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## CBO: Senate health bill adds 22M uninsured

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**WASHINGTON**

The Senate Republican health care bill would leave 22 million more Americans uninsured in 2026 than under President Barack Obama's health care law, the Congressional Budget Office estimated Monday, complicating GOP leaders' hopes of pushing the plan through the chamber this week. Minutes after the report's re-

lease, three GOP senators threatened to oppose a pivotal vote on the proposal this week, enough to sink it unless Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., can win over some of them or other GOP critics. The bill will fail if just three of the 52 Republican senators oppose it, an event that would deal a humiliating blow to President Donald Trump and Senate leaders.



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The 22 million additional people without coverage is just a hair better than the 23 million who'd

be left without insurance under the measure the House approved last month, the budget office has estimated. Trump has called the House version approved last month "mean" and told Senate Republicans to approve legislation with more "heart."

In good news for the GOP, the budget office said the Senate bill would cut the deficit by \$202 billion more over the coming decade than

the House version. Senate leaders could use some of those savings to attract moderate support by making Medicaid and other provisions in their measure more generous, though conservatives would prefer using that money to reduce federal deficits.

The White House lambasted the nonpartisan budget office in

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### AUSTINTOWN

## Massage businesses prohibited at I-80 site

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**AUSTINTOWN**

Massage parlors are no longer allowed to occupy the storefront at 5325 Seventy-six Drive near Interstate 80.

Austin-town Township revoked the property's nonconforming-use classification, citing a history of crimes committed at past massage parlors at that location.

On Dec. 29, 2015, Grace Sciarra was indicted on charges of promoting prostitution, engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity and money laundering. The indictment said her massage parlor was being used illegally as a brothel. She pleaded guilty to the charges.

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## Youngstown Thermal plans to sell assets

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**YOUNGSTOWN**

Youngstown Thermal, a steam heat and cooling system provider to several downtown buildings, plans to sell its assets, its chief executive said Monday.

"It's part of our initiative for a much larger community system," Carl Avers said.

The assets of the company include the underground pipes and the plant at 205

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### New Cardinal Joint Fire District station opens

## Up and running



Cardinal Joint Fire District Chief Don Hutchison stands in front of a firetruck in the garage of the new station on Herbert Road. The \$2.6 million facility was put into service Monday morning.

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**CANFIELD**

**L**ESS THAN A YEAR AFTER THE groundbreaking, the new Cardinal Joint Fire District station on Herbert Road is online.

The station opened at 8 a.m. Monday. District Fire Chief Don Hutchison said the station reduces response times in areas in the north and west of Canfield from about eight minutes to four minutes or less.

"Eight minutes used to be a great time," Hutchison said. "We're looking for four and under. We don't always do it, but that's our goal."

This can be crucial, Hutchison said, as the prevalence of plastic building materials have

increased both the temperature of fires and the rate at which they grow.

The district arrived at the location of its third station after several studies both internal and external determined it was the most remote area in the township.

The joint fire district also has stations at 104 Lisbon St. in the center of Canfield city and 5007 Messerly Road near the northeast corner of the district.

The new \$2.6 million station was funded by a 1.25-mill levy approved in 2014. The levy raises \$627,854 annually. The levy also has allowed officials to hire three new full-time employees. A firefighter, paramedic and engineer are on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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**“THE FACILITY IS MAGNIFICENT. I BELIEVE IT SHOULD WIN SOME KIND OF ARCHITECTURAL AWARD – IT’S JUST THAT WELL THOUGHT OUT.”**

**JOHN MORVAY, Canfield councilman**



The new Cardinal Joint Fire District station on Herbert Road will decrease response times to areas in the north and west of the district.

**BOARDMAN**

## Owners move to remove son from home after Friday drug bust

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**BOARDMAN**

The owners of 120 Wildwood Drive, the target of a township police drug raid last week, have told the tenants who are suspected of participating in drug activity there to leave.

One of the tenants is their son. Township Trustee Tom Costello on Monday received paperwork from an attorney representing John and Theodora Forgach, whose son, Michael J. Forgach, has been arrested three times since March after searches of the house that his parents own. The couple has notified the township that they are going through the process of removing their son from the property, getting him into substance-abuse treatment and bringing the property into compliance with township property standards.

Township officials previously indicated they were working with the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office to have the house declared a nuisance and boarded up.

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**FEDERAL COURT**

## Emailed threat brings 5-month prison term

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**CLEVELAND**

A federal judge has sentenced a former Canfield woman to five months in prison, five months of home confinement and a year of supervised release after she pleaded guilty to making an interstate threat to injure a former Mill Creek MetroParks executive director with a .38-caliber gun.

Calling the threat "serious and vulgar," U.S. District Judge Patricia A. Gaughan imposed the sentence Monday on Amy Beitzel, 53, who now resides in Mount Airy, Md.

In pleading guilty to the federal felony in March, Beitzel admitted emailing the threat July 12, 2014, from the Montgomery County Public Library in Rockville, Md., to Dennis Miller's official work email address in Can-

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**MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FATAL HIT-AND-RUN**

The Cortland man charged with hitting and killing a young woman jogging or walking along Ridge Road in Fowler Township on Feb. 27, 2016, pleaded guilty Monday to all charges.

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**SCRAPPERS TRIUMPH**

The Scrappers rebounded from their 9-0 loss with a 5-1 victory over State College on Monday night.

SPORTS, B4



## DeWine stumps for governor's job at local plant

By KALEA HALL  
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**YOUNGSTOWN**

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine decided to make the Mahoning Valley one of his first stops after announcing Sunday he is running for governor.

DeWine selected GLI Pool Products on Sinter Court to make the appearance Monday afternoon. Supporters gathered inside the plant as the backdrop to a big announcement: The company will add a third

shift in the fall – adding 100 jobs to the 300 the company already has.

"We wanted to come here to kind of celebrate this," DeWine said to the crowd.

"This is a part of the state that sometimes gets forgotten. This is an exciting area. You've had an exciting past, but I think you have a very exciting future."

GLI manufactures swimming-pool products including vinyl liners and custom pool safe-

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Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine came to Youngstown on Monday for a campaign stop. He announced Sunday he is running for governor.

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# HEALTH

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a statement, saying it has a "history of inaccuracy" projecting coverage. Democrats said the report confirmed their own analysis of the GOP measure.

"This bill is every bit as mean as the House bill," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

Of the 22 million without coverage by 2026 under the Senate plan, 15 million would be without it next year, the budget office said. That could be a particular concern to moderate Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., who faces perhaps the toughest 2018 re-election race of any Senate Republican and has said he can't support the measure if huge numbers of people lose coverage.

The budget office report said coverage losses would especially affect people between ages 50 and 64, before

they qualify for Medicare, and with incomes below 200 percent of poverty level, or around \$30,300 for an individual.

In one example, the report says that in 2026 under Obama's law, a 64-year-old earning \$26,500 would pay premiums amounting to \$1,700 a year, after subsidies. Under the Senate bill, that person would pay \$6,500, partly because insurers would be able to charge older adults more.

Moderate Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said she would vote against a GOP procedural motion, expected Wednesday, to begin formally debating the legislation. She tweeted that she favors a bipartisan effort to fix Obama's 2010 statute but added, "CBO analysis shows Senate bill won't do it."

In addition, conservative Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said he would oppose that motion unless the bill was changed. And fellow conservative Ron

Johnson, R-Wis., said he had "a hard time believing" he'd have enough information to back that motion this week.

Those two – plus fellow conservatives Mike Lee of Utah and Ted Cruz of Texas – have said the current measure doesn't do enough to erase Obama's law and reduce premiums. All four said last week they'd oppose the bill without changes, as did Heller.

Most of the disgruntled senators have left the door open to backing the measure if it's changed.

"It's going to be very close, but we're working with each one of them in trying to accommodate their concerns without losing other support," said No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn of Texas.

Vice President Mike Pence invited four GOP senators to dinner today to discuss the bill, his office said: Lee and Sens. James Lankford of Oklahoma, Tom Cotton of

Arkansas and Ben Sasse of Nebraska.

The Senate plan, aimed at rolling back much of Obama's 2010 statute, would end the tax penalty that law imposes on people who don't buy insurance, in effect erasing Obama's so-called individual mandate. It would let states ease Obama's requirements that insurers cover certain specified services like substance abuse treatments, and eliminate taxes on wealthier people and medical companies that Obama's law used to expand coverage.

It would also phase out extra federal money that law is providing to 31 states to expand Medicaid to additional low-income earners. And it would put annual caps on overall Medicaid money the government until now has automatically paid states, whatever the costs.

CBO said that under the bill, most insurance markets around the country would

be stable before 2020. It said that similar to the House bill, average premiums around the country would be higher over the next two years – including about 20 percent higher in 2018 than under Obama's statute – but lower beginning in 2020.

But the office said that overall, the Senate legislation would increase out of pocket costs for deductibles and co-payments. That's because standard policies would be skimpier than currently offered under Obama's law, covering a smaller share of expected medical costs.

In another troublesome finding for the legislation, the budget office warned that in some rural areas, either no insurer would be willing participate in the individual market or the policies offered would be prohibitively expensive. Rural America was a stronghold for Trump in the presidential election.

The American Medical

Association, the nation's largest doctors' group, said it opposed the Senate bill because some people would lose coverage and others would find it too costly. They wrote that the measure violates the physicians' dictum, "First, do no harm."

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On Aug. 11, 2016, Miyong Kim was charged with wearing improper massage clothing, which is defined as unclean clothing, no clothing, transparent clothing or clothing that otherwise reveals the sexual or genital areas of the masseur or masseuse. She also pleaded guilty.

Finally, on July 28, 2016, Uh Suk Cho, Robert Thompson and Song Westphal were

indicted on charges of promoting prostitution and engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity. Cho and Westphal also were charged with money laundering. Cho pleaded guilty to money laundering and promoting prostitution, and Thompson pleaded guilty to promoting prostitution.

Westphal's case is pending.

In a letter addressed to Leber Real Estate Ltd., which owns the property, Zoning Inspector Darren Crivelli said a property must be law-

fully occupied to qualify for a nonconforming use and the property at 5325 Seventy-six Drive was a public nuisance.

"This office will no longer issue occupancy permits to operate any type of sexually oriented business at this specific location," the letter reads.

Leber Real Estate has 20 days to issue an appeal. The letter was dated June 16.

When the township reworked its regulations for sexually oriented businesses in 2001, Crivelli said the storefront at 5325 Seventy-six

Drive was granted a nonconforming use because it was in use as a sexually oriented business before the regulations were put in place.

At Monday's meeting, the township board of trustees voted to deny the massage establishment application of Jean Derrico, who sought to open a massage parlor in the storefront. They also voted

to deny two applications for massages as well.

The storefront had been unoccupied since the July 28 indictment of Cho, Thompson and Westphal.

Board Chairman Rick Stauffer said Derrico's application led the board to act.

"It's a good opportunity to step in," he said at Monday's meeting.



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 Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and his wife, Fran, get a tour of the GLI Pool Products facility from Mike Loccisano, vice president of operations, at left, and President Gary Crandall, center.

# DEWINE

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ty covers.

Recently, GLI, which has been in business for 11 years, was named No. 17 in the state of best places to work in the large-manufacturer category by the Ohio Society for Human Resource Management.

GLI President Gary Crandall introduced DeWine and his wife of 50 years, Fran, to the crowd.

"I am just happy to have him come to Youngstown," Crandall said.

DeWine, 70, is now in the race with other Republican

candidates – Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted, U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci from Wadsworth and Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor.

DeWine discussed the drug problem facing Ohio, saying it's the No. 1 concern among employers.

DeWine wants to start teaching children at a young age to say no to drugs.

"I think we can do something every year for kids starting off in kindergarten," DeWine said. "I think if Ohio is going to move forward, we have to bring those kids along, too."

"If they don't make it, then we really don't make it. They become a drag on society,

and that hurts all of us."

DeWine has been attorney general since 2011. He has served as Greene County prosecuting attorney, in the Ohio State Senate, in the U.S. House of Representatives, as Ohio lieutenant governor and in the U.S. Senate.

"I've known him for 30 years, and I've never seen anything he's said or did that I disagreed with," said Allan Banner, co-chairman for the DeWine campaign in Trumbull County.

"In all that time, I never heard anything bad about him. It was always positive actions. I see him doing a lot behind the scenes," he said.

# THERMAL

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North Ave. Avers didn't disclose the assets' value, but he said the replacement valuation for the Youngstown steam assets is \$91 million.

"The new system will have a lower cost structure by using economy of scale, different fuels and technology," Avers said.

Youngstown Thermal's steam-utility service is a district energy network. At Youngstown Thermal, and other steam systems in the U.S., a fuel input of varying kinds is used for boiling water to create steam that travels through a pipeline to heat buildings. At Youngstown Thermal, 6 miles of underground pipe carry steam from the steam-plant production facility on North Avenue. Youngstown Thermal also offers district cooling through a central chiller system that sends chilled water to remove heat from the buildings on the energy system.

