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CHEERS . . . to Jim Black, who issued an e -mailed challenge to his Chagrin Falls neighbors to "show our support for one of our local businesses." The business, family -owned Chagrin Hardware, had a day to remember on Saturday, as scores of customers trooped in to buy.

JEERS . . . to Christopher Tackett, whose test drive of a car allegedly included testing how much stolen property it could hold. Police say he got caught while burglarizing the second of two houses on Jan. 17 in Brimfield Township. He had left his driver's license at the dealership, so it seems he really did intend just to borrow the car.

CHEERS . . . to attorneys David Dawson and Harold Williams, who retired in



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Associated Press

Rob Schwind heads outside to put up the American flag Saturday at the front door as Chagrin Hardware in Chagrin Falls, Ohio opens its doors for business. The Shutts family, which has owned the hardware for the last 72 years, was preparing for a community-driven "Cash Mob" of the store to happen that day. (AP Photo/Amy Sancetta)

Cash mob in Chagrin Falls gallery (9 photos)

December after a combined 75 years at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. The two spent their entire careers battling discrimination, consumer fraud and insensitive bureaucrats on behalf of low-income clients. They went out knowing that they made a difference in thousands of lives.

JEERS . . . to the 10 Notre Dame College students indicted in an attack on a Notre Dame baseball player at a party at an off-campus house last November. Authorities say that when the baseball player confronted one of the attackers about some damage done to the house, he was punched and kicked by the mob, which included several football players. The school says all of the alleged attackers have been suspended.

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CHEERS... to the Cleveland Public Library's plan to open neighborhood learning centers at its Fleet, Fulton, Sterling, Collinwood, Eastman and Langston Hughes branches. The centers will provide tutoring, citizenship preparation and help with preparation for various high-school and college-related tests, as well as instruction in English as a second language. A \$162,000 grant from the Cleveland Foundation is backing the effort.

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