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## 'One big boom': I-76 crash leaves 1 dead, 4 hurt

By ED RUNYAN  
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Orrin Hill, retired Jackson Township police chief, was working in his yard Thursday morning when he heard an explosion coming from Interstate 76.

"It was just one big boom," he said, adding: "There was just tons of black smoke coming out of there."

Hill was first on the scene to discover a chain-reaction collision on I-76 westbound in a



construction zone near the state Route 45 overpass.

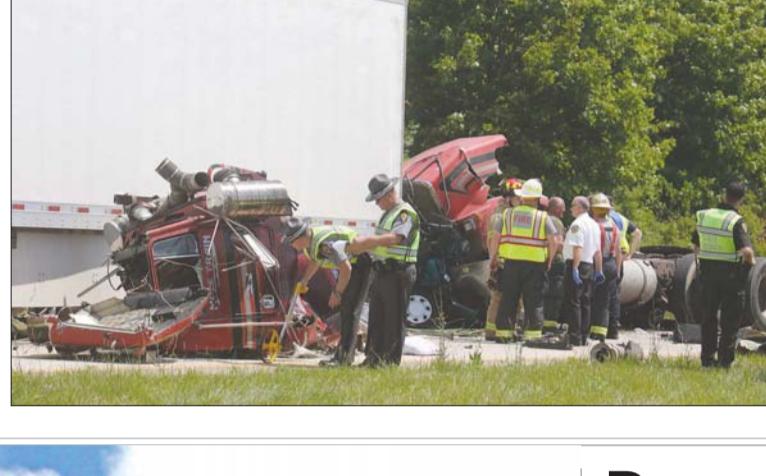
Mark Schaas of New Castle, Pa., was killed in the late-morning crash, which also left four other people injured, three of

them seriously, the Ohio State Highway Patrol said.

Lt. Jerad Sutton, commander of the Canfield post of the highway patrol, said one of the three tractor-trailer drivers failed to yield for traffic that was stopped in front of him because of the construction.

Robert Brock of Saratoga Springs, Utah, was traveling west in his tractor-trailer when he failed to stop and hit the rear of another tractor-trailer driv-

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Emergency personnel examine the wreckage Thursday after a five-vehicle crash in the west-bound lanes of Interstate 76 that killed a New Castle, Pa., man and injured four others.

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THE VINDICATOR**YOUNGSTOWN SCHOOLS**

## Mohip's ties to firm from his Chicago past face questions

By AMANDA TONOLI  
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The Youngstown school board's finance committee chairman is questioning the district's involvement with a company with a "not-so-stellar" past.

Chairman Dario Hunter expressed concern about the implications of the district's involvement with Atlantic Research Partners at a committee meeting Thursday night.

"I want to know why we are spending and wasting money with not only something that is not valuable to us, but also something that could bring this district into disrepute," Hunter said.

District CEO Krish Mohip's ties to the company date to his tenure in the Chicago Public Schools, when he contracted with the firm for services.

In Youngstown, Mohip hired the firm about six months ago to search for principals, at a cost of \$12,500.

But Hunter disapproves of the company because of its murky past.

Atlantic's co-founder Joseph Wise was fired from his position as Duval County (Fla.) Schools superintendent in 2007 before he and



EXCLUSIVE



Hunter



Mohip

## YOUNGSTOWN THERMAL HINTS AT DOWNTOWN ENERGY CRISIS

# Running out of steam

By KALEA HALL  
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Youngstown Thermal Chief Executive Officer Carl Avers has been adamant in interviews this week that customers in his company's energy network shouldn't be afraid they will lose service despite reports of financial woes.

But his company conveyed a different story to the staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio earlier this month

when it told PUCO that the state had to intervene in Youngstown Thermal's financial struggles because "the current inability of Youngstown Thermal to pay its utility suppliers could result in an energy crisis in the downtown Youngstown area."

As a result of an ensuing



investigation, the PUCO staff on Thursday requested the state immediately ask the Ohio attorney general to seek the appointment of a receiver for the beleaguered energy company.

The commission meets at 2 p.m. today to consider the staff's recommendation.

"Through this review, staff determined Youngstown Thermal is unable to pay utility suppliers, debt service, and employee payroll when those expenses are due," the report says. "Therefore, the [PUCO] staff determined the company is permitting or about to permit a breach of its duty to furnish adequate service to its customers and is instead insolvent and or in imminent danger of insolvency."

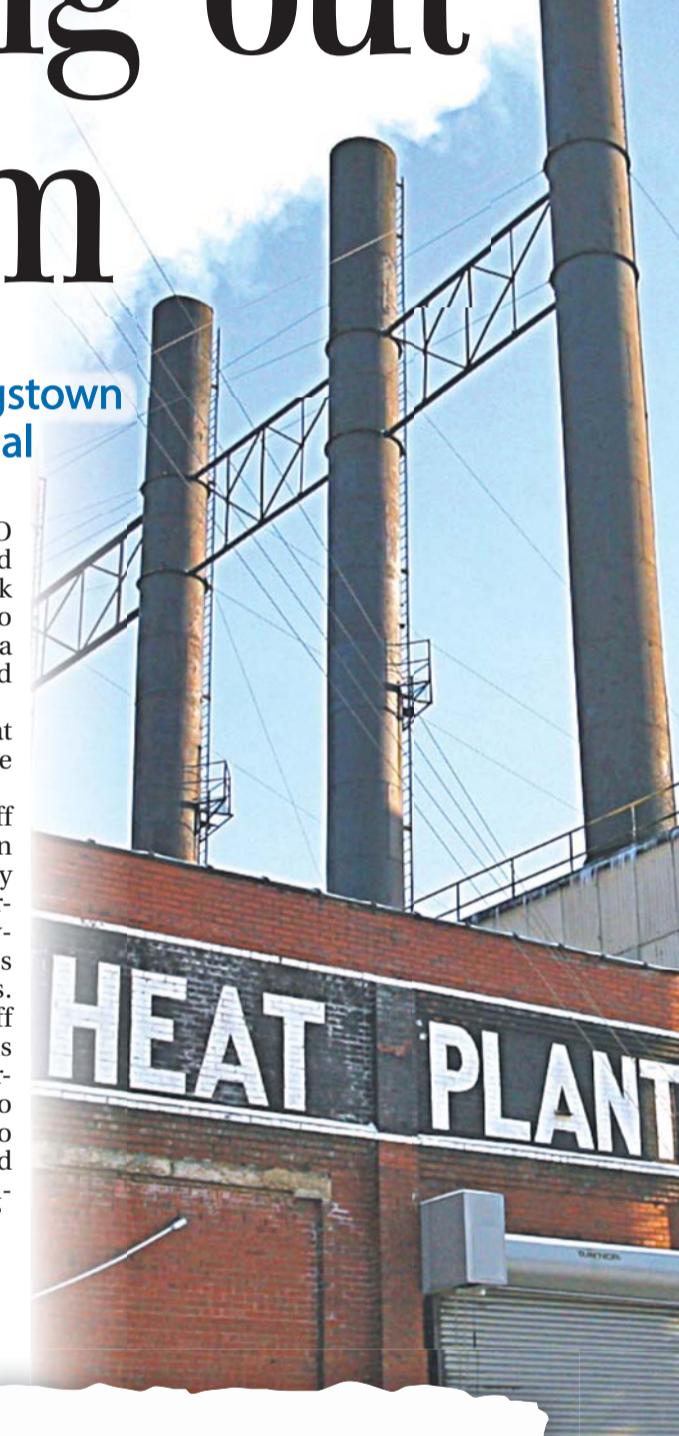
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Below are excerpts from PUCO's staff report regarding Youngstown Thermal:

Youngstown Thermal has not filed for nor has it received Commission approval for any of its ten existing customer contracts, as required under Ohio law.<sup>6</sup>

Without a licensed boiler operator onsite, the Youngstown Thermal plant must be shut down until licensed operators can be found to properly run the plant.

The Company also stated that without Commission intervention, the current inability of Youngstown Thermal to pay its utility suppliers could "result in an energy supply crisis in the downtown Youngstown area."



## Boardman selects new chief of police

By JORDYN GRZELEWSKI  
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Todd Werth, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Youngstown office, will be Boardman's next police chief.

The township board of trustees unanimously voted to select Werth at a special meeting Thursday.

Werth will replace Police Chief Jack Nichols, who is retiring in January.

The selection follows a months-long process in which township officials narrowed the field from 11

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## Campbell mom gets 4-year term for abusing son

By JOE GORMAN  
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Prosecutors said a woman sentenced Thursday to four years in prison for abusing her son began abusing him almost from the time he came home from the hospital after his birth.

Assistant Prosecutor Jennifer McLaughlin told Judge R. Scott Krichbaum of Mahoning County Common Pleas Court a son of Alicia Underwood, 22, of Campbell, had fractured ribs that were healing and fractures to his thigh and shins and



Underwood

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President Donald Trump launched a crude Twitter attack on the looks and temperament of a female TV personality, drawing howls of outrage.

**DAILY BRIEFING, A2****FIREWORKS FOR FOURTH**

Listing of fireworks displays and other July Fourth events planned this weekend and early next week in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys.

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## Lowellville winemaker wins over Walmart with her brand

By KALEA HALL  
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Marisa Sergi wrote in her memory book when she was in fifth grade that she wanted to be a winemaker.

Today, the 23-year-old is in fact a winemaker, but more than that: She's an entrepreneur with a fearless spirit.

That spirit took her to Arkansas this week to pitch her product to Walmart.

The pitch was accepted, and come fall, the RedHead Red Blend wine she created

will be on the shelves of a few dozen Ohio Walmart stores to start.

"It felt like an out-of-body experience," Sergi said of Walmart's accepting her pitch. "I couldn't believe they gave me a chance to be on their national stage. I was extremely grateful and excited for the opportunity because I knew it was not easy to get them to say yes."

For the Walmart open call, the company invited more



Marisa Sergi, founder, CEO and winemaker at RedHead Brands, and Bill Santangelo, vice president of sales, pitched the RedHead Red Blend to Walmart this week and were successful.

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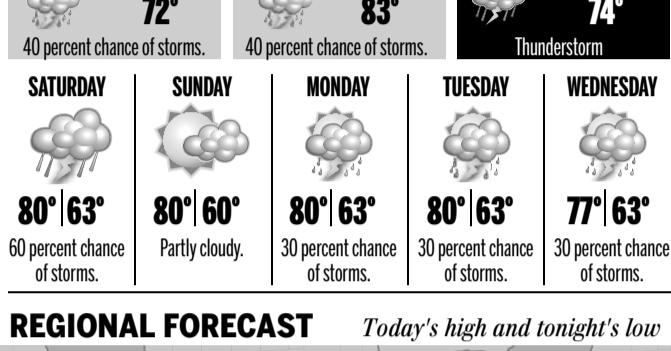
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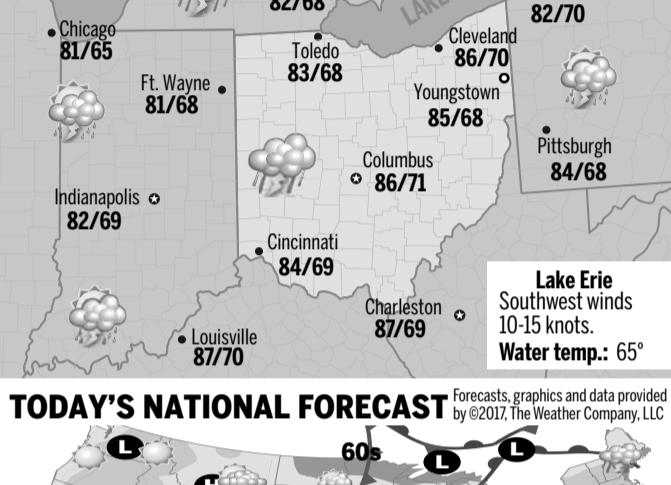
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Retired football star Deion Sanders announced plans to partner with the Koch brothers' political network to help fight poverty in Dallas. The unlikely partnership aims to raise \$21 million over the next three years to fund anti-poverty programs in the city where Sanders once played football.

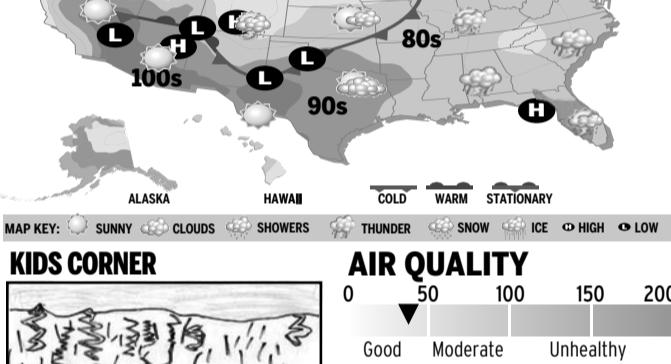
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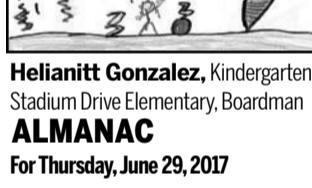
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## TODAY'S NATIONAL FORECAST



## KIDS CORNER



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High 85/Norm 81.....Low 61/Norm 59

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Precip. this month 4.07.....Normal 3.75

Precip. this year 25.37.....Normal 18.54

Average wind velocity.....9 mph

High humidity.....72% at 5:51 a.m.

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CITY	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Atlantic City	87/71/pc	89/71/pc	88/70/t
Baltimore	91/73/tc	90/73/t	91/70/t
Boston	90/72/t	90/70/pc	88/67/t
Charleston, SC	88/75/t	91/76/t	93/76/t
Charlotte	81/70/t	87/73/t	91/70/t
Cincinnati	84/69/t	83/65/t	84/64/pc
Cleveland	86/70/t	83/66/t	81/65/pc
Columbus, OH	86/71/t	84/65/t	85/64/pc
Dallas	95/75/pc	91/77/t	95/77/tc
Denton	89/75/t	91/75/t	90/75/t
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Louisville	87/70/t	84/67/t	87/66/pc
Memphis	88/73/t	87/72/t	89/73/t
Miami Beach	89/80/t	89/80/t	89/79/t
Minneapolis	75/59/t	75/60/pc	80/62/pc
Myrtle Beach	83/75/t	86/77/t	88/76/t
New Orleans	88/77/t	90/76/t	89/77/pc
New York	88/72/pc	86/73/t	86/71/t
Oklahoma City	93/69/t	88/70/tc	91/75/t
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Raleigh	86/70/t	89/73/t	92/73/t
Sacramento	96/61/t	96/64/pc	97/63/s
Salt Lake City	86/61/s	93/68/pc	95/68/pc
San Antonio	96/78/pc	95/76/pc	95/76/pc
San Diego	72/63/tc	72/63/tc	72/63/pc
San Francisco	70/55/fg	72/56/fg	71/57/pc
Seattle	80/55/pc	75/57/pc	74/55/pc
St. Louis	87/70/t	86/67/t	89/71/tc
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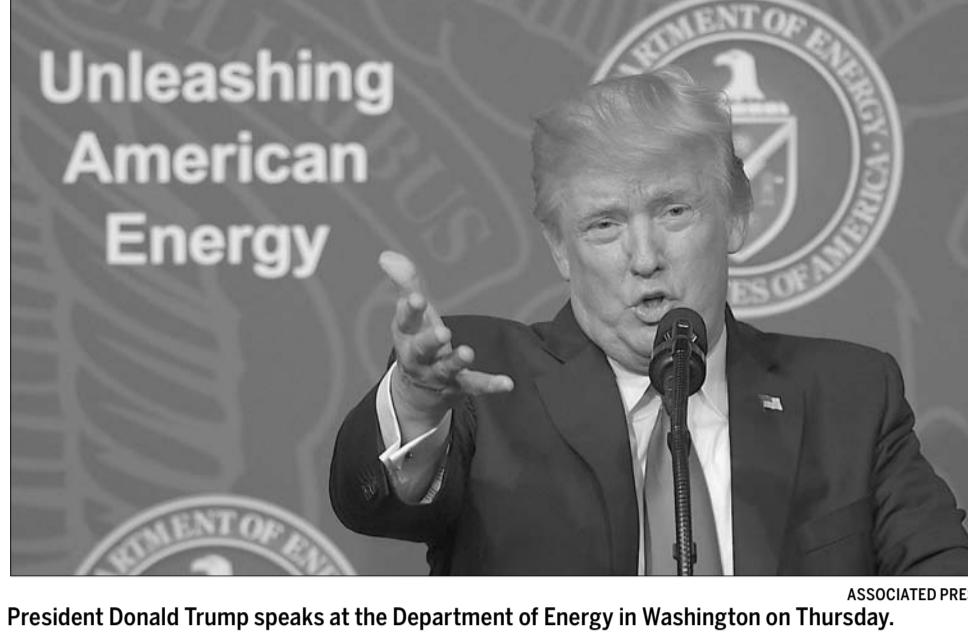
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## BIRTHDAYS

Actress Nancy Dussault is 81. Singer Glenn Shorrock of the Little River Band is 73. Jazz bassist Stanley Clarke is 66. Actor David Garrison ("Married...with Children") is 65. Guitarist Hal Lindes of Dire Straits is 64. Actor David Alan Grier is 61. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 58. Actress Deirdre Lovejoy ("The Wire") is 55. Bassist Tom Drummond of Better Than Ezra is 48. Actress Monica Potter ("Parenthood," "Boston Legal") is 46. Actress Molly Parker ("House of Cards") is 45. Actress Lizzy Caplan ("Masters of Sex," "Mean Girls") is 35. Guitarist James Adam Shelley of American Authors is 34. Country singer Cole Swindell is 34. Singer and "American Idol" winner Fantasia Barrino is 33.

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President Donald Trump speaks at the Department of Energy in Washington on Thursday.

## Trump gets it from all sides for trash-talking MSNBC hosts

Associated Press

### WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump launched a crude Twitter attack on the brains, looks and temperament of a female TV personality Thursday, drawing bipartisan howls of outrage and leaving fellow Republicans beseeching him: Stop, please just stop.

Trump's tweets aimed at MSNBC's Mika Brzezinski revived concerns about his views of women in a city where civility already is in short supply and he is struggling for any support he can get for his proposals on health care, immigration and other controversial issues.

"I heard poorly rated (at) Morning-Joe speaks badly of me (don't watch anymore)," Trump tweeted to his nearly 33 million followers Thursday morning. "Then how come low I.Q. Crazy Mika, along with Psycho Joe, came to Mar-a-Lago 3 nights in a row around New Year's Eve, and insisted on joining me. She was bleeding badly from a face-lift. I said no!"

The tweets served to unite Democrats and Republicans for once in a chorus of protest that amounted to perhaps the loudest outcry since Trump took office.

"Obviously I don't see that as an appropriate comment," said Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called Trump's tweets, "blatantly sexist." The president, she added, "happens to disrespect women ... it's sad."

Republican Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma

even linked the president's harsh words to the June 14 shootings of House Majority Whip Steve Scalise and three others.

"The president's tweets today don't help our political or national discourse and do not provide a positive role model for our national dialogue," Lankford said, noting that he had just chaired a hearing on the shootings.

On Trump's level of insult-trading, Brzezinski responded on Twitter by posting a photograph of a Cheerios box that included the phrase "made for little hands." People looking to get under the president's skin have long suggested that his hands appear small for his frame.

Trump's allies cast his outburst as positive, an example of his refusal to be bullied.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the president was "pushing back against people who have attacked him day after day after day. Where is the outrage on that?"

"The American people elected a fighter; they didn't elect somebody to sit back and do nothing," she added.

First lady Melania Trump, who has vowed to fight cyberbullying while her husband is president, gave his tweets a pass.

"As the first lady has stated publicly in the past, when her husband gets attacked, he will punch back 10 times harder," her communications director, Stephanie Grisham, said in a statement.

Some of the administration's most high-profile women — daughter and presidential assistant

Ivanka Trump, Counselor Kellyanne Conway and Deputy National Security Adviser Dina Powell — did not respond to requests for comment.

The White House has shown increasing irritation over harsh coverage of the president on Brzezinski and Scarborough's "Morning Joe," including commentary questioning Trump's mental state.

About two hours before his tweets, Brzezinski said on the show that "it's not normal behavior" for any leader to be tweeting about people's appearances or to be bullying, lying, undermining managers and throwing people under the bus. She said that if any business executive behaved the way Trump does, "there would be concern that perhaps the person who runs the company is out of his mind."

On Wednesday, she had mocked Trump after a story in *The Washington Post* said he had posted fake *Time* magazine covers of himself in some of his golf resorts.

"Nothing makes a man feel better than making a fake cover of a magazine about himself, lying every day and destroying the country," Brzezinski said.

"This has to stop — we all have a job — 3 branches of govt and media," tweeted Republican Susan Collins of Maine, a critic of the Senate GOP bill. "We don't have to get along, but we must show respect and civility."

Tweeted Republican Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska, a frequent Trump critic: "Please just stop. This isn't normal and it's beneath the dignity of your office."

aware" the story makes him sound like "a crazy, Hollywood kook."

"The Lowe Files" follows the actor and sons Matthew and John Owen as they explore mysterious phenomena across the country.

### Greta Van Susteren out as MSNBC host

### NEW YORK

Greta Van Susteren's stop at a third cable news network proved to be short. MSNBC said Thursday that she's out after less than six months at the network, to be replaced by Ari Melber.

Van Susteren began hosting a Washington-based 6 p.m. weeknight show at MSNBC on Jan. 9, joining the network after her 14-year run at Fox News Channel ended last summer following a financial disagreement. Before join-

ing Fox, she had her own show at CNN.

But with the Fox and MSNBC audiences usually diametrically opposed, it proved a poor fit. MSNBC has had its best ratings in network history in 2017, but Van Susteren hasn't shared in the riches.

It was the least-watched show on MSNBC between 5 p.m. and midnight both Monday and Tuesday of this week, according to the Nielsen company.

The show is ending de-

spite the public backing of Van Susteren's friend and MSNBC's most popular host, Rachel Maddow.

In a note to staff, MSNBC President Phil Griffin called Van Susteren "a well-regarded television veteran and one of only a few broadcasters who can say they've hosted shows at all three major cable news networks. We are grateful to her and wish her the best."

Associated Press

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## Fireworks in Ohio recalled over safety

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled TNT Red, White, & Blue Smoke fireworks sold at Target, Walmart and other retailers in Illinois, Ohio, Vermont and Wisconsin from May through June. The fireworks can explode unexpectedly after being lit. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled fireworks and contact America Promotional Events for a full refund. Call 800-243-1189; email at infotntfireworks.com; or online at www.tntfireworks.com and click on Product Recall at the bottom right-hand corner of the page. Each colored smoke firework is a cardboard cylinder tube that measures about 1 inch in diameter and 5 inches long. The TNT logo, "Red, White & Blue Smoke" and UPC number 027736036561 appear on the packaging.

## Arrest in burglary

BOARDMAN

U.S. Marshals on Wednesday arrested a man wanted for a burglary reported at an Appleridge Drive residence.

