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Cruze June sales drop 31% from a year ago

SUV popularity, fleet de-emphasis still having impact

By JORDYN GRZELEWSKI
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LORDSTOWN

The Chevrolet Cruze's June sales plummeted more than 30 percent from last June, according to sales numbers released by General Motors.

GM delivered 12,828 Cruzes in the U.S. last month, compared with 18,666 in June 2016, a 31.3 percent year-over-year sales decrease.

"Cruze sales were bad," Michelle Krebs, executive analyst for Autotrader, said Monday. "It's a continuing story."

Krebs attributed the sales decline to a "double whammy" – retail buyers' continued preference for sport utility vehicles, and GM's efforts to reduce its fleet sales.

Alec Gutierrez, senior analyst for Kelley Blue Book, highlighted a more-positive aspect of Monday's report: Cruze sales to individual buyers.

Retail sales of the Cruze – including both the older and next-generation Cruze styles, as well as the Cruze hatchback – were up 3.3 percent year-over-year in June. The Cruze sedan is built at the Lordstown plant, and the hatchback is built in Mexico.

"The Cruze was heavily sold into rental," he said, adding that GM's strategy to reduce fleet sales has had a significant impact on the compact car. The Cruze's fleet sales were down 76.2 percent last month compared with June 2016.

"But from a retail perspective, it's holding its own and doing well compared to prior results," Gutierrez said. "Consumers see the value of the vehicle."

Year-over-year June retail sales for the older Cruze were down 95.9 percent, and year-over-year June retail sales for the new Lordstown-built Cruze were down 3.8 percent.

Another positive note for

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REELING IN MEMORIES



A great day for fishing with great-grandpa

What better way to spend a summer day than fishing with your great-grandfather?

John McGinnis of Girard helps his great-grandson, Brennen Nickels, 4, of Cortland reel in his line while fishing Monday in Mosquito Lake State Park.

The young angler said he caught two bass and two bluegills at the Trumbull County lake.

Gorgeous weather is on tap today as the forecast calls for temperatures in the mid-80s with low humidity and just a 10 percent chance of rain.

That should allow for plenty of time to play a round of golf, go fishing, attend today's Fourth of July parades throughout the Mahoning and Shenango valleys and watch fireworks displays tonight.

Youngstown's annual fireworks display is set to begin at 10 p.m. at the Covelli Centre downtown.

In Warren, a "Happy Birthday America" concert by the Packard Band is planned at 8 p.m. at Packard Music Hall, followed by fireworks.

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St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall will be

TEMPORARILY CLOSED due to maintenance issues



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, You did it for me.

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A sign posted on the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall's door informs the public.

Dining hall for needy closed after inspection

ST. VINCENT'S DEEMED UNSAFE

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YOUNGSTOWN

A downtown dining hall that serves free meals to the needy is closed indefinitely.

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall, 208 W. Front St., is closed after an inspection by the Mahoning County Building Inspection Department found the facility is unsafe.

An adjudication order from the county states that an employee complaint prompted a safety hazard inspection June 23. That inspection reportedly found a collapsed ceiling above a second-floor office, rotting floor under compartment sinks on the first floor and rotting floor-joist tails in the base-

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WASHINGTON

Trump to meet Putin in second Europe trip

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump will learn this week whether he gets a second chance to make a first impression as he returns to Europe and has his first encounter with Russia's Vladimir Putin.

Trump's first visit to the continent in May stirred anxieties among his European allies when he declined to endorse NATO's common defense treaty explicitly and scolded world leaders for not spending more on their armed forces. This time, Trump will use stops in Poland and Germany to try to pull off the tricky balancing act of improving ties with Moscow at a time of



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Onlookers are suspected of taking a gun and a bag of suspected drugs that were thrown from a car during a police pursuit Sunday in the city.

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SHEPAS' NEW POSITION



Former high school and college football coach Rick Shepas becomes Youngstown City Schools' chief of physical development and athletics.

SPORTS, B1

1918 World Series key in love affair with national anthem

Associated Press

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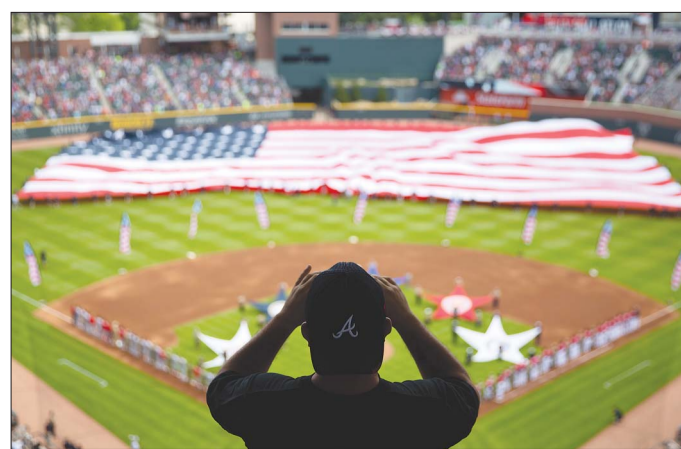
This afternoon, the crowd at Wrigley Field will be asked to stand and "gentlemen" reminded to remove their caps for the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Fans who can recite the words as easily as the alphabet will sing or listen to the story of a flag that continued to wave throughout one of the most famous battles in American history.

What they may not know is that Francis Scott Key, apparently better at lyrics than melody, put his description

of the battle of Fort McHenry to an old English tune that had a lot less to do with patriotism than it did with booze and women.

Or that this year marks the 100th season since the song was played for the first time at a World Series game – an event that helped cement it in the national consciousness and become the national anthem that is now simply assumed to be part of game day in American sports, from Little League to the Super Bowl to medal



AP FILE PHOTO | MAY 20

A spectator takes a photo of a U.S. flag as it is unveiled for the national anthem before a baseball game between the Atlanta Braves and Washington Nationals in Atlanta.

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METRO

digest

Held without bond

WARREN

A woman is being held without bond in the Trumbull County jail after police said she provided cocaine to her 16-year-old nephew who overdosed Friday, The Vindicator's broadcast partner, 21 WFMJ-TV, reports.

Heather Cope, 35, of Warren faces a felony charge of corrupting another with drugs. She will be arraigned in Warren Municipal Court.

\$1M bond for teen

WARREN

A judge set bond at \$1 million Monday for a Warren man facing seven counts of rape.

Dominique Seem, 18, of Warren was arraigned Monday in Warren Municipal Court. He is accused of inappropriate sexual conduct with four children under age 13.

Church takes orders for King Foods

NILES

New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Ave., is accepting orders for King Foods at the church with cash, check, money order or EBT card from 11 a.m. to noon July 17.

Orders also will be taken at Niles Community Services from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. July 17. Prices range from \$28 to \$44. There are no income restrictions or guidelines. Mail orders will be accepted with payment by Sunday. Send payment to New Hope UM Church, 21 Fairview Ave., Niles, OH 44446, made out to New Hope UM Church.

To receive a receipt, enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Online credit-card orders will be taken until 10 a.m. July 19. The online address is www.kingfoods.org. Distribution will be from 8 to 9 a.m. July 29. There will be a free community breakfast from 9 to 9:30 a.m., and the clothing room will be open.

Splash pad closed in Mill Creek Park

YOUNGSTOWN

The wet playground located in the James L. Wick Jr. Recreation Area in Mill Creek Park will be closed this week due to a water main break, the MetroParks announced. The repairs are expected to be completed this weekend.

Sobriety checks

CANFIELD

The Mahoning County Operating a Vehicle Impaired Task Force will be conducting multiple sobriety checkpoints this coming weekend. Details will be released later in the week.

There also will be local saturation patrols throughout Mahoning County this week and the weekend, the task force said.

Road to be closed

BROOKFIELD

Hubbard Masury Road will be closed at the railroad tracks at Eddie Kane Steel Products, 1400 Standard Ave., for railroad repairs effective from 8 a.m. Thursday until 5 p.m. Friday.

The recommended detour route is south on Hubbard Masury, west on Chestnut Ridge Road and northeast on U.S. Route 62.

More Digest on A8

Agenda Wednesday

◆ **Brookfield Township trustees**, 8 p.m., special meeting, administration building, 6844 Strimbu Drive.

◆ **Girard school board**, 11 a.m., special meeting, board offices, administration office, 100 W. Main St., suite 2.

◆ **Lordstown Village Council**, noon, finance committee, council chambers, 1455 Salt Springs Road SW.

◆ **Poland Village Council**, 7 p.m., town hall, 308 S. Main St.

◆ **Warren City Council**, 5 p.m., finance committee, municipal justice building, 141 South St. SE.

AGENDA runs daily. Items for the column should be sent to The Vindicator Regional Desk at least two days in advance.

CLOSED

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ment.

"All items are safety hazards and should not be occupied by employees/public," the adjudication order states. The order also notes that the owner of the site is in violation of a section of the Ohio Building Code because "unsafe conditions or serious hazards" were found.

Dining hall manager Wayne Murray called the closure "heartbreaking."

"I regret that we're not here to serve those in need, and hopefully we'll be back going soon," he said.

A time line for reopening has not yet been determined. St. Vincent de Paul is waiting to get quotes on repair costs from contractors, Murray said. Repair decisions will be up to the organization's board to decide.

Though St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve food outside last month when a ceiling buckled in, this time that's not possible, Murray said, because now there is nowhere to prepare the food.

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall previously closed for a week near the end of 2015 due to former kitchen manager Ralph "Skip" Barone resigning and volunteers departing with him. Shortly thereafter, St. Vincent de Paul Society Mahoning County's board accepted resignations of its president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Barone now runs Our Community Kitchen, another dining hall for the needy, at 551 Mahoning Ave. It is among the downtown dining halls that St. Vincent de Paul is now referring its customers.

The Youngstown Dorothy Day House on Belmont Avenue has dinner several nights a week.

Our Community Kitchen is "absolutely" able to accommodate people who usually eat at St. Vincent de Paul, Barone said. The hall serves breakfast and lunch six days per week.

"Everyone is welcome," said Barone. "We ask no questions. And we offer a bag for them to take home with an evening snack."



After a ceiling buckled at the St. Vincent DePaul Society building, the Mahoning County Building Inspection Department found it was in violation of the Ohio Building Code.

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TRUMP

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particularly fraught relations while also presenting the U.S. as a check against Russian aggression.

In what may be the most-watched event of the four-day trip, the president will meet Putin on the sidelines of an international summit meeting in Hamburg, Germany. Every aspect of the meeting between the two unpredictable leaders is sure to be closely scrutinized as investigations press on into alleged Moscow meddling in the 2016 election and potential Trump campaign collusion.

