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Mohip defends use of firm from Chicago past

City schools CEO says his involvement is strictly professional

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YOUNGSTOWN

CEO Krish Mohip said his focus remains on improving Youngstown City Schools – not strengthening old business ties.

During last week's Youngstown school board finance committee meeting, chairman Dario Hunter criticized the district's involvement with Atlantic Research Partners, a firm Mohip hired to do a principal

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search for \$12,500.

Mohip also hired ARP during his time with Chicago Public Schools.

Hunter cited ARP's acquisition of The SUPES Academy, a training program for education leadership positions such as principals and superintendents.

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

Byrd-Bennett also was in charge of Chicago Public Schools while Mohip was employed there.

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I CONTRACTED WITH ARP TO ...
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KRISH MOHIP,
chief executive officer,
Youngstown city schools



WASHINGTON

US ready to use force in N. Korea, but prefers trade clout

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

The United States vowed Wednesday to use military force to defend the country and its allies against a North Korean intercontinental ballistic missile if necessary, but said it prefers to use its clout in international trade to address the growing threat.

In a hard-hitting speech at an emergency meeting of the

U.N. Security Council after Pyongyang's successful launch of an ICBM, U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said that "the world has become a more dangerous place" and China has a key role in promoting peace.

China is responsible for 90 percent of trade with North Korea, and Haley warned that Beijing risks its massive trade with the United States if its business dealings with Pyongyang violate U.N. sanctions.

She said the United States doesn't seek conflict – "in fact we seek to avoid it." But she said the launch of an ICBM "is a clear and sharp military escalation" and the U.S. is prepared to use its "considerable military forces" to defend itself and its allies "if we must."

But Haley said the Trump administration prefers "not

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Cross-fit coach is first woman to pass YFD agility test since '04

Fit for firefighting



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Erin Gilmour is a cross-fit coach and lifeguard at the Trumbull Country Club in Warren. She also is the first woman since 2004 to pass the Youngstown Fire Department's physical agility test, a series of tasks all firefighters must complete within seven minutes.

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YOUNGSTOWN

After all the training and planning, Erin Gilmour says it was a shout from her mother that pushed her the most to become the first woman in 13 years to pass the city fire department's physical agility test.

She was faltering as she was going through some of the firefighter tasks at Chaney High School when her mother's voice pierced through the air and spurred her on to finish.

"When my mom yelled, it got me back to my game plan," Gilmour said.

Gilmour, a cross-fit coach and former criminal justice major at Youngstown State University who graduated from Howland High School,

is the second woman to pass the test since it was upgraded in 2000 to make it harder.

Only one other woman, Lt. Courtney Kelly, passed the current incarnation of the test, and that was in 2004. Kelly is one of five female firefighters in the department. The other four were hired before the new test was in effect.

The test was administered

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BROWN VISITS WARREN

The Design Review Committee rejected two proposals from NYO Property Group, one of downtown's major landlords, for vinyl signs on the company-owned Metropolitan Tower and a vacant building at 16 Wick Ave.

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U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown joined Warren Mayor Doug Franklin as well as Valley businesses and workers Wednesday to promote an economic agenda to help Ohioans and protect American manufacturing jobs.

BUSINESS, B5

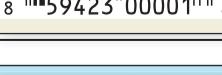
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SCRAPPERS TRIUMPH

Mahoning Valley rebounded from its Independence Day extra-inning loss with a 4-1 win over West Virginia on Wednesday.

SPORTS, B1

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Diocese explores options to get dining hall back to serving needy

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YOUNGSTOWN

The St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall is still closed, but the Diocese of Youngstown intends to continue to feed the hungry.

"[Officials] are looking at all options to ensure the food program, as well as the other ministries provided by St. Vincent, will be intact," said Monsignor John Zuraw,

chancellor for the diocese.

However, Monsignor Zuraw would not discuss the options being considered to feed the hungry several days after the hall was closed.

The dining hall, at 208 W. Front St., was closed after an



Zuraw

inspection by the Mahoning County Building Inspection Department found the facility is unsafe. A safety inspection 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 basement of the building.

An employee complaint

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Our VOICE

What role will US play in international affairs?

JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS after he clashed with European leaders over climate change, global trade and immigration, President Donald J. Trump will again face the reality that America's leadership in the world's biggest economies is no longer a given.

Indeed, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and Canadian President Justin Trudeau already have disagreed with Trump over various issues.

As Merkel told a meeting of German business leaders about open markets, "We'll do all we can to get as broad an agreement on this as possible in Hamburg. Given the new American administration that's not easy, but nonetheless we need to make the effort."

But the outspoken German leader, who along with other Europeans have expressed concern about Trump's seeming protectionist tendencies, had this to say about the strengthening of the trans-European alliance:

"The times in which we could completely rely on others are over to a certain extent. That is what I experienced in the last few days. That is why I can only say: We Europeans must really take our fate into our own hands."

Other European leaders share that opinion, including France's new president, Macron, who proved many political experts wrong when he won the election and secured a solid majority in parliament.

If Trump wants the truth about what awaits him at the G20 Summit on Friday and Saturday in Hamburg, he would do well to read the analysis by Patrick Wintour, diplomatic editor of the *Guardian* newspaper of Britain.

Here's what Wintour's wrote, in part:

"The G20 summit brings together the world's biggest economies, representing 85% of global gross domestic product (GDP), and Merkel's chosen agenda looks likely to maximize American isolation while attempting to minimize disunity amongst others."

"The meeting, which is set to be the scene of large-scale protests, will also mark the first meeting between Trump and Russian president, Vladimir Putin, as world leaders."

AMERICA FIRST

During the presidential campaign last year, Trump made it clear that America First would define his foreign and trade policies. He has kept his word.

The president continues to rail against America's trading partners, accusing them of unfair practices.

Trump has talked about setting aside trade agreements with countries around the world, and has made it clear his administration will push for a level playing field.

His decision to pull the United States out of the Paris climate agreement was hailed by his supporters, but criticized by the countries that remain committed to reducing greenhouse-gas emissions. According to the G20 summit analysis in the *Guardian*, Germany's Merkel has prepared the ground carefully on climate change, hosting the two allies she needs most, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

China is the single largest emitter of carbon and India the third. If they followed the U.S. in rejecting the Paris agreement, the whole process would unravel, the *Guardian* contended.

But both countries have said they will not pull out of the treaty, and will surpass their Paris commitments on reduction of carbon emissions.

But Trump is undaunted because Republicans in Congress and around the country continue to support his decision to withdraw.

On the other hand, countries that remain committed to dealing with climate change see the U.S. as irresponsible and shortsighted.

Trump has raised the prospect of renegotiating the Paris accords, but he will find out this week that there isn't widespread support for rewarding America's behavior.

Indeed, the American delegation to the G20 summit has received a warning of sorts from U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres: If the U.S. disengages from too many issues confronting the international community it will be replaced as world leader.

That observation should guide President Trump as he joins other leaders of the world's largest economies in trying to find the right balance between preserving national sovereignty and boosting global development.

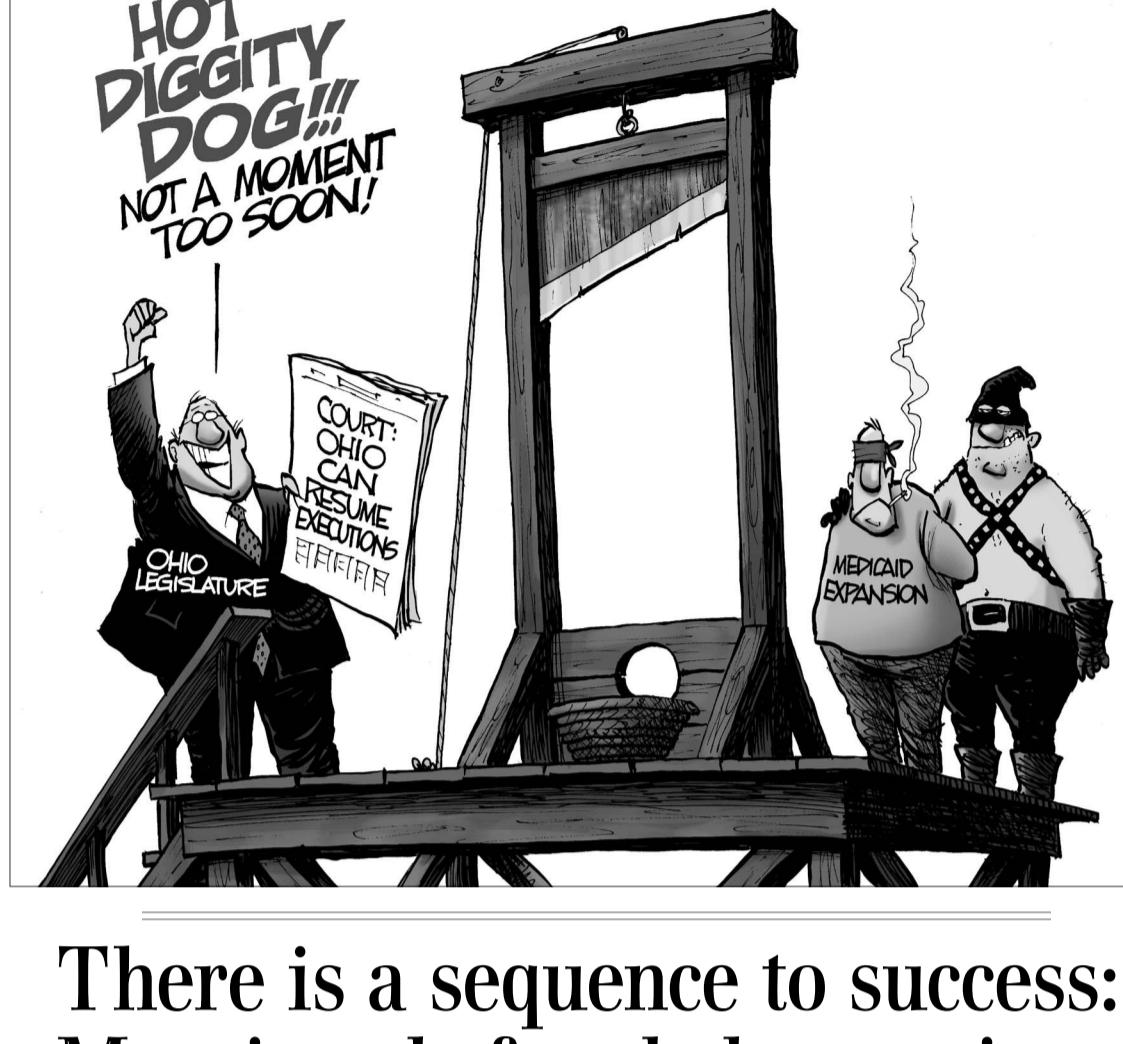
How Trump conducts himself during the summit will set the stage for America's role in the world.

SCRIPTURES

The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

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EDITORIAL



There is a sequence to success: Marriage before baby carriage

WASHINGTON

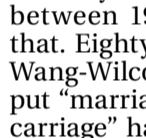
The Bronx, the only one of New York City's five boroughs that is on the American mainland, once had a sociological as well as geographical distinction. In the 1930s it was called, as Daniel Patrick Moynihan noted, "the city without a slum." It was "the one place in the whole of the nation where commercial housing was built during the Great Depression." In the third quarter of the 20th century, however, there came, particularly in the South Bronx, social regression that Moynihan described as "an Armageddon collapse that I do not believe has its equal in the history of urbanization."

Of the several causes of descent, there and elsewhere, into the intergenerational transmission of poverty, one was paramount: family disintegration. Some causes of this remain unclear, but something now seems indisputable: Among today's young adults, the "success sequence" is insurance against poverty. The evidence is in "The Millennial Success Sequence" published by the American Enterprise Institute and the Institute for Family Studies and written by Wendy Wang of the IFS and W. Bradford Wilcox of the University of Virginia and AEI.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

The success sequence, previously suggested in research by, among others, Ron Haskins and Isabel Sawhill of the Brookings Institution, is this: First get at least a high school diploma, then get a job, then get married, and only then have children. Wang and Wilcox, focusing on millennials ages 28 to 34, the oldest members of the nation's largest generation, have found that only 3 percent who follow this sequence are poor.

A comparably stunning 55 percent of this age cohort have had children before marriage.



George F. Will

Only 25 percent of the youngest baby boomers (those born between 1957 and 1964) did that. Eighty-six percent of the Wang-Wilcox millennials who put "marriage before the baby carriage" have family incomes in the middle or top third of incomes. Forty-seven percent who did not follow the sequence are in the bottom third.

One problem today, Wilcox says, is the "soul-mate model of marriage," a self-centered approach that regards marriage primarily as an opportunity for personal growth and fulfillment rather than as a way to form a family. Another problem is that some of the intelligentsia see the success sequence as middle-class norms to be disparaged for being middle-class norms. And as AEI social scientist Charles Murray says, too many of the successful classes, who followed the success sequence, do not preach what they practice, preferring "ecumenical niceness" to being judgmental.

In healthy societies, basic values and social arrangements are not much thought about. They are "of course" matters expressing what sociologists call a society's "world-taken-for-granted." They have, however, changed since President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed "unconditional" war on poverty. This word suggested a fallacious assumption: Poverty persisted only because of hitherto weak government resolve regarding the essence of war — marshalling material resources.

But what if large causes of poverty are not matters of material distribution but are behavioral — bad choices and the cultures that produce

them? If so, policymakers must rethink their confidence in social salvation through economic abundance.

Reversing social regression using public policies to create a healthy culture is akin to "nation-building" abroad, an American undertaking not recently crowned with success. Wang and Wilcox recommend education focused on high-level occupational skills, subsidizing low-paying jobs, and "public and private social marketing campaigns," from public schools to popular media, promoting marriage toward the end of the success sequence.

CULTURAL CAPITAL

Success is, of course, more complex than adherence to the sequence. Much cultural capital often is unavailable to poor people. In J.D. Vance's "Hillbilly Elegy," his memoir of his rise from Appalachian poverty to Yale Law School, he recounts his experience in the recruiting process with prestigious law firms, during which he learned, among many other things he did not learn at home, "use the fat spoon for soup" and "your shoes and belt should match." These may seem trivial matters; to upward mobility, they are not.

Much more important, however, is the success sequence. In Nathaniel Hawthorne's day, as in ours, it was said that problems were so daunting that old principles must yield to new realities. Perhaps, however, unfortunate new realities are the result of the disregard of old principles. Hawthorne recommended consulting "respectable old blockheads" who had "a death-grip on one or two ideas which had not come into vogue since yesterday morning." Ideas like getting an education, a job and a spouse before begetting children.

Washington Post Writers Group

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"So much for China working with us — but we had to give it a try!"

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, in a tweet, threatening

to abandon working with China to address North Korea's nuclear arms and long-range missile programs. Trump criticized China for increasing its trade with Pyongyang.



Kids need to play outdoors

By TOM PURCELL

Cagle Cartoons

Ah, summer is upon us.

