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**City, arena, YSU work to lessen parking hassles**By DAVID SKOLNICK  
skolnick@vindy.com**YOUNGSTOWN**

With numerous events this weekend downtown and at Youngstown State University – attracting thousands of people with some main roads either closed or restricted to vehicular traffic – finding parking could prove to be a bit challenging.

But event coordinators and city officials are trying to ease the potential parking problems people may find coming to various festivals and other special events.

After 4 p.m. today until 8 a.m. Monday, all on-street parking in the downtown area is free, said Michael McGiffin, the city's director of downtown events and citywide special projects.

Also, city-owned surface lots on Commerce Street and the Water Department lot off West Federal Street will be free during the same time, he said.

Other downtown lots are privately owned with some charging during the weekend and others not.

"Parking may be slightly

See PARKING, A6

**FESTIVE WEEKEND****Downtown, YSU events**

These events are happening this weekend downtown and at Youngstown State University:

◆ **7 p.m. today**, The Fabulous Flashbacks concert, Central Square.

◆ **11 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday**, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Summerfest, 220 N. Walnut St.

◆ **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday**, Youngstown State University's Summer Festival of the Arts.

◆ **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday**, All-American comic book, toy and art show, Covelli Centre.

◆ **6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday**, Youngstown Wine and Jazz, Central Square.

◆ **2 to 11 p.m. Sunday**, 2 DE Gospel Fest, Central Square.

By DAVID SKOLNICK  
skolnick@vindy.com**YOUNGSTOWN**

**A** STATE PROBE INTO THE legality of more than \$2 million given by the city from its water and wastewater funds to a prominent downtown developer led to search warrants being executed Thursday at four locations, including the home of Youngstown Finance Director David Bozanich.



Bozanich

Led by the Ohio Auditor's Office, the search warrants were conducted at:

◆ 7842 Walnut St., Unit B, Boardman, Bozanich's residence, where neighbors say his sister lives.

◆ 3722 Starr Centre Drive, Suite A, Canfield, the law office of Stephen Garea.

◆ 3780 Fawn Drive, Canfield, Garea's residence.

◆ 4355 Devonshire Drive, Boardman, the residence of Panzy Eldridge, Bozanich's girlfriend, where it's presumed the finance director lives.

The auditor's office wouldn't comment on the warrants because they deal with an ongoing investigation.

But several sources said the warrants were executed as part of the investigation into the legality of more than \$2 million given by the city from its water and

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**From Vegas to Valley: New manager of Austintown racino is ready to roll**

WILLIAM D. LEWIS | THE VINDICATOR

Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course recently welcomed new general manager, Tony Frabbiele. He is a third-generation gaming industry employee with several years of experience.

By KALEA HALL  
khall@vindy.com**AUSTINTOWN**

Anthony "Tony" M. Frabbiele is happy to call the Youngstown area home now.

Frabbiele has officially been at Hollywood Gaming Mahoning Valley Race Course for three weeks as the new general manager of the racino.

The third-generation gaming industry employee made it his goal to become a

**HOLLYWOOD Gaming**

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE

manager of property such as the Austintown racino.

"I was born and raised in Las Vegas," he said. "I started as a valet attendee."

Frabbiele worked his way up in the industry. He received a degree in finance and marketing from Penn State University along

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**TRUMP, PUTIN AT G20**

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**Anxiety, hope run high for meeting**

Associated Press

**MOSCOW**

For Russian President Vladimir Putin, a meeting with U.S. counterpart Donald Trump on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Germany offers a long-sought opportunity to negotiate a rapprochement with Washington. But controversy over the Trump campaign's ties with Russia will loom over the talks, making any agreements unlikely.

Rarely in recent history has a meeting of two heads of state generated so much excitement, anxiety and hope.

The Kremlin views today's encounter as a watershed moment that could ease Russia-West tensions. Some in the U.S., meanwhile, worry that Trump could make unjustified con-

See TRUMP, A6

**Chief of Mill Creek earns mostly good grades from board**By JORDYN GRZELEWSKI  
jgrzelewski@vindy.com**CANFIELD**

Mill Creek MetroParks board members gave Executive Director Aaron Young mostly positive evaluations of his job performance in 2016.

Board members Germaine Bennett, Lee Frey and Tom Shipka recently completed evaluations of Young's work last year. Board members Thomas Frost and John Ragan did not submit evaluations; Frost was not on the board in 2016.

The evaluation forms asked reviewers to score Young on his leadership, organizational knowledge, judgment, decision-making, accountability, initiative and creativity, customer service/customer focus, internal

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## LOTTERIES

### THURSDAY'S NUMBERS

#### MULTISTATE

Lucky for Life .....	3-4-10-26-36
Lucky Ball .....	1

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worth up to \$1,000 a day for life.

#### OHIO

#### EVENING DRAWINGS

Pick 3 .....	1-2-5
Pick 4 .....	5-0-9-9
Pick 5 .....	0-1-1-3-9
Rolling Cash 5 .....	1-6-7-14-36

#### DAY DRAWINGS

Pick 3 .....	9-2-8
Pick 4 .....	6-8-2-0
Pick 5 .....	6-4-2-8-6

Check Keno numbers at [ohiolottery.com](http://ohiolottery.com).

#### PENNSYLVANIA

#### EVENING DRAWINGS

Pick 2 .....	5-6
Pick 3 .....	1-4-9
Pick 4 .....	3-5-2-2
Pick 5 .....	3-5-4-2-9
Cash 5 .....	6-14-27-28-41

#### DAY DRAWINGS

Pick 2 .....	1-5
Pick 3 .....	7-5-8
Pick 4 .....	7-3-5-5
Pick 5 .....	5-0-8-1-8
Treasure Hunt .....	4-13-15-25-30

## McCain to be honored for 'sacrifice, service'

### PHILADELPHIA

U.S. Sen. John McCain has been named this year's recipient of the National Constitution Center's Liberty Medal for his "lifetime of sacrifice and service" to the country, the Philadelphia museum announced Thursday.

Former Vice President Joe Biden will bestow the award to the six-term senator at a ceremony Oct. 16.

McCain joined the Navy in 1958 and rose to the rank of captain during his 22 years of service. In 1967, his plane was shot down over Hanoi, Vietnam, and he spent years in a Vietnamese prisoner of war camp.

## Patton Oswalt engaged

### NEW YORK

Actor and comedian Patton Oswalt is engaged to actress Meredith Salenger.

The couple went public with their relationship at the Los Angeles premiere of "Baby Driver." Oswalt's publicist confirmed their engagement Thursday.

Oswalt's wife, Michelle McNamara, died in April 2016 from a combination of prescription medications and an undiagnosed heart condition. She was a writer and the founder of the website True Crime Diary, which covered breaking stories and cold cases.

Oswalt had been public with his grief, writing about it and incorporating it into his standup routine.

Combined dispatches

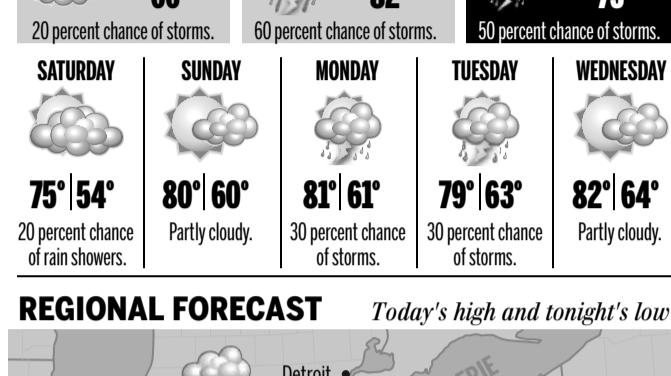
## NUMBERS IN THE NEWS

# \$35,000

Source: Associated Press

The cost of the first Tesla Model 3 electric car for the masses, which is scheduled to roll off the assembly line today with the first deliveries in late July. The Model 3 also will come with a \$7,500 federal electric-car tax credit. Tesla says the five-seat car will be able to go 215 miles on a single charge.

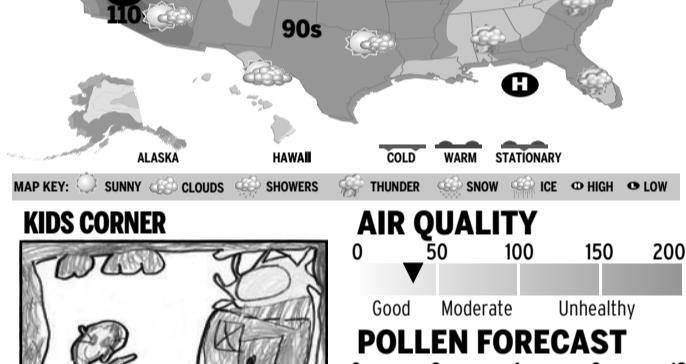
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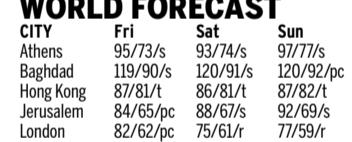
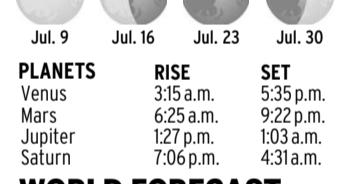
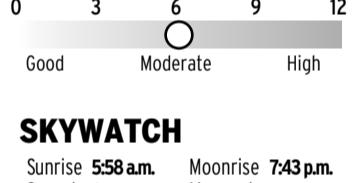
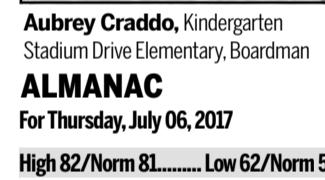
## REGIONAL FORECAST



## TODAY'S NATIONAL FORECAST



## KIDS CORNER



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For Thursday, July 06, 2017

High 82/Norm 81..... Low 62/Norm 59

Records: High 98/1988....Low 43/1979

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# METRO digest

**Intentional crash kills 19-year-old**

**JOHNSTON**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Warren Post is investigating what it calls an intentional fatal crash in which a vehicle traveling north on Warner Road at a high rate of speed drove through a stop sign at Bradley-Brownlee Road.

Killed was Tristan T. Thompson, 19. The OSHP report does not include his address.

The crash occurred at about 5:23 p.m. when Thompson drove through the stop sign and went off the left side of the road, striking a ditch and tree and utility pole, overturning his vehicle and ejecting him.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

Thompson was not wearing a seatbelt.

Warner Road will remain closed at Bradley-Brownlee until repairs can be made to the utility pole, the OSHP said.

## Vote overturned

**YOUNGSTOWN**

The Design Review Committee this week overturned its vote from last month approving the location of a bus-shelter sculpture made from a shipping container and steel at the corner of Wick Avenue and West Federal Street.

The decision came after a complaint from the United Veterans Council of Youngstown the sculpture would obscure and overshadow the nearby Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Committee members recommended the bus-shelter sculpture be placed on Mahoning Avenue in front of the Our Community Kitchen building. Those who are designing the sculpture haven't decided where to put it.

It originally was proposed for Market Street in front of the Mahoning County Courthouse, but DRC members said it would take up too much of the sidewalk, possibly making it more congested for pedestrians in that area.

## Person identified

**YOUNGSTOWN**

The Mahoning County Coroner's Office has identified Leon Jamal Hobbs, 28, of Youngstown, as the person who died in a one-vehicle motorcycle accident at about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the eastbound lanes of the Himrod Avenue Expressway.

A news release said Hobbs died of multiple blunt force injuries.

The accident is under investigation by city police and the coroner's office. Toxicology results are pending, the release said.

## Operations relocated

Most of the operations at Mahoning County Area Court in Austintown will be relocated due to an "unforeseen incident," according to a statement issued Thursday from the court.

The court is undergoing "major renovations," which were not specified in the statement.

Individuals making payments and reporting for probation will still do so at the Austintown court, 6000 Mahoning Ave.

Those attending traffic and criminal arraignments, pretrials and trials must go to Mahoning County Area Court in Canfield, 72 N. Broad St., while individuals involved in civil cases will be relocated to the Boardman court, 8110 Market St.

This is the Austintown court's second shutdown this week. The court also closed Monday due to a sewage backup in the building.

## More Digest on A4

## Surplus food/clothing

**East Side Crime Watch**, 1001 Oak St., corner of Fruit Street, Youngstown, food and clothing giveaway, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Recipients must bring bags and identification.

Food- and clothing-distribution notices are to be submitted by 3 p.m. the day before they are to be published.

## MAHONING COUNTY COURTHOUSE

# Officials OK \$350K more for restoration project

By JUSTIN WIER  
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### YOUNGSTOWN

The Mahoning County commissioners agreed to spend \$350,000 more on the county courthouse restoration project.

The bulk of the new spending will restore two light wells in the courthouse, which extend from the rooftop of the building to the second floor to let in natural light.

Murphy Contracting Co.

of Youngstown will replace wooden-framed windows that have rotted and mortar in the brick walls that line the light wells. The roofing at the bottom of the wells also needs to be replaced.

Jim Fortunato, head of the county's purchasing department, said Thursday the improvements were not initially part of the upper courthouse restoration, but they will ensure no one needs to go onto the roof of the courthouse to do addi-

tional work once the restoration is complete.

"Then, when we go to clean the granite, the courthouse will be done," he said.

The \$350,000 will also replace flood lights that illuminate the newly restored statues and flags with light-emitting diodes - LEDs - atop the courthouse. The current lights are not efficient, Fortunato said.

Also, the commissioners approved a \$305,488 agreement with Gardiner Service

Co. of Solon to replace the lighting at the Martin P. Joyce Juvenile Justice Center on East Scott Street.

The current lighting is original to the building, and manufacturers are phasing out the bulbs that fit the light fixtures. The new LED lighting system will save the county \$50,000 per year in reduced energy costs at the JJC, Fortunato said.

Last month, Gardiner entered into a \$566,607 agreement with the county to re-

place the lighting system at the county jail.