The company said that it supplies about 50 customers with heating and four with cooling.

But Youngstown Thermal has lost major clients in recent years, such as Youngstown State University. Last October, the city of Youngstown announced it, too, would drop Youngstown Thermal and replace it with another energy provider. The city indefinitely postponed that decision after a presentation by Avers.

In 1980, Avers and business partners purchased the Youngstown steam system for \$800,000 from Ohio Edison. The company invested millions to modernize the system.

Avers said the assets of Youngstown Thermal have been on the market for about one year.

In a news release Monday, Avers listed two French companies that are "major suitors" for the Youngstown steam system assets: Engie and Veolia. The companies could not be reached to comment.

Engie is a "global energy player" involved in electricity, natural gas and energy services, according to its website. The company has operations in 70 countries. It has 250 district heating and cooling energy systems globally. Ohio

State University trustees approved a \$1 billion deal with Engie and Axiom Infrastructure in April to privatize the university's district heating and cooling system.

Veolia "designs and provides water, waste and energy management solutions that contribute to the sustainable development of communities and industries," according to its website. The company owns several steam systems including Philadelphia's.

"French companies now own most of those systems as the French energy companies see the value of this energy infrastructure," Avers said.

Any change in ownership of Youngstown Thermal must be approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The commission on Monday said it is not supervising a sale transaction of Youngstown Thermal and there has not been an application filed with PUCO for the transfer of ownership of Youngstown Thermal.

Avers said there is no time line set on when a change of ownership will be filed with the commission.

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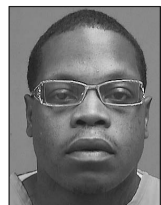
# Colvin receives 17 years in drug-ring case

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**YOUNGSTOWN**

One of the longest current pending criminal cases in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court came to a close Monday with guilty pleas to two counts of involuntary manslaughter and a single count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Judge John Durkin immediately sentenced 33-year-old Dwaylyn Colvin to 17 years in prison, a sentence agreed upon by prosecutors and defense



Colvin

attorneys for his role in ordering two killings in 2011 as part of an East Side drug ring prosecutors said he led.

Colvin's plea closes the case against five of six defendants in the ring, four of whom were found guilty in previous trials and one of whom is serving life in prison with no parole.

Trial is pending against the sixth person, Nahdia Baker, but she was not indicted until 2015. Colvin was indicted in 2013.

Colvin apologized to the community for his actions and said he has no one to blame but himself.

"Life is about decisions," Colvin said after taking a deep breath. "Obviously, some of the decisions I

made were not good decisions."

Colvin was accused of selling drugs and using two men, Michael Austin and Hakeem Henderson, as his enforcers and in ordering the Nov. 13, 2011, shooting death of Adam Christian, 23, and the death three days later of Raymond "Ramel" Hayes, 20.

Austin, who police said pulled the trigger, was sentenced to life with no parole after he was convicted of those murders earlier this year and two others committed in 2012 for the person who took over the ring after Colvin was in jail on drug charges. Henderson received a sentence of 36 years to life on complicity charges for being Austin's driver.

Austin and Henderson also were convicted of the September 2011 deaths of Ryan Slade and Kiera McCullough, who were shot to death in a parked car on the East Side. Those killings came after Colvin was in jail and Vincent Moorer, 30, took over the drug ring for Colvin. Moorer was convicted of aggravated murder for ordering Slade to be killed; McCullough was with him when she was killed and was a bystander.

Convicted with Moorer on attempted murder and other charges was Melvin Johnson Jr. Both are serving lengthy prison sentences.

Sally Barnes, grandmother of Hayes, told Judge Durkin that Colvin may have thought he got a

sweet deal and will not be doing much time, but she said Colvin will receive his ultimate punishment later.

"The Bible says you reap what you sow," Barnes said.

Assistant Prosecutor Mike Yacovone said prosecutors offered the deal because they were afraid an important witness who did not appear at the trial of Moorer and Johnson also would not appear at Colvin's trial. Rather than risk an acquittal, they offered the deal.

The sentence will run concurrent to an 11-year sentence Colvin received in 2013 on drug charges, meaning he will serve six extra years in prison.

# Man, 18, indicted on murder, robbery charges

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**WARREN**

Austin T. Burke, 18, will be arraigned today after being indicted Monday on aggravated murder and aggravated robbery charges in the June 12 death of Brandon Sample and the armed robbery of a Cortland pizza shop.

Burke, of Miller South Road in Bristolville, was arrested June 20 in Cortland, the same day murder charges were filed against him in Newton Falls Municipal Court.

His arraignment will be before Judge Andrew Logan of Trumbull County Common Pleas court. If convicted, Burke could get a life prison sentence but not the death penalty.

Burke's indictment reveals for the first time that police believe that Burke killed Sample while committing an armed robbery against him. Burke is also charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in Sample's death.

Burke's felony conviction is an aggravated burglary with a firearm he committed at age 16 in Girard. Police said the burglary involved theft of several guns from a home in the city.

Friends of Burke said he got out of a state juvenile detention facility in December after serving two years in the Girard case.

Burke is also charged with separate crimes associated with the pizza shop robbery — another count of aggravated robbery, being a felon in possession of a firearm and tampering with evidence. Burke is in the county jail in lieu of \$1 million bond.

He is accused of killing Sample, 22, of Garfield Drive Northeast. Sample was reported missing by his family June 12.

Sample's body was found in a remote area of Bristol Township on June 15. Warren police detectives were aided in the search for Sample's body by information they received from people knowledgeable about the case, Sheriff Paul Monroe said.

The indictment accuses Burke of the armed robbery of the Pizza Joe's restaurant on West Main Street in Cortland on June 20, a short time before he was arrested on the murder charge in an apartment near the pizza shop.

Restaurant employees said a man with a gun and a mask robbed the restaurant about 10:30 p.m. June 20.

Cortland Police Chief Tom Andrews issued a news release Monday saying a witness saw Burke leaving the pizza shop after the robbery. He saw Burke run toward Grove Drive. At the same time, the county 911 center told police that Burke, who was already charged in the murder before the robbery, had been tracked through his cellphone to the downtown Cortland area.

Burke was found in an apartment complex across from Pizza Joe's a short time later.

"I'm proud of how quickly the officers took control of a very confusing and potentially dangerous situation," Andrews said.



Russell Lauer III of Cortland stands in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court on Monday and pleads guilty to all charges in the death of Brittany Szwedko, a jogger who was killed when Lauer drove into her last year on Ridge Road in Fowler Township.

# Cortland man pleads guilty in woman's death

By **ED RUNYAN**  
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**WARREN**

The Cortland man charged with hitting and killing a young woman jogging or walking along Ridge Road in Fowler Township on Feb. 27, 2016, pleaded guilty Monday to all charges.

Russell G. Lauer III, 44, of state Route 5 appeared before Judge Peter Kontos of Trumbull County Common Pleas Court on Monday and changed his plea to guilty. Prosecutors will recommend eight years in prison when he is sentenced in about five weeks.

Lauer has been in the county jail since shortly after the crash that killed Brittany Szwedko, 28, of Cortland. She died two days after the accident.

"I'm happy with it to hear him say 'guilty,'" Mary Kay Szwedko, Brittany's mother, told reporters after the hearing. "That's what I was waiting for." She and her fiance, Dan Lanese, attended the hearing.

"We'll be able to move on now after the sentencing," she said.

Lauer pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, failing to stop after an accident and failing to drive in marked lanes. Those charges could carry a penalty of 11 years in prison.

At the time of her death, Szwedko had worked 10 years in the public-relations department of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library. She was an avid runner and was preparing to run in a half marathon.

Her family organized a run in her



Dan Lanese, left, consoles Mary Kay Szwedko, mother of Brittany Szwedko, on Monday morning as Russell Lauer III pleaded guilty to all charges in the death of Brittany.

memory last year that raised more than \$20,000, Mary Kay Szwedko said. The run will take place again this year at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 at Austintown Township Park on Kirk Road. It's called the Brittany Szwedko Memorial 5K Run and Dog Walk.

Court documents say Lauer's car was traveling northbound on Ridge Road at 12:30 p.m. when it left the roadway and struck Szwedko beside the road. Lauer's blood-alcohol level was measured at just below the 0.08 limit for intoxication under Ohio law. Officials have said Lauer had an illegal amount of OxyContin in his system.

Ricky L. Bryant Jr. of Vienna was a passenger in a car driven by his wife when they saw Lauer's car "swerving and leaving the roadway" before hitting Szwedko, police said.

Bryant told his wife to stop at the accident scene, where he flagged down a passing motorist to call 911 and stay with Szwedko. Then he and his wife drove in pursuit of Lauer, police said.

When they caught up to Lauer, Bryant forced him to stop at an intersection and yelled at Lauer, telling him he had just hit someone.

"Yeah, I know. Move," Lauer reportedly told Bryant.

# Bond set at \$10M each for suspects in homicide

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**YOUNGSTOWN**

Prosecutors said Monday they believe a pair of suspects in a homicide Friday on the West Side were getting ready to leave town.

Assistant City Prosecutor Jeffrey Moliterno told Judge Elizabeth Kobly during arraignments for Dashonti Baker, 24 and Barraya Hickson, also 24, both of Millet Avenue, that when officers found a car they are suspected of using just a couple of hours after Rae'venna Faircloth-Thomas, 24, was found murdered on Oneta Street, the trunk was full of clothes as if they were getting ready to run.

Moliterno asked for a significant bond, even higher than usual for murder cases, because of what he said was evidence that the two were going to flee. Judge Kobly agreed, setting bond at \$10 million apiece for Baker and Hickson.

Faircloth-Thomas was found shot to death about 12:30 p.m. Friday after officers responded to a call of shots fired at an SUV parked in front of a home on Oneta Street.

Moliterno said witnesses told police they saw Baker run from the SUV into a waiting car that had a broken window covered by a blanket. A Community Police Unit officer was familiar with the car and led detectives to a home in the first block of Millet Avenue, where the car was found parked behind a home that appeared to be vacant.

The home was raided by Community Police Unit and vice squad members in May when they served a search warrant investigating drug activity. Baker was in the home at the time and was indicted Thursday by a grand jury on charges relating to that raid.

When police found the car, they also found a shell casing inside it, Moliterno said. Hickson and Baker were both with the car when police arrived and were taken to the detective bureau for questioning. They were arrested a few hours later. Baker is charged with aggravated murder, and Hickson is charged with complicity to commit aggravated murder.

Moliterno said Hickson, who has no criminal record, was evasive when questioned by detectives, and she would not provide them with an address. She told Judge Kobly she lived at the same home that Baker listed as his address and where the search warrant was served last month.

Moliterno said investigators also found a quit claim deed inside the SUV Faircloth-Thomas was found in that showed she deeded a property on East Warren Avenue home to Baker on June 7. Moliterno did not say whether that deed was connected to the murder.



Baker



Hickson

# Warren police impound 2 dirt bikes

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**WARREN**

Tina Milner, longtime neighborhood organizer, counts it as a victory that their efforts helped take two dirt bikes off the streets Saturday that have been used wrecklessly in a Northwest neighborhood.

Police reported that they got a call at 7:43 p.m. about two dirt bikes "riding the streets" in the area of Mahoning Avenue and Packard Street Northwest.

Officers who had warned dirt bike riders a month or two ago not to ride off-road vehicles on the city streets and sidewalks stopped two riders

on Wilson Avenue Northwest, Milner said.

The youths cause damage to people's yards and Packard Park, they ride on the sidewalks and railroad tracks, and they behave disrespectfully toward residents of the neighborhood, Milner said. It's also illegal to ride off-road vehicles on city streets, and the riders likely are to get themselves injured or killed, she said.

The dirt bikes, which belonged to boys age 15 with addresses on the East Side, were towed to an impound lot, police said.

The youths and their parents will have to pay to recover the bikes, but no criminal charges will be filed this time, police

said. If there is a next time, it's possible charges will be filed.

Milner said it's a victory for residents and members of the Roosevelt Area Neighborhood Watch Group, of which she is coordinator.

"We are so thrilled," Milner said. "It sends a message."

Milner said she encouraged her neighbors to call 911 when they heard or saw the riders coming through the neighborhood, and residents did. The problem has existed more than a month, Milner said.

According to the county 911 center, it had received six calls Saturday about

the issue.

Police have been responding to the calls, but it's difficult to catch the riders, Milner said.

Saturday was an example of police officers addressing a nuisance issue when they have time, she said. It's crucial for various residents to call over and over when the issue arises.

A Packard Street man who videotaped some of the youths said four of them approached him in a threatening way recently, Milner said.

It displays an "attitude of lawlessness" she has seen among some of the youths. "They'll confront anyone. They don't care," she said.

# Lawmakers, mayors decry opioid budget proposal

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## STRUTHERS

State representatives and mayors from the Mahoning Valley decry a provision in the state budget bill being considered this week that would extract \$34 million over two years from communities with a municipal income tax and redirect that money to opioid addiction programming. "The [state] Legislature doesn't want to raise taxes

for its priorities, but it wants local communities to sustain a cut, and then find the resources for your essential services from local residents," said state Rep. John Bocchieri of Poland, D-59th.