That means the media are publishing a spate of articles that offer tips to parents on how to make their kids go outside and play — some of the articles encourage parents to let their kids experience a 1970s childhood.

I grew up in the Pittsburgh suburbs in the 1970s, and it truly was a glorious time to be a kid in America.

We went on bike hikes deep into the hills, visiting the game reserve in the county park to feed the buffalo (there really were buffalo there!). Or we'd find the steepest hill and race to the bottom.

Some days, we'd play baseball from dawn until dinner. Or we'd go down to the creek and build a dam out of rocks, then catch frogs, crayfish and minnows.

One of my favorite activities was building shacks and forts. With all the new houses going up nearby, we were able to scarf some scrap materials and use our imagination to design and build our own little dreams.

Or we'd dabble in a little mischief. It was a primitive hunting instinct that led us to whip rotten pears at moving cars. Every once in awhile, a driver would screech to a halt, cuss, then chase after us. We'd escape by running through a dark, 500-foot creek aqueduct that ran under the neighborhood.

The only real rules for kids then were that we were given lots of trust until we messed up, and that we be home for dinner.

I still hear my father's booming voice ricocheting off the hills: "Tom, dinner! Tom, dinner!" Some families used bells or horns to call their kids home.

GRAND DINNERS

And summer dinners were grand. My father grilled up chicken or pork chops, while my sisters and I brought the salad, vegetables and potato salad out from the kitchen. My mother made sun tea most days and after several hours exploring the woods, those summer dinners always hit the spot.

After dinner, we'd listen to broadcaster Bob Prince announce the Pirates' games — "You can kiss it goodbyel" he'd say when Wilver "Willie" Stargell smacked one into the upper deck. And after cleaning up, we'd head up to the woods. We'd play the games we invented until darkness settled over the hills.

Too few kids are experiencing such activities playing outside these days. Thus, they're suffering from Nature-Deficit Disorder, a term coined by journalist Richard Louv in his book "Last Child in the Woods."

Louv spent 10 years traveling around America, interviewing parents, kids, teachers, researchers and others to learn about children's experiences with nature. His findings: During the last 30 years, our sensationalist media have "scared children straight out of the woods and fields." Parents are afraid to let kids out of their sight — afraid their kids might get hurt.

Add to that the advent of television, video games and the internet, and the result is this: Kids aren't getting out much anymore. And because they're not getting out, they're withdrawing from nature — the chief place where they use all five of their senses at once.

The consequences of withdrawing from nature are not good. Kids lose their sense of being rooted in the world. They're more likely to experience stress, hyperactivity, attention-deficit disorder and other modern maladies.

Thankfully, there is a solution: Allow today's kids to get a taste of the glorious '70s childhood experiences their parents got to enjoy not so long ago.

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Mahoning deputy pleads guilty to OVI, weapons charges

Plea agreement means he'll drop grievance, resign

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YOUNGSTOWN

A deputy for the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office facing drunken-driving and weapons charges has agreed to drop his grievance to get his job back and resign as part of a plea agreement.

David Schialdone, 39, of Youngstown, entered guilty pleas Wednesday in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court before Judge Lou D'Apolito to charges of operat-

ing a vehicle impaired and having weapons while intoxicated, both misdemeanors.

Prosecutors were recommending a sentence of probation and the minimum OVI sentence for a first-time offender, which is three days in jail or in a driver's education program.

Judge D'Apolito sentenced Schialdone to six months' probation.

Schialdone was cited after he was pulled over Feb. 19 on South Avenue for speeding by a

member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He was found with a loaded gun in the glove compartment.

The weapons charge was amended as part of the plea agreement from improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, a felony.

Both offenses are the first criminal charges Schialdone has had.

The gun was returned to the sheriff's office as part of the plea agreement.

The pleas mean Schialdone

can work in law enforcement again in the future, said Assistant Prosecutor Mike Yacovone, but Yacovone added, however, he imagines it would be hard for Schialdone to find a law-enforcement job because of the OVI conviction on his record and the fact he admitted he had a gun while he was drunk.

The weapons conviction does not bar Schialdone from owning a firearm because it is



Schialdone

also a misdemeanor, Yacovone said.

Judge D'Apolito said Schialdone did not show good judgment when he got into a car too drunk to drive with a loaded gun inside.

"You have to have better judgment when you have a gun," Judge D'Apolito said.

Sheriff Jerry Greene fired Schialdone a few weeks after he was cited, and Schialdone had filed a grievance to get his job back.

But because he agreed to drop the grievance, he is no longer a member of the sheriff's office.

DOWNTOWN YOUNGSTOWN

Panel rejects 2 proposals for vinyl signs

By DAVID SKOLNICK
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YOUNGSTOWN

The Design Review Committee rejected two proposals from NYO Property Group, one of downtown's major landlords, for vinyl signs on the company-owned Metropolitan Tower and a vacant building at 16 Wick Ave.

NYO officials didn't show up for Wednesday's meeting as well as one last month to discuss the proposals.

Committee members said they had concerns about the sign proposal for Metropolitan at 1 W. Federal St. because of its size – 10 feet in height and 50 feet in length – that would have stretched across a space above the fifth floor facing Market Street.

Dominic Marchionda, NYO managing member, told *The Vindicator* by telephone after the meeting, however, his company asked to be removed from Wednesday's agenda in order to first discuss with city officials better ways to promote his business and downtown before putting up signs on his buildings.

Bill D'Avignon, committee chairman and the city's Community Development Agency director, said he didn't get Marchionda's request.

"There's concern that the signs are becoming more of a



Marchionda

making two illegal turns.

Reports said Schlosser told a trooper he had nothing to drink, but the trooper said in his

report Schlosser's eyes appeared to be bloodshot and he smelled of alcohol.

Schlosser took a field-sobriety test and flunked it, reports said.

Reports said he agreed to a breath test and registered a blood-alcohol content of

0.092. In Ohio, someone is considered to be driving drunk if their BAC is 0.08 or higher.

Schlosser has previous OVI convictions in 1994, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2006, 2010 and 2012, said Assistant City Prosecutor Kathy Thompson.

Because Monday's arrest is his sixth OVI offense within a 20-year period, the charge he was arraigned on is a felony.

Schlosser was one of three people charged in Youngstown over the July Fourth holiday by state

tions for advertising space at his business's properties and downtown.

Also, the committee approved improvement plans worth about \$800,000 to the McDonald's restaurant at 570 Fifth Ave., near the Youngstown State University campus, with work expected to be done by late August.

Local McDonald's officials said they were going to try to keep the restaurant open – at least the drive-through – during the renovations, but it might have to be completely closed for a week.

The work includes new signs, a new facade, improved bathrooms and redoing the drive-through so there are two lanes instead of one.

Schlosser

troopers with OVI.

One of those people also received the specification for having a BAC that exceeded 0.17.

From Friday afternoon until midnight Tuesday, court records show troopers charged 16 people in Youngstown with OVI. Schlosser is the only one of those people facing felony OVI charges.

stances from the prosecutor before finding Giordano guilty after the no-contest plea.

Giordano argued because the trial court was not presented with an explanation of circumstances at his plea hearing, his conviction was not supported by sufficient evidence.

Judge Cynthia Westcott Rice wrote, "An explanation of circumstances is required to support a no-contest plea in order to ensure that the trial court does not make a guilty finding in perfunctory fashion."

The appellate court cited several previous rulings to argue that further proceedings against Giordano for the incident would violate the Double Jeopardy Clause in the Constitution, which prohibits anyone from being prosecuted twice for substantially the same crime.

Judge Diane V. Grendell concurred in part, but dissented with the two other judges regarding the ruling barring further proceedings.

Judge Grendell wrote the failure of the court to require an explanation of circumstances "warrants reversal for a new plea hearing rather than dismissal of the charge against the defendant outright."

But a ruling issued by the 11th District Court of Appeals last week determined Judge Adler did not obtain an explanation of circum-

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SOUTH SIDE BREAK-INS

Judge asks man in court: Why leave homes in such a mess?

By JOE GORMAN
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YOUNGSTOWN

Judge Lou D'Apolito told a man appearing before him Wednesday in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court to plead guilty to charges he was breaking into homes on the South Side and cooking and showering in them before taking whatever he could grab that he wants to know why he left the homes in such a mess.

The judge told Jacob Merchant, 33, he hopes a presentence investigation done before Merchant's Aug. 16 sentencing can shed light on the matter, but the judge added he also wants to hear from Merchant himself.

That, however, proved to be difficult at times Wednesday because Merchant has a severe abscessed tooth that makes it difficult for him to speak.

"When we get to the sentencing, I want to find out why you did all this stuff," Judge D'Apolito said.

"To get high," Merchant answered.

Prosecutors are recom-

ending a four-year sen-

tence.

Police arrested Merchant on Jan. 28, and he pleaded guilty to three counts of burglary and two counts of breaking and entering for a series of break-ins on the South Side in January.

Merchant was breaking into homes where people were not home. He would use their kitchens to cook meals for himself, then use their showers to clean up. The homes he was in, however, were far from clean, as detectives said he left them a mess and also took whatever he could carry.

The case baffled investigators, but they were able to track Merchant down with tips from South Side patrol officers and also from the egg cartons that were left behind in the homes that were broken into. That brand of eggs was sold in only one store on the South Side, and when detectives found out what store it was, they were able to spot Merchant

Merchant

buying them on video surveillance. He was arrested shortly after he was questioned by police.

Detectives said Merchant has a lengthy criminal record for similar offenses and he makes a habit of using kitchens and bathrooms because he is homeless and is often looking to get out of the cold. They said he also takes pills, money and anything he can carry.

In April 2016, residents in the Hilton Avenue area caught Merchant and held him for police after he was suspected of taking food from one home at least four times within a week. He was charged with misdemeanor theft and receiving stolen property in those cases and was sentenced to six months in jail.

Merchant asked if he is granted early release if he can be sent somewhere to get treatment for his drinking problem.

The judge said he would consider that, but he also chastised Merchant, saying that it should be his responsibility to get his drinking under control.

Activists rally to help plight of chained-up dogs

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

About a dozen animal-rights activists rallied outside city hall to raise awareness of the plight of chained-up dogs in Youngstown.

The city has had an anti-tethering law since February 2015. But there are numerous issues with the law, making it largely toothless, said Jason Cooke, a local an-

imal-rights activist, during Wednesday's rally.

Among the problems, he said, are the law doesn't require a seizure of dogs if an owner violates the ordinance and there isn't much enforcement of it.

Cooke said Youngstown should make changes to the law including allowing all police agencies – and not just city officers and the Ma-

honing County dog warden – to enforce it.

"How much longer do dogs have to suffer at the end of chains before something is done?" Cooke said.

Councilwoman Lauren McNally, D-5th, said the city needs better enforcement of its current laws.

"If that's not enough, we'll definitely look at changes," she said.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Padres take down Indians

Tribe scores just twice despite getting 14 hits

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

While the Indians remain concerned about manager Terry Francona's health, the defending AL champions have plenty of smaller worries.

They aren't stringing hits together. They aren't winning at home. They aren't

b e a t i n g N a t i o n a l L e a g u e teams.

A season of inconsistency isn't improving.

Cory Spangenberg hit a two-run homer, Luis Perdomo won his third straight start and the San Diego Padres got another rare road win, beating Cleveland 6-2 on Wednesday night as the Indians were again without Francona, who remains in a Cleveland hospital.

Despite getting 14 hits, the Indians scored twice, their smallest output in a nine-inning game with that many hits since 1949.

"It's tough," said All-Star shortstop Francisco Lindor. "I guarantee we're trying. That might be why we're not scoring. We might be trying a little too hard. It's just our pitching staff is doing their

See INDIANS, B4

Cole's bat, arm lead Pirates over Philly

Bucs pitcher works six innings, drives in 2

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle felt like he was watching Little League, not major league.

Gerrit Cole pitched six strong innings and drove in his first runs of the season with a tie-breaking two-run single to lead Pittsburgh to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

"He basically Little Leagued the guys tonight," Hurdle said. "He drives in two and pitches six strong."

Cole (7-7) rebounded from a poor outing last Friday against San Francisco and

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See PIRATES, B3

French takes over at Springfield

Tigers' new boys basketball coach took Jefferson to back-to-back Division II district finals

By CHARLES GROVE
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It was a match made in heaven. Steve French moved down from Ashtabula County, his home his whole life, to begin a new life with his new wife from Poland. And the Springfield boys basketball job opened.

"It was perfect timing," French said. "It was a blessing to be able to interview and be able to get it. They love their basketball at Springfield.

They support their school and that's where I want to be."

French replaces Eric Fender, who elected not to re-apply for the job after a successful run with the Tigers beginning in 2009.

French coached at Jefferson the past six seasons and was the head coach for the last four. The Falcons reached the district final French's past two seasons. In 2016, the team was the number-one seed in the district and fell to Perry 69-59 and

the next year the third-seeded Falcons lost to Lake Catholic 66-58.

French said while he honed in his coaching style and learned plenty up north, he's not planning on completely uprooting the system Springfield has in place.

"I want to bring the way I approached it there to Springfield," French said. "I want to play fast, be physical and get in your face on defense. But I'm not going to come in and change everything there."

[Springfield] has great tradition and a good fundamental foundation.

"I want to blend the stuff I like to do and what [the players] are good at."

While French isn't looking to necessarily abandon big players in favor of spreading the floor and shooting threes, transition play will be a big part of French's game plan.

"If we have shooters we'll let them fly and if we've got big kids will go down low," French said. "But I want to be on the fast break on makes and misses and take advantage

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– NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE BASEBALL –

Bears bagged



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West Virginia's Brett Pope (3) steals second base in the third inning Wednesday night as Mahoning Valley Scrappers second baseman Dillon Persinger, left, awaits the throw. The Scrappers beat the Black Bears, 4-1, at Eastwood Field.

Scappers pitchers combine to shut down West Virginia at Eastwood Field

By STEVE RUMAN
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NILES

Mahoning Valley Scrappers manager Luke Carlin has had his share of problems putting together his daily lineups during the first two weeks of the season.

But don't feel sorry for the rookie manager.

Carlin's "problems" are the type every manager wishes for.

"It's been tough, it's challenging making the lineup because there are so many contributors, so many worthy guys," Carlin said. "The guys all play with a lot of energy. It's tough keeping everyone fresh."

Tough as it may be, Carlin put together another winning lineup Wednesday, as the Scrappers defeated West Virginia 4-1 in front of 2,323 fans at Eastwood Field.

With the win, the Scrappers (10-5) reclaim a share of first place in the Pinckney Division of the New York-Penn League.

"We've battled through some long games,



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Mahoning Valley's Tyler Friis swings at a pitch in the bottom of the third inning against West Virginia on Wednesday at Eastwood Field. The Scrappers beat the Black Bears, 4-1.

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NFL NEWS AND NOTES

Dallas Cowboys: Linebacker Damien Wilson has been arrested on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after he was accused of backing his truck into a woman and threatening a man with a rifle during a dispute with some tailgaters. Frisco police said Wilson was arrested Tuesday outside of Toyota Stadium during the city's Fourth of July celebration.