Michael McCudden, 60, of Richview Avenue in Youngstown is charged in the incident reported Sunday.

According to a police report, the purported victim reported that he saw a man in his garage early that morning. The suspect, later identified as McCudden, reportedly attempted to steal a pressure washer, but fled after the victim ran after him.

Court records indicate that McCudden previously has been convicted on numerous other charges, including possession of heroin, theft, burglary and receiving stolen property.

## Mayoral candidates to discuss racism

YOUNGSTOWN

ACTION is sponsoring a panel discussion on racism with the Youngstown mayoral candidates at 9:15 a.m. July 11 at the St. Columba Cathedral, 159 W. Rayen Ave.

Democratic nominee Ja'mael Tito Brown and independents Sean McKinney and Janet Tarpley have confirmed they will attend. Cecil Monroe, also an independent, hasn't confirmed.

The event is free and open to the public. RSVP by July 9 by calling 330-941-0475 or by email at taulen@aol.com.

The Alliance for Congregational Transformation Influencing our Neighborhoods clergy caucus breakfast, hosted by Monsignor Peter M. Polando, rector, is at 9:15 a.m. before the panel discussion..

## Bistro plans dinners

CANFIELD

The Bistro Restaurant at The Adult Career Center at the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center will be open for dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday through July 20. It will be closed July 3 and 4 for Independence Day.

The Bistro is operated by Adult Culinary Students along with instructors Chefs Sean Kushma and Quinn Meechan. It is located at the school on North Palmyra Road. Cash and checks are accepted only, and reservations are recommended. Menu options are available on Mahoning County CTC's Facebook page.

Call the Adult Career Center at 330-729-4100 for information or to make reservations.

# Family of woman killed at mall decries sentence

By JOE GORMAN  
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## YOUNGSTOWN

Family members of a 65-year-old woman who was run over and killed in November in a Southern Park Mall parking lot were unhappy Thursday after the man charged in her death pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide.

Family members of Judy Dailey said they were upset because the charge that Matthew Wilson, 23, of Florida, pleaded guilty to in Mahon-

ing County Common Pleas Court is only a first-degree misdemeanor that carries a maximum sentence of six months in jail.

Dailey's husband, Charles Dailey, said even a maximum sentence is not punishment enough.

"This is a slap on the wrist," Dailey said after the plea hearing.

"I'm not satisfied with that at all."

Wilson was indicted March 31 in connection with the Nov. 29 death of Judy Dailey, of Berlin Center, who

was struck by a car while she was in a parking lot near the JC Penney department store and killed by blunt-force trauma injuries to her head.

The indictment the grand jury returned was for a misdemeanor charge, not a felony charge.

Sentencing is set before Judge John Durkin for Aug. 9.

Charles Dailey said he was upset that Wilson was not taking medication he had for seizures before the crash. Police said that Wilson had a seizure before the crash.

"He's playing Russian Roulette with all of society," Charles Dailey said.

Charles Dailey said he and Judy were married 46 years and had four children and seven grandchildren. He said his wife put others before herself.

"He stole the love of my life," Charles Dailey said of Wilson.

## AUSTINTOWN

## OD cases illuminate epidemic's challenges to police

By JUSTIN WIER  
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## AUSTINTOWN

The Austintown Police Department received crime-lab results from a February overdose the day after the victim overdosed for the second time.

Samantha Morris, 29, of Austintown, faces charges of two counts of inducing panic; one is for a Feb. 4 overdose, and another for a June 21 overdose.

Charges of possession of drug abuse instruments, drug paraphernalia and drug abuse heroin also resulted from the February call.

First-responders used Narcan to revive Morris both times she overdosed.

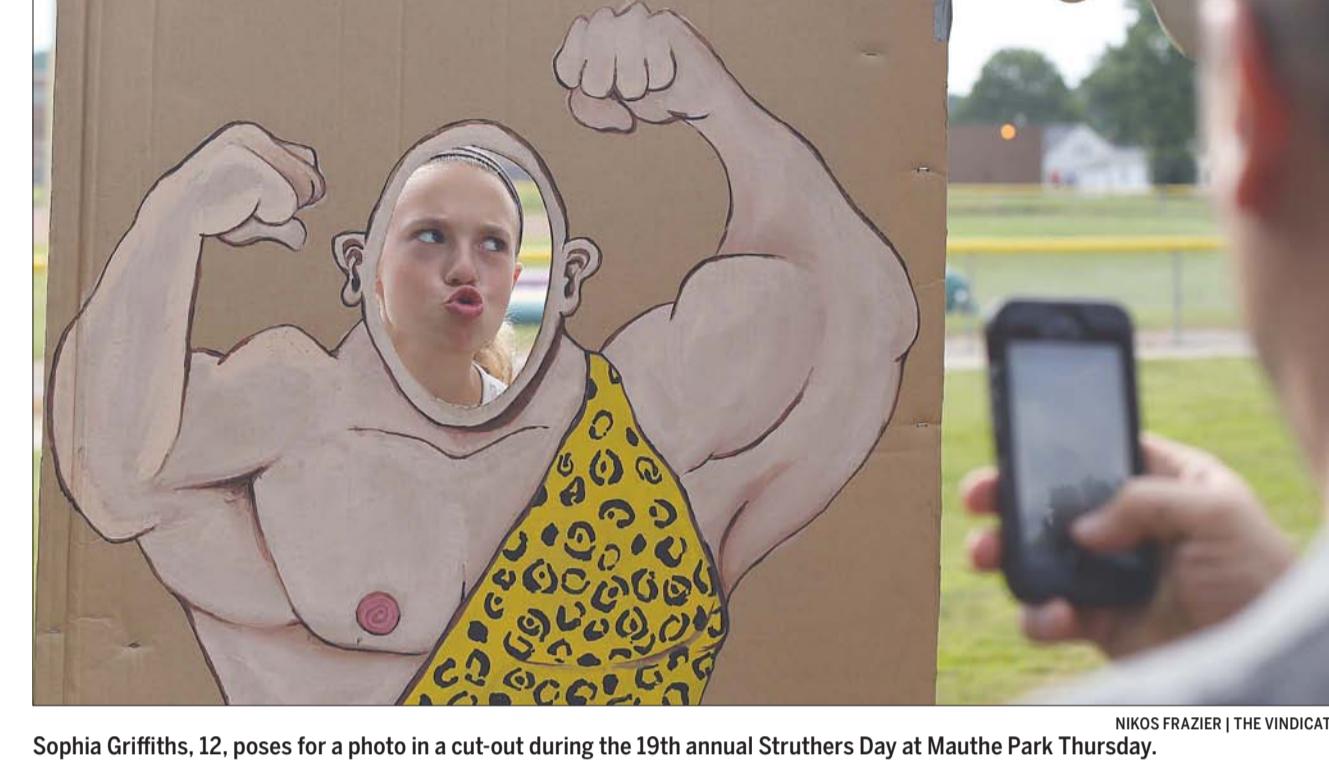
Austintown Detective Lt. Jeff Solic said the case highlights three factors that complicate the department's ability to contend with the overdose epidemic.

One, many people who are addicted to opioids have the potential to overdose multiple times. Two, the state's crime lab is backed up to the point that it took four months to deliver results allowing police to charge Morris.

And third, the "lunacy" of the immunity law that forbids Ohio police to arrest or charge overdose survivors at the scene.

The so-called "Good Samaritan Law," which went into effect in September, pro-

See OVERDOSES, A4



Sophia Griffiths, 12, poses for a photo in a cut-out during the 19th annual Struthers Day at Mauthe Park Thursday.

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# STRUTHERS PRIDE

## Past, present residents unite to celebrate city

By SARAH LEHR  
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## STRUTHERS

Every few minutes or so Tracy Mason would look up from her booth at Struthers Day on Thursday evening to greet an acquaintance.

The event, Mason says, functions as a "who's who" of Struthers.

"I see people who graduated with me," said Mason, a Poland resident who grew up in Struthers. "Some of them are here with their own children now. Some of them are here with grandchildren."

Mason helped run a station for Struthers Parkside Church that included a bean bag toss and prizes.

Local businesses and community organizations offered games and refreshments at the 19th annual Struthers Day from 4 to 8 p.m. in Mauthe Park.

Aqua Ohio was a sponsor of the event, which was free for all attendees.

See STRUTHERS, A4



Kiersten Donahue, 13, eats some watermelon during the event. Visitors say it is a great event at which to catch up with friends.

See OVERDOSES, A4

## Judge reconsiders sentence after hearing from victim

By JOE GORMAN  
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## YOUNGSTOWN

It is not easy to change the mind of Judge R. Scott Krichbaum, especially after it's made up.

But Bernie Belfrage was able to do that Thursday in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, as a man accused of punching Belfrage in the face last November at Club 76 in Austintown, which in turn caused Belfrage to suffer a brain injury after he hit his head, was to be sentenced to six months in the Mahoning County jail.

Justin Hall, 29, of McDonald, had pleaded guilty in



Krichbaum Hall

April to an amended charge of aggravated assault, a fourth-degree felony, down from an original charge of felonious assault, a second-degree felony.

At the time, Assistant Prosecutor Steve Maszczak recommended a sentence of six months. He said the Belfrage agreed to a six-month

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## STRUTHERS

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Nicholai Rudnytski, 12, persuaded his buddy Edward Agnone, also 12, to try out Struthers Day.

"I just came to show some Struthers pride," Rudnytski said. "And the free food is a huge plus."

Snow cones, especially, were a big hit Thursday due to the 80-degree weather. Thomas Barnes, 16, waited in line for one of the cold treats.

"I come here every year," Barnes said. "All my friends do. I like to catch up with them."

Other attractions included live music and the chance to tour a Struthers police cruiser and fire truck.

Boy Scout Troop 101 set up a tent and attracted a crowd with a demonstration of how to make fire.

Alyssa Shabolla, 9, was particularly excited about the chance to win a blue dirt bike in a raffle sponsored by Sunshine and Lollipops Daycare and Learning Center.

Donna Orbin, who staffed the day care's booth, said she looks forward to Struthers Day each year.

## MOHIP

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David Sundstrom created Atlantic later that year.

In June 2015, Atlantic acquired parts of a company called The SUPES Academy, a training program for education leadership positions such as principals and superintendents, according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Wise worked for SUPES before co-founding Atlantic. SUPES was part of a multimillion-dollar kickback scandal that sent former owners Gary Solomon and Thomas Vranas and former Chicago Public Schools CEO and SUPES consultant Barbara Byrd-Bennett to prison for seven years, 18 months and four years, respectively.

Mohip was a Chicago Public Schools administrator during Byrd-Bennett's

tenure, which ended in June 2016, when she resigned. She was sentenced in April.

Hunter said the new SUPES, called the National Superintendent Academy, is simply the same company with a new name. According to the *Sun-Times*, Wise began pursuing business again from Chicago Public Schools less than a year after the school system dumped SUPES and federal authorities subpoenaed SUPES' records concerning allegations of fraud.

"What you're seeing is a company that may have been involved in something shady, is being investigated for that and is now becoming a part of another company perhaps to diffuse the disreputable reports and investigations swarming around it," Hunter said. "I just find it deeply troubling and concerning."

But Youngstown schools spokeswoman Denise Dick said the people charged in the kickback scandal – Byrd-Bennett, Solomon and Vranas – were never involved with Atlantic and aren't involved with the parts of SUPES Atlantic now owns.

Further, Mohip said he chose Atlantic because it has a national network to work with when seeking candidates for a desired position.

"The people who helped find principals are well-respected and successful administrators," he said.

But Youngstown school board member Corrine Sanderson, who is also a finance committee member, said she wants to see a copy of all contracts the district has entered into since Mohip took over.

"I want to know what I need to know about," she said.

## High winds knock out power to Valley customers

*Staff report*

### YOUNGSTOWN

Severe thunderstorm warnings were issued late Thursday for Columbiana County in Ohio and Lawrence and Mercer counties in Pennsylvania.

Although high winds and heavy rains were recorded

in Columbiana County

Thursday evening, Ohio Edison reported no power outages as of 10 p.m. There were 160 customers without electricity in Mahoning County at that time and 45 in Trumbull County.

Eric Wilhelm, chief meteorologist for 21 WFMJ-TV,

The *Vindicator's* broadcast partner, predicted today will

be warm and humid with afternoon temperatures climbing into the mid-80s, with parts of the Mahoning Valley experiencing showers or thunderstorms.

## OVERDOSES

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tects overdose victims from misdemeanor drug-possession charges. Lawmakers argued charges discouraged people from calling with help.

Austintown needed lab work to find that the substance Morris reportedly had was heroin and that it constituted a felony.

Tom Stickrath, superintendent at the state Bureau of Criminal Investigation, said the delays on lab work are a collateral consequence of the opioid epidemic.

In the six years he's been superintendent, the bureau has gone from investigating fewer than 14,000 cases to between 27,000 and 28,000.

"In the last year, it's really skyrocketed," he said.

In addition, the crime labs are processing more complicated mixtures of drugs, which takes longer. Substances such as fentanyl also require safety precautions.

"All those things combined is kind of like a perfect storm, which unfortunately has slowed down our testing process," Stickrath said.

Those things all hit last fall, he said. The bureau asked for six more scientists, which the state attorney general has agreed to hire. Two are on board, and the other four are in the process

of being hired.

"That will help immensely in terms of getting the turnaround time down," Stickrath said.

Had Austintown intervened after the first overdose, Solic believes Morris may not have had a second overdose.

"You don't give people multiple chances to kill themselves," Solic said.

Mahoning County police departments, including Boardman and Austintown, have resorted at an increasing rate to charging those who overdose with inducing panic.

The American Civil Liberties Union sent a letter to the law director in Washington Court House, Ohio, between Columbus and Cincinnati, asking officials there to stop charging overdose survivors with inducing panic. Much like lawmakers' rationale for the Good Samaritan law, the ACLU argued it discourages calls for help.

ACLU staff attorney Elizabeth Bonham told *The Vindicator* in May that overdoses are a health-care issue, not a criminal issue.

"When these folks overdose and they enter the criminal justice system, they aren't able to get the health-care treatment they need and instead enter a cycle of incarceration and a cycle of debt," she said.

in one of his favorite past-times, shooting a bow, because he said he cannot draw back the bow string.

"Doing nothing, just being a good guy, I ended up losing everything I have for the future, and I ended up being bitter about it," the 67-year-old Belfrage said. "I'm alone, and I have nothing really important to do anymore."

After hearing how the punch affected him, Judge Krichbaum said six months of county jail time did not seem sufficient.

"When I hear what this guy did to you, I would hurt him real bad for what he did," Judge Krichbaum said.

Belfrage said that was fine with him.

"I get more bitter all the time," Belfrage said. "I would not be unhappy if the punishment was worse."

Judge Krichbaum told Hall and his lawyer, Robert Root, that he would not live up to the sentencing recommendation based on what he knows about how the punch affected Belfrage. The judge said he would allow Hall to vacate his plea and start all over again in the case or he could keep his plea but the sentence would be harsher than what was agreed on. Root said his client wanted to maintain his plea but asked to continue the sentencing for a week so he could have time to argue for a lesser sentence. The judge agreed.

Belfrage said he was in the hospital for several weeks and close to dying. He then went to a rehabilitation facility. He lost about 40 pounds and could not work for a long time. He said he has lost so much muscle mass he cannot partake

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## City man pleads in break-in, cop threat

By JOE GORMAN

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### YOUNGSTOWN

Prosecutors are recommending a sentence of three years for a man who pleaded guilty Thursday in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court to breaking into the home of his estranged girlfriend, and also threatening a police officer two days later. Sentencing for Michael Esposito, 35, of Mathews Road, will be before Judge Lou D'Apolito following a presentence investigation.

Esposito pleaded guilty to felony charges of burglary, retaliation and menacing by stalking, and a misdemeanor count of domestic violence.

The burglary and domestic violence charges come from an Oct. 11 incident at the Struthers home of his girlfriend, who is mother

of his two children, when the two had an argument. Prosecutors refused to comment on details and a Struthers police report was unavailable.

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Esposito then called back several minutes later and when the officer gave him a criminal trespass warning for the store, Esposito threatened the officer, saying that he would beat up the officer.

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# CRASH

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en by Kevin Roberts of Fort Wayne, Ind., the patrol said.

The impact of Roberts' tractor-trailer forced the car Schaas was driving into the back of another tractor-trailer, and Brock's tractor-trailer caught fire.

There were two passenger vehicles involved, one of which was a van that got wedged under the trailer of a semi. A vehicle driven by Guy Garner of Paterson, N.J., struck the cab of Roberts' truck.

Roberts and a passenger in Schaas' car, William Lawrence, also of New Castle, were taken to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital with severe injuries.

Stephen Cole of Apple Creek, Ohio, the driver of the truck Schaas was forced into, also was taken to St. Elizabeth.

Late Thursday, Lawrence and Block were in fair condition at the hospital; Roberts was in critical condition. Cole was not on the list of patients.

"A total of four people were trapped all at once in three different vehicles, so as you

can imagine, that takes a lot of coordination," Sutton said of the firefighters and others who got them out.

It's too early to say what caused the initial driver to hit the other vehicles, Sutton said.

A tow truck was used to lift a vehicle off the trapped car in which Schaas died, Sutton said.

The fire chiefs on the scene coordinated the removal of the trapped people so they could be taken to the hospital, Sutton said.

The truck that caught fire was extinguished by Jackson Township firefighters.

Eastbound traffic was able to continue moving as the cleanup took place, but it still caused a backup in those lanes. All westbound traffic was detoured off the interstate at state Route 46 to Mahoning Avenue in Austintown, Sutton said.

Hill drove his four-wheeler to the fence along the highway and jumped over. He was the first person to get to the scene and called 911 to report the crash.

Hill is on doctor's orders to use an oxygen tank, so he was grateful that the smoke from the fire wasn't blowing toward him on the high-

way.

First he talked to a driver sitting beside the tire of his truck who appeared to be injured. The man said his back hurt. Hill talked to him briefly.

"He was more concerned about the others. He said, 'Please take care of the other people,'" Hill said.

Then Hill went to the cab of the truck that had come off, and that driver was still in the cab. There was no way to get him out. He didn't even see the vehicle that was trapped under the semi trailer, he said.

"There was so much on

the interstate. You couldn't tell what was what," he said.

"I stayed around and helped one of the guys who was trapped in the cab, talked to him and tried to keep him with us until we could get the proper equipment there to get him out," Hill said.

"It was probably one of the worst ones I've seen in a long, long time – just horrible," Hill said of the crash.

Hill worked as Jackson Township's police chief for 22 years and has seen many accidents on the interstate.

# THERMAL

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In total, there are about 50 buildings that receive heat services from Youngstown Thermal and four that receive cooling.

Though PUCO would not speculate on what will happen to customers between now and when the receiving company takes over Youngstown Thermal, Avers maintained "the public utilities commission is protecting their interest."

Avers initiated the process of having PUCO investigate Youngstown Thermal's financial struggles because it was his "fiduciary responsibility" to do so.

"I had no choice," he said. "I have an obligation to tell them that we have a temporary problem and we need their help to solve it."

Avers says the process started last year when he realized the financial impact the loss of his largest customer, Youngstown State University, would have on

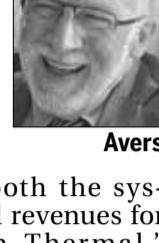
his company. YSU left the system in June 2016.

"At that time, YSU represented approximately 60 percent of both the system load and revenues for Youngstown Thermal," PUCO's staff report says.

Then, Youngstown Thermal lost the U.S. Department of Energy Advanced Supercritical Project, which was supposed to supplement the loss of YSU. Avers said the Department of Energy no longer needed to use the Youngstown Thermal plant for testing.

"The steam they would have used was several times larger than YSU," Avers said.

Then, this year Avers says he started to have a hard time collecting revenue from four major unnamed customers. *The Vindicator* discovered Wednesday that one of the customers is the city of Youngstown for the city hall building. A broken



Avers

meter led to four-plus years of underbilling that totals \$141,570. The city disputes that figure.

"We have a unique setup of circumstances where major customers are refusing to pay for services that they have used," Avers said.

Now, utility suppliers have threatened to shut off the electricity and gas supply to the North Avenue Youngstown Thermal plant.

The management of Youngstown Thermal also informed the PUCO staff that it was unable to process payment for payroll.

Without proper staff members in key roles, the plant would be in immediate jeopardy. PUCO's report notes, for example, an operator holding an Ohio boiler license must be present to operate boilers used to generate steam.

"Without a licensed boiler operator on site, the Youngstown Thermal plant must be shut down until licensed operators can be found to properly run the plant," the report notes.

Concerned employees reached out to *The Vindicator* explaining that though employees have been paid, their paychecks came days late and they recently discovered that their health insurance has been canceled.

Another financial concern for the company is a \$5 million loan it secured. The debt from the loan has now reached \$7 million and will reach \$9 million in December.

Youngstown Thermal also is behind in the annual payments it owes to the commission.

The staff of PUCO expressed concern for Youngstown Thermal's record keeping. In March 2015, the staff requested historical data and current data for expenses and revenues, operations and finances.

"The results of staff's analysis were inconclusive because the records provided by Youngstown Thermal were incomplete, inconsistent, inaccurate, and in many cases, unavailable,"

the report says.

The report further warned, "Youngstown Thermal has not filed for nor has it received commission approval for any of its [10] existing customer contracts, as required under Ohio law."

Youngstown Mayor John A. McNally is hopeful the commission will accept the recommendation made by PUCO staff.

The report "confirms what many people that have had to deal with Youngstown Thermal over the past year or 18 months — that there's a large degree of financial challenges that Thermal has been trying to deal with," McNally said. "I think between Youngstown Thermal and PUCO they will figure out a way to bridge a gap between now and the appointment of the receiver."

Earlier this week, Avers announced the Youngstown Thermal assets are for sale.

"We have a huge bump in the road in the and we have to get over it," Avers said. "It will survive."

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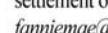
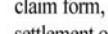
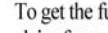
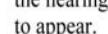
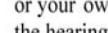
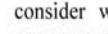
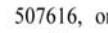
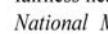
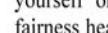
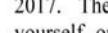
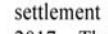
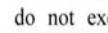
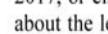
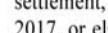
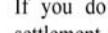
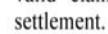
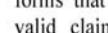
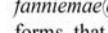
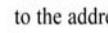
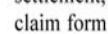
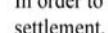
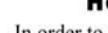
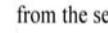
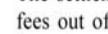
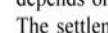
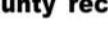
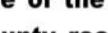
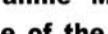
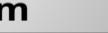
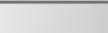
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# METRO digest

# It's D-Day for Kasich on Medicaid

Associated Press

## COLUMBUS

Republican legislators in Ohio are bracing for a veto fight with GOP Gov. John Kasich as the national health care debate hits the 2016 presidential contender on his home turf.

Conservatives have called on Kasich to set a national example by leaving in place a state budget provision calling for freezing new enrollment under Medicaid expansion starting July 1, 2018. He must decide by midnight today.