"I find that highly objectionable, especially with the fact that we have seen local government funds cut in half over the last five to six years in state budgets," he said in a Monday news conference. Bocchieri suggested the

money could come instead from the state's \$2.1 billion rainy-day fund.

The opioid addiction epidemic is "a crisis that is creating mass casualties across so many communities," he said.

"If it's not raining now, I don't know when it would be," he added.

"The local government [fund] really needs to be restored to what it was before it was cut in half," said state Rep. Michele Lepore-

Hagan of Youngstown, D-58th.

"Taking these revenues directly from cities that have local income taxes that are already involved in fighting the opioid addiction problem is counterproductive and will make our efforts even more challenging," said Youngstown Mayor John A. McNally.

The proposed extraction would cost Youngstown about \$100,000 per year over the next two years.

Youngstown has an annual general fund budget of about \$40 million; and its 2.75 percent municipal income tax raises about \$35 million a year.

Even though the proposed state extraction is small in the context of Youngstown's budget, McNally noted that the city is already chipping in to fight the opioid crisis through the efforts of its police department.

Although the governor's

office typically doesn't comment on specific legislative proposals, Emmalee Kalmbach, press secretary to Gov. John Kasich, said: "Ohio has put together the nation's most comprehensive approach to fighting drug abuse and addiction."

Kalmbach concluded: "Today, we're spending \$1 billion a year, and we have consistently looked to provide new tools to those on the front lines in our communities."

## Warren woman charged in death of boy

Staff report

### WARREN

Lynnette Talley, 64, will be arraigned on a murder charge today in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court after her arrest Monday morning.

Talley, of Southern Boulevard Northwest, is charged in the May 8 death of Amari D. Allen, 3. Her indictment will become public when she's arraigned.

In late May, the Summit County Coroner's office said the boy's death was a homicide, the result of blunt-force trauma to the head.

Amari was taken from a home on Clearwater Street Northwest in the afternoon May 5 and was on life support at Akron Children's Hospital main campus in Akron with a traumatic brain injury later that night.

Hospital officials said the injury to the boy's head was "nonaccidental," despite what Talley told police. She said she observed the boy hit his head on the counter and floor.

In addition to murder, Talley faces one count of felonious assault, two of child endangering and one of child abuse, according to the Trumbull County jail.



Talley



The city of Toledo water intake crib is surrounded by algae in Lake Erie, off the shore of Curtice, Ohio.

AP FILE PHOTO, AUG. 3, 2014

## State concentrates effort to reduce Lake Erie algae

Associated Press

### TOLEDO

Ohio's environmental regulators who have pledged to drastically cut what's feeding the harmful algae in Lake Erie will consolidate oversight of the work to make sure money is being well spent and research isn't overlapping.

The proposal brought by Gov. John Kasich's administration and approved by the Legislature last week will put the Ohio Lake Erie Commission in charge of seeing that the state reaches its goal of a 40 percent reduction of phosphorus going into western Lake Erie within the next 10 years.

Both Michigan and the Canadian province of Ontario have pledged to make the same reduction, which researchers say will

go a long way to improving water quality.

To cut down on the algae, Ohio and its neighboring states are focusing on encouraging farmers to take voluntary steps that prevent manure and fertilizers from flowing into the lake's tributaries and reducing overflows from sewage treatment plants.

Environmental groups have expressed doubts about whether the voluntary efforts will be enough to make a significant dent in the algae blooms that are a threat to both drinking water and wildlife.

Revamping the Lake Erie commission, which primarily has overseen state policies on water quality and coastal management, will make sure priorities are aligned when it comes to dealing with the algae,

said Craig Butler, director of Ohio's Environmental Protection Agency.

That will help make sure money and opportunities aren't wasted, he said.

State and federal spending to combat the algae has increased greatly since toxins from algae contaminated the tap water for 400,000 people in Toledo and southeastern Michigan in 2014.

The commission, whose members include the directors of six state agencies, won't necessarily dictate how the money is spent, but it will coordinate ongoing work while also keeping in touch with universities and environmental groups doing their own research, Butler said.

"We want to know and understand what they're doing, too," he said.

that someone had rummaged through the cabinets and desk drawers in one room, police said.

## YSU students selected for Fellows program

### YOUNGSTOWN

Megan Guliano, Lexi Kulisz, Tim Nesnidol and Matt Yourstowsky, students in the Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University, have been selected as John D. Beeghy Fellows for the 2017 summer semester.

The Beeghy Fellows program provides students with a paid fellowship working with the Ohio Small Business Development Center at YSU. Projects include marketing research, preparation of financial statements, export readiness studies, country research, business plan development, cash-flow analysis and sales forecast.

## Austintown to try for world record

### AUSTINTOWN

Austintown will be kicking off its Fourth of July festivities by attempting to set a world record.

The township is trying to get the most people playing the piccolo at the same time at Austintown Township Park at 7 p.m. today.

The piccolo players will perform John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" before the Canfield Community Concert Band's performance as part of Austintown's 2017 Summer Concerts in the Park.

## License transferred

### AUSTINTOWN

The Austintown Board of Trustees transferred a liquor license that belonged to the former Mike's Lounge on Mahoning Avenue to Fabulous Times LLC.

Fabulous Times operates Fab Limousines, and the company wants to be able to serve alcohol to customers while they wait to go on bus trips, trustees said.

Mike's Lounge was demolished earlier this month.

## Blevins gets 6 years for hotel robbery

### WARREN

Daniel L. Blevins Jr., 31, of North River Road has been sentenced to six years in prison for the April 21 robbery at the Best Western Hotel, downtown.

Blevins pleaded guilty Monday in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court to aggravated robbery.

Police said he robbed the hotel at just after midnight. A clerk watched two men "rush" into the hotel with one pointing a handgun at a worker.

They got about \$200 in cash and fled. Police located Blevins a short time later.

## Man faces prison after guilty plea in meth case

### WARREN

Dennis Duffield, 49, of Liberty Street in Newton Falls pleaded guilty Monday in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court to a charge accusing him of making methamphetamine at home. He will be sentenced to up to three years in prison after the Trumbull County Adult Probation Department conducts a presentence investigation into his background.

Newton Falls police said Duffield's wife came to the Newton Falls Police Department on Oct. 11 and reported that Duffield was making meth in their garage and home. Members of the Trumbull Ashtabula Group Law Enforcement Task Force entered the home with her permission and found products used in the manufacture of the drug.

A grandson, 6, lives in the home, the woman said.

## YNDC seeks applicants for AmeriCorps

### YOUNGSTOWN

The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. is seeking applicants for AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps members serve with YNDC to board up, clean up, cut grass, and repair and rehabilitate vacant homes in neighborhoods.

## METRO digest

### Trumbull road closings

The Trumbull County Engineer's Office announced road closings in July for a culvert replacement and a bridge replacement.

Corinth Court Road, between state Route 5 and Davis Peck Road in Johnston Township, will be closed from July 5 to Oct. 2 for the culvert replacement. The recommended detour is northeast on state Route 5, northwest on Mayburn Corners Barclay Road and south on Corinth Court.

County Line Turnpike Road, between State Route 534 and Stroup Hickox Road, in Southington Township will be closed from July 10 to Oct. 6 for a bridge replacement.

The recommended detour route is north on Stroup Hickox Road, west on Geauga Portage Easterly Road and south on state Route 534.

### Foundation donation

#### YOUNGSTOWN

Home Savings Charitable Foundation recently donated a check for \$1,500 to Making Kids Count. The funds will be used for the Comfort Kit Program. For information regarding Making Kids Count, call 330-758-3434 or visit www.makingkidscount.org.

### Water reports available

#### VIENNA

The annual confidence reports regarding the six water districts run by the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Office are available online or by mail, the sanitary engineer's office reports. To access each report, visit the sanitary engineer's website at www.sanengr.co.trumbull.oh.us/# and select the 2016 Consumer Confidence Reports link at the bottom left.

The reports give customers readings for various pollutants found during testing by district. To receive a copy of a consumer confidence report by mail, call 330-675-2775.



3 resign from CNN  
over retracted story  
NEW YORK

CNN accepted the resignations Monday of three journalists involved in a retracted story about a supposed investigation into a pre-inaugural meeting between an associate of President Donald Trump and the head of a Russian investment fund.

The story was posted on the network's website Thursday and was removed, with all links disabled, Friday night. CNN immediately apologized to Anthony Scaramucci, the Trump transition team member who was reported to be involved in the meeting.

The story's author, Thomas Frank, was among those who resigned, according to a network executive who requested anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss personnel issues.

Philando Castile family reaches \$3M settlement in death  
MINNEAPOLIS

The mother of Philando Castile, a black motorist killed by a Minnesota police officer last July, has reached a nearly \$3 million settlement with the city that employed the officer, avoiding a federal wrongful death lawsuit that attorneys said could have taken years to resolve.

The settlement to be paid to Valerie Castile, who is the family's trustee, was announced Monday and comes less than two weeks after officer Jeronimo Yanez was acquitted of manslaughter and other charges connected to her son's death.

Castile, a 32-year-old elementary school cafeteria worker, was shot five times by Yanez during a traffic stop after Castile told the officer he was armed.

Police: Girl's actions caused her to fall from NY park ride  
QUEENSBURY, N.Y.

A teenage girl's actions, not mechanical malfunctions, caused her to slip under a restraining bar on an amusement park gondola ride before falling into the arms of bystanders below, police said Monday.

Warren County sheriff's Lt. Steven Stockdale told The Post-Star of Glens Falls that "human error" on the part of the 14-year-old Delaware girl caused her to slip out of the two-person gondola while riding with her younger brother Saturday at Six Flags Great Escape. The ride was stopped, and the girl dangled briefly before dropping about 25 feet into a crowd poised to catch her.

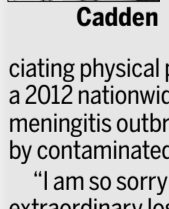
Onlookers, many of them recording the incident with their cellphones, broke into cheers when the girl landed in the arms of several people. She was taken to Albany Medical Center for unspecified injuries.

Pharmacy boss gets 9-year sentence  
BOSTON

The co-owner of a pharmacy responsible for the deaths of 76 people was sentenced Monday to nine years in prison after he tearfully apologized to victims who described watching their loved ones die or enduring excruciating physical pain from a 2012 nationwide fungal meningitis outbreak caused by contaminated steroids.

"I am so sorry for your extraordinary losses," Barry Cadden said, wiping his eyes. "I am sorry for the whole range of suffering that resulted from my company's drugs."

The sentence was far less than more than a dozen victims asked for while making emotional victim impact statements to U.S. District Judge Richard Stearns. Many asked the judge to send the 50-year-old Cadden to prison for the rest of his life.



Cadden

Associated Press

Feds investigate Sanders' wife over real-estate deal



Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and his wife, Jane, walk through downtown Philadelphia during the final day of the Democratic National Convention. Sanders and his wife have hired lawyers in the face of federal investigations into the finances of the now-defunct Burlington College, which closed last year due, many feel, to debts incurred when Jane Sanders entered into an ill-advised real-estate deal.

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, VT.

Federal investigators are looking into the finances behind a real-estate deal for a now-defunct college put together by the wife of U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, and she has hired a lawyer to look after her interests, a family spokesman confirmed Monday.

The investigation, first reported by the news website Vtdigger.com, is looking into allegations that Jane O'Meara Sanders made fraudulent claims and promises while seeking \$10 million in financing for the real-estate deal.

The complaint against Jane Sanders was filed in early 2016 by attorney Brady Toensing, who served as the Vermont campaign chairman for Donald Trump dur-

ing his run for president as a Republican. In a separate complaint, Toensing alleged that Bernie Sanders' senatorial office pressured a bank to approve the loan.

Sanders, an independent, ran for president as a Democrat last year but was ousted in the primary by Hillary Clinton, who lost to Trump in the general election.

Asked about the allegations Monday at a Washington press conference on expanding community health centers, Sanders sought to keep the questions on health care.

"No, that's not what I'm talking about today," Sanders said when an Associated Press reporter attempted to ask him about the FBI's investigation.

Sanders then chided a Fox News reporter also seeking

to question him on the issue, saying, "I'm glad that you're interested in the fact that the Republican leadership is proposing legislation which would throw millions of people off of health insurance and give hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks to the top 1 percent."

The Sanders' spokesman, Jeff Weaver, who was the senator's 2016 presidential campaign manager, said the allegations that prompted the investigation were politically motivated attacks.

Toensing noted that the investigation began during President Barack Obama's administration under a Democratic attorney general and U.S. attorney for Vermont. He said he's only looking for a "fair, impartial and thorough investigation."

Trump eager for meeting with Putin

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump is eager to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin with full diplomatic bells and whistles when the two are in Germany for a multinational summit next month. But the idea is exposing deep divisions within the administration on the best way to approach Moscow in the midst of an ongoing investigation into Russian meddling in the U.S. elections.