Major League Soccer's FC Dallas played Tuesday night at the stadium in Frisco, a suburb north of Dallas that's also home to the Cowboys' practice facility. Police said Wilson was released from jail after posting \$20,000 bond. They said the case remains under investigation. Wilson is entering his third season with the Cowboys. Team spokesman Scott Agulnek said the Cowboys were gathering information and didn't have immediate comment. Agents for Wilson didn't immediately return messages seeking comment. Wilson is the second Dallas defender to be arrested this offseason. Cornerback Nolan Carroll, a free-agent pickup from Philadelphia, was charged with drunken driving in Dallas in May. The Cowboys also have two suspended starters in defensive ends David Irving and Randy Gregory. Carroll and Wilson could face suspensions even without convictions for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league is "looking into the matter to understand the facts." The 24-year-old Wilson started a career-high six games at strongside linebacker last season, finishing with 35 tackles and four tackles for loss. He has played all 16 games each of his first two seasons, with extensive time on special teams. A fourth-round draft pick by Dallas out of Minnesota in 2015, Wilson got extensive work in the offseason with the Cowboys limiting All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee and second-year player Jaylon Smith, who is coming off a major knee injury that kept him out of his rookie season. In other Cowboys news, running back Darren McFadden, a former Arkansas Razorbacks star, is seen on video outside the Power Ultra Lounge in Little Rock, Ark., in the early morning hours after Saturday night's mass shooting that left 28 people injured. The

video was obtained by Arkansas-matters.com and was published Monday. McFadden's mother told Arkansas-matters.com that her son went to the scene to check on three family members who were shot. McFadden sent out a tweet Monday night at about 9:15 p.m. explaining the situation and asking for privacy and their medical status. He wrote that he was at home when he got a call from a nephew who had been shot and said "that some of my relatives were among those shot." McFadden's mother told the website that the injured family members were Marvell Harris, 23; Wallace Muhammad, 35, and Marquette Muhammad, 16.

Oakland Raiders: The team has signed third-round defensive tackle Eddie Vanderdoes to a four-year contract. The team announced the deal on Wednesday that leaves only Oakland's two top picks still unsigned. Vanderdoes was selected 88th overall after four seasons at UCLA. He played 39 games with 126 tackles, four sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. The Raiders still must finalize deals with first-rounder Gareon Conley and second-rounder Obi Melifonwu.

Hall of Fame: Wives, a son and former coach Jimmy Johnson are among the presenters chosen to welcome the Pro Football Hall of Fame's seven-member Class of 2017. Presenters will include Morten Andersen's son Sebastian and the wives of Jerry Jones and Kurt Warner for the induction ceremony on Aug. 6 in Canton. The hall says Gene Jones and Brenda Warner will be just the third and fourth wives to serve in that role. Deanna Favre was the presenter for husband Brett last year and Mike Singletary's wife, Kim, did it in 1998. The other inductees and their presenters are Terrell Davis (agent and friend Neil Schwartz); Kenny Easley (high school coach Tommy Rhodes); Jason Taylor (his Miami Dolphins coach Johnson) and LaDainian Tomlinson (former San Diego Chargers teammate Lorenzo Neal).

Wire reports



Wilson

Phil's brother now on the bag

Mickelson enters Greenbrier Classic after parting ways with veteran caddie

Associated Press

Phil Mickelson heads into the next phase of his career with a new caddie on a course marking its comeback from devastating floods in West Virginia.

Mickelson will have brother Tim Mickelson on his bag starting today at the Greenbrier Classic in his first tournament since parting ways with his caddie of 25 years, Jim "Bones" Mackay.

Tim Mickelson, the former Arizona State coach who is the agent for former Sun Devils star Jon Rahm, will be his older brother's caddie for the rest of the year. Phil Mickelson said Wednesday the new arrangement brings a comfort level that could

help in game.

"Maybe he gets me a little bit more relaxed and takes a little bit of pressure off me and maybe I'll play my best that way," Phil Mickelson said. "But there's no replacing Bones."

The tournament was canceled last year after torrential downpours triggered flooding that killed 23 people statewide, including 15 in Greenbrier County, and caused extensive damage to The Greenbrier resort.

The bodies of three flood victims who lived in White Sulphur Springs were found on resort property. Trash, tires, vehicles, appliances and uprooted trees were everywhere on the Old White

TODAY

◆ The Greenbrier Classic, first round at The Old White TPC in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. TV: 3 p.m., Golf Channel. Local angle: Warren JFK grad Jason Kokrak tees off at 8:20 a.m. on No. 10.

TPC. Sand was washed away from bunkers, leaving behind exposed drainage pipes. Near the 14th green, the flood surpassed a high-water mark set in 1915 by 6 feet.

With much work to do on the resort grounds, owner and now-current West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice had no doubt there would be a tournament this year.

Greens and fairways were reseeded and resodded late last summer. Many greens got new contours and bunkers were moved.

"This is the best I've ever

seen this golf course," said Bubba Watson, who has a summer home at The Greenbrier.

Justice, Mickelson and Watson wanted to help the community, too.

Justice established a flood-relief charity, Neighbors Loving Neighbors, to help rebuild homes and lives. Mickelson donated \$100,000 to the charity, while Watson and his wife, Angie, donated \$250,000 to local relief efforts.

While Watson was playing the week after the floods in the Bridgestone Invitational in Akron, Ohio, Angie Watson drove the family truck with her young son to deliver water to families in need.

"People keep praising us for how much we did," Angie Watson said. "We wish we could have done more."

Mickelson also is having a home built at the resort and is redesigning the 93-year-old Greenbrier Course, which hosted the 1979 Ryder Cup and 1994 Solheim Cup and also was hit hard by the floods.

He's here this week to try to break a four-year winless streak and get that elusive 43rd PGA Tour win. Mickelson missed the cut in his three previous Greenbrier Classic appearances.

"Of course I feel the pressure," said Mickelson, 47. "I don't feel old at all but I understand the math. Even though it's been a few years since I've won, I'm excited about the challenge. I know I'm going to win again. I just don't know when exactly. I enjoy the challenge of trying to play against these great young players."



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Mahoning Valley first baseman Ulysses Cantu (8) takes a pick-off throw as West Virginia's Brett Pope dives back to the bag in the fifth inning Wednesday night at Eastwood Field. The Scrappers beat the Black Bears, 4-1.

SCRAPPERS

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some long nights over the past three days, but this group is tough and determined," Carlin said. "This group does a fantastic job of staying within their approach."

West Virginia wasted no time scoring the first run of the game. Black Bears lead-off hitter Chris Sharpe was hit by a pitch on the first pitch of the game, and came around to score on a one-out double off the bat of Dean Stafford.

However, from that point on Scrappers starter Zach Plesac shut down the Black Bears. Plesac ended up working four innings, surrendering just the one run on two hits while recording five strikeouts.

On the season, Plesac (0-1) owns an 0.90 earned run average. He has 14 strikeouts in 10 innings of work.

"Zach, believe it or not had one of his worst outings of the year, and he still did a great job, that's how good he's been," Carlin said. "He has shown nothing but great signs for the future. His fast-

ball command has been really good. He had a little bump early today, but came back in a big way."

The Scrappers scored a pair of runs in the fifth to take the lead for good.

Scrapers second baseman Dillon Persinger led off the frame with the first base hit of his professional career, a sharp single to left field. One batter later, Persinger scored when Scrappers left fielder Hosea Nelson ripped a triple to the gap in right-center.

Nelson scored on a wild pitch to give the Scrappers a 2-1 lead.

Persinger was making his professional debut. The 21-year-old was selected by the Indians in the 18th round of the June draft out of Cal Fullerton. His professional career was put on hold for several weeks while he participated in the College World Series.

"I was actually drafted when I was on a plane heading to Omaha," Persinger said. "I didn't know until we touched down. The past few weeks, it's just been a case of getting ready, working on hitting with a wooden

bat, and getting (a physical) cleared by the Indians."

As for Persinger's first base hit and run scored?

"It's just baseball, at any level, it's just baseball," Persinger said. "I was just excited to get that first game under my belt. I'm excited to move forward."

In the sixth, the Scrappers added a pair of insurance runs when Ulysses Cantu belted his third home run of the year – a two-run shot deep over the left field wall.

Cantu leads the Scrappers in home runs (three) and is second on the team with eight RBI. The first baseman is batting a team-high .381.

"Ulysses has such a nice approach at the plate. He has a major league swing," Carlin said.

Scrapers relievers Eli Morgan, Ping-Hsueh Chen, Jonathan Teaney and Kyle Nelson combined to hurl five shutout innings, giving up just one hit in the process.

The relievers hit a pair of batters and issued six walks, but were able to work out of trouble in several innings.

The Scrappers and Black Bears conclude their three-game series tonight.

PIRATES

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a shaky first inning against the Phillies, allowing two runs on seven hits with eight strikeouts and one walk. The right-hander struck out the side in his final inning.

"Just guts, maybe a little luck, some nice (defensive) plays," Cole said of bouncing back.

"You just have to grind when you're in those situations."

Felipe Rivero, pitching on his 26th birthday, recorded his fifth save by striking out the side in a scoreless ninth.

Cole's big hit came in the Pirates' four-run fourth inning, when Pittsburgh also got some help from Ben Lively (1-4).

Josh Bell's triple off the wall in right scored Andrew McCutchen and the Pirates tied the game at 2 on David Freese's sacrifice fly. Lively

looked poised to get out of the inning when he fielded Jordy Mercer's grounder to the left of the mound, but his throw pulled Tommy Joseph off first base and loaded the bases for Cole.

Mercer had two hits and also tripled for the Pirates, who have won three of four.

Maikel Franco homered and Daniel Nava doubled and had three hits for the Phillies.

Franco's 12th homer of the season, a two-run shot to left field, gave the Phillies a 2-0 lead in the first.

Philadelphia threatened in the seventh against Daniel Hudson, putting runners on first and third with one out, but outfielder Gregory Polanco ended the inning with a superb throw to the

plate from medium right field to nail Nava trying to score from third and complete a 9-2 double play.

"That was a great throw, man; he let it eat," Cole said. "Big out. It definitely locked down the momentum on our side."

GETTING TESTY

The Pirates got testy in the second when plate umpire Larry Vanover came to the mound to break up a conference between Cole, catcher Francisco Cervelli and pitching coach Ray Searage. Pittsburgh likely was upset with some borderline low pitches that Vanover called balls and also the fact the umpire quickly came to the mound to halt the talk.

Several Pirates infielders came to the mound to restrain the heated Cervelli. The catcher appeared to make amends with Vanover in between innings, as both player and umpire patted each other on the back after a conversation that appeared to be friendly.

Cole preferred not to elaborate, saying he wanted to keep what was said on the field.

FRENCH

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of those situations. These games often come down to two, three, four possessions and if you can steal some of them over the course of the game it will pay off at the end."

Transition play often favors the team that is more in shape. But French said it doesn't appear like his guys will be moaning and groaning when it comes time to condition in the preseason.

"They already are [conditioned]," French said. "They seemed confident they were conditioned so we'll find out when practice starts. But I'm confident they're no different from the great kids I've coached before."

Despite it being the summer, French has still been able to work with some of his players already, in smaller groups to get a better idea of what cards he's holding come the start of the season.

"July we can get in and do open gyms with four guys at a time," French said.

"There's plans in the works though. I'll get a look at each of them and their skills.

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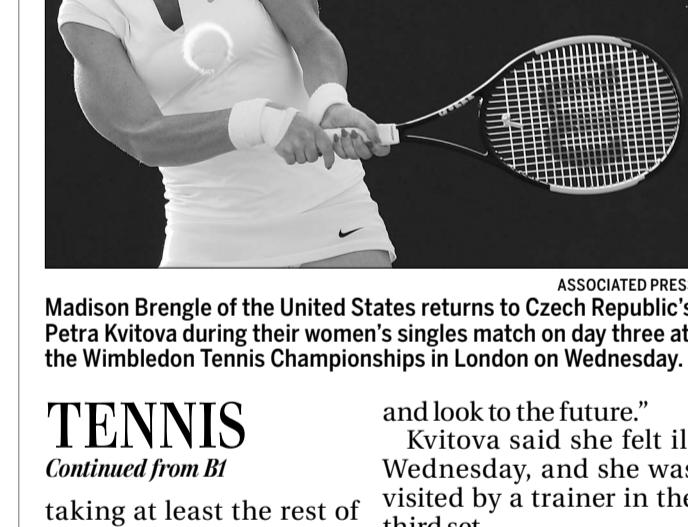
French said he thinks his

team in his opening season will showcase a strong senior class. It will be a senior class looking to get over that district-title hump.

"I met with the kids on Monday and we had a nice conversation," French said. "I talked with the older gentlemen and we've also got some good, young talent."

"I was very impressed with our seniors. I think they'll show great leadership. They're very serious about basketball. It's nice to be in an environment like that."

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Madison Brengle of the United States returns to Petra Kvitova during their women's singles match on day three at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on Wednesday.

TENNIS

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taking at least the rest of this year off — so Brengle is, for the moment, the last woman to defeat the 23-time Grand Slam champion.

"That's my thing," Brengle said, holding up a fist and laughing. "I'm going to hold on to that one forever."

Kvitova, who won Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014, had been favored by some British bookmakers to lift the trophy at fortnight's end, despite competing in only her third tournament of her comeback. She was attacked by a knife-wielding intruder at her home in the Czech Republic in December and needed surgery on her left hand, the one she uses to hold a racket.

Still without full strength in that hand Kvitova returned at the French Open in May, losing in the second round there. But then she won a grass-court title at Birmingham in June.

"I feel just really empty right now. I know my body; it's not great. But mentally I'm really glad that it's over. I mean, it was kind of a fairy tale, but on the other hand, it was very tough," she said. "I just need to look forward."

Kvitova was one of a half-dozen seeded women to lose on Day 3, a group that also included No. 15 Elina Svitolina (beaten by new mom Victoria Azarenka, a former No. 1 and two-time Australian Open champion), No. 17 Madison Keys, No. 18 Anastasija Sevastova, No. 22 Barbora Strycova and No. 25 Carla Suarez Navarro.

The action was much more straightforward in the men's draw, with straight-set victories by defending champion Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal, who has won the last 26 Grand Slam titles he has played.

For Keys, the 6-4, 6-7 (10), 6-1 exit in the second round against 86th-ranked Camila Giorgi of Italy was the American's earliest in five appearances at the All England Club.

INDIANS

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job and all us hitters are not doing it.

"We're going to try to turn it around. We're still in first place, but we're not satisfied with how we're doing right now."

Perdomo (4-4) allowed one earned run in five innings and continued his turnaround after a rough start this season. The right-hander didn't get his first win until his 11th start and is 4-1 since June 12.

Carlos Asuaje drove in two runs and the Padres did just enough against starter Trevor Bauer (7-7) to improve to 14-26 on the road.

With the Padres leading 4-2 in the seventh, Spangenberg connected for his fifth homer, a shot to left off reliever Zach McAllister.

The four-run deficit was too much to overcome for the Indians, who have been blanked over 8% innings by San Diego's relievers so far in the three-game series.

