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## Three apply for municipal judge

By **TRISH BENNETT**  
STAFF WRITER

Three candidates met Monday's deadline to apply for appointment as the next municipal court judge, a position left vacant when John R. Adkins lost his battle with lung cancer Feb. 3.

Elisa F. Branham, Gary R. Dumm and Shelly R. Harsha now vie for the municipal

court bench, expected to be filled by mid-April. All three candidates have served as acting judge in the Circleville Municipal Court.

Branham has served the past 10 years as a court magistrate for the Pickaway County Common Pleas Court, Pickaway County Juvenile Court and Circleville Municipal Court. She also is the magistrate of South

**On the web**

• Applications from all three candidates at [www.circlevilleherald.com](http://www.circlevilleherald.com)

Bloomfield's mayor's court. "I would describe my judicial philosophy as moderate with tendencies toward more liberal interpretations, holding the belief that the U.S.

Constitution is a document subject to new and changing evaluation." Branham wrote on her application. "Generally, I am mindful of precedent but also of facts that differentiate cases and I tend to write fact-bound, detailed opinions. My general judicial philosophy is that decisions should be fair, impartial and sensible."

Dumm is a private attorney in the law firm of Tootle and

Dumm. He is also the chair of the Pickaway County Democratic Committee.

"Defendants and litigants deserve fair and timely attention to their cases and should leave the court with their dignity intact, even when they are punished or they lose their arguments," Dumm wrote on his application.

Harsha is a magistrate for the Pickaway County

Common Pleas Court, Pickaway County Juvenile Court and Circleville Municipal Court. She is also the magistrate of Laurelville's mayor's court and is a former Pickaway County assistant prosecutor.

"At the municipal court level, there is the well-founded belief that a convicted defendant can be rehabilitated and

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### Team of snowmen



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Monday was another "Snow Day" for Circleville, Logan Elm and Teays Valley schools. In their front yard in Circleville, Mackenzie Stack, 10, from left, Cody Stack, 12 and Garrett Marquis, 6, add the finishing touches to their third snowman.

**Weather**

**Today:** High of 38, partly sunny.  
**Wednesday:** High of 44. Snow in morning.  
**Thursday:** High of 53. Showers possible.  
**Friday:** High of 45. Morning clouds, afternoon sun.

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Monday's melt down was causing drainage problems around town. At the corner of Mound and Mingo Streets, Stephanie Karr shovels a passage way for the melting snow to drain away.



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### Cleanup continues

Thanks to a healthy dose of sunshine and above-freezing temperatures, Pickaway County continued to dig itself out of last weekend's wicked storm.

In Circleville, road crews began early to tackle the slippery streets, which have plagued residents since Friday when the storm began. The addition of road salt appeared to be helping the thaw as pavement was visible throughout the city by afternoon.

A trouble spot were sidewalks that had not been cleared during the 13.5 inch weekend snowfall. The sun and warm temperatures created a top coat of slush over frozen — and slippery — surfaces.

In the county, highway and utility crews cleared major highways Monday in time for morning commuters to return to work.

While workers returned to their job sites, Circleville, Teays Valley and Logan Elm schools were closed and Westfall was on a two-hour delayed start.

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A photo page of Pickaway County residents enjoying the warm weather and beautiful snow. **Page B3**

## Intermodal opens with big dreams

Gov. Strickland calls the project important to Ohio

By **WAYLON STRICKLAND**  
STAFF WRITER

Pickaway County and central Ohio are expected to become key players in the global logistics market with the opening of Norfolk Southern's Rickenbacker Intermodal terminal.

That was the message Monday as a large contingent of politicians and business leaders flocked to Harrison Township to celebrate the terminal's opening.

Officials are counting on the nearly \$70 million facility to spur growth in the warehousing and logistics sector adjacent to the intermodal terminal.

"Logistics and intermodal transport are important to Ohio," said Ohio Gov. Ted

"I remember standing here watching my corn grow tall and producing a bountiful yield. And although there is no longer corn growing here, the infrastructure that has grown will also produce bountiful yields."

— Jay Wippel  
Pickaway County Commissioner

Strickland. "I'm really proud of Ohio today."

Champions of the intermodal say eventually a \$15.1 billion economic impact and more than 20,000 will benefit central Ohio.

The day was slightly ironic  
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## OCU to launch logistics program

Sequence will begin in April, offered online

By **TRISH BENNETT**  
STAFF WRITER

Ohio Christian University is preparing to meet the needs of students and businesses alike with the development of its new logistics management program slated to begin this fall.

Dr. David Garrison has been hired by the university to head up the program, which will be offered through its AIM adult evening program



**GARRISON**

beginning in April and through online and traditional campus programs in September.

According to OCU, Garrison recently retired from United Services Automobile Association as executive vice president of corporate services and has held key management positions at Aetna, Haliburton, Brown & Root and Celotex during his professional career.

"He has 37 years of experience, so that's just a good

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A crane moves truck trailers at the Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal on Monday. Pickaway County officials hope to see a lot of that in the future.



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Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland said he was proud of Ohio on Monday at the ceremonial opening of the Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal.

NY gov. apologizes for accusations

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Eliot Spitzer, the crusading politician who built his career on rooting out corruption, apologized Monday after allegations surfaced that he paid thousands of dollars for a high-end call girl. He did not elaborate on the scandal, which drew calls for his resignation.

At a hastily called news conference, Spitzer stood next to his stone-faced wife and bit his lips, telling reporters: "I have acted in a way that violates my obligations to my family."