Allowing the freeze would mark a stunning reversal for Kasich. He's been one of the Republican Party's most vocal defenders of the expansion, made possible under the federal health care law reviled, and now targeted, by his party.

Striking the provision, however, threatens to destabilize Ohio's budget and to harm Ohio's Republican

legislators with their constituents in the politically divided battleground state.

Some 700,000 low-income adults are now covered under Ohio's expansion, at a cost of almost \$5 billion — most of which is picked up by the federal government. The Kasich administration has estimated that 500,000 Ohioans could lose coverage under a freeze within the first 18 months.

Anticipating his veto, Republican budget writers made sure not to count on savings from the freeze to make the budget balance, as the constitution requires — but critics have noted that retaining the expansion continues to force the program's required costs on the state.

In an email to supporters, the free market Buckeye Institute used the title of Kasich's recently released book, "Two Paths," to frame the issue.

"Governor Kasich is big



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Ohio Gov. John Kasich, right, joined by Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, speaks at a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington on Tuesday.

on making choices as to taking one of two paths, and his time for choosing has officially arrived," the email said. "There is a fiscally responsible option, which is to sign the budget, and there is a decision that would saddle our children and grandchildren with unsustainable levels of government programs and spending for generations, which is to

line-item veto the waiver provisions."

The \$65 billion-plus spending bill, which cleared the Legislature on Wednesday, sets Ohio's budget for the two years starting Saturday.

It orders Kasich to seek a waiver from the federal government allowing Ohio to suspend new enrollment under Medicaid expansion,

which made the government health insurance benefit available to more low-income adults, including the working poor, mentally ill and drug addicted.

Kasich's office said Thursday that it was reviewing and studying the state budget bill before announcing any veto decision.

A tentative override vote is already scheduled for July 6.

## Women's art show

### YOUNGSTOWN

The Youngstown YWCA's 35th annual "Women Artists: A Celebration!" art show will open at noon today at 25 W. Rayen Ave.

The show is open from noon to 4 p.m. through July 28, except on July 7, 20 and 27, when it will be open until 7 p.m. It is closed July 1-4 and all Mondays.

The show juror is Margo Miller, chairwoman of the art department at the University of Mount Union. The show features 130 works by 82 artists.

The "Women Artists: A Celebration!" showcases works by local, regional and national women artists 18 and older. The juried show features all media, including paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry and metal work. The major sponsor for the exhibit is Home Savings Charitable Foundation.

## Closed for block party

### WARREN

From 3 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Forest Street Northeast will be closed for a block party. The closing will be at Olive Street and extend to Vine Street.

## Warren drug raid

### WARREN

A drug task force investigation resulted in a raid on a Forest Street Northwest home where a known drug dealer was suspected of selling crystal meth. Evidence taken from the house will be sent to a lab for testing, but authorities say the house was not being used to produce meth.

The Vindicator's broadcast partner, 21 WFMJ-TV reported that members of the Trumbull Ashtabula Group Task Force and Trumbull County Sheriff's deputies converged on the home Thursday.

Task force leaders say they've been seeing more drug dealing in both heroin and crystal meth, but the Trumbull County coroner says toxicology tests show no evidence so far that meth is contributing to overdose deaths.

## BIRTHS

### ST. ELIZABETH BOARDMAN HOSPITAL

Chelsea Paulin and Christopher Bias, Washingtonville, girl, June 25. Kaitlyn Strines and Tyler Bradford, Struthers, girl, June 28.

Sierra Romero and Michael Ceja, Youngstown, girl, June 28. Jayna Marshall and Tim Harrison, Leetonia, girl, June 28.

Roneisha Thomas and Dewey Burkes Sr., Youngstown, girl, June 28.

### ST. JOSEPH WARREN HOSPITAL

Adrian and Melissa Davis, Warren, girl, June 28.

## Man gets six years for role in drug ring

By JOE GORMAN  
jgorman@vindy.com

### YOUNGSTOWN

A man wanted for almost two years for his role in a heroin ring was sentenced Thursday in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court to six years in prison.

Hiawatha "Yoda" Johnson, 30, received the sentence from Judge Lou D'Apolito after he pleaded guilty to charges of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, two counts of complicity to trafficking in heroin and trafficking in heroin.

Authorities said Johnson was found May 25 at the home of his girlfriend, one of 36 co-defendants in the case, which was indicted in July 2015. Johnson is the last defendant to be sentenced.

When he was found, police searched the house of Johnson's girlfriend and found him hiding in a refrigerator.

Johnson apologized before he was sentenced.

"I'm sincerely sorry for any pain I caused anyone," Johnson said.

Judge D'Apolito said Johnson will still be a young man when he is released from prison and he needs to find a plan to ensure that he stays out of trouble and is able to take care of his two children.

As part of the plea agreement, Johnson also forfeited three cellphones as well as a bulletproof vest.

Johnson is set to be sentenced next week by Judge Maureen Sweeney in another case for a probation violation. Under the terms of his plea agreement, that sentence will run concurrent to the sentence he received Thursday.

Nohra will start work Aug. 1 as the Liberty Local Schools District superintendent.

"We want to continue to provide innovative programs," Pirone said. "We want our students to be college- and career-

ready."



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR  
From left, Pete Pirone Jr., the newly appointed Struthers superintendent, stands next to Joan Jones, a newly appointed Struthers Elementary School principal, and Dave Vecchione, the new Struthers Middle School lead principal.

## Board hires Pirone as superintendent of Struthers schools

By SARAH LEHR  
slehr@vindy.com

### STRUTHERS

It's official: The Struthers school district has its new superintendent.

The board of education approved a three-year superintendent contract Thursday for Pete Pirone Jr. He will earn \$102,000.

Pirone had been serving as the district's interim superintendent since January after the resignation of Joseph Nohra.

Nohra originally left the Struthers district to be a chief operating officer for Youngstown City Schools, though he announced his resignation from that position months after accepting it.

Nohra will start work Aug. 1 as the Liberty Local Schools District superintendent.

"We want to continue to provide innovative programs," Pirone said. "We want our students to be college- and career-

ready."

Pirone, a former principal and assistant superintendent, has been with the Struthers district since 2000.

Also during a special meeting Thursday, the board approved the promotion of Bethany Carlson from principal to lead principal at Struthers Elementary.

Carlson has a three-year contract and will earn \$80,621.

The district has hired Joan Jones, formerly an administrator in the Hubbard and Austintown districts, as a Struthers Elementary principal with a three-year contract. Jones will earn \$79,114.

Dave Vecchione, formerly an elementary school principal for the McDonald school district, will be the new Struthers Middle School lead principal. Vecchione has a three-year contract and a \$87,779 salary.

## POLICE CALLS | Girard, Hubbard, Liberty

### GIRARD

June 25

**Disrupting public services:** Authorities issued a warrant against a 29-year-old Liberty man after a Trumbull Court woman alleged he had punched her face and destroyed her phone as she tried to call 911.

**Arrest:** Officers answered a call about a male breaking into vehicles in the 200 block of Potters Circle, then charged Brian C. Butler Jr. of Royal Arms Drive, Girard, with criminal trespassing, carrying a concealed weapon and attempted theft after alleging Butler, 22, had a knife. Several residents discovered their cars had been entered, though it appeared little if anything was missing, a report showed.

**Drugs:** While answering a possible domestic-violence call at a Trumbull Court residence, police cited Tequan I. Scott, 22, on a charge of marijuana possession. Scott, of Marion Street, Struthers, had a bag of suspected marijuana in his car, authorities said.

**Theft:** A Colonial Drive woman reported a \$1,200 laptop computer and smaller items had been removed from her vehicle.

**June 26**

**Assault:** Police responded to possible threats at a Motor Inn Drive motel, where they charged Steven A. Prest, 34, of Girard, with aggravated menacing, vandalism and criminal trespassing. A clerk alleged he had threatened to beat her up after she informed Prest that he was behind in his rent. He also kicked a door frame and caused considerable damage to his room, she further alleged.

**Assault:** An employee with a Goldie Road big-box store alleged a customer punched his head, knocking the accuser to the ground, after the worker informed the customer that his infant child had taken candy while in a check-out line.

**Trespassing:** Police charged Robert J. Nix, 34, with criminal trespassing after the North Olmsted man reportedly refused to leave a Motor Inn Drive motel after having been terminated from a job and having his room reservation canceled.

### GIRARD

June 25

**Criminal mischief:** An East Second Street man discovered someone had tossed a watermelon at and damaged his vehicle's rearview mirror. Damage was estimated at \$300.

**Arrest:** Austintown police handed to Girard authorities Michael W. Lusby, 38, of North Avenue, Girard, who was accused of failing to appear in court on a marijuana-possession charge.

**Burglary:** Took place in the 300 block of East Wilson Avenue, though it appeared nothing had been stolen.

**Attempted theft:** A worker for a North State Street restaurant who was on a break reported having seen a man rummaging through his vehicle before the person fled on a bicycle.

**Citation:** Police reported having seen a man stumbling in a grassy area near Trumbull Avenue before citing Evan L. Hall, no information given, on a charge of public intoxication.

**Theft:** A Trumbull Avenue couple alleged a man who had stayed at their residence stole a cellphone and a house key after an argument.

**Arrest:** An officer reported having seen a possibly intoxicated person on East Second Street before authorities charged Dominic J. Cella, 21, of Riverview Drive, Leavittsburg, with disorderly conduct while intoxicated. Cella refused to comply with police on a few occasions, a report showed.

**June 26**

**Menacing:** A woman alleged a man had threatened her and charged at the accuser while they were at a Church Hill Road funeral home.

**Menacing:** An East Wilson Avenue man said his former girlfriend continually calls him and circles the accuser's home in a pickup truck.

**Criminal mischief:** A woman discovered a front window screen to her North Highland Avenue home had been damaged, likely by two rocks that were found nearby.

**Menacing:** A Gordon Street woman told police her 12-year-old grandson had received threatening correspondence via Instagram, including a threat that he could be shot.

**Trespassing:** Officers noticed an unoccupied vehicle near a set of railroad tracks and a viaduct off Byers Street, then issued summonses charging two Girard boys, 14 and 17, with criminal trespassing. The teens were on private property, a report said.

**Burglary:** Authorities charged Chalise M. Gibson-Canty of Folsom Street Northwest, Warren, with burglary and criminal trespassing after her former husband alleged Gibson-Canty, 35, had broken into his Church Hill Road apartment through a window. She also had been warned to stay off the property, a report stated.

**Menacing:** Police received a complaint that an Ohio Avenue man had yelled at several children as they rode their bicycles past his residence, and that he reportedly had threatened to beat up one of the youngsters.

**Harassment:** A Hazel Street woman alleged a neighbor had threatened her as part of a pattern of harassment. The neighbor alleged the woman had videotaped him without his consent.

**June 29**

**Criminal mischief:** Someone in the 500 block of Church Hill Road threw a beer bottle while driving in the 500 block of Church Hill Road and broke a car's windshield. The damage estimate was \$250.

A summary of recent criminal activity in Hubbard, Liberty and Girard: HUBBARD

June 25

**Burglary:** To a home in the 20 block of Rebecca Avenue through a rear door. Stolen was about \$3,278 worth of items that included a refrigerator, two TVs and an entertainment center.

**Domestic violence:** Daniel P. Root, 37, of Main Street, Hubbard, was charged with the crime after his mother alleged Root had made continual threats and taunts against her, causing the accuser to fear for her safety.

**Arrest:** Police in the 200 block of School Street pulled over and took into custody Monica D. Boor, 29, upon learning that she was wanted on a Campbell warrant charging her with violating a court order. Boor, of Bedford Road, Brookfield, also was cited on a charge of driving under suspension.

**June 26**

**Harassment:** A Hillcrest Drive woman reported having received a call from someone who threatened to shoot another person.

**June 27**

**Theft:** An Elmwood Drive woman learned that \$1,056 had been removed from her bank account, leaving a negative \$131 balance.

**LIBERTY**

**June 25**

**Assault:** A man stated his daughter had been assaulted at a nearby fast-food restaurant, all of which led to charges of assault, criminal damage and drug possession against William E. Lowry, 26, of Indiana Avenue, McDonald, after his girlfriend alleged Lowry had struck her face, threw food at the accuser and broke her car's rearview mirror. Lowry also was charged with bringing prohibited items to a detention facility, a fifth-degree

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# Tributes

## Area Deaths

**CALABRESE**, Geraldine (Leeson), 80, of Poland; Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home, Poland Chapel.

**DIXON**, James Luke, 85, of Canfield; calling hours Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church; Lane Family Funeral Homes, Austintown Chapel.

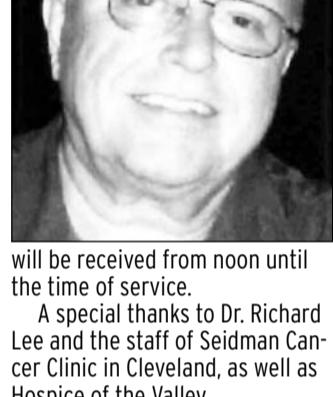
**FAIRCLOTH-THOMAS**, Rae'Venne Samonn', of Youngstown; calling hours Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Union Baptist Church; J.E. Washington Funeral Services Inc.

**HEFFNER**, Charles D. "Chuck," 69, of Youngstown; calling hours Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at Lane Family Funeral Homes, Austintown Chapel.

**HOLLAND**, Amy, 92, of Youngstown; Kinnick Funeral Home in Girard.

**ISOLDI**, Patrick J., 95, of Niles; calling hours Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Holleton-Yuhasz Funeral Home.

## CHARLES D. "CHUCK" HEFFNER, 69



YOUNGSTOWN - Charles D. "Chuck" Heffner, 69, passed away following a brief illness on Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

Born June 6, 1948 in Youngstown, he was the son of Charles D. and Loretta M. (Morrison) Heffner.

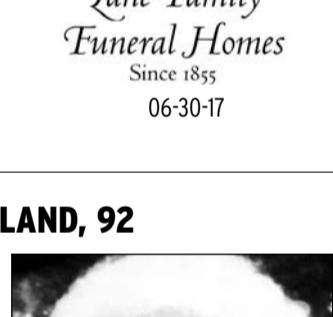
He was a graduate of Chaney High School. He was the former owner of Master's Tuxedo in Boardman, as well as the Red Velvet Lounge in Cornersburg. He was a real estate agent for over 20 years for various agencies but most recently for Century 21 Lakeside.

Chuck was a proud member of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Post 3298 in Austintown, where he served as secretary for the past 10 years. He was an avid sports fan, especially of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Survivors include his sister, Donna (Robert) Casey; nieces and nephews Ashlea Pollock, Amanda Casey, Kimberly (William Wells) Scandy, Danielle Scandy, Christopher Scandy, and Anthony (Jamie) Scandy; and 10 great-nephews and great-nieces.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Connie Scandy.

A memorial service will be held at the Lane Family Funeral Homes, Austintown Chapel on Sunday, July 2, 2017, at 2 p.m., where friends

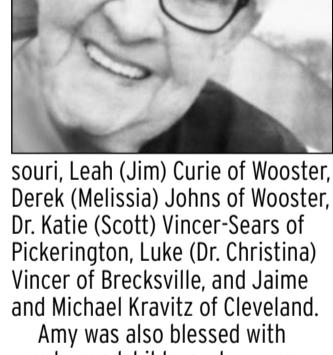


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## AMY HOLLAND, 92



YOUNGSTOWN - Amy Holland, 92, passed away early Wednesday morning, June 28, 2017, at Heritage Manor in Youngstown with her family by her side.

Amy was born Aug. 28, 1924, in Youngstown, a daughter of the late Andrew and Evelyn Louise Gillespie Douglass.

She grew up on the city's south side, attended St. Patrick School, and graduated from South High School.

She married the late John "Bud" Holland in September of 1951, and they remained a loving couple until his death in 1994.

Mrs. Holland spent her early years in sales until raising her family became her priority. Amy was considered a stay-at-home mom but was anything but "stay-at-home."

She was very active in St. Rose Parish, where she worked for many years preparing meals for the priests. She was active in Catholic Women's Club, and helped with the yearly festival and fund raisers.

Amy became a school crossing guard and loved to tell stories about her "little darlings." One of her biggest joys came from her many years of playing cards with her special group of ladies. They played together for over 40 years and became lifelong "sisters." An exceptional baker, Amy's phenomenal baked goods were loved by many.

Amy is survived by four children, her daughters, Collette (Karen Brooker) Johns of Euclid and Jeanne (Robin) Vincer of Vienna; her sons, John "Ted" (Renee) Holland of Youngstown and Doug (Lynnette) Holland of Girard, with whom she made her home for several years ("There was no greater gift than these last years spent living together; although peppered with frustration we wouldn't have wanted it any other way."); and a sister, Mary Lou DeMarco of Canfield.

Amy will be missed by her grandchildren, Ian Johns of Mis-

souri, Leah (Jim) Curie of Wooster, Derek (Melissa) Johns of Wooster, Dr. Katie (Scott) Vincer-Sears of Pickerington, Luke (Dr. Christina) Vincer of Brecksville, and Jaime and Michael Kravitz of Cleveland.

Amy was also blessed with great-grandchildren who were fortunate enough to know her love, and leaves Colton and Afton Brown, Madysen Johns, and Scotty, Stella and John Sears and Luke Vincer.

Besides her husband, Amy was preceded in death by a daughter, Elaine; her brothers, Neal and Andrew Douglass; and her best friend and sister-in-law, Madge Douglass.

A memorial Mass will be held at a time to be determined on Saturday, July 29, 2017, at St. Patrick Church, 1400 Oak Hill Ave., Youngstown.

In lieu of flowers, Amy's family requests that donations be made to Emmanuel House in Girard; to Heritage Manor; or to the Girard Free Library.

Amy's family also wishes to thank the staff at Heritage Manor for the excellent care and comfort provided during Mrs. Holland's stay.

Please visit kinnickfuneral-home.com to view and share this obituary, and to send condolences online to Amy's family.

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## RAE'VENNE SAMONN' FAIRCLOTH-THOMAS

YOUNGSTOWN - A funeral service celebrating the life of Ms. Rae'Venne Samonn' Faircloth-Thomas will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Union Baptist Church in Youngstown. Ms. Rae'Venne journeyed to her heavenly home on Friday, June 23, 2017.

Rae'Venne was born Feb. 27, 1993, in Youngstown, a daughter of Virginia Faircloth and Julius Thomas.

She was a 2012 graduate of East High School and she enjoyed cooking, watching the Pittsburgh Steelers, shopping and planning festivities for herself and others. She loved to spend time with her family and friends and she will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

Rae'Venne leaves to cherish her memory, her loving parents, Virginia Faircloth and Julius (Tina) Thomas; her grandparents; three sisters; 10 brothers; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by Lorenzo Faircloth, Geraldine Sorrels, Ida Crampton, Herbert Rayford, Robert Thomas and Curtis



Moses.

The family will receive friends from 9 until 11 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be at Tod Homestead Cemetery.

Please visit jewashingtonfuneralservices.com to leave condolences and to sign the online guestbook.

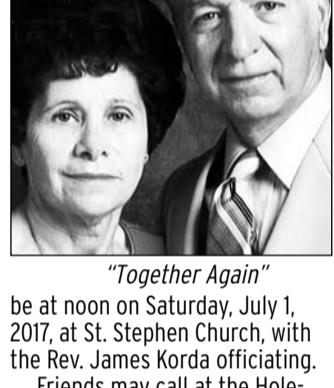
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## PATRICK J. ISOLDI, 95



"Together Again"

NILES - Patrick J. Isoldi, 95, passed away peacefully at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017, at his residence.

"Patsy" was born in Girard, May 13, 1922, the son of John and Theresa (Natale) Isoldi, and had lived in this area all his life.

He was a Girard High School graduate, honorably served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and received three Bronze Battle Stars and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a member of St. Stephen Church, an avid bowler and golfer, and enjoyed ballroom dancing and vegetable gardening. He retired in 1981, as the steel yard manager at U.S. Steel Company, McDonald Works, following 40 years of service.

Patsy is survived by a daughter, Patricia Isoldi, with whom he lived; a son, Michael (Lynde) Isoldi of Girard; four grandchildren, Yvette Bailes, twins Ashley and Amy Isoldi, and Jennifer (John Paul) Bruno; five great-grandchildren, Mason, Shelby, Joseph, Giovanni, and Rocco; and a special niece, Theresa LaGamba of Boardman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa Mary Marchionte Isoldi, whom he married July 12, 1947, and who died Jan. 9, 2015; son John Isoldi, who died Jan. 22, 2014; four sisters and two brothers, Ida McFalls, Anthony Isoldi, Nick Isoldi, Rose Rozzo, Mary Roberts, and Gertrude Biasucci; and a special niece, Concetta (Butchie) Peccia.

A Mass of Christian Burial will

be at noon on Saturday, July 1, 2017, at St. Stephen Church, with the Rev. James Korda officiating.

Friends may call at the Holton-Yuhasz Funeral Home Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Burial will be at St. Stephen Cemetery.

The family request that material contributions be made to Hospice of the Valley or Catholic Charities of Trumbull County.

The family also extends a thank you to everyone who visited and helped with his care, and a special thank you to Yvette Mason, Shelby and Joseph for taking care of their grandfather, the Hospice nurses, along with the staff on 5 South at St. Elizabeth Health Center.

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## FREDESVINDA SANTOS, 84



The Santos family has entrusted their loved one to the care of the Wasko Funeral Home in Campbell and will receive family and friends Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to noon.

Visit www.waskofamily.com to view this obituary and send Frederesvinda's family condolences.

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## Online school loses its argument in court

Associated Press

### COLUMBUS

One of the nation's largest online charter schools has lost another round in its multifaceted legal fight over how Ohio officials tallied student log-ins to determine the school should repay \$60 million in funding.

State officials contend that the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow didn't provide documentation of student participation to justify that portion of its funding.

But ECOT alleges that the Department of Education illegally changed criteria to adjust funding for the 2015-

16 school year.

A state appeals court in Columbus rejected that argument Thursday.

A Department of Education spokeswoman has said it's committed to ensuring "correct funding" for community schools.

An ECOT spokesman says the e-school hopes to get a fair hearing from the Ohio Supreme Court. ECOT has related challenges pending there and in Franklin County court.

ECOT is the state's largest online charter school. It has been the target of many criticisms over the years over its operations.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

### Fourth of July

All events are on Independence Day on Tuesday unless otherwise noted.

#### MAHONING COUNTY

◆ **Austintown:** Fun Run/5K, 7 p.m. today, 9-1 Park, finishes at Fitch Stadium.

◆ **Struthers:** Struthers Day from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Mauthe Park, includes activities for kids and more.

◆ **Boardman:** Air National Guard Band of The Northeast, 8 p.m. Saturday, Maag Outdoor Theatre, Boardman Park, 375 Boardman-Poland Road. Fireworks follow the concert at 9:45 p.m. Rain location for the concert is the Boardman High School Performing Arts Center, 7777 Glenwood Ave.