Cleveland is 4 for 25 with runners in scoring position in the past two games.

Lindor had three hits and two RBIs for the Indians, who dropped their second straight to the Padres, fell to 18-23 at home and are 2-11 in interleague play.

Cleveland is one of just three AL teams with losing home records.

Francona missed his second straight game as he remains at the Cleveland Clin-

ic. Francona, who was hospitalized twice last month, has been undergoing tests to determine what has been causing light-headedness and increasing his heart rate recently.

Team president Chris Antonetti said Francona will be away at least "a couple more days" and it's possible he'll miss the remainder of the team's homestand before the break.

The 58-year-old Francona is scheduled to manage at the All-Star Game next week in Miami, but those plans are on hold.

Bench coach Brad Mills, who is filling in for Francona, said the situation could be affecting Cleveland's players.

"There's no doubt that everyone was kind of thinking about that a little bit," he said. "To be able to put your finger on how much or whatever is really hard. Like I said, it kind of goes back, we got the 14 hits tonight with only the two runs. I would like to think that if he was here, we would have been able to get some of those with runners in scoring position."

"At the same time, there's no doubt everybody's thinking about it."

Indians outfielder Abraham Almonte went 3 for 4 in his first game since being placed on the disabled list on May 15 with a strained right biceps.

AMAZING EFFORT

Indians rookie center fielder Bradley Zimmer nearly



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Cleveland Indians' Francisco Lindor hits a one-run double off San Diego Padres starting pitcher Luis Perdomo in the fifth inning of Wednesday's game in Cleveland. Erik Gonzalez scored on the play. Catcher Luis Torrens watches.

made an incredible catch, racing into the gap and just missing Jose Pirela's drive before crashing into the padded wall at full speed.

"It would have been the best catch I've ever seen in my life," Padres manager Andy Green said. "He covered more ground than I think I've even seen. He's a phenomenal athlete out there."

Mills, too, was impressed by Zimmer's effort.

"It was unbelievable," he said. "He thought he had it. He hit the wall so hard and I think it hit in his glove the way it looked. He had it and it fell out. The effort, the distance he had to run to get there in the first place. And then to be able to make the effort to almost catch that thing is pretty special."

UP NEXT

Padres: Rookie RHP Dillon Lamet pitched a career-high seven innings in his previous start against Atlanta. He's limited right-handers to a .114 average.

Indians: RHP Josh Tomlin has been struggling, going 2-8 in his last 10 starts. He's 1-2 with a 7.88 ERA against NL teams this season.

AROUND THE HORN

Wednesday's other MLB games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 6

NEW YORK

Dellin Betances forced in the go-ahead run with four walks in the eighth inning, and Toronto beat New York after wasting a five-run lead. Justin Smoak and Kendrys Morales hit back-to-back home runs in the third inning off Michael Pineda, who also allowed Kevin Pillar's leadoff homer in the fourth. Russell Martin tied the score 6-6 with a seventh-inning homer against Chad Green, then walked to drive in the go-ahead run in the eighth.

Athletics 7, White Sox 4

OAKLAND, CALIF.

Sonny Gray pitched six mostly sharp innings to beat Chicago for the second time in two weeks and Oakland defeated the White Sox. Jed Lowrie added three hits and two RBIs, Bruce Maxwell doubled in two runs and Jaycob Brugman homered to help the A's to their second straight home win following eight consecutive losses at the Coliseum. The win was manager Bob Melvin's 499th with the A's and the 992nd of his career.

Angels 2, Twins 1

MINNEAPOLIS

Parker Bridwell pitched six scoreless innings, Kole Calhoun hit his 12th home run of the season and Los Angeles avoided a road sweep with a victory over Minnesota. Bridwell (3-1) was strong throughout, out-dueling Twins All-Star Ervin Santana while scattering four hits and stranding seven on base. Cameron Maybin completed a double steal in the sixth, stealing home as Calhoun took second and giving the Angels a two-run cushion that helped end their three-game losing streak.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Marlins 9, Cardinals 6

ST. LOUIS

Giancarlo Stanton homered twice, recording his 22nd career multihomer game, and Marcell Ozuna and Justin Bour also hit home runs as Miami beat St. Louis. Stanton went 3 for 4 and also walked while driving in four runs. He has five hits in his last two games after starting the Marlins' road trip in a 1-for-17 funk. Dustin McGowan (5-0) gave up a run in 1/3 innings of relief, while David Phelps and Kyle Barraclough each pitched a scoreless inning. AJ Ramos earned his 15th save in 16 attempts.

Rockies 5, Reds 3

DENVER

Jon Gray hit his first career homer an estimated 467 feet — the farthest by any Rockies player this season — and pitched effectively into the sixth inning as Colorado beat Cincinnati. Pat Valaika had a career-high three hits, including a two-run homer and a run-scoring single with two outs in the eighth. Gray's two-run homer in the second was the longest among pitchers since MLB's Statcast began tracking distances in 2015.

INTERLEAGUE

Cubs 7, Rays 3

CHICAGO

Jon Jay connected for his third career pinch-hit Homer and Ian Happ hit a tiebreaking two-run single in an inning later, helping Chicago rally for a victory over Tampa Bay. The Cubs appeared to be headed for their sixth loss in eight games before Jay drove a 1-2 pitch from Erasmo Ramirez (4-3) over the wall in left-center for a tying three-run shot with two out in the sixth inning. Jay then popped out of the dugout for a curtain call, obliging the crowd of 39,855 on a picturesque day at Wrigley Field.

Brewers 4, Orioles 0

MILWAUKEE

Matt Garza pitched into the seventh inning and Keon Broxton hit a two-run Homer to lift Milwaukee to a three-game sweep of Baltimore. Garza scattered five hits with two walks and four strikeouts over 6 1/3 innings for his first scoreless outing of the season. Oliver Drake, Jared Hughes and Corey Knebel completed the shutout with 2 2/3 innings. Garza (4-4) ran into trouble in the second inning after the Orioles loaded the bases with no outs.

Giants 5, Tigers 4

DETROIT

Ty Blach took a shutout into the seventh inning, and San Francisco held off a 5-0 Detroit before Detroit scored four times in the seventh. Blach (6-5) was pulled after allowing a two-run single to Victor Martinez, and San Francisco needed three relievers to get through the inning. The Giants used five relievers in all, with Hunter Strickland pitching the eighth and Sam Dyson finishing for his third save.

Astros 10, Braves 4

ATLANTA

George Springer drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Josh Reddick and Marwin Gonzalez each had three RBIs and streaking Houston beat Atlanta. Houston has won four straight and 12 of 15 to improve to 58-27 overall, best in the majors. One night after beating the Braves 16-4, the Astros got another big night from the top of their order.

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TODAY

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Summer Fest**, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown; 330-743-5493.

MUSIC

◆ **Jim Frank Combo**, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Champion Estates, 235 Champion Ave E., Warren.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Deuces Wild**, 7 p.m., Ramsay Memorial Pavilion, Fifth Street and Ohio Avenue, McDonald.

◆ **Jack Vasko and Com-**

pany, 7 p.m., Mauthe Park, 156 Smithfield St., Struthers.

◆ **Cortland Community Band**, 7 p.m., McKinley Memorial Library, 40 N. Main St., Niles; 330-652-1704.

◆ **Steve Fazzini**, 7 p.m., Boardman Park, 375 Boardman-Poland Road, Boardman; 330-726-8105.

◆ **JJ Grey and Motro**, 8 p.m., Kent Stage, 175 E. Main St., Kent; 877-987-6487.

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CHILDREN

◆ "The Princess and the Pea," 10

THE SOURCES

- ◆ **Ticketmaster**: At Giant Eagle stores in Austintown, Boardman (Doral Drive), Hermitage and New Castle. Call 866-448-7849. Web address is Ticketmaster.com.
- ◆ **Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St. Youngstown**: Tickets are also available at the box office or at Ticketmaster.

a.m., Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre, at Boardman Public Library, 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman; 330-744-8636.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Slovenefest**, noon to 11 p.m., SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, Enon Valley, Pa.; 877-767-5732.

◆ **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Summer Fest**, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown; 330-743-5493.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **The Fabulous Flashbacks**, 7 p.m., Central Square, downtown, Youngstown.

POP, ROCK

◆ **Johnny Lang**, 8 p.m., Kent Stage, 175 E. Main St., Kent; 877-987-6487.

SATURDAY

DANCES

◆ **Friendly Squares monthly dance**, 7:30 p.m., Niles Senior S.C.O.P.E. Center, 14 E. State St., Niles; 330-544-3676.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Summer Festival of the Arts**,



Wrestling at Eastwood

Wrestling Under the Stars, with Mick Foley (above), Ryback and Cody Rhodes, will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. at Eastwood Field, behind Eastwood Mall, in Niles. Also on the bill are Jerry "The King" Lawler, Jimmy Hart and Mandy Leon. Tickets start at \$15 and are on sale at mvscreppers.com or by phone at 330-505-0000.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Youngstown State University. Calla Community Lawn Festival, 4:30 p.m., Calla Church, 6482 W. Calla Road, Canfield.

◆ **Wine and Jazz Fest with Alex Bugnon**, 6 p.m., Central Square, downtown, Youngstown.

◆ **Slovenefest**, noon to 11 p.m., SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, Enon Valley, Pa.; 877-767-5732.

◆ **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church**

Greek Summerfest, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown; 330-743-5493.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors**, 6:30 p.m., Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre, Boardman Park, Boardman; 330-726-8105.

◆ **ZOSO (Led Zeppelin tribute) and Straight On (Heart tribute)**, 5 p.m., Warren Community Amphitheatre, 321 Mahoning Ave.,

Warren; riverrockattheamp.com.

POP, ROCK

◆ **Slightly Stoopid**, 7 p.m., Nelson Ledges Quarry Park, 12001 Nelson Ledge Road, Nelson; 440-548-2716.

SALES, SHOWS

◆ **All AmeriCon comic book**, toy and art convention, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St., Youngstown; 866-448-7849.

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Antiques Appraisal Fair**,

noon to 4 p.m., Joseph A. Claveli History Center (Lawrence County Historical Society), 408 N. Jefferson St., New Castle, Pa.; 724-658-4022.

◆ **Friends of PLYMC Book Sale**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Library of Youngstown, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Wrestling Under the Stars**, 7 p.m., Eastwood Field, 11 Eastwood Mall Blvd., Niles; 330-505-0000.

SPORTS

◆ **Adult and Child Golf Classic**, 9 a.m., Buhl Park Golf Course, 1290 Forker Blvd., Hermitage, Pa.

SUNDAY

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Summer Festival of the Arts**, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Youngstown State University.

◆ **Slovenefest**, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, Enon Valley, Pa.; 877-767-5732.

◆ **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Greek Summerfest**, noon to 6 p.m., St. Nicho-

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Ias Greek Orthodox Church, 220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown; 330-743-5493.

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trumbull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

MUSIC

◆ **The King's Brass**, 6 p.m., Salem High School Auditorium, 1200 E. Sixth St., Salem; 330-332-8905.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Forecast (jazz)**, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-360-1848.

◆ **2DE Gospel Festival with Israel Houghton and New Breed**, noon, Central Square, Youngstown; 2deepevents.com.

◆ **Rocco Monaco**, 6 p.m., Harding Park, 249 Roosevelt Drive, Hubbard; 330-534-3098.

◆ **Winds at the Winery with Youngstown Area Community Concert Band**, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mastropietro Winery, 14558 Ellsworth Road, Berlin Center; 330-547-2151.

◆ **Take II**, 6 p.m., Bicentennial Gazebo, Warren-Sharon Road, Vienna.

◆ **The Sensations**, 6 p.m., Buhl Farm Park, 715 Hazen Road, Hermitage, Pa.; 724-981-5522.

POP, ROCK

◆ **In This Moment**, 7 p.m., W.D. Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren; 800-745-3000.

SHOWS, SALES

◆ **Here Comes the Bride**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Barnhisel House

Museum, 1011 S. State St., Girard; 330-545-2508.

◆ **All AmeriCon comic book**, toy and art festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Covelli Centre, Youngstown.

MONDAY

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trumbull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

MOVIES

◆ **"The Little Mermaid"**, 8 p.m., Outdoors at Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St., Youngstown.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Following June**, 7 p.m., Canfield Village Green, Routes 224 and 46, Canfield.

◆ **The Butch Nichols Band**, 7 p.m., gazebo, downtown Poland.

TUESDAY

CHILDREN

◆ **"The Princess and the Pea" with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre**, 11 a.m., Newport Public Library, 3730 Market St., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trumbull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

LECTURES

◆ **Belinda Varias**, 7 p.m., Springfield Township Historical Society meeting house, 14188 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Road, Petersburg.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **The Wrangler**

Band, 7 p.m., Austintown Township Park, 6000 Kirk Road, Austintown; 330-793-0718.

WEDNESDAY

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society Festival**, 6 p.m., Lowellville Mount Carmel Society, 102 E. Washington St., Lowellville; 330-536-8203.

◆ **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Festival**, 6 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 381 Robbins Ave., Niles; 330-652-5825.

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trumbull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Cin City and the Saints**, 7 p.m., Woodworth Park, Luther Avenue between Market St. and Southern Blvd., North Lima; 330-549-9552.

◆ **Going for the One**, 7 p.m., Mill Creek MetroParks Wick Recreation Area, 1861 McCollum Road, Youngstown.

◆ **Jim Frank Combo**, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., The Inn at Ironwood, 6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield; 330-533-6733.

◆ **Makin' Changes**, 6:30 p.m., Buhl Farm Park, 715 Hazen Road, Hermitage, Pa.; 724-981-5522.

◆ **Sarah Warren and friends**, 7 p.m., Woodworth Park, Luther Avenue between Market St. and Southern Blvd., Youngstown; 330-549-9552.

POP, ROCK

◆ **The Gin Blossoms**, 8 p.m., Kent Stage, 175 E. Main St., Kent; 877-987-6487.

BEST BETS ON TV

◆ **"MOSQUITO" (9 P.M., DISCOVERY)**: "Mosquito" is a timely program that examines a tiny creature causing great big problems – including diseases such as Zika, malaria, West Nile virus and yellow fever. The film chronicles the increasing global

threat these "agents of death" pose.

◆ **"THE GONG SHOW" (10 P.M., ABC)**: Can things get even weirder on "The Gong Show"? Apparently, they can. Among tonight's acts: a contortionist who impersonates a tree and a "crazy cat lady."

◆ **"LIFE OF KYLIE" (10 P.M., E!)**: Brace yourself for yet another Kardashian spinoff series. "Life of Kylie" promises to give viewers an insider's look at how 19-year-old model and business dynamo Kylie Jenner runs her thriving cosmetics brand.

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Summer Festival of the Arts at YSU

All roads lead to art

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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YOUNGSTOWN

The Wick Avenue reconstruction project isn't quite finished, but the Summer Festival of the Arts is ready to go.

The annual event at Youngstown State University this weekend will feature at least 75 regional artists showing and selling their work, an excellent and diverse musical lineup that is at once familiar and unique, and a host of other delights and surprises both on campus and off.

