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US Constitution to take lead role at Oakhill hearing

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YOUNGSTOWN

The balance between the constitutional rights of a free press and a fair trial will be the focus of Monday's legal arguments over whether pretrial document filings in the Oakhill Renaissance Place criminal conspiracy case should be unsealed.

Those rights are in the Bill of Rights, specifically in the First and Sixth amendments to the U.S. Constitution, respectively.

These fundamental issues will be argued at 9 a.m. Monday before visiting Judge William H. Wolff Jr. in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court.

To avoid pretrial publicity he said might bias potential jurors, Judge Wolff has ordered all non-

routine documents in the case filed under seal so he can screen them before making all or parts of them public.

Through their lawyer, Marion H. Little Jr., *The Vindicator* and 21 WFMJ-TV will argue that the press and the public's right to know and the defendants' right to a fair trial are of equal importance.

"The court is required to afford

equal weight to the public's First Amendment rights and the defendant's Sixth Amendment rights, and to choose a course of action that preserves both," Little argued in a written filing Friday.

"Instead of cloaking the proceedings in secrecy, the proper course where prejudicial pretrial publicity is alleged" is a careful

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MARION H. LITTLE JR.,
Attorney for *The Vindicator*

Ursuline students, staff cheer on their football team to today's state championship game

Firing up Irish



The Rev. Richard Murphy makes a "U" for Ursuline with his hands at the end of a pep rally Friday afternoon. Father Murphy is a 1972 graduate of the school and will attend today's state-title game against Coldwater at Canton's Fawcett Stadium.

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YOUNGSTOWN

URSULINE HIGH School Principal Patricia Fleming plans to say the rosary throughout today's game.

"That's standard practice for me," said the principal of 15 years who has attended every game this season.

She, along with teachers, players and students, gathered in the school auditorium Friday for a pep rally to cheer the Irish onto their third-straight state championship.

Excited faces dotted a sea of green and gold that chanted with cheerleaders who began a chorus of "U-H-S."

IF YOU GO

Ursuline meets Coldwater for the Division V state championship football game today:

♦ **WHEN:** 11 a.m.

♦ **WHERE:** Canton Fawcett Stadium, 1835 Harrison Ave. NW.

♦ **TV:** Sportstime Ohio

Senior students performed skits that had viewers chuckling in their seats, the first of which featured songs by Beyoncé that skirt-clad boys danced to.

Fleming laughed along with them, at times covering her face in embarrassment.

"Those skirts weren't knee-

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Ursuline seniors Louie Joseph and Lauren Martauz dance in a comedic skit during the high school's pep rally. Louise and Lauren said a group of their friends will eat breakfast at Panera Bread before painting their bodies and heading to the championship game that begins at 11 a.m.

Wilson calls loss 'shocking, surreal'

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YOUNGSTOWN

U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson said he has a difficult time accepting his loss to Republican Bill Johnson.

Losing was "much harder than I thought," Wilson, D-6th, said Friday in his first press interview since that defeat more than a month ago. "It was very surreal. I never had anything like that happen. It was just shocking."

Wilson, of St. Clairsville, had won every other political race he'd been in: four for the Ohio House, one for the state Senate and two for the U.S. House.

Wilson expected a close race with Johnson of Poland and to win by 5 percentage points to 7 percentage points. Instead, Johnson beat Wilson by 5 percentage points in the Nov. 2 election.

"When we saw results from around the country with my colleagues losing, we knew there was a wave coming," he said.

That "wave" includes 85 new freshmen Republicans in the U.S. House, including Johnson.

Wilson said one reason he lost his bid for a third two-year term in Congress was that "the electorate was angry even though we did a lot of good things."

But "it was not quite enough to do away with the idea that people were hurting," he added.

When asked about the failures of Democrats in this election, Wilson said, "We should have never ever let health-care [reform] drag on for a year. It should have been voted on immediately. Then we could get back to focusing on job creation."

Wilson spoke to Johnson on the night of the election to congratulate him but hasn't talked to him since.

When his term is up at the end of the month, Wilson said he plans to return to St. Clairsville and work at his family businesses: a funeral home and a furniture store.

A statewide redistricting of congressional and state legislative boundaries will be done by Republicans for the 2012 election. Depending on where lines are



Wilson

♦ **During** the final three weeks of his failed re-election bid, U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson's campaign spent almost twice as much money as Republican Bill Johnson. **A3**



♦ **INSIDE:** Coach Dan Reardon talks about preparation for his team's fourth-straight state championship game. Sports, **B1**

♦ **ONLINE:** Watch our video from Friday's pep rally at Ursuline. Watch state-title game updates this morning and afternoon.



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Boardman man mixes music, Internet in player piano

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Michael J. Moritz Jr. has spent the last year working with engineers, designers and manufacturers in Europe to create his own line of player grand pianos.

Now he is ready to unveil his work.

The Boardman resident and his pianos will be at Southern Park Mall beginning Monday, where he has set up a display in the main concourse. An accomplished musician, Moritz and guest artists will



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