◆ **Campbell:** Independence Day celebration, parade begins at noon Saturday at Palermo Center, 394 Tenney Ave., and proceeds to Roosevelt Park. One-day festival follows the parade. Festival includes vendors, car show in the afternoon.

◆ **Canfield:** Rotary Fireworks at Canfield Fairgrounds on Saturday. Gates open at 6 p.m., fireworks at 10 p.m. Includes food vendors, entertainment from JD Eicher and more.

◆ **Austintown:** Party on the Plaza and Fireworks, 3 to 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Austintown Plaza, 5880 Mahoning Ave. Music, clowns, face painting and more. Fireworks at 10 p.m.

◆ **Austintown:** Ecumenical service, 8:30 a.m. Austin Log Cabin, 3797 S. Raccoon Road.

◆ **Austintown:** Parade, noon, Raccoon Road. Line up at 10:30 a.m.

◆ **Struthers:** Parade at noon, begins at Fifth Street Plaza, proceeds to Sexton Street and ends at Fifth Street Plaza.

◆ **Youngstown:** City of Youngstown's annual Fireworks Display, beginning at 10 p.m. at Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St.

◆ **Canfield:** Firecracker 4 Mile Run, 8:30 a.m., registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Kids race around the Green at 8:15 a.m.

◆ **Canfield:** Parade leaves Canfield Fairgrounds at 10:10 a.m. and circles the Green. After the parade, Andy Timko performs at the gazebo. There will be kids' games, pony rides and a petting zoo on the North Green and a patriotic pet contest on the South Green. Event also includes a food court from nonprofit organizations in Farmers Bank parking lot, 20 S. Broad St.

#### TRUMBULL COUNTY

◆ **Howland:** Annual Howland Township Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. Festival begins at 11:30 a.m. outside Howland High School, 200 Shaffer Drive NE. Festival includes Knockers Ball, car display, inflatable bouncy castles, train rides, burrito-eating contest, pet show, petting zoo, food, a DJ and chances to win prizes.

◆ **Newton Falls:** Carnival and Fourth of July activities including food vendors, games and live bands nightly. Carnival begins at 5 p.m. today and ends at 11 p.m. Tuesday. Activities will take place at City Park, Quarry and Center Street. Parade at 10 a.m. Tuesday, begins on Fourth Street and proceeds to Milton Avenue. Fireworks at 10 p.m. at City Park, Quarry and Center St.

◆ **McDonald:** Festival from 6 to 11 p.m. nightly until Saturday at Woodland Park, 500 Ohio Ave. Festival includes bingo, rides, games and food. Fireworks at 10 p.m. Saturday.

◆ **Warren:** Happy Birthday America concert by the Packard Band at the South Lawn Bandshell, 8 p.m., Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, followed by fireworks.

◆ **Columbiana:** Fourth of July Community Celebration, Firestone Park, 347 E. Park Ave. All day, includes games, activities, pet contest, music and more. Fireworks at dusk.

◆ **Lawrence County:** Ellwood City: Arts and Crafts Festival, Ewing Park, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

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## Our VOICE

### State BOE sharpens claws to help students, taxpayers

THE LONG TARNISHED IMAGE of Ohio's network of charter schools just got a much needed dash of polish.

That's because the state Board of Education last week toned up a vastly underdeveloped muscle – namely strict oversight – to forcefully stand up to one strong example of documented abuses and irregularities in the state's system of about 400 charter or community schools.

Specifically, the state board voted 16-1 to get tough with the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow charter school by demanding that it repay the Ohio Department of Education about \$60 million of the \$108 million it received for the 2015-2016 school year in state assistance.

The department determined, based on computer log-in durations and offline documentation, that many ECOT students failed to meet the minimum 920 hours of "learning opportunities" required by the state. In fact, ODE said the school reported 15,322 full-time students in the 2015-16 academic year, but the department could verify only 6,313 meeting the state's absolute minimum-attendance standards.

ECOT's transgressions were thoroughly documented by the state and later upheld by a hearing officer.

Its abuses cost the state and taxpayers dearly. The ODE's bill for \$60 million represents revenue cash-strapped school districts in the Mahoning Valley and throughout Ohio have lost by student flight into the virtual e-school.

#### HISTORY OF POOR ACCOUNTABILITY

The findings hardly surprise us. Other performance yardsticks show similar disheartening results. Take graduation rates, for example. Only about 38 percent of ECOT's students graduate after four years and just 44.1 percent after five years. Also, an investigation by the *New York Times* found "more students drop out of [ECOT] or fail to finish high school within four years than at any other school in the country, according to federal data."

Nor are these most recent documented transgressions anything new. As far back as 2001, Jim Petro, then state auditor of Ohio, had determined ECOT received \$1.7 million in state largess for students who were never enrolled.

What is new, however, is the aggressive action taken by the state Board of Education, which acted on behalf of many weary and fed-up taxpayers.

Its progressive action complements recent moves by the Republican-controlled Ohio General Assembly to strengthen oversight and regulations of charter schools in order to keep money-grubbing managers and lax professional and academic standards as far away from them as possible.

#### BATTLE NOT WON YET

It now will be incumbent upon the state board, ODE and state legislators to remain vigilant. To be sure, the fight to clear the vast wasteland of many Ohio charter schools has not yet been won.

Take ECOT, for example. In the aftermath of the board's action, the e-school has demonstrated unmitigated audacity in challenging the rock-solid findings of state auditors and others. ECOT leaders have taken their complaints to the Ohio Supreme Court.

In the General Assembly, allies of the charter school industry have crafted legislation to permit ECOT to delay repaying the state the \$60 million at least until all possible legal recourses are thoroughly exhausted.

From our perspective, ECOT already has received more than its fair share of due process, and the pending state legislation should die an ignoble death.

In the overall vantage point of Ohio's system of charter schools, the state board's so-called "clawback" of its funding to ECOT falls in line with the growing recognition that many of these schools – but certainly not all of them – remain inadequate to dysfunctional.

Earlier this year, for example, Paolo DeMaria, state superintendent of public instruction, took the bold move to return \$22 million in federal funding for the expansion of charter schools in Ohio in order to give the state time to better address their many strategic problems.

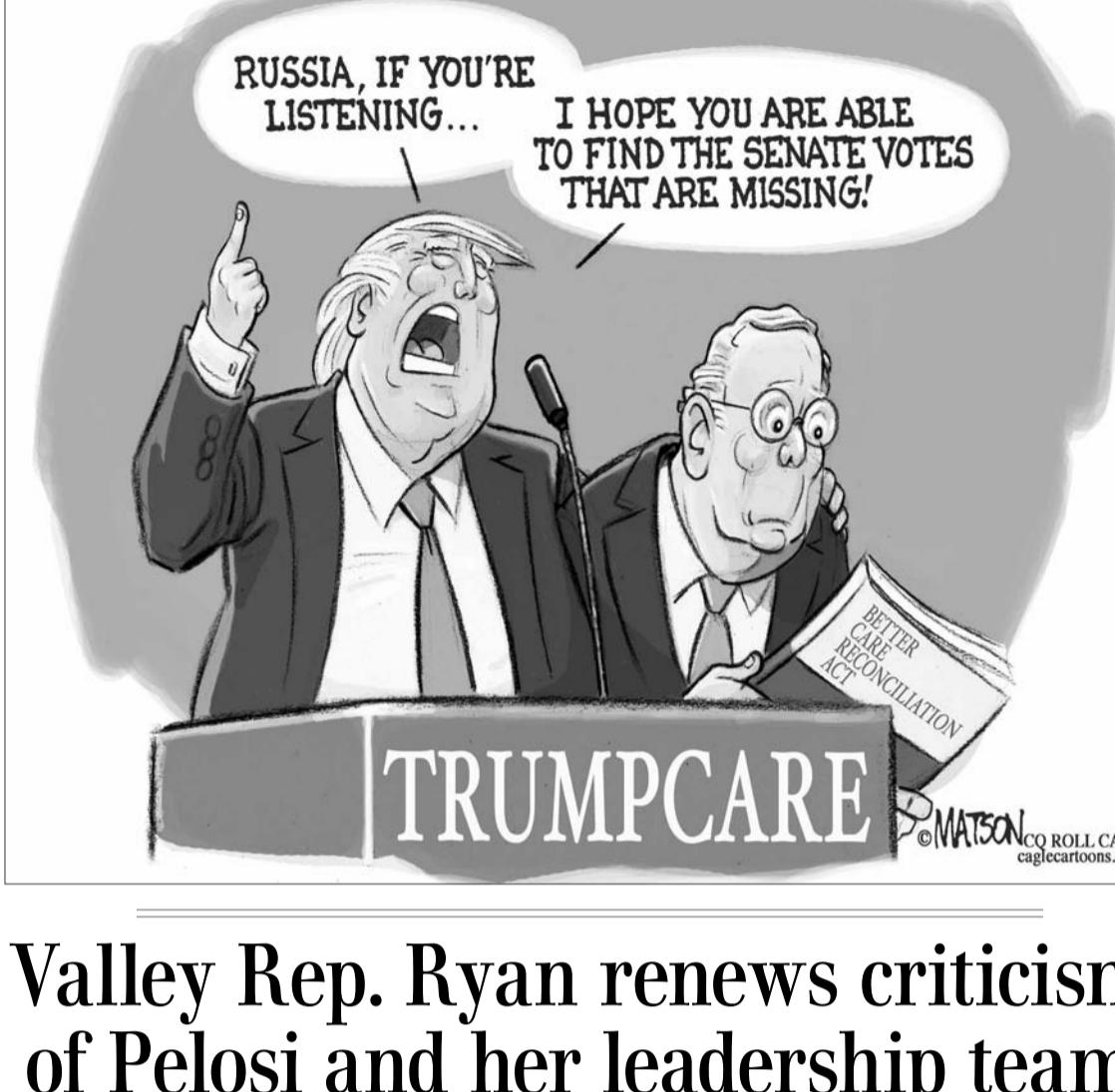
Such bold and disciplined actions must continue as they help pave the way for Ohio to move closer toward a charter-school industry in which students, parents and taxpayers alike can one day invest trust and respect.

#### SCRIPTURES

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

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# EDITORIAL



## Valley Rep. Ryan renews criticism of Pelosi and her leadership team

After Democrats greatly underperformed in the November 2016 election, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan placed much of the blame on his political party's inability to connect with middle America.

So Ryan challenged House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi for her post. While Ryan brought up valid issues about Pelosi's shortcomings and overall problems with the Democratic Party, the House Democratic Caucus voted 134 to 63 to retain the incumbent.

In the past 10 days, Ryan of Howland, D-13th, returned to the national spotlight by criticizing Pelosi after Democrats lost two more special elections last week for House seats vacated by Republicans who left to join the administration of President Donald Trump. Democrats lost two other special elections under the same circumstances earlier this year.

All four seats were in safe Republican areas, but after Democrats and their allies spent tens of millions of dollars on a race in Georgia – the most expensive House race in the nation's history – that became competitive and lost, Ryan had enough.

"The leadership is saying that we did better than we thought we would" in the special elections, he said. "The growing frustration of others, including me, is they're accepting that we came in second, and it was all positive."

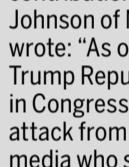
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David Skolnick

#### AS AN ASIDE

In an email seeking campaign contributions, U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson of Marietta, R-6th, wrote: "As one of the most pro-Trump Republicans anywhere in Congress, I am under daily attack from D.C. liberals and the media who still have not accepted last year's election results. If our campaign's [Federal Election Commission] report shows any signs of weakness, they will pounce, ramping up their efforts to defeat me and pour money into the campaign of a Democrat challenger." Johnson is a solid fundraiser in a safe Republican district with no Democratic challenger to date.

Readers of my column know how much I love the Austintown Fourth of July Parade – the candy, the sweaty politicians, being with my family. As I wrote last year, I don't have plans to attend the parade anymore as my two daughters are adults, leaving my wife and I standing next to little kids getting candy thrown at us. But Austintown Township Trustee Jim Davis asked me to be a judge at this year's event and be in the parade. I accepted so look for me in the back of a convertible throwing candy.

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party.

But as the Georgia race showed, Democrats can outspend Republicans and still lose so having more money, along with the anchor of Pelosi as its House leader, doesn't help the party.

Pelosi has been the party's House leader for 15 years, including four years as speaker, which means she's got a lot of history and baggage that can and has been used against the party.

Ryan turned up the criticism when I spoke to him a few days

ago. I asked if the entire House Democratic leadership team should go, and he said yes.

Again, no one is going to resign his or her leadership position.

[The article ran Thursday and obviously CNN monitors *The Vindicator* as Ryan was on the news network later that day to talk about health care and was asked specifically about what he told me about leadership.]

If the Democratic Party is going to be relevant – particularly with polls showing Trump with low approval ratings – in the 2018 election, new faces in leadership are needed, Ryan said.

"Nothing has changed since the last election, but there's a lot more grumbling about it," he said.

Democrats hope to gain control of the House and Senate in next year's election. Midterm elections usually benefit the party that doesn't control the White House.

"It's still possible, but it makes it harder with current leadership," Ryan said. "With Trump doing what he's doing, it can be done. But if leadership stays the same, we've seen the playbook, and it doesn't work."

Democrats have "got to talk about what we can do for people and not how bad Trump is," he said. "We've got to stay focused. We've got to focus on saying we're Democrats and we want to do the things to make people's lives better."

Ryan points out that "social issues are important, but most of the message needs to be economic in nature. Everybody wants a job, a secure pension and lower energy costs. Some people don't have the bandwidth to care about social issues because they're concerned about their own financial situation and their own family."

While Ryan sounds as if he wants to challenge Pelosi again, he said he won't do so.

"I spoke my peace and ran against her," he said. "It's not in the cards for me. I don't want my criticism of the current situation to seem self-serving."

But it certainly has people in D.C. talking.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Zika hasn't gone away. We can't afford to be complacent."

DR. ANNE SCHUHAT, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control, on the fact that the Zika virus hasn't disappeared from Latin America and the Caribbean and remains a potential threat. The virus is particularly harmful to women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant.

A big win for Trump

By JAYAMBROSE

Tribune News Service

The story line is that President Donald Trump has no respect for the judiciary and the separation of powers, but lately the reverse has been more nearly the case. Some in the judiciary have seemed to think they can boss the executive and legislative branches around no matter what the law says.

Ah, but here comes a unanimous Supreme Court saying a bunch of lower courts went absolutely too far in their snarling pursuit of this president who has no end of anti-democratic forces on his trail. What we are talking about, of course, is Trump's varied executive orders seeking a temporary ban on trips to the United States by citizens of terrorist-ridden countries with disorderly vetting processes.

These six Middle East countries had been identified by the Obama administration as especially troubling and, despite Trumpian fumbles of various sorts in the way this was handled, a case can be made for what he wants. While there have been stories to the contrary, some bad customers have made their way here from those shores, terrorism is hardly taking a nap right now and checking out visitors more thoroughly hardly seems stupid.

Some have argued the changes could surely be made while the hustle and bustle is going on, but there's an old saying that would seem to apply: You can't fix a train while it's running. John Kelly, an experienced and honorable military man now serving as secretary of Homeland Security, has said that slowing things down is necessary in order to arrive at something that works better than what we now have.

#### INDISPUTABLE POWERS

But whether the revision succeeds or not, the executive order was crystal clear about objectives and methods, the president has indisputable powers within the Constitution to do this thing, and lower courts said nothing doing. A primary methodology was to read Trump's mind and guess at real motives that would not matter legally even if the guesses were right.

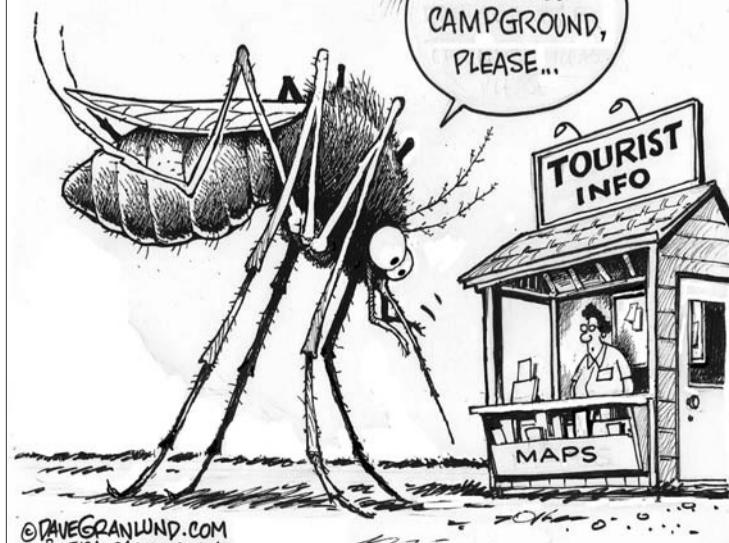
Because Trump had talked about a Muslim ban during his campaign and these were Muslim-majority countries, the judges figured this was religious discrimination even though it applied to everyone in those countries and hundreds of millions of Muslims are not affected.

Imagine for a moment that courts generally behaved in this fashion, judging whether you broke the law or not based not on what the law says but on something you once said. Justice that is not. Of course, it is nothing new to see activist courts essentially writing new laws to fit their political druthers. Even the Supreme Court has done it, and it is a betrayal of our founding principles.

In this case, the Supreme Court did not deal with all aspects of the decisions of the past courts. Until it could hold a full hearing, it decided not to ban travelers who have connections in the United States and have already been going back and forth. What it said was those coming here for the first time were going to have to wait a bit in accordance with the order. Three of the judges wanted to act now on a temporary ban for everyone, saying America's safety was more important than any of the other issues raised in the appellate courts.

The lower court judges meanwhile think they are more important than the law. Whatever Trump's faults, the unending conspiracy theories about him, the slurs, the barbaric jokes about an assassination, the impeachment preachers and activist judges add up to a threat not only to him. But to all of us.

Jay Ambrose is an op-ed columnist for Tribune News Service.



Iraqi prime minister declares end to IS caliphate

MOSUL, IRAQ

Iraq's Prime Minister declared an end to the IS caliphate Thursday after Iraqi forces captured the compound of a landmark mosque in Mosul that was blown up last week by the Islamic State group.

"We are seeing the end of the fake Daesh state. The liberation of Mosul proves that," Haider al-Abadi said using the Arabic acronym for IS in a statement posted to Twitter. "We will not relent, our brave forces will bring victory," he added.

But even as the Iraqi leader issued his statement, heavy clashes continued to unfold in Mosul — filling field hospitals and forcing hundreds to flee.

**Some Ariz. wildfire evacuations lifted, weather improves**

PREScott VALLEY, ARIZ.

After spending a night in a shelter for people evacuated from a raging Arizona wildfire, Tracey McCabe was looking forward Thursday to sleeping in her own bed after authorities lifted some evacuation orders and said improving weather conditions were helping them fight the fire.

McCabe, was among several hundred residents in the town of Mayer, population 1,400, allowed to return home after fire officials determined their homes were no longer at risk from a blaze that started Saturday and has burned 39-square miles.

She was worried that her house might have had an orange tag placed on it by authorities to mark that residents had been evacuated away from the fire zone.

"That means you're not there. It's an open invitation to thieves," she said.

But thousands of Arizona residents from other nearby towns were still under evacuation orders, among them about 1,400 children from a summer camp.

**Pope's top aide is accused in sex-abuse case**

VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis suffered a major blow Thursday when his top financial adviser, Cardinal George Pell, was charged in his native Australia with multiple counts of sexual assault from years ago, bringing a criminal case in the long-running abuse scandal inside the frescoed walls of the Vatican for the first time.

The 76-year-old Pell — the highest-ranking Vatican official ever implicated in the scandal — forcefully denied the accusations and took an immediate leave of absence as Vatican finance czar to return to Australia to defend himself.

"The whole idea of sexual abuse is abhorrent to me," Pell told reporters in the Vatican press office. "News of these charges strengthens my resolve, and court proceedings now offer me an opportunity to clear my name."

**Pregnant or trying? Don't let your Zika guard down**

WASHINGTON

The Zika virus may not seem as big a threat as last summer, but don't let your guard down — especially if you're pregnant or trying to be.

While cases of the birth defect-causing virus have dropped sharply from last year's peak in parts of Latin America and the Caribbean, Zika hasn't disappeared from the region and remains a potential threat.

It's hard to predict how much risk people face in locales with smoldering infection, or if cases might spike again. For now, pregnant women still are being urged not to travel to a country or area with even a few reported cases of Zika, because the consequences can be disastrous for a fetus' brain.

Associated Press

# Report: Over half of hate crimes in US go unreported

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Most victims of hate crimes don't report them to police, according to a new study that advocates say reinforces their fears that the Trump administration's tough rhetoric and policies will make more people afraid to come forward.

More than half the 250,000 hate crimes that took place each year between 2004 and 2015 went unreported to law enforcement for a variety of reasons, according to a special report on the issue from the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Hate crimes were most often not reported because they were handled some other way, the report said. But people also did not come forward because they didn't feel it was important or that police would help, according to the report.

"I think this report shows

the kind of fear that is going on in our communities," said Patricia Montes, executive director of the Boston-based immigrant advocacy group Centro Presente. She and other advocates are concerned that Latino immigrants, in particular, may be reluctant to call police to report a hate crime for fear of being deported, particularly since the Trump administration is ramping up immigration enforcement across the country.

"Donald Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric also will prevent more immigrants from reporting crimes to police," Montes said.

The report comes as the Justice Department officials gathered with advocacy groups and experts Thursday to discuss hate crimes, including ways to better document them.

## House says no to sanctuary cities

Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON

Sanctuary cities would have a tougher time protecting undocumented immigrants. Immigrants who try to re-enter the country illegally would find stiffer punishment.

That's the sort of get-tough-on-immigration policies President Donald Trump has eagerly sought, and Thursday, the House went along, largely on party-line votes.

It approved two measures to implement his plan; the bills now go to the Senate, where they appear in for a tougher time.

The road will be bumpier, if not impossible, in the Senate because 60 votes will be needed to cut off debate, and Republicans control 52 seats. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who in the past worked to fashion a bipartisan compromise on immigration, said he

had "no idea" of the bills' prospects.

For some time, most Republicans, led by Trump, have argued that cities allowing sanctuary status should see their federal grant dollars restricted. Democrats counter that local law enforcement agencies have enough to do without having to become federal immigration agents.

One House bill, Kate's Law, was approved by a 257-167 vote. It would increase prison sentences for illegal immigrants who re-enter the country after being deported.

The legislation is named after 32-year-old Kate Steinle who was killed two years ago in San Francisco by undocumented immigrant Juan Francisco Sanchez-Lopez.

The sanctuary cities measure passed by a 228-195 vote.



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Travelers make their way up the arrival ramp at the Tom Bradley International Terminal at Los Angeles International Airport on Thursday.

## Travel ban takes effect but less chaos expected

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A scaled-back version of President Donald Trump's travel ban took effect Thursday evening, stripped of provisions that brought protests and chaos at airports worldwide in January yet still likely to generate a new round of court fights.