As for the closed Wick Avenue — that shouldn't be an issue. Lori Factor, director of the SFA, suggests festival-goers park either in the surface-level stadium lots along Fifth Avenue or the Wick Avenue deck, which can be accessed only via Walnut Street, just past the MVR Restaurant (GPS directions: 100 E. Wade St., Youngstown, 44502). A footbridge crosses Wick Avenue from the parking deck and leads directly to the SFA area.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Alex Bugnon will perform at the Youngstown Wine and Jazz festival, downtown, on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 and are available at ticketmaster.com, the Covelli Centre box office and at the door. The concert will take place at Central Square, which will be closed to traffic, with the stage set up in the middle of Wick Avenue.

Other events this weekend in the center city that will run concurrently with, or immediately after, the SFA are:

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Summerfest, Thursday through Sunday, 220 N. Walnut St., with live music and dancing, Greek food and pastries, and

a display of cultural memorabilia. Hours: Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

All AmeriCon comic book, toy and art convention, Covelli Centre. Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5

p.m. More than a hundred dealer and vendor tables and several special guests from the comic industry. Admission is \$10 per day.

The Fabulous Flashbacks, 7 p.m., \$10. Popular pop band will reunite for a concert on Central Square.

Youngstown Wine and Jazz, with featured artist Alex Bugnon, Saturday, (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on Central Square. Tickets are \$10.

2 DE Gospel Fest, featuring headliner Israel Houghton and New Breed, Sunday, July 9, at Central Square (gates open at 2 p.m.). Tickets are \$20, \$40 and \$60 and may be purchased in advance at 2deepevents.com, by phone at 330-953-3340, and at the gate.

The Summer Festival of the Arts, which runs from 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and features free admission, will begin with an opening ceremony with YSU President Jim Tressel — who will be part of a ballroom dance exhibition shortly after at the Butler Institute of American Art. Tressel and his wife will take a tango lesson from dance instructors Annette Burden and Tony Scheppler at noon, which will be followed by the dance exhibition at 1 p.m.

Music is always a big part of the SFA, and Factor is very pleased with this year's lineup.

"The groups we have are resonating with the community and have proven track records but are still new enough," she said.

Acts include J.D. Eicher, Demos

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SCHEDULE**SATURDAY****KILCAWLEY CENTER CHESTNUT ROOM**

◆ 11 a.m.: Youngstown Music Teacher's Student Recital

◆ Noon: Millennial Theater

◆ 1 p.m.: Mahoning Valley Film Initiative

◆ 2 p.m.: Lit Youngstown

◆ 3 p.m.: Rust Belt Theater Co. Season Premier

KILCAWLEY FOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATER

◆ 10 a.m.: Opening Ceremony, Rachell Joy

◆ 11 a.m.: Ye Jazzy Gents

◆ Noon: Justin Randall Quartet

◆ 1 p.m.: Justin Randall Quartet

◆ 2 p.m.: Radio Lark

◆ 3 p.m.: Just Two Guitars

◆ 4 p.m.: Sensations

◆ 5 p.m.: Sensations

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

◆ 11 a.m.: Youngstown Community Concert Band

◆ Noon: Erie Heights Brass Ensemble

◆ 2 p.m.: Brian Bonhomme

◆ 4 p.m.: Oakland Center for The Arts: History of

Country Music

◆ 5 p.m.: Oakland Center for The Arts: History of Delta Blues

BUTLER INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN ART

◆ Noon: Tango with the Tressels

◆ 1 p.m.: Ballroom dance exhibition

WARD BEECHER PLANETARIUM

◆ Noon: STARS

◆ 1 p.m.: Legends of the Night Sky

◆ 2 p.m.: Totality

◆ 3 p.m.: Summer Skywatch

◆ 4 p.m.: Totality

◆ (YSU Barbershop Quartet will be strolling around campus from 2 to 5 p.m.)

SUNDAY KILCAWLEY CENTER CHESTNUT ROOM

◆ Noon: Mahoning Valley Film Initiative

◆ 1 p.m.: W. Rick Schilling Storytelling, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

◆ 2 p.m.: W. Rick Schilling Storytelling, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

◆ 3 p.m.: Summer Skywatch

WARD BEECHER PLANETARIUM

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Hubbard native's mystery novel reflects the Valley

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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Michael Prelee drew on his own life experience when creating the characters and storylines for his new novel, "Murder in the Heart of It All."

The crime-mystery is set in the fictional Northeast Ohio city of Hogan, which bears many parallels to Hubbard, where Prelee lives. The people, places and problems also have a familiar ring.

In the novel, dozens of residents of Hogan are getting nasty anonymous letters. A reporter for the local weekly newspaper is assigned the story, and he attempts to track down the sender.

Prelee's plot touches on plant closings, the opioid crisis and the gossipy nature of small-town life. The Youngstown State University graduate grew up in Brookfield, and also spent time in other Valley communities, including Cortland and Warren. He works for a soft-



Prelee

ware firm in West Middlesex, Pa., and writes novels in his spare time.

"Murder" is Prelee's first crime novel, but his second overall. He published "Milky Way Repo" in 2015, and will publish a sequel, "Bad Rock Beat Down," this month. Both are what he calls "blue-collar science fiction," and follow a group of interstellar repo agents.

True to the crime-suspense genre, "Murder in the Heart of It All" has a tight procedural plot that leaves no loose ends and reads like a page-turner.

Prelee explained his motives in writing it in a recent interview.

"I wanted to write a crime fiction novel," he said. "I lived in this area all my life, so I have a good perspective of small-town life and city life, and I wanted to write about what I knew – the experience of growing up here

with plants closing and the effect it has on the people who lose their job."

The characters who populate his novel are amalgamations of people he has met.

"Once I started to think about the setting, it was easy to create characters who would live within that setting," said Prelee. "My first job out of college was as a security guard at Delphi in Warren, and I drew from that experience ... plants closing, and the way the workers were treated."

The angry character at the center of "Murder in the Heart of It All" is a product of that world. "I wanted him to be fully fleshed out," said Prelee. "He could be your neighbor."

North Star Press of St. Cloud, Minn., published the novel after Prelee submitted it. The small publishing house also released his sci-fi novels.

Prelee said he got the premise for "Murder" from an episode of television reality series "Unsolved Mysteries," in which

a resident in Circleville, Ohio, sent hundreds of anonymous letters to people in his town. "I thought it would make a good story," said Prelee.

The author will be at the All-AmeriCon comics convention this weekend at Covelli Centre, selling and signing copies of his books.

He also has a book signing on

July 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at Books-a-Million in Eastwood Mall; and Oct. 7 from noon to 3 p.m. at Leana's Books and More in Shenango Valley Mall.

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All-AmeriCon expands to Covelli

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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YOUNGSTOWN

The All-AmeriCon comic book, toy and art show is growing like it has super powers.

Now in its eighth year, the event is moving into Covelli Centre and expanding to two days – Saturday and Sunday.

It also will have a roster of special guests that includes Iron Man artist and Valiant Comics founder Bob Layton and several other top names in the field.

Previous All-AmeriCons took place at Packard Music Hall in Warren. But Gregory Bartholomew, owner of the All-America comic book stores in Warren and Boardman and founder of the event, knew it was time to jump to the next level.

"We made the decision last year to move to Covelli," he said. "We knew we would outgrow Packard. And the bigger-name guests that you need to fill a venue that size only want to do two-day events, which maximizes their income. I took a leap

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GREGORY BARTHOLOMEW,
All-AmeriCon founder

of faith and did it."

With the Summer Festival of the Arts and other events bringing people to central Youngstown this weekend, All-AmeriCon should have no trouble attracting families and fans who might not be diehard comic collectors.

"In the past three years, we drew 1,200 people, then 1,700 and, last year, 2,500," said Bartholomew. "We're expecting 4,500 people, maybe 5,000, this year."

Those who attend will see what will easily be the biggest All-AmeriCon to date, with

more than 125 comic, toy and art retailers and artists setting up tables.

In addition to Layton, comic book artist-writers Michael Golden, Rags Morales and Arthur Suydam will be featured guests. Golden is best known as co-creator of the Rogue character in the X-Men. Morales' work includes stints on Batman and Superman comic book titles, while Suydam worked on Batman and Conan the Barbarian titles, among others.

All of the artists will sign their works and accept art commissions.

All-AmeriCon also will feature a cosplay panel at noon Saturday, featuring Michael Wilson of Youngstown. "Mike Wilson, who is a deputy sheriff in Mahoning County, is one of the most famous cosplayers in the region, if not the country," said Bartholomew. Wilson is known for his original character Knightmage.

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Israel Houghton will grace gospel fest with his praise-worthy sound

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

Modern gospel music star Israel Houghton has been cutting across denominational lines for 20 years – and has racked up a slew of awards in the process.

Houghton and his band, New Breed, will headline Sunday's third annual 2Deep Events Gospel Festival on Central Square, downtown.

Terrill Vidale, the festival promoter, has been bringing in the genre's top names ever since he started the gospel event two years ago. Fred Hammond and Tye Tribbett have been the previous headliners, drawing 2,500 and 3,000. Vidale is hoping for up to 4,000 for Houghton.

Gospel Fest also will feature the Singing Shepherds. Pastors Danielle Gutierrez and Todd Johnson will serve as hosts.

Gates open at 2 p.m., and music starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and VIP packages are available for \$40 and \$60 (includes meet and greet reception). Go to 2DeepEvents.com or call 330-953-3340.

Houghton formed New Breed Ministries in 1995 and released



Israel Houghton will headline Sunday's gospel music festival in Youngstown.

his debut albums, "Whisper It Loud" and "Way of the World," in 1997.

Since then, he has released 11 solo and group albums, including chart toppers "New Season," "Power of One," "Jesus at the Center" and the current "Covered – Alive in Asia" (2015).

His albums "Alive in South Africa" and "Live from Another Level" achieved gold-selling status.

Credited with revolutionizing contemporary praise and wor-

ship music with his pop-inflected style, Houghton has received five Grammy awards, 13 Dove awards, two Stellar awards and a Soul Train music award. He has appeared on "The MTV Awards," "The Tonight Show" and "The 50th Annual Grammy Awards."

Houghton recently has expanded his career into film and television projects, producing and scoring music. He also serves as a worship leader at Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston.

IF YOU GO

◆ **What:** Gospel Fest with Israel Houghton and New Breed

◆ **When:** 2 p.m. Sunday

◆ **Where:** Central Square, downtown Youngstown

◆ **Tickets:** \$20 for general admission; \$40 for VIP (includes a chair and water); and \$60 for VIP plus meet-and-greet reception with Houghton. Go to 2DeepEvents.com or call 330-953-3340.

After the release of his 2012 album, "Jesus at the Center: Live," Houghton summed up his thought process in picking the title – and it seemed to encapsulate his career philosophy.

"[It's about] the simplicity of being all about Jesus and not using 'pronoun-ed' gospel ... going back to a place where it's not about us, where we're decreasing because Jesus is increasing and drawing all men to him," he said in a press release. "This requires finding the balance between being a worship leader and being an artist. The purpose of a worship leader is being looked *through*, not looked *at*."

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Papadimas and his band, Radio Lark, the Sensations, Rachell Joy, Ye Jazzy Gents, Conjunto Riqueno, Leo D'Angelo, Justin Randall Quartet, County Mayo, Brian Bonhomme and polka band the Zaps.

"JD Eicher is a perennial at the SFA, and he increases our integrity," said Factor. "We've had him for a decade, and his music is now known beyond the area, but he always takes the time to come back."

Bonhomme, a history professor at YSU, was a member of '80s British rock band Roman Holiday.

In the Ward Beecher Planetarium, the shows will include "Totality," which is about the total solar eclipse, a subject that is of special interest this year because an eclipse will be visible in the United States on Aug. 21.

The heart and soul of the festival, if not the entire weekend, remains the artists.

The curated village of artists provide an opportunity to purchase unique and quality pieces in all price ranges.

"Some people come back every year looking to add a piece to their collection of work from a particular artist," said Factor.

COMICS

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Saturday's schedule also will include a Star Wars panel at 2 p.m. and a costume contest for adults (age 13 and up) at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, there will be a trivia competition at noon. Comic book artist Darryl Banks (Green Lantern) will give a talk on how to break into the art field at 1:30 p.m., and there will be a costume contest for kids (age 12 and under) at 3 p.m.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 per person.

"It's a slight increase over last year, but still far cheaper than a movie or any amusement park," said Bartholomew. "I will always keep it affordable and family friendly."

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Fri: Steve Cipriano, 7 p.m.
Sat: Little Steve-O Duo, 7 p.m.

◆ **Boneshakers Restaurant and Lounge**, 544 E. Pershing St., Salem
Sat: Jim Frank Trio, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

◆ **Brewtus Brewing Company**, 23 Chestnut Ave., Sharon, Pa.
Sat: Steve Vuich, 8 p.m.

◆ **The Brickhouse Tavern**, 958 E. Midlothian Blvd., Youngstown; 330-782-6000
Sat: Cin City and the Saints, 9 p.m.

◆ **Chipper's Sports Bar**, 5 N. Edgehill Ave., Austintown
Sat: Highland Rose, Three Vultures, Zombie Crutch, 8 p.m.

◆ **The Clark House**, 3590 Valley View Road, Clark, Pa.
Sat: FX Project, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

◆ **El Jalapeno II**, 4626 Mahoning Ave., Austintown; 330-799-6500
Fri: Davis and Henner, 6 p.m.

◆ **The Fireplace**, 2075 E. Western Reserve Road, Poland; 330-757-4043
Thu: Car cruise with DJ Richie D, 5 p.m.
Tue: Party on the Patio with Bustin' Loose, 7 p.m.

◆ **Frieda's**, 381 W. Rayen Ave., Youngstown
Fri: Howard and the Point Five Band, 6 to 10 p.m.; DJ EZ D, 10 p.m.
Sat: Jam session, 6 to 10 p.m.; DJ EZ D, 10 p.m.

◆ **Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course**, 655 N. Canfield Niles Road, Austintown; 330-423-1112
Fri: Dominic Tocco and Brotherhood, 8 p.m.
Sat: Hit Play, 8 p.m.

◆ **J. Hicks on the Square**, 117 N. Diamond St., Mercer, Pa.
Thu: Teddy Pantelas Trio with Clif-

ford Barnes and Darryl Pellegrini, 7 p.m.

◆ **La Isla**, 1800 E. State St., Hermitage, Pa.
Thu: Randy Velez, 8 p.m.

◆ **Magic Tree**, 7463 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-2667
Fri: Mike Edgerly, 7 p.m.
Sat: The Locals, 7:30 p.m.
Tue: Trivia Tuesdays at The Tree, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

◆ **Mastropietro Winery**, 14558 Ellsworth Road, Berlin Center; 330-547-2151
Sun: Winds at the Winery concert with Youngstown Area Community Concert Band, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

◆ **Paradise Patio at Trax Lounge**, 4250 New Road, Austintown; 330-799-2249
Fri: Common Ground, 7:30 p.m.
Sat: Leanne and the Boys, 7:30 p.m.