With those investigations hanging heavy in the air, there is little expectation that the meeting will produce significant progress on difficult issues such as the crisis in Ukraine or the conflict in Syria.

"I can't imagine any issue they can actually make major headway on, given the poison that surrounds the relationship," said Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution, who suggested it might lay the groundwork for future cooperation.

The Trump-Putin encounter will be one of at least nine meetings the U.S. president will have with foreign leaders while in Hamburg for a Group of 20 summit of industrialized nations.

But first Trump will stop in Poland, where leaders are looking for reassurance that the presence of U.S. and NATO troops there will continue as long as the region's security is threatened by a resurgent Russia. In return, Trump will be expecting a warm reception as he pays homage to Polish resolve with a speech in Krasinski Square, his first major outdoor address in a foreign country.

Poland's leaders are close-

CRUZE

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the Cruze was its sales for the first half of 2017, which were up 21.3 percent from the first six months in 2016.

The sales numbers' release coincided with the start of a three-week layoff at the Lordstown plant. The layoff period is due to the sales slowdown.

Robert Morales, United Auto Workers Local 1714 president, declined to comment on the sales report but confirmed the layoff is continuing as planned. But, he said, the production line will stay at the same speed. Local 1714 represents fabrication workers at the Lordstown complex.

"There is no anticipation of a slowdown," he said.

Krebs noted the Lordstown plant's downtime and



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, accompanied by European Council President Donald Tusk and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, talks with President Donald Trump during a family photo with G7 leaders at the Ancient Greek Theater of Taormina in Taormina, Italy.

AP FILE PHOTO | MAY 26

ly aligned with Trump's worldview, and ruling party lawmakers and pro-government activists plan to bus in groups to help ensure an enthusiastic crowd for Trump after his rather awkward European debut in May.

Previewing the trip, White House officials said Trump would reiterate the U.S. commitment to NATO's Article 5, which says an attack on one member is an attack on all – something he didn't do at NATO headquarters in Brussels during his first overseas trip but eventually endorsed last month. The president is also expected to cite the need to develop "a common approach to Russia," his advisers said.

"He'd like the United States and the entire West to develop a more constructive relationship with Russia," said the White House national security adviser, H.R. McMaster. "But he's also made clear that we will do what is necessary to confront Russia's destabilizing behavior."

Preparing for the trip, Trump spoke Monday with

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni. Earlier in the holiday week-end, he had conversations

with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the leaders of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and

Qatar.

After this trip, the president will be back in Europe soon for a mid-July visit to France to celebrate Bastille Day alongside new French President Emmanuel Macron. And in late July, he'll send Vice President Mike Pence to Estonia and Georgia – two former Soviet satellites straddling the Russian border – and new NATO member Montenegro.

Poland has been a staunch U.S. ally in Iraq and Afghanistan and is home to about 5,000 U.S. troops serving in separate American and NATO missions.

"They're betting that this relationship with the United States on defense will balance their concerns about the possible directions of U.S.-Russia policy," said Jeff Rathke, a senior fellow and deputy director of the Europe Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Sharing a border with Russia "is of the highest concern for Poland."



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PRESIDENTS

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." - George Washington

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." - John Adams

"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe." - James Madison

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." - Thomas Jefferson

"Is it not that in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?" - John Quincy Adams

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts." - John Jay: First Chief Justice

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." - John Jay: First Chief Justice

"Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine. ... Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other." - James Wilson: Original Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court

"One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law. ... There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations. ... I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society." - Joseph Story: U.S. Supreme Court Justice

FOUNDING FATHERS

"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness, which mankind now enjoys. ... Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government—and all blessings which flow from them—must fall with them." - Jedidiah Morse

"An appeal to arms and to the God of hosts is all that is left us! ... Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. ... Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. ... Is life so dear, or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" - Patrick Henry

"I've lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We've been assured in the sacred writings that unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel." - Benjamin Franklin

SUPREME COURT RULINGS

"There is no dissonance in these [legal] declarations. ... These are not individual sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic [legal, governmental] utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people. ... These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation." - Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 1892 (Unanimous Decision Declaring America a Christian Nation) Significantly, the U.S. Supreme Court cited dozens of court rulings and legal documents as precedents to arrive at this ruling; but in 1962, when the Supreme Court struck down voluntary prayer in schools, it did so without using any such precedent.

"Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament, without note or comment, be read and taught as a divine revelation in [schools]—its general precepts expounded, its evidences explained and its glorious principles of morality inculcated? ... Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?" - Vidal v. Girard's Executors, 1844 (Unanimous Decision Commending and Encouraging the Use of the Bible in Government-Run Schools)

CONGRESS

"We are a Christian people...not because the law demands it, not to gain exclusive benefits or to avoid legal disabilities, but from choice and education; and in a land thus universally Christian, what is to be expected, what desired, but that we shall pay due regard to Christianity?" - Senate Judiciary Committee Report, January 19, 1853

"At the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged. ... In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity. ... That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants." - House Judiciary Committee Report, March 27, 1854

EDUCATION

"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Proverbs 2, 3). Every one shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein." - Harvard 1636 Student Guidelines

"All the scholars are required to live a religious and blameless life according to the rules of God's Word, diligently reading the Holy Scriptures, that fountain of Divine light and truth, and constantly attending all the duties of religion." - Yale 1787 Student Guidelines

FOREIGN OPINION

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other." - Alexis de Tocqueville: French observer of America in 1831, author of Democracy in America

"There is no country in which the people are so religious as in the United States. ... The great number of religious societies existing in the United States is truly surprising: there are some of them for everything; for instance, societies to distribute the Bible; to distribute tracts; to encourage religious journals; to convert, civilize, educate...to take care of their widows and orphans; to preach, extend, purify, preserve, reform the faith; to build chapels, endow congregations, support seminaries...to establish Sunday schools...to prevent drunkenness, etc." - Achille Murat: French observer of America in 1832

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Man flees from police custody twice

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AUSTINTOWN
A man with three active warrants fled from police custody twice over the course of a day and is still on the run.
Austintown police received a call Saturday from a business owner informing them that Jeremy



Adams

Adams, 33, of Newton Falls, was spotted at a cash-for-gold business on Mahoning Avenue in Austintown. Responding officers found Adams had three outstanding warrants for his arrest for theft, a parole violation and assaulting a police officer from Lordstown, Trumbull County and the city of Niles. Adams was inside the store with his girlfriend and saw one of the officers entering the store. According to a police report, he attempted to leave but was stopped and

asked for identification by the officer. When the officer attempted to grab him, Adams slipped away and fled toward the nearby woods. While darting through the woods, Adams managed to lose the first officer but was spotted by another officer. The second officer caught up to Adams, who still attempted to flee, but was stopped when the officer used a stun device on him. After Adams was arrested, he was treated for minor in-

juries from the chase and complained he had broken the tip of a hypodermic needle off in his arm the night before. He was transported to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital. Shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday, Adams' clothes were returned to him by an attending nurse. After getting dressed, he fled the hospital, escaping to a nearby gas station. A Humility of Mary police officer searching for Adams attempted to arrest him. According to a report,

Adams threw a drink at the officer and once again fled on foot. The officer chased Adams, but he managed to climb over a fence onto the freeway. At that point, the officer returned to his vehicle to retrieve his police dog. The dog picked up the scent and led the officer to an uncovered manhole, suggesting Adams escaped into the sewers. As of press time Monday night, Adams was still at large.

BIRTHS
ST. ELIZABETH BOARDMAN HOSPITAL
Nicole Kiehl and Ronald Harper, East Palestine, girl, July 2. Stacie Young and Ramon Hernandez, Girard, girl, July 2. Gerold and Chelsea Grimm, Columbiana, boy, July 2.
ST. JOSEPH WARREN HOSPITAL
Marissa Breckner, McDonald, girl, July 1. Jessica Brown and Carlton Walker Jr., Warren, boy, July 1. Melinda Kaziman and Miguel Mejia, Warren, girl, July 1.

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Canfield native announces candidacy for mayor

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CANFIELD
Richard Duffett, a city native and former naval officer, announced he will run for mayor in November. If elected, Duffett would replace current mayor Bernie Kosar Sr., who won't seek re-election. Duffett hopes to be one of several new members of city government next year. Due to a charter amendment passed last year imposing term limits on council members, each of the city's leadership positions are up for grabs. City Manager Joe Warino is also retiring.



AP FILE PHOTO, MAY 15

Michael Dougherty, chief Goodyear pilot, stands in front of a Goodyear airship in Akron. Goodyear airship pilots are getting retrained to fly new models after Goodyear deflated the last of its 45-year-old iconic blimps in March.

Flight school

Goodyear pilots getting retrained

Associated Press
AKRON
When William Bayliss is in the air, he wants to make sure he's the one flying the machine, not the machine flying him. That's why blimps are more his speed than planes. Bayliss, one of about only 40 airship pilots in the world, flies for the Akron-based Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. It's one of the most difficult jobs in aviation, a position so rare and out of fashion that there are more astronauts in the world. In this realm, there is no autopilot like on traditional planes.

"They fly all by themselves," said Bayliss, a cherub-cheeked, sandy-haired 31-year-old. "As a pilot, you want to fly. You don't want to watch a computer fly." Goodyear decommissioned the last of its 45-year-old blimps in March and replaced them with new models that require fresh training. Each pilot must fly 100 hours before he or she is ready to go solo. Six have finished, but seven others, including Bayliss, are in the middle of training. The shape of the old blimps was maintained by gas pressure. The new models are technically zeppelins, not blimps, because they have a frame structure that maintains the ship's shape. That makes them easier to maneuver, Goodyear says, acknowledging the company will still call

them blimps. On a sunny Monday morning at a grassy field near the Goodyear hangar, Bayliss clambered into the cockpit for a flight with Michael Dougherty, chief pilot in charge of training. As they geared up for liftoff, Bayliss pulled out a checklist and peered up and down the controls, left and right around the interior.

Though the Hindenburg disaster helped end the airship era 80 years ago, Goodyear kept its fleet to advertise its tires over baseball games and golf championships. The ships drift lazily over sporting events, allowing on-board cameras to stream aerial footage live to TV networks. Airships are tricky to fly because they're light, yet bulky, making them susceptible to battering by wind and rain. Water collects on the nearly 30,000 square feet of fabric making up the ship's envelope, foisting it with extra weight. "It's really like flying a boat," Dougherty said. "It's a learning curve." Even the temperature makes a big difference. Hot days mean the helium will

expand, giving a ship more lift; cold days make it contract, bogging it down. Because weather changes all the time, it's impossible to create blimp flight simulators, making the extra training hours necessary. "No two takeoffs and two landings are ever the same," Dougherty said. "There are so many variables; you're at the mercy of the environment around you." But it's the difficulty of piloting an airship that draws people in the first place. They are the last chance for pilots to take to the skies the old-school way: no autopilot, no computer algorithms crunching data, only a human at the throttle. That's what led Bayliss to apply for a job at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Bayliss was set on being an airline pilot until the day he first tried a simulator in flight school, when an uncomfortable revelation sank in: Most of the time, it wouldn't be his hands on the throttle. "I thought to myself, 'Ah, I bet they don't have autopilot on airships,'" Bayliss said. "That's how it all started."