The new rules, the product of months of legal wrangling, aren't so much an outright ban as a tightening of already-tough visa policies affecting citizens from six Muslim-majority countries. Refugees are covered, too.

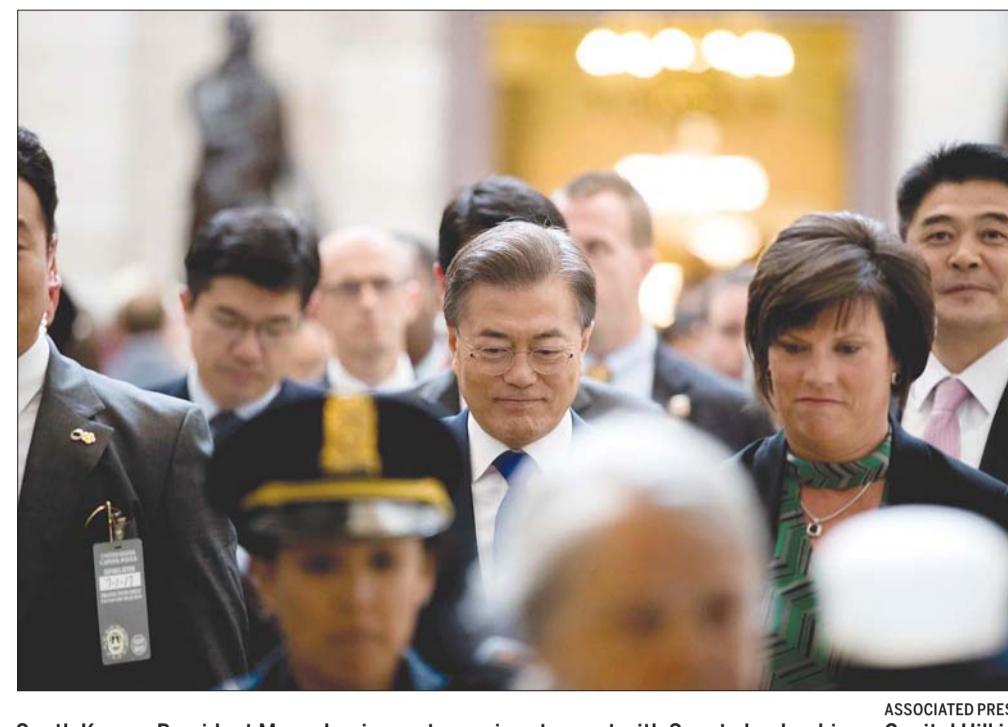
Administration officials promised that implementation this time, which started at 8 p.m., would be orderly. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Dan Hetlage said his agency expected "business as usual" at our ports of entry, with all valid visa holders still being able to travel.

Still, immigration and refugee advocates are vowing to challenge the new requirements, and the administration has struggled to explain how they will make the United States safer.

Under the temporary rules, citizens of Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen who already have visas will be allowed into the United States. But people from those countries who want new visas will now have to prove a close family relationship or an existing relationship with an entity such as a school or business in the U.S.

It's unclear how significantly the new rules will affect travel. In most of the countries singled out, few people have the means for leisure travel.

Those that do already face intensive screenings before being issued visas.



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South Korean President Moon Jae-in, center, arrives to meet with Senate leadership on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday.

## North Korea and trade on agenda for US-S. Korea talks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

South Korea's new leader dined with President Donald Trump at the White House on Thursday as part of an effort to reassure Washington that he will coordinate closely on dealing with the North Korean threat.

Trump said at the start of a formal dinner with South Korean President Moon Jae-in that they would discuss North Korea and trade over two days of meetings. The South Korean leader has sought to make clear to the U.S. that he is serious about dealing with his

neighbor's threat, despite having long advocated engagement with North Korea to address its nuclear weapons development.

"I know you've been discussing with our people some of the complexities of North Korea and trade and other things, and we'll be discussing them all as we progress," Trump told Moon in the State Dining Room. "And it could be very well late into the evening."

Moon's position could cause strains with Trump, who wants to step up economic pressure and further isolate the North diplomatically.

The U.S. and South Korea want to show they are on the same page as concern deepens over North Korea's technological progress toward a nuclear-tipped missile that could strike the continental U.S., and its lack of interest in negotiations aimed at dismantling its atomic arsenal.

Moon began his four-day visit, his first overseas trip since taking office last month, with a powerful symbolic show of his personal commitment to the U.S.-South Korean alliance.

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# Beck still has feet in game

## Mooney coach plays for defending champions

By CHARLES GROVE  
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While some hang up the cleats after college, Poland native Tom Beck is still going strong in Cleveland.

Beck plays for AFC Cleveland, a semi-professional team that plays in the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL), the fourth tier of organized soccer in the United States.

The Royals were founded in 2011 and play at Independence High

School's football field, just south of Cleveland. But don't let the semi-pro status or high school field fool you — there are still hooligans, smoke bombs and all.

"It's a pretty good atmosphere," Beck said of his club that generally draws about 1,000 fans per game. "We definitely get some loyal fans from our supporter's group who have been there since the beginning. Some of those guys travel five

hours for away games and cheer nonstop."

Beck, a 2010 Cardinal Mooney graduate and 2014 Mount Union graduate, tried out for the team after finishing his final year of college soccer at Cleveland State. He was the head coach for the boys program at Mooney last year and this year will be in charge of both

See BECK, B3



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR  
Poland native and Cardinal Mooney graduate Tom Beck (left) protects the ball from an opponent during a recent National Premier Soccer League match.

# Trippett on top after round 1

## An 8-under par score leads Open

Associated Press

PEABODY, MASS.

The witch on her broomstick that graces the Salem Country Club logo could hardly concoct a spell so scary as the blood-red scoreboard from the first round of the U.S. Senior Open.

On a day that saw 40 players break par, Kirk Trippett matched the PGA Champions Tour major record with an 8-under 62 on Thursday to take a one-stroke leader over Olin Browne. The last time the Senior Open was

played at the Donald Ross course, in 2011, winner Bruce Fleischer finished at even par.

But Trippett said goodbye to the black numbers on his first hole, rose to the top of the leaderboard after making

the turn and then climbed to 8 under when he holed out a 9-iron from 120 yards on the 341-yard, par-4 fourth hole (his 13th of the day).

"I think it was getting a little spooky there, that part," Trippett said as he sat just miles from the site of the Colonial witch trials that made Salem famous. "Today I just got some momentum. At one point during the round, I said, 'OK, this is your day. Grab it. Go.'"

Two weeks after Brooks Koepka won the U.S. Open at Erin Hills at a record-tying 16 under, the senior set took aim at another docile USGA setup on a windless course softened by rains.

Loren Roberts is the only other player to shoot a 62 in the tournament, setting the record in 2006 at Prairie Dunes in Kansas. Trippett is the 10th player to shoot 62 in a senior major — including Browne, who did it at the Senior Players Championship in 2012 and missed it by one stroke Thursday.

"Even though there's some red numbers on the board, if you got overly aggressive and you missed on the wrong side, you were cooked," said Browne, the 2011 Senior Open champion.



# TIME FOR TENNIS

## Area youngsters learning the game at JCC camp

By CHARLES GROVE  
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YOUNGSTOWN

THREE DAYS A WEEK in the hot summer months, a group of third and fourth graders from around Youngstown are taking part in a sport not known to many in the inner city — tennis.

More than 20 children from the Youngstown area are picking up rackets at the Youngstown Jewish Community Center and discovering new opportunities.

The camp is a collaboration between United Way, Israel Tennis Centers and Success After 6, an after-school group that specializes in providing extra opportunities for inner-city students. It began last year and was a tremendous success with the campers.

"At the beginning it was shaky because it's not basketball or football," said Brenda Scott, the Director of Success After 6. "They learned everything from scratch, including how to hold a racket and what the lines on the court meant. But they wanted to keep doing it. They were out there in 90 degree weather giving everything."

Every participant from last year



is back for more this year.

"The goal of the group is to teach tennis but tennis is the vehicle to teach those life skills like patience, sportsmanship, teamwork, paying attention and what it's like to win or lose," Sarah Wilschek, Program Coordinator for the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation said.

Wilschek said many of the kids were hooked when a volunteer brought in a book about Serena Williams.

"The kids were like 'Oh my God she looks like me!'" Wilschek said.

Above, Aiden Brown, 8, of Youngstown participates in a tennis program Thursday at the Jewish Community Center on Thursday. At left, Mariahelis Mauldin, 9, of Youngstown also participates. The camp is a collaboration among the United Way, Israel Tennis Centers and Success After 6.

WILLIAM D. LEWIS  
THE VINDICATOR

They were so excited."

Ce'Ona Green, one of the 10-year-olds at the camp said that's partly why she was initially drawn to the sport when the camp started.

"I want to be like Venus and Serena," Green said. "I started playing in my backyard once I found out it was really fun."

Scott said there will absolutely be a third year next summer.

"Parents agreed to it last year

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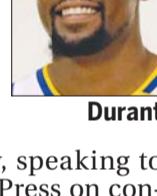
# Durant declines to opt into deal

## NBA Finals MVP to be free agent

Associated Press

OAKLAND, CALIF.

Kevin Durant declined to opt in for the second year of his contract with Golden State and will become an unrestricted free agent, an expected move for the NBA Finals MVP who said he plans to do his part to keep the core of the champion Warriors intact to chase more titles.



Durant

A person with direct knowledge of the decision confirmed Durant's intentions Thursday, speaking to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no formal announcement had been made.

When the season ended, Durant made it clear he plans to stay with the Warriors. The 28-year-old Durant was due to earn more than \$27.7 million for 2017-18 yet said he would go this route to provide the franchise with financial flexibility so Golden State general manager Bob Myers might be able to retain other key members of the group — like key reserve and 2015 Finals MVP Andre Iguodala — for what everyone hopes is another special postseason run next year. Then Durant could receive his max deal a year from now.

Durant now will need to begin working out a new deal once the free agency period begins Saturday, but might wait to see how things play out with his free-agent teammates before signing. He is expected to gain a 20 percent raise over the \$26.5 million he made last season and would earn about \$31.8 million. Durant had a deadline of Thursday to make his decision.

"It means a lot. It just shows the commitment when a guy's willing to take less, the commitment to the team," Defensive Player of the Year Draymond Green said Wednesday. "You look at the situation, sometimes you have to do that in order to make things work. I took less so we could go and get Kevin. And it worked out. If you want to keep great teams, keep everything aligned, sometimes you have to do that. You have to be willing to sacrifice."

See DURANT, B3

Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Corey Kluber delivers a pitch in the first inning of a game Thursday against the Texas Rangers in Cleveland.  
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# Kluber Ks 12 in win over Texas

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Corey Kluber is moving into select company when it comes to striking out batters.

Kluber allowed three hits and struck out 12 in eight innings to help the Cleveland Indians beat the Texas Rangers 5-1 on Thursday.

Kluber (7-2) tied a franchise record held by Hall of Famer Bob Feller with four consecutive games with double-digit strikeouts. Feller struck out 10 or more batters in his last three starts in 1938 and his first start in 1939.

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Next: Cleveland at Detroit, today, 7:10 p.m.

"It's cool to do those kinds of things," Kluber said. "You take a moment to appreciate it and move on. It's probably something you appreciate more down the road."

It's the 30th time that Kluber has reached double figures in strikeouts in his career. He won the AL Cy Young Award in 2014 and finished second in the voting last season.

"It's like the last three years he's been pitching," second baseman Jason Kipnis said. "It's who he's

become."

Kluber is 41-0 in 45 career starts when the Indians have scored five or more runs.

Pinch-hitter Lonnie Chisenhall had a two-run double in Cleveland's three-run sixth inning. Francisco Lindor and Edwin Encarnacion also had RBIs for the Indians, who won six of seven over the Rangers this season.

Andrew Cashner (3-7) was struck on the right elbow by a broken bat in the sixth inning and was removed a batter later.

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# SPORTS digest

## SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

# 35

Source: ESPN

**Scappers homer twice in win over Black Bears**

**GRANVILLE, W.V.A.**

Simeon Lucas and Nolan Jones each hit a home run and the Mahoning Valley Scappers allowed no hits for five innings in a 6-3 win against the West Virginia Black Bears.

Starter Zach Plesac needed only 38 pitches to get through the first three innings, walking one and striking out six. Winning pitcher Kirk McCarty struck out one and walked one in two innings of work. They combined to allow no hits.

Oscar Gonzalez drove in two runs on three hits.

Bligh Madris drove in two runs for West Virginia, including an RBI-triple. Nick King added another RBI triple in the ninth for the losing side.

Stephen Meyer was the losing pitcher for the Black Bears. In five innings, he gave up two earned runs on eight hits and a walk while striking out three.

The two sides meet again today at 7:05 p.m.

**Valley players lift Ohio in 38th All-Star Classic**

**BEAVER FALLS, PA.**

Columbiana's Mitch Davidson threw touchdown passes to Salem's Cooper Berezedi and Western Reserve's Wyatt Larimer and Springfield's Frankie Centofanti ran for a TD as Ohio beat Pennsylvania 21-20 in the 38th annual Penn-Oho All-Star Classic on Thursday night.

Pennsylvania trailed 21-14 late, but drove 69 yards in 13 plays as time was running out, capping the march with a 12-yard TD pass from Amos Luptak (Quaker Valley) to Nick Henderson (Freedom) to get within a point with less than a minute to play.

But Ohio stopped a Pennsylvania's two-point conversion run and ran out the clock to clinch the victory.

South Range's Nathan Daniszewski rushed for 82 yards on 12 carries to lead Ohio. Centofanti added 32 yards on five attempts, including a 5-yard TD.

Davidson was 5 of 8 for 82 yards. Bezeredi caught two passes for 36 yards, including a 4-yard TD. Larimer's TD catch went for 19 yards.

Luptak was 11 of 17 for 177 yards and two TDs, both caught by Henderson — the game's MVP — who finished with five catches for 77 yards. Henderson's other TD catch covered 43 yards.

**Mill Creek pros to team up with high schoolers**

**BOARDMAN**

Mill Creek Golf Course professionals are teaming up with area high school players on Sunday for the Northern Ohio PGA Sections Pro-3 Junior Tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron. PGA Director of Golf Brian Tolnar is with Boardman's Bobby Jonda and Bryan Kordupel and Poland's Kyle Koziel. Head pros Andy Santor and Stacie Butler each have their teams as well.

Santor is teamed with Cardinal Mooney's Nick Braydich, Rebel Strollo and Columbian's Jared Wilson. Butler is with Mooney's Keegan Butler, Poland's Zach Jacobson and Campbell's Dean Austalosh. The event will be played in a 2 best ball of 4 format.

**Cafe 422 wins Route 304 Softball League**

Cafe 422 won the 12-U softball division of the Route 304 League on Thursday, beating Mathews 11-1. The team went 19-1. The team's members were Kaitlyn Culver, Esra DeDe, Abbie Rafferty, Emily Semple, Alison Durkin, Sophia Latell, Emily Rosace, Sidney Rice, Addison Owens, Madison Malito, Erica Teter, Megan Durkin and Megan Kloniker.

**NHL enforcer Semenko dies of cancer at 59**

**EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

Dave Semenko, the Edmonton Oilers tough guy who protected Wayne Gretzky during the 1980s, has died. He was 59.

He died in Edmonton after a short battle with cancer, the team said Thursday.

Semenko was the bodyguard for "The Great One" for parts of 10 seasons with the Oilers in the World Hockey Association and NHL. He helped Edmonton win the Stanley Cup in 1984 and 1985.

The 6-foot-3 winger from Winnipeg had 65 goals, 88 assists and 1,175 penalty minutes in 575 regular-season NHL games. He had six goals, six assists in 73 playoff games.

Staff/wire reports

## INSIDE THE ROPES WITH ...

**Jason Kokrak**



**Thursday:** The Warren JFK graduate shot a 72 in the opening round of the Quicken Loans National in Potomac, Md. Kokrak is tied for 66th place after getting four bogeys and two birdies.

**Today:** Kokrak tees off at 7:26 a.m. His playing partners are Camilo Villegas, Harold Varner III, Scott Stallings, Michael Kim and Andrew Loupe.

**Tv:** Golf Channel coverage at 3:30 p.m.

**Follow Kokrak:** Online at [www.vindy.com/kokrak](http://www.vindy.com/kokrak).

Associated Press/Staff report

Steals by the Washington Nationals' Trea Turner. It's the most steals by a Montreal Expos/Nationals player before the All-Star break since Marquis Grissom had 45 in 1992.

## PRO GOLF | Thursday's events

### KPMG WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

#### OLYMPIA FIELDS, III.

Chella Choi and Any Yang topped the KPMG Women's PGA Championship leaderboard when first-round play in the major tournament was suspended because of lightning. Choi shot a 5-under 66 in the morning session, and Yang was 5 under with a hole left when play was stopped at Olympia Fields Country Club. Brittany Altomare shot a 67, and Joanna Klatten also was 4 under with two holes left. Defending champion Brooke Henderson, Michelle Wie, Alison Lee and Su Oh were at 68. Kim Kaufman and Emily Pedersen also were 3 under in their rounds.

Top-ranked So Yeon Ryu had a 69. She beat Lexi Thompson in a playoff at the ANA Inspiration to claim the season's first major, and won last week in Arkansas to take the No. 1 spot.

### QUICKEN LOANS NATIONAL POTOMAC, MD.

David Lingmerth is one of a few players in the Quicken Loans National field with any experience to draw on at TPC Potomac — and it's the best kind of experience. Lingmerth won a Web.com Tour event on the tight, tricky layout near Washington in 2012. The Swede once again relied on his accuracy off the tee to shoot a 5-under 65 and take the first-round

lead. TPC Potomac is hosting the Quicken Loans National for the first time and has been extensively redesigned since it last welcomed the PGA Tour in 2006. Troy Merritt, the winner two years ago at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, was a stroke back along with Marc Leishman, Johnson Wagner, Sung Kang, Nick Taylor and Daniel Summerhays.

### FRENCH OPEN GUYANCOURT, FRANCE

Paul Waring shot a 7-under 64 at the French Open to take a two-stroke lead in a first round where the main attraction turned out being the antics of a competitor's mother. The 279th-ranked Waring rolled in seven birdies and was bogey-free on Le Golf National course that will stage the Ryder Cup next year. Nathan Kimsey, Alexander Bjork and Thomas Pieters were the nearest chasers after 66s. Pieters managed to keep his focus down the stretch after being witness to a bizarre incident near the 11th hole that had players laughing. The mother of 21-year-old Chinese player Li Haotong rolled up her white shorts and waded into some muddy water to recover a putter that had been discarded by her son in frustration after a bogey on No. 11 about 20 minutes earlier. She collected the club and slowly returned with it to dry land, only to throw it back into the water because it had been snapped in half.

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## QUOTEABLE

**JIMMY BUTLER**, Minnesota Timberwolves G, on critics:

"Everybody is entitled to their opinion. But with that being said, my phone is in my back pocket right now. If whoever has anything to say to me, feel free 773-899-6071."

## TV & RADIO

### TODAY

- 8 a.m. (GC) European Tour HNA Open de France.  
 12:30 p.m. (GC) Women's golf: LPGA Tour KPMG Women's PGA Championship.  
 2 p.m. (FS1) Golf: Champions Tour U.S. Senior Open Championship.  
 2 p.m. (NBCSN) Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity qualifying.  
 2:30 p.m. (ESPN) UEFA Euro Under-21 championship match.  
 3:30 p.m. (GC) Golf: PGA Tour Quicken Loans National.  
 4 p.m. (NBCSN) Auto racing: NASCAR Monster Energy Cup qualifying.  
 6 p.m. (UHD) Swimming: U.S. National Championships.  
 7 p.m. (ESPN) CFL: BC at Toronto.  
 7 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLFL-FM 96.7) MLB: Giants at Pirates.  
 7 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Indians at Tigers.  
 7 p.m. (WBBW-AM 1240) Baseball: Scrappers at Black Bears.  
 7:30 p.m. (GC) Women's golf: LPGA Tour KPMG Women's PGA Championship (recorded).  
 7:30 p.m. (NBCSN) Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Subway Firecracker 250.  
 8 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Yankees at Astros or Nationals at Cardinals.  
 9:30 p.m. (ESPN) Soccer: Real Salt Lake vs. Orlando City SC, MLS.  
 10 p.m. (ESPN2) Boxing: Negrete-Frias (super bantamweights).  
 10:30 p.m. (NBCSN) MMA: Fitch-Foster, Professional Fighters League.  
 11 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Dodgers at Padres or Braves at Athletics.

### SATURDAY

- 7:30 a.m. (GC) European Tour HNA Open de France.  
 9 a.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 1.  
 10 a.m. (FS1) Auto racing: WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.  
 1 p.m. (19) Golf: Champions Tour U.S. Senior Open Championship.  
 1 p.m. (21) Swimming: U.S. National Championships.  
 1 p.m. (ESPN) Bowling: PBA Oklahoma Open.  
 1 p.m. (GC) Golf: PGA Tour Quicken Loans National.  
 1 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Indians at Tigers.  
 1:30 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLFL-FM 96.7) MLB: Giants at Pirates.  
 2 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: FIFA Confederations Cup final.  
 2 p.m. (WBBW-AM 1240) Baseball: Scrappers at Doubledays.  
 3 p.m. (21) Women's golf: LPGA Tour KPMG Women's PGA Championship.  
 3 p.m. (GC) European Tour HNA Open de France (recorded).  
 4 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: Philadelphia vs. New England, MLS.  
 7 p.m. (ESPN2) NFL: "Free Agency Special."  
 7 p.m. (GC) Women's golf: LPGA Tour KPMG Women's PGA Championship (recorded).  
 8 p.m. (ESPN) MLB: Nationals at Cardinals.  
 8 p.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 2 (recorded).

## LATEST LINE

Seattle	Even-6 (9)	LA ANGELS
OAKLAND	7-8 (5)	Atlanta
	WBNA	
Favorite	(O/U)	Underdog
PITTSBURGH	Even-6 (8)	San Francisco
NY METS	10 1/2-11 1/2 (8)	Philadelphia
CHICAGO CUBS	5 1/2-6 1/2 (9.5)	CINCINNATI
MILWAUKEE	Even-6 (10)	Miami
ST. LOUIS	Even-6 (9.5)	Washington
ARIZONA	6-7 (9)	Colorado
LA DODGERS	8 1/2-9 1/2 (7.5)	SAN DIEGO
American League	5 1/2-6 1/2 (10.5)	BALTIMORE
Tampa Bay	6-7 (10)	Boston
TORONTO	Even-6 (10.5)	Cleveland
CLEVELAND	7 1/2-8 1/2 (8)	DETROIT
HOU STON	Even-6 (9.5)	NY Yankees
Texas	Even-6 (8)	WHITE SOX
KANSAS CITY	Even-6 (8)	Minnesota
TAMPA BAY	10 1/2 (92.5)	Washington

## BASEBALL

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 Gonzalez lf 4 0 3 2 Oliva lf 2 1 1 0  
 Taylor dh 4 0 1 0 Madriz rf 0 1 0 0  
 Jones 3b 4 1 1 0 Gray 2b 4 0 0 0  
 Rodriguez c 0 1 0 Barraza 1b 2 1 0 0  
 Benson rf 0 0 0 DeLaCruz 3b 4 0 0 0  
 Scolarmo cf 1 1 0 King dh 4 0 1 1  
 Lucas 1b 3 1 2 1 Gonzalez c 3 1 1 0  
 Clement 2b 4 0 0 Pope ss 3 0 0 0  
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**Thursday's Scores**  
 Staten Island at Vermont, ppd.  
 State College 7, Auburn 4  
 Williamsport 6, Batavia 5, 10 innnings  
 Brooklyn at Aberdeen, late  
 Lowell 5, Hudson Valley 2  
 Mahoning Valley 6, West Virginia 3  
 Tri-City 2, Connecticut 0

**Today's Games**  
 Staten Island at Vermont, 7:05 p.m.  
 Auburn at State College, 7:05 p.m.  
 Batavia at Williamsport, 7:05 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Aberdeen, 7:05 p.m.  
 Lowell at Hudson Valley, 7:05 p.m.  
 Mahoning Valley at West Virginia, 7:05 p.m.  
 Tri-City at Connecticut, 7:05 p.m.

