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Ugly Mug owners file counterclaim

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Owners of a Port Washington tavern accused of being a nuisance are seeking to have the lawsuit moved to federal court.

Debbi K. Lent and Peter Vasilakos, owners of Ugly Mug Ltd. of 105 W. Main St., Port Washington, filed a counterclaim charging that Tuscarawas County prosecutors are depriving them of their constitutional rights to free

speech and expression. They are seeking \$1 million in damages.

In an attempt to shut down the bar for a year and suspend the business' rights to sell alcoholic beverages, prosecutors filed a lawsuit March 5 in Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court asking that the conduct of the owners and business be labeled a public nuisance.

Prosecutors claim the owners have allowed lewd activities to take place in the tavern and

Proprietors want federal court to hear suit

that its unruly operation is a nuisance to area residents.

Prosecutors alleged that dancers were paid by customers to allow customers to fondle them, that minors were allowed to participate in nudity-oriented performances, and that the sale to or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage

people was permitted.

Vasilakos has denied the claims regarding minors in nudity-oriented performances and pointed to several other area establishments that he said cause more problems.

In their counterclaim, Lent and Vasilakos state that since May 2002, when it became known that they "permitted pa-

trons, including female patrons, to freely express themselves through dance at the Ugly Mug," prosecutors have sought to force the business to close.

Vasilakos and Lent also maintain that the dancers were not solicited to perform and were not paid by the Ugly Mug.

Assistant Prosecutor David

Hipp said Thursday that the federal court must rule on the request before the case is removed from Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court.

In the meantime, a hearing set for today regarding a request by prosecutors for a temporary injunction has been canceled, Hipp said.

Railway terror

Madrid blasts kill 192

By MAR ROMAN
Associated Press Writer

MADRID, Spain - A series of bombs hidden in backpacks exploded in quick succession Thursday, blowing apart four commuter trains and killing at least 192 people and wounding more than 1,400.

Spain at first blamed Basque separatists, but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida for the worst terrorist attack in Spanish history.

Panicked rush-hour commuters trampled each other, abandoning their bags and shoes, after two of the bombs went off in one train in the Atocha station in the heart of Madrid. Train cars were turned into twisted wrecks, and platforms were strewn with corpses. Cell

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AP/Peter Dejong

Rescuers work around a destroyed intercity train at Atocha train station in Madrid after a number of blasts rocked railway stations Thursday, just three days before Spain's general elections.

Outcry heard

Viacom, EchoStar reach deal

By DAN ELLIOTT
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DENVER - After a two-day blackout that brought the wrath of satellite television viewers by the thousands, EchoStar Communications Corp. and Viacom Inc. reached a deal that restored several popular channels, such as MTV and Nickelodeon, to the DISH Network.

The two sides reached a deal early Thursday. Within 20 minutes, Viacom's channels, including VH1, Comedy Central and BET, were back on DISH, EchoStar spokesman Marc Lumpkin said.

EchoStar had dropped Viacom channels early Tuesday in a dispute over fees. Up to 9 million DISH satellite television viewers were affected.

The dispute also left as many as 2 million DISH viewers without CBS shows when EchoStar pulled the network's programming in cities including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Miami, Boston, Denver, Minneapolis and Dallas.

DISH subscribers in those cities were threatened with the

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Twin City water, sewer rates rising

DENNISON - Customers of Twin City Water and Sewer District will see a rate increase on their bills beginning next month.

The district's board of directors has raised service rates effective April 1.

Minimum usage, charged for

the first 4,000 gallons, will increase from \$27.30 to \$35.30 per month.

The increase reflects \$2 for water service and \$6 for sewer.

After the first 4,000 gallons, the rates will be an additional \$2 for water and \$2 for

sewer per 1,000 gallons.

Members of the board approved the rate increase on Feb. 19.

The district, faced with increasing maintenance costs, also is trying to streamline its billing.

Bills for customers with Uhrichsville addresses will be mailed and due on one date and those for customers with Dennison addresses on another date.

The dates have not been decided by the board.

I-77 robbery 'victim' admits to hoax

By BENJAMIN DUER
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It was a lie.

A man claiming to be the victim of a robbery on I-77, a couple miles south of the New Philadelphia exit, reportedly has confessed to Michigan authorities that he made up the story.

Detective Mike Szekeley of the Kalamazoo Police Department confirmed Thursday that Carlisle Eley admitted to filing

a false report to collect insurance money.

Eley, 35, of Kalamazoo confessed to the detective during a follow-up interview requested by the Ohio Highway Patrol at New Philadelphia, the agency investigating the robbery report.

"His motivation was to file an insurance claim for loss of alleged items," the detective said.

On March 1 Eley claimed a woman driving a red Honda had flagged him down while driving and told him there were sparks

coming from under his car.

He said he stopped, and a few minutes later a gray or silver Chevrolet sport utility vehicle pulled up behind him. The driver robbed him and fled, Eley claimed.

Eley had reported that a laptop computer, camcorder, cash, three rings and a briefcase were stolen.

Investigators questioned Eley on the day of the alleged robbery at the New Philadelphia patrol post but released

him, saying they could not prove or disprove his claims.

Lt. Eric Escola, commander of the New Philadelphia patrol post, said it later was discovered that Eley took out an insurance policy a week before the alleged robbery.

The insurance policy, Escola said, covered any items stolen, particularly jewelry and computer equipment, from a motor vehicle during a robbery.

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Play ball!

Carrie Leach, 12, catches a throw from Kotie Rinehart, 12, both of Dover, Thursday afternoon at a softball field near Dover Middle School.

T-R/Jim Cummings

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Tonight's jackpot
is estimated
at \$20 million.

Thursday's drawings

Day drawing

Pick 3
1-2-7
Pick 4
0-6-5-2



Night drawing

Pick 3
1-1-0
Pick 4
8-8-3-3
Buckeye 5
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Saturday's Super Lotto Plus
jackpot is worth \$15 million.

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