Police: Onlookers take gun, drugs thrown from car

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YOUNGSTOWN
Reports said onlookers are suspected of taking a gun and a bag of suspected drugs Sunday that were thrown from the passenger's side of a car that was fleeing police on the South Side. Keith Jones, 32, of Market Street, was arraigned Monday in municipal court on charges of tampering with evidence, being a felon in possession of a firearm, improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, possession of heroin and possession of cocaine. The driver, Jermaine Beverly, 27, also of Market Street, also was arraigned on charges of fleeing and eluding and driving under



Jones



Beverly

suspension. Jones remains in the Mahoning County jail pending a preliminary hearing next Monday. Beverly was taken to the jail shortly after he was arrested and booked, but he was released later in the evening, according to jail records. An officer tried to pull the car over about 7:25 p.m. after he heard music from a distance so loud it vibrated his rear-view mirror, reports said. Reports said when the car passed,

the officer tried to stop it, and it stopped briefly on Hilton Avenue before pulling away. As the officer followed the car, reports said the person in the passenger seat - Jones - threw a gun out the window, and then two plastic bags at two different times. The car finally stopped in the 100 block of East Lucius Avenue, where both men were arrested. Several people were outside watching, and when police went back to retrieve the items tossed from the car, they could find only one of the plastic bags. Reports said witnesses told police a man ran out of a home on Hilton Avenue, picked up the gun and ran back inside.

POLICE CALLS

A summary of recent criminal activity in Hubbard and Liberty Township:

- HUBBARD**
June 26 **Harassment:** A Gladys Street woman said she's received several unwanted text messages that were sexual in nature.
June 28 **Menacing:** A West Liberty Street woman told police two women stood across the street and threatened her.
June 29 **Theft:** A West Liberty Street man alleged his former girlfriend stole \$204 from him.

- LIBERTY**
June 29 **Arrest:** Police responded to a report of an unwanted person on Roosevelt Drive before charging Susan R. Pack, 34, of Hazelwood Avenue Southeast, Warren, with disorderly conduct and obstructing official business after an officer alleged Pack had lunged toward him, yelled at authorities and neighbors and provided a false name and date of birth. She also was wanted on a felony probation-violation charge.

- Drugs:** A traffic stop near Belmont and Trumbull avenues resulted in the arrest of a 17-year-old township boy on charges of marijuana and drug possession, operating a vehicle impaired and obstructing official business when, police alleged, loose particles of suspected marijuana and two Xanax pills were found. The teen also struggled with officers and was belligerent and uncooperative while in the booking room, a report showed.
June 30 **Aggravated menacing/criminal damaging:** A Girard man told authorities that after stopping for a light on state Route 193, two irate men on motorcycles confronted him about a traffic issue. One of the men head-butted the accuser's driver's-side window and challenged him to a fight; the other man shattered the victim's passenger-side window, he reported.

- Arrest:** Youngstown police in the 2700 block of Belmont Avenue handed Devonte White, 25, to township authorities. White, of Oakland Drive, Youngstown, was wanted on a Girard Municipal Court warrant.
July 1 **Arrests:** After pulling them over in the 3600 block of Belmont Avenue, officers charged Candace J. Bishop, 18, of Willow Drive, Warren, with contributing to the delinquency of minors, as well as a Warren boy and a Youngstown girl, both 16, with offenses regarding underage persons. Police saw a male passed out in the vehicle and an intoxicated person in the back seat, a report stated.

- Arrest:** Albert J. Whitted, 27, of North Road, Niles, was charged with endangering children, falsification and operating a vehicle impaired during a traffic stop near Naylor-Lloyd Road. Whitted had a 3-year-old child in the car before he registered a 0.132 blood-alcohol content, which exceeds Ohio's 0.08 legal intoxication limit; in addition, Whitted lied about his identity, police alleged.

- Drugs:** After pulling them over near Fifth Avenue, authorities charged Darrien Underwood, 21, of Elruth Court, Girard, with drug abuse and took Dajeana Adams, 18, also of Elruth Court, Girard, into custody on a warrant charging failure to appear in court. Underwood handed officers a small bag of suspected marijuana, a report said.

- Domestic violence:** Toni C. Hartman of Bright Avenue, Campbell, faced domestic-violence and theft charges after a man alleged that while at a Goldie Road big-box store, Hartman, 42, had kicked him several times in the ribs, stole items from his truck and fled.
Theft: Nicole D. Cruse of Shavers Street Southwest, Newton Falls, was charged with stealing about \$606 worth of electronics items, food and clothing from Walmart, 200 Goldie Road. Cruse, 45, also was wanted on a Boardman warrant charging aggravated theft.

- Citation:** While answering a call about a suspicious person in the 1600 block of Shannon Road, police wrote a minor-misdemeanor citation charging Justin M. Simons, 27, of North Cedar Avenue, Niles, with disorderly conduct. A caller reported having seen an intoxicated person fall into the street, a report showed.

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Crews find body of missing teen

Associated Press

BEDFORD, OHIO
Authorities say the body of a 15-year-old boy has been recovered from a Northeast Ohio creek where he went missing while swimming over the weekend. Bedford Fire Chief David Nagy said the boy's body was found Monday morning in Tinker's Creek in the Cleveland Metroparks' Bedford Reservation. The boy's name wasn't immediately released.

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Our VOICE

American democracy well worth celebrating today

IN THE 241 YEARS SINCE THE adoption of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, America has remained steadfastly true to its nation-defining ideals.

It's not always been easy or without pain, anger and bloodshed, but in those 2½ centuries, the United States has worked consistently to slowly but surely expand its commitment to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness to an increasingly large segment of our increasingly diverse populace.

In that spirit of commitment and honor to the intricate workings of our Constitution and representative democracy, we encourage all to join in today's daylong national birthday party. At parades, barbecues and fireworks exhibitions, all of us have good reason to show off our robust pride in country.

First and foremost, we should take time today to remember the freedoms that Independence Day embodies and how we as a nation achieved them.

We achieved them through hard-fought battles with British imperialists. We maintained them through adverse times of Civil War, world wars and terror wars.

Through it all, we've stood tall to nurture the freedoms bequeathed to us in the Declaration and U.S. Constitution.

But in the spirit of the freedom-broadening strides we've made as a nation, there still remains room to evolve closer toward that "more perfect union" that our Founding Fathers had envisioned.

WOUNDED EAGLE AS METAPHOR

Take the extremely rare discovery over this holiday weekend of a wounded bald eagle in the heart of our nation's capital. In some ways, it captures the mood of some discouraged Americans on this Independence Day.

Just as the bald eagle – our proud, strong and majestic national emblem – found in the southeast section of Washington, D.C., on Saturday struggled to fly, some Americans say they, too, struggle to find much uplifting about the state of America's democracy today.

Some point to concerted efforts to dilute voter participation. Others argue that terrorist threats, resurgent racism and xenophobia are ripping away at some of our cherished freedoms.

A study on global democracies included in a Sunday Associated Press story in *The Vindicator* bears out those and other frustrations. For the first time in history, the United States has been demoted from a "full democracy" to a "flawed democracy," according to 2017 findings of the Economist Intelligence Unit.

That rating is based on each democracy's score in five categories: electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, the functioning of government, political participation and political culture.

"The U.S. has been teetering on the brink of becoming a flawed democracy for several years, and even if there had been no presidential election in 2016, its score would have slipped below 8.00 [minimum score for full democracy], the EIU report said.

DEMOCRACIES ARE MESSY

While that downgrade may sound disheartening, it should not be terribly troubling. One always must keep in mind this absolute truth about the very nature of democratic governments: They are inherently messy.

Sir Winston Churchill, former prime minister of Great Britain, reminded the world of the imperfections of democracy 70 years ago:

"Many forms of government have been tried and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others that have been tried."

In the U.S., for example, Americans over the years have confronted a host of imperfections and flaws – slavery, international conflicts and wars, civil-rights inequities and domestic and international terror to name a few. But with strong will and ardent commitments to improve, each of those blemishes has been lifted with our democracy coming out all the stronger.

Yes, just as that wounded bald eagle is surviving and has potential to soar again, U.S. citizens, too, can muster up that same vigilance and resilience that have so long characterized the American way. In so doing, we can defend, protect and strengthen the very fabric of democracy that all of us should celebrate proudly today.

SCRIPTURES

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

ISAIAH 61:1 NKJV

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EDITORIAL

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Don't worry, be happy

By GINA BARRECA
The Hartford Courant

It may not be easy to find happiness, especially if you're not a big eater, but it can be simple. Here are some ways to cheer yourself every day.

♦ Tell the truth. Even little lies can corrode your soul, making it rusty and less resilient, eating away at its integrity from the inside. Telling the truth is like brushing your teeth; it's a good habit, it doesn't take much effort and it's healthier. Plus there's a lot less slime.

♦ Attitudes toward the future differ. As an Italian American, I grew up loving the song "Forget Domani" by Connie Francis. It insists "domani" – Italian for tomorrow – "never comes," which means we should enjoy the moment now. As an American, I've heard 5,853 versions of "Tomorrow" from the musical "Annie," a song promising that tomorrow is the golden time, when all our wishes will come true. Most days I feel more like Connie and less like Annie, but we have to embrace both perspectives.

♦ Take your medication every day. No kidding around whatsoever with prescribed dosages, either. If you think you need more, or less, or that you shouldn't be on medication at all, then talk to your health care provider about it immediately. No changes without consultation, please.

♦ If you have a car, keep it clean. My husband believes a clean car is as important as a clear conscience but far easier to maintain, and I've come to agree. A car that doesn't smell of fast food, wet wool and old freshening-trees is more fun as a ride. Keeping our spaces free of detritus can make our lives calmer, easier and more pleasant, as pedestrian as that sounds.

♦ Speaking of pedestrian, I do not own a Fitbit; I do not count my steps. But I'm trying to move around regularly. I'll get back to you about how it goes, but I suspect we should all get going.

♦ Accept that some people will never love, admire or respect you in the way you'd like, and don't break your heart over what you can't have.