**EASTERN LEAGUE**  
 Eastern Division

W L Pct. GB  
 Connecticut (Tigers) 7 3 .370 —  
 Vermont (Athletics) 4 5 .444 2 1/2  
 Tri-City (Astros) 4 6 .400 3  
 Lowell (Red Sox) 3 7 .300 4

**Western Division**

W L Pct. GB

Akron (Indians) 39 35 .527 —

Altoona (Pirates) 40 36 .526 1 1/2

Bowie (Orioles) 40 39 .605 1 1/2

Erie (Tigers) 37 41 .474 4

Harrisburg (Nationals) 33 45 .423 8

Richmond (Giants) 33 45 .423 8

New Hampshire Jays 32 46 .410 18

**Stedler Division**

W L Pct. GB

Trenton (Yankees) 50 28 .641 —

Reading (Phillies) 46 30 .605 3

Binghamton (Mets) 41 33 .554 7

Portland (Red Sox) 35 39 .473 13

Hartford (Rockies) 34 43 .442 15/12

New Hampshire Jays 32 46 .410 18

**Today's Games**

Altoona at Erie, 7:05 p.m.

Bowie at Akron, 7:05 p.m.

Harrisburg at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.

## — WIMBLEDON —



MIKE EGERTON | PA VIA AP

The Czech Republic's Petra Kvitova returns a ball to Australia's Ashleigh Barty during the final match at the Birmingham Classic tennis tournament at Edgbaston Priory, Birmingham, England, on Sunday.

## Kvitova favored despite issues from stabbing

Associated Press

Petra Kvitova still has not regained full strength in her left hand, the one she uses to swing a tennis racket so well that she won Wimbledon twice — and the one that was stabbed by an intruder at her home in the Czech Republic late last year.

Just seven months after that attack, Kvitova somehow carries the status of the closest thing to a favorite at the All England Club, where play in the grass-court Grand Slam tournament begins Monday.

Not that she's all that concerned, understandably, with others' thoughts about whether she can add to the trophies she clutched at Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014.

"I don't see it like that," Kvitova said in an email to The Associated Press.

"I am just happy to be back on the court and that's it," she said. "I will be focusing on myself and not thinking any further than my first match."

Simply competing these days is an accomplishment in itself for someone who initially was told there was a possibility it might never happen again. All five fingers on her left hand were injured in the late Decem-

ber knifing, and she needed surgery.

"There was definitely doubt in my mind that I would ever be able to play again, because that's what some of the doctors were saying," Kvitova said. "But the more I heard people doubting if I could come back, the more it motivated me. I wanted to prove people wrong and I love challenges, so I think that's what kept me going through the recovery process."

The 27-year-old Kvitova, who has been ranked as high as No. 2 and is seeded 11th at Wimbledon, only began practicing a couple of weeks before the French Open started in May. She made a last-minute decision to enter the clay-court major and wound up winning her opening match, then losing her next.

In her comeback's second tournament, last week on grass at Birmingham, England, Kvitova earned the title, beating Ashleigh Barty 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the final with the help of 13 aces.

That total, to Kvitova, was a sign that she is getting closer to the player who succeeds on grass on the strength of a strong serve and powerful forehands.

She pulled out of this week's tuneup tournament

at Eastbourne, England, citing an abdominal injury, but that didn't stop British bookmakers from considering her among the likeliest to win Wimbledon: William Hill, for example, listed Kvitova as the favorite.

"I'm surprised at how well I'm playing, for sure," Kvitova said. "It's (a) very nice surprise. ... I wasn't sure if I would have the strength in my grip to hit as hard as before, but I showed in Birmingham that my serve is there and so is my forehand. Hopefully it will keep getting better as my fingers get stronger."

Serena Williams is sitting out the rest of the season while pregnant, and Maria Sharapova is skipping Wimbledon because of an injured left thigh, so there are only two past champions in the field: Kvitova and Williams' sister, five-time winner Venus.

Chris Evert, an 18-time major champion, thinks Kvitova could emerge from what's considered a wide-open draw.

"Seeing that there are not too many, if any, grass-court specialists in the tournament, she is the one that I think everybody has to look out for," said Evert, who will call matches for ESPN.

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but this year they were banging down my door saying, 'When is tennis signing up?'" Scott said. "It was an easy pitch this year."

While tennis is a big selling point, the group also takes six swim classes during the month and gets exposed to other cultural activities. The group recently learned how to write their names in Hebrew. Their handprints and Hebrew names are hanging in a wall in Akko, Israel, where Israel Tennis Centers are located.

"We'll also do things like challah baking, Israeli dance, art classes, screen printings or something else

cultural," Wilschek said.

Those interested in more information, becoming volunteers or donating to ex-

tend opportunities into the fall should email Wilschek at sarahwilschek@jewishyoungstown.org.

past glory from their college days. Some teams are made mostly of ex-pros and some are current NCAA players, who use the league's May-July season as a way to keep in shape and gear up for the fall college season.

But there's also the U.S. Open Cup. A knockout-style tournament with all organized teams in the nation. In this tournament teams all the way from Major League Soccer to teams like Christos FC, a Sunday League team from Maryland whose headquarters is a discount liquor store in Baltimore, all compete for a title.

This year AFC Cleveland played at Futbol Club Cincinnati, a fully professional team that leads their league in attendance. All of a sudden, the Mount Union grad was playing in front of 12,790 rowdy fans in a game the favorites needed a goal in the 117th minute to prevent Cleveland's upset.

"That was the biggest game I ever played in," Beck said. "It was a great atmosphere. Our place seats about 2,200 but it was wrapped around filled up with fans. They scored early but we didn't quit."

The match was tied 2-2 after Cleveland pulled even 64 minutes into the 90-minute match. But Beck's squad scored in the 87th and 90th minutes to snatch the title.

"For me, nothing personal will ever overcome winning a national championship like that," Beck said. "It was a unique experience and it was such a deserved feeling as things went our way."

But this isn't just a group of guys looking to relive

tote with them for 120 minutes and we had only been playing for like a week at that time where they had two months under their belt."

This year the Royals are currently fourth in their conference standings and need to be in the top two to make the playoffs to defend their title. The silver lining with just four matches to go is they've played one fewer game than the second-place Rochester Lancers.

"We definitely didn't start the season the way we wanted to," Beck said. "But where we are right now we're still in control of our own destiny. If we win all four we make the playoffs."

Their first of those four matches is Saturday against Syracuse FC at 5 p.m. at home. Beck said the team definitely entertains with their style of play.

"We want to make it fun for the fans," Beck said. "We like to spread the ball out wide and whip it in towards the goal. We want to entertain the people who come because that's how you should play the game."

## DURANT

Continued from B1

Two-time MVP Stephen Curry also has indicated while he is thrilled to be up for a major raise with a new super-max deal, which could put him at the \$205 million mark, he also is committed to winning for the long haul and shares Durant's team-first philosophy.

In the postseason, Durant averaged 28.5 points, 7.9 rebounds and 4.3 assists

and shot 55.6 percent, scoring more than 30 points in nine of his 15 games.

"It's amazing to have that kind of talent and humility and the team-oriented demeanor that both guys have," coach Steve Kerr said last week. "The fact that both those guys are so willing to think about and not only with points and shots and everything else but they want to do what's best for the team all the time, every single day. So it's a powerful force when you have that kind of talent and

humility, and it sets a great tone for us."

Iguodala has full Bird rights, meaning the Warriors can exceed the salary cap to retain him as one of their own free agents. He is expected to generate high interest and salary outside the organization as free agency starts.

Curry, who won the MVP the past two years and earned \$12 million this season, scored 28.1 points in the playoffs while also contributing 6.7 assists and 6.2 rebounds.

## King queen of the pool in U.S. championships

Associated Press

## INDIANAPOLIS

America's swimmers were on top of the world Thursday night.

Lilly King set an American record in the women's 50-meter breaststroke, three other swimmers had the fastest times in the world this season and two more broke U.S. national championship records.

Each has even bigger plans for next month's world championships in Hungary.

She'll have almost three weeks to prepare after breaking the record Jessica Hardy held for nearly eight years by 0.14. King also could be heading to Hungary with the No. 1 time in the event this year after passing her Russian rival Yulia Efimova, who started the day in the No. 1 spot with a time of 29.88.

Katie Meili, an Olympic gold medalist like King, finished in 30.11.

King has qualified in two individual events and the Indiana University star will chase her third win in three nights when she competes in her specialty, the 100 back Friday.

She was only part of the speedy equation in Indianapolis, though.

The U.S. men produced world-best times in three of the night's four events and set a championship record



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Lilly King swims on her way to winning the women's 50-meter breaststroke at the U.S. swimming national championships in Indianapolis on Thursday.

in the other one.

Chase Kalisz started the impressive run in the men's 400 individual medley, finishing in 4:06.99 — the first sub 4:07 in the world in 2017. Second-place finisher Jay Litherland, Kalisz's teammate at Georgia, wound up second in 4:09.31, No. 4 in the world.

Event winners automatically qualify for the U.S. team. The runner-ups must wait for the selection process to end before finding out if they make the team.

Caeleb Dressel followed suit in the men's 100 butterfly, winning in 50.87 to become the first swimmer to crack the 51-second mark this year. Twenty-six-year old Tim Phillips was second in 51.30, the third-fastest

time in the world.

Dressel has qualified in three individual events for the worlds — the 100 free and the 50 and 100 fly, where he's like to square off with rival Joseph Schooling of Singapore.

Kevin Cordes set a championship record by beating Andrew Wilson with a time of 26.88 in the men's 50 breast, No. 3 in the world, and 19-year-old Justin Ress closed it out with another world-best performance in the 50 backstroke. He beat two Olympic gold medalists, Ryan Murphy and Matt Grevers, with a time of 24.41 — and surpassed China's Xu Jiayu for the No. 1 spot.

Murphy finished second in 24.64 while Grevers was third in 24.67.

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## INTERLEAGUE

Pirates 4, Rays 0

## PITTSBURGH

Jameson Taillon scattered seven hits over  $6\frac{2}{3}$  innings, Gregory Polanco and John Jaso hit solo home runs and Pittsburgh beat Tampa Bay. Taillon (4-2) walked two and struck out four in his longest outing since returning from a battle with testicular cancer earlier this month, lowering his ERA to 2.97 despite allowing at least one base runner in six of the seven innings he worked. Andrew McCutchen went 3 for 3 with an RBI single. The 2013 National League MVP is hitting .397 since June 1. Chris Archer (6-5) allowed three runs in six innings, striking out five without issuing a walk for Tampa Bay, which has lost four of five. Logan Morrison and Shane Peterson had two hits apiece for the Rays but Tampa Bay went 1 for 11 with runners in scoring position and left 10 men on base.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Red Sox 6, Twins 3

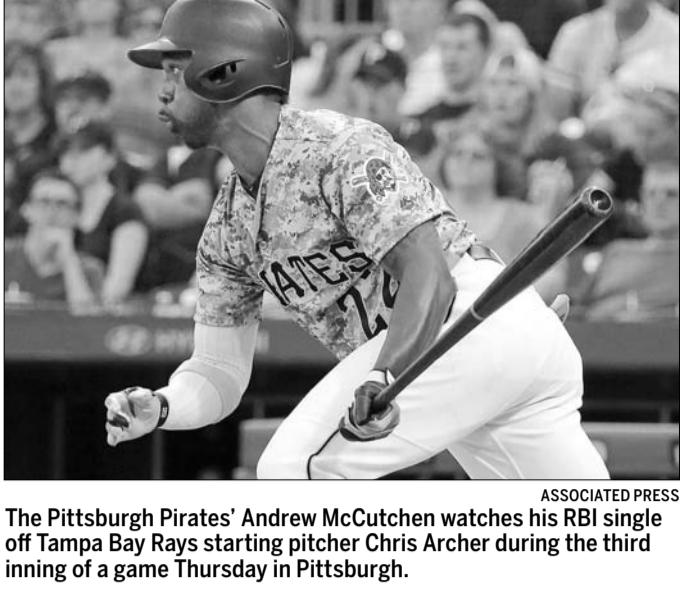
## BOSTON

David Price won for the second time in three starts, Mookie Betts and Hanley Ramirez hit solo home runs, and the Red Sox rallied from a three-run deficit to beat the Twins. Tzu-Wei Lin singled and tripled for his first big league multihit game. Jackie Bradley Jr. had three hits and an RBI. Price (3-2) threw a season-high 112 pitches over seven innings, allowing three runs and six hits with seven strikeouts and no walks. Craig Kimbrel pitched a one-hit ninth for his AL-leading 22nd save in 23 chances, finishing Boston's last home game before the All-Star break. Kyle Gibson (4-6) allowed five runs — three earned — and six hits in  $5\frac{2}{3}$  innings.

Tigers 7, Royals 3

## DETROIT

Michael Fulmer came within one out of a shutout, and Detroit hit three home runs in a victory over Kansas City. Justin Upton, Ian



ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen watches his RBI single off Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Chris Archer during the third inning of a game Thursday in Pittsburgh.

Kinsler and Andrew Romine went deep for the Tigers. Fulmer (7-6) appeared headed for his second big league shutout, but Ramon Torres and Jorge Bonifacio

singled with two out in the ninth, then Lorenzo Cain drove them in with a double. Upton dropped Eric Hosmer's soft liner to left field for an error, allowing another run to come in. The crowd booed when manager Brad Ausmus pulled Fulmer after 104 pitches. Jakob Junis (2-2) allowed a three-run homer to Upton in the first, as well as a solo shot by Kinsler in the third and a two-run drive by Romine in the fourth.

Astros 6, Athletics 1

## HOUSTON

Carlos Correa homered twice and drove in four runs and Houston got a win over Oakland. Correa's two-run shot in the fourth put the Astros up 2-1. He extended the lead to 5-1 with a two-run homer to straightaway center field with no outs in the sixth inning to chase rookie Daniel Gossett (1-3). It was the fourth career multi-home run game for Correa, who has reached safely in a career-

high 17 straight games, and his first this season. The victory improves first-place Houston to 10-2 against the Athletics this season and 17-2 against them since July 20, 2016. Houston starter Brad Peacock (5-1) allowed two hits, one run and struck out seven but lasted only five innings after tying a career high by walking six.

Orioles 2, Blue Jays 0

## TORONTO

Ubaldo Jimenez pitched two-hit ball over eight innings, Jonathan Schoop had two hits and an RBI and Baltimore beat Toronto. Baltimore has won consecutive road series after going more than two months without one. They took two of three at Cincinnati from April 18-20, then didn't win a series away from home before doing so in Tampa Bay last weekend. After allowing a season-worst nine runs in his previous start against the Rays, Jimenez (3-3) was sharp against Toronto, walking one and striking out a season-high eight. He retired his first eight batters before Ryan Goins doubled in the third, then

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Murdoch takeover bid for Sky delayed for extra scrutiny

LONDON

Britain's government stalled Twenty-First Century Fox's takeover of the Sky pay television and broadband network Thursday after regulators said the deal could give Rupert Murdoch and his family too much influence over the country's media.

Culture Secretary Karen Bradley said Thursday that the deal "potentially raises public-interest concerns" and said she is "minded to" send it to the Competition and Markets Authority for further review. Twenty-First Century Fox has two weeks to respond to issues raised by the communications regulator, Ofcom, before Bradley makes a final decision.

In a report on the transaction, Ofcom said the merged company would be Britain's third-largest source of television news, and its influence would be magnified because it also owns newspapers, radio stations and online outlets.

**GOP may keep some tax hikes to save health care bill**

WASHINGTON

Top Senate Republicans are considering keeping President Barack Obama's tax increase on wealthier people's investments.

The money would be used to bolster their proposed health care subsidies in a bid to mollify moderate GOP senators and salvage the party's struggling health care bill.

Also in play is a proposal from conservatives to let insurers offer any plan they'd like, including ones with skimpy benefits and low premiums. It's unclear if either idea will survive.

**Debt deadline now October, CBO says as deficit spikes**

WASHINGTON

A new government estimate says the drop-dead deadline for Congress to increase the government's borrowing authority and avoid a devastating economic default is early to mid-October.

The Congressional Budget Office also predicts the federal budget deficit will spike to \$693 billion this year. That's \$134 billion more than it predicted in January, mostly because of slipping tax-revenue projections.

**Amazon Prime Day promo starts night of July 10, now 30 hours**

NEW YORK

Amazon is extending its annual "Prime Day" promotion to 30 hours this year.

Amazon will offer discounts and other deals in an effort to boost sales during the slower summer months. The deals are open only to members of Amazon's \$99-a-year Prime loyalty program, so Amazon typically gets more sign-ups, too.

While Amazon has claimed success, there have been grumblings that Prime Day deals are unimpressive or involve older models. Last year, Benchmark analyst Daniel Kurnos called Prime Day an example of "how to make clearance look good."

This year's promotion will start at 9 p.m. July 10 and end at 3 a.m. July 12. It used to run for 24 hours. It will be available in 13 countries, including the U.S.

Associated Press

### Selected local stocks

STOCK, DIVIDEND	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alcoa Inc., .12 .....	33.22	.27
Aqua America, .71 .....	33.39	-.22
Avalon Holdings, .25058 .....	2.442	
Chemical Bank, .27 .....	48.56	1.13
Community Health Sys., .10.05 .....	10.05	.22
Cortland Bancorp, .28 .....	18.00	0.00
Farmers Nat., .16 .....	14.65	0.00
Fifth/Third, .14.44 .....	28.81	-.30
Fifth/Third, .52 .....	26.07	.58
FirstMerit Corp., .21.61 .....	37	
First Niles Financial, .1210.00 .....	0.00	
FNB Corp., .48 .....	14.24	.24
General Motors, .15.2 .....	34.85	.27
General Electric, .92 .....	34.85	.27
Huntington Bank, .28 .....	13.38	.24
iHeartMedia Inc., .15.0 .....	1.50	.05
JP Morgan Chase, .19.2 .....	19.16	1.34
Key Corp., .34 .....	18.72	.34
LaFarge, .34 .....	-	
Macy's, .51 .....	22.94	-.24
Parker Hannifin, .252 .....	157.05	-.96
PNC, .20 .....	125.29	1.89
Simon Prop. Grp., .6.60162.64 .....	1.16	
Stonebridge, .15.39 .....	15.39	-.08
United Comm. Fin., .12 .....	8.20	0.14
Selected prices from Thursday's 4 p.m. close.		

"The golden era of Ameri-

3.17 percent.

Mortgage rates have remained low even though the Federal Reserve has been raising short-term interest rates. The Fed has increased its key rate by a quarter-point three times since December, most recently this month, to a range of 1 to 1.25 percent.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.88 percent, down from 3.90 percent last week. The rate stood at 3.48 percent a year ago and averaged a record low 3.65 percent in 2016.

The 15-year, fixed-rate home loan, popular with homeowners seeking to refinance their mortgages, was unchanged last week at

At the same time, would-be home buyers are facing higher prices and fewer options. Sales listings have plunged 8.4 percent over the past 12 months to 1.96 million. The median sales price in May rose 5.8 percent from a year ago to \$252,800.

Data issued Wednesday by the National Associa-



A home for sale in Natick, Mass., is shown.

AP FILE PHOTO, APRIL 12

tion of Realtors showed that Americans signed fewer contracts to buy homes in May, the third-straight monthly decline and evidence that a shortage of

homes for sale has suppressed purchases.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week. The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.

The average fee for a 30-year mortgage this week was unchanged at 0.5 point. The fee on 15-year loans also held steady at 0.5 point. Rates on adjustable five-year loans increased to 3.17 percent from 3.14 percent. The fee remained at 0.5 point.

## Applications for jobless aid rise, but are still low

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Slightly more people sought U.S. unemployment benefits last week, but the number of applications remained at a historically low level suggesting a strong job market.

### THE NUMBERS

The Labor Department says weekly applications rose by 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 244,000. The less volatile four-week average fell 2,750 to 242,250.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefit checks rose 11,835 to 1,828,688. That figure has fallen by 10 percent in the past year.

### THE TAKEAWAY

Applications are a close indication of layoffs. They have come in below 300,000, a historically low level, for 121 weeks in a row. That's the longest such stretch since 1970. Employers have added jobs at a steady pace this year, though somewhat slower than in 2016, and the unemployment rate is at a 16-year low of 4.3 percent.

### KEY DRIVERS

Businesses are hiring despite slow growth in the first three months of the year, when the economy expanded at an annual rate of just 1.4 percent, according to a new government estimate. Analysts, however, expect faster growth in the April-June quarter.

With the jobless rate so low, many businesses say they are struggling to find workers for their open positions.

Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen said this week that the 4.3 percent unemployment rate is below the level that most of her fellow Fed policymakers "believe is sustainable in the long run."

Yellen said most policymakers believe that as unemployment falls, it will begin pushing up wages and that will result in higher levels of inflation. The Fed has raised its key short-term interest rate by a quarter-point three times since December, most recently this month.

Trader Kevin Walsh works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

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## Steep slide

### TECH-COMPANY DROP PULLS US STOCKS LOWER

Associated Press

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market slide came about despite some encouraging news on the U.S. economy.

The Commerce Department said that the nation's gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic health, increased at an annual rate of 1.4 percent in the first quarter. That's better than the previous estimate of 1.2 percent and double the initial estimate of 0.7 percent. The upgrade reflects new-found strength in consumer spending and exports.

Still, investors appeared more focused on the possibility of higher interest rates following recent remarks from the president of the European Central Bank and the governor of the Bank of England.

"We've had a lot of commentary from central bankers around the world suggesting perhaps that it is within the field of vision that we could see some of the accommo-

dation being removed from the system," said Eric Wiegand, senior portfolio manager for Private Wealth Management at U.S. Bank. "While we don't think that's imminent, it certainly does give investors something to consider."

Semiconductor manufacturers led the technology sector slide.