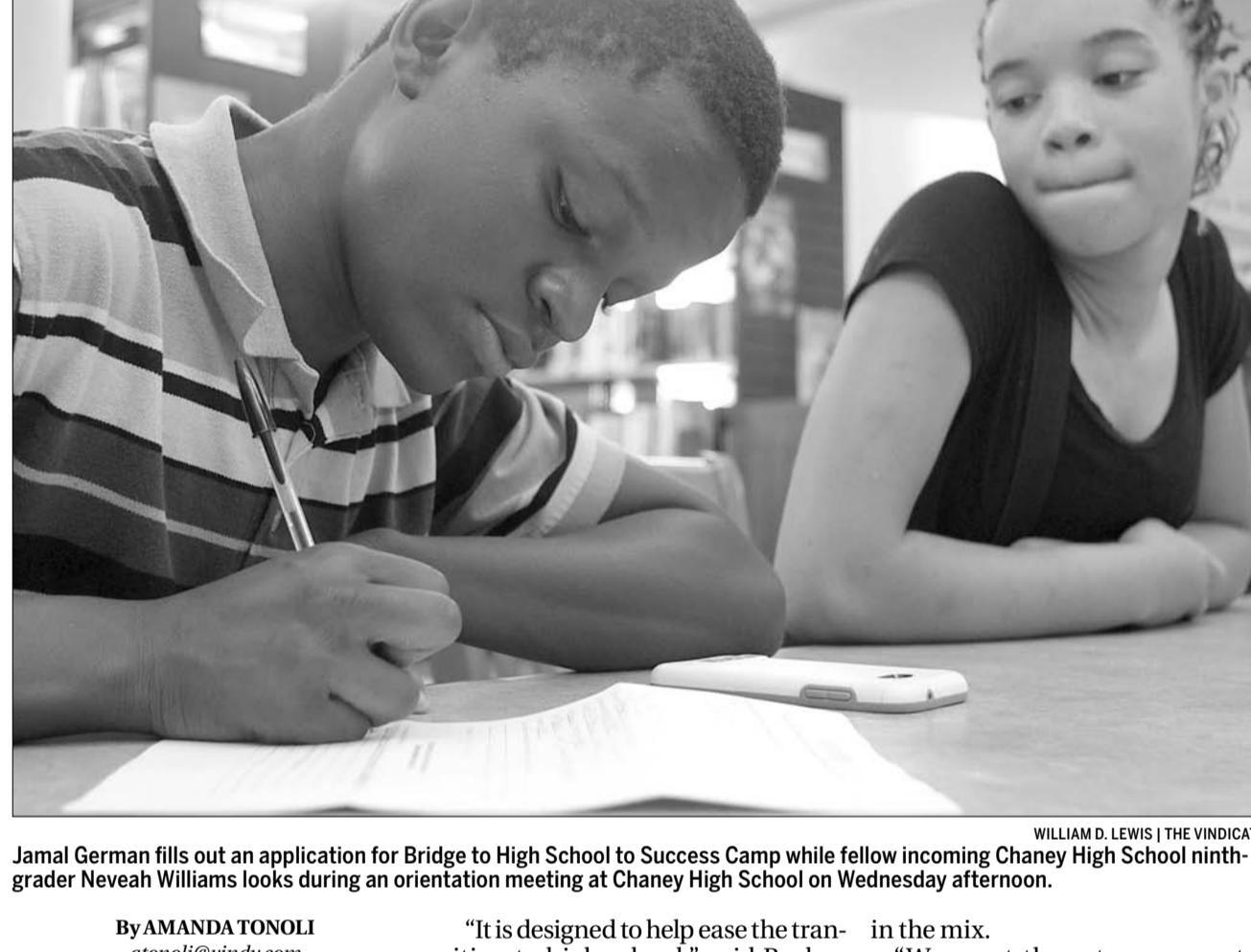
Both purchases were made through the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program.

The JJC project piggybacks on the jail project, Fortunato said, which will allow the county to get cheaper rates on LED lighting.

The commissioners' next meeting will be at 10 a.m. next Friday in the commissioners' hearing room in the courthouse basement.

*New program aims to provide Chaney, East students with the ...*

# Tools for success



WILLIAM D. LEWIS | THE VINDICATOR

Jamal German fills out an application for Bridge to High School to Success Camp while fellow incoming Chaney High School ninth-grader Neveah Williams looks during an orientation meeting at Chaney High School on Wednesday afternoon.

By AMANDA TONOLI  
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### YOUNGSTOWN

A new bridge program will send incoming Chaney and East High ninth-graders to Thiel College in Greenville, Pa.

The program, Bridge to High School to Success Camp, aims to give incoming freshmen the skills and tools they need to succeed during their high-school careers.

"It is designed to help ease the transition to high school," said Roshay Huff, school district chief deputy of transformation. "We hope to foster some early relationships with the students. The big thing is building relationship that help minimize a lot of problems down the road."

Eboni Williams, Chaney administrator, said the gap between eighth grade and ninth grade is a big one, where students sometimes get lost

in the mix.

"We want them to come out of the gate running," she said. "This gives us a chance to keep [students] school-minded while giving students an extra level of support. ... We are doing everything we can to ensure success early rather than have to come back and fill in a gap that was missed."

See CAMP, A4

# Ohio House delays override of Kasich's Medicaid veto

Staffwire report

### COLUMBUS

Republican Gov. John Kasich's veto protecting Medicaid expansion will stand for now after a decision by state lawmakers to delay a threatened override.

Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, a fellow Republican, said Thursday his chamber has decided to let the health care debate in Washington play out before acting.

He said the GOP-controlled chamber had the 60 votes that would have been needed.

"At this juncture, we want to give the federal govern-

ment the summer to see if they're going to come to a conclusion in Congress before we take action on moving forward with the freeze waiver and the request," Rosenberger said.

He said the House still has until the end of Ohio's two-year legislative session in December 2018 to act.

Some 700,000 low-income adults are now covered under Ohio's expansion, at a cost of almost \$5 billion - most of which is picked up

by the federal government. The Kasich administration estimated that 500,000 Ohioans could lose coverage under the proposed enrollment freeze within the first 18 months. With House action stalled, the Ohio Senate canceled a session for considering overrides it had scheduled for next week.

The House did vote to override 11 other items Kasich vetoed from the state budget last Friday. They restored a provision giving legislators additional control over future Medicaid spending and revived the Healthy

See MEDICAID, A4

## GIRARD

# Officials: City taking steps to stop deficit

By SARAH LEHR  
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### GIRARD

Officials say the city is taking steps to plug its general-fund deficit.

City Auditor Sam Zirafi delivered unwelcome news to city council in April when he told them the city's general-fund deficit would likely grow to much larger than projected.

At that time, Zirafi projected a negative balance of \$400,000 due to a determination by state auditors who released a two-year report

on the city's finances this spring. Auditors told city officials the transfer of \$210,000 in 2014 and 2015 from the municipal court fund to the general fund was improper because that money belonged to restricted funds.

Judge Jeffrey Adler had been transferring about \$100,000 yearly as a way of paying back the general

fund because that fund subsidizes the cost of running his court.

Because the city would no longer be able to make those transfers for 2016 and 2017 (years not included in the state's most-recent audit), Zirafi said in April the general-fund deficit would likely reach about \$400,000.

While the aggregate of all the city's funds added together is in the black, the general fund is crucial because it can be used to bol-

See GIRARD, A4

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# METRO digest

## Fire investigation

### MASURY

Smoke detectors alerted the two people in the home at 830 Boyd Street Northeast to a 7:23 a.m. fire Thursday, allowing them and their three dogs to escape unharmed. One cat died in the fire, however. The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause.

The fire caused an estimated \$50,000 in damage and may have started in the bathroom of the one-story home, said Steve Smoot, Brookfield firefighter/paramedic.

## Boil advisory

Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Office issued a boil advisory for several customers due to a water main break in the Trumbull County Southeast Public Water System that is being repaired.

Once water service has been restored, customers who live on these streets are advised to boil their water for at least 3 to 5 minutes for consumption until further notice: Connelly, Catherine, Madeline, Hubbard Thomas Road, Hubbard Sharon Road, McDowell, Richardson, Chestnut Ridge Road, Price, Stiver and Van Ness.

## Police probe crash

### GIRARD

First-responders transported a woman to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital after a car crash late Thursday afternoon.

The crash happened just before 2:45 p.m. on U.S. Route 422. Police are investigating.

There were no other details at press time Thursday night.

## Misdemeanor charge

### WARREN

Tamel C. Hall, 26, of Atlantic Street Northeast was arraigned Thursday in Warren Municipal Court on misdemeanor gross sexual imposition after a girl, 15, said Hall assaulted her at an unspecified time.

He pleaded not guilty.

## Fundraiser benefit

### YOUNGSTOWN

Members of Cardinal Mooney High School's Interact Club and Hospitality Team are hosting a fundraiser benefit for its sister school, the Knysna Montessori School located in Knysna, South Africa, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Cassese's MVR, 410 N. Walton St.

The cost is \$10, which includes appetizers, bucket auction and 50/50 raffle.

# Leaders honor Mohip's first year

*Staff report*

### YOUNGSTOWN

City leaders feted Youngstown City Schools CEO Krish Mohip's first-year's accomplishments during a Thursday morning news conference at First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave.

"I think this year has been great," said Penny Wells, Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past director. "There's been a lot of change, and change sometimes is hard. It's human nature – people don't like change. But [Mohip] has brought about a number of good things this year."

Some of those good things include: the afterschool program, all-day preschool, summer school, the hiring of a leadership team and improving the third grade reading level.

Mohip said those changes are among many, both happening currently and to come.

"I believe in public education," Mohip said. "I'm here to reinvest in our teachers and reinvest in the leadership and build something that is sustainable."

Mohip's year anniversary was June 29.



ED RUNYAN | THE VINDICATOR

Valeria Johnson, a volunteer with Dress to Succeed who helps inmates at the Trumbull Correctional Institution pick out clothing at the prison's new branch, stands with some of the clothing available at the prison in Leavittsburg.

## Dress to Succeed expands to second prison location

By ED RUNYAN  
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### LEAVITTSBURG

Youngstown-based Dress to Succeed has now expanded to its second state prison, opening a new showroom last week in a visitors-area space at the Trumbull Correctional Institution.

"We want women and men to come out with dignity," said Elder Rose Carter, founder and director of the ministry.

That mission – providing people with dress clothes to wear to a job interview or other important occasion – led to the creation of Dress to Succeed in 2010.

But as word of the organization has spread, the organization has embraced the requests of the Ohio State Penitentiary in Youngstown and Community Corrections Association in Youngstown.

Next, they plan to create a program in the Toledo Correctional Institution once she finds an organization in Toledo to run it, Carter said.

Dress to Succeed, which offers free clothing to all people at St. John Episcopal Church on Wick Avenue, has benefitted from the donation of more than 250 suits from the Men's Warehouse, a \$2,500 grant from the Thomas Foundation, plus clothes from consignment shops and other donations, Carter said.

The showroom at the Ohio State Penitentiary has provided clothing for about 10 men per week since last year. About 20 men and women per week receive clothes at the CCA location, and 560 people have been assisted at the St. John's location, Carter said.

"It's just like you're in a department store," Carter

said.

At TCI, volunteer Valeria Johnson is there on Tuesdays to help the prison inmates returning to the community with fit and color coordination.

"We go over and above," Carter said. Some of the clothing that is donated is new, still with the tags on, even though some comes from the estates of people who have died.

Donations are tax deductible, Johnson said.

Dress to Succeed would also like to expand into a church or other nonprofit facility in the Warren area to provide clothes for all members of the community, like people who have to go to court.

Johnson also would like to find another volunteer to assist with the TCI location. Email her at vtglean@gmail.com.

## CAMP

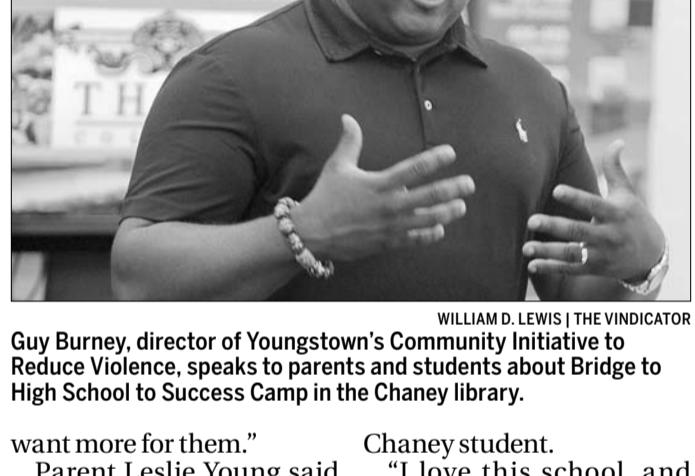
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From Tuesday to next Friday and July 17 to July 20, students will stay in student dorms at Thiel to develop leadership skills and good study habits, to learn how to thrive in high school and to see the importance of being involved in school. Chaney students will be at Thiel next week, and East students the following week.

"This gives [students] the opportunity to sample what a class would be like in college," Williams said.

Huff said she's happy to help give students this chance.

"It's about exposure," she said. "I didn't know what the inside of a college classroom looked like until my junior year of high school, and I



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Guy Burney, director of Youngstown's Community Initiative to Reduce Violence, speaks to parents and students about Bridge to High School to Success Camp in the Chaney library.

want more for them."

Parent Leslie Young said the program is exciting students, especially her daughter Iliana Castro, 14, a

Chaney student.

"I love this school, and this is just one more thing to make me love it," Young said.

## MEDICAID

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Ohio program, which imposes additional Medicaid requirements that could bump 125,000 enrollees off the program.

They also restored a proposal to increase taxes on health insurers that would have sent money to counties and regional bus services.

The Trumbull County commissioners applauded the move by the Ohio House that gives counties back revenue they had been threatened to lose through the loss of sales taxes on Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.

The loss of the MCO money was going to cost the county \$2.7 million in 2018.

"This is a great step in the right direction," Commiss-

sioner Dan Polivka said. Trumbull and the rest of the counties in Ohio have been hard hit by the loss of local government funding from the state, he said.

"We applaud the legislators in taking the first step to hold Trumbull County harmless," Commissioner Mauro Cantalamessa said in a press release.

State Rep. Michael O'Brien of Warren, D-64th, said he expects the Ohio Senate to take similar action and for the federal government to authorize the move to give the sales-tax money back to counties.

Mahoning County commissioners made a trip to Columbus in February to argue for continuation of the tax. Commissioner Anthony Traficanti said he's happy with the House vote and hopes the Senate will do the

same. The county receives about \$4 million from the tax, he said.

"It would be hard for us to function taking that out of the budget," Traficanti said. "This gives us a lifeline."

Commissioner Dave Ditzler said the 87-10 vote shows it's not a partisan issue.

"A majority of both the Democrats and the Republicans voted to override the veto because they know how necessary it is for county governments," he said.

State Rep. John Boccieri of Poland, D-59th, voted against the measure. He played a role in getting the commissioners in front of the House and Senate finance directors earlier this year.

"It would be a devastating hit for local government," he said.

## Bloomfield man faces 7 federal charges

*Staff report*

### WARREN

Shawn R. Smith, 29, of Bloomfield Township, has been indicted in federal court in Cleveland on seven charges, including one accusing him of providing the drugs that killed Jennifer Knight of Ashtabula County on Feb. 5, 2016.

Smith, indicted Thursday, faces charges of distribution of fentanyl, heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine that resulted in Knight's death, and additional charges of

distribution of heroin, fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine. He also is charged with being a felon in illegal possession of firearms.

Knight's mother told investigators she was awakened by her grandchildren saying, "Mommy won't get up," causing the woman to check on her daughter and find her unresponsive, according to a federal affidavit.

Smith possessed three firearms and ammunition, despite prior felony convictions

tions that prohibited him from having firearms, including convictions for burglary in Ashtabula County and aggravated drug trafficking in Geauga County.

If convicted of the charge related to Knight's death, Smith could get a mandatory 20-year prison sentence.

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration, the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives investigated the case.

