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CALENDAR

5/16/2008 Off the Wall Show. A show of sculpture by local artists. 140 E. Market St., Akron. Noon. (330) 376-8480

5/19/2008 Marriage and Money. Financial representative Christy Corrice will present a program for couples, showing them how to work as partners to create a budget and a long term financial plan, and a long term financial plan, Twinsburg Public Library. 8 p.m., (330) 425-4268 ext 2

5/21/2008 Ballroom Dance Lessons. Intermediate ballroom dance lessons. Green Primary School Gym, 2300 Graybill Rd. 7 p.m. (330) 896-6621

5/24/2008 Creativity Transcends! an exhibition of work created by gifted artists with disabilities whose art has appeared in the pages of Kaleidoscope: Exploring the Experience of Disability through Literature and the Fine Arts, as well as museums and galleries across the country. Corbin Gallery of the Akron Art Museum, 11 a.m. (330) 376-9185

5/31/2008 Alumni Day. Honoring distinguished alumni and friends, reception at 6 p.m., dinner and the program at 7 p.m., (330) 972-7270

6/2/2008 Third National Minority Professionals in Alternative Dispute Resolution Training Institute Capital University Law School www.law.capital.edu/adr

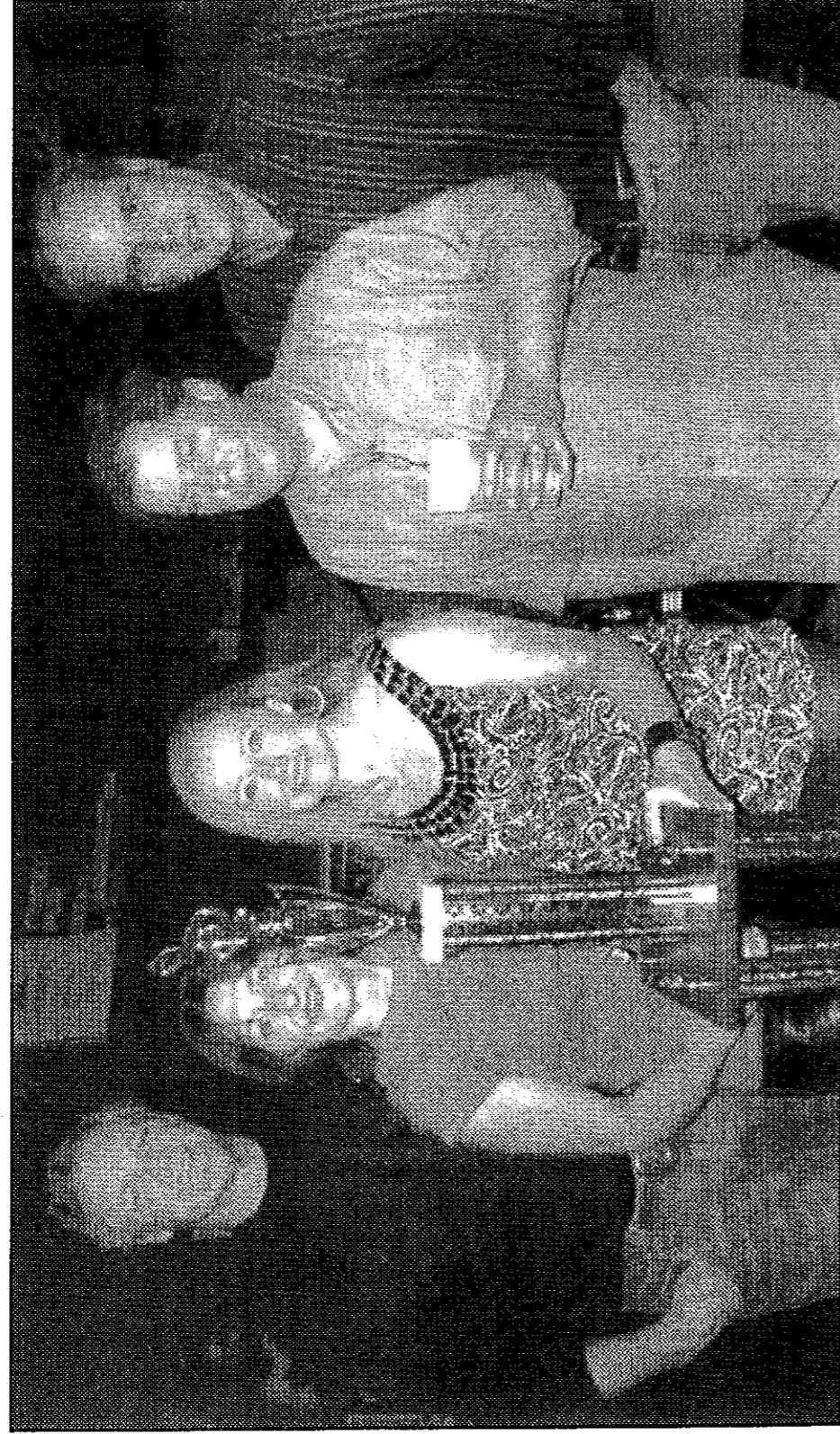
6/7/2008 Akron Marbles Tournament For boys and girls 14 years or under, living in the greater Akron media market, the winners, one boy and one girl, will each receive a \$1000 college scholarship, 200 S. Main St., Akron, 9 a.m. (330) 296-1670