♦ Figure out whether you're hungry or tired. One of my best friends at Cambridge in England was Maria, a graduate student in physics who grew up in Mexico City. I'd come back late from the library whining, "I'm starving!" But Maria, in her lovely, lilting voice would say, "You're not hungry. You're tired. Don't eat – go to sleep." On other days, when I'd be wandering aimlessly around the house looking for trouble, falling asleep on the couch in the hall, Maria would say, "You're not tired. You've only been awake five hours. Make a snack." Maria grew up hearing, "Hungry and tired live next door to each other, so make sure you go to the right house."

♦ Buy yourself new underwear, and make sure it's comfortable. Let's be honest: Your day can be made or broken if your bra doesn't fit right. This is especially true if you're a woman. If your socks are cutting off natural blood flow to your feet because they're gripping your ankles like a python, it's time to get new socks.

♦ Eat before you go, because you never know what they'll be serving. Get there early so you can relax for two minutes. Carry tissues, or better yet, a clean handkerchief: When people need them, you'll be a hero.

♦ As my friend Kari Lynn Collins says, "Look up." Looking up is an essential daily activity. Remember that the most intricate architecture, the most graceful foliage, all the stars and the only sun are always above us. All we need to do is raise our eyes and be willing to see.

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Story of American independence inextricably linked to the Bible

By DANIEL L. DREISBACH
The Philadelphia Inquirer

The Fourth of July is an opportune occasion to reflect on the memorable phrases of the struggle for independence such as "Give me liberty or give me death," "No taxation without representation," and "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God." These words were on the lips of Americans as their representatives huddled in Philadelphia, agitating for their rights and, eventually, declaring independence from Great Britain.

What were the sources of the ideas encapsulated in the great documents of the nation's founding and in these trenchant phrases that mobilized the American people? While some of the sources are familiar and much discussed, others are often overlooked.

The founding generation drew on and synthesized diverse intellectual traditions in forming their political thought. Among them were British constitutionalism, Enlightenment liberalism, and classical and civic republicanism.

THE BIBLE

To this list of intellectual influences, one must add the Bible – both the Hebraic and Christian biblical traditions. As the eminent scholar Martin E. Marty remarked, America "has more than the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution enshrined in a vault in its archival heart. The Bible also is there."

The Bible was the most accessible, authoritative, and venerated text in late 18th-century America. It was, by far, the most cited book in the political discourse of the age, referenced more frequently than the great political theorists John Locke and Baron de Montesquieu.

Not all of the founders acknowledged the Bible as the revealed Word of God. Nonetheless, it was widely regarded as a receptacle of great wisdom and, especially Jesus' teachings, a handbook for ethical and virtuous conduct.

Many Americans of this generation thought Christianity and its sacred text were valuable resources for their time and predicament. And they figured prominently in the

momentous events that unfolded in Philadelphia.

When the First Continental Congress convened in Carpenters' Hall in early September 1774, one of its first official acts was to call a minister, who read Psalm 35 to the assembled delegates and prayed for God's blessings on their important work.

In the years that followed, as Americans articulated their fundamental rights, agitated for political independence, and established new constitutional republics in the aftermath of a devastating war, many Americans – including those who doubted the Bible's divine origins – looked to the Bible for insights into human nature, civic virtue, social order, political authority, and other concepts essential to the establishment of a new political society. Some saw in Scripture political and legal models – such as republicanism and separation of powers – that they believed enjoyed divine favor and were worthy of emulation in their polities.

HEBREW 'REPUBLIC'

A popular view among Americans, for example, was that the Hebrew "republic" described in the Scriptures was a model of and divine precedent for a republican government well designed to promote political prosperity. The founders were well aware that ideas like republicanism found expression in traditions apart from the Hebrew experience, and studied these traditions both ancient and modern. The republic described in the Hebrew Scriptures, however, reassured pious Americans that republicanism was a political system that enjoyed divine favor.

More important than a model for republicanism, some founders thought the Bible was an indispensable handbook for republican citizenship. In particular, the Bible, more than any other source, taught the civic virtues required of citizens in a regime of political self-government. A self-governing people, in short, had to be a virtuous, disciplined people who were controlled from within by an internal moral compass, which would replace external control by an authoritarian ruler's whip and rod. And the Bible, many

believed, was the well-spring of this essential civic virtue. This prompted John Adams to describe the Bible as "the most republican book in the world."

The Constitution gives evidence of a political vision informed, in part, by the Bible, and it includes features that were familiar to a Bible-reading people. Scholars, for example, have noted the founders' devotion to the separation of powers and checks and balances reflected a biblical understanding of original sin and a reluctance to vest unchecked government power in the hands of fallen human beings.

JETHRO'S ADVICE

Convention delegates occasionally invoked the Bible in surprising and interesting ways. During debate on the qualifications for public office, the venerable Benjamin Franklin spoke in opposition to any proposal that, in his words, "tended to debase the spirit of the common people. We should remember the character which the Scripture requires in Rulers." He invoked Jethro's advice to Moses regarding qualifications for prospective Israelite rulers, "that they should be men hating covetousness" (Exodus 18:21). Significantly, Franklin appealed to a biblical standard in this debate on a substantive provision, informing his audience in unambiguous language that his source was "Scripture," and then he referenced a specific biblical text.

Some years ago, in a cover story on "The Bible in America," *Newsweek* magazine reported that the Bible "has exerted an unrivaled influence on American culture, politics and social life. Now historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more than the Constitution, is our founding document." Whether or not one accepts this bold statement, the evidence suggests that the story of American independence and the constitutional experiment in republican self-government and liberty under law cannot be told accurately without referencing the Bible.

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"We all share one home, and one glorious destiny. And whether we are black or brown or white – we all bleed the same red blood. We all salute the same great flag."

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Rick Shepas, new chief of physical development and athletics for Youngstown City Schools, stands in front of the scoreboard at Nebo Park in his hometown of Struthers. Shepas, a Cardinal Mooney graduate and former Waynesburg (Pa.) University head football coach, has several lofty goals for the city's beleaguered school system.



NIKOS FRAZIER
THE VINDICATOR

Lofty challenge ahead

Shepas takes over Youngstown City Schools athletics

By JOHN BASSETTI
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YOUNGSTOWN

Rick Shepas says he's been optimistic in any of the jobs he's undertaken.

As the chief of physical development and athletics for the Youngstown City Schools, he'll need it.

Shepas, a Cardinal Mooney graduate who recently retired as Waynesburg (Pa.) University's winningest football coach, is faced with laying the groundwork for change

and progress in a beleaguered system that's in academic emergency.

But that's part of the reason he took the job.

"It's a challenge, but I look at it as an opportunity as well," the 52-year-old said of keeping more students in the city system. "From a lot of people I talk to, there's no one in the circle that I travel in who [is] negative about what's going on. Everybody wants to see the Youngstown City Schools succeed. Everybody."

That's good news for the district and a handful of hope for Shepas, whose lofty goals are:

- To restore outside respect toward the city as well as from within by students.

- To breathe life into the neighborhood K-8 concept through athletics.

- To foster opportunities that offer promise.

Shepas will utilize available in-house resources, en-

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WIMBLEDON

Venus advances then is silent

She struggled to describe recent crash

Associated Press

LONDON

Venus Williams wiped tears from her eyes during her Wimbledon news conference Monday.

She shook her head, fiddled with her hair and sat, silently.



Venus Williams left a press conference in tears Monday at Wimbledon after trying to answer questions about her car accident that authorities say caused the death of a 78-year-old man.

The wave of emotion came as Williams attempted to answer a question about the two-car crash that police say she caused June 9 in Florida; a 78-year-old passenger in the other vehicle died 13 days later.

Williams' 7-6 (7), 6-4 victory over Elise Mertens at the All England Club was the five-time Wimbledon champion's first match anywhere since the accident — and the first time she has spoken about it publicly.

Well, tried to speak about it. She began by saying: "There are really no words to describe, like, how devastating and..."

Williams paused. "Yeah, I'm completely speechless," she briefly continued.

"It's just..." "Yeah, I mean, I'm just..."

Then she sat there, silently. Eventually, the moderator seated next to Williams temporarily halted the news conference.

When the proceedings resumed, the moderator asked that the topic of the crash be avoided, saying, "Venus is willing to take a couple more questions about other things. Tennis, perhaps."

The 10th-seeded Williams' return to action, and difficulty in addressing the off-court matters with the media — just last week, the police report was released, and a day later, the estate of the man who died sued her — were the most noteworthy happenings on Day 1 at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

There was, though, on-court news, too, of course: No. 3-ranked Stan Wawrinka, a three-time major champion and the runner-up at the French Open just three weeks ago, dealt with a bothersome left knee and bowed out 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 to Daniil Medvedev, a 21-year-old Russian ranked 49th who had never won so much as one Grand Slam match in his career.

Canfield rally falls short in title contest

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BOARDMAN

Poland's Little League 11-12 softball team needed some high stakes to get the juices flowing.



Wolfe

Poland dropped its first game of the District 2 softball tournament, necessitating a fight through the consolation bracket.

On Monday at the Fields of Dreams, Poland was playing Canfield in the district final. Poland watched a five-run lead nearly go up in smoke, but it survived a late rally to win, 7-6.

"What's special about them is that in elimination situations, they're loose," Poland coach David Wolfe said. "They'll be jacking around even before the game and I've tried for a while to get them serious, but it doesn't work. It's who they are."

Poland's Alaina Scavina seemed to pick up on the trend.

"We get a lot more excited for [elimination games]. We're pumped up for it," Scavina said. "When it's a normal game, it's a game, but when you're about to be knocked out, you're ready and you'll come to play."

Poland had a 7-2 lead with three outs to go when Canfield threw its last punches. Scavina hadn't allowed a baserunner since she took the mound in the fifth, but a walk sandwiched between two errors loaded the bases.

Scavina collected a strikeout before Can-

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— LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL —

POLAND OFF TO CLYDE



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Poland's Alaina Scavina rounds third base on his way to score during the fourth inning of the Ohio District 2 Little League 11-12 softball title game Monday against Poland at Fields of Dreams in Boardman. Scavina went 4-for-4, with two doubles and five RBIs, and she also pitched two innings to help Poland to a 7-6 win.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Pirates' bats again lack fireworks

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

With a hospital band wrapped around his right wrist, Freddy Galvis welcomed his second daughter with a long ball.

Aaron Nola struck out eight in seven splendid innings, Galvis and Maikel Franco hit two-run homers and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0 Monday night.

Despite only sleeping a couple hours because his daughter, Nicole, was born at 5:53 in the morning, Galvis swung at the first pitch he saw and hit a shot estimated at 417 feet into the second deck in right field to give the Phillies a 2-0 lead in the first off Ivan Nova (8-6).

"It was a good day," Galvis said with a big smile. "Just trying to do one thing at a time."