## MAHONING COUNTY | Indictments

A county grand jury indicted these people on these charges Thursday:

◆ **Shaunte Williams**, 41, Sherwood Avenue, possession of cocaine, possession of heroin, possessing drug-abuse instruments and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

◆ **Craig J. Stevens**, 36, East Judson Avenue, possession of cocaine.

◆ **Rose Geisler**, 31, South Hubbard Road, Lowellville, forgery.

◆ **Isaiah Ward**, 25, Westchester Drive, Austintown, possession of cocaine with forfeiture specifications and obstructing official business.

◆ **Craig Wilfong**, 31, Main Street, Girard, possession of heroin.

◆ **Tina Jarrette**, 50, Wood Street, and **Christopher White**, 43, East Judson Avenue, burglary and safecracking.

◆ **Nicole L. Pietrangeli**, 47, Whispering Pines Drive, Canfield, robbery.

◆ **Malik Clay**, 20, South Portland Avenue, possession of cocaine, five counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession of heroin.

Source: Mahoning County clerk of courts office

had been drinking and was wearing a "political shirt," because it was close to the November election when Hall got in an argument with another man about the shirt. That started the fight.

Neither Root nor Assistant Prosecutor Steve Maszcak would comment on what type of shirt Hall was wearing.

Hall apologized, saying the punch was out of character for him. He said when he found out how seriously injured Belfrage was he prayed for him to get better. He said the entire incident has caused anxiety for him and his family.

"Clearly, I would never hit an old man," Hall said. "It happened, and I'm sorry."

Hall said by going to prison he would probably lose his job and career. "I honestly didn't know what I was doing," he said.

Judge Krichbaum said he had to take into account for sentencing the impact it would have not just on Belfrage but also on Hall. He said he believes that was accomplished because Hall pleaded guilty to a lesser charge that carries a maximum penalty far below the maximum penalty for the felonious-assault charge for which he was originally indicted.

"The only reason this all happened is because you made the decision to go there and you made the decision to drink," Judge Krichbaum said.

## GIRARD

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ster other funds.

Though both Zirafi and Mayor James Melfi acknowledged they legally need to comply with the state's finding, they bristled at the determination because the city had been making such transfers from the court to the general fund for years.

In the wake of the state audit, Judge Adler has transferred \$100,000 from the court fund to a bond-retirement fund. The judge made the transfer this month. Zirafi said that transfer would likely ease some of the burden on the general fund, since general-fund money historically goes to the bond-retirement fund.

The judge's transfer will help pay back a \$5 million loan the city took out in 2000 to build a new justice center building. Girard Municipal Court is on the second floor of that building.

The city ended the month of May with a \$303,208 deficit in the general fund and a \$189,674 deficit in the water fund. The general fund's negative balance has grown from its negative \$114,347 balance at the end of 2016.

The current general-fund deficit is currently smaller than \$300,000, Zirafi said, but he declined to give a number until he closes

the books for the month of June.

Zirafi said he hasn't reached out to the state auditor's office for advice on the judge's latest transfer to the bond-retirement fund, but said Girard judges have made similar transfers in the past.

"The laws haven't changed since then, as far I know, and, quite frankly, they should see need nothing else wrong with it and they should stay out of it," Zirafi said of the state auditor's office.

A spokesman for the Ohio auditor's office said it would be premature to comment on the legality of the June transfer before completing an audit for that time period.

Zirafi has said in the past the city can eliminate its fund deficits by the end of the year. He said Thursday that would still be possible.

At Zirafi's recommendation, council voted in April to distribute a larger portion of the city's speed-camera revenue to the general fund. Fifty percent of the revenue now goes to the general fund. Zirafi cited the reallocation as one way to push the general fund in the right direction.

The city collected more than \$400,000 from the camera last year, but is set to collect much more this year since the camera hit the streets midyear in 2016.

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# Tributes

## Area Deaths

**BACHTEL**, James R. II, 85, of Canfield; calling hours Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church; Lane Family Funeral Homes, Canfield Chapel.

**BACHTEL**, Margaret Elaine Prokop, 84, of Canfield; calling hours Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church; Lane Family Funeral Homes, Canfield Chapel.

**BEVILACQUA**, John, 58, of Girard; arrangements pending; Blackstone Funeral Home.

**CHOPPA**, Mark Jerome "Papa Choppa," 62, of Greenfield, Wis., formerly of Youngstown; calling hours Monday from 3 to 3:45 p.m. at Krause Funeral Home in New Berlin, Wis.

**CROOK**, Robert I. "Bobby," 82, of New Waterford; calling hours Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. at Warrick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home in Columbiana and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at East Fairfield United Methodist Church.

**DELLAPENNA**, Nicole, 40, of Warren; Wm Nicholas Funeral Home & Cremation Services LLC in Niles.

**ECONOMOS**, Nick Z., 91, of Warren; calling hours Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church; Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel.

## MARK JEROME "PAPA CHOPPA" CHOPPA, 62



Mark was a graduate of St. Patrick Elementary, Hubbard High School and Mount Union College. He was an athlete and lover of sports. Mark was inducted into the Mount Union Hall of Fame in 1999. His bio reads, "Mark Choppa was a two-time First-Team All-OAC performer as a member of the Mount Union football program. He was the college's first 1,000-yard rusher (in a season) and has a career total of 2,312 yards rushing."

Mark loved animals and horses, especially Flash, his 25-year-old paint horse.

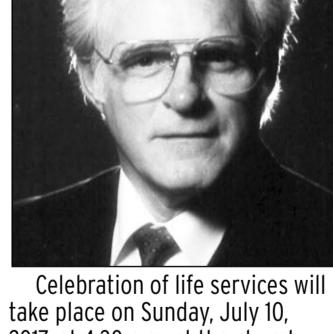
He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. His pride and joy was found in his family. He was the ultimate family man and the best Papa Choppa to his grandchildren and kids.

A gathering will be held Monday, July 10, 2017, from 3 to 3:45 p.m., at the Krause Funeral Home, 12401 W. National in New Berlin, Wis. A celebration of life to follow at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, friends wishing may make donations in Mark's memory to the Lpus foundation at [www.lpus.org](http://www.lpus.org) or the Polo Club of the University of Wisconsin [www.poloclubuw.weebly.com](http://www.poloclubuw.weebly.com).

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## DONALD A. STEVENSON, 80



Celebration of life services will take place on Sunday, July 10, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the church, with Pastor Jeff Schoch officiating.

Interment will be at Sunset Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial donations in honor of Donald may be made to the Abundant Life Fellowship in New Waterford or Cornerstone Hospice Palliative Care in Kissimmee.

Arrangements were handled by the Warrick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home in Columbiana.

Family and friends may visit [www.familycareservices.com](http://www.familycareservices.com) where obituary in its entirety.

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## ALICE W. SCHWEITZER, 89

**DARIEN**, Conn. - Former musical director and 47-year Darien resident, Alice W. Schweitzer, 89, died peacefully in Stamford Hospital, on July 2, 2017, after a brief illness. During her final hours, the beloved matriarch was surrounded by the members of her family, and retained her famous sense of humor to the very end.

Alice is survived by her husband of 62 years, Fritz L. Schweitzer Jr. and their children, Helen Sterling and her spouse, Drake, of Novato, Calif., Mary Alice Canaday and her husband, Ed, of Darien, and Fritz L. Schweitzer III and his wife, Meghan, also of Darien. She adored her six grandchildren, Seth, Shea, Allie, Declan, Brennan and Remi.

Alice was born in Youngstown, the daughter of Judge Clifford M. Woodside and Effie (Bloom) Woodside.

Alice had a lifelong love of music. When she was just 16 years old, she played saxophone in a male professional swing band at the Blue Moon Ballroom in Tucson, Ariz., replacing the young men serving in the second World War. Later, Alice and her two sisters, Mary and Jane, enjoyed a professional singing career as the Woodside Sisters trio. Their billings included stints on the Arthur Godfrey and Ed Sullivan TV shows, as well as night club and theater appearances throughout the country, including the RKO Palace Theater in New York City.

The Woodside Sisters trio eventually retired as marriages and raising families took center stage. Alice remained active in music, however, initially joining the



Sweet Adelines, a regional barbershop chorus, and later joining and then directing the Connecticut Choraleers. Under her direction, the Choraleers put on several professional-grade performances in Darien, under the auspices of the Darien Arts Council. Alice also performed as part of the Swing Fever quartet, which included Linda Van Norstrand, Cathy Gale and Fred Catto. The Swing Fever group performed with the Tony Lavorina band and appeared at theaters in the northeast and mid-Atlantic regions.

Alice enjoyed the outdoors and, during her younger days, was an accomplished skier, sailor and scuba diver. Many also claim she made the world's best cherry pie. She will be dearly missed.

Services will be private, limited to family members.

For those interested in making a charitable contribution in Alice's memory, the family suggests the Stamford Hospital Foundation, 1351 Washington Blvd. Ste 202, Stamford, CT 06902, or by visiting [stamfordhospitalfoundation.org](http://stamfordhospitalfoundation.org).

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## ROBERT J. STANKICH, 56

**NORTH JACKSON** - Robert J. Stankich, 56, passed away on Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Born Oct. 13, 1960, he was the son of William and Mildred (Serbin) Stankich.

Robert graduated from Ursuline High School in 1978. He retired from the Labor Union Construction, enjoyed music and playing the drums and was a member of C.F.U. No. 185. He and his wife, Brenda, roasted lambs on the spit at the Pink Elephant.

Besides his wife, Brenda (Noga), whom he married April 17, 2004, survivors include his mother, Mildred of North Jackson; step-children James Balog and Karly (Ricky) Hawk; grandson Maximus Hawk, whom he loved dearly; sister Maribeth Ensign; and nephews Timothy and David Ensign.

He was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents.

Friends will be received at the Lane Family Funeral Homes, Austintown Chapel on Saturday, July 8, 2017, from 3 to 5 p.m., where a memorial service will be held at 5 p.m.

Memorials may be made to



Hospice of the Valley or St. Jude Cancer Research for Children.

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## GRACE LYNN MANNA, 81



**YOUNGSTOWN** - Grace Lynn Manna, 81, died July 3, 2017, at Hospice of the Valley, Hospice House.

Mrs. Manna was born Jan. 15, 1936, in Youngstown, a daughter of Clarence and Natalie White Evans.

She was a 1954 graduate of East High School.

She worked as a payroll officer for 23 years at Mill Creek Park, retiring in 2004. Grace attended and volunteered at Franciscan Friars Shrine of Our Lady in Youngstown.

Grace enjoyed spending time with her dog at Austintown Park. Her true passion in life was her family.

She is survived by her children, Deborah Haustovich of Youngstown, John Michael Manna of Salem, and Raymond (Susan) Manna of McDonald; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two brothers.

Besides her parents, Grace was preceded in death by her husband, John Manna in 1988; and two brothers.

Although flowers are beautiful,

the family requests that donations be made to Close To Home Animal Rescue, c/o Roseann Hack, 1800 Newgarden Road, Salem, OH 44460.

Per Grace's wishes, there will be no service or calling hours.

Arrangements are being handled by the Davidson-Becker Funeral Home in Struthers.

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## CAROL A. RUNION MATTERN, 70



**LIBERTY** - Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home in Hubbard for Carol A. Runion Mattern, 70, who died Tuesday evening, July 4, 2017, at St. Elizabeth Boardman Health Center.

She was born Aug. 24, 1946, in Covington, Va., a daughter of Alvin and Ora Dilley Runion, and moved to Hubbard in 1949 from Virginia.

Mrs. Mattern, a homemaker, was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hubbard. She enjoyed painting ceramics, sewing, and traveling with her husband to visit lighthouses and go on hot air balloon rides. She also loved her cat, Pepper.

She leaves her husband, Dennis K. Mattern, whom she married April 3, 1976, and a daughter, Laura D. Mattern of Warren.

Carol was preceded in death by

her parents and a sister, Delores Gregor.

Family and friends may call on Monday, July 10, 2017, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home.

Visit [www.krcummins.com](http://www.krcummins.com) to view this obituary and to send condolences to the family.

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## BETTY A. LISTON, 80



**POLAND** - Betty A. Liston, 80, a longtime resident of the New Middletown area, passed on Saturday July 1, 2017, at Hospice House after a short illness.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1936, in Fayette, Pa., the daughter of Alvin Sly Arnold and Diora Rachel Spellman Arnold.

She was married to the love of her life, Charles Liston, and as a homemaker, lovingly devoted her life to her husband and children.

Betty truly loved God and her church. She enjoyed reading her Bible and listening to others sing.

Memories of Betty will be carried on by her loving husband, Charles Edward Liston, whom she married 59 years ago on May 24; her three children she loved and adored, Douglas Liston (Jill) from Indianapolis, Michael Liston of Struthers, and Barbara Whitman of New Middletown; and her five grandchildren, who she loved with all her heart and gave her great joy, Valerie, Mathew, Hannah, Joshua and Shane.

She is also survived by her three wonderful sisters who were her world, Nancy Leisure from Bruceton Mills, W.Va., Rose Martin (Don) from Port Orange, Fla., and Patricia Liston (Bud) from Boardman; and her brother, Don Arnold (Diane) from Tempe, Ariz.

She was adored and loved by her many nieces, nephews, and in-laws, who all had a special place

in her heart.

Preceding Betty were her parents, Alvin and Diora; her son, Charles A. Liston; her granddaughter, Ciera; her sister, Doris; and her brothers, James, Grant, and Danny.

The family would like to extend their thanks to Hospice, doctors and nurses and to Dr. Gady who took special care of her.

A memorial service for Betty will be held at a later date.

Material contributions may be made in memory of Betty to Hospice of the Valley, 5190 Market St., Youngstown, OH 44512.

Arrangements for Betty were entrusted to the Borowski Funeral Service and Oak Meadow Cremation Services.

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The Vindicator

The People's Paper



A Mahoning County deputy was outside the home of Youngstown Finance Director David Bozanich's Boardman home Thursday as part of a search warrant to seize records related to a water and wastewater fund investigation.

## PROBE

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wastewater funds to three projects by the NYO Property Group, operated by developer Dominic J. Marchionda.

Even Mayor John A. McNally said he "wouldn't be surprised" if the search warrants were connected to the NYO investigation.

Participating in the execution of the warrants were representatives of the state auditor's office, Ohio Attorney General's office, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office.

McNally said he has no plans to take any disciplinary action against Bozanich.

"Anything that is being done as part of this investigation has to play itself out before I'd consider any sort of discipline," he said. "At this point, there's no reason for any disciplinary action."

The finance director is the city's purchasing agent, in charge of maintaining the city's accounting system, and he has the power to investigate all its financial transactions, according to the city charter.

### SEARCH WARRANTS

Investigators began their search of Garea's office and residence about 9 a.m. Thursday, spending about three hours at the locations.

County deputies were on hand at both locations to provide security. A mobile crime-scene investigation truck was among the state vehicles parked outside Garea's residence.

Neighbors watched the scene unfold from their lawns and driveways as investigators moved between the residence and their vehicles.

Items were seized from all four locations.

A *Vindicator* reporter saw only a small number of boxes, which were closed, taken from the Walnut Street location.