"I have disappointed and failed to live up to the standard I expected of myself," he said. "I must now dedicate some time to regain the trust of my family."

As he walked out, reporters shouted: "Will you resign?" He did not answer.

The New York Democrat's involvement in the ring was caught on a federal wiretap as part of an investigation opened in recent months, according to a law enforcement official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing inquiry.

Obama ridicules idea of second spot

COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP) — Democrat Barack Obama ridiculed the idea of being Hillary Rodham Clinton's running mate Monday, saying voters must choose between the two for the top spot on the fall ticket. The Illinois senator used his first public appearance of the week to knock down the notion that he might accept the party's vice presidential nomination.

He noted that he has won more states, votes and delegates than Clinton so far.

"I don't know how somebody who is in second place is offering the vice presidency to the person who is first place," Obama said, drawing cheers and a long standing ovation from about 1,700 people in Columbus, Miss.

Saying he wanted to be "absolutely clear," he added: "I don't want anybody here thinking that somehow, 'Well, you know, maybe I can get both.' Don't think that way. You have to make a choice in this election."

"I am not running for vice president," Obama said. "I am running for president of the United States of America."

Suicide bomber kills 5 US soldiers

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber killed five U.S. soldiers as they chatted with shop owners while on a foot patrol in central Baghdad on Monday, the deadliest attack on American forces in the heavily fortified capital in more than eight months.

The bombing, just four days after nearly simultaneous blasts killed scores of people in a vibrant Shiite commercial district, again showed the insurgents' ability to strike inside a capital secured by hundreds of security checkpoints, U.S.-funded neighborhood watch groups and hundreds of miles of blast walls that surround buildings and cordon off districts.

The military insists that recent attacks do not point to a growing trend in violence, and continues to tout the security gains achieved over the past year.

At any rate, the push over the past six months to place U.S. bases inside neighborhoods and get soldiers out of their armored vehicles increases the Americans' vulnerability to attacks. While the face-to-face contact from foot patrols builds goodwill, it also gives suicide bombers, who often slip past security vehicle checkpoints by walking, better access to striking soldiers.

On Monday, the soldiers were walking in a shopping district of the predominantly Sunni Mansour neighborhood when a man in his 30s detonated his explosives about 30 feet away, said a police officer who witnessed the attack. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to talk to the media.

Bush: Cheney to press for peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, dispatching Vice President Dick Cheney to the Middle East, said the goal is to get Israelis and Palestinians to hold firm to the promises they've made toward peace.

Bush said Monday in the Oval Office that Cheney would "reassure people that the United States is committed to a vision of peace in the Middle East."

As Cheney tries to help hold together fragile negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, Bush says he's still optimistic that a peace deal can happen before he leaves office.

Cheney departs Sunday for a trip to Oman, Saudi Arabia, Israel, the West Bank and Turkey. Oil is also on his agenda, as the White House — coping with high energy prices that have socked American consumers — continues to push for greater oil production in the Mideast.

The vice president's visit comes on the heels of a brief trouble-shooting mission to the Mideast by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. She was able to pressure the moderate Palestinian leadership to resume peace talks with Israel, which broke off after a deadly Israeli military incursion into Gaza.

"As we move into the future, we have many projects to complete, and with each, the entire region will benefit from their economic impact," Wippel said.

Vatican updates its thou-shalt-not list

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In olden days, the deadly sins included lust, gluttony and greed. Now, the Catholic Church says pollution, mind-damaging drugs and genetic experiments are on its updated thou-shalt-not list. Also receiving fresh attention by the Vatican was social injustice, along the lines of the age-old maxim: "The rich get richer while the poor get poorer."

In the Vatican's latest update on how God's law is being violated in today's world, Monsignor Gianfranco Girotti, the head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, was asked by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano what, in his opinion, are the "new sins."

He cited "violations of the basic rights of human nature" through genetic manipulation, drugs that "weaken the mind and cloud intelligence," and the imbalance between the rich and the poor.

"If yesterday sin had a rather individualistic dimension, today it has a weight, a resonance, that's especially social, rather than individual," said Girotti, whose office deals with matters of conscience and grants absolution.

It's not the first time that the Vatican has sought to put a modern spin on sin. Last year, the Vatican took on the problem of highway accidents, issuing a kind of "Ten Commandments" for drivers against the sins of road rage, alcohol abuse and even rudeness behind the wheel.

Intermodal

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for county commissioner Jay Wippel, who's family used to farm the land at the corner of Ashville Pike and Rickenbacker Parkway until a couple of years ago, before it was developed for the intermodal.

"I remember standing here watching my corn grow tall and producing a beautiful yield," Wippel said. "And although there is no longer corn growing here, the infrastructure that has grown will also produce bountiful yields."

"I am proud to have made a living farming this land, and I'm proud of the many families who will now begin to make a living from this land."

The intermodal makes Rickenbacker a "hot" transportation hub and make the facility become Ohio's premier according to Kathy Ransier, chair of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority Board.

"The world will never see central Ohio through the same eyes again," said Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Upper Arlington.

The development of the intermodal, which was made possible through a public-private partnership between NS and the CRAA, puts Ohio at the forefront of uniting freight, transportation and development, according to Wick Moorman, president and CEO of Norfolk Southern.

"Norfolk Southern is Ohio's railroad," Moorman told the gathering, and Strickland said he was happy to designate NS as Ohio's railroad.

Hyperlogistics, a third-party distribution company, is the only business to have located in the area so far, but officials believe the area is ripe for development now that the intermodal terminal is open.

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