Many administration officials believe the U.S. needs to maintain its distance from Russia at such a sensitive time—and interact only with great caution.

But Trump and some others within his administration have been pressing for a full bilateral meeting. He's calling for media access and all the typical protocol associated with such sessions, even as officials within the State Department and National Security Council urge more restraint, according to a current and a former administration official.

Some advisers have recommended that the president instead do either a quick, informal "pull-aside" on the sidelines of the summit, or that the U.S. and Russian delegations have "strategic stability talks," which typically don't involve the presidents.

Trump meets with Indian prime minister

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Hugging outside the White House on Monday, President Donald Trump and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi heralded an increasingly close strategic partnership as the U.S. branded a top militant from neighboring Pakistan as a "global terrorist."

Trump declared he was "true friend" of India and said relations between the two largest democracies have never been better. But there were some tensions in the inaugural meeting between the two populist leaders. On trade, Trump demanded fewer barriers for American companies exporting to India.

Speaking in the Rose Garden after their talks, Trump said: "Both our nations have been struck by the evils of terrorism, and we are both determined to destroy terrorist organizations and the radical ideology that drives them. We will destroy radical Islamic terrorism."

Modi, a Hindu nationalist but also leader of a nation with nearly 175 million Muslims, did not use the same, charged terminology. He stressed the importance of "doing away" with terrorist sanctuaries and safe havens, apparently reflecting Indian concerns about militants based in Pakistan.



On the final day for rulings at the Supreme Court, a group from the Concerned Women for America, a Christian women's activist group, shows its support as the justices ruled 7-2 Monday for Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Mo., that churches have the same right as other charitable groups to seek state money for new playground surfaces and other nonreligious needs.

Supreme Court rules for Missouri church

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

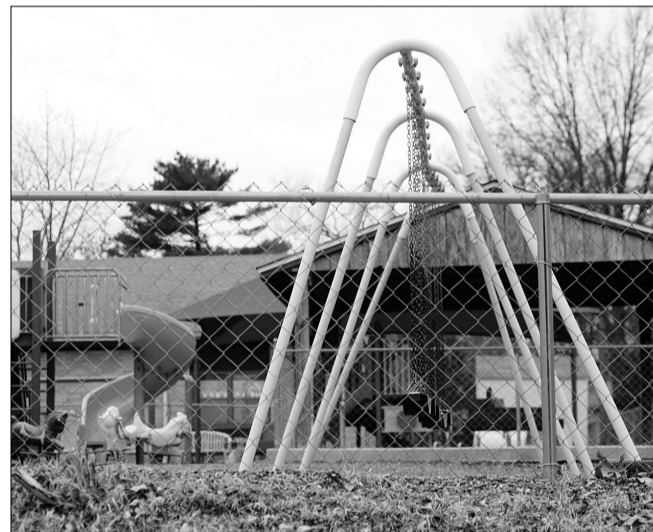
The Supreme Court ruled Monday that churches have the same right as other charitable groups to seek state money for new playground surfaces and other nonreligious needs.

But the justices stopped short of saying whether the ruling applies to school voucher programs that use public funds to pay for private, religious schooling.

By a 7-2 vote, the justices sided with Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Mo., which had sought a state grant to put a soft surface on its preschool playground.

Chief Justice John Roberts said for the court that the state violated the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment by denying a public benefit to an otherwise eligible recipient solely on account of its religious status. He called it "odious to our Constitution" to exclude the church from the grant program, even though the consequences are only "a few extra scraped knees."

The case arose from an application the church submitted in 2012 to take part in Missouri's scrap-



The playground is seen at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Mo.

ture grant program, which reimburses the cost of installing a rubberized playground surface made from recycled tires. The money comes from a fee paid by anyone who buys a new tire. The church's application to resurface the playground for its preschool and day care ranked fifth out of 44 applicants.

But the state's Department of Natural Resources rejected the application, pointing to the part of the state constitution that says "no money shall ever be

taken from the public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect or denomination of religion."

A recycled scrap tire is not religious, the church said in its Supreme Court brief. "It is wholly secular," the church said.

Justice Sonya Sotomayor took the rare step of reading her dissent from the bench, saying the ruling weakens America's longstanding commitment to separation of church and state.

Survey: Support for gay marriage surges

Associated Press

NEW YORK

In the two years since same-sex marriage was legalized nationwide, support for it has surged even among groups that recently were broadly opposed, according to a new national survey.

The Pew Research Center survey found that for the first time, a majority of blacks and baby boomers support allowing gays and lesbians to wed. It said Republicans are now split almost evenly,

a marked shift from 2013, when 61 percent opposed gay marriage.

Pew's survey was conducted by telephone among 2,504 adults across the U.S. from June 8 to 18. It was released Monday, the second anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's historic ruling on same-sex marriage.

In the aftermath of that ruling, there were some flare-ups of defiance. A county clerk in Kentucky, Kim Davis, refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Ala-

bama's chief justice, Roy Moore, ordered probate judges to stop issuing such licenses.

But such acts of resistance have largely faded away, and same-sex marriage is now treated as a routine occurrence across the U.S. According to the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law, there are now more than 547,000 same-sex married couples in the U.S., including at least 157,000 couples who married in the past two years.

Wildfire forces 1,500 from homes

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

The nation's largest wildfire has forced more than 1,500 people from their homes and cabins in a southern Utah mountain area home to a ski town and popular fishing lake.

Firefighters battled high winds Monday as they fought a fire that has grown to 67 square miles and burned 13 homes—larger than any other fire in the country now, state emergency managers said.

The estimated firefighting costs now top \$7 million for a fire started June 17 near the Brian Head Resort by someone using a torch tool to burn weeds, they said. Investigators know who the culprit is but have not yet released the person's identity or what charges will be leveled.

Crews in California, meanwhile, got a handle on a brush fire that closed a freeway. Arizona firefighters had to ground aircraft due to unauthorized drones over a fire near Flagstaff.

The Utah fire began near the ski resort town of Brian Head, generally known for weekend getaway homes for Las Vegas residents, and has spread several miles east to an area around Panguitch Lake, a popular spot for fishing.

Authorities ordered more evacuations Monday in a sparsely populated area as stronger winds and lower humidity develop that could push fire growth north after calmer weather kept its growth in check over the weekend. The fire is about 10 percent contained.

Bombs found in home linked to bank robberies

Associated Press

HELENA, MONT.

Federal agents found homemade bombs in the Montana home of a man they suspect is the "AK-47 Bandit," who is wanted for a string of bank robberies and is accused of shooting at a Kansas state trooper, according to authorities and court documents filed Monday.

FBI agents were tipped off when Richard Gathercole, 39, called his mother from a Nebraska jail after his arrest in the attempted shooting of the trooper who was trying to pull him over on Interstate 70 last week, according to a search warrant application to a federal judge. The trooper wasn't injured.

According to a transcript of the call, Gathercole told his mother, who is unnamed, to "get all the guns out" of the house. The woman agrees, then says, "Um, this is recorded. You know that."



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## Our VOICE

### Trump breaks his pledge on health care, drug prices

AS REPUBLICAN LEADERS IN the U.S. Senate rush to pass a health-care bill that ultimately would result in millions of Americans losing health coverage, President Donald Trump chooses to play politics by blasting Democrats.

Over the weekend, Trump said that health care should be an issue that brings Republicans and Democrats to the table. We couldn't agree more.

Indeed, that's what Ohio Gov. John R. Kasich, a Republican, advised last week after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell unveiled a draft of the health-care bill designed to replace Obamacare:

"Sustainable solutions to the many complex problems facing our health-care system will never be solved with a one-party approach that's developed behind closed doors without public discussion and input.

"I'm encouraging senators to step back and take a good, hard look at this important issue – and to reach across the aisle in working toward solutions. That's the only way to address the flaws of Obamacare that we can all agree need to be fixed."

Like other governors whose states have used Obamacare to expand Medicaid to cover millions of more Americans who would not otherwise qualify for such health-care coverage, Kasich has warned that the Senate bill, and the previously passed House measure, will hurt the most vulnerable.

Kasich is particularly concerned about individuals who are dealing with drug addiction, mental illness and chronic health problems and have nowhere else to turn.

If President Trump had kept his public pledge on health care and prescription drugs made Jan. 14, six days before he was sworn in, the Republican plan to repeal and replace Obamacare would be very different from what the House and Senate have produced.

"We're going to have insurance for everybody," President-elect Trump then told the *Washington Post*. "There was a philosophy in some circles that if you can't pay for it, you don't get it. That's not going to happen with us."

He added that people covered under the law "can expect to have great health care. It will be in a much simplified form. Much less expensive and much better."

In the interview with *The Post*, Trump also said he would force drug companies to negotiate directly with the government on prices in Medicare and Medicaid.

"They're politically protected, but not anymore," he said of the pharmaceutical industry.

#### MILLIONS FACE INSURANCE LOSS

Yet, the president has endorsed the health-care bills passed by Republicans in the Senate and House. The Congressional Budget Office analyzed the GOP repeal/replace bills and concluded that millions of Americans would lose the health insurance they now receive under Obamacare.

The Senate bill, which was developed behind closed doors by a handful of Republicans, was made public only last week.

Majority Leader McConnell wants to put it up for a vote before Congress breaks for the July 4 holiday.

An initial analysis by the Associated Press of the bill shows that the tax penalties Obamacare imposes on people who don't purchase would be erased. The Senate measure would allow insurers to cover fewer benefits and repeal tax boosts on wealthier people that help finance the statute's expanded coverage.

The Senate legislation would phase out extra federal money that Ohio and other states receive for expanding Medicaid to additional low earners. It would also slap annual spending caps on the overall Medicaid program, which since its inception in 1965 has provided states with unlimited money to cover eligible costs.

The attack on low-income adults, their children and people with certain disabilities runs counter to Trump's public pledge to ensure that all Americans have health care and that the drug manufacturers can no longer exploit people on Medicare and Medicaid.

The president must know that the health-care bills being pushed by Republicans in Congress will hurt many of his supporters.

He, therefore, should put a halt to what has been proposed and follow what many presidents have done in time of crisis: Bring Republicans and Democrats to the White House and lead a discussion on how to accomplish his goal of health care for all Americans.

Anything less and Trump will have conceded the moral high ground.

## SCRIPTURES

*Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

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Cal Thomas

# EDITORIAL

## Puerto Rico is teetering

"Puerto Rico, my heart's devotion. Let it sink back in the ocean."

— "West Side Story"

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is drowning. The island, so popular with tourists, is \$123 billion in debt. That's more debt than the \$18 billion bankruptcy filed by the city of Detroit in 2013. In May, San Juan declared a form of bankruptcy after creditors filed lawsuits demanding their money. A federal district judge appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts will handle the case.

How did this happen? Luis Fortuno, former governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, who served as president of the New Progressive Party of Puerto Rico, which advocates for the island to become a U.S. state, believes he knows.

Fortuno was elected in 2009. In a telephone interview from his Washington law office, he tells me that during his one term he cut government expenses by \$2 billion and the island's bond rating went up. "We refinanced the debt on better terms" and by the time he left office in 2013, "we had brought down the budget every year and lowered corporate taxes. People believed they could take risks again."

In the 2012 election, Fortuno lost to Democrat Alejandro Garcia Padilla by a narrow (0.6 percent) margin. Fortuno blames the Service Employees International Union for contributing to his opponent's campaign. "They invested heavily against me," he says. Padilla renewed the spending policies of the past and, though he left office earlier this year, the damage was done.

#### INCREASED SPENDING

According to the *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, most of Fortuno's cuts in public expenditures were never implemented. The island's Office of Management and Budget reported that one year after legislation that called for spending reductions, 31 government agencies had, instead, increased spending.

As the *Journal* noted, under Fortuno "Puerto Rico implemented tax reform and permit reform, legislated a world-leading public-private partnership (P3) act, reduced government expenses and paid its suppliers..."

In light of such success, why would voters return control of the island to a party that was responsible for its fiscal downturn? Sometimes ideology beats success and common sense. Fortuno says it didn't help that "61 percent of eligible voters failed to vote."