The search warrants are sealed and not available for public viewing, said Ben Morrison, a spokesman for the state auditor's office, who declined further comment.

Dan Tierney, an attorney general spokesman, deferred comment to the auditor's office.

Bozanich and Garea couldn't be reached Thursday by *The Vindicator* to comment after repeated attempts.

Also, attempts by the newspaper to contact Marchionda and John F. McCaffrey, his attorney, were unsuccessful.

## PARKING

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McGiffin

difficult to find, but it shouldn't be a deterrent for people to come downtown," McGiffin said. "It's going to be a big weekend for downtown."

There are also road closures and restrictions to deal with.

Starting at 7 a.m. today, Market Street from Boardman to Commerce streets will be closed, and starting at 11 a.m. today, Federal Street from Phelps to Champion streets will be closed, McGiffin said. They will reopen at 2 a.m. Monday.

The events on Central Square include the Fabulous Flashbacks concert at 7 tonight; Youngstown Jazz and Wine with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Saturday; and the 2 DE Gospel Fest with doors opening at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The biggest headache for those going to YSU's Summer Festival of the Arts on Saturday and Sunday will be restrictions on Wick Avenue, where road work con-

tinues.

You can't take that road heading north. If you plan to take it south, you'll need to take a right onto East Wood Street, then a left onto North Champion Street, a right onto East Rayen Avenue and a left onto Walnut Street to access the back entrance to the Wick Avenue parking Deck.

If you want to make your life easier, take Fifth Avenue to the festival and park in any of the university's surface lots.

Also, the parking deck on Lincoln Avenue is closed for upgrades.

Heading to the All-American comic, toy and art show this weekend at the Covelli Centre? Good news: Parking at the center is free, said Jaclyn Carpenter, the facility's event director.

"For community-minded events and expos, we do free parking to get as many people here as possible," she said.

There are about 1,000 parking spots at the center, Carpenter said.

Greg Bartholomew, the show's promoter, is anticipating 4,000 to 5,000 people at the two-day event that's been held in various locations in Warren the previous seven years.

## MANAGER

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the way.

"I got into the business and fell in love with it," he said. "I knew what I wanted to be before I finished school."

From 2006 to 2015, Frabbielle worked in a variety of roles in the Atlantic City, N.J., market.

Frabbielle most recently served as vice president and general manager for Gaming and Leisure Properties Inc.'s Hollywood Casino Baton Rouge, La., Gaming.

Leisure Properties Inc. is a real-estate investment trust that was spun off Penn National Gaming Inc., the operator of the Austintown racino.

"I think I have a unique skill set from working in large markets," Frabbielle said. "From a gaming perspective, we [the Austintown racino] are humming right along."

The racino's video lottery terminals, or slot machines, brought in \$9.48 million in May with an average of 1,002 machines. That's up from the \$8.44 million brought in with an average of 936 machines in May 2016, according to the Ohio Lottery Commission.

The June VLT revenues will be released today.

Since opening with 850 slot machines in 2014, the racino has added about 200 additional gaming devices through a previous gaming-floor expansion in 2015, as well as a smoking-patio expansion in 2016, which added 73 slot machines.

This year, the racino added 50 slot machines, bringing the total number of games on the property to 1,030.

"We have done a great job being known within the area," he said. "I think there's more opportunity to expand our reach."

Hollywood Gaming is the first facility Frabbielle has been at with a 1-mile thoroughbred racetrack.

"I am ready to get actively involved when the racing season comes in October," he said.

Frabbielle is also ready to be involved in the community. "It's really important for us to be as actively as involved as much as we can be," he said. "We want to be known as the employer of choice in the area."

Frabbielle succeeds Mike Galle, who was named general manager of Penn National's Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast and Boomtown Biloxi.

## YOUNGSTOWN

# Company hired to pave 6 city streets

*Staff report*

## YOUNGSTOWN

The city's board of control awarded a \$912,093 contract Thursday to an Austintown company to pave six city streets.

Shelly & Sands beat out two other companies for the work. The city's estimate for the job was about \$940,000.

The resurfacing work will start in two to three weeks and take up to 60 days to complete, said Charles Shasho, the city's deputy director of public works.

"The roads, which are well-traveled, are in poor condition," Shasho said.

The state will cover 69 percent of the cost with the city paying the rest, he said.

The roads are: McCollum Road from Schenley Road to Belle Vista Avenue, and Bears Den Road from Industrial to McCollum roads, both on the West Side; Oak Street Extension from Lamar Avenue to Jacobs Road, and Early Road from Cornwall Street to East High Avenue, both on the East Side; Logan Avenue from Lauderdale to Wick avenues on the North Side; and Gibson Street from Dewey to Palmer avenues on the South Side.

## TRUMP

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cessions to Russia.

Amid investigations into possible collusion with Moscow by Trump's campaign, any deal with Putin would expose Trump to more criticism. And if the two fail to get along, that would further exacerbate tensions between Moscow and Washington and put them on a collision course in regions around the world.

"If Putin comes to the conclusion that even if Russia and the U.S. reach agreement, Trump would be unable to implement it for domestic policy reasons, he would lose interest in seeking an agreement," said Dmitri Trenin, the director of the Carnegie Moscow Center.

Putin, a KGB veteran who once described himself as an "expert in personal communications," always focuses closely on trying to establish warm ties with his counterparts. Kremlin-watchers say Putin meticulously prepares for meetings with foreign leaders, studying their track records and personal habits.

"He believes that personalities – not states, armies or companies – determine the course of global events," Trenin said.

Fyodor Lukyanov, the head of the Council for Foreign and Defense Policies, said even if Putin and Trump develop a good rapport, Trump's ability to deliver on his promises will be a key factor for the Russian leader.

"If Putin has a positive

view, as a minimum he will give [Trump] more time to sort things out," he said. "But he could possibly conclude that he [Trump] may not succeed in sorting things out and, moreover, doesn't really want an honest deal. If Putin decides it's not going to work, he will drop all constraints."

The tense environment for the Trump-Putin meeting contrasts with the Kremlin's early expectations.

The Kremlin was very pleased with Trump's presidential victory, since he promised to improve ties with Russia and praised Putin during the campaign. It had hoped for a quick meeting after Trump's inauguration in January, but U.S. congressional and FBI investigations into links between Trump campaign aides and Russia blocked an early encounter.

In the last few months, Moscow's hopes that Trump could act to lift the sanctions imposed on Russia over the Ukrainian crisis have withered. Putin and his lieutenants have also become increasingly impatient about U.S.-Russia ties remaining at a freezing point.

"We realize that the situation is difficult and relations with Russia have become hostage to the U.S. political infighting, but so what?" Putin foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov said this week. "We have difficulties of our own."

Russia and the U.S. have struggled to even set a specific time for to day's meeting.

## MILL CREEK

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communication, integrity, teamwork, planning and organizing, directing and controlling, quality of work, quantity of work, safety, attendance, and development plans.

One of the areas on which Young received top marks is planning, with Bennett noting that he "goes through great lengths in planning" and Shipka writing that Young "sets goals and works efficiently through them."

Bennett, Frey and Shipka all gave Young high scores on his internal communications with staff.

They also rated him highly for his initiative and creativity, with Bennett writing that Young "has perseverance" and "stayed with the park through the changes." For that category, Shipka wrote that Young is "hard-working, self-reliant and efficient."

One area in which they all agreed Young could improve is customer service.

"Needs to better explain decisions to public," wrote Frey. "Needs to work to have the public understand the process he uses to explain those decisions. Needs to get out into the park and introduce himself to people and hear what they have to say."

Bennett noted that

Young "is working on this and needs to get out more often."

An area on which the evaluations differed was accountability. Shipka graded Young a "5" out of nine for accountability, and wrote that he "has been resistant to some changes proposed and adopted" by the board and "needs to accept and support them."

Frey and Bennett, however, gave him high marks for accountability.

In his comments on Young's job performance, Shipka—who gave Young the lowest marks of the three—noted the effects of Young's implementation of a staff restructuring last year.

"The area where his marks are lower and where he can improve is in enlisting the aid and support of the board, the board's seven standing committees, and the general public, including members of the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens and his critics," wrote Shipka. "The reorganization in February 2016 alienated many taxpayers and the traditional MCMP supporters; the executive director needs to work steadily and conscientiously to regain their support of MCMP and their trust in his leadership."

Young did not respond to a *Vindicator* interview request.

## BIRTHS

### ST. ELIZABETH BOARDMAN HOSPITAL

Kareena Hall and William T. Ward, Youngstown, boy, July 30.

Allison Beckinger, Girard, girl, July 5.

Nicholas and Ashley Kellar, Warren, girl, July 5.

Nicholas and Mandy Moga, Youngstown, boy, July 5.

### ST. JOSEPH WARREN HOSPITAL

Donald and Jessica Golub, Masury, boy, July 5.

## Our VOICE

### North Korea's ICBM launch demands a global response

**N**ORTH KOREA'S CHILLING Fourth of July surprise this week has heated up the war of words between the dictatorial Asian regime and the United States.

That holiday surprise came via the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's successful test launching Tuesday of an intercontinental ballistic missile, one that Asian and American military analysts alike agree had potential to strike Alaska.

For his part, an exuberant Kim Jong Un, North Korea's quirky and despotic president, hailed the fiery launching as a "gift for the American bastards," adding that his nation plans to "frequently send big and small gift packages to the Yankees."

For his part, President Donald J. Trump told reporters Thursday during his brief trip to Poland, "I have some pretty severe things that we're thinking about" to respond to the North's provocation.

That followed our Commander-in-tweets insult directed at Kim posted in the immediate aftermath of the launch: "Does this guy have anything better to do with his life?"

The jesting nature of that tweet belies the seriousness and severity of the heightened tensions. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson called the launch a "new escalation of the threat" to the U.S. and the world.

Nikki Haley, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said the long-range missile test "showed that North Korea does not want to be part of a peaceful world. They have cast a dark shadow of conflict on all nations that strive for peace." She added that the U.S. is prepared if necessary to use military might to rein in Kim.

Amid the derisive tweets, taunts, mocks, insults and threats, however, this much is clear: There is no easy solution to defusing the ever-escalating North Korean nuclear missile crisis. By now, it should also be equally clear that any viable option to do so must lie in a united global response.

The military option, however, is one response that must be avoided at all costs.

That would likely only embolden North Korea toward expediting its deluded dream of annihilating its enemies. And no one doubts Kim's forces could quite capably target the 50 million enemy residents of South Korea or the 80,000 enemy Americans stationed in South Korea and nearby Japan.

Another option embraced by the administration of President Barack Obama has outlived its usefulness. That policy of "strategic patience" rested on a foundation that the U.S. could wait for China to begin exerting on its own stronger influence through sanctions and other policies to quash Kim's nuclear ambitions against the U.S. and others.

Unfortunately, it has become increasingly clear that China, which provides impoverished North Koreans with many of their essential survival needs, is not willing to play that game. As Trump tweeted Wednesday, "Trade between China and North Korea grew almost 40% in the first quarter. So much for China working with us – but we had to give it a try!"

#### MAJOR PLAYERS MUST INVEST IN PEACE

Although American patience may have worn thin, the U.S. and other peace-seeking nations cannot give up on trying to construct a lasting strategy for long-term stability in the region. Clearly any diplomatic plan to stabilize the Korean Peninsula region must involve global involvement, and China, as well as the U.S., South Korea and Japan, must be deeply invested in that response.

Part of that response should include a strong partnership within the U.N. Security Council to denounce and take action. Under the leadership of Haley, that process has begun with emergency meetings on North Korea and discussions of punitive actions, including much stronger sanctions against the rogue nation.

But as former Secretary of Defense William Perry told NPR on Wednesday, sanctions alone likely will not solve the crisis.

"We've demonstrated for many years now that sanctions by themselves are not sufficient. We have to have a more – a bolder program, a more imaginative program than just putting more sanctions on."

President Trump himself can contribute to the buildup of a strong anti-Kim coalition. For example, he can use meetings with leaders of key international players to press for cooperation. Today, he could urge Russian President Vladimir Putin at the G20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany, to boldly assert his nation's opposition to North Korea's nuclear antics.

Of course, the path to resolving the North Korean nuclear imbroglio remains muddled and unclear. But given the unacceptable consequences of armed – and potentially nuclear – conflict, the stakes are too high for the United States and the peace-loving world community not to explore and exhaust any and all diplomatic options as fully and as aggressively as possible.

#### SCRIPTURES

Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from old.

PSALM 25:6 NKJV

# EDITORIAL



## Keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous people reduces violence

By JONATHAN PERLOE

Special to The Vindicator

In his op-ed, "Gun control is fine, except for not working" (Vindicator June 26) Jay Ambrose offers a litany of claims in defense of the gun lobby's relentless crusade to block any legislative measure that addresses the public-health crisis that kills 33,000 Americans every year. He's wrong; common-sense laws keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people and reduce gun violence. There are numerous studies that prove the point.

The "guns everywhere" outlook of Mr. Ambrose defies logic. As Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action, said, "If loose gun laws and more guns made us safer, we'd be the safest country in the world." We aren't, by an order of magnitude. According to the *American Journal of Medicine*, the gun homicide rate in the U.S. is 25 times higher than in other high-income countries. The vast majority of Americans get it; in a just published study by Pew Research, 83 percent of Americans say gun violence is a problem, and strong majorities support reasonable gun laws such as universal background checks, barring suspected terrorists from buying guns and stopping the sale of weapons of war.

#### BACKGROUND CHECKS

Mr. Ambrose notes that most criminals get their guns illegally. That is hardly proof that gun laws don't work. Just the opposite: Brady background checks make it harder for would-be criminals to buy guns legally, forcing them to the black market where it is more expensive and more risky to acquire firearms, reducing their availability and desirability. To date, background checks have stopped more than 3 million gun sales to prohibited purchasers.

There is direct evidence that criminals adjust their behavior in response to gun laws. In a study by the National Institute of Justice, convicted felons who had not carried weapons during the commission of their crimes

were asked why they were unarmed. Fifty-nine percent chose the response "Against the law." Seventy-nine percent wanted to avoid a "stiffer sentence."

In a typical twisting of the facts by gun-rights advocates, Mr. Ambrose cites the 2013 report commissioned by the CDC, "Priorities for Research to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-Related Violence," to claim there is no evidence that gun laws work. In fact, the study concluded, "the scarcity of research on firearm-related violence limits policy makers' ability to propose evidence-based policies that reduce injuries and deaths." The difficulty in assessing whether gun laws save lives is not that the evidence proves otherwise – it's that the evidence doesn't exist to conclusively prove or disprove the efficacy of some specific gun laws.

#### FEDERAL FUNDING BLOCKED

Why is there so little research? Because legislators beholden to the gun lobby have blocked federal funding of research and collection of data. The CDC report notes, "Since the 1960s laws and regulations have been enacted that limited data collection relevant to firearm violence prevention research." Starting in 1996 and expanded in 2011, the Republican majority in Congress, with very limited Democratic support, passed outright prohibitions on federally funded gun violence research. The impact on research that could save lives is profound.