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Cleveland band Chapter 11 won first place at the Akron Bar Association's annual Jammin' for Justice competition Friday, May 9, 2008, at The Barley House. (Legal News Photo/Ashley C. Heeney) SEE MORE JAMMIN' FOR JUSTICE PHOTOS ON PAGE 14

Jammin' for Justice rocks year 2

By RICHARD WEINER
Legal News Reporter

Dressed in everything from track suits to business attire, over 200 people came out to The Barley House for the Akron Bar Association's second annual Jammin' for Justice, a charity rock concert/contest put on for the benefit of Community Legal Aid's Volunteer Legal Services

Program. Proceeds also support the Bar Association's efforts to promote the legal profession.

At least one member of each competing band has to be a member of the legal profession to get in, and there is a limit of four bands. The winning band gets a trophy, and performs for the rest of the evening.

The winner this year was the band Chapter 11 out of Clevel-

and, featuring Steve Daniels on guitar, a partner with the Cleveland firm of McMahon DeGulis.

The band covered an interesting mix of music, from Led Zeppelin to Spirit to the Pretenders. Roxymoron, last year's winner, was the runner-up. Also performing were Instant Replay and last year's runner-up The Jilletes.

"It was a tremendous suc-

cess," says Bar Association PR director Maryanne Palik, who organized the event, and noted that the event is becoming more popular with bands.

Judges of the music competition were, as MC Jim Chenot from 91.3 The Summit pointed out, "an actual judge" in Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer; Tiffany Broz, who works promotions for

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Governor to screen attorney general replacements

By JULIE CARR SMYTH
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS (AP) - Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland said he will act swiftly to replace Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann.

Strickland, a fellow Democrat who led the charge for Dann to step down, said he has collected a list of people in the days since revelations of Dann's extramarital affair and role in a sexual harassment scandal were revealed. But he said serious screenings had not yet begun while Dann was still refusing to leave office.

Dann, 46, succumbed to the pressure Wednesday, saying the negative publicity was overshadowing the good work of the office's 1,400 employees.

Under law, first assistant attorney general Tom Winters will

assume the responsibilities of attorney general until Strickland names a replacement. In a letter to the staff, Winters called it a sad and emotional day and commended the staff for its "nationwide reputation as aggressive and professional advocates for the people of Ohio."

Among those mentioned as possible successors are Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher, higher education chancellor Eric Fingerhut, state Treasurer Richard Cordray, Cuyahoga County prosecutor Bill Mason and Strickland's chief legal counsel Kent Markus. Strickland's appointee would serve until November, when voters would choose a successor.