After Galvis reached on a bunt single his next time up, Franco ripped a liner out to



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The Phillies' Freddy Galvis celebrates as he comes in to score against Pirates pitcher Ivan Nova (background) in Monday's game in Philadelphia. The Phillies shut out the Bucs, 4-0.

See PIRATES, B3

Dwyer, Leroux live out soccer's American Dream

Associated Press

Dom Dwyer and Sydney Leroux are the quintessential American success story.

Born abroad, each came to the United States and dreamed of playing for the national soccer team. Along the way they also found each other.

This weekend, Dwyer scored in his international debut, a 2-1 exhibition victory over Ghana, just 3½ months after he became a U.S. citizen. Leroux, who holds dual citizenship, made her national team debut in 2011 and earned winner's medals at the 2012 Olympics and 2015 Women's World Cup.

Dwyer and Leroux are the first husband-and-wife duo to each score for the U.S. national soccer team.

"I think it's the coolest thing. The fact is that both of us weren't born here: We followed the American Dream," Leroux said.

The couple has a nine-month old son, Cassius, who was decked out in his own U.S. jersey to watch daddy's debut from the family's home

See SOCCER, B3



Canfield's Bridgett Kelly reacts to being called out at home plate after a tag by Poland catcher Emily Denney in the sixth inning of the Ohio District 2 Little League 11-12 softball title game Monday at Fields of Dreams in Boardman. Canfield rallied, scoring four runs in the sixth, but came up short, falling 7-6.

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SOFTBALL

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field's Bridgett Kelly hit a two-run single followed up by Kate Grdic's one-run single.

Poland shortstop Paige Ogden threw out Kelly at home to give her team its second out and a respite.

"We made a few errors, but I wasn't too nervous. I knew we could come back from them," Scavina said. "Paige's play to home was huge, because the

next at-bat would have brought the tying run."

Canfield coach Mike Kelly though Bridgett Kelly had reached home safely. He briefly argued with the home-plate umpire about the call.

"She was absolutely safe. The tag was at the shoulder," Mike Kelly said. "[The umpire] blew the call, but whatever. That's my opinion and I don't care what anybody else says. The tag was at her shoulder and she was clear across the plate."

Had that run counted, MacKenzie Koenig's RBI-single in the next at-bat would have tied the game. Canfield second baseman Gianna Snyder grounded out to third to end the contest.

Scavina was a force at the plate, going 4-for-4 with two doubles and five RBIs.

"She's a special player — she really is — just look at her," Wolfe said. "She's strong as a bull. "When we have batting practice, there are girls that are scared to be the pitcher for her," Wolfe

said. "When she hits it and it goes past your ear, it makes that [vibrating] sound. She's a strong and talented girl."

Poland starter Alaina Francis was perfect through the first three innings, striking out four and walking one. She gave up her first hit and run in one at-bat. Canfield's Layni Bednar hit an RBI-double. Canfield picked up its second run on a fielder's choice.

Francis also knocked in one run at the plate.



Poland's Alaina Scavina leads her teammates on a victory lap around the field at Fields of Dreams in Boardman after they defeated Canfield, 7-6, in the District 2 Little League softball title game on Monday.

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Penguins, Capitals will be younger next season

Associated Press

After building up to a playoff run that ended in the second round yet again, the Washington Capitals are going through a salary-cap nightmare usually reserved for Stanley Cup champions.

The same struggles that led to the deconstruction of the Chicago Blackhawks and Los Angeles Kings in recent years is affecting the Capitals, though those teams have a pile of Stanley Cup rings to ease the pain.

Now Washington is expected to take a step back next season as the balance of power shifts in the Eastern Conference and across the league.

"We maxed it out, both player-wise and salary-wise," Capitals general manager Brian MacLellan said Monday. "It's no different than the teams that have won in the past. We have the same kind of hangover, but we haven't won a championship and we're dealing with it now."

The two-time Presidents' Trophy-winning Capitals and the two-time Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins will be younger and the New York Rangers, New Jersey Devils and Carolina Hurricanes almost certainly better — and that's just the Metropolitan Division.

Elsewhere in the East, the Montreal Canadiens are reloading with the addition of long-time Washington defenseman Karl Alzner and the acquisition

of forward Jonathan Drouin, as the Toronto Maple Leafs take another step toward being a championship contender by adding veteran winger Patrick Marleau to their young core.

"The five-year plan changes every day," Maple Leafs GM Lou Lamoriello said.

Out West, the Dallas Stars could be one of the favorites to reach the final after bringing in goaltender Ben Bishop, defenseman Marc Methot, center Martin Hanzal and winger Alexander Radulov and given the Blackhawks' movement toward future cost certainty. Don't expect the Stars to be out of the playoffs any time soon.

"We like what we have on paper, but in the end the goal for us is to be a contender every year, to get in the playoffs every year," Dallas GM Jim Nill said. "This game can humble you pretty quick, and it's a tough league."

It's a league where turnover is the norm. There were six new playoff teams last season who missed in 2015-16 and that season five teams that missed the year before.

There are plenty of candidates for that in 2017-18, including Dallas and Winnipeg in the West and Carolina, Tampa Bay, Florida, Philadelphia and the New York Islanders in the East.

The Hurricanes got a couple of Blackhawks castoffs — goaltender Scott Darling and defenseman Trevor van Riemsdyk — and signed Justin Williams, who has won the Cup three times and

was playoff MVP in 2014.

"Carolina, there's no question, they haven't made the playoffs since 2009, so that's a long time," said Williams, who returned to the Hurricanes on a \$9 million, two-year deal. "We're done losing and it's time to climb the ladder and get relevant."

The Rangers will be more relevant next season after signing defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk for \$26.6 million and re-signing Brendan Smith for \$17 million over the next four years. The Devils haven't made the playoffs since 2012, but will be improved after winning the draft lottery to pick center Nico Hisrich, signing Brian Boyle and acquiring Marcus Johansson from the salary-cap-strapped Capitals.

Washington traded Johansson for picks within the division, to which New Jersey GM Ray Shero said: "Unfortunately for us, I don't think Washington's that concerned about the Devils and hopefully they will be soon."

MacLellan still expects the Capitals to be a good team because of their top-end talent, but it wouldn't be at all surprising to see them fall back to the pack without Williams, Shattenkirk, Johansson, Alzner and defenseman Nate Schmidt.

"I expect them to still be competitive," said Alzner, who signed for \$23.125 million over five years with Montreal. "I expect them to be a step below the Montreal Canadiens. That's good. Leave them right there."

Pittsburgh said goodbye to

goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury, defenseman Trevor Daley and Ron Hainsey, center Nick Bonino and winger Chris Kunitz, but may not take that big of a step back because of the young players ready to accept bigger roles.

"We're making a lot of changes ... [but] we feel good about the guys that we still have," GM Jim Rutherford said.

General manager Stan Bowman feels the same way about the Blackhawks after overhauling the roster. Gone are Darling, van Riemsdyk and fellow defensemen Niklas Hjalmarsson, Brian Campbell and Johnny Oduya and forwards Artemi Panarin, Marcus Kruger and Marian Hossa, who won't play next season because of a severe reaction to medication for a skin condition.

"We got a lot of youth and we've got some guys that [have] stable contracts that we know are going to be here moving forward," said Bowman, whose Blackhawks have won the Cup three times in the past eight years.

The Kings and Penguins have each won twice in that time and undergone changes along the way. Not even getting to the East final in the Alex Ovechkin era makes it more painful for the Capitals to undergo so many changes.

"It hurts," MacLellan said. "It's just we're maturing, we're getting a little more top heavy as a team, like Chicago, like Pittsburgh, and we've got to pay the result for it."

SHEPAS

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list community support and seek outside expertise.

Why did Shepas, who coached high school football at Poland (six years), Seneca Valley (two) and Massillon (seven) before 12 years at Waynesburg, take the job?

"I turned 50 two years ago and started to take a long look at what I was going to be doing in the last third and fourth quarters of my life," Shepas said. "I'll always be passionate about sports and passionate about football, and grateful for my opportunities, but I felt that it was time, while I was still at the right age, to make a move."

His youngest child attends LaRoche College.

"I thought we had a great run and did some really good things [at Waynesburg], but, looking at how small college is evolving, I thought it was my time," Shepas said. "We built the foundation of our program on Youngstown kids and, obviously, it'll always be a player's game."

"The success I've had in every situation is credited to having good players."

Returning to Youngstown was always in the back of his mind.

"I've maintained strong ties with the area, no matter where I was working," he said. "I'd been recruiting the area, so this is something I did seek out because making this change was on my mind for more than a year-and-a-half. "There were definitely relationships that I was initiating and cultivating. This just happened to be an opportunity that I thought was going to be challenging, yet have a lot of purpose in it and that's something that's always motivated me."

Youngstown schools' CEO Krish Mohip's plan intrigues Shepas.

"With the school system making some major changes with the neighborhood K-8s, that's where I see the purpose: trying help fulfill that mission," Shepas said. "I see, with the after-school program that Mr. Mohip wants to run, that athletics is a perfect fit — a perfect co-curricular fit."

His background as a recruited athlete to Youngstown State University, then as a Division III college coach who understands the recruiting process, has its benefits.

"I think I have an interesting skill set that could be of assistance," Shepas said of his tentacles of experience that will, figuratively, touch students at various stages of growth.

"You have to prepare young student-athletes in the middle school and junior high levels [six-through-eight], so that they understand how important their high school academics are, especially when entering as freshmen.

"Those are the first things that college recruiters are going to look at when they come to recruit young kids: the preparation for them to go into high school with the right attitude," he said.

"If they happen to be talented enough to be a Div. I or Div. II athlete, then it's vital to understand the clearinghouse," he said of class registration steps and proper curriculum choice. "That's important and not just for the scholarship athletes, but for any student's grade-point-average and test scores and don't forget about raising fine young men and women and pride in the community."

"It's important to raise good citizens and, from an athletic standpoint, training them appropriately to aspire to other opportunities as well."

Shepas is also a proponent of the benefits of the city's Early College.

"I like it, especially as a guy who has recruited small college and feels the impact of how much a college education costs," he said. "I think the Early College opportunities and post-secondary education are going to be part of the wave of the future just to defray some of those costs."

With all the change that's taking place, the job of chief of physical development and athletics is going to be a situation of shared leadership and collaboration.

"I'll definitely have a piece of the puzzle, but I want to seek out the best people I can to be involved in the process and share the responsibilities," Shepas said. "You've got some people out there who are very proud of the Youngstown City Schools, so we want to change the culture in East High School and, under the direction of new principal Sonya Gordon, we want to support her as she changes the culture of the high school."

"Then, as we progress down the road, we want to seek out the experienced help of some specific people to bring Chaney High School athletics back the right way," he said. "We're definitely in the preparation and planning stages to, strategically, bring them back."