◆ **Piggy's Sports Bar & Grill**, 886 Youngstown-Poland Road, Struthers
Sat: Glitter Pig, 8 p.m.

◆ **Quaker Steak & Lube**, 435 Boardman-Poland Road, Boardman
Thu: The Sums Divide

◆ **Riser Tavern & Grill**, 1135 W. Western Reserve Road, Boardman
Tue: Steve Vuich hosts acoustic open stage, 8 p.m.

◆ **Royal Oaks**, 924 Oak St., Youngstown; 330-744-5501
Sat: The Living Dead, with Turbo Lovers, 9 p.m.

◆ **Magic Tree**, 7463 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-2667
Thu: Wine Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

◆ **The Marketplace**, Chestnut St., New Wilmington, Pa.
Sat: Jim Frank Duo, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

◆ **Vintage Estate Wine & Beer**, 7317 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-8080
Thu: Steve Vuich hosts open-mic night, 8 p.m.
Fri: Dead Flowers, 8 p.m.

19th Annual Youngstown Mt. Carmel Basilica Italian Festival

The year's 19th Annual Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Italian Festival in Youngstown is set for July 20, 21, 22, and 23 on the church grounds at 343 via Mt. Carmel. Frank Frattaroli serves as fest chairperson and has announced the honorees for this year's Opening Ceremonies, the "Woman of the Year" has been awarded to Marie Ronyak, the "Man of the Year" to Tony Pondillo and the "Lifetime Achievement Award" presented posthumously to Albert Baca. There will also be three \$1,000 YSU Scholarships awarded to three deserving students. Opening ceremonies are held on Friday, July 21 at 7 PM in the Social Hall.

Entertainment: This year's entertainment will be the very talented Nick Fiasco, with all your Italian favorites specializing in Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin best loved tunes. Brought back by popular demand is Pittsburgh's own sensational "The Cavaliers" band. Both showcase first-class entertainment that delight their audiences everywhere they go. Also featured are the best in local entertainment including area crowd pleaser Dominic Tocco and The Brotherhood on Saturday night and Mirella the Musician on Saturday and Sunday night. Don't forget the best in music and dance bands such as Butch Nichols Band, Rex Taneri, John Gabriele, D-Major, the Avanti Band, Franco Simone, Gli Italiani, Frank Gallo, Jim Frank, Rocco Monaco, and Nunzio.

Little Prince and Princess Pageant: The Boardman Chick-Fil-A sponsored "Little Prince and Prince Pageant" that will be held on Thursday, July 20th at 7 PM in the Social Hall. The contest includes boys and girls ages 4-9 and Master of Ceremonies is Jim Loboy who draws out the best of conversation in the children. Dolly Crump serves as chairperson.

Sunday Noon Mass & Procession: The procession will begin at 1 PM after the noon mass. It will be led by a group of the church's youth bearing the flags of Italy's Regions and process down via Mt. Carmel and back, along with the Knights of Columbus, the Man and Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Little Pageant contestants, and the Lowellville Band. Monsignor Cariglio and George Summers are the organizers. They will make their way through the midway and conclude with a concert by the Lowellville Band on the main stage.

Guided Tours: Guided tours of the beautiful Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica will be held on Friday and Saturday at 6 and 8 PM and Sunday at 3 PM and 6 PM. If you haven't seen the beautiful and historical Basilica, now is the time to take this tour.

Known for the Food: What is better at an Italian Festival than great food? All your favorite food vendors are back with delicious and tempting foods from the cavatellis to the sausage sandwiches, greens, fried boloney, burgers, ribs and chicken, and finish with the sweet taste of great cookies, ice cream or pastries, plus many more favorites from our high-quality and highly recommended food vendors. Several new vendors have been added for variety and taste – all with the best quality and flavor, including McGuire's Coney Island hot dogs.

Huge Italian Auction: Chairperson Angie Foltz works year round to insure this attraction is a success with over 200 prizes that will appeal to every age group. It runs all four days inside our hall with the drawing on Sunday evening. It's a must see!

Craft and Retail Vendors: A variety of retail and craft vendors are currently scheduled with new items available for display and sale.

Fun for Your Children Too: The Children's area has been expanded with a kid's craft area chaired by Christine Cipriano to entertain your child. This is an addition to the bounce-a-round, games, train ride and weather permitting, pony rides. We have added a miniature golf course as well as electronic basketball for the children to try their skills.

Homemade Wine Contest: This year's homemade wine contest, sponsored by Rocco Nolfi of Allstate, and hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, July 22 with the judging to take place at 6 PM in the church basement. Wines can be entered Thursday and Friday from 5 – 8 PM and Saturday from 1 – 5 PM. Sam Accordino serves as chairperson of this popular event.

Morra: Lisa Antonini, has the honor of chairing this event in memory of her father. The 3rd Annual Italio Antonini Memorial Morra Tournament will be held on Friday, July 21 at 6 PM with registration at 5 PM. Come and test your skills!

Free Shuttle Service and Parking: There will be plenty of parking and security to handle the expected crowds. After the Mt. Carmel lot is filled, parking lots at United Way, St. Cyril & Methodius Church, Ohio One Building, Affordable Auto and Tire Repair, and the YMCA lots are available with two Transit Service busses running again this year to bring you to the fest. Additionally golf carts shuttle you to the entrance, free of charge.

Pre-Sale Ticket Books Available at Area Merchants. Daily admission is only \$4.00 per person but to make it even a better deal, you can purchase ahead of time a book of four (4) passes for only \$6.00. This averages out to only \$1.50 per day. Pre-sale ticket books can be purchased in advance at Rulli Bros. West and South, Jimmy's Italian Foods in Liberty and Lariccia's Italian Marketplace in Boardman.

We will keep you informed and reminded of all information and schedules and look forward to another beautiful Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica 19th Annual Italian festival. For more information on any of the above events – call 330-755-2306.

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LOCAL FLAVOR

◆ When: Monday, 6 to 8 p.m.

◆ What: Tour of Urban Farms & Community Gardens. Learn about growing vegetables and see growing in action.

◆ Where: Jubilee Gardens, 150 Lafayette St. Youngstown.

◆ Details: Free.

HYPERTUFA WORKSHOP

◆ When: July 10, 10 a.m. to noon.

◆ What: Garden Art Series continues. Join other gardeners in making a set of three hypertufa pots, complete with plants.

◆ Cost: \$25, including the items to take home.

◆ Details: go.osu.edu/tufapots

◆ Register: Call 330-533-5538

BIRDING THE SANCTUARY

◆ When: July 15, 8-9:30 a.m.

◆ What: Enjoy an early morning bird walk at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary led by Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited.

◆ Where: Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, 2650 West Calla Road, Beaver Township.

◆ Details: Register at Ford Nature Center by next Thursday. Space limited; registration required. Boots required. Moderate difficulty, 1.25 miles.

◆ Cost: Free

◆ Info: Call Ford Nature Center at 330-740-7107

LANTERMAN'S MILL TROLLEY

◆ When: July 15, 10 a.m. to noon.

◆ What: All aboard the Cohasset Express to enjoy views of historic Mill Creek Park and a guided tour of Lanterman's Mill.

◆ Where: Ford Nature Center, 840 Old Furnace Road, Youngstown.

◆ Cost Adults: \$9 Mahoning County resident; \$12, NR; 12 and younger under or 60 and older, \$7 R, \$10 NR.

◆ Details: Register/pay at Ford Nature Center by next Thursday. Snack will be provided.

◆ Info: Call Ford Nature Center at 330-740-7107

LOCAL FLAVOR 2

◆ When: July 17, 6-8 p.m.

◆ What: Tour of Urban Farms & Community Gardens. Join OSU Extension staff and trained master gardener volunteers to learn about growing vegetables and see growing in action in Youngstown.

◆ Where: Taft Grows Green 4-H Club Garden, 721 Avondale

◆ Details: Free and open to the public

◆ Info: http://go.osu.edu/localflavor2017 or 330-533-5538

GOOD BUGS VS. BAD BUGS

◆ When: July 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon

◆ What: Coffee with master gardeners: What kind of bugs do you have in your garden? Learn which are helpful, and which are not!

◆ Where: OSU Extension, 490 S. Broad St., Canfield

◆ Details: \$15 includes refreshments and handouts

◆ Info: http://go.osu.edu/findthegoodones

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY

◆ When: July 15, 2 to 4 p.m.

◆ What: Our black rat snake is turning 20! Join the party, meet her and our other native wildlife residents; create a craft; enjoy a piece of cake while supplies last.

◆ Where: Ford Nature Center, 840 Old Furnace Road, Youngstown.

◆ Cost: Free

◆ Info: Call Ford Nature Center at 330-740-7107

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Flashing in the night

It's the time of year when we see faint flashes of light in the yard and garden – time to check out the lightning bugs.

go.osu.edu/flashing

Where are the beetles?

Some of us have a few Japanese beetles this year, but we have yet to see any large, localized populations. Keep your eye out for the scouts that bring on more. go.osu.edu/japanesebeetles

Classic, yet unusual fruit shrubs for your garden

By BOB EISTER
OSU master gardener volunteer

Ribes are a genus of woody shrubs that produce a tasty, tart fruit that is usually made into jams and jellies. Gooseberries and currants are two closely related species of these shrubs that reach a height of 3-6 feet when mature. They are easy to grow. Some cultivars may have moderately thorny canes. Most ribes are considered cold-hardy and grow well in USDA hardness zones 4 to 6. Jostaberry is a black currant-gooseberry cross. These are vigorous and thornless, growing up

to 5 feet tall. These are disease-resistant and the large fruit has a mild, black currant flavor.

Ribes were popular in the 1800s, but fell into a specialty category of fruit until 1966 due to a fear they helped to spread the white pine blister rust plant disease. This disease is not a significant problem in most areas. Ribes are now making a comeback in upscale restaurants and are prized for use in their sauces, pies and juice for winemaking.

Planting and harvesting: Most ribes like to grow in cool, moist, partially shaded

sites. As with all fruit, they must have well-drained soils, though. They are very tolerant of a wide range of soil types and pH. They usually do well on less than perfect sites. Well established plants can bear fruit for 15 years or more. Many cultivars are available, some with and without thorns.

"Invicta" is perhaps the best green-fruited variety. The berries have a good flavor and are the size of small plums.

"Josta" is a black currant and American gooseberry hybrid. Plants are tall and thornless, tending not to

branch, but requiring a lot of space by maturity. Better for home gardens.

"Poorman" is vigorous and productive, not as thorny as some others. Fruits are small and pink, and mature earlier than those of "Downing." Eating quality is excellent when fruit is fully ripe. Good choice for home use.

The Pixwell cultivar is what I have growing in my garden. The fruit grows to light green marble-size that changes to red when ripe. You must be careful when harvest time comes in early July, because of some thorns and the fact that the birds

will try to beat you to them. I suggest netting the bushes. You can expect to get 5 pounds of fruit per bush, or the equivalent of 5 quarts!

Plants should be pruned in the dormant season of late winter to early spring. Prune them to open up the top of the plants to make picking easier.

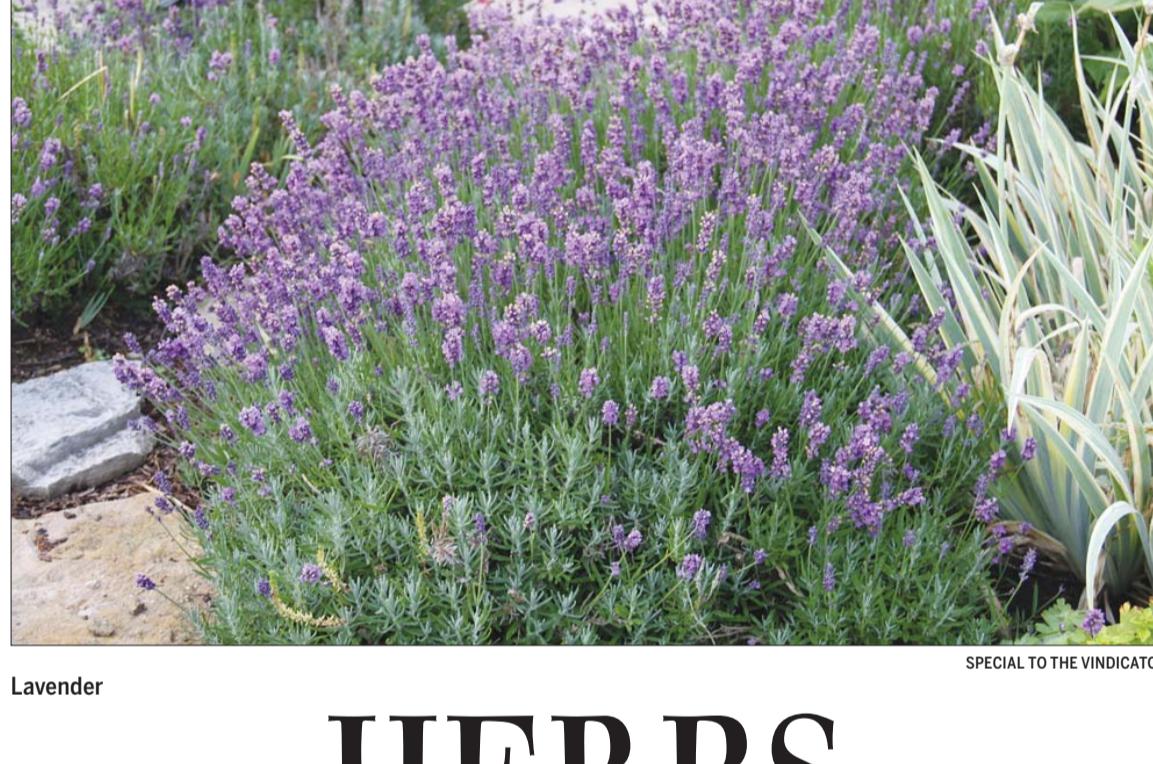
Ribes are long living, produce edible fruit, are attractive to wildlife and have ornamental value. They are fun to grow and your neighbors will wonder what you are up to now!

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Lavender

HERBS

By PAM BAYTOS
OSU master gardener volunteer

CANFIELD

Herbs have been growing for months now. They are fresh, flavorful and ready for your favorite recipes. Now that we have more than we can use, it's time to save them for the winter months.

There are different techniques for harvesting and preserving your herbs. How you harvest them depends on the herb and what you plan to do with them. Gather herbs on a dry sunny day after the dew has dried. To store fresh herbs, place bouquets into jars filled with 1-2 inches of water, cover loosely with plastic wrap and refrigerate. For small sprigs, wrap in paper towels sealed in plastic bags and place in the crisper drawer. Both options last two weeks. Make sure leaves are free of dew or drops, otherwise they will turn brown.