Advanced Micro Devices fell the most among companies in the S&P 500 index, losing 63 cents, or 4.8 percent, to \$12.60. Lam Research gave up \$5.48, or 3.7 percent, to \$142.35. Alphabet, Google's parent company, also fell, shedding \$23.19, or 2.4 percent, to \$937.82. Facebook declined \$2.20, or 1.4 percent, to \$151.04. Apple slid \$2.15, or 1.5 percent, to \$143.68.

All told, the technology sector fell 1.8 percent. Despite the drop, the sector leads all other sectors this year with a gain of 16.5 percent.

Financial sector stocks have been mostly rising this week as investors bet on interest rates climbing further. Banks can make more money on lending when rates move higher.

### Plan would expand drilling in Arctic, Atlantic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Trump administration said Thursday it is taking steps to expand oil drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic oceans as President Donald Trump continues to push for U.S. "energy dominance" in the global market.

The Interior Department is rewriting a five-year drilling plan established by the Obama administration, with an eye toward opening areas in the Arctic and Atlantic oceans that now are off-limits to drilling. It's one of six initiatives that the president unveiled Thursday in hopes of generating more energy exports and jobs.

"The golden era of Ameri-

can energy is now underway," Trump said in a Thursday speech at the Energy Department. "And I'll go a step further. The golden era of America is now underway, believe me. And you're all going to be a part of it in creating this exciting new future."

U.S. oil production has boomed in recent years, and exports of oil and natural gas are surging, primarily because of improved drilling techniques such as fracking that have opened up production in previously out-of-reach areas. Trump has pledged to ramp up production further, withdrawing from the Paris climate change agreement because of the limitations that it could have placed on the

burning of fossil fuels.

While Trump has promised that the initiative will create millions of jobs, the energy sector employs fewer workers than it did a decade ago despite the recent boom. The Labor Department said there are 655,300 jobs in mining coal and extracting oil and natural gas, down from a peak of 1.18 million jobs in 1981.

As the administration celebrated a self-proclaimed "energy week," Trump said more steps are needed to "unleash" domestic reserves and remove government regulations that could prevent the U.S. from achieving global dominance in energy.

### PNC pays to enhance early childhood education

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

PNC does more than the day-to-day of cashing and writing checks. It created and continues to operate a \$350 million multiyear initiative in early childhood education in the Mahoning Valley.

Grow Up Great, established in 2004, is dedicated to making sure 3- and 4-year-olds are both kindergarten and life ready, said Ryan Pastore, Youngstown PNC vice president director of client and community relations.

Grow Up Great gives

public organizations the means — money — to better early childhood education through teacher professional development, field trip means and classroom resources to enhance the educational experience and family-engagement opportunities to bring families closer, bettering a child's chances at success.

Joseph Balaban, PNC vice president of media relations, said PNC's goal with Grow Up Great involves finding new ways to expand and enrich children's lives.

"We want them to have success both in school and in life," he said. "And we are doing that by enriching what good organizations are doing already."



THE 5

July is National Ice Cream Month, and here's the scoop on best places to get the treat in Ohio. We're going to assume that you know about Youngstown's famous Handel's ice cream, and instead concentrate on other places.

**1 Dietsch Brothers (Findlay):** This landmark has been a family affair since Edward Dietsch purchased the C.W. Wickham Candy Co. in the late 1920s. The ice cream bars are a hometown favorite along with the chocolate-covered pretzels and seasonal flavors such as amaretto cherries, peach and walnut.

**2 Toft's Dairy (Sandusky):** At the ripe old age of 117, Toft's Dairy is one of the oldest dairies in Ohio. Milk is delivered to Toft's every day from 20 local dairies, ensuring fresh products.

**3 Mitchell's Ice Cream (Cleveland):** Made one batch at a time, Mitchell's ice cream is beloved for its fresh and local ingredients. Working with Cleveland businesses and sustainable growers, Mitchell's prides itself on creating handcrafted ice cream that sustains the economy.

**4 Tom's Ice Cream Bowl (Zanesville):** Located in an unassuming cement-block building that has a diner and an ice cream tradition dating back to 1948, Tom's is where the locals go. This is the kind of place your grandparents might have taken you for a cone while they reminisced about their own childhoods.

**5 Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams (Columbus):** A pioneer in the artisan-foods movement, owner Jeni Britton Bauer's inventive ice cream contains whole ingredients, dairy from grass-pastured cows and inspired flavor combinations, such as juniper and lemon, chamomile and chardonnay and berries and lavender.

## BEST BETS ON TV

**♦ "KILLJOYS" (8 P.M., SYFY):** "Killjoys," the far-out drama series about bounty hunters in space, is back for a third season because, well, there are bigger villains to fry.

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

**ColorBurst 5K run to return in August**

NILES

The ColorBurst 5K paint run will return to Eastwood Field on Aug. 5. In the family-friendly fun run, participants are blasted with nontoxic, hypoallergenic water-based paint from the sidelines.

There also will be pre- and post-run parties, and participants will receive free admission to the Mahoning Valley Scrappers game that evening. For information or to register, go to colorburst5k.com.

## Rob Lowe terrified by bigfoot creature

Rob Lowe says he thought he was going to be killed during an encounter with a bigfoot creature while filming his new A&E docuseries. Lowe said the encounter took place in the Ozark Mountains, which stretch between Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. He and his sons were camping there to investigate a bigfoot-like creature known there as a "wood ape" during a shoot for "The Lowe Files" when something began to approach their camp. Lowe says he was lying on the ground thinking he was going to be killed.

He adds that he's "fully aware" the story makes him sound like a crazy, Hollywood kook.

"The Lowe Files" follows the actor and sons as they explore mysterious phenomena.

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## Artist to perform on Stambaugh pipe organ

Staff report

## YOUNGSTOWN

New York-based organist Mark Pacoe will come to Stambaugh Auditorium on Sept. 17 for a 4 p.m. concert on the venue's pipe organ. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students and senior citizens) and are available at the Stambaugh box office, 1000 Fifth Ave.; online at stambaughauditorium.com; and by phone at 330-259-0555.

Pacoe has performed as a soloist and accompanist domestically and abroad.

He made his European debut at St. Paul's Cathedral in London and St. Mary's Cathedral during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival after

becoming recognized at the Oundle International Young Organists Academy in Great Britain. Other recitals include the Terra Sancta Organ Festival in the Holy Land (Israel and Palestine), International Organ Festival in Arona (Italy), and the Sydney Opera House, as well as many venues in the United States.

After earning degrees from Duquesne University and East Carolina University, Pacoe did post-graduate studies at the Eastman School of Music.

A member of both the American Guild of Organists and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, Pacoe

is on the artist roster of the EastWest Organists.

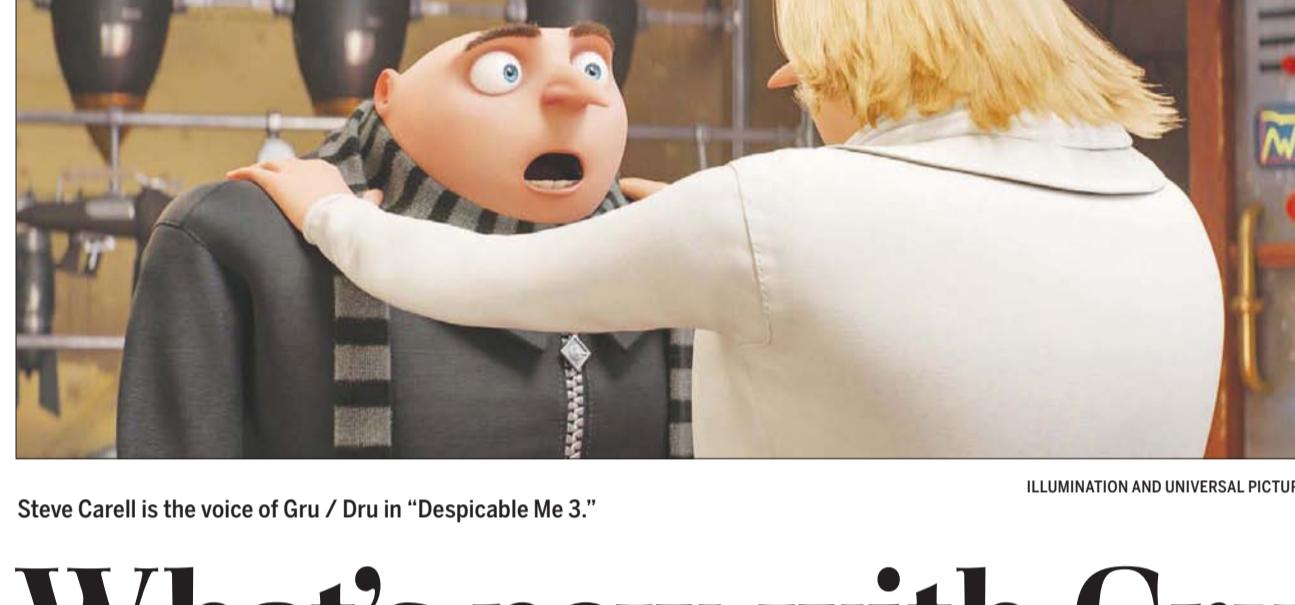
In 2013, Cardinal Dolan appointed Pacoe to a six-member music commission for the Archdiocese of New York, and he was recently renewed for a second term. Pacoe serves as the music director of St. John Nepomucene and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, both in New York.

His debut recording, "CROSSROADS - Music from St. Malachy's - The Actors' Chapel, Times Square, New York," was released in fall of 2015. He has also published several music-related articles and presented at various AGO chapter gatherings.



Mark Pacoe

## More Steve Carell but fewer ideas in 'Despicable Me 3'



Steve Carell is the voice of Gru / Dru in "Despicable Me 3."

ILLUMINATION AND UNIVERSAL PICTURES

## What's new with Gru

By JOCELYN NOVEC  
AP National Writer

One of the many – and we mean many – subplots in "Despicable Me 3" is about a girl's obsession with finding a unicorn. The adorable tot spends her waking hours wishing and hoping and dreaming, and she comes close – but in the end what she finds is a sweet little goat. It's very cute, and it does the trick – but it's still, you know, a goat.

One could say that this third installment in Illumination's "Despicable Me" series, directed by Pierre Coffin and Kyle Balda, shares something with that little goat. When "Despicable Me" first came out in 2010, introducing the world to those squishy, chattering Minions and the gloriously weird pseudo-Slavic deadpan of Steve Carell, it was a unicorn: fresh, inventive, unique. But this third one, leaning on an endless litany of '80s pop-culture references to entertain parents and a whole lot of noisy, forgettable action to please the kids, feels more like that goat. It still does the trick – for now. But it ain't no unicorn.

Luckily, "Despicable" still has its core characters, especially the invaluable Carell as turtlenecked, spindly-legged Gru, a villain gone straight. Indeed, the filmmakers have found a way to double their key asset's contribution by introducing Gru's heretofore unknown twin brother, Dru, also voiced by Carell, of course.

But first, we learn that things are going quite well on the personal front for Gru since we last left him, at the end of "Despicable Me 2," in newly found marital bliss with the formidable Lucy Wilde (Kristen Wiig), who's thrilled to become a mother to the three girls (or "goruls," as Gru pronounces it) that Gru adopted under nefarious pretenses in the first film. Now, of course, Gru is a doting dad, and Lucy makes five.

But professionally? Not so much. There's a new boss at the Anti-Villain League, and she immediately fires Gru for his failure to nab the new

villain in town: Balthazar Bratt (Trey Parker), an aging, disgruntled '80s child star. Bratt is bitter that his fans all deserted him when he hit puberty. Now he's bent on revenge against the industry that betrayed him – and determined to dance-fight his way to world destruction.

He's also stuck in an '80s time warp, which is quite amusing if you lived through them (which none of the kids watching this film have, but we know that's nothing new in kids' entertainment – kids and parents just watch parallel movies). So he has shoulder pads, and a long, mullet-style hairdo with an ungainly bald patch. His favorite toy is a Rubik's cube, and he wears – of course – shoulder pads. He loves to moonwalk, and his personal soundtrack is a trip down memory lane: "Bad," "Into the Groove," "Take On Me" and "99 Luftballons," to name a few.

With Bratt winning the opening round, Gru and Lucy come home jobless. At least they have Margo, Edith and little Agnes, who does thoughtful things such as cook them gummy bear-and-meat soup for dinner. She even sells her dear stuffed unicorn to help her parents out.

Then, unexpected news: Gru has a twin brother. So the family departs for Freedonia (not an '80s reference, but a Marx Brothers one), where Dru – richer and more successful than Gru, of course – lives on a pig farm. But he also owns some really cool stuff, and wants Gru to teach him

## 'DESPICABLE ME 3'

- ◆ Grade: 2 stars (out of 4)
- ◆ Credits: Directed by Pierre Coffin and Kyle Balda; with the voices of Steve Carell and Kristen Wiig
- ◆ Rating: PG for action and rude humor
- ◆ Running time: 1:30

how to be a villain. Meanwhile, the womenfolk are exploring downtown Freedonia, which looks suspiciously like Monaco, and experiencing the unique ritual of its cheese festival.

And what, you ask, about the Minions? Well, they're in prison, having invaded a talent contest. If that sounds confusing, it is. They still do produce the occasional, reliable fart joke – but it's hard not to think that there was some difficulty finding them a useful role here. As for Dr. Nefario, he sits this one out, encased in carbonite.

Given that the main theme of the previous films has to do with crime and redemption, good and evil, it's not a stretch to imagine that this film, too, will present Gru with that crucial identity issue once again – is he a villain, or a good guy? Luckily, thanks to Carell's talent, we still care.

But one gets the sinking feeling that the ideas are starting to slowly run out. When "Despicable Me 4" arrives a few years hence, let's hope it's regained a bit of that unicorn magic.



A scene from "Despicable Me 3."

## 'Dangerous' video shoot ends in death

Associated Press

## HALSTAD, MINN.

A Minnesota woman charged with fatally shooting her boyfriend in a failed YouTube video stunt foreshadowed the event when she tweeted that it would be "one of the most dangerous videos ever."

Monalisa Perez, of Halstad, was charged Wednesday with second-degree manslaughter in the death of Pedro Ruiz III. Perez, who

is pregnant, was released on

\$7,000 bail. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

According to the criminal complaint filed by Norman County Sheriff Jeremy Thornton, the 19-year-old Perez told investigators that Ruiz wanted to make a video of her shooting a bullet into a book he was holding against his chest. She says she fired from about a foot away.

Hours before the Tuesday night shooting, Perez tweeted: "Me and Pedro are prob-

ably going to shoot one of the most dangerous videos ever. HIS idea not MINE."

Ruiz's aunt, Lisa Primeau, said her nephew was always chasing a thrill and "putting a dangerous twist on everything he did."

Primeau said that included jumping into a swimming pool from the top of a house. Many of the videos on Perez's YouTube channel are of her and Ruiz playing pranks and performing stunts.

## COMING TOMORROW

Reviews of newly released albums.

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Dear  
Annie

# SOCIETY NEWS

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DEAR ANNIE

Advice from Annie Lane  
every day in Society.

## She doesn't want to die at home

**Dear Annie:** My question has to do with end-of-life care. I have been beside my father, my mother and my husband as they died. Hospice was used in all three cases. I have never had a good experience with hospice, but that is actually beside the point.

My question is this: Does anybody still get to go and die at the hospital anymore, or is that a thing of the past? When the obituaries say the person died surrounded by family, did that person have a choice?

I totally adore my family, but I do not want them taking care of me when I am dying.

I would much rather have a stranger do it. I do not want to die in my own house, and I certainly don't want anyone around me.

Has insurance made it so that nobody can do this anymore? I want to die with dignity. This means that I do not want my family anywhere near me in my last weeks.

Can this still happen?

### DEATH WITH DIGNITY MY WAY

**Dear Death With Dignity:** This is a complex, sensitive issue, and I want to be sure you're given all the information you need. I would recommend calling the National Institute on Aging at 800-222-2225.

The NIA can mail you a copy of its guide titled "End of Life: Helping with Comfort and Care," which outlines options for end-of-life care and lists dozens of additional resources. Be sure to communicate your decision to your family members ahead of time so they have time to process, accept and respect your wishes.

**Dear Annie:** Your response to "Frustrated Mom," who expressed her concern that her 35-year-old daughter is still unmarried, was fine as far as it went, but I have some more thoughts to add.

I was 28 and going through the same unattached phase, going from one bad relationship to the next, when my mother said, "See a counselor."

She actually found a great counselor and set me up with an appointment. With the help of this therapist, I discovered that with all the men I was dating, I was repeating the pattern I'd seen at home.

My father's comforts always seemed to be of foremost importance, so my mother catered to him. I was doing this with the men I dated, too, never standing up for what I wanted.

I learned that men don't really like a person they can walk all over.

With the next man I dated, I stood up to him – and that was the man I married and have been ecstatically happy with for 44 years.

### HAPPILY EVER AFTER

**Dear Happily Ever After:** Therapy can be such a valuable tool for understanding yourself, yet people still resist it, so thank you for sharing your success story. Congratulations to you and your husband on 44 happy years.

Email your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com), or write to: Dear Annie, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd St., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

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## Helping little fliers? Ask their parents first

**Dear Heloise:** Fidgety kids and crying babies can make an airplane trip a nightmare for parents and other passengers. With summer vacations coming soon, have you got any hints for parents of little fliers? Is it appropriate to offer to help?

### HENRY IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

*Henry, first, it's all right to offer to watch someone's child when the parent needs to go to the restroom or just stretch the legs, but entertaining a child is really the parent's job, and some don't want strangers doing that for their little ones. However, there are a number of things available to entertain children:*

- ◆ Coloring books and

crayons.  
◆ Use finger puppets to tell a story.  
◆ Mini board games.  
◆ Read to a child.

*Heloise*

**Dear Heloise:** I work in a salon that caters to some very wealthy and influential patrons who can afford the services we provide. However, there are a few secrets we have that any woman can do at home to save a bundle:

- ◆ Dilute shampoo and conditioners: Pour 1/3 water into 2/3 product. If you shampoo every day or every other day, you don't need to lather your hair more than once.
- ◆ Olive oil: Pour olive oil into your hand (about the size of a silver dollar) and massage through your



*Heloise*

hair. Put a towel around your pillow and sleep with the oil on your hair overnight. Next morning, shampoo the oil out and use a conditioner rinse. Your hair will feel softer and less dry.

- ◆ Dry skin: Mash an avocado (minus the skin and seed), then add three drops of olive oil and mix. Apply to your face, then lie down and relax for an hour. After one hour, Mature skin: Use vitamin E oil where your skin is the driest (around the eyes, throat, etc.), or use as a

nighttime application all over the throat and neck.

- ◆ Never sleep in your makeup, and drink plenty of water. Your skin will thank you.

### SUSSETTE N. IN NEW YORK

**Dear Readers:** If you love sunny days, you might find this interesting:

- ◆ The inner core of the sun is the hottest part and can reach a temperature of 27 billion F.
- ◆ The sun rotates every 25-36 Earth days.
- ◆ Solar flares occur when magnetic fields of the sun collide, which causes huge explosions on the sun's surface.

*Heloise*

**Dear Heloise:** I finally

found a way to avoid the mess bacon creates. I save the daily newspaper, fold it three times, wrap a paper towel around the newspaper and lay it over the bacon when I microwave it. When done, I remove the paper towel and newspaper, which has absorbed the grease, and throw it away.

*JUNE B., Abilene, Texas*

*June, I do the same thing, but without the newspaper, because there is a possibility, if using high heat, that it could ignite.*

*Heloise*

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, fax it to 210-HELOISE or email it to [Heloise@Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com).

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### ASSOCIATIONS

◆ **Mill Creek Chapter of ABWA** will meet at 6 p.m. July 11 at Georgeann Parker Center in Boardman Park. The meeting will be followed by dinner and will include chicken as the main dish. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish to complete the buffet. Cost is \$10, and reservations are due today. Installation of new officers is on the agenda. For information and to make reservations, call Darlene Demjen at 330-755-9089 or Marilyn Abramski at 330-726-2527.

### CLASSES

◆ **Campbell Memorial January and June Classes of 1948** will meet for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Denny's Restaurant in Boardman. All classmates and spouses are welcome.

◆ **Campbell Memorial January and June Classes of 1950** will meet for lunch at noon July 12 at Bedford Trails Golf Course, Coitsville. Date has been changed due to the holiday.

◆ **Struthers High School January and June Classes of 1949** will meet at 11 a.m. July 10 at the Landmark Restaurant in Boardman.

◆ **Struthers High School Class of 1956** will meet for breakfast at 10 a.m. July 8 at What's Cookin' Restaurant on South Avenue. All classmates are invited to attend.

◆ **Woodrow Wilson High School Class of 1951** will meet for breakfast at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Landmark Restaurant, 7424 Market St., Boardman. Classmates and guests are welcome.

### CLUBS

◆ **Girard Liberty Kiwanis** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Golf Dome, 1300 N. State St.

◆ **The Hot Dogs Club** will meet at Belleria Pizza, 584 E. Main Street, Canfield, near state Route 11 and state Route 224, at 6 p.m. Thursday. The topic will be "Kick Out Toxic Chemicals." This is an open club welcoming anyone interested in learning about essential oils and the correct ways of using them. Share your experiences and go home with some creative ideas.

### GUILDS

◆ **Niles Chapter of the American Sewing Guild** has scheduled the following neighborhood group meetings: **Niles Silver Thimbles** will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shepherd of the Valley Assisted Living, 1500 McKinley Ave., Niles, for a picnic. For information, call Effie at 330-637-1429. **ASC Joann Etc.** will not have its regular Tuesday meeting in observance of July 4.

### RELIGIOUS GROUPS

◆ **St. Rose Quilting Group** will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the parish house.

### SINGLES

◆ **D.A.R.E.** has scheduled the following activities: 7 p.m. **Saturday** for the Air Force Band and fire-works at Boardman Park; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Tuesday** for the Independence Day picnic in Boardman Park at the Chester Long pavilion; 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday** for music at Woodworth Park, Western Reserve Road; 7:30 p.m. **Thursday** for game night at the church, 565 Boardman-Canfield Road, Boardman; and 6 p.m. **Friday** for music

and dinner at the Trax Lounge in Austintown.

### SOCIETIES

◆ **Girard Historical Society** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Barnhisel House, 1011 N. State St.

◆ **Poland Historical Society** will have a display at the Celebrate Poland Festival on Saturday at Poland Village Hall.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

◆ **Alzheimer Network Family Support Groups** will meet as follows: 10 a.m. **Wednesday** at Children's Rehabilitation, 855 Howland-Wilson Road, Howland, and 7 p.m. **Wednesday** at Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, 260 Main St., Greenville, Pa. Family members and caregivers are welcome. All meetings are offered at no charge. For information, call 330-788-9755.

◆ **Codependency and Grief Recovery Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m. July 11 at the Chapel of Sheepfold Ministries, 233 N. Irvine Ave., Sharon, Pa. The group also will meet at 7 p.m. July 11 at the Care Center of Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home, 709 N. Main St., Hubbard. The group's focus is to help families who have lost loved ones to alcohol or drug abuse. Sessions are free, and registration is required. Free parking is available. For information, call 330-534-1952 or 724-981-5683.