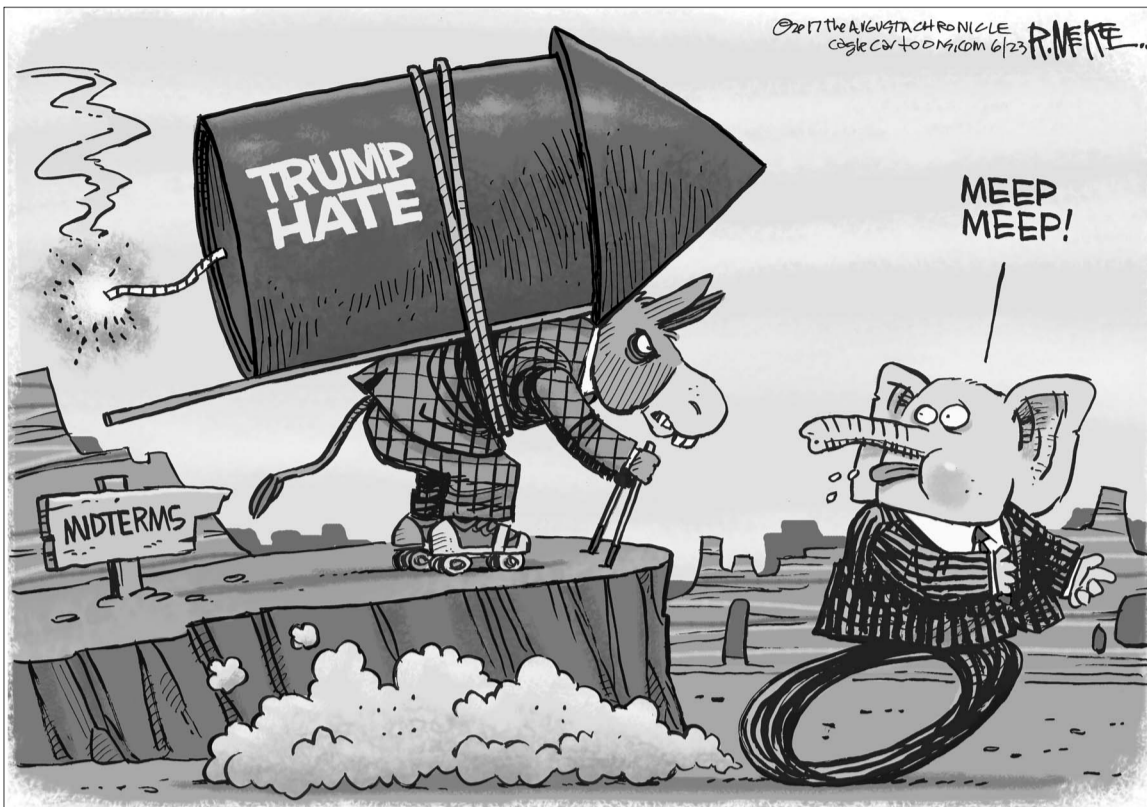
A referendum on the status of Puerto Rico was held in Puerto Rico on June 11. Three options were open to voters: remain with the commonwealth, independence or statehood. Statehood won.

Would a Republican Congress and a Republican president ever back statehood for a territory that seems overwhelmingly Democratic and possibly add two senators and one voting House member to that party's total in Washington?

Fortuno doesn't believe it is a given that Democrats would win those seats. He draws a distinction between the mostly liberal Puerto Ricans who have left the island for places like New York City and those who remain. He says current residents "are social and economic conservatives," suggesting Republicans could pick up seats.

Perhaps, but the U.S. taxpayer would also have to pick up Puerto Rico's huge debt and with our debt at \$20 trillion, it is doubtful Congress, at least under a Republican majority, would be willing to add more red ink.

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## What will Justice Kennedy do?

#### WASHINGTON

The end of the Supreme Court term looms, and with it the prospect – the terrifying prospect – of a retirement. Specifically, the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy, who will turn 81 next month and is the longest-serving current justice, named to the high court almost 30 years ago.

So if Kennedy is inclined to retire, it is hard to begrudge him that choice. But his departure would be terrible for the court and terrible for the country. It could not come at a worse time. Any court vacancy these days, under a president of either party, triggers a battle between liberal and conservative forces. Kennedy's retirement would unleash nomination Armageddon, given the pivotal role he plays on the closely divided court and the feral political environment.

To understand the impact of Kennedy's departure, just look back to his selection to fill the seat vacated by Justice Lewis Powell. Like Kennedy now, Powell was the ultimate swing justice; his was the key fifth vote for liberals on issues including abortion rights and affirmative action, topics as charged then as they are today.

#### CONFIRMATION FIGHT

President Reagan's original choice to take Powell's place was conservative federal appeals court judge Robert Bork. The ferocious confirmation fight that ensued – and resulted in Bork's rejection – still echoes in today's unceasing warfare over judicial nominations. Kennedy's unanimous confirmation – he was Reagan's third choice, after Douglas Ginsburg's nomination fizzled over reports that he smoked marijuana with law students – calmed only the immediate furor.

Imagine, then, a Kennedy retirement in this partisan and



Ruth Marcus

unstable political landscape. It could make the Bork fight look like a kindergarten squabble. With President Trump under investigation by the special counsel and his approval rating mired below 40 percent, his incentive may be to cater to his base with a pick as far to the right as possible, an instinct enabled by the Republicans' move, during the confirmation of Justice Neil Gorsuch, to eliminate the filibuster for Supreme Court nominees.

Justice Kennedy, perhaps it is unfair to pile all this onto your shoulders, but is it really wise to subject an already divided country to even more turbulence?

And to another nomination by this president, with his evident ignorance of the role of the judiciary and disdain for judicial independence?

Your career has been characterized by insistence on civility, respect for the dignity of all individuals, and commitment to the rule of law – qualities absent in our president. Just read Trump's tweets and ask yourself: Do I really want my successor named by this man?

No need to look back to the campaign, and his repugnant comments about the "Mexican" judge presiding over the Trump University fraud lawsuit. Just consider the president's tweets about judicial rulings in the case that has now reached your own court. He blasted the "so-called judge"; assailed "slow and political" courts; and, most alarming, suggested that blood would be on the judiciary's hands if a terrorist incident took place while his travel ban was being delayed.

## Trump should leave Mueller alone

By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN  
*Bloomberg View*

With an investigation into possible obstruction of justice by Donald Trump now confirmed, there's even more talk about the possibility that the president might fire the special prosecutor, Robert Mueller. I have no idea what he'll do, but to be clear: He would almost certainly be severely damaging himself by doing so.

We can't know for sure what the public's reaction would be, but it certainly seems likely that it would be severely negative, pushing his approval ratings even lower. We can't know for sure where Trump's approval floor might be, or even if it is lower than his current 38 percent. What we do know is that several previous presidents including George W. Bush reached as low as about 25 percent; that governors sometimes go even lower; that Trump has been losing ground at about the same rate Barack Obama did (but from a much lower starting point); and that Trump's strong support has eroded along with his overall approval.

We can also guess at the in-

formation environment after such a move. Democrats would certainly blast it and jump to talk about impeachment. They would be joined by virtually every "neutral" opinion leader (no one is really neutral, but plenty of people are not aligned with either party and do not act as consistent supporters of one party) and by at least a handful of Republicans, while the bulk of mainstream Republicans would go into hiding. Only a fraction of Republican opinion leaders would loudly back the president. We can guess all of that because of how everyone reacted to the firing of James Comey, and because of the reaction the last time a president fired a special prosecutor who was investigating him.

No, impeachment, conviction and removal from office by the Republican-majority Congress would not follow immediately. But it's a real mistake to believe that the only two settings for same-party members of Congress are enthusiastic support for the president and complete opposition (including moving toward impeachment). We've already seen fairly serious hearings in the

Senate, and even some in the House – in other words, some Republicans in Congress have already moved quite a bit away from enthusiastic support, and very few are really at that level of support. Another outrageous action by the president would almost certainly push most of them another notch or three in that direction from wherever they are now.

None of that means firing the special prosecutor would necessarily lead directly to impeachment, although it could. But damage to a presidency can be very real even if it falls short of impeachment; we've already seen the consequences of presidential weakness in leaks from the bureaucracy, resistance from the courts and the states, and a lack of strong support from Republicans in Congress.

So, sure, Trump may do it anyway, either because he once again badly mistakes the political situation or just because he can't control himself, whatever the consequences. But it would be a terrible choice.

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Cleveland Indians' Carlos Santana grounds into a fielder's choice in the first inning of Monday's game against the Texas Rangers in Cleveland. Santana was safe at first base. Francisco Lindor scored on the play.



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# Indians rally to halt skid

*Down 7 and missing Francona, Tribe stages big comeback to top Texas*

**CLEVELAND**  
Associated Press  
Francisco Lindor, Lonnie Chisenhall and Carlos Santana each had three RBIs to help the Cleveland Indians rally from a seven-run deficit and beat the Texas Rangers 15-9 on Monday night after manager Terry Francona left the game because he wasn't feeling well.  
The Indians came back after trailing 9-2 in the fourth

inning to avoid their first four-game losing streak since 2015.  
Cleveland did not provide any other details about Francona, who presented Rangers first baseman and former Indian Mike Napoli with his American League Championship ring before the game. Bench coach Brad Mills came out to fetch starter Carlos Carrasco in the fourth inning.

The Indians scored a run in the fourth, four in the fifth, took the lead with five in the sixth and added three in the seventh.  
Chisenhall's two-run single with the bases loaded put Cleveland ahead 10-9. Lindor, Santana, Roberto Perez and Jason Kipnis also had RBIs in the inning.  
Adrian Beltre, Elvis Andrus and Joey Gallo each homered off Cleveland starter Carlos Carrasco to help build Texas' lead, but then the Indians offense finally woke up. Cleveland had been shut

**CLEVELAND** 15  
**TEXAS** 9  
Next: Cleveland vs. Texas, today, 7:10  
On B4: A roundup of Monday's other Major League games and MLB statistics

out twice, went 1 for 23 with runners in scoring position and got swept over three games by the Minnesota Twins.  
Cleveland set a season high in runs, matched a season best with 19 hits and was 11 for 28 with runners in scoring position. Every starter except Kipnis had at

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## NBA AWARDS

# MVP of the triple double

Russell Westbrook wins league honor

Associated Press

**NEW YORK**  
Russell Westbrook was voted NBA MVP on Monday night after setting a record with 42 triple-doubles last season.

Westbrook's victory ended the first NBA Awards show, which included two wins apiece for the Houston Rockets and Milwaukee Bucks.

Westbrook joined Oscar Robertson as the only players to average a triple-double for the season, and he broke Robertson's single-season record set when he had 41 triple-doubles in 1961-62.

The point guard beat out Houston's James Harden and San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard to succeed Stephen Curry, who had won the past two MVP awards.

Earlier, Milwaukee's Malcolm Brogdon became the first player not picked in the first round to win NBA Rookie of the Year in the common draft era.

Brogdon was the No. 36 overall selection out of Virginia. The common draft era began in 1966.

"I think it's an example for guys that are told they are too short, they are not athletic enough, they are not real point guards, they are not real shooting guards," Brogdon said.

"I just think it's an important message for people to see, and it can be done. It just takes a lot."

Teammate Giannis Antetokounmpo won the Most Improved Player award.

Houston coach Mike D'Antoni won his second Coach of the Year award, and the Rockets' Eric Gordon was Sixth Man of the Year after setting a record for most 3-pointers off the bench in his first season as a reserve.

The NBA formerly gave out its individual awards at various points throughout the postseason before switching to the awards show this season and presenting them all at once in front of the league's top players and stars from the entertainment world.

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# ALL CAUGHT UP

South Range grad Billy Goodall earns All-America honors

By TOM WILLIAMS  
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In high school, Billy Goodall was a standout football and baseball player for South Range High School.

So it's a little surprising that by the spring of his first year at Mount Union, the 2014 graduate was idle in sports.

"My freshman year, I just needed time to gather myself for college and realized I've got to manage my time a lot better than I did in high school," Goodall said.

Two weeks into the 2015 baseball season, Goodall left the Mount Union team. The break seems to have paid off.

This spring, Goodall was named the Ohio Athletic Conference Player of the Year and received All-America honors from both the American Base-

ball Coaches Association and D3baseball.com.

"I kind of figured out school my freshman year," said Goodall, a civil engineering major. "Sophomore year, I talked to my coach [Paul Hesse] and he let me back on the team."

In his second full season, Goodall led the Purple Raiders (31-11, OAC champions) with a .451 batting average. He drove

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SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR  
South Range graduate Billy Goodall earned All-American and Ohio Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors this spring at Mount Union. Goodall was the Vindicator's 2014 Baseball Player of the Year.

## COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

# Florida downs LSU in Game 1

*Gators need win today or Wednesday to earn first baseball championship*

Associated Press

**OMAHA**  
Brady Singer struck out a career-high 12 in seven innings, Jonathan India doubled in two runs, and Florida beat LSU 4-3 in Game 1 of the College World Series finals Monday night.

The Gators (51-19) need a win today or Wednesday to earn their first national championship in baseball.

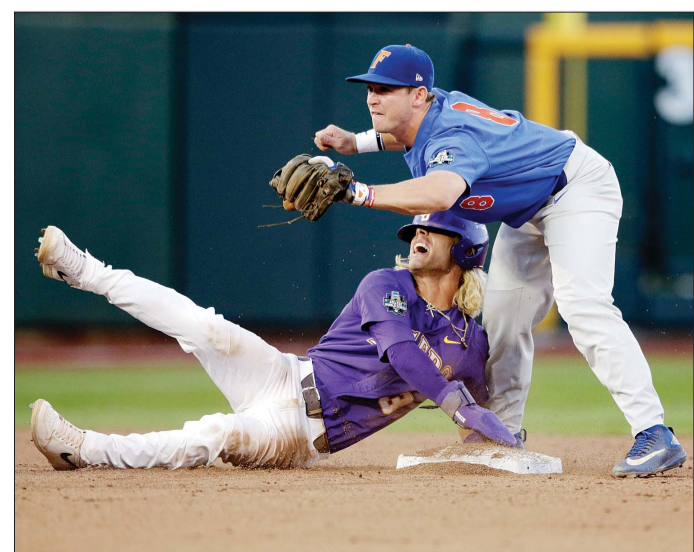
Singer's strikeout total was highest by a single pitcher in a CWS finals game. Singer (9-5) limited LSU (52-19) to three singles before Antoine Duplantis homered in the sixth. He left after Greg Deichmann doubled leading off the eighth.