A study published in the *Journals of the American Medical Association* compared the level of gun violence research to that of the top 30 causes of death. If funding for firearm death and injury research was proportionate to its impact on public health, an estimated \$1.4 billion would have been spent. The reality is that just \$22 million was identified, less than 2 percent of the expected level, making gun violence the least-researched cause of death in America.

In response to the shooting of Congressman Steve Scalise, R-La., Mr. Ambrose suggests that the "best weapon against misuse of guns is cops with guns..." He neglects to observe that that is hardly the reaction we're hearing from Congress and the Trump administration. More typical is the response from Senator Lindsey Graham R-S.C., "We're not going to tell law-abiding people they can't own a gun because of some nut job." It's a disappointing day when a member of Congress is shot and the response from lawmakers is perpetuating the NRA myth that gun violence prevention advocates are trying to confiscate guns. As Mr. Ambrose noted, gun sales reached all time highs during the Obama administration. That's hardly a sign of the NRA's hysteria about the disarming of America. On one thing Mr. Ambrose and I agree. Let's stop calling people "nuts" – whether they want looser gun laws, stronger gun laws or are in need of mental-health treatment.

#### GUN VIOLENCE CRISIS

Despite the paucity of research that could guide solutions to the gun violence crisis that has killed or injured one half million Americans since the Sandy Hook shooting, numerous studies have concluded that weak laws encourage violence while smart fire-arm laws prevent gun death and injury. A study published by Duke Law found that for every 10 to 20 gun removal cases under Connecticut's risk warrant law (aka "gun violence restraining order"), one suicide was prevented. On the flip side, a study just released by researchers at Stanford Law School and Columbia University found that "violent crime is substantially higher" in states with loose restrictions on carrying weapons in public.

Connecticut has the second toughest gun laws in the nation and the fifth lowest rate of gun deaths. Smart gun laws save lives.

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## You're as free as you can afford to be

By JIM HIGHTOWER

OtherWords

I think of freedom in positive, aspirational terms – as in FDR's "Four freedoms," or in the uplifting songs of freedom sung by oppressed people everywhere.

But right-wing ideologues have fabricated a negative notion of "freedom" derived from their twisted concept of individual choice.

You're "free" to be poor, politically powerless, or ill and uncared for, they say — it's all a matter of decisions you freely make, and our government has no business interfering with your free will.

This is what passes as a philosophical framework guiding today's Republican congressional leaders.

For example, they say their plan to eliminate health coverage for millions of Americans and cut such essential benefits as maternity care for millions more is just a matter of good ol' free-market consumerism.

As explained by Jason Chaffetz, a Utah tea party Republican: "Americans have choices. And so maybe, rather than getting that new iPhone that they just love and they want to go spend hundreds of dollars on that, maybe they should invest in their own health care."

Lest you think that Chaffetz must simply be an oddball jerk, here's a similar deep insight from the top House Republican, Speaker Paul Ryan: "Freedom is the ability to buy what you want to fit what you need."

Yes, apparently, you're as free as you can afford to be. As Vice President Mike Pence recently barked at us, Trumpcare's you're-on-your-own philosophy is all about "bringing freedom and individual responsibility back to American health care."

The GOP's austere view is that getting treatment for your spouse's cancer should be like buying a new pair of shoes – a free-market decision by customers who choose their own price point, from Neiman Marcus to Goodwill.

And if you go barefoot, well, that's your choice.

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# Time to face the truth

By JILL RICHARDSON

OtherWords

Our country is founded on a myth that anyone can succeed so long as they work hard.

That's the story of Alexander Hamilton that has swept Broadway: how a "bastard orphan" can become "a hero and a scholar." According to the lyrics he did it by working harder, being smarter, and being a self-starter.

If that's all you need to do to succeed, then it's your own fault if you're poor.

And White House spokeswoman Kellyanne Conway has no sympathy for you. If you're sad the Republican health care bill is going to take away your Medicaid, she says – and it will – you can go get a job. Because your poverty is your own fault.

The reality isn't as nice. We don't live in a society where anyone can get ahead just by working hard. It might feel that way if you grew up middle class, but that's not the reality millions of Americans live in.

Sociological research confirms this unpleasant truth again and again.

As for the people on Medicaid who should just "get a job," odds are they already have a job. Maybe two jobs.

We as a society want people working in restaurants, cleaning our hotel rooms, checking us out and stocking shelves at stores, and doing any number of low-skilled, generally low-wage jobs. Some people even oppose giving those workers a raise because it would either cut into corporate profits or raise prices.

#### LOW-WAGE LABOR

Well, we can't have it both ways. We can't benefit from low-wage labor while simultaneously blaming low-wage workers for their own poverty.

And if you're truly callous enough not to care if the working poor have access to affordable health care, consider how their plight affects you.

Suppose for a moment that 22 million Americans lose their health care, which is what the Congressional Budget Office predicts if the Senate passes the Republican health care bill. What happens?

Those 22 million people no longer go for preventative check ups. They don't treat medical problems when they occur, before the problems get worse. They wait until they have no choice, and they go to the emergency room.

If they cannot pay the bills accrued at the emergency room, the hospital eats the cost. But hospitals must balance their budgets somehow, so they raise prices for everyone else.

If you're insured, then you're not paying the hospital directly, so the higher prices go to your insurance company. And they pass it on to you in the form of higher premiums.

Thus, if you aren't moved by the human suffering caused by depriving the working poor of health care, perhaps you'll be moved by your own pocketbook.

Unless emergency rooms start declining treatment to anyone who can't pay, turning cancer patients and gunshot victims onto the streets to die, somebody is going to pay for the care of the uninsured.

The question is whether they'll be able to go for preventative check-ups and treat problems early, or whether they'll go to the emergency room after they can no longer avoid it.

For those who rely on Obamacare for their insurance – myself included – the prospects of losing their health care is terrifying. I have several friends with cancer who are literally afraid they will die if the repeal bill passes. And that's not hyperbole.

It's time we stopped telling ourselves that anyone who's struggling only has themselves to blame.

OtherWords columnist Jill Richardson is the author of "Recipe for America: Why Our Food System Is Broken and What We Can Do to Fix It."

## Virginia execution

RICHMOND, VA.

A Virginia man who killed a hospital security guard and a sheriff's deputy after escaping from custody in 2006 was executed Thursday after an unsuccessful campaign to spare the inmate's life over concerns about his mental health.

William Morva, 35, was pronounced dead at 9:15 p.m. after a lethal injection at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt. It was the first execution carried out in Virginia under a new protocol that makes more of the lethal injection procedure secret.

In denying a clemency petition, Gov. Terry McAuliffe concluded Morva received a fair trial. The Democratic governor noted that experts who evaluated the man at the time found he didn't suffer from any illness that would have prevented him from understanding the consequences of his crimes and that prison staff who monitored Morva for the past nine years never reported any evidence of a severe mental illness or delusional disorder.

Morva is the third inmate to be executed since McAuliffe took office in 2014. In April, he granted clemency to Ivan Teleguz, saying jurors in the murder-for-hire case were given false information that may have swayed sentencing.

## Fox suspends anchor

LOS ANGELES

The Fox Business Network on Thursday said it has suspended "Making Money" anchor Charles Payne pending an investigation, but didn't provide any details.

The Los Angeles Times, citing two anonymous sources, reported Payne had been accused of harassment by a female political analyst who appeared on Fox Business.

In a statement, the network said it has a "zero tolerance policy" for any professional misconduct. It said steps are being taken to resolve the matter in a timely fashion.

An attorney for Payne didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday night on the investigation by parent company 21st Century Fox.

## Illinois House passes budget, ends impasse

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The Illinois House voted Thursday to override Gov. Bruce Rauner's vetoes of a budget package, giving the state its first spending blueprint in more than two years and ending the nation's longest fiscal stalemate since at least the Great Depression.

The action eases some financial woes, but it's fueled by a permanent 32 percent increase in the income tax rate, raising \$5 billion more annually, and it reduces spending by more than \$2 billion.

Illinois is staring down a \$6.2 billion annual deficit and \$14.7 billion in past-due bills.

Lawmakers, culminating two straight weeks of a special session that began ahead of the July 1 start of the fiscal year, approved the bill to raise taxes by a 71-42 vote. A plan to spend \$36 billion in the fiscal year that began July 1 was OK'd 74-37. An override requires 71 votes.

## Passenger removed

ATLANTA

A disruptive passenger was removed from an Atlanta-to-Chicago flight after she was caught on video yelling at a flight attendant while letting her dog run through the cabin.

Passenger Michael Nash posted video of the altercation that took place before takeoff Wednesday on the American Airlines flight. Nash said the woman had reclined her seat while the plane was taxiing and yelled profanities after being asked to stop. The video shows passengers yelling at her to sit down as she follows a flight attendant to the back of the plane with her dog by her side. The plane returned to the gate, and another video shows a man escorting her off the flight.

An Atlanta airport representative told Chicago's WBBM-TV that the woman wasn't arrested and was rebooked on another flight. The plane arrived in Chicago four hours late.

Associated Press

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Jayne Bernard of Youngstown, a student at Cardinal Mooney High School, chips out of the bunker and onto the green on the 16th hole at Salem Hills Golf Course. She was competing in Thursday's Greatest Golfer of the Valley juniors qualifier.

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## CLOSE CALL

### Vitali edges Graham to qualify for championship

By GREG GULAS  
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**E**ACH OF THIS YEAR'S FIVE Greatest Golfer of the Valley junior qualifying events has been highly competitive. But none have had a down-to-the-wire finish like Thursday's 17U boys showdown at Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Howland's Joey Vitali authored the day's best round (34-38-72), but had to wait for the remainder of the field to finish before officially earning a one-stroke victory over Warren JFK's Jimmy Graham (36-37-73) to advance to the championship round on July 21-22.

Dean Australosh of Campbell Memorial (35-39-74) and Boardman's Bobby Jonda (38-37-75) were the other top finishers.

Jenna Vivo (38-37-75), a previous qualifier at Tam O'Shanter, won the 17U girls event which meant runner-up Gillian Cerimele (39-40-79) qualified for the finals.

In 14U girls, Jayne Bernard of Cardinal Mooney (44-47-91) was the only competitor. She already had qualified at Tam O'Shanter.

In 14U boys play, Kaiden Sykes (37-39-76) of South Range advanced with a three-stroke victory over Jacob Sylak (40-39-79).

Sylak already punched his finals ticket by winning the Pine Lakes qualifier on May 20.

Opening round of the 17U champion-



See gallery for this story at [vindy.com](#)



#### THURSDAY'S QUALIFIERS

Advancing to the finals of the 2017 Juniors Greatest Golfer of the Valley tournament after Thursday's qualifier at Salem Hills are:



Vitali



Sykes



Cerimele

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NIKOS FRAZIER | THE VINDICATOR

Scappers starter Francisco Perez throws in the second inning of West Virginia's 5-0 victory on Thursday at Eastwood Field in Niles. Perez surrendered three runs in the first inning.

## Scappers blanked in NYPL showdown

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Next: Scrappers at Williamsport, today, 7:05 p.m.

ONLINE PHOTO  
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John Papa of South Range follows through on his approach shot on the 10th hole at Salem Hills Golf Course. He competed in the 17U division.

#### WIMBLEDON

## Mattek-Sands collapses with damaged knee

Associated Press

LONDON

The screams were startling.

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, a 32-year-old American who came to Wimbledon eyeing a fourth consecutive Grand Slam doubles title, fell to the grass when her right knee buckled as she moved toward the net in a second-round singles match Thursday.

She immediately clutched her knee and, down on the turf, wailed loudly, imploring for someone to "Help me! Help me!"

Her opponent, Sorana Cirstea, immediately climbed over the net to check on Mattek-Sands, who after about 20 minutes was removed from Court 17 on a stretcher and taken to a hospital.

"Her knee was in a very weird position. I've never seen anything like this, probably, except in the movies. And, yeah, I panicked a little bit, as well," Cirstea said. "Then I called for help, but no one was coming. Then tried to comfort her as much as I could. But, I mean, you could feel the pain."

The extent of Mattek-Sands' injury, which came in the third set's opening game, was not immediately known. But word quickly spread around the grounds, generating concern among players.

She's popular on tour, known for her gregarious personality, loud laugh and original fashion choices, including the stars-and-stripes knee-high socks she



Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the United States returns to Romania's Sorana Cirstea during their Women's Singles Match on day four at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on Thursday. Mattek-Sands, a 32-year-old American who came to Wimbledon eyeing a fourth consecutive Grand Slam doubles title, fell to the grass after suffering a knee injury and was taken to a hospital.

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## Still minus Francona, Indians' bats roar

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Edwin Encarnacion homered and matched a career high with four hits, All-Star Jose Ramirez hit a home run and had three RBIs, and the Cleveland Indians, playing their third straight game without manager Terry Francona, defeated the San Diego Padres 11-2 on Thursday night.

Francona remains hospitalized at the Cleveland Clinic, where he has been undergoing tests to resolve the causes of him becoming light-headed over the past month.

The 58-year-old was hospitalized twice last month and doctors admitted him Tuesday, about one week after he began wearing a heart monitor.

Bench coach Brad Mills filled in again for Francona.

Josh Tomlin (5-9) allowed two runs in seven-plus innings. The right-hander retired the first 12 batters before San Diego scored

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NIKOS FRAZIER | THE VINDICATOR

Scappers starter Francisco Perez throws in the second inning of West Virginia's 5-0 victory on Thursday at Eastwood Field in Niles. Perez surrendered three runs in the first inning.

Scappers blanked in NYPL showdown

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NIKOS FRAZIER | THE VINDICATOR

Thursday's game between the top-two teams in the New York-Penn League didn't look that way as the West Virginia Black Bears shut out the Mahoning Valley Scappers 5-0 at Eastwood Field.

West Virginia starter Ike Schlabach went six strong innings, allowing just two hits and one walk. He struck out four for the victory.

The Scappers managed just three hits and struck out 11 times as opposed to two walks.

"Obviously we didn't swing the bats the way we wanted to," Scappers manager Luke Carlin said. "I don't think we should accept the lack of bats today but overall this is the first game we've seen where we didn't have something going to be in the ballgame and we were a little bit out of it."

On the opposite end, Mahoning Valley starter Francisco Perez's pitching line didn't look great. He allowed five runs (four of them earned), six hits and two home runs in five innings.

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# SPORTS digest

## SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

# 4.5

Source: National League

**Valley golfers  
win Akron event**

### AKRON

Brian Tolnar, Bobby Jonda, Bryan Kordupel and Kyle Koziel teamed up to win the Northern Ohio PGA Ping Pro-3 Junior Tournament at Firestone Country Club.

Tolnar shot a 69 while Boardman High School students Jonda and Kordupel each shot 77. Poland's Koziel shot 92.

The team won with 188, two strokes ahead of the runners-up.

### Metro Ice romps in Warren AA game

### WARREN

Metro Ice grabbed an early lead on its way to Wednesday's 14-3 victory over Yellow Jackets.

Nick Capogreco and Nick Charinas each had an RBI single in the first two innings.