It's best to dry herbs in a dark place with good ventilation. Barns and sheds are good as well as the top of refrigerator on a tray, or even screens placed in your car while parked in shade. When drying herb seeds, snip off seed heads when they turn brown. Blanch them to destroy insects that can hide inside. Spread to dry, then store in airtight containers. For large batches of dried leaves cut the stems and rubber band bunches onto a wire hanger. Have a sepa-

rate hanger for each herb or cultivar to make organization easy. Label each as many will look alike when they dry. Herbs with short stems and leaves are difficult to bunch. The best method is to snip off foliage and spread it on a screen in a single layer. Loose blossoms and flower petals can also be dried on screens. If the herbs are fine, spread a paper towel on the screen first. Remember to stir the herbs once a day for even drying. This takes 7-10 days.

When your herbs have dried thoroughly, it's time to store. If you're saving herbs for culinary use, crush them. Leaves and blossoms saved for tea can be left whole. Store dried herb foliage, blossoms or seeds in airtight containers away from bright light. Your herbs will store best in glass jars with tight lids.

You can also pack dried material into resealable plastic bags, squeezing out the air before you seal. Ideally herbs should be kept cool and dry.

Be sure to practice good food safety when preserving herbs. For information about herbal vinegars, visit go.osu.edu/herb-alivinegar.

For other herb preservation tips, visit go.osu.edu/good-herbs.

ASK OSU EXTENSION

July trim for spring bloomers

Q. I recently move to a home where three smoke bushes are trimmed to look like small trees. The problem is they are totally out of control - almost reaching the roof! I would like to trim or shape them, but do not want to ruin them. Can I trim them back now?

Colleen from Youngstown

A. Summer pruning is a chore many of us are afraid to do, as the common thought is that most pruning is done in the spring. That's only true in the cases of fruit trees, berries and the gardeners who had cabin fever all winter.

For spring-blooming shrubs, summer is a great time to prune them for thinning or to give them shape for next year. Spring-blooming shrubs should be pruned by mid-July, as many of them form flower buds in August for next spring blooms.

As for the smoke bush, yes, Colleen can prune them now. Since they are in bloom, she will be cutting off this year's bloom by doing so. The smoke bush can get up to 15 feet high, so to keep them from covering the house, they will need pruned nearly every year. As with most shrubs, the smoke bush will respond to pruning by sending out more shoots. A small amount of pruning each year after the bloom is gone will help keep them in good shape.

So if you don't like to prune, this is not the right place for the smoke bushes.

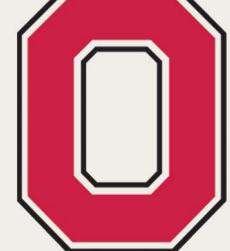
If pruning isn't your thing, wait until late August and move these shrubs to a location where they can grow that 12-15' without being bothered. Choose another deciduous shrub that is a tree form that will fill the same space without taking over. A tree hydrangea is a great example of something to fit the space.

As for other summer pruning, stick to thinning and shaping trees and shrubs. Don't go overboard and cut back a lot of stems. Take out one here, one there, and leave it alone. Come back next week and see if the shrub really needs any more pruning. We'll review summer pruning chores and more July 26 at a hands-on clinic. To learn about it, visit go.osu.edu/summerprune.

For details on smoke bushes, visit go.osu.edu/smokebush.

Eric Barrett is OSU Extension educator for agriculture and natural resources in Mahoning County. Call the office hotline at 330-533-5538 to submit your questions. Regular clinic hours are 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Thursdays.

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Trying to demystify wedding dress codes

Dear Annie: I recently attended the wedding of a college friend of mine.

In the days preceding the wedding, a buddy of mine asked whether I was going to wear a tuxedo. I told him no, because the invitation said "formal attire." I interpreted "formal" to mean I should wear a suit, whereas "black tie" would have meant men should wear a tux. We asked our respective wives and decided that "formal" meant suit.

The wedding took place during the summer in Southern California. I wore a true-blue suit, blue shirt and light red linen tie. I thought it was perfect for the venue, time of year and location. My buddy wore something comparable.

However, when we showed up in our suits, we were surprised to see that almost everyone else was wearing tuxes.

Business? Business casual? Business cool? Formal? Black tie? Black tie optional? Toptional? Is there a council of elders who decide what we can wear and when? I am writing to you to get the definitive ruling on ambiguous attire definitions. Feeling underdressed is the pits.

DRESSED TO BE STRESSED

Dear Dressed: Here's a brief overview of what wedding dress codes mean for men. If the invitation says "white tie," dress to the nines — with a long black jacket with tails, a white bow tie and a white vest.

To a "black tie" wedding, always wear a tuxedo.

If it's "formal," a tuxedo or dark suit and tie will do.

"Semiformal" or "cocktail" denotes a suit and tie.

For a "casual" wedding, go with dress pants and a button-down shirt.

If you're not sure, err on the side of formal. It's less embarrassing to be overdressed than it is to be underdressed.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Babied Pre-Law Student," who wants to attend law school out of state but is meeting resistance from her parents. What was not very clear was whether the potential law student is expecting her parents to support the decision no matter what the cost is to them. If her parents are willing and able to pay for in-state tuition and expenses, that is a boon not to be taken lightly. If she wants to go out of state, perhaps her parents could contribute the amount they'd pay if she stayed in state and she could cover the rest.

If this person is truly "an adult and able to make [her] own decisions," shouldn't that include paying her own way? If anyone is still dependent on her parents for all expenses, I am not sure she is truly an adult.

KATHERINE

Dear Katherine: I feel the same way. Being an adult means being financially independent. I took the letter writer to mean that she'd be taking out loans and paying for law school herself, but I may have been too generous in that assumption. If in fact her parents are putting her through law school, she should absolutely not expect them to foot the bill at whatever the cost. Your suggestion — that her parents contribute an amount equal to in-state tuition and she cover the rest — is a good one.

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

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Soaking dirty dishes is a real timesaver

Dear Heloise: My mother uses this simple but very helpful kitchen idea: She puts a large plastic bowl in her sink and fills it with warm, soapy water for cleaning her dishes or rinsing them before putting them in the dishwasher.

This uses less water than filling up the sink with soapy water because the bowl is smaller than the sink.

After washing/rinsing all her dishes, she dries the plastic bowl and stores it under her sink until the next cleanup after a meal.

I liked the idea, so I bought a plastic bowl for myself and have started using it.

ANGELA IN CONROE, Texas

Simple water savings. Soak especially icky dishes and sil-



Heloise

verware in the bowl, too! Let the water do the work; saves time and scrubbing.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: It's summertime, and time to change purses. I like to downsize and lighten up my bags. I just can't lug around a heavy bag, and summer is the perfect excuse to lose weight (at least with my handbag — ha!).

So what's left after I lighten up? In my summer bag, which is a small, canvas crossbody with a light-beige lining so I can easily see my things in there, I keep a compact wallet with my

debit card, driver's license (ID) and cash.

Also, a few tissues, a pocket mirror and my favorite lipstick go in the main compartment, along with my phone and keys. I clean out all shopping lists, receipts and other papers nightly.

Summer is a simple time, and I like to go small with my handbag; it's less to worry about. I'm wondering what your readers carry in their bags?

ALICE A. IN COLORADO

Yes, readers, join in the conversation! What do you carry in your bag? And carrying heavy handbags can be a pain in the neck! Seriously, lightening up your purse can positively affect your posture.

The average weight of a woman's purse, according

to one study, is just over 6 pounds! Picture a bag of sugar hanging off your shoulder. That's heavy. Lighten up!

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I used to spray the whole pan when preparing it with cooking spray. But now I spray in just one spot, and use a piece of wax paper to spread it around.

This way, the cooking spray doesn't go all over, and I use less.

A READER IN OHIO

Dear Heloise: I'm an organized person, and I like having things where I can find them. When I get a new appliance or electronic device, I read the manual thoroughly and then save it in my home office in my file

cabinet.

If there's a malfunction, it could be something simple, like a blown fuse, or the item may not be plugged in or charged. But if it's something more serious, I'm glad I have the manual at my fingertips.

APRIL H., Washington, D.C.

Dear Heloise: To save space in my closet, I purchased children's hangers for hanging my trousers. They are narrower and don't take up as much space as adult hangers.

DESPINA M., Weirton, W.Va.

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Mothers of Twins club honors member

YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown Mothers of Twins Club's Mother of the Year for 2017 is Jenny Arnaut. She is married to David Arnaut and is the mother of 6-year-old twins, Chase and Charlie.

Arnaut has been employed by the Vienna Dental Clinic for 16 years as a dental hygienist. She takes care of her family as well as being active in her children's outside activities such as gymnastics, baseball, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and her daughter's cheerleading events.



Arnaut

Arnaut has been a member of the YMOTC since 2012 and has served on various committees, including hostess, annual rummage sale, corresponding secretary and treasurer. She headed the first membership drive by inviting families to a summer picnic to see what the group has to offer new mothers of multiples.

Arnaut is teaching her children the importance of volunteering and helping others by serving meals to the homeless, and helping at "tent city" in downtown Youngstown. She and her family participate by walking to raise money for the local heart walk and the "March for Babies."

Arnaut will represent the YMOTC at the 68th Ohio Federation Mothers' of Twins Club convention that will take place in Twinsburg.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Warren Junior Women's League installs officers

The GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League recently installed officers for the 2017-18 club year. Ohio Northeast District President Mary Witkowski, assisted by 2016-17 WJWL President Julie Vugrinovich, installed the following officers: Jonnah Hetzel, president; Sharon Drummond, first vice president; Diane Taylor, second vice president; Megan Marino, secretary; and Tammy Metzger, treasurer. Above, from left are Vugrinovich, Hetzel, Drummond, Taylor, Marino, Metzger and Witkowski.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Robin Uler hosted members of the Poland Women's Club at a picnic at her home. Above, members in attendance were, from left, Pat Granitto, Peggy Steffko, Cathy Stacy, Ruth Ebert, Nancy Wilber, Donna Wolfe, Jennifer Remick, Meg Gabriel, Linda Weaver, Beth Alexoff, Barbara Bartos, Lue Bukovinsky, Loraine Santoro, Uler, and Cyndi Duncan. The club is planning "Ladies Night Out" for Oct. 16.

Poland Women's Club plans 'Ladies Night Out'

POLAND

"Ladies Night Out," an annual Quarter Auction fundraiser of the Poland Women's Club, is scheduled for Oct. 16 at Holy Family Church hall in Poland.

Last year, the event raised

\$10,000, with donations going to the Poland Fireman's Association, Poland Junior Women's Club, Celebrate Poland, Poland Relay for Life, Poland Village Gardeners and a scholarship to a Poland High School graduate.

Community organizations receiving donations were Golden Strings Inc. (Purple Cat), Making Kids Count, Silver Lining Cancer Fund, Plant the Seed to Read, Rescue Mission and Salvation Army.

Scott McIntyre, "American Idol" finalist, will perform for the event in Ford Theatre.

For information, go to www.sightforallunited.com/eye-ball-2017.html.

Legacy Dog Rescue to host fundraiser

LAKE MILTON

Legacy Dog Rescue will host Hot Diggity Dog Day on July 15 at Lil Paws Winery, 17574 Mahoning Ave., from 2 to 6 p.m. Cost will be \$10 for five hot dog tastes with

a glass of wine or beer. There will be many hot dog toppings to choose from. Veggie dogs will be served as well. There also will be an auction.

Local cat shelter plans garage sale Saturday

YOUNGSTOWN

West Side Cats will host a garage sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 2217 Mahoning Ave. New items are available. For information, call Marie at 330-519-5002.

Calla Community Church ladies design quilt for festival

Calla Community Church is hosting its annual lawn festival at 4:30 p.m. Saturday with sandwiches, salads and beverages. The highlight of the evening will be the raffle of the vintage flower design patchwork quilt made by the ladies of the church. It is twin-sized, and tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. Pictured above, in front, from left are Matthew Gingrich and Olivia Wince. Front row, standing, from left are Barb Kersten, Judy Proverbs, Lisa Provers and Shirley Baker. Back row are Ed Schlegel, chairman; Rev. Ken Gingrich and Chris Wince.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Austintown Rotary Club installs new officers

Rotary club of Austintown recently installed the 2017-18 officers at a dinner meeting at the Upstairs Restaurant. New officers are Bruce Laraway, president; Rich Begalla, vice president; Tracie Kagle, secretary; Brian Frederick, treasurer; Christina Vaslich, club service; Stephanie Fabian, community service; Heather Fronk, vocational service; and Jeremy Bachelor, international service. Veteran member Chuck Baker issued the oath of office the officers, whose terms began July 1. Guest speaker was Maureen Cronin from the Midlothian Free Health Clinic assisted by Sandie Reel, secretary. Above from left are Cronin; Ed Kalaher, outgoing chapter president; and Reel.

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday! In The Next Year: You're so loved, but that's not even the best part. The best part is that you appreciate and fully receive the gift and pure energy of this. You'll acquire new tools and resources in August. You'll be put in charge of more people, and you'll contribute positively to the lives of others. Travel and winning sports teams will be the fun of 2018. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 3, 39, 14 and 25.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The Dalai Lama says, "Don't be a monk. Don't be a Tibetan. Be in your own life and religion. Just meditate, be happy and have compassion for all beings." The Dalai Lama was born when Mars, the warrior planet, was in Libra, the sign of balance, peace and diplomacy. However, his natal Jupiter, in Scorpio, shows a willingness to fight for what's right. Mercury's position in Gemini lends rhetorical skill and eloquence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Holding on makes a person strong, and so does letting go. It's just a different muscle group. There is no decision to be made here, really, just grace to be claimed in whichever situation applies best.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the facts don't match up with what you thought they'd be, this presents a challenge. Many people deal with this simply by shoring up the facts until they match their preconceptions. Watch out for that, and don't take part in it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've qualities that come from your cellular lineage and other qualities you picked up along the way. Then there's a part of you that can't be claimed at the cellular or psychological level. You'll act from that spiritual truth today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Actions have consequences and yet can seem to be strangely inconsequential, too. Mostly it's a time-lapse issue. What feels like excruciating minutiae in real time will be revealed to be meaningful work in retrospect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're going to have a dispute, be sure to define the terms of it -- the narrower the better. There's little influence to be gained by taking people on with broadly different views, although you'll sharpen your arguments in the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Time is supposed to prevent everything from happening at once, and yet it may fall down on the job today, at least in your case. Your popularity surges -- a hard thing to keep up with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Much will be asked of you: things you don't want to do, things you do want to do, things that fit both categories and seem inextricably linked. Just remember, there are usually more options than the ones first presented to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In the same way that a shoe sets the tone for an outfit, there are some foundational beliefs and attitudes that set the mood of this whole day. Just because a terrible old shoe fits doesn't mean you should still wear it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While you make something (a plan, a picture, a bed, the sale) you're having an experience. Whatever the outcome may be, the experience will stand on its own merit if the endeavor is a worthy one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you once thought of as work now seems more like a form of prayer. That's not to say it's automatically easy. Praying can have its own difficulties, especially if you're new at it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). At times the work laid before you seems absurd in a way that only you are seeing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be making room for the next generation to contribute, not because your turn is over, but because you appreciate the influence and realize the importance of staying ever fresh at every stage and age.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Back in April I had a devastating computer crash. I lost all of my email addresses, not to mention my phone numbers and mailing addresses, and no, I hadn't properly backed things up. And the saddest part is that I lost some pages I had written. I'm not a professional writer, but I enjoy writing poetry sometimes. Anyway, it was during Mercury retrograde. Since then, I got a new computer and have been cobbling back some kind of database but there is one person in particular that I don't know how to find again. I don't know anyone else who knows him. I really wonder if I'll ever connect with him again. I'm a Libra. He is a Capricorn. What do the stars say?" Well, Mercury Retrogrades are not subtle in their teachings. In your case, hopefully you learned the importance of backing up data. It's not just another task of the digital age; it's part of the way you honor yourself as an artist and as a friend."

