. He enjoyed woodworking.

fishing and gardening.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Frieda (nee Gottschling); daughters Karen Duchoslav of LaGrange and Beverly Fox of Elyria; son, Kenneth Hutchins of Thomasville, Ga.; sister, Doris Swezey; brothers Glen Callin of Claremont, Fla., and Larry Carpenter of Tampa, Fla.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Mary Callin; and brother, John Hopkins.

Friends may call Sunday from 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Dickson Funeral Home, 323 Middle Ave., Elyria. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Raymond Ake will officiate. Elyria Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1079 will conduct a military service at the grave. Burial will be in Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to LaGrange United Methodist Church, 105 W. Main St., P.O. Box 71, LaGrange, OH 44050; or New Life Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria, OH 44035.

Arrangements pending

Eleanor A. Cleaver-Palagyi (nee Strzaker), 84, of Sheffield Township, died Friday. Friends may call Monday, 5 to 8 p.m., Glynna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain.

Geil M. Frohlich (nee Banister), 55, of Elyria, died Thursday. Friends may call Monday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Bauer-Laubenthal Funeral Home, 38475 Chestnut Ridge Road, Elyria.

Sarah Halitzka



Sarah Leethea Halitzka (nee Baker), 86, of Lorain passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at Center Ridge Nursing Home in North Ridgeville, after a brief illness. She was born the youngest of 10, on a farm in Raleigh, North Carolina on July 12,

and her daughter Noreen Halitzka-Satterfield of Lorain. Also survived by her grandchildren Bruce, Robert, George, Nicolas, Heidi, Victor, Amanda and Stephanie Halitzka and Michelle, Heather, Sarah, Rachel, Vicki and Ricky Satterfield, II. Concluding with

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