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Mayor says he won't let talk of removal by City Council distract him from duties

By Miles Jung-Kilbreath Gateway News reporter

STREETSBORO — City Council may ask Mayor Tom Wagner to resign.

Council voted unanimously Monday to hire an attorney to advise it on procedures for removing an elected official from office.

Council President Art Scott said it is "very possible" that council may vote

to ask Wagner to resign at its April 13 meeting.

Wagner did not attend the meeting because of a family medical emergency, Scott said.

On Tuesday, Wagner said he is unclear on the allegations against him.

"I'm as much in the dark as you," he said. "I learn most of what I know from reading the newspaper."

"I'm not really sure they have the

power to remove me from office at all," he added. "It looks like that (section of the charter) pertains more to council members. I don't really know."

Wagner said he's not letting possible removal proceedings distract him from his work.

"It's not distracting to me. I was elected to be mayor, and none of this noise on the side is distracting me," he said.

Law Director Blair Melling said he

suggested council hire outside legal counsel regarding the procedure for removal from office. He represents both the mayor's office and council and said both sides should get their own attorneys if they want to "fight it out."

Council voted Monday to move \$5,000 from the general fund's election fund into council's contract services fund to

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Wagner

Kal Penn joins Obama's team

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House has hired actor Kal Penn as a liaison between President Barack Obama's administration and Asian constituents.



Penn

The actor has had a recurring role on Fox's TV show "House" and has starred in several movies, including "Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle."

Gay families to join Egg Roll

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is allocating tickets for the upcoming Easter Egg Roll to gay and lesbian families as part of the Obama administration's outreach to diverse communities.

Families say the gesture shows that the new Democratic administration values them as equal to other families.

Biden: Cheney is dead wrong

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden said Tuesday his predecessor, Dick Cheney, is "dead wrong" when he says President Barack Obama's national security policies are making the United States less safe.

Biden said the exact opposite is true and added that President George W. Bush's vice president was part of a dysfunctional decision-making system.

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Obama visits Iraq



Associated Press

President Barack Obama hugs military personnel at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq Tuesday.

Tells troops in Baghdad Iraqis must take over

By Jennifer Loven and David Espo Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Flying unannounced into a still-dangerous war zone, President Barack Obama told U.S. troops and Iraqi officials alike Tuesday it is time to phase out America's combat role in a conflict he opposed as a candidate and has vowed to end as commander in chief.

With violence diminished but hardly disappearing — a car bomb

killed eight Iraqis just hours before Obama's arrival — the president met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and emphasized that "we strongly support" steps to unite political factions, including integrating minority Sunnis into the government and security forces.

Iraqis "need to take responsibility for their own country," Obama told hundreds of cheering soldiers gathered in an ornate, marble palace near Saddam Hussein's former seat of power.

"You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country. That is an extraordinary achievement," he told some 600 troops, saluting their efforts during six years of American fighting and losses.

"We love you," someone yelled from the crowd of photo-snapping men and women in uniform.

"I love you back," responded the president, repeating a sequence that played out at hundreds of cam-

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Scientist says time travel is possible

Shares idea for time machine at Kent State

By Colin McEwen Record-Courier staff writer

Can people travel back in time or jump ahead into the future?

Ronald Mallett says they can.



Mallett

Mallett, a professor of theoretical physics at the University of Connecticut, spoke about those scientific possibilities to a group of about 150 people in the Kiva at the Kent Student Center Tuesday.

"This may sound like it's been ripped from the pages of science fiction," said Mallett. "Yet, I believe the 21st century will be seen as the century of time travel, just as the 20th century is seen as the century of air and space travel."

Stemming from Albert Einstein's theory of relativity, Mallett shared basic insight about how time travel

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Chlorine gas leaks at Kent water plant

Two taken to RMH

By Matt Fredmonsky Record-Courier staff writer

A chlorine gas leak at the Kent Water Treatment Plant Tuesday sent two workers to the hospital.

Kent Fire Capt. Dave Manthey said a small amount of chlorine leaked out and onto one of the plant operator's arms.

Manthey said both men were transported to Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna as a precaution.

"We wanted to play it safe and took them over and had them checked," Manthey said.

The chlorine gas leak is the second confirmed at the water plant in less than a year. In June, officials estimated less than a half a pound of chlorine gas leaked from the storage cylinder at the plant. The June leak was believed to have been caused by a faulty seal.

Both leaks were contained

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Betsy Baker, a junior at Kent State University, brushes the snow off her car Tuesday. Steph Krell/Record-Courier

Snow Way!

White stuff not welcome, but not unusual for area

By Diane Smith Record-Courier staff writer

They say April showers bring May flowers, but what if the showers are snow instead of rain?

Tuesday morning, Portage County residents were greeted by 2.2 inches of the white stuff they thought was gone for good, with about another inch later that day. By nightfall, another inch was expected.

Meteorologist Thomas Schmidlin of Kent said April snow showers may feel out of place, but, historically speaking,

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Licenses for rental properties weighed

Kent panels meet to discuss program's potential pros and cons

By Matt Fredmonsky Record-Courier staff writer

Members of the Kent Planning Commission, Kent City Council, Kent Board of Zoning Appeals and Kent Environmental Council held a joint meeting Tuesday to discuss potential positive and negative aspects

of implementing a citywide licensing program for rental properties.

The combined meeting was one of several held within the past year to review the city's zoning code and discuss methods for improving quality of life in the city's neighborhoods.

Kent Community Development

Director Gary Locke said the comprehensive rental licensing program is just one piece of a much larger picture of improved neighborhood quality of life.

"The whole point of looking at this comprehensively is you can't

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