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

7/6/17	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30	Movies
21-WFMJ-NBC News (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Inside Edition (N)	Family Feud (N)	Hollywood Game Night	"Su-Per Duper Store Nigh"	The Wall (N)	"Delvar and Bon-nie" (N)	The Night Shift	Jordan and Cain figure out a dynamic.	21 News 11PM (N)	Tonight Show	
21.2-WBCB-CW Live (N)	(6:00) TMZ Live (N)	Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Howie Mandel All-Star Comedy Gala	Stand-up performances.			Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Dish Nation (N)	TMZ (N)	
27-WKBN-CBS News (N)	CBS Evening Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Big Bang Theory	(31) Life in Pieces	Big Brother Eviction; head of household competition. (N)			Zoo "Diaspora"	A link between hybrid attacks. (N)	First News 11P (N)	Late Show with Colbert	
33-WVT-TV-ABC News (N)	ABC World Tonight (N)	The Insider (N)	Boy Band Six	vocalists rehearse and perform. (N)	Battle of the Network Stars	Joanna Krupa; Nick Lachey.	The Gong Show	Dana Carvey; Tracee Ellis Ross.	News Channel 33 at 11 (35)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
33.2-MyTV Rules of Engagement	Rules of Engagement	The King of Queens	Bones	The team analyzes a BMX rider's remains.	Bones Liquified remains in a tanning bed.			Law & Order: Criminal Intent	The Cleveland Show	King of the Hill		
45-WNEO-PBS Born to Explore-West	PBS NewsHour (N)	Father Brown	A 300-year-old secret.	Midsomer Murders	The murder of a dinner guest.			Grantchester on Masterpiece (N)	NHK Newsline	Nightly Business Report		
19-WYFX-FOX The Big Bang Theory	Modern Family "Snip"	Beat Shazam "Episode Four"		Love Connection	Singles recount their date experiences.			First News on Fox (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
A&E The First 48	The First 48	The First 48		The First 48	"Officer Down"	(06) Kids Who Kill Inside the minds of young killers.						
AMC (5:30) "Ghostbusters II" (1985, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver.						"The Princess Bride" (1987) Cary Elwes, Robin Wright.						
BET (6:00) "Stamp the Yard" (2007, Drama) Columbus Short, Meagan Good.						A stableboy in disguise sets out to rescue his beloved.						
BRAVO Million Dollar Listing	Million Dollar Listing	Million Dollar Listing		Million Dollar Listing	Million Dollar Listing							
COM Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0						
DIS K.C. Under. (K.C. Under.)	Bizarrvdk	K.C. Undercover		Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	K.C. Under.						
ESPN SportsCenter	Softball World Cup of Softball: USA vs. Canada. (N) (Live)	Track and Field	TrackTown Summer Series. (N) (Live)									
ESPN2 Outside Lines	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball	Los Angeles Sparks at Minnesota Lynx.	College Baseball	Home Run Derby.							
FOOD (6:00) Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby						
FREE (5:15) "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010) Kristen Stewart. (6:00) "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011) Kristen Stewart.												
FS1 Refuse	Setup	NASCAR Racing		Post Race	UFC Weigh-In	MLB Whiplash (N) (Live)						
FSO Tennis	Beer Money	Jimmy Harlin	Cavaliers	Cavs HQ '16-'17	Beer Money	CBR						
FX (5:00) "Kingsman: The Secret Service"		"Jack Reacher" (2012) Tom Cruise. A former military investigator probes a sniper attack.				Snowfall "Pilot"						
HALL Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle						
HBO (5:35) "Panic Room" (2002, Suspense) Jodie Foster.	VICE News Tonight	"Selena" (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Edward James Olmos. Mexican-American singer skyrockets to fame.										
HGTV Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop						
HIST Pawn Stars	Mountain Men: "Breakage"	Mountain Men: Fully Loaded	Mountain Men: "The Surge"	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Vintage Flip						
LIFE Grey's Anatomy	(07) Married at First Sight	Married-Sight	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "Support" (N)	Married at First Sight: Second Chances (N)							
NICK Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Thundermans	"Yogi Bear" (2010) Voice of Dan Aykroyd.	Full House	Nashville	Friends						
ROOT (6:00) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Philadelphia Phillies. (N) (Live)	Pirates Post	Inside Pirates	In the Room	UFC	UFC	UFC Countdown						
SHOW (05) "Secret in Their Eyes" (2015, Suspense) Chiwetel Ejiofor, Nicole Kidman.		"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (2004) Jim Carrey. A couple erase the memories of their relationship.	Andrew Santino: Home Field Advantage		(15) "Loving" (2016) Joel Edgerton, Ruth Negga. An interracial couple fight to stay married in the 1960s.	(15) Gigolos (45) Gigolos						
SPIKE (4:30) I, Robot "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm.					The Mist "Show and Tell"	The Shannara Chronicles						
STO Indians Live	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Cleveland Indians. (N) (Live)				Indians Live	Beer Money	Tribe Report					
SYFY (4:30) XXX "Drive Angry" (2011, Action) Nicolas Cage, Amber Heard. ("Salt" (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber. "The Adjustment Bureau" (2011) Matt Damon, Emily Blunt.												
TBS Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang						
TCM (5:45) "Little Women" (1949, Drama) June Allyson, Peter Lawford, Elizabeth Taylor.		"The White Sister" (1923, Drama) Lillian Gish, Ronald Colman. Silent.				"The Winning of Barbara Worth" (1926, Western) Ronald Colman, Vilma Bánky.						
TLC Say Yes	My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life	Bedridden James cannot stand up.		(02) My 600-Lb. Life						
TNT (6:00) Bones	Bones	"Walking Tall" (2004, Action) The Rock.				"The Expendables 3" (2014) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Premiere.						
TRVL Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Outdoor	Outdoors	Mysteries at the Museum						
TVLAND (24) M^A^S^H M^A^S^H	(36) M^A^S^H "Heroes"	(12) M^A^S^H "Heroes"	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King					
USA Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Queen of the South (N)	Queen of the South (N)	Law & Order: SVU						
VH1 Hip Hop	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	"ATL" (2006) Tip Harris. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.				"Drumline: A New Beat" (2014)						



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ODDLY ENOUGH**Top dog, Brynneth Pawlter, elected mayor of Kentucky town**

RABBIT HASH, KY. Being mayor is a ruff job, but somebody has to do it.

According to WDRB-TV, a small Kentucky town has, for the fourth time, elected a dog to be its mayor. Jordie Bamforth says her 3-year-old pit bull, Brynneth Pawlter, beat out a cat, a chicken and a donkey, among others, to become the next mayor of Rabbit Hash, 78 miles north of Lexington.

Bobbi Kayser, who works with the town's historical society, says the election started in the late 1990s as a fundraiser.

"We charge you a dollar for your vote, and you vote as often as you want."

The election money usually goes toward town improvements, but this year it will be used to help repair the town's general store that was destroyed in an electrical fire.

Town limits councilman's broadcast of taps

GLEN ROCK, PA.

A Pennsylvania town councilman who broadcasts taps at his home through loudspeakers every night must limit the activity.

The Glen Rock Borough Council voted last month to restrict Councilman Joshua Corney's broadcast of the song to Sunday nights and to certain flag holidays such as the Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Patriot's Day, The York Dispatch reported.

Corney didn't attend the meeting because he was recovering from knee surgery.

Several people who live near Corney complained the nightly broad-

casts violate the borough's noise ordinance and create a disturbance, according to Councilwoman Victoria Ribeiro. One of Corney's neighbor's said he believes the nightly broadcasts are aggravating the symptoms of his Parkinson's disease and dementia, Ribeiro said.

The Navy lieutenant commander who served in Iraq and Afghanistan said he plays the recording of the bugle call for "lights out" to honor those in the armed forces. He said he's willing to work the situation out.

"I am willing to compromise. I am willing to work it out, but I can only do it within reason," Corney said. "And I'm not going to do it at the sacrifice of my constitutional rights."

The song plays automatically about 8 p.m., and Corney said he has a home-security concern.

Corney may stop the ritual altogether.</p

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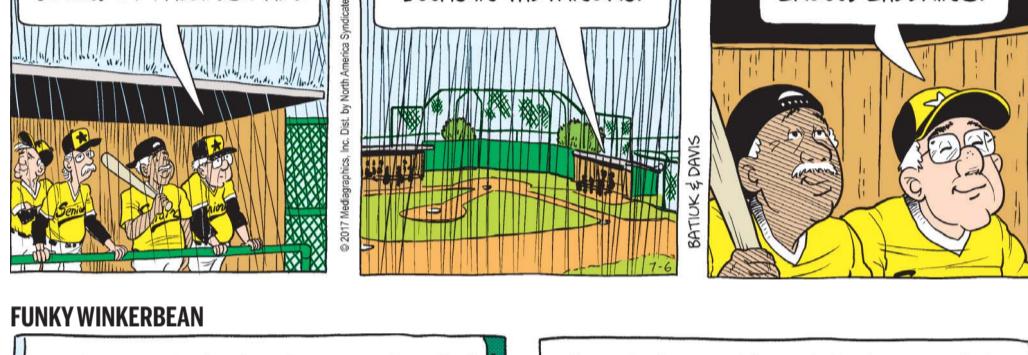
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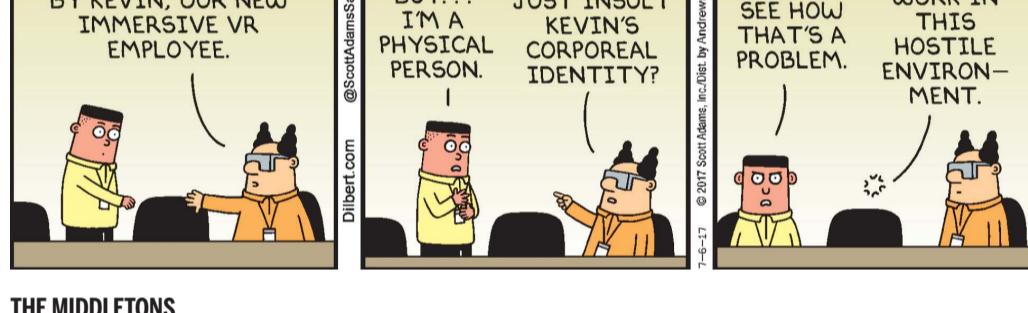
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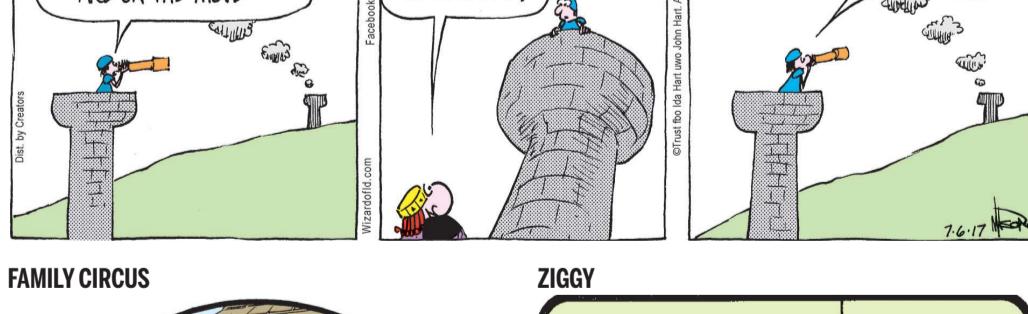
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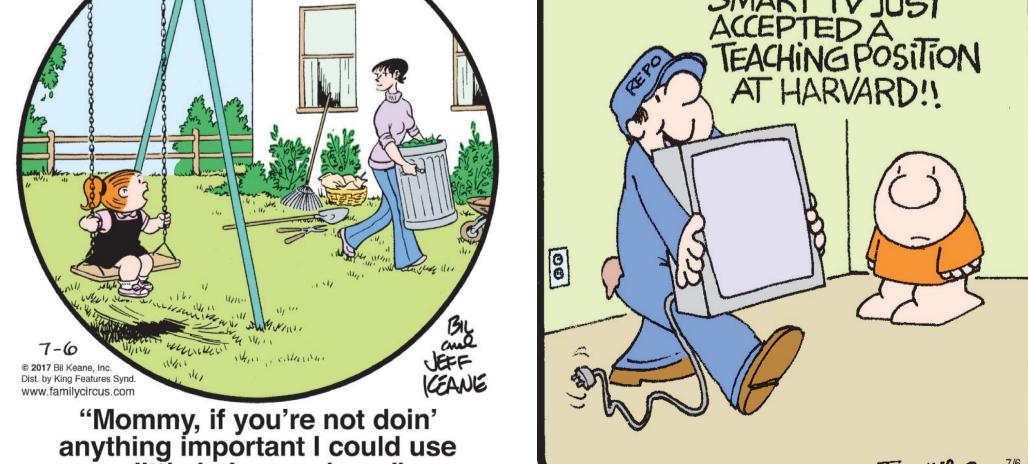
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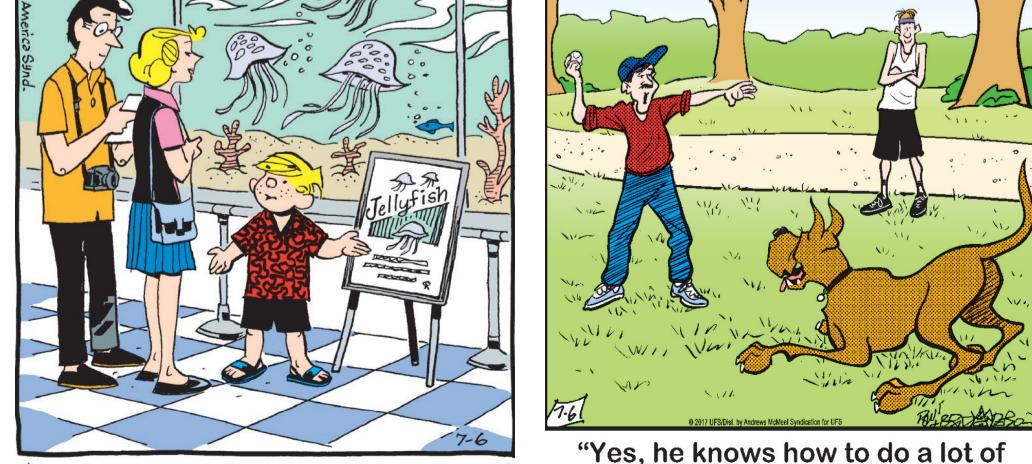
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