Florida led 3-0 after LSU starter Russell Reynolds (1-2) issued three straight walks in the fourth, with

**FLORIDA** 4  
**LSU** 3  
Next: Florida vs. LSU, today, 8 p.m.

India driving in two runs on a ground-rule double.

Down 4-2 and with fans clad in purple and gold chanting "L-S-U, L-S-U," the Tigers threatened in the eighth. Josh Smith sent a ball into the right-center gap to drive in a run. But he was thrown out trying for second by Nick Horvath, who entered as a pinch runner in the top of the eighth



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LSU's Kramer Robertson (3) is caught stealing second base by Florida second baseman Deacon Liput (8) in the seventh inning of Game 1 of the College World Series Finals in Omaha, Neb., on Monday. Florida won, 4-3.

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SPORTS digest

Warren's Clemente wins junior tourney

CANTON Warren golfer Gianna Clemente won the girls 13-under division in the Canton Junior Classic on Sunday. She shot a combined 163 (81-82) to win the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour event.

Ex-Packers RB charged with child abuse

GREEN BAY, WIS. Former Green Bay Packers running back Ahman Green was charged Monday with felony child abuse after his 15-year-old daughter told police he punched her in the face.

Green, 40, is also charged with disorderly conduct in the incident late Sunday in the Green Bay suburb of Ledgeview.

According to a criminal complaint, Green's daughter told police that he struck her in the face in a dispute over getting her to do the dishes. She also said he threw her to the ground and against kitchen cabinets.

According to the complaint, Green told deputies he "may have" thrown his daughter to the ground and against cabinets. He said he slapped her in the head and believed he may have hit her glasses, causing a swollen eye, according to the complaint.

Court records don't list a defense attorney. Lammi Sports Management, which has handled Green's appearances, had no immediate comment.

Green was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 2014. He is the team's all-time leading rusher and a four-time Pro Bowl pick.

Green starred at Nebraska, then spent the first two seasons of his 12-year NFL career in Seattle. He played for Houston in 2007-08, but spent most of his career in Green Bay, his last season coming in 2009.

Baylor says NCAA probe is 'ongoing'

AUSTIN, TEXAS Baylor University officials say the school is being investigated by the NCAA in the wake of a sexual assault scandal that led to the firing of football coach Art Briles and the departure of the school president.

In a legal filing last week, Baylor lawyers told a federal judge the NCAA probe is "an ongoing, pending investigation." Attorneys for several women suing the school have demanded Baylor turn over its communications with the NCAA. A Baylor spokeswoman declined further comment.

ESPN reported in May that the NCAA had conducted interviews with Baylor officials, former employees and alleged victims but that the school hadn't been given a formal notice of investigation. NCAA officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

Jose Mourinho's father dies at 79

LISBON, PORTUGAL Felix Mourinho, the father of Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho and a former Portugal goalkeeper, has died. He was 79.

Vitoria Setubal, where Felix Mourinho played and later worked as coach and club director, said he died Sunday. It did not give the cause of death.

Felix Mourinho helped Setubal to victory in the Portuguese Cup final in 1965, beating powerhouse Benfica, 3-1.

He made his only appearance for Portugal's national team in 1972.

Jose Mourinho posted a black-and-white photograph of himself as a boy with his father on his Instagram account but made no public comment.

Felix Mourinho was to be buried today in Setubal, a city 25 miles south of Lisbon.

New Zealand routs U.S., wins America's Cup

HAMILTON, BERMUDE Helmsman Peter Burling and Emirates Team New Zealand have won the America's Cup by routing software tycoon Larry Ellison's Oracle Team USA.

The underfunded but resourceful Kiwis claimed the oldest trophy in international sports on the Great Sound on Monday, winning Race 9 to clinch the match at 7-1.

Team New Zealand started with a negative point because Oracle won the qualifiers, forcing the Kiwis to win eight races.

Staff/Wire report

SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

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The estimated damages from a man's joyriding inside the University of Missouri basketball arena.

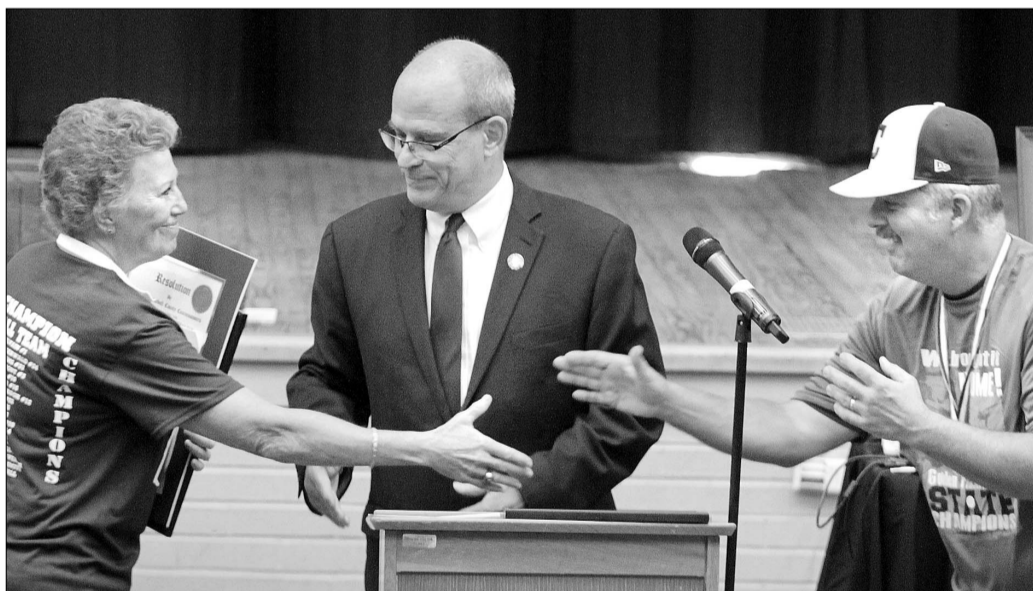


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Board of education honors Champion teams



Above, the Champion baseball team gives a round of applause on Monday at Champion High School. The baseball and softball teams — which won state titles this spring — were both honored by the Champion Board of Education. Shortstop Megan Turner, left, speaks at the podium during the event. Her brother, Brian, was a catcher on the baseball team. Both are committed to play their respective sports at Kent State. Below, softball coach Cheryl Weaver shakes hands with baseball coach Rick Yauger as state representative Michael O'Brien looks on. Weaver guided the team to its seventh state title. Yauger won his first state title this spring.



NHL heads into free agency signing period

Associated Press

As New York Rangers players cleaned out their lockers after a second-round playoff exit, all the talk was about impending change.

That's just getting started — for the Rangers and the rest of the NHL.

Big moves leading up to and at the draft by the Rangers, rival New York Islanders, Chicago Blackhawks and others set up a potentially crazy week to come going into free agency. Teams could begin talking to pending free agents Sunday and can sign them starting Saturday afternoon, and in between there could be plenty more movement now that the Vegas expansion draft is over and the foundation has been laid for trades.

"Everyone had a lot of doubt moving into (the expansion draft) because they didn't know who will be on their team," Florida Panthers general manager Dale Tallon said. "I think more teams will be aggressive in that regard because they

know what they have."

The Golden Knights are expected to flip at least a couple more players selected in the expansion draft, the Islanders are looking for a No. 2 center and no one knows what the Panthers and Coyotes will do next. The Rangers cleared significant cap space by buying out Dan Girardi and trading Derek Stepan to Arizona and could take a run at defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk and other top free agents available.

"The Rangers feel that we had some really good hockey teams, we were really close, but in order for them to take that extra step over the hump, they have to make some moves," Stepan said.

After the Pittsburgh Penguins won the Stanley Cup in back-to-back seasons, the Rangers aren't alone in trying to keep up. While Shattenkirk, Montreal winger Alexander Radulov, Washington veteran Justin Williams and Pittsburgh defenseman Trevor Daley are among the top free agents

available, players like Colorado's Matt Duchene, Vegas' Marc Methot or Montreal's Alex Galchenyuk could be traded first and change the course of the market.

Here are some things to watch for this week:

PENGUINS MARCH ON

Changes are afoot in Pittsburgh with goalie Marc-Andre Fleury already gone to Vegas and Daley, Nick Bonino, Chris Kunitz, Matt Cullen and Ron Hainsey set to be unrestricted free agents. With Justin Schultz and Conor Sheary among those needing new contracts, GM Jim Rutherford told free agents to test the market and come back to him, so the Penguins could look very different just three weeks after another Cup parade.

SHATTENKIRK SHOULD GET PAID

The Capitals committed big money to winger T.J. Oshie with a \$46 million, eight-year deal, but they're unlikely to re-sign Shattenkirk, Williams, Karl Alzner and Daniel Winnik.

QUOTABLE

Charlie Sheen, actor, on selling Babe Ruth's 1927 World Series ring:

"Whatever price it brings is gravy."

TV & RADIO

TODAY 1 p.m. (NBCSN) Yachting: America's Cup. 2:45 p.m. (ESPNU) Soccer: UEFA Euro Under-21 semifinal. 7 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Cubs at Nationals or Mets at Marlins. 7 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Rays at Pirates. 7 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Rangers at Indians. 8 p.m. (ESPN) College Baseball: World Series Finals Game 2. 9 p.m. (FS1) Boxing: Cruz-Martin (welterweights).

10:30 p.m. (STO) "The Tribe Report." WEDNESDAY 2 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: FIFA Confederations Cup Russia semifinal. 7 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Cubs at Nationals. 7 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Rays at Pirates. 7 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Scrappers at Black Bears. 8 p.m. (ESPN) College Baseball: World Series Finals Game 3. 11 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Dodgers at Angels.

LATEST LINE

Table with columns for Favorite Odds, MLB (O/U), Underdog, National League, American League, and various team matchups like WASHINGTON vs Chicago Cubs, MIAMI vs NY Mets, etc.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated OFs Michael Brantley and Brandon Guyer from the 10-day DL. Optioned OF Daniel Robertson and RHP Shawn Armstrong to Columbus (IL). TEXAS RANGERS — Activated LHP Cole Hamels from the 10-day DL. Optioned OF Drew Robinson to Round Rock (PCL). Can-Am League QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released C Michael Kerns. FOOTBALL Canadian Football League CFL — Suspended Calgary RB Roy Finch two games after testing positive for a banned substance (D-amphetamine), under the drug policy of the CFL and the CFLPA. HOCKEY National Hockey League BUFFALO SABRES — Named Randy Sexton and Steve Greeley assistant general managers. Promoted Mark Jakubowski to vice president of hockey administration. CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with F Derek Ryan and D Trevor Carrick on one-year contracts. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with G Anton Forsberg on a two-year contract and F Tomas Jurco on a one-year contract extension through the 2017-18 season. DALLAS STARS — Signed D Esa Lindell to a two-year contract extension and F Mark McNeill to a one-year, two-way contract extension.

NOTICES

BASEBALL Tod Park in Girard — is where tournaments will be for 8U, 10U and 12U all-star teams from July 5-9. Cost is \$225 per team with a three-game minimum. No travel teams. For more information, contact Rick Plant at 330-219-1610 or Ray Carpenter at 330-509-4797. Brookfield Youth Baseball — will host 9-10 and 11-12 tournaments from July 13-16. These will be all-star tournaments. No travel teams. For more information, contact Ken Forsythe at 330-502-0750. Boardman Community Baseball — will hold a 8U coach-pitch and 9U and 10U tournaments from July 20-23 at Fields of Dreams. For information, contact Tom Sullivan at 330-719-3222 or visit www.boardmanbaseball.com. FOOTBALL Eastwood Field in Niles — will be where former Youngstown State assistant coach Craig Anth will conduct a baseball camp from Aug. 2-4 from 9 a.m.-noon. Camp is for boys and girls ages 6-14. Cost is \$100. rain or shine. Campers should bring drinks and snacks. For more information or to register, contact at Antush at 304-633-8150 or email him at cjantush@ysu.edu. BASKETBALL Cardinal Mooney High School — will have a camp from June 27-29 from 1-4 p.m. for boys entering grades four-nine. Cost is \$50. For any questions or to register, call 330-788-5007. Mahoning Valley Basketball Officials Association — is looking for athletes ages 14 and up interested in becoming high school basketball officials. Those interested should contact Don Dobrindt at hooprefclass16@gmail.com for more information. COACHING Cardinal Mooney High School — is seeking head coaches for its varsity girls basketball, boys golf and boys and girls tennis teams. Interested candidates should send resumes to Athletic Director Don Bucci, Cardinal Mooney High School, 2545 Erie St., Youngstown, Ohio 44507 or email them to cmhssports@youngstowndiocese.org.