Metro Ice scored five runs in the seventh inning as Cameron Carson, Matt Schultz and Vitto Petrillo delivered hits.

DJ Morvay earned the win for Metro Ice.

Yellow Jackets had 11 hits. Dylan Duchek and John Stanko each collected multiple hits.

### Junior Par-3 tourney set at Wick course

### YOUNGSTOWN

The Mill Creek MetroParks Par-3 Course at the James L. Wick Recreation Area will host the Second annual Junior Golf Tournament for ages of 5-13 on Thursday.

The 18 hole stroke play tournament will consist of three age divisions: 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13 for boys and girls. Tee times begin at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is \$10 and includes 18 hole greens fees, prizes for the winners and snack after the round. To register, contact the Mill Creek Wick Par-3 Course Golf Shop at 330-740-7114.

For more information, visit the website [www.millcreek-metroparks.org](http://www.millcreek-metroparks.org).

### South Range plans stadium open house

### BEAVER TOWNSHIP

South Range High School will host a meet the team event and stadium open house on Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

### Lou Blaney Memorial scheduled for Saturday

### HARTFORD

Sharon Speedway will host the Ninth annual Lou Blaney Memorial on Saturday.

Featured will be Tony Stewart's Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions Sprint Cars and the Hovis Auto & Truck Supply Big-Block Modifieds.

Pit passes will go on sale at 3 p.m. A drivers meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. with Sprint engine starts at 6:15 and warm-ups at 6:30 with qualifying and racing to follow.

Adult tickets cost \$25. Advanced and reserved tickets are on sale by visiting [SharonSpeedway.com](http://SharonSpeedway.com). Pit passes cost \$35.

Sharon Speedway is owned by the Blaney, Weller, and Kirla families and is located on Custer-Orangeville Road near the intersection of state Routes 7 and 305. For more information, visit the website at [www.sharon-speedway.com](http://www.sharon-speedway.com) or call 330-772-5481.

### Clarett will speak at MEDCAMP event

### ROOTSTOWN

Maurice Clarett will speak to MEDCAMP Health-a-Thon students on July 14 at 11:45 a.m. in Cook Alumni Hall on the NEOMED campus.

Clarett was a running back for Austintown Fitch and Warren Harding high schools. He was a member of Ohio State's 2002 national champions.

The MEDCAMP Health-a-Thon will have eight students from Mahoning County. Clarett's speech will follow the hack-a-thon model, an intense 24-hour span with students working collaboratively to develop programs that address a current community health issue.

Clarett's speech will not be open to the public.

### Lynx defeat Sparks

### ST. PAUL, MINN.

Sylvia Fowles had 20 points and 13 rebounds, Renee Montgomery scored a season-high 20 points, and the Minnesota Lynx beat the Los Angeles Sparks

88-77 on Thursday night in a rematch of the WNBA Finals.

Staff/wire report

### GOLF

PGA TOUR  
GREENBRIER CLASSIC  
THURSDAY'S SCORES  
At The Old White TPC  
White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.  
Purse: \$7.1 million  
Yardage: 7,286; Par 70 (34-36)

#### First Round

Sebastian Munoz 29-32 — 61

Davis Love III 30-33 — 63

Ben Martin 32-32 — 64

David Lingmerth 31-33 — 64

Graham DeLaet 32-32 — 64

Xander Schauffele 33-31 — 64

Nick Taylor 31-33 — 64

Danny Lee 32-32 — 64

David Hearn 33-32 — 65

Hudson Swafford 31-34 — 65

Robert Streb 31-34 — 65

Alex Cejka 31-35 — 66

Patrick Reed 30-36 — 66

Matt Jones 30-36 — 66

Brian Gay 33-34 — 67

Kevin Streelman 32-35 — 67

Scott Stallings 34-33 — 67

Tag Ridings 32-35 — 67

Jonathan Randolph 34-33 — 67

Kelly Kraft 33-34 — 67

Harold Varner III 32-35 — 67

Hunter Mahan 31-36 — 67

Phil Mickelson 33-34 — 67

Michael Kim 35-33 — 68

J.B. Holmes 30-38 — 68

Russell Henley 32-36 — 68

Bryce Molder 33-35 — 68

Ryan Blaum 34-34 — 68

Seamus Power 32-36 — 68

Joaquin Niemann 34-34 — 68

Mark Anderson 34-34 — 68

Luke List 34-34 — 68

J.J. Spaun 33-35 — 68

Patrick Rodgers 34-35 — 68

Det Pottier, Jr. 35-33 — 68

Jimmy Walker 34-34 — 68

Smylie Kaufman 33-35 — 68

Camilo Villegas 33-35 — 68

Bobby Gates 34-34 — 68

Brian Campbell 31-37 — 68

Robert Garrigus 34-35 — 68

Michael Putnam 33-36 — 68

D.A. Points 37-32 — 69

Bill Haas 33-36 — 69

Charles Howell III 34-35 — 69

J.T. Poston 33-36 — 69

Chris Stroud 35-34 — 69

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Zac Blair 36-34 — 69

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Tim Wilkinson 37-34 — 69

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Kevin Kisner 37-35 — 69

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Ryan Brehm 36-36 — 69

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Christian Brand 36-36 — 69

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# INDIANS

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twice in the fifth.

Encarnacion was 4 for 5, including a leadoff homer in the fifth and an RBI double in the sixth. He also singled in the third and eighth.

Ramirez, who will start at third base for the American League in the All-Star Game, hit a two-run homer in the first, had an RBI single in the sixth and was 3 for 5.

Lonnie Chisenhall drove in three runs and Yan Gomes also homered. All-Star Michael Brantley had an RBI triple in the first for Cleveland, which was held to two runs in dropping the first two games of the series.

Ramirez's homer, his 16th of the season, capped a three-run first. Encarnacion led off the fifth with a blast to dead-center, his team-high 18th.

Team president Chris Antonetti said Wednesday that he expected Francona to be away from the team for a few more days and that he could possibly miss the remainder of the homestand before the All-Star break. However, it's still not known when Francona will be discharged or how long he could be sidelined.

The team did not provide



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The Cleveland Indians' Edwin Encarnacion watches his RBI double off San Diego Padres relief pitcher Jose Torres during the sixth inning of a game Thursday in Cleveland.

any further updates. Cleveland opens a three-game series against Detroit tonight.

"We think about him all the time," Tomlin said. "I bet he's not too happy in the hospital on a daily basis."

"We keep in contact. The guys on the team will text him and talk to him and keep him in the loop. We need him at the helm here."

There's no doubt about it. He's big part of our success. He knows the game. He knows the players really well. His presence alone has that sense of calm in the dugout.

"Obviously, we want his health to be fine first before he comes back, but we're itching to get him back."

Francona, who is in his

fifth season with Cleveland, is scheduled to manage the AL squad in the All-Star Game next week in Miami. Those plans are temporarily on hold until doctors determine what's been producing Francona's symptoms.

Mills, who managed the Houston Astros for three seasons, is Francona's closest friend. They played to-

gether at Arizona and Mills was on Francona's staff in Philadelphia and Boston before coming with him to Cleveland five years ago.

Dinelson Lamet (3-3) was removed after Encarnacion's home run. The rookie right-hander allowed six runs — five earned — in four-plus innings.

Tomlin allowed four hits, struck out six and didn't walk a batter.

Hunter Renfroe started the fifth with a double to left-center and moved to third on Cory Spangenberg's single. Aybar's ground rule double scored a run and Cordoba's sacrifice fly made it 5-2.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

**Padres:** C Austin Hedges (stiff neck) was out of the lineup for the second straight day, but is expected to start tonight against Philadelphia.

**Indians:** RHP Danny Salazar (sore shoulder) allowed three solo homers in 3 1/3 innings during a rehab start for Triple-A Columbus. He was pulled after 60 pitches.

## UP NEXT

**Indians:** RHP Carlos Carrasco opens a three-game home series against Detroit. He earned his team-high ninth win by going seven innings against the Tigers on July 1.

## MLB AT A GLANCE

### STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	49	37	.570	—
New York	44	39	.530	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	45	42	.517	4 1/2
Toronto	40	45	.471	8 1/2
Baltimore	40	45	.471	8 1/2

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	45	39	.536	—
Kansas City	44	40	.524	1
Minnesota	44	41	.518	1 1/2
Detroit	38	46	.452	7
Chicago	37	47	.440	8

##### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	58	28	.674	—
Los Angeles	44	45	.494	15 1/2
Texas	41	44	.482	16 1/2
Seattle	41	45	.477	17
Oakland	37	48	.435	20 1/2

### Wednesday's Games

Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 6  
Chicago Cubs 7, Tampa Bay 3

Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 4

Milwaukee 4, Baltimore 0

San Diego 6, Cleveland 2

San Francisco 5, Detroit 4

Houston 10, Atlanta 4

Texas 8, Boston 2

L.A. Angels 2, Minnesota 1

Kansas City 9, Seattle 6, 10 innings

Thursday's Games

Detroit 6, San Francisco 2

Toronto 7, Houston 4

Cleveland 11, San Diego 2

Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1

Minnesota 6, Baltimore 4

Oakland at Seattle

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Guerra 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 6-4), 7:05 p.m.

Houston (Morton 5-3) at Toronto (Sanchez 0-1), 7:07 p.m.

Boston (Pomeranz 8-4) at Tampa Bay (Ordonez 5-3), 7:10 p.m.

Detroit (Zimmermann 5-6) at Cleveland (Carrasco 9-3), 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Nolasco 4-9) at Texas (Hamel 3-0), 8:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Gausman 5-7) at Minnesota (Jorge 1-0), 8:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Holland 5-8) at Colorado (Marquez 5-4), 8:40 p.m.

Kansas City (Hammel 4-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 6-4), 10:10 p.m.

Oakland (Manaea 7-4) at Seattle (Paxton 6-3), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee at N.Y. Yankees, 10:05 p.m.

Baltimore at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.

Boston at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.

Detroit at Cleveland, 4:10 p.m.

Kansas City at L.A. Dodgers, 7:15 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Texas, 9:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Colorado, 9:10 p.m.

Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	50	34	.595	—
Atlanta	40	43	.482	9 1/2
New York	38	45	.458	11 1/2
Miami	38	46	.452	12
Philadelphia	28	56	.333	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	48	40	.545	—
Chicago	42	43	.494	4 1/2
St. Louis	41	44	.482	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	40	46	.465	7
Cincinnati	37	48	.435	9 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	57	29	.663	—
Arizona	52	33	.612	4 1/2
Colorado	50	38	.568	8
San Diego	36	49	.424	20 1/2
San Francisco	34	53	.391	23 1/2

— Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets at Washington, p.p.

Chicago Cubs 7, Tampa Bay 3

Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 2

Milwaukee 4, Baltimore 0

San Diego 6, Cleveland 2

San Francisco 5, Detroit 4

Miami 9, St. Louis 6

Colorado 5, Cincinnati 3

L.A. Dodgers 1, Arizona 0

Thursday's Games

Detroit 6, San Francisco 2

St. Louis 4, Miami 3

Milwaukee 11, Chicago Cubs 2

Cincinnati 6, Colorado 3

Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 3

Cleveland 11, San Diego 2

Atlanta at Washington

Arizona at L.A. Dodgers

## SCRAPPERS

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At the start, West Virginia had a couple ground balls find holes to get to the outfield and then Tristan Gray launched a ball over the right-field wall.

Carlin thought he was more unlucky than poor.

"I thought Francisco pitched better than the scoreboard showed," Carlin said. "He had a rough first but he got through six pretty well."

Six Scrapper hitters, including pinch-hitter Jesse Berardi who had one at bat, struck out at least once in the contest.

Getting into the Black Bears bullpen didn't make any difference. Beau Sulser, who relieved Schlabach, struck out five in his two innings of work.

"No harsh message," Carlin said. "Just 'Get your rest tonight because we've got another game tomorrow."

One of the bright spots for the Black Bears was Gift Ngoepe.

The Pietersburg, South Africa, native made headlines earlier this year when we became the first African born player to reach the majors when he debuted for the Pittsburgh Pirates on April 26. He's now rehabbing with the Black Bears with a hamstring injury.

He went 2-for-4 Thursday, scoring two runs, one of which came on an opposite-field blast in the top of the fifth. Carlin said he was glad his guys get to experience some Major League talent.

"It's good," Carlin said. "Better competition is advantageous for us to play against," Carlin said. "Playing against the best will help us get better. It's a challenge and as an organization we like that."

Tuesday, Ngoepe went 0-for-3 with a strikeout in his first game with West Virginia. Thursday he said he felt more into his groove.

"I'm getting back to it," Ngoepe said. "The first day my

timing was a little off and I had a couple pop-ups that should have been line drives.

"Today I took a lot of pitches. One guy got me a changeup on a 3-2 pitch when I was expecting fastball, but it was a solid day."

Ngoepe also played a solid defensive game, charging numerous ground balls and getting runners at first.

"My hamstring is a lot better," Ngoepe said. "I can go about 95-100 right now. I didn't have any problems catching any ground balls or running. It's going to be tight every now and then but I'm feeling good."

Despite the lack of output, Carlin said he's not worried about his team with the way they've been playing so far this season.

"I'm really happy," Carlin said. "This is a good group of guys. The pitching has been outstanding and guys have been aggressive."

# Pirates' Ngoepe has answers as he rehabs

By CHARLES GROVE  
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## NILES

Against the Scrappers on Thursday, Gift Ngoepe looked like a major leaguer often does in a rehab assignment in the minor leagues.

The shortstop with the Pittsburgh Pirates earlier this year went 2-for-4 with a home run and two runs scored in his second game with the Class A West Virginia Black Bears.

Ngoepe said he's getting many questions from the younger prospects that will briefly be his teammates if his rehab goes to

plan.

"I remember when I was a kid in this league, when a guy from high levels came through we'd ask a lot of questions," Ngoepe said. "They're willing to learn. That's what they're here to do. I really embrace it."

Sometimes the question can be so rudimentary they catch him off guard.

"One kid asked me 'How do you get ready for a ground ball?' And I'm thinking, 'I just get ready,'" Ngoepe said. "It got me off my mentality a little bit about what I do on defense."

"But I told him a few things to slow the game

down. You need to know who's running and that the speed of the ball dictates how you field ground balls."

One of the questions Ngoepe gets after games with the Black Bears is "What's for dinner?"

Major League players traditionally pick up the tab for the postgame meal when making rehab stints.

"I have to be responsible [for the meal]," Ngoepe said with a smile. "They get good food and it's nice to pay back. Some of the older guys contributed to food after games when they came through."

## Nowitzki stays with Mavericks

*Associated Press*

Dirk Nowitzki has a deal with the Dallas Mavericks that sets him up to join Kobe Bryant as the only players to spend 20 seasons with one NBA franchise.

Nowitzki and the Mavericks have agreed on a two-year, \$10 million contract that carries a team option in the second season, a person with knowledge of the deal said Thursday on condition of anonymity because a deal hasn't been announced.