The resignation by Dann, a Democrat elected on an anti-corruption platform in 2006, ended a 10-day odyssey in

which he had refused repeated, forceful calls to step down by Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland and others within his party, faced growing investigative scrutiny, and seen articles of impeachment filed against him.

Fellow Democrats led the charge to remove Dann, catching him in a web of his own words. Dann had admitted at the conclusion of the high-profile harassment investigation May 2 not only to having an affair but to hiring ill-qualified friends, fostering bad office behavior, and being overwhelmed and unprepared for the job to which he was elected.

Several of those sentiments showed up in impeachment articles filed Tuesday.

Appearing beside Strickland Wednesday, Dann said he realized it was necessary to leave to

preserve the ability of the office to carry out his priorities. The 46-year-old from Youngstown had fashioned himself an Ohio version of the crime-fighting Eliot Spitzer, and spent his first year taking on some of America's most powerful business interests.

"It is now clear to me that the only way to protect... priorities for the office of attorney general and for the people of Ohio is to remove myself from the situation," he said. "This will preserve the great work being done by the office."

When asked what qualities he would look for in a new attorney general, Strickland said without hesitation: "Maturity."

"We need someone who can provide confidence to the many, many employees of the attorney general's office," he said.



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More than 280 new attorneys admitted

COLUMBUS - More than 280 new attorneys who met the challenges of law school and passed the bar exam were sworn in today at a ceremony officially admitting them to the bar. Supreme Court of Ohio Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton offered remarks at the ceremony, which took place during a special session of the Supreme Court at the historic Ohio Theatre.

"I know that admittees are excited to take this final rite of passage," Justice Stratton said. "I hope that at least one 'Tip for Success' that I gave them will stick and help speed them on their way."

The new attorneys were led in the professional oath by Justice Paul E. Pfefer.

Michael P. Morrison, chairman of the Board of Bar Examiners, presented a motion to admit the successful applicants. Also present at the ceremony were Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer and Justices Maureen O'Connor, Terrence O'Donnell, Judith Ann Lanzinger and Robert R. Cupp.

Robert F. Ware Jr., president of the Ohio State Bar Association, and Geoffrey S. Mearns, dean of Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, also offered remarks.

"On behalf of the members of the Ohio State Bar Association, I want to congratulate our new lawyers and welcome them to the practice of law," said Ware. "The Ohio State Bar Association's mission is to assist the lawyers of Ohio in their practices, so I encourage every new lawyer to take full advantage of their OSBA membership as they embark on this exciting new chapter of their professional lives."

Dean Mearns urged Ohio's newest attorneys to embrace the ideals of not only professionalism inherent in the practice of law but also the patriotism that goes along with it. "I believe that our profession is a patriotic calling," Mearns said. "Lawyers played an important role in drafting our Constitution. For more than 200 years, lawyers have worked to implement that remarkable vision articulated in that document. And it is lawyers who continue to ensure that the ideals and fundamental values of our Constitution are preserved and protected."

The attorneys sworn in today passed the February bar examination and satisfied all of the Supreme Court's other requirements for admission. Overall, 283 applicants out of 432 (65.5 percent) received passing scores while 194 of the 234 first-time

applicants (83 percent) received passing scores. The University of Cincinnati, Ohio Northern University and The Ohio State University each had 100 percent of their first-time applicants pass.

Following the ceremony, the attorneys were offered a tour of the Ohio Judicial Center, including the Supreme Court Courthouse, the Law Library and the attorney registration office. The bar exam is administered by the Supreme Court, which regulates the practice of law in Ohio, including the admission of new attorneys, the biennial registration of current attorneys, attorney discipline in cases of mis-

conduct, and the administration of continuing legal education.