With All-American Conference restructuring in flux, Shepas will be watchful.

"We're going to pay attention to some of the decisions that are made within the conference over the next year-and-a-half or so and that may give us an indication more clearly of how and when Chaney comes back to athletics," he said.

Shepas won't commit to a first-year timetable for progress.

"We're going to make some decisions here to impact the schools in the immediate future with some of the best male and female coaches who are living in the area; they're available and they're going to be able to bring a lot to the table," Shepas said. "Then, we're going to integrate ourselves with some local youth organizations and newly established mentoring groups and seek out their support to help us build some coaching staffs at the schools and in the feeder systems as well."

"To be honest, we're going to take just one day at a time," he said. "I've still got a lot of life left and lot to get done."

THE 5

Live music performances on television shows this week include:

- 1 **Ed Sheeran:** Thursday on "Today Show" (NBC)
- 2 **2 Chainz, Trey Songz and Ty Dolla Sign:** Thursday on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (ABC)
- 3 **Flo Rida:** Friday on "Today Show" (NBC)
- 4 **Big Sean:** Friday on "Good Morning America" (ABC)
- 5 **Charlie Wilson, Robin Thicke:** Friday on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (ABC)

BEST BETS ON TV

♦ **FOURTH OF JULY SPECIALS:** What are the advantages to celebrating Independence Day in front of the TV? There are no crowds to fight and you can turn down the volume if the pyrotechnics get too loud. This year's programs include the "Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular" (8 tonight, NBC) from New York City, featuring performances by John Melencamp, Brad Paisley and Hailee Steinfeld. Other options are "A Capitol Fourth" (8 p.m., PBS) and "Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular" (9 p.m., Bloomberg Television). The former has John Stamos hosting a musical extravaganza from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. The latter is headlined by Andy Grammer, Melissa Etheridge and "Hamilton" star Leslie Odum Jr.

♦ **"THE WORDS THAT BUILT AMERICA" (7 P.M., HBO):** This rousing Independence Day special celebrates our nation's founding documents – including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights – via dramatic readings by actors, media figures, the six living presidents and others.

♦ **TV LISTINGS, C3**

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Slovenefest returns for weekend of fun

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, PA.

The 36th annual Slovenefest will take place Friday through Sunday at the SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, a few miles east of New Middletown, Ohio.

The festival celebrates the music, tastes and traditions of Slovenia and attracts as many as 5,000 people, making it the largest Slovenian cultural festival of its kind. Featuring more than 20 Slovenian polka bands and button-box accordion clubs at five indoor and outdoor venues, the nonstop entertainment starts at noon each day.

Slovenian sausage and barbecued lamb, chicken and pork will be available for purchase, along with Slovenian beer and wines.

Festival guests will be able to explore the culture of Slovenia through an extensive display of folk attire, crafts and presentations in the SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center museum.

Families and children can swim in the Olympic-size pool, fish in the SNPJ lake, play miniature golf, ride the trackless train and participate in many activities, all included with the price of admission. New this year is the "Make It, Bake It, Grow It" Crafters Bazaar.

The SNPJ Recreation Center is on Pennsylvania state Route 108, a mile east of the state line. Admission is \$10 on Friday and Sunday, \$15 on Saturday. A three-day pass is \$30. Children 16 and under are admitted free of charge. Ample free parking is available, along with free shuttle service.

For information, call 724-336-5180 (toll free at 1-877-767-5732). A complete schedule can be found at slovenefest.com.

Don't let your Zika guard down

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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.

Though 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.

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's brain.

UNCERTAINTY

In the past month, Puerto Rico and Brazil, hard hit by Zika last year, declared their epidemics over. But smaller numbers of infections continue around the region, according to the CDC and the Pan American Health Organization.

The U.S. Zika Pregnancy Registry counts 1,963 pregnant women in U.S. states who had lab tests showing Zika infection since officials began counting in

2016, and another 4,107 in U.S. territories.

Since the beginning of June, 271 pregnant women were added to the registry's Zika count, 80 of them in U.S. states and the rest residents of U.S. territories, although it's not clear when they became infected.

What about nonpregnant travelers? CDC has counted 140 cases so far this year in U.S. states, all of them who had symptoms. The vast majority of people who get Zika don't notice symptoms, yet still are potential spreaders of infection if mosquitoes back home bite

them and then someone else. That happened late last year in parts of South Florida and Texas, and local health officials remain on alert in case it happens again.

There is no treatment for Zika.

HEALTH EFFECTS

What's the risk? About 1 in 20 women with Zika so far have had babies with birth defects in U.S. territories, according to the latest pregnancy registry data.

Another scary issue: Some babies appear fine at birth only to develop health problems later on.



PEOPLE'S PHARMACY
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Cornstarch addiction is treatable

Q. I crave cornstarch every day. I've been consuming a box of Argo starch for the past three days.

I have had this problem for more than a year, but lately it is out of control. I know one side effect is weight gain. Can you help me with this addiction, for lack of a better word?

A. Cravings for plain cornstarch or other "non-nutritive substances" such as uncooked rice or clay are termed "pica." This often is a consequence of iron deficiency (*Expert Review of Hematology*, November 2016).

Ask your doctor to test you for anemia. Taking an iron supplement to reverse the deficiency often eliminates the craving.

Q. What are the pros and cons of prolotherapy for knee osteoarthritis? I am not ready for knee replacement surgery, but my knees make it hard for me to exercise.

A. Prolotherapy has been around for decades. It involves injecting sugar water (dextrose), salt water (saline) or some other substance, such as platelet-rich plasma, into or around the joint. The theory is that this process creates localized targeted inflammation that leads to natural repair and joint stabilization.

A review of 10 studies in the *British Medical Bulletin* (June 1, 2017) concluded, "Moderate evidence suggests that prolotherapy is safe and can help achieve significant symptomatic control in individuals with OA [osteoarthritis]." This treatment usually is not covered by insurance, and out-of-pocket costs can be hundreds of dollars.

For other nonsurgical approaches to alleviating knee pain, we offer our *Guide to Alternatives for Arthritis*.

Q. I am a retired medical provider with a suggestion. Dry eyes are caused in part by age-related changes in our tear films. The outer oily layer thickens and blocks the meibomian glands that make it. As a result, they don't secrete it as readily, and it's not available to stabilize the water layer. Consequently, the tear film evaporates too easily.

Applying warm tap water compresses for three to four minutes while gently massaging the eyelids will soften those oils in the glands. Then the glands secrete more oil, which helps stabilize the tear film. The warm compresses also increase blood flow to the lids to help them heal.

This should be done three times a day for two weeks, then twice a day for two weeks, and then every morning. Artificial tears without benzalkonium can add significant relief. This takes time and effort, but in my experience, it works.

A. Warm compresses are a classic treatment for dry eyes caused by meibomian gland dysfunction. You are right that when these oil-secreting glands get plugged, the tear film deteriorates.

Japanese researchers report that a warm compress containing menthol improves tear film volume and stability, and eases dry-eye symptoms (*Scientific Reports*, April 5, 2017). A machine that warms the eyelids and provides gentle pressure (Lipi-Flow) has received Food and Drug Administration approval. A single treatment can provide dry-eye relief up to a year (*Clinical Ophthalmology*, July 26, 2016).

One drawback of the machine treatment is expense. The office procedure can run to hundreds of dollars, while your recommended compress treatment is free.

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BEST (and worst) THINGS TO BUY IN JULY



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The scorching month of July is the perfect time to enjoy the comfortable, climate-controlled world of a shopping mall. Even better, retailers offer a plethora of deals throughout the month, beginning with Fourth of July sales and continuing with Christmas in July or "sizzling summer savings" promotions.

You can find some goods and services at their lowest price points of the year in July, but not everything is a bargain. In fact, some goods and services are downright bad to buy in July. Here's what you should know:

BEST: JEWELRY

With Father's Day in the rearview mirror, jewelers have to rely on things other than gift-giving holidays to bring consumers into their stores. As a result, you can find great jewelry for cheap during July.

A clearance priced engagement ring might not sound particularly special, but the look on your beloved's face after getting the best your budget can buy definitely will be.

Enjoy savings of up to 50 percent off at Kay Jewelers. Stock up on heart-shaped rings and pendants, which you can pick up for as little as \$47. Put 20 percent down on a purchase of \$500 or more and get up to 12 months interest-free financing.

Jewelry stores aren't the only place to find deep discounts on bling. Macy's has charms for as little as \$3.76, which is 70 percent off their original price. If you don't have a Macy's nearby, you can still cash in on the deal by ordering online. Buy \$49 or more, and your order ships free. Be sure to check at your local jewelry stores for great deals.

BEST: BARBECUE GRILLS

The best time to buy a grill is after Labor Day. However, July is the time to strike if you want to use the grill for summer cookouts. Grill prices are highest before Memorial Day and steadily decrease in price from July through September.

Today's grills offer many more fuel options than gas and charcoal. Enjoy grilling, smoking, searing, baking or roasting with barbecues fueled by infrared heat, electricity, pellets or wood, as well as charcoal or gas.

Pellet grills make it easy to master barbecue techniques without having to worry about burning or drying out your meat. Simply add the pellets to the pellet box and set the temperature on the grill. Although the grill is as simple as using your convection oven, hardwood pellets in cherry, maple, mesquite and hickory add outdoor flavor your kitchen just can't deliver.

at popular summer destinations like beaches and Disney parks. Summer crowds also mean you'll spend much more time waiting in lines, which equals less bang for your buck.

July sees no days when you can get into Disneyland for the value price of \$97. July weekends and Fourth of July come with peak pricing of \$124. Wait until late August or autumn break to enjoy smaller crowds and value prices at both Disney parks.

If you're set on booking a last-minute vacation, there are bargains out there – if you're willing to brave the heat. Summer is actually off-season in locations like Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., where prices are at the cheapest of the year. Although you're likely to encounter temperatures of more than 110 degrees, the dry heat is ideal for heading to a water park, seeing museums or dining at sunset on mist-cooled patios.

WORST: ELECTIVE SURGERY

Most elective surgery isn't covered by health insurance, making it a sizable out-of-pocket purchase. If you've been saving up for a lift, tuck, replacement or other procedure, you might want to wait – if you can, of course.

Things are least likely to go as planned in July when recently graduated medical students start their residency programs. The month is the time when the most mistakes and fatalities resulting from errors occur.

Summer is also the busiest season for having surgery. Workers utilize time off around the Fourth of July weekend to have maximum recovery time before having to head back to work, and students opt to go under the knife before classes resume.

In July, you'll also be competing for the operating room and the attention of staff with the influx of summer accident victims. Trauma cases increase dramatically during summer months due to firework accidents and outdoor adventuring mishaps.