MINOR LEAGUES

Table with columns for Class A, New York-Penn League, and various minor league teams like Staten Island, Hudson Valley, etc., with columns for W, L, Pct., GB.

Catch Sports News in The Vindicator logo with a baseball graphic.



AROUND THE HORN Monday's other MLB games

Yankees 6, White Sox 5 CHICAGO Jordan Montgomery matched his season high with seven solid innings and closer Aroldis Chapman shut down a ninth-inning rally just in time, lifting the New York Yankees over the Chicago White Sox.

Red Sox 4, Twins 1 BOSTON Chris Sale pitched 6 2/3 overpowering innings with nine strikeouts, Mitch Moreland hit a solo homer for the third straight game and the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins in a matchup of two of the AL's top teams.

Cubs 5, Nationals 4 WASHINGTON Wade Davis struck out big league batting leader Ryan Zimmerman with runners on second and third to end Washington's ninth-inning rally, and the Chicago Cubs held off the Nationals.

INDIANS

Continued from B1 least two hits. Bryan Shaw (2-2) pitched 1 1/2 scoreless innings for the win. Tanner Scheppers (0-1) allowed all three batters he faced to reach the base.

Francona was hospitalized on Monday after suffering a heart attack. The 57-year-old Francona missed a game last season in August after experiencing chest pains.

Trainer's Room Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (broken right thumb) is eligible to come off the disabled list on July 3, but manager Jeff Banister said his return will be delayed.

UP NEXT Rangers: RHP Tyson Ross allowed seven runs over three innings in a 7-5 loss to Toronto on June 21. Indians: RHP Mike Clevinger makes his first home start since May 31 against Oakland.

Standings AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB New York 41 33 .554 0 Boston 42 34 .553 1 Kansas City 40 38 .513 3 Baltimore 37 38 .493 4 1/2 Toronto 36 39 .480 5 1/2

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West Division W L Pct GB Houston 52 25 .675 1 Los Angeles 40 39 .506 1 1/2 Seattle 39 39 .500 1 3/2 Texas 38 38 .500 1 3/2 Oakland 34 42 .447 1 7/2

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Cleveland Indians' Edwin Encarnacion, left, and Carlos Santana celebrate after both score on Lonnie Chisenhall's two-run single in the sixth inning of Monday's game against the Texas Rangers in Cleveland. The Indians won, 15-9.

Table with columns for Standings, Sunday's Scores, Monday's Scores, Today's Games, Wednesday's Games, National League, Cardinals 8, Reds 2, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Pitching.

Table with columns for Top Ten American League, Cardinals 8, Reds 2, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Pitching.

Table with columns for Cubs 5, Nationals 4, Chicago, Washington, Philadelphia, Arizona, and Pitching.

Cantu homers as Scrappers take series

Ulysses Cantu homered and singled twice, driving home two runs as the Mahoning Valley Scrappers beat the State College Spikes 5-1 on Monday.

Mahoning Valley starter Felix Tati (1-1) picked up the win after allowing just three hits over five scoreless innings. Opposing starter Jonathan Mulford (0-2) took the loss in the New York-Penn

Charlie Sheen selling Babe Ruth artifacts

Charlie Sheen hasn't portrayed Babe Ruth in a film, but the actor did have two of the most prized items of Ruth memorabilia.

Sheen on Monday revealed himself as the owner of Ruth's 1927 World Series ring and the 1919 contract of Ruth's sale from the Red Sox to the Yankees, which are part of the first Lelands.com Invitational Auction.

TMH president

WARREN

Trumbull Memorial Hospital, a Steward Family Hospital, has named Ron Bierman as hospital president.

Bierman previously served as the CEO of Affinity Medical Center from 2008-2016, CEO for Tenet Healthcare facilities from 2005-2007, and CEO for Health Management Associates facilities from 1998-2005.

Boston-based Steward Health Care LLC officially purchased Trumbull Memorial, Northside Medical Center in Youngstown and Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital in Howland from Community Health System in May.

20th anniversary

NORTH JACKSON

Things Remembered Fulfillment and Call Center is celebrating 20 years in business in North Jackson. The distribution center, which supports Things Remembered stores throughout the U.S. and Canada, started operations in 1997.

To recognize the occasion, the Things Remembered Fulfillment Center had a 20th anniversary celebration on-site for its employees, complete with a luncheon, product raffles, games and a photo booth.

Compc deal

COLUMBIANA

After two weeks of intense negotiations, Compc Industries of Columbiana has announced that it has acquired the assets of Quaker Manufacturing Corp. of Salem. The deal became final Friday.

The name of the company will change to Compc Quaker Manufacturing Inc., but there are no immediate changes expected in staffing or employee benefits. Quaker will also continue to manufacture its current product line.

Compc Quaker joins two other facilities in Compc's corporate portfolio: Compc's main facility in Columbiana and QFM in Salem.

Compc is a supplier of tank heads for the pressure vessel, air, propane and water storage industry. Quaker specializes in custom metal stampings.

Employment growth

CLEVELAND

Food and beverage manufacturing employment grew 21 percent in Northeast Ohio from 2007 to 2016, compared with 5 percent nationwide, according to the quarterly Cleveland Plus Economic Review released Monday by Team Northeast Ohio. This growth is expected to continue over the next decade, with projections of 14 percent growth for NEO and 10 percent growth for the U.S. as a whole.

BMW to expand

BMW said Monday it will invest an additional \$600 million to expand its South Carolina plant, creating 1,000 new jobs over the next four years.

CEO Harald Krueger's announcement coincided with the German automaker's celebration of 25 years of manufacturing in the state.

BMW also unveiled its 2018 BMW X3, a compact sports vehicle expected to be available in November.

The expansion will boost its workforce to more than 10,000 people. BMW will separately invest \$200 million over five years on workforce training, Krueger said.

Staff/wire report

Selected local stocks

Table with columns: STOCK, DIVIDEND, CLOSE, CHANGE. Lists various local companies and their stock performance.

Coal on the rise in China, US, India

Associated Press

BEIJING

The world's biggest coal users — China, the United States and India — have boosted coal mining in 2017, in an abrupt departure from last year's record global decline for the heavily polluting fuel and a setback to efforts to rein in climate change emissions.

Mining data reviewed by The Associated Press show that production through May is up by at least 121 million

tons, or 6 percent, for the three countries compared with the same period last year. The change is most dramatic in the U.S., where coal mining rose 19 percent in the first five months of the year, according to U.S. Department of Energy data.

Coal's fortunes had appeared to hit a new low less than two weeks ago, when British energy company BP reported that tonnage mined worldwide fell 6.5 percent

in 2016, the largest drop on record. China and the U.S. accounted for almost all the decline, while India showed a slight increase.

The reasons for this year's turnaround include policy shifts in China, changes in U.S. energy markets and India's continued push to provide electricity to more of its poor, industry experts said.

a minor role, they said.

The fuel's popularity waned over the past several years as renewable power and natural gas made gains and China moved to curb dangerous levels of urban smog from burning coal.

Whether coal's comeback proves lasting has significant implications for long-term emission reduction targets, and for environmentalists' hopes that China and India could emerge as leaders in

battling climate change.

While the U.S. reversal is expected to prove temporary, analysts agree that India's use of coal will continue to grow. They're divided on the forecast for China over the next decade.

Industry representatives say the mining resurgence underscores coal's continued importance in power generation, though analysts caution its long-term growth prospects remain bleak.

Economic development veteran addresses Valley's ...

Lagging prosperity



Don Iannone speaks at the "Redefining Economic Growth: Creating a New Narrative Around Prosperity in the Mahoning Valley" workshop Monday at Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business.

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN continued investment in Mahoning Valley, the area still has one of the slowest income growths.

On Monday, Don Iannone, a 40-year economic development veteran based in Northeast Ohio, had a workshop at Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business focused on how to address the lagging prosperity in the Valley and surrounding area.

In the "Redefining Economic Growth: Creating a New Narrative Around Prosperity in the Mahoning Valley" workshop, Iannone explained how rhetoric surrounding the area needs to change, and so do the types of jobs coming here.

"The shift in health care is from volume based to value based," Iannone said. "Economic development needs to do the same thing. It's not about how many jobs we create; it's the quality. What we have seen is a low-wage and low-skill recovery."

In order to grow prosperity in the region, Iannone said a new narrative of the region is needed that links prosperity to regional economic growth and development; a prosperity growth agenda needs built; and the region's stakeholders need to act strategically to grow prosperity.

"Economic development I think could have much greater impact if it included more of you," Iannone said to those in attendance at Monday's workshop.

The workshop was sponsored by YSU by Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, the Economic Action Group, the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corp., the Western Reserve Port Authority and YSU's Regional Economic Development Initiative, REDI.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

ACH ranks in top 50 in 2 pediatric specialties

Staff report

BOARDMAN

Akron Children's Hospital has ranked in the top 50 of children's hospitals in two pediatric specialties: urology and neonatology.

U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in hospital rankings, today released the 2017-18 Best Children's Hospitals rankings. The 11th annual Best Children's Hospitals rankings are a source of comprehensive, quality-related information on U.S. pediatric centers.

The new edition highlights the top 50 centers in each of these 10 pediatric specialties: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology and urology.

Akron ranked 35th in neonatology and 30th in urology.

"We congratulate our neonatology and urology teams for being ranked by U.S. News and World Report for 2017," said Beth Smith, Akron Children's vice president for marketing and public relations. "Several previously ranked specialties at Akron Children's Hospital are not included on the list, and we'll definitely explore the data more closely. The U.S. News yardstick changes every year and sometimes it works in our favor and other times not, but our commitment to providing the highest quality health care has been unwavering through the years."

In 2016, the hospital ranked in six categories: No. 46 for cancer; No. 32 for diabetes and endocrinology; No. 24 in neonatology; No.

42 in neurology and neurosurgery; No. 41 in pulmonology; and No. 41 in urology.

"We do not consider this in any way to be a reflection of success of those programs nor do we design programs around the ever-changing methodologies of various ranking entities," Smith said.

Hospitals ranking in the top 10 this year are: Boston Children's Hospital; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; Texas Children's Hospital, Houston; Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore; Children's Hospital of Los Angeles; Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus; Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC; and Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C.

Study reveals \$15 minimum wage in Seattle costs jobs

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Seattle's \$15-an-hour minimum wage law has cost the city jobs, according to a study released Monday that contradicted another new study published last week.

A University of Washington team studying the law's effects found that the law has boosted pay in low-wage jobs since it took effect in 2015, but that it also caused a 9 percent reduction in hours worked, The Seattle Times reported. For an average low-wage Seattle worker, that's a loss of about \$125 per month, the study said.

"If you're a low-skilled worker with one of those jobs, \$125 a month is a sizable amount of money," said Mark Long, one of the authors. "It can be the difference between being able to pay your rent and not being able to pay your rent."

There would be about 5,000 more low-wage jobs in the city without the law, the study estimated.

Seattle was one of the

first U.S. cities to adopt a \$15 minimum wage law, and its experience is being closely watched as other cities have followed suit and as advocates push for a higher federal minimum wage.

The city's law is raising the minimum to \$15 for all businesses by 2021.

In the years covered by the study, 2015 and 2016, the minimum wage was at most \$13, depending on business size, worker benefits and tips. The current minimum wage in Seattle ranges from \$11 to \$15, and unemployment is at a historically low 2.6 percent, thanks in part to the booming tech sector. Seattle has added about 40,000 jobs overall in the last few years.

Last week, a review by University of California at Berkeley economists found the law raised pay without hurting jobs in the restaurant industry. An author of that report, Michael Reich, criticized the University of Washington team's methodology.