The agreement is similar to the one the Mavs and Nowitzki reached last year, although for significantly less money. Last year's contract was for two years and \$50 million, and the club declined its option before free agency opened this year.

The 39-year-old Nowitzki is no longer the primary option for the Mavericks, so a \$5 million deal is more in line with his role on a roster that has become significantly younger since the start of last season. The \$25 million salary from a year ago was as much about Dallas paying Nowitzki for his loyalty, which included taking less money to help acquire free agents through the years.

Bryant retired following the 2015-16 season, his 20th with the Los Angeles Lakers. He was the fifth player to spend at least 20 years in the NBA.

Nowitzki doesn't seem to have ruled out playing past the coming season. At the NBA awards show last week, he hinted as much during his acceptance speech for the teammate of the year award.

Regardless of how much longer he plays, Nowitzki's legacy is secure after leading the Mavericks to their only championship in 2011 as the NBA Finals MVP. The 7-foot German is also the only foreign-born player with 30,000 career points, a milestone he reached last season.

### HEAT

Kelly Olynyk has agreed to

sign with the Miami Heat.

Agent Greg Lawrence confirmed the decision to The Associated Press on Thursday night. ESPN reported it would be a four-year deal worth in excess of \$50 million.

The deal has not been signed, though could be as early as today.

A 7-foot center with 3-point range, Olynyk spent his first four NBA seasons with the Boston Celtics and played mostly as a reserve. He averaged 9.5 points in 278 regular-season games shot a career-best 51 percent last season.

Olynyk's deal means that for the Heat to complete the re-signings of James Johnson and Wayne Ellington—who are both still wanted by Miami—a deal will have to be swung to get rid of some salary and create more cap space.

### CLIPPERS

The Los Angeles Clippers acquired sharp-shooting forward Danilo Gallinari from Denver as part of a three-team trade that also involved Atlanta on Thursday.

In the swap, Los Angeles sent Jamal Crawford, Diamond Stone, cash considerations and a protected 2018 first-round pick to the Hawks. The Nuggets receive a 2019 second-round pick from Atlanta.

Gallinari joins a Clippers team that recently traded Chris Paul to Houston, but agreed to a five-year deal with Blake Griffin. Los Angeles also has DeAndre Jordan in the frontcourt.

The 28-year-old Gallinari was selected by New York with the sixth overall pick in 2008. He wound up in Denver as part of the blockbuster deal in February 2011 that sent Carmelo Anthony to the Knicks.

A fan favorite, Gallinari averaged 16.2 points and made 535 3-pointers for the Nuggets. He missed the 2013-14 season because of a torn left ACL.

Dante Flak of Canfield chips out of the bunker on the 16th hole at Salem Hills Golf Course during Thursday's Greatest Golfer juniors qualifying round.

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## GGOV

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ship takes place July 21 at Squaw Creek (2 p.m.) with the finals scheduled for July 22 (12:30 p.m.) at Avalon Lakes.

The 14U championship takes place July 22 (12:30 p.m.) at Avalon Lakes.

The final junior qualifying event takes place on Thursday (1 p.m.) at Trumbull Country Club.

Vitali calls Kensington Golf Club and Grille his home course and has played in all five qualifying events.

"The difference is that today I felt like I played up to my potential," Vitali said. "I made a lot of putts, yet still left a few out there that I wish I could have back."

"It was accuracy over distance as I used my five-iron off of five of the tees, plus the greens were really nice," he said. "This is one of my favorite tournaments, but I still have some work to do before the championships."

Graham, who has earned two letters as a member of the Eagles' golf team, said he could have putted better.

"My drives were down the middle for the most part and my irons were solid, but I struggled with my putting," he said. "I struggled with my birdie-putts as four or five lipped out."

Austalosh had two birdies and 11 pars while his 35 on the front-nine was just one stroke off Vitali's lead at the turn. It was his third Greatest event, shooting 77 last week at Mill Creek.

"I struggled with my driving, but my putting allowed me to keep pace," Austalosh said. "It was definitely my best showing."

Jonda has played in four events and has been runner-up twice.

He had a birdie and 12 pars during Thursday's round.

"I hit the ball well enough to shoot par, but struggled with my putting and had a few bad holes that I would like to forget," Jonda said.

"I'm still hoping to qualify next week. I'm familiar with the Trumbull course so that's definitely a plus."

## GREATEST GOLFER OF THE VALLEY

*Thursday's junior scores*

### FIFTH QUALIFIER AT SALEM HILLS GOLF CLUB

#### BOYS 17U

Joey Vitali, Kensington Golf Club & Grille, 72

Jimmy Graham, Avalon Lakes Golf Course, 73

Dean Australosh, Oak Tree Country Club, 74

Bobby Jonda, Mill Creek MetroParks Golf Course, 75

Seamus Chrystal, Avalon at Squaw Creek, 77

Anthony Clark, Riverview Golf Course, 77

Matthew Kinkela, Rolling Hills Golf Course, 80

John Popa John, Flying B Golf Course, 80

Alex Rapp, Lake Club, 83

Luke Nord, Lake Club, 83

Carl Desiato, Mill Creek Golf Course, 83

Nathaniel Smoot, Yankee Run Golf Course, 83

Branson Brownfield, Turkana Farms Golf Course, 84

Rebell Strollo, Youngstown Country Club, 84

Carl Ross, Mill Creek Golf Course, 85

Kyle Koziel, Mill Creek Golf Course, 85

Zavier Bokan, Mahoning County Club, 85

Cameron Lane, Beaver Creek Golf Course, 85

Andy Murphy, Lake Club, 87

Colin Faloon, Mill Creek Golf Course, 89

Dante Flak, Mill Creek Golf Course, 91

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### BOYS 14U

Kaiden Sykes, Salem Hills Golf Course, 76

Jacob Sylak, Avalon at Squaw Creek, 79

Nathan Cene, Duck Creek Golf Course, 81

Dominic Kapics, Duck Creek Golf Course, 85

Caleb Domitrovich, Mahoning County Club, 89

Gavin Pahanish, Beaver Creek Meadows Golf Course, 110

Patrick Howlett Jr., Lake Club, 113

Carl Desiato, Mill Creek Golf Course, 83

Nathaniel Smoot, Yankee Run Golf Course, 83

Branson Brownfield, Turkana Farms Golf Course, 84

Rebell Strollo, Youngstown Country Club, 84

Carl Ross, Mill Creek Golf Course, 85

Kyle Koziel, Mill Creek Golf Course, 85

Zavier Bokan, Mahoning County Club, 85

Cameron Lane, Beaver Creek Golf Course, 85

Andy Murphy, Lake Club, 87

Colin Faloon, Mill Creek Golf Course, 89

Dante Flak, Mill Creek Golf Course, 91

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### GIRLS 17U

Jenna Vivo, Mill Creek, 75

Gillian Cerimele, Flying B, 79

Hannah Keffler, Flying B, 81

Jenna Jacobson, Mill Creek, 83

Olivia Taylor, Olivia Avalon at Squaw Creek, 86

Taylor Ross, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club, 88

Carmel Cerimele, Flying B Golf Course, 88

Emily Marcaivish, Avalon at Squaw Creek, 95

Victoria Messuri, Victoria Flying B Golf Course, 97

Gianna Myers, Mill Creek Golf Course, 108

Jayne Bernard, Mill Creek Golf Course, 91

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### GIRLS 14U

Jayne Bernard, Mill Creek Golf Course, 91

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### ONEIDA, WIS.

Belgian rookie Laura Gonzalez Escallon birdied three of the final four holes Thursday for a 7-under 65 and a share of the lead with Sei Young Kim in the Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic. Gonzalez Escallon, the 26-year-old former Purdue player who won twice last season on the Symetra Tour, also started fast in the first-year event, making birdies on three of the first four holes. Kim had

# BUSINESS

## BUSINESS digest

### Welder/pipe fitter program at TCTC

CHAMPION

The Trumbull Career & Technical Center Adult Training Center is accepting students for its welder/pipe fitter program. The program is 660 hours; financial aid is available.

Students will be able to achieve numerous industry-related credentials. Tools and equipment are included in the cost of tuition.

The program runs from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 5 through May 31 at TCTC Adult Training Center, 528 Educational Highway.

Call 330-847-0503 ext. 1600 to sign up.

### PNC dividends up

PITTSBURGH

The board of directors of The PNC Financial Services Group Inc. declared a quarterly cash dividend on the common stock of 75 cents per share, an increase of 20 cents per share, or 36 percent, from the second quarter dividend of 55 cents per share. The dividend, with a payment date of Aug. 5, will be payable the next business day to shareholders of record at the close of business July 17.

### Microsoft layoffs

SEATTLE

Microsoft on Thursday started the process of laying off thousands of employees. Microsoft cut at least 900 jobs among its sales force as part of the 2,850 layoffs the company planned to carry out in the just-completed fiscal year. The layoffs come as Microsoft reconfigures its massive sales organization to focus on its cloud-computing products and sales to specific industries.

The vast majority of the affected employees are located outside the United States. Some also fall in groups that supported sales, including information-technology, finance and corporate external, and legal affairs departments. Before Thursday's cuts, about 50,000 – or 40 percent – of Microsoft's approximately 121,500 employees worked in sales.

### 19 AGs sue DeVos

Democratic attorneys general in 18 states and the District of Columbia are suing Education Secretary Betsy DeVos over her decision to suspend rules meant to protect students from abuses by for-profit colleges. The lawsuit, filed Thursday in Washington, demands implementation of rules that aim to make schools financially responsible for fraud and forbid them from forcing students to resolve complaints outside court.

### Stocks skid; mortgages rise

NEW YORK

U.S. stocks took their biggest loss since mid-May as investors reacted to a survey that showed slow hiring in June. Some of the largest losses go to health care companies and retailers. Technology companies also continue to fall.

Meanwhile, long-term U.S. mortgage rates rose this week to highest level since mid-May. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to an average 3.96 percent from 3.88 percent last week. It stood at 3.41 percent a year ago. The rate on 15-year, fixed-rate home loans, popular with homeowners who are refinancing their mortgages, rose to 3.22 percent from 3.17 percent. A year ago, it was 2.74 percent.

Combined dispatches/wire report

### Selected local stocks

STOCK, DIVIDEND	CLOSE CHANGE
Alcoa Inc., .12	32.89 +0.12
Aqua America, .71	32.62 -0.25
Avalon Holdings, .23	32.2 -0.17
Chemical Bank, .27	49.81 -0.19
Community Health Sys., .92	32.9 -0.56
Cortland Bancorp., .28	17.86 -0.14
Farmers Nat., .16	24.70 -0.30
First Energy, 1.44	29.32 -0.11
Fifth/Third, .52	26.46 -0.12
FirstMerit Corp., .12	-0.00 -0.00
First Niles Financial, .12	10.00 -0.00
FNB Corp., .48	14.43 -0.05
General Motors, 1.52	34.88 -0.13
General Electric, .92	26.33 -1.02
Huntington Bank, .28	13.66 -0.14
iHeartMedia Inc., .15	5.04 -0.04
JP Morgan Chase, 1.92	93.39 -0.29
Key Corp., .34	19.00 -0.20
Macy's, .51	22.85 -0.67
Parker Hannifin, 2.52	159.45 -1.69
PNC, 2.20	125.99 -0.09
Simon Prop. Grp., 6.60	155.81 -2.42
Stoneridge, .14	14.83 -0.38
United Comm. Fin., .12	8.43 -0.08

Selected prices from yesterday's 4 p.m. close.

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## MARKET WATCH

Dow	NASDAQ	S&P 500	Gold	Silver
15813 21,320.04	61.40 6089.46	22.79 2409.75	\$1.80 \$1,222.20	\$0.85 \$15.93

# QVC parent to buy HSN as shopping shifts to online

Associated Press

NEW YORK

QVC's parent company is taking control of the Home Shopping Network for about \$2.6 billion in stock to create what they say will be the third-largest e-commerce company in the United States.

The companies long known as bases for home shopping on TV had been dealing with sluggish sales as Amazon dominates online. Both had long moved beyond cable channels and were trying to refresh themselves for younger shoppers buying more on their mobile phones.

The combination will help give QVC and HSN the scale they need to take on more established online competitors. A key focus will have to be offering unique, exclusive products at a compelling value. Otherwise, competitors including Amazon and Walmart will be tough to

beat online, said Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail research consulting firm.

Liberty Interactive Corp., which owns QVC already owned 38 percent of HSN. Integrating them will make them "stronger than they are individually and stronger yet as a stand-alone entity" in a "changing and difficult market," said Greg Maffei, Liberty's president and CEO.

Executives on Thursday highlighted the potential for cost savings, complementary but not wholly overlapping customers, their strength in video and the larger reach the two will have.

The companies also said they hope to use Zulily, which QVC bought in 2015, to drive younger customers to both brands.

Combined, they'll serve an estimated 23 million customers worldwide and ship

more than 320 million packages every year, said Mike George, QVC's president and CEO. QVC is stronger in fashion and beauty, he said, while crediting HSN in areas like electronics, fitness and health.

He also noted the companies' social media presence and increasing e-commerce sales, with about \$7.5 billion, and \$4.7 billion in sales from mobile devices. In terms of video reach, the two will access more than 360 million TV homes globally.

Among retailers who operate in multiple categories, George said, the combined company will be No. 3 in North America in e-commerce, as well as in mobile-commerce in the U.S., and behind only Amazon and Walmart in dollar value of transactions.

The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter.

OHIO

## 185 apply for medical marijuana cultivator licenses

Associated Press

COLUMBUS

Ohio has received more than 180 applications for 24 licenses to grow marijuana under the state's new medical marijuana program.

Republican Gov. John Kasich signed a law more than a year ago allowing medical marijuana to be prescribed under certain conditions

to patients suffering one or more qualifying medical conditions.

The Ohio Department of Commerce on Wednesday released a list of 185 applicants for medical marijuana cultivator licenses. The application deadline for Ohio's 24 licenses is today.

The state plans to license up to 12 cultivators with

up to 3,000 square feet (333 square yards) of growing space and 12 cultivators with up to 25,000 square feet (2,777 square yards) of space.

Ohio will award cultivator licenses based on how the businesses plan to grow marijuana, staff and secure their facilities and comply with state regulations.

## Drugmaker stops sales of painkiller at FDA's request

Associated Press

The maker of opioid painkiller Opana ER is pulling the drug off the market at the request of federal regulators because it's being abused.

Endo International PLC said Thursday it will voluntarily stop selling the pills, approved for use in patients with severe, constant pain, after consulting with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It's the first opioid drug that the FDA has sought to remove from the market due to abuse.

The drugmaker said in a statement that the extended-release opioid is safe and effective when used as intended, and that Endo still believes Opana ER's benefits outweigh its risks.

But last month, the FDA said it had concluded the drug is too risky. The agency said it had seen a "significant shift" from people crushing and snorting the pill to get high to injecting it instead. Besides contributing to overdoses, abuse of Opana ER was blamed for a 2015 outbreak of HIV and hepatitis C in southern Indiana linked to sharing needles, according to the FDA.

The agency asked the company to stop selling Opana ER after its advisers, reviewing its safety at a March hearing, voted 18-8 against keeping it on the market.