If it's possible to postpone your procedure, wait until after Labor Day when the hectic summer pace slows down. Operating room schedules aren't as tight, giving you more options to schedule your procedure at a place and time that will save you the most money.

Although most people don't think about shopping for the best prices on elective surgeries, there's no reason why you shouldn't get the most for your money. Use HealthcareBluebook's online tool to find what fair pricing is for your procedure so you can better negotiate your hospital bill. For example, you could save thousands of dollars on a laser eye surgery procedure in Los Angeles, where prices range from \$1,600 to about \$5,000.

WORST: TRAVEL

Hoping for a summer getaway before the kids head back to school? You'll want to pump the brakes on your daydream. Although you might see sale prices on everything from airfare to hotels, July is one of the most expensive months to travel.

Family travel during summer vacation puts hotels, tours and attractions at a premium. You'll experience some of the highest prices of the year

techniques in pediatric foot and ankle care. LaPolla, who has staff privileges at Akron Children's Hospital, recently attended the ACFAP's third annual International Pediatric Foot & Ankle Seminar, where he heard leading authorities discuss pediatric foot and ankle conditions.

New board members

YOUNGSTOWN

The National Safety Council (NSC) Ohio Chapter, based in Youngstown, has elected new board members and officers and expanded its service area.

Officers elected are: president, Walter Duzny of Impact Educational Service; vice president, Curt Speck of Safety Resources Company of Ohio Inc.; treasurer, Mark Zeidenstein of L. Calvin Jones & Co.; and secretary, Christine Williams of the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation. New board members are Cheryl Altizer of CompOne MCO; Brian Crumbacher of "Joe" Dickey Electric Inc.; Melissa Heike of 3P Safety LLC; and Holly Swartz of Hitch-Hiker Mfg.

The NSC Ohio Chapter, which

may help cleanse and heal wounds.

♦ **Potato peel for burns:** The juices in the potato keep the burn moist. Cover with a bandage.

♦ **Duct tape for a twisted ankle:** To stabilize an ankle or wrist, wrap the injury with thin strips of tape.

♦ **Greek yogurt for a sunburn:** The lactic acid works to remove dead skin. Leave on 15-20 minutes.

♦ **Toothpaste for bee stings:** The alkaline toothpaste neutralizes the acid in the bee's venom.

LaPolla joins ACFAP

WARREN

Podiatrist Dr. James LaPolla Jr., owner of Northeast Ohio Foot, Ankle & Wound Center Inc., with offices in Howland and Brookfield, has become a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Pediatrics (ACFAP), which recognizes the importance of treating foot ailments at the earliest age to prevent adult problems.

Members frequently participate in seminars, lectures, publications and digital media on the newest information and most-advanced

HEALTH briefs

Wellness workshop

VIENNA

Local author Steve Tackett is offering a workshop, "Guided Imagery for Wellness and Personal Growth," Sunday from noon to 2:30 p.m. at The Yoga Center in the Governors Insurance Building, 972 Youngstown-Kingsville Road (state Route 193).

It will include a discussion on guided imagery followed by imagery sessions on relaxation and regeneration, healing and wellness, and how to experience inner guidance to find answers for daily life. The cost is \$30. To register, call 330-647-0399.

Household remedies

WASHINGTON, D.C.

AARP offers tips about lesser-known household remedies. They include:

♦ **Honey for cuts:** Its antioxidant, anti-bacterial properties

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 4). You're so often asked to be creative, look for the opportunity inside of a problem, rise above the situation. You do an excellent job of that, but you deserve a break from it, too.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: What better gift to a patriotic American family than a daughter born on the Fourth of July? Malia Obama is a loyal Cancer with Venus and Mars in communicative Gemini.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is some heaven here on earth, and you want to experience it. Also, heaven on earth wants to experience you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Those with many opinions may have few facts. As for the ones who have plenty of both, they're worth listening to today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Orphans and strays will be attracted to your generosity and compassion. Your posse will get bigger and bigger.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Counting the cost isn't the same as paying the price. In fact, often those who paid didn't count.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Living well is spending your life in your own way. You realize exactly what way that is by being forced to live by other people's rules.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't be in too much of a rush. If you want everything yesterday, you miss the opportunity to learn how it's made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have taken a child into your heart even though you probably already knew that children have a way of bruising the hearts they live inside with their naive will.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It will take a great deal of personal restraint not to say the thing on your mind, but if the idea seems the least bit unhelpful or has the slightest chance of causing offense, it won't be worth the breath it takes to utter it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Enduring love isn't always so visible in the action of your daily life. There are those you communicate with in thought only who continue to influence you in ways both minute and remarkable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The luckiest thing you can do today will be to teach others born in another time. It doesn't matter if they are older or younger than you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Usually, you can see quite well with your heart, and its vision extends as far as needed or becomes microscopic for things that are very small or extremely close.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "What is a T-square? I have one in my natal chart, which I read many years ago. It doesn't look like a T or a square. It actually looks like a triangle, so I wonder whether there's some kind of mistake."

Visit Holiday Mathis online at www.creators.com.

TV TONIGHT

Table of TV listings for Tuesday, July 4, 2017, listing channels, times, and program titles like 'NBC Nightly News - Holt', 'The Flash', 'The X-Files', etc.

21 NEWS WEEKNIGHTS 6 & 11PM advertisement featuring Eric Wilhelm, Leslie Barrett, Derek Steyer, and Dana Balash.

ODDLY ENOUGH

Professor to student mom: Just bring your baby to class

KNOXVILLE, TENN. A professor in Tennessee has a solution for a student who missed class after she couldn't find someone to babysit her 3-year-old girl.

The Knoxville News Sentinel reports Professor Sally Hunter at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville emailed Morgan King that she would be "absolutely delighted" to hold King's daughter.

"I'm very serious with this offer—just bring Korbin with you!" the professor wrote.

King later posted on Twitter that she cried with gratitude. And her professor's email wound up being shared widely on social media.

Wrote Davenport: "Morgan, thanks for showing us challenges

Toilet charity gets village to take on Trump name

MARODA, INDIA A charity that provides toilets to poor Indians is leading an effort to rename a tiny northern village after President Donald Trump.

The charity provides toilets to poor Indians and hopes it is followed with funding for education, electricity and other improvements.

The new name, Trump Sulabh Village, is not official, and so will not appear on maps. The charity's name is Sulabh International after the Hindi word for "accessible."

Many of the 400 villagers said they had no idea who Trump is. But they are delighted that their village elders agreed to the promotional gimmick because it also means they will receive free toilets in each of the

village's 60 or so mud-built houses. None of the funding for the new toilets is coming from Trump or the U.S.

"I don't understand why they couldn't name it after our own prime minister," said construction worker Sajid Hussain. Still, he's happy for the toilet-building initiative.

The charity's founder, Bindeshwar Pathak, acknowledged that naming the village after Trump was a stunt aimed at drawing more attention — and hopefully funding — for their efforts to improve sanitation across India.

The fact that there are few toilets in the dusty village of Maroda, about 44 miles north of New Delhi, is not unusual.

More than 60 percent of the country's 1.3 billion people still defecate in the open, and dysentery kills about half a million children around the world every year.

Associated Press

YEARS AGO

Today is Tuesday, July 4, the 185th day of 2017. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

On this date in:

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- 1776: The Declaration of Independence is adopted by delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.
1802: The United States Military Academy officially opens at West Point, N.Y.
1817: Ground is broken for the Erie Canal in Rome, N.Y.

VINDICATOR FILES

- 1992: The new \$1.8 million Boardman branch of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County opens at 7680 Glenwood Ave.
Patricia Cika, a 17-year-old senior at Liberty High School, is spending the summer in Washington, D.C., as an intern in the office of U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr., D-Poland.

JUMBLE AND CROSSWORD

07/04/17

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzle grid with words GRUYB, MIHDU, TONCOY, and SHOCCR to be unscrambled.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Cartoon for the Scrambled Word Game featuring two men and an American flag. The cartoon says: 'THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER' BECAME THE NATIONAL ANTHEM IN 1931. MAKING IT...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow: Yesterday's Jumbles: GIDDY CRANK BUFFET SCULPT Answer: The server couldn't get the pancakes to the tables fast enough. Orders were — STACKING UP

SUDOKU

8x8 Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-8 placed in various cells.

Level: Beginner

ACROSS

- 1 Cloak
5 Vain dude
8 Seize
12 Reactions to fireworks
13 Be in the red
14 Good old days
15 Lucky break provider?
17 Mansion staffer
18 "You've got mail" co.

DOWN

- 1 Awe
2 Louis XIV, e.g.
3 Happy sighs
4 Bah!
5 Court jester
6 Possess
7 Jury member
8 Tumblers
9 Cook chestnuts
10 Ram constellation
11 Furniture buys
16 Honcho
20 -- take forever!
21 Despot
22 Big Island port
23 By Jove!

- 47 Rice field
48 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
49 Agile
50 Mythical archer
53 Ventilate
54 A Gershwin
55 Touch of frost
56 Family docs

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

15x15 crossword puzzle grid with filled-in letters from the previous day's puzzle.

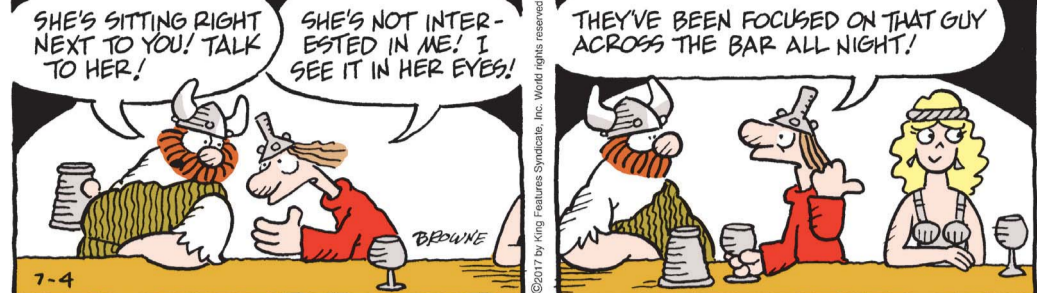
How to play:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

3x3 magic square grid with numbers 2-9.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 62 indicating starting positions for clues.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PEANUTS



