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THIS WEEK'S POLL:

What is your favorite local holiday attraction or event?

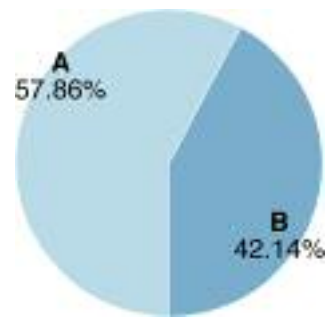
- A) Downtown Delaware's Holiday Parade
- B) Alum Creek's Fantasy of Lights
- C) Columbus Zoo's Wildlights
- D) Other

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Comments may appear on the Gazette's editorial page in the coming week.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Is the fact that President Obama has not announced a decision on the request for more troops in Afghanistan a reflection of (A) floundering and putting soldiers at risk or (B) prudent consideration of all possible outcomes, including an exit strategy?



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Gazette Amy Allan

Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to the crowds Sunday afternoon at the Christmas Parade in downtown Delaware.

Christmas arrives in Delaware

Staff reports

A very un-Christmas-like climate greeted those that came to get an early glimpse of Santa Claus during Sunday's 23rd annual Main Street Delaware Christmas Parade.

Temperatures hovered in the mid-50s for the parade, which has the distinction of being the earliest such parade in Central Ohio. Hundreds of people, clad in equal parts light layers and Santa hats and reindeer antlers, lined the parade's route, which ran through downtown Delaware.

Ohio Wesleyan University President Rock Jones and his wife, Melissa, were the parade's grand marshals, leading the parade in an open Red Mercedes convertible, waving to onlookers.

The parade lasted approximately one hour.

A giant inflatable



Gazette Amy Allan

Vicki Peffers, from The River Church, walks her camel Moses during Sunday's Christmas Parade.

Thanksgiving turkey, a self, riding in a two-camel, and plenty of Santa's elves were among this year's attractions. The parade was capped by Mr. and Mrs. Claus them-

selves, riding in a two-horse open carriage in the back of the line.

In all, more than 50 floats and exhibitors took part in the parade, organiz-

ers said.

This year's parade was again sponsored by Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 18.

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Olentangy grad prepares for Iraq

CONNIE CURRY
For the Gazette

On a recent Saturday afternoon, the aroma of great food, children playing and doorbell rings fill the air as friends and family prepare to send another soldier to war.

Most at the gathering are styling in their scarlet and grey and the television is on awaiting the kick off of the Ohio State Buckeyes. Comments are made about how fast the children have grown and infants are handed over to friends to share their new additions.

It's catching-up time and the reunion is about old friendships, love, hope and strong bonds with lives that are about to change.

A marriage, the miracle of birth, and family seeing each other daily seems something many take for granted. During war time, families' lives can be disrupted and loved ones separated by continents. But somehow during war time, a strong family finds strength, hope, support and patience.

First Lieutenant John Terzo, 33, a 1994 graduate of Olentangy High School, knows all too well about the unknown ahead of him. But he is a loyal, committed soldier in the U.S. Army.

He's a husband and father of a 13-month-old with a second child due in the end of December. His parents are John and Vickie Terzo.

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Submitted

John Terzo, with son Jack and wife Lesli. Terzo will leave the family next month for Iraq.

Sheriff: deputies should guard court facilities

By ANDREW TOBIAS
Staff Writer

Delaware County Sheriff Walter L. Davis III thinks sheriff's deputies should replace the private security guards that currently provide security at the county's court facilities and administrative buildings.

County commissioners this week voted to seek bids to compete for the services Arizona-based Trident Security currently provides.

Davis said the sheriff's office would be among the organizations vying for security detail when Trident's contract expires in February.

However, cost savings was one of the primary reasons the previous commissioners switched from deputies to private guards for court security in 2005. With a tight 2010 budget expected, the price tag for security is sure to be a heavy consideration in the commissioners' budget decision.

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Senate Democrats at odds over health care bill

ANNE FLAHERTY
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WASHINGTON — Moderate Senate Democrats threatened Sunday to scuttle health-care legislation if their demands aren't met, while more liberal members warned their party leaders not to bend.

The dispute among Democrats foretells of a rowdy floor debate next month on legislation that would extend health care coverage to roughly 31 million Americans. Republicans have already made clear they aren't supporting the bill.

Final passage is in jeopardy, even after the chamber's historic 60-39 vote Saturday night to begin debate.

"I don't want a big-government, Washington-run operation that would undermine the ... private insurance that 200 million Americans now have," said Sen. Ben Nelson, a conservative Nebraska Democrat.

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