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**OHIO LOTTERY**

**Numbers for Wednesday, Feb. 20**

**POWERBALL DRAWING**  
 27-49-50-51-52  
**Powerball:** 2  
**Power Play:** 2

**Classic Lotto:**  
 19-23-26-38-42-46  
**Kicker:** 9-5-7-8-5-0

**Rolling Cash 5:** 2-6-13-30-35  
**Daytime Pick 3:** 6-8-9  
**Nighttime Pick 3:** 5-6-8  
**Daytime Pick 4:** 6-5-1-6  
**Nighttime Pick 4:** 1-4-1-6  
**Daytime Pick 5:** 7-8-4-5-4  
**Nighttime Pick 5:** 3-3-5-0-4

• The Ohio Lottery's Classic Lotto jackpot will be \$10.8 million for the drawing Saturday. There were no tickets with the correct combination for Wednesday's drawing.

• The Mega Millions jackpot will be an estimated \$224 million for the drawing Friday. There were no tickets with the correct combination for the drawing Tuesday.

• For results of past drawings, see [Dispatch.com](http://Dispatch.com) or call the lottery's hotline at **1-800-589-6446**.

# OSU, Strauss plaintiffs told to find mediator

**By Jennifer Smola**  
 The Columbus Dispatch

Ohio State University and former students who allege that the school failed to stop sexual abuse by former university physician Richard Strauss must agree on a mediator within three weeks, a federal judge ordered Wednesday.

Judge Michael H. Watson wrote that the parties must meet, confer on a number of pending issues and update the court by March 12.

At the top of the list was determining a mediator. Watson originally asked the parties to submit ideas for potential mediators in the case in January.

The parties came back with

differing opinions. The former students suggested mediators with previous experience in college sexual assault cases at Michigan State and Penn State universities. Attorneys for Ohio State objected, writing that those cases resulted in controversy and proposed a mediator with a "fresh perspective." The university suggested a different federal judge or chief federal appeals court mediator.

Attorneys for the former students submitted another potential mediator to the court this week, retired federal Judge Steven Rhodes, who presided over Detroit's bankruptcy mediation. Watson had previously said he was considering a mediation model similar to the one used in the

Detroit bankruptcy case.

An independent investigation into the Strauss allegations and what university officials at the time might have known has been underway since April, when the university announced the first allegation. Since then, at least 150 people have come forward with firsthand accounts of abuse by Strauss. The doctor retired from Ohio State in 1998 and killed himself in 2005.

Attorneys Jack Landskroner and Scott Smith, who represent one group of former students, said they will continue to work to reach an agreement with Ohio State on a mediator. Smith reiterated the plaintiffs' hope to "engage a mediator who is not only qualified but experienced in

resolving mass serial sex-abuse matters."

"We appreciate the opportunity to work with the court on its efforts to find pathways of resolution, and we look forward to conferring with the parties on possible mediators," said Michael Carpenter, outside counsel representing Ohio State in the matter.

The judge's order Wednesday also asked the parties to report any objections to consolidating two cases brought by separate groups of former students, as well as to what extent anonymous plaintiffs' identities may be disclosed between the parties.

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## Man charged with murder in Newark stabbing

**By Bethany Bruner**  
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A man injured in a Feb. 11 stabbing in Newark has been charged with murder, accused of fatally stabbing another man in the incident.

Michael A. Culp, 28, of Newark, was arrested Tuesday after being released from OhioHealth Grant Medical Center. He is charged with murder in the death of 38-year-old Rodney Peyton, of Newark, who died in the stabbing on Deo Drive.

During a bond hearing Wednesday in Licking County Common Pleas Court, Culp's bond was set at \$1 million.

According to court

records, detectives found video surveillance showing Culp with a knife prior to the stabbing around 4:10 p.m. Feb. 11 at Indian Valley Shopping Center. A knife was recovered during the investigation and identified as the weapon causing Peyton's death.

Court records show that Culp's girlfriend identified that knife as belonging to Culp.

According to a 911 call, a witness told dispatchers Peyton and Culp had been walking together. When Culp went inside a business, he left his backpack outside. Peyton was looking inside it when Culp returned and stabbed Peyton, according

to the caller.

Either Peyton or Culp went into a different business at the strip mall to seek medical help. The 911 calls do not identify which of the men was inside the business, and there is some indication both may have been inside at some point. Peyton died at the scene.

Culp was seriously injured and taken to Licking Memorial Hospital before being transferred to Grant.

Culp has prior felony convictions for violation of a protection order and illegal manufacture of drugs and is currently on parole.

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## State moves up delivery of March food stamps

**By Rita Price**  
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Ohio families that might have had to go 50 days or more without a food-stamp allotment now are set to receive half of their March benefits on Friday.

Advocates for the poor cheered the state's plan to address the looming gap, which was caused by the recent federal government shutdown.

Food pantries in southeastern Ohio already had been seeing an uptick in visits, said David Keller, development coordinator for the Hocking Athens Perry Community Action Program. "They are families who haven't had anything loaded onto their cards in about a month," he said.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

benefits for February were issued in mid-January to recipients' Ohio Direction Cards. Recipients had been told they would need to carefully budget because the next issuance wouldn't take place until March.

That became more difficult for families whose children have missed several free breakfasts and lunches because of school closures, Keller and others said.

"We've had quite a few snow days. And these children really do depend on those meals," Kelly said.

The federal government told states to mitigate the effect by coming up with a plan to shorten the gap. Federal regulations generally require that SNAP benefits be provided on or around the same date each month and that recipients shouldn't go more than 40

days between issuances.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services said it is making half of a household's March SNAP benefits available to recipients on their Ohio Direction Cards on Friday, with the remaining March benefits issued on the household's normal March availability date. The regular schedule resumes in April.

"We're grateful that the state of Ohio took this step to help lessen the impact of the federal government shutdown on food-insecure Ohioans, especially at an additional administrative cost to the state," Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, executive director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, said in a release.

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## Errors keep village's tax proposals off May ballot

**By Holly Zachariah**  
 The Columbus Dispatch

Paperwork and planning errors will keep three tax issues off the May ballot for the Pickaway County village of New Holland.

The village filed forms to ask voters to approve separate five-year levies to pay for streets, emergency medical services and the local community center.

But the Pickaway County Board of Elections did not approve putting the issues on the ballot when it met Feb. 13, said Director Michele Lockard. The streets and community center issues had wrong dates on the paperwork, Lockard said. With the EMS issue, the village had asked to put it only before Pickaway County voters (part of the village is in Fayette County), and that isn't allowed.

Voters rejected similar issues for the community center and streets in November. The village could correct the paperwork and get the issues before voters in November.

If approved to be on the ballot and then by voters, the tax levies for streets and EMS would have each cost homeowners \$52 for every \$100,000 of valuation, and each would have raised about \$16,700 a year. The community center issue would have raised almost \$28,000 a year and would have cost homeowners \$87.50 for each \$100,000 of valuation.

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