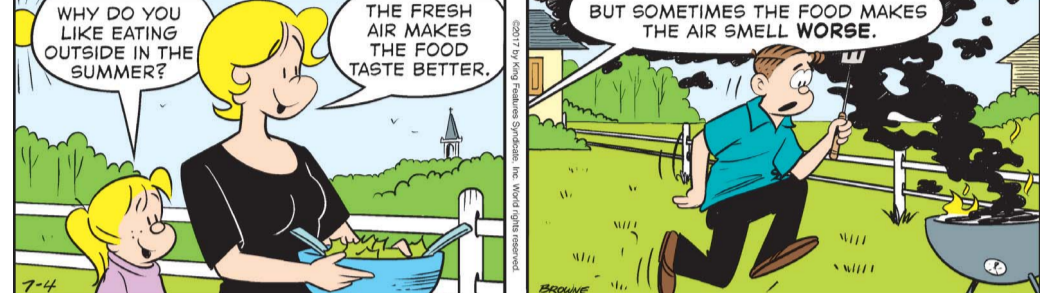
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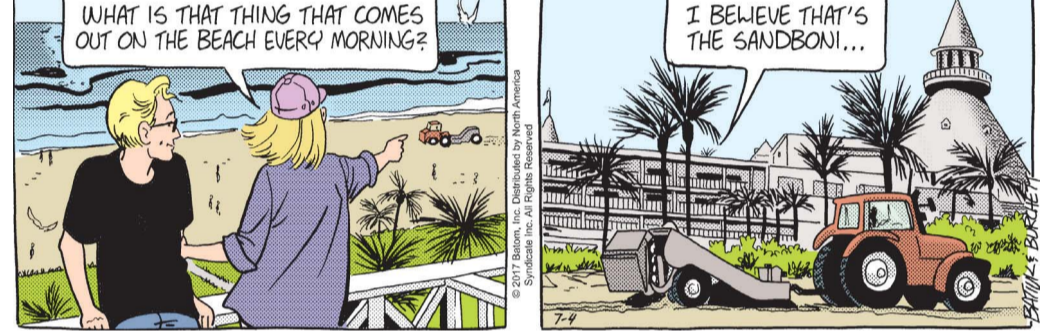
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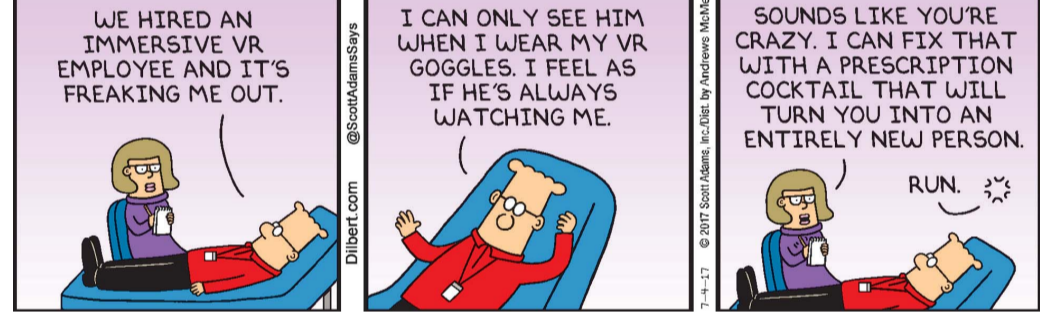
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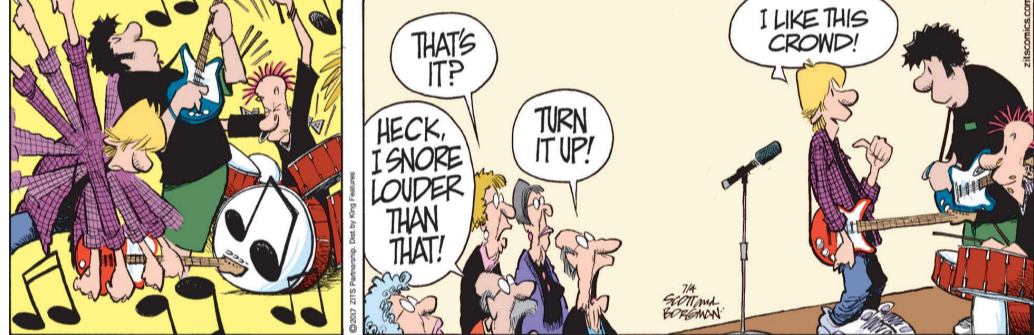
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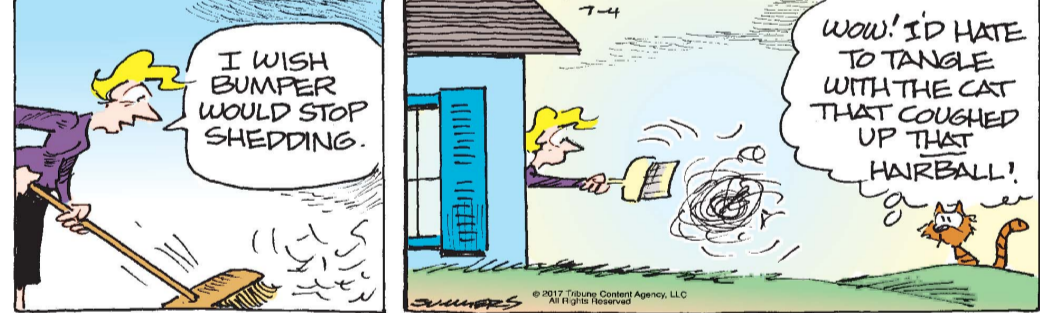
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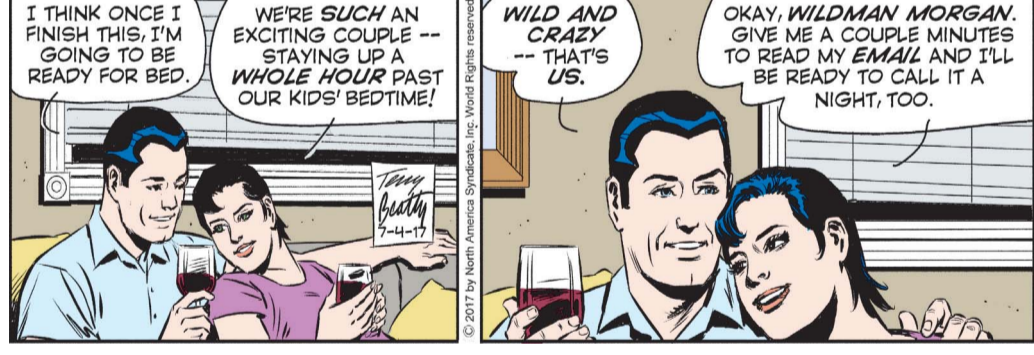
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THE MIDDLETONS



REX MORGAN, M.D.



GARFIELD



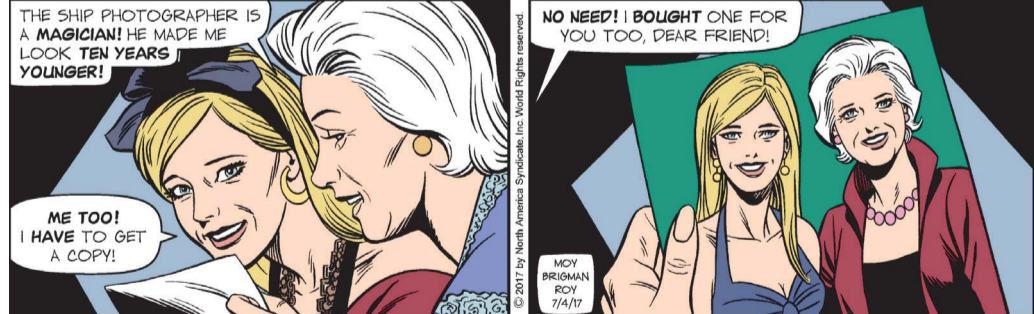
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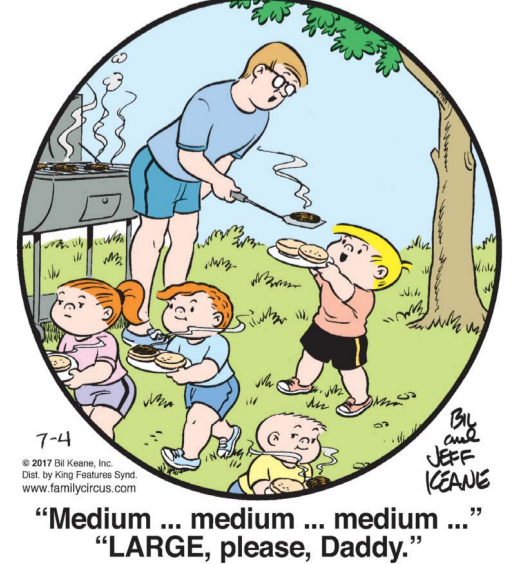
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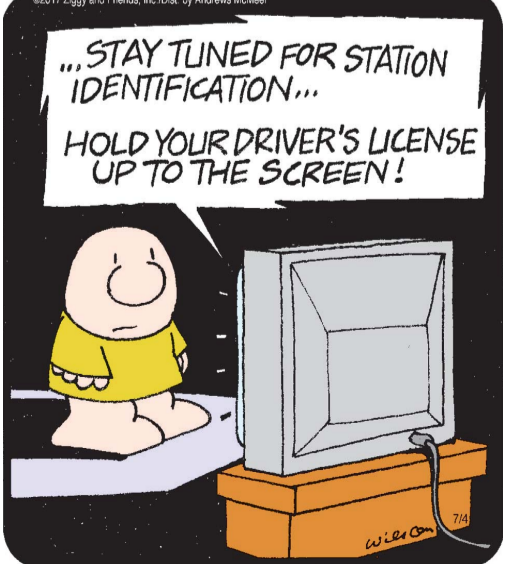
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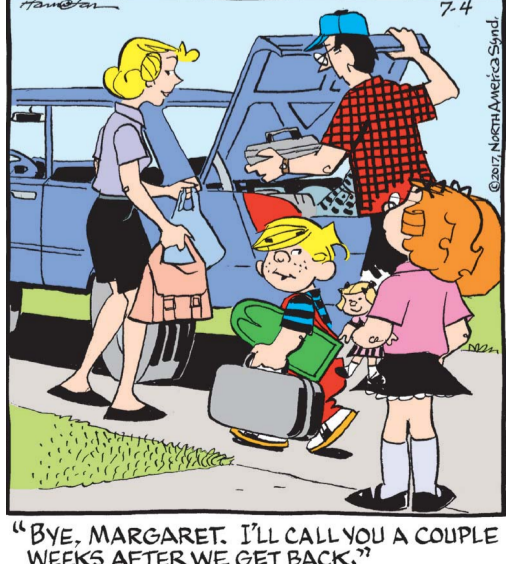
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ZIGGY



DENNIS THE MENACE



MARMADUKE



"Medium ... medium ... medium ..." "LARGE, please, Daddy."

"BYE, MARGARET. I'LL CALL YOU A COUPLE WEEKS AFTER WE GET BACK."

"No ... exploring!"