Summit County

Charles Billington, Cuyahoga Falls; Erica Board, Oakwood Village; Brad Catlin, Stow; Bill Copeland, Fairlawn; LeAnn Covey, Stow; Eric Crescimano, Akron; Robert Errett, Akron; Julie Finn, Akron; David Folk, Akron; Emily Goetz, Hudson; Karen Lawhorn Conn, Stow; Nathan Mast, Akron; Donald Matteo, Stow; Jacob Rzepka, Hudson; John Seeds, Sagamore Hills; Larry Shumaker, Cuyahoga Falls; Debra Spatz, Akron; Rebekah Sullivan, Akron; Than Thein, Akron; Annal Vyas, Stow.

Mother pleads guilty to child endangering

CINCINNATI (AP) - A woman in Cincinnati who pleaded guilty to charges of kidnapping and child endangering told a judge that she often kept her 5-year-old and 20-month-old children in a closet and playpen overnight. Twenty-six-year-old Beverly Fears said Monday that she did that so she could go to her job as a customer service worker in a computer store.

A neighbor who called police to the woman's apartment last year said she heard the 5-year-old screaming. "Why do she keep doing this to me?" A prosecutor says authorities had evidence that the 5-year-old's hands were regularly tied in the closet. Sentencing has been set for July 1. Fears could be sentenced to as much as 31 years in prison.

Jammin' for Justice

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WONE; Conna Gaffney, Assistant Summit County Prosecutor and 2006 winner of Doc's Who Rock (which is the MD equivalent of Jammin' for Justice); Tony Tropp, owner of Mocha Maiden and Musica; and Gerald Dominick, a well-known area musician who is arguably both the best bass player and the best independent graphic designer in town, and is currently the bassist for the Colin John Band.

Palik says that this year's Jammin' for Justice brought in at least \$8,000.

"Members of the Akron Bar Association have always been dedicated to helping the less fortunate in the Akron community," says Palik. "Jammin' for Justice provides our members with an opportunity to showcase their musical talents and come together with different groups in the community to help those in need. I'm very proud of the event and I hope to continue to build on its success in the coming years."

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LEGISLATIVE FLOOR ACTIONS

COLUMBUS (AP) - Legislative floor actions in the House of Representatives and Senate from Tuesday, May 13.

HOUSE PASSED

SB 3 (Enacted) PENSION RESTRICTIONS/ATTORNEY GENERAL (Faber) - To provide that the privilege of holding a position of honor, trust, or profit that is forfeited by reason of conviction of certain felonies is not restored on completion of a prison term, period of community control sanctions or pardon or release by the Adult Parole Authority; to impose as part of the sentence of a person convicted of certain felonies committed while serving in such a position the forfeiture of the portion of any public retirement benefit that is based on employer contributions; to require that a person subject to a forfeiture order who is eligible to retire obtain spousal consent for a refund of employee contributions; to provide for the notification of the appropriate public retirement system if a member is charged with one of the felonies that could result in such a forfeiture; and to impose a lifetime ban against serving as, the termination of any current registration of, a legislative agent, retirement system lobbyist, or executive agency lobbyist upon a person convicted of certain felonies; to authorize the Inspector General to conduct an investigation of alleged misconduct in the Office of the Attorney General; to make an appropriation of money; and to declare an emergency. Emergency: 81-7; Bill: 83-13 (Earlier REPORTED-AMENDED)

HB 323 FENCES LAW (Gibbs) - To revise the Fences Law. 94-0

HB 359 NUISANCE ABATEMENT (Huffman) - To extend to

(Carey) - To permit local jurisdictions to request the Director of Transportation to designate a name for a bridge that is part of the highway system. 31-0

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR

HB 281 ANIMAL VALUES (Schlichter) - To provide for the uniform determination of the fair market value of certain animals killed by a dog.

CLERK'S NOTATION

This is to inform you that Articles of Impeachment of Marc Dann, Attorney General of the State of Ohio have been filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives on May 13, 2008. Referred to Rules & Reference.

SENATE PASSED

HB 331 MATERNITY HOMES (Wagoner) - Regarding the licensure of maternity homes and obstetric and newborn care facilities. 32-0

SB 272 ELDER CARE (Stivers) - To specify areas the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is to serve. 32-0

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS SB 44 BRIDGE NAMING

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