◆ **Diabetes Partnership of the Mahoning Valley** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Stonebridge Grille and Tavern, 1497 Boardman Canfield Road, Boardman. There will be discussion of upcoming events including the annual Ankle and Foot Care centers' golf outing to take place Aug. 18. Sponsors, baskets for the auction and donations are needed.

◆ **Friendship Train 12-Step Support Group** is meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at Rising Star Baptist Church, 2943 Wardle Ave. People who are trying to overcome any addiction are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those attending should enter through the church's lower parking lot off Wardle.

◆ **NAMI Mahoning Valley** offers support groups for those who deal with mental illness. Support groups follow: **Girard Family Support**, first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Girard Library, 105 E. Prospect St., and **Austintown Family Support Group**, 7 p.m. second Tuesday of each month at Alta Care, 142 Javit Court. **NAMI Connection**, a support group for people with a mental health diagnosis meets at the following locations: 1:30 p.m. Thursdays at Community Center, 1344 Fifth Ave., Youngstown; and 6 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays at Alta Care in Austintown. **NAMI Connection for the dual diagnosed** meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Community Center, 1344 Fifth Ave., Youngstown. Visit [namimv.org](http://namimv.org), call 330-727-9268 or email staff@namimv.org for information.

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◆ **TOPS 327** will meet Monday at Christ Church Presbyterian, 1933 Canfield Road, Boardman. Weigh-in is from 6 to 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 6:45. The first meeting is free. Guests are welcome. For information call 330-793-4378 or 330-779-0144.

◆ **TOPS 1237**, Austintown, will meet Thursday at Idaho Road Alliance Church, 250 Idaho Road. Weigh-in is from 5 to 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting until 6:30. For information call 330-758-4923.

◆ **TOPS 1262**, McDonald, meets from 9:15 to 10 a.m. for weigh-in Wednesday in the Community Room at the Girard Free Library, 105 E. Prospect St. The meeting will follow the weigh-in. New members are welcome.

◆ **TOPS 1497**, Youngstown, will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Maron Church, 1555 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown. New members are welcome; the first meeting is free. For information call 330-974-8450.

### VETERANS

◆ **Mahoning Valley Korean War Veterans Association** meets at 9 a.m. every Friday at Denny's Restaurant in Austintown. New members are welcome.

Club news is published Friday. Please submit information about upcoming activities to the Society Department by noon Wednesday.



*Heloise*

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SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

## NCNW honors Women of Distinction at luncheon

The Youngstown Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. recently had its fifth annual Women of Distinction Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Boardman. The luncheon honors women who demonstrate the values of Mary McLeod Bethune, who founded NCNW in 1935, and Dorothy Height, former NCNW president, in serving their community. The mistress of ceremonies for the event was Jennifer Howard, and musical guest was the Rev. Kenneth Simon, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. Luncheon committee members were Antoinette Hunter, Jennifer Howard, Darla Dunlap, Kristy Gore, Sandy Britt, Karen Jackson-Cook, Edna Douglas, Diane Hyshaw and Evelyn Ross. The following received the Bethune-Height awards: Estella Bender, Frances Carter, Pamela Collins, Joyce Davidson, Carol Donnelly, June Ewing, Audrey Gillian, Ollie McCurdy, Josephine North, Louise Payne, Mildred Payne and Bobbe Reynolds. Their stories were published last year by LIT Youngstown in the book "Phenomenal Women: Twelve Youngstown Stories." The Rev. Monica Beasley Martin also did a re-enactment of three of the women's stories, Ewing, Mildred Payne and Louise Payne. Louise Payne, passed away two days after the event, just 16 days from her 102nd birthday. She was one of the founding members of the Youngstown Section in 1976 and was also a Life Member. For information, visit [www.ncnw.org](http://www.ncnw.org). Above, from left, in front are Gillian, Angela Pickett and Bender and Carter. In the back row are Ewing, Davidson, Pastor Simon and Reynolds.

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## SOCIETY digest

**TODAY'S HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday: In The Next Year:** It's a pivotal moment in your story. In a country of opportunity, much is possible. Reasonable health is all the good fortune you need to create five exciting outcomes over the next 12 months. Some you've been working on for years; two are brand new. Helpful partners will share your stellar attitude. October brings a windfall. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 22, 28 and 15.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Libra and Cancer receive a spike in attention and approval this weekend and may bond over their newfound popularity. Neither will let success go to the other's head. While too kind to nitpick one another, they are also too practical to equate attention with merit or approval with goodness. The aesthetic choices these two make together will be stylish and reflective of a shared good taste.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your mind is working on something important. Cut out artificial noise and false imagery. Solutions are more likely to be inspired from weathered wood, cracks in the pavement and clouds than from a glowing screen.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Today's problem will bring minds together. There's a riddle to solve, a code to break or a puzzle to piece together. Good teamwork will open the gates to a wonderland.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Most people are afraid to admit what they don't understand, for fear of being alone in mystification. Be courageous enough to speak up and you'll not only learn; you'll enlighten others who are too timid to voice their confusion.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). How can you keep from being led astray by charismatic leaders acting out of greedy self-interest? Question everything. This isn't the same as cynicism. Cynics assume the worst. Be a fact-checker, not a cynic.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Our minds run on images. Images change thought; thoughts make real things happen. Illusions may not have the same properties as things that actually occur in the physical world, but that alone doesn't make them unreal.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because you care about helping things grow, you'll go to great lengths to learn the unique environment conducive to growth for each thing you want to help.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When the foundation is strong, the building will weather the storms and changes. You can apply this to a project you'll start from scratch. Unfortunately, it won't help the one with the foundation laid long ago.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Marcel Proust suggested that the only paradise is paradise lost. But was that paradise really so idyllic? If it seemed so heavenly at the time, you wouldn't have risked it all for the proverbial apple.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You look at the same thing as the next person and see something entirely different. The world needs your point of view. Maybe you're not ready to share your thoughts yet, but work on them so you can share soon.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be kind to their dreams. If they've given up hope, hold on for them. To keep the light of faith for another person is a rare and precious gift of friendship.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't defer it until tomorrow. Yes, tomorrow will come, but how do you know you'll suddenly be in the mood to do the thing? You won't. Do it now, while you're also not in the mood. Show "the mood" who's boss.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're not worried about it, it means you're wise, lucky or both.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: You'll make a substantial deposit into someone's memory bank. TAURUS: Sometimes there's no difference between having someone's back and getting on someone's back. GEMINI: You'll connect with your love in the way of magnets. The field can be easily broken with a jolt. CANCER: When those who think quickly use their wit to make you laugh, your heart will beat faster to match the faster pace. LEO: What you reject about yourself will stand out and become obvious, whereas your flaws, once accepted, will be overshadowed by your many attractive qualities. VIRGO: Wounded hearts are deeper and stronger than naive hearts. LIBRA: So much unpleasantness can be avoided just by not taking offense. SCORPIO: You'll deliver more than promised and earn your place as someone's MVP. SAGITTARIUS: The things that happen in a relationship this weekend will matter a lot, have consequences and be both irrevocable and irreversible. CAPRICORN: Love is a risk. In matters of the heart the bold move will be the safest one. AQUARIUS: Love makes you simultaneously wiser and more foolish. PISCES: Because you love a lot, you do a lot.

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**TV TONIGHT** For complete TV & movie listings, see **TV Week** in Saturday's Vindicator

6/30/17	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30	Movies
21-WFMJ-NBC (6:00) <i>TMZ Live</i> (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Family Feud	America's Got Talent "Auditions 5"	People audition for the chance to win.	Dateline NBC (N)	21 News 11PM (N)	Tonight Show				
21.2-WBCB-CW (6:00) <i>Wheel of Fortune</i> (N)	Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Masters of Illusion (N)	Masters of Illusion (N)	Riverdale Details of Jason's death emerge.	Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Dish Nation (N)	TMZ (N)			
27-WKBN-CBS (6:00) <i>Entertainment Tonight</i> (N)	CBS Evening News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	MacGyver Mac's close friend fakes her own death.	Hawaii Five-0 A murder suspect escapes capture.	Blue Bloods An adoption dispute gets complicated.	First News at 11 (N)	Late Show with Colbert					
33-WYTV-ABC (6:00) <i>Rules of Engagement</i> (N)	ABC World News	The Insider (N)	Shark Tank A vibrating mat that helps calm babies.	(10) What Would You Do? (N)	20/20	News Channel 33 at 11 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live					
33.2-MyTV (6:00) <i>The Big Bang Theory</i> (N)	Travels With Darley	PBS NewsHour (N)	The King of Queens (Part 2 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior The top 30 Southwest finishers.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Grow"	The Cleveland Show	King of the Hill					
45-WNEO-PBS (6:00) <i>Modern Family</i> (N)	The Big Bang Theory (N)	Charlie Rose -- The Week	MasterChef The chefs prepare fresh fish.	Studio C Sessions	Andrea Bocelli -- Landmarks Live in Concert: A Great	NHK Newsline	Nightly Business Report					
19-WYFX-FOX (6:00) <i>Live PD</i> (N)	The Big Bang Theory (N)	Beat Shazam "Episode Three"	Live PD: Rewind	Live PD "Live PD -- 02.17.17"	First News on Fox (N)	Seinfeld "The Stakeout"	Seinfeld "The Outing"					
A&E (6:00) <i>AMC</i> (N)												
BET (6:00) <i>Tales "F... the Police"</i> (N)												
BRAVO (6:00) <i>Shopaholic</i> (N)												
COM (6:00) <i>Futurama</i> (N)												
DIS (6:00) <i>Alaskan Bush People</i> (N)												
ESPN (6:00) <i>SportsCenter</i> (N)												
ESPN2 (6:00) <i>Interruption</i> (N)												
FOOD (6:45) <i>"Twilight"</i> (2008)												
FREE (6:45) <i>"Twilight"</i> (2008)	Kristen Stewart.	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Gabriel Iglesias: I'm Not Fat	Gabriel Iglesias: Aloha Fluffy					
FS1 (6:45) <i>U.S. Senior Speak for Yourself</i> (N)						UFC Reloaded (N)	UFC Event	MLB Whiplash (N)				
FSO (6:45) <i>Auto Show</i> (N)						Racing Equipment Nationals. From Norwalk, Ohio.	Spotlight	Focused	Beer Money	Golf Life		
FX (6:45) <i>"X-Men: Days of Future Past"</i> (2014)						"Guardians of the Galaxy" (2014, Science Fiction)	Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana.	"Guardians of the Galaxy"				
HALL (6:45) <i>Last Man Standing</i> (N)						"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (2009)	Jonah Hill, Miles Teller.	Real Time With Bill Maher	VICE	Real Time, Bill		
HBO (6:45) <i>Frontline</i> (N)						"War Dogs" (2016, Comedy-Drama) Jonah Hill, Miles Teller.	Two arms dealers land a contract to supply Afghan forces.	(N) (Live)				
HGTV (6:45) <i>Aliens</i> (N)						Dream Home Dream Home Dream Home Dream Home	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l				
HIST (6:45) <i>What Happens in Vegas</i> (2008)						Ancient Aliens: Declassified "The United States of Aliens" Messages found in Washington, D.C. (N)						
LIFE (6:45) <i>Loud House</i> (N)						"The Holiday" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law.						
NICK (6:45) <i>SpongeBob</i> (N)						"The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015)						
ROOT (6:45) <i>Pregame</i> (N)						Giants at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh.	Pirates Post	Inside Pirates	The Dan Patrick Show (N)			
SHOW (6:45) <i>Andrew Santino: Home Field Advantage</i> (N)						I'm Dying Up Here The comic reacts to Clay's TV spot.	I'm Dying Up Here Bill and Edgar.	I'm Dying Up Here Cassie	I'm Dying Up Here Goldie's	Real Time, Bill		
SPIKE (6:45) <i>GoodFellas</i> (N)						GoodFellas "Limitless" (2011) Bradley Cooper. A writer takes a mind-enhancing drug.	"Limitless" (2011) Bradley Cooper. A writer takes a mind-enhancing drug.	"If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium" (1969, Comedy) Suzanne Pleshette, Ian McEwan, Mildred Natwick.	"A Little Romance" (1979) Laurence Olivier, Diana Rigg.			
STO (6:45) <i>Indians Live</i> (N)						Indians Live Indians Live	Drennan Live	Tribe Report				
SVFY (6:45) <i>X-Men Origins: Wolverine</i> (2009)						Killjoys "Boondoggle"	Dark Matter (N)	Wynonna Earp (N)	"Hellboy" (2004) John Hurt			
TBS (6:45) <i>Seinfeld</i> (N)						Seinfeld "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail" (2009) Tyler Perry.	"Why Did I Get Married?" (2007) Tyler Perry, Jill Scott.					
TCM (6:45) <i>David and Bathsheba</i> (1951)						"If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium" (1969, Comedy) Suzanne Pleshette, Ian McEwan, Mildred Natwick.	"A Little Romance" (1979) Laurence Olivier, Diana Rigg.					
TLC (6:45) <i>Say Yes</i> (N)						90 Day Fiancé The highs and lows of Loren and Alexi.	90 Day Fiancé Pao enjoys Miami while Ross struggles.	90 Day Fiancé				
TNT (6:45) <i>Bones</i> (N)						"Shrek" (2001) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy.	"Shrek 2" (2004) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy.					
TRVL (6:45) <i>Ghost Adv.</i> (N)						Everybody Loves Raymond (N)	Raymond	Raymond	King	King		
TVLAND (6:45) <i>M*A*S*H</i> (N)						Mod Fan Mod Fan Mod Fan	Mod Fan	Mod Fan	Playing	Playing		
USA (6:45) <i>Selena</i> (1997)						Mod Fan Mod Fan	Mod Fan	Mod Fan	Playing	Playing		
VH1 (6:45) <i>Selena</i> (1997)						Mod Fan Mod Fan	Mod Fan	Mod Fan	Playing	Playing		

**ODDLY ENOUGH****Genoa makes special airport waiver for famed pesto sauce**

ROME

The Italian port city of Genoa has taken pride in its famed pesto sauce to new heights by granting special airport waivers for those who can't get enough of the basil and pine-nut pasta sauce.

Genoa's airport is letting travelers take as much as 500 grams of pesto in their carry-on luggage, exempting them from the 100-milliliter rule for liquids in carry-on baggage.

The catch: Passengers must make a donation of 50 cents or more to a charity that airlifts sick children to hospitals.

The airport said in a statement last week that some 500 euros had been raised in the first 20 days of the initiative, which was inspired by the an-

guish of having to confiscate so many jars of pesto from foodies trying to get them through security.

**Suspect lights cigarette at end of wild police pursuit**

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles police say a woman led officers on a wild chase in a suspected stolen car that lasted a half-hour and ended when she crashed into a pole.

Officials say at one point during the pursuit June 22 the suspect stopped the sedan suddenly and then backed up and rammed a patrol car. One officer was hospitalized in unknown condition.

As she led officers through suburban Van Nuys, the woman gestured out the window to bystanders in the streets.

At the end of the chase, she lit a cigarette, stuck her head out of the car's sunroof and ignored officers' commands. The suspect was

dragged from the vehicle and taken into custody.

**Kind act spreads to 167 drivers at McDonald's**

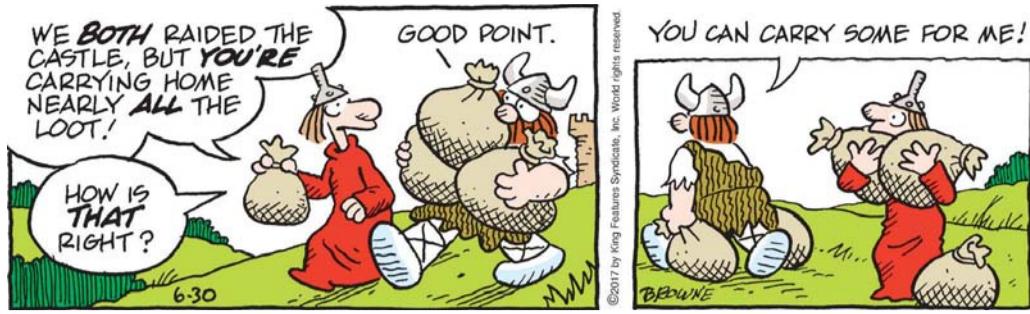
SCOTTSBURG, IND.

A customer's act of kindness at a southern Indiana McDonald's sparked a chain reaction of niceness in its drive-thru line.

Hunter Hostettler is a cashier at a McDonald's in Scottsburg, about 50 miles north of Louisville, Ky. He says an older woman waiting in the restaurant's drive-thru on Father's Day decided to pay for the big order of a man with four children in a van behind her.

Hostettler says she asked him to tell the man "Happy Father's Day," then drove away.

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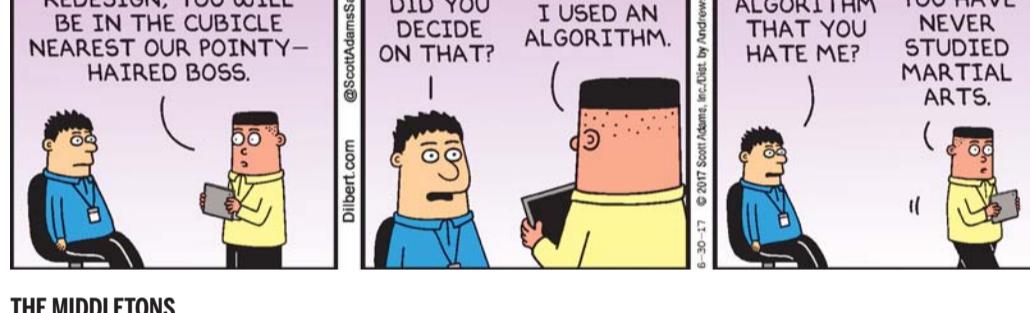
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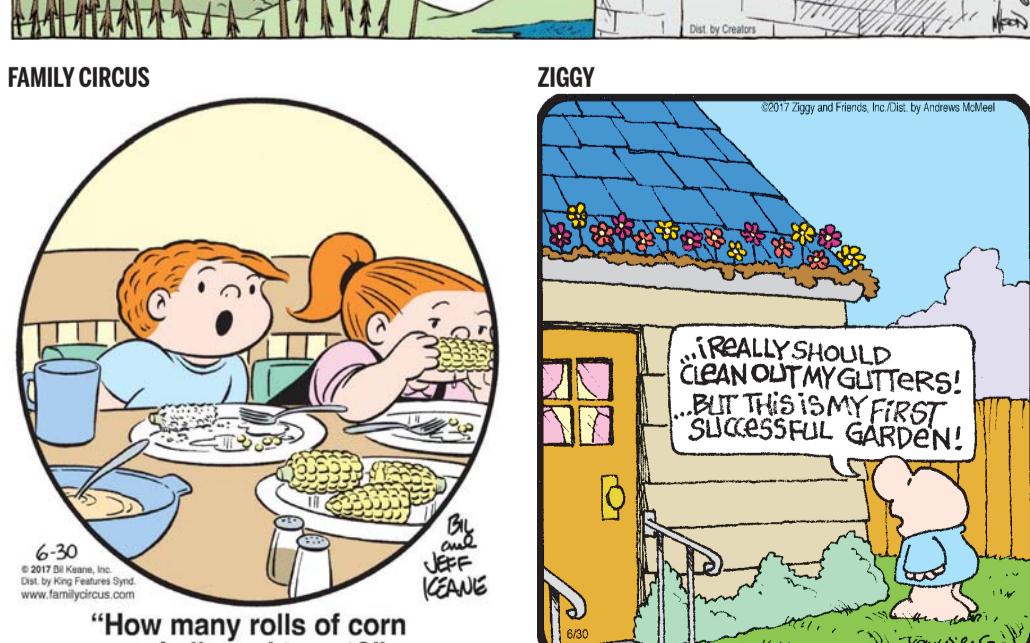
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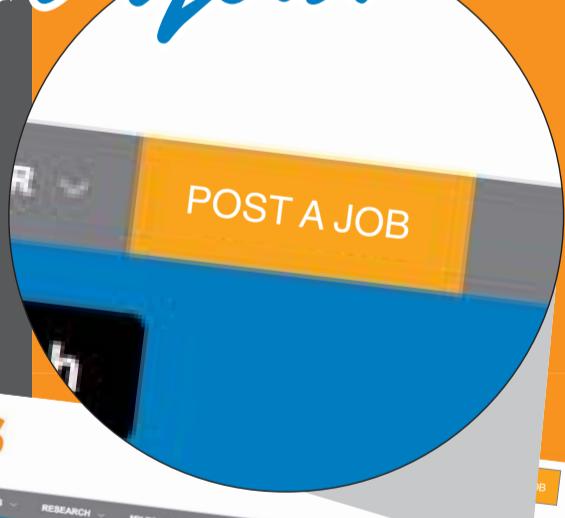
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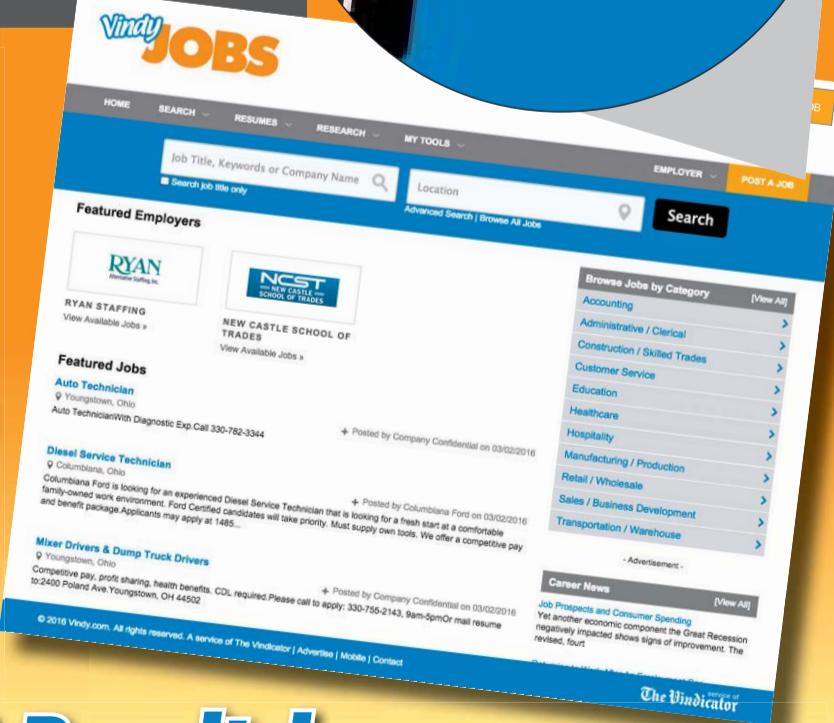


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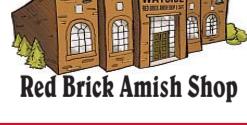
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