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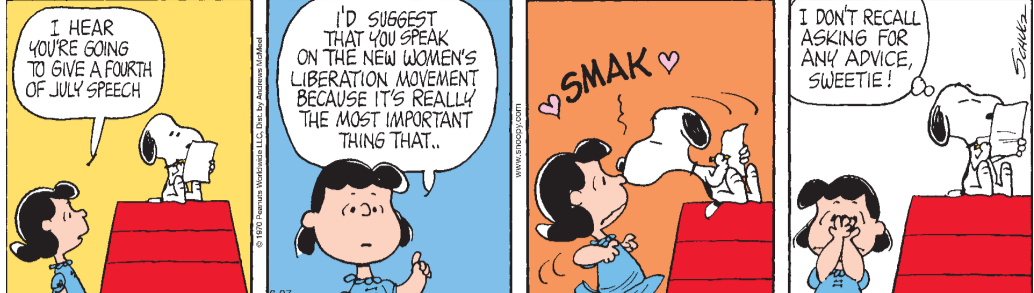




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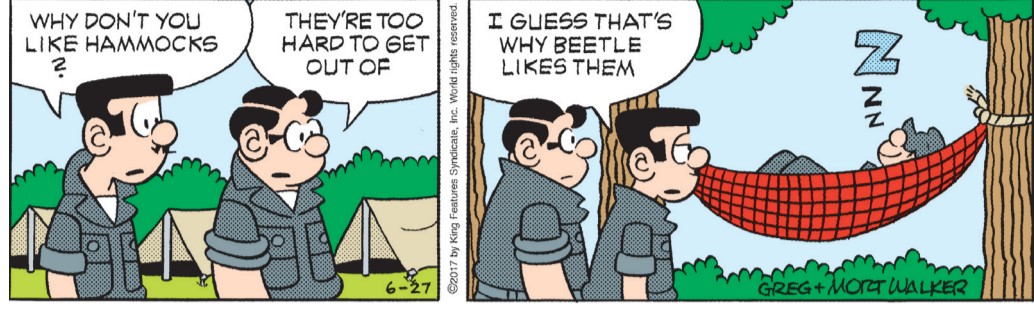
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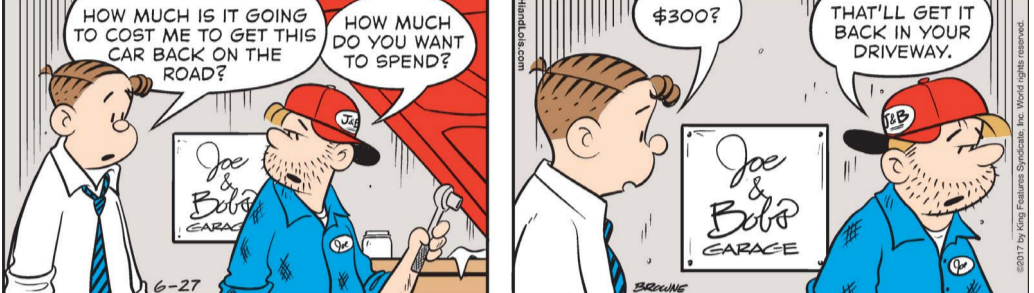
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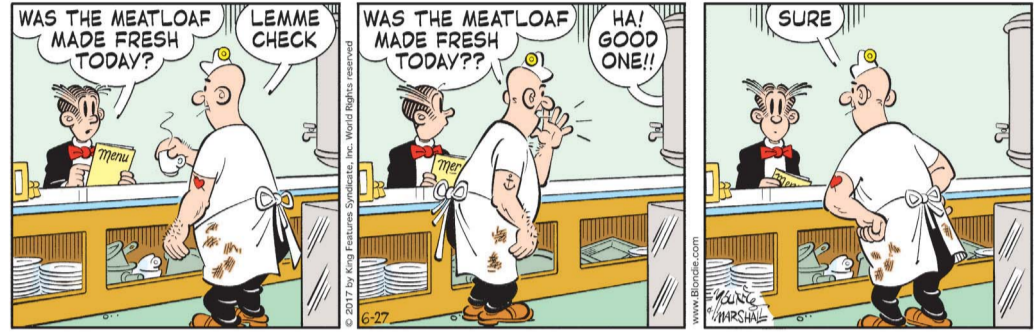
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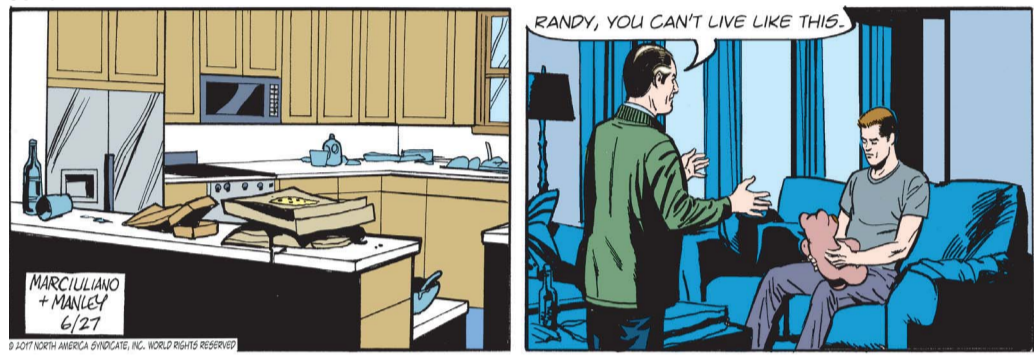
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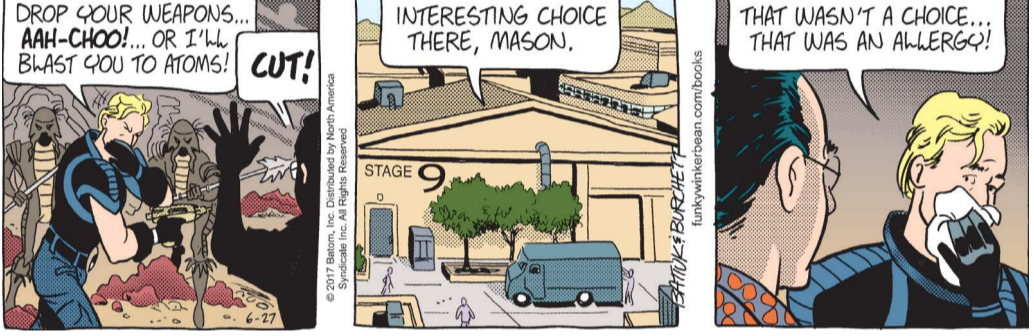
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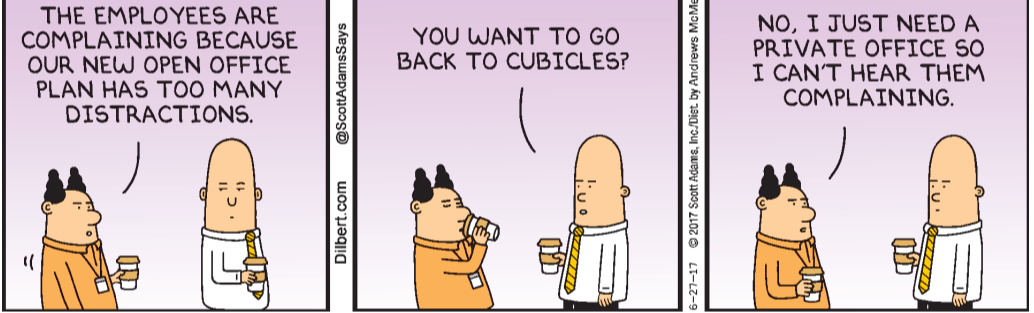
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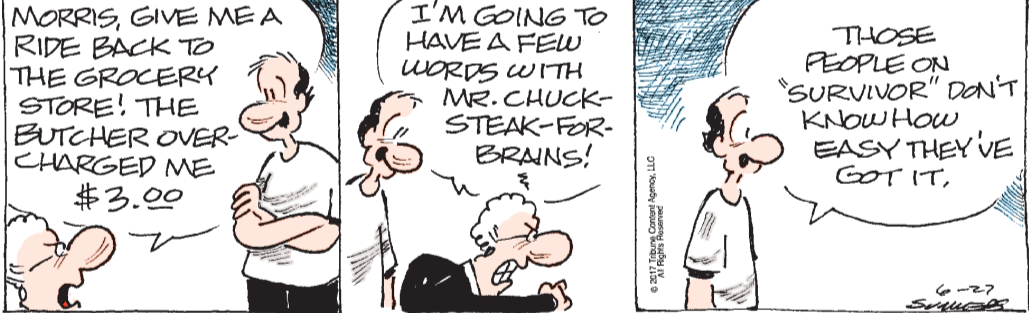
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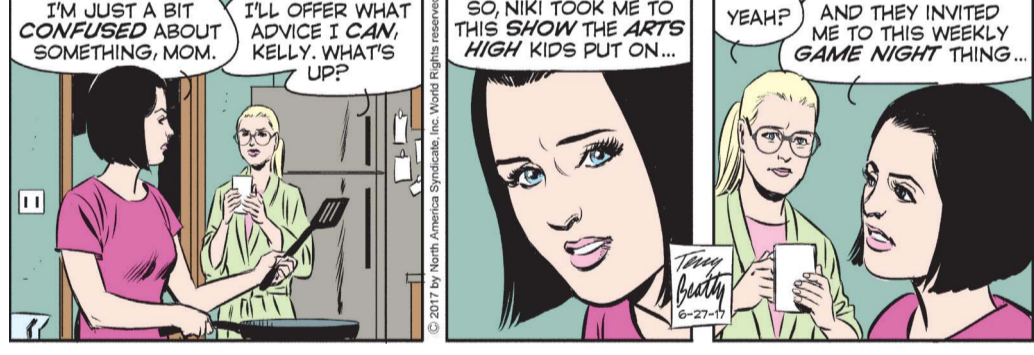
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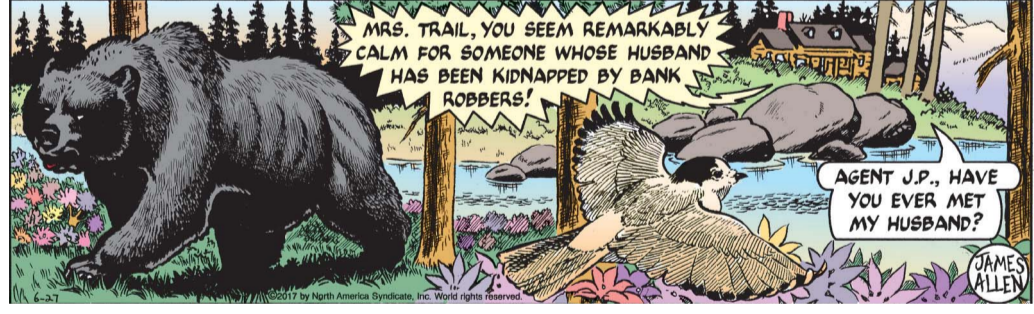
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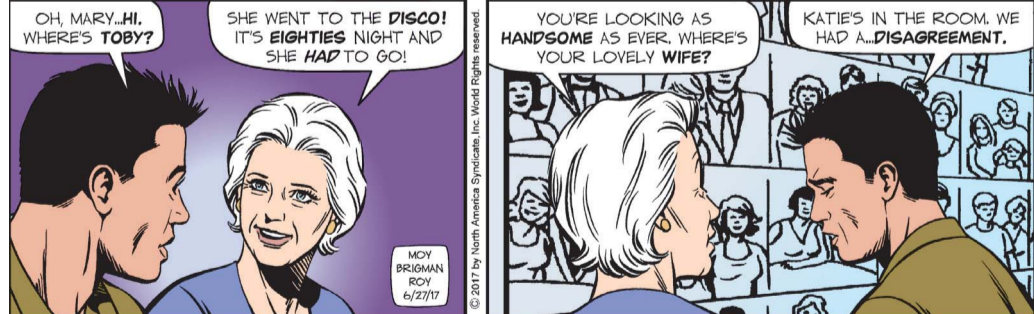
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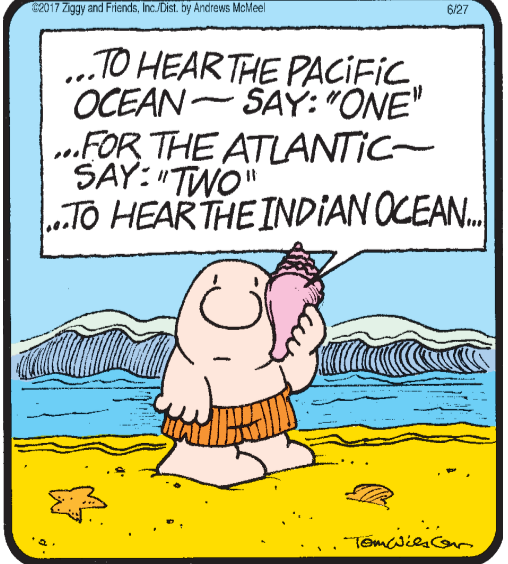
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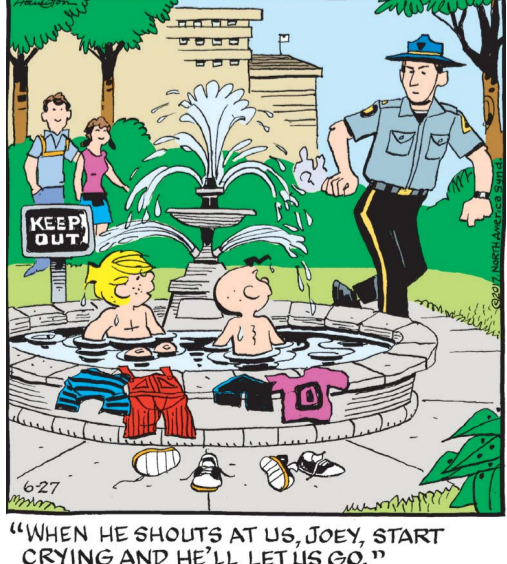
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