Dublin, Ireland-based Endo, which has U.S. headquarters in Malvern, Pa., said it will work with the FDA to try to minimize disruption for patients, who will need to switch to alternative treatments.

Endo primarily makes generic medicines, as well as a number of brand-name specialty drugs. Endo reported that Opana ER last year posted net sales of \$159 million. The company said it will take a pre-tax charge of about \$20 million to write off the drug's remaining value.

As of June, there were no generic versions of the reformulated Opana ER on the market, according to the FDA, but two generics of earlier versions are on sale, called oxymorphone.

The agency said it would also review other opioid painkillers and could take further action.

### Legal Notices

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE

The Council of the City of Canfield is changing the time of their regular scheduled Council meeting on July 19, 2017 from 5:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., at the Francis J. McLaughlin Municipal Building, 104 Lisbon Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids for the 2017 Street Paving Program Phase 1 for the City of Girard, Ohio will be received by the City of Girard, at the office of the Director of Public Service, City Hall, 100 West Main Street, Girard, Ohio 44420, until 11:00 a.m. (Local Time) Thursday, July 20, 2017, and shall be opened on

Copies of the bid package are on file in the office of the Director of Public Service, where they may be obtained or examined. There is established a fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for said bid package, which is non-refundable. Cash or check made payable to the City of Girard in payment for the Specifications and Bid Forms shall be made in advance.

Engineer's Construction Cost Estimate: \$414,600.00

Bids must be made on the Bid Forms shall be filed in a sealed envelope at the time and place hereinbefore designated. Each bid shall contain the full name and address of each person or company submitting same and shall be accompanied by a certified check on a solvent bank, or a bid bond in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted a contract will be entered into in the proper manner and accordance with ORC 153.54.

Bidders are required to comply with the Minimum Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements set forth in Section 164.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Rule 164.132 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, The Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Trumbull County, Ohio, as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.442.2239.

The attention of the bidders is directed to the requirement that each proposal must be accompanied by a Non-Compete Affidavit, duly signed by the bidder and a Personal Property Delinquent Tax Affidavit, duly signed by the bidder – required by Section 5719.042 of the Ohio Revised Code – there of. No Payment shall be made on any Contract for which no such affidavit has been submitted.

The City of Girard Board of Control reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to delete any part of the proposal herein. In accordance with Ordinance No. 6448-93, adopting the Standards of Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder when awarding competitive bid contracts

Jerry Lambert, Girard Service Director

### Legal Notices

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### FOR A FORECLOSURE SALE

CASE NO. 2008 CV 4321  
J.T.S. CAPITAL II, LLC, successor  
To First National Bank of Pennsylvania  
v.

Thomas R. Skelton, et al  
By virtue of Orders of Sale issued from the Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, to George Roman Auctioneers, Ltd./Northwood Realty Service, licensed auctioneers and real estate sales persons, as a Private Selling Officer, have been ORDERED by the Court to offer for FORECLOSURE SALE on Monday the 17th day of July, 2017, commencing at 5:00 p.m., the following Real Property and tenements:

Situated in the Township of Canfield, County of Mahoning and State of Ohio and being further described as follows:

Part of Lot Number 9, Division 4, in said Township and further described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Shields Road and Raccoon Road; thence Westerly along the centerline of Shields Road a distance of approximately 1710 feet but to the Easterly right of way line of State Route 11; thence Northwesterly along the Easterly right of way line of State Route 11 a distance of approximately 1330 feet but to the Southerly line of a 17.376 acre parcel of land now or formerly owned by Thomas Skelton and Connie Skelton; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of said before mentioned Skelton lands a distance of approximately 1540 feet but to the Southeast corner of Lot Number 2 of the Howard E. Lynn Plat Number 2 as shown by Plat Volume 73, page 184, Mahoning County Records of Plats; thence continuing Easterly along the Southerly line of said Lynn Plat a distance of 135 feet to a point; thence continuing Easterly along the Southerly line of said Lynn Plat 344 feet to a point; thence Southerly along a Westerly line of said Lynn Plat 17 feet to a point; thence continuing Southerly along the Westerly line of Lot No. 2 of the Skelton Farm Plat No. 2 as shown by Plat Volume 70, page 223, a distance of 44 feet to a point; thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Skelton Farm Plat 119.20 feet to a point; thence Westerly along a Northerly line of said Skelton Farm Plat 61.52 feet to a corner; thence Southerly along a Westerly line of said Skelton Farm Plat 100 feet to a corner; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of said Skelton Farm Plat 230 feet to the centerline of Raccoon Road; thence Southerly but along the centerline of Raccoon Road a distance of approximately 1020 feet but to the centerline of Shields Road to the place of beginning, containing within said bounds approximately 52.34 acres of land more or less.

Including within said description is Lot Number 1 of the Skelton Farm Plat Number 1, as shown by the recorded Plat in Volume 43, page 53, Mahoning County Records.

PPN: 26-035-0-021.0 and 26-035-0-022.0

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#### DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF SALE

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## THE 5

Today's entertainment picks:

**1 St. Nicholas Greek Summer Fest, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.**: Come for the Greek food specialties and stick around for musical entertainment by Mihalis Konitopoulos and Ta Filarakia at 6 p.m. The church grounds are at 220 N. Walnut St., near Choffin School, in Youngstown.

**2 Slovenefest, noon to 11 p.m.**: This very popular weekend features nonstop Slovenian polka music and much more at SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, just over the state line in Pennsylvania.

**3 Fabulous Flash-backs, 7 p.m.**: Rock cover band that was quite popular in Youngstown in the 1980s and '90s will reunite for a concert on Central Square, downtown. Admission is \$10.

**4 Spider-Man: Homecoming**: The web-slinging Marvel Comics superhero gets another go-round in movie theaters, and the reviews are glowing.

**5 Dominic Tocco and Brotherhood, 8 p.m.**: Local oldies dance band will keep it classy while you try your luck at Hollywood Gaming's Mahoning Valley Casino in Austintown.

## BEST BETS ON TV

♦ "THE GREAT BRITISH BAKING SHOW" (9 p.m., WQED-PBS): It's all about delectable pastries and tarts on tonight's edition of "The Great British Baking Show." Please resist the urge to lick your TV screen.

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

'Mary Wick' book author at SFA

**NEW YORK** Lillian Reynolds Reher, author of "Her Name Was Mary Wick," will be at the Mahoning Valley Historical Society's booth at the Summer Festival of the Arts on Youngstown State University's campus Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. for a book signing. The Historical Society will have copies of the book for sale. The MVHS booth is next to the Festival of Nations, near Maag Library.

Reher published the book from a collection of Mary Wick's scrapbooks, which follow her life as a part of a prominent Youngstown family, including her time at Mount Holyoke College, the Chicago Institute of Art, Johns Hopkins University and back to Youngstown Hospital Association, where she became a medical illustrator.

For information, contact the Historical Society at 330-743-2589.

**Kesha drops single from coming album**

**LOS ANGELES** Kesha has released her first new music in four years and announced a forthcoming album, her first since a high-profile legal battle with Dr. Luke over a lawsuit accusing the music producer of sexual assault and harassment.

Kesha has debuted "Praying," the lead single from "Rainbow," her first album since 2012's "Warrior." Co-written by Ryan Lewis, "Praying" features lyrics about overcoming adversity. In an essay for Lenny Letter, Kesha writes that the song is about "coming to feel empathy for someone else even if they hurt you or scare you."

Dr. Luke, whose real name is Lukasz Gottwald, has denied Kesha's allegations.

"Rainbow" is due out Aug. 11 and features appearances by Dolly Parton, Eagles of Death Metal and the Dap-Kings.

## VALLEY LIFE

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COMING TOMORROW  
Reviews of newly released albums.

*'The Beguiled' views the Civil War through female eyes*



FOCUS FEATURES

This image released by Focus Features shows Nicole Kidman, left, and Colin Farrell in a scene from "The Beguiled."

## Kidman and Coppola

By LINDSEY BAHR  
*AP Film Writer*

### LOS ANGELES

The intersection of Sofia Coppola and Nicole Kidman didn't start with "The Beguiled."

They'd met at parties in passing and had even tried to work together once on a project that fell apart. Coppola loved Kidman's wicked humor and Kidman loved Coppola's cinematic style and vision. So Kidman didn't hesitate to say yes when Coppola asked her to play the part of Miss Martha, the headmistress of a girls' school in the Civil War-era South that's thrown into disarray when they decide to take in a wounded Union soldier, in her retelling of "The Beguiled."

In fact, the two share more than might meet the eye — both are married to touring musicians, both have daughters around the same age and both have been having an incredible year professionally. Coppola became the first woman in 56 years to win best director at the Cannes Film Festival, and Kidman is enjoying widespread praise of both her film and television work.

The two women gathered recently in Los Angeles to discuss their film, which opens today at Shenango Valley Cinema in Hermitage, Pa., the awkwardness of directing a sponge

bath, and the reinvigorated support of women in Hollywood.

The remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

**Q.** Is it a good time for women in Hollywood?

**COPPOLA:** I think right now I feel like there's a lot of talk about it with "Wonder Woman" being a big success, that's really exciting, and with our movie getting attention — it's a female cast, a female story.

**KIDMAN:** And that it's seen from the female perspective. I mean, this is very much from the vision of Sof, so that you see the film in terms how the women view it — the female gaze and not some ... It is important. There's a shift and there's definitely some change happening. Is it enough? No. But you know we're all doing what we can, and we're fortunate to have the opportunities.

**Q.** Miss Martha's sponge bath of Colin Farrell's character could have easily taken a different tone with a different director.

**KIDMAN:** I love how demure it is. Well, it's like it could have been much more. I just like how it's very real.

**COPPOLA:** It could have gotten really over the top. But I love that we really focus in on you taking in his body. She hasn't been around a man in so long. I think I was the most embarrassed shooting that scene. I'm sitting off camera and I was like, "Nicole, now can you wash his inner thigh?"

**KIDMAN:** And I'm staying completely in character. Colin is out, but not really.

**Q.** There seems to be symmetry between this film and "Big Little Lies."

**COPPOLA:** When I saw the ending of "Big Little Lies" I thought there was a similar solidarity ... I think that is sweet how the women protect each other. And I think that is something about women. Don't you find that with your friends?

**KIDMAN:** Definitely. They always say there's a men's club but there is definitely a woman's club in terms of the secrets that are held and the way in which we interact. Particularly when you get older, I think your female friends become more and more — I mean, obviously we live longer!

**Q.** Do you feel like there's a culture-wide re-evaluation and newfound appreciation of women like you who have been doing incredible work in Hollywood for years?

**KIDMAN:** I feel a warmth. I don't know if that's the time we're in or a need for it, but there's definitely, instead of tearing you down there's more encouragement and support. I don't know if that's real or if I'm just sensing it, but it's a lovely thing to be a recipient of and to be able to offer it as well.

**COPPOLA:** There's more openness to our stories.



Coppola

## At 70, Prine is still a songwriting hero

Associated Press

### NASHVILLE, TENN.

John Prine is 70 years old but he is the hippest songwriter in Nashville and is still in demand. Prine has become an affable songwriting guru for many of Nashville's talented young artists, including country rebel Sturgill Simpson, Americana darlings Jason Isbell and his wife, Amanda Shires, and rocker Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys.

All those artists have lined up to open for Prine, when they are easily selling out their own venues as headliners.

"I have met some really great people in the last five years that it's easy to see that music in general is in good hands," Prine said in an interview from his office, which is decorated year round with Christmas lights and a white Christmas tree.

Prine published his first book in April, a songbook called "Beyond Words," which features guitar chords, family photos, handwritten or typed lyrics with his editing marks and witty musings alongside some of his most well-known songs, from "Sam Stone," "Angel from Montgomery," "Para-

dise," and "Hello in There." Prine's reinvigorated career came after neck cancer in the late '90s left him with a much lower and grittier voice. After his recovery, he just moved his songs to lower key.

"Some of my oldest songs that I used to perform every night became brand spanking new just because I changed the key," Prine said.

He started his own record label Oh Boy in Nashville in the early '80s, which sold his CDs by direct mail to fans. He enjoys his independence from major labels, even if it has meant fewer sales. He says his only advice to young songwriters is don't give up their publishing rights in a record deal.

"I am not a big one for advice," Prine said. "I will tell them stories about things I have failed at or places I have stumbled and hope they take it as a parable. And maybe apply it to themselves and maybe not."

Auerbach and Prine wrote several songs together, including the title track for Auerbach's new solo album, "Waiting On a Song."

"It was like having a conversation really," the 38-year-old singer said.



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John Prine

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## Dublin Grange campers in 'Elf'

Staff report

CANFIELD

The Dublin Grange Theatre Company's annual summer camp will offer an intensive experience in which students are exposed to all aspects of musical theater. The camp starts Monday and runs week days from 6 to 9 p.m. through July 27. Dublin Grange is at 6571 Fairground Blvd.

The camp will culminate in a production of "Elf Jr.," a musical based on the film of the same name, at 7:30 p.m. July 28 and 29.

The cost is \$100 per student for grades 5-12. Children in grades K-4 are invited to be part of the camp as "Santa's Helpers," where they will assist with prop and scenery creation and be part of the show's chorus. Cost for these students is \$25.

All students enrolled in the program will receive a free T-shirt and one complimentary show ticket.

To register for camp, go to dublingrangetheatre.com. Tickets for "Elf Jr." are available by calling 330-518-4064 or at the door 30 minutes prior to show time.

"Elf Jr." will be directed by Stacy Anderson and choreographed by Kait Carson. The Dublin Grange Theatre is the area's only theater organization featuring children as performers and behind-the-scenes artists. Students with or without experience are exposed to the audition process, casting, staging and blocking, lighting/sound instruction, stage managing, scenery creation and painting and stage managing instruction.

Also coming this year at Dublin Grange Theatre will be a production of "The Hundred Dresses" Nov. 17-19. The musical is an adaptation of Eleanor Estes' Newberry Award-winning story about bullying and its aftermath. A coloring contest for all area schools is planned and one school will win a free show.

For more information, call 330-518-4064 or go to afterschoolplayers.com.

Dear  
Annie

# Too much time on social media

**Dear Annie:** I love technology. I embrace it and think that it adds value to my life and pushes the human race forward. However, I am not sure that my consumption of "social" media and constant use of my phone is a good thing.

I didn't think of myself as overly addicted to my phone until recently. I saw a piece on "60 Minutes" about how some consumer software companies try to get users addicted to their applications via psychological cues, such as notifications and likes. I then read a piece in Fast Company about a freelancer who did a one-month digital detox and saw his productivity skyrocket. Finally, that same week, I read a research piece from *Harvard Business Review* that essentially said that the more time we spend on Facebook the more it bugs us out.

I realized that social media may have been making me feel bad about myself. I was staring at doctored photos of the highlights of my "friends'" days. How should I handle this?

#### DIGITAL DEPENDENCE

**Dear Digital Dependence:** More evidence surfaces each day of the negative impact our devices are having on us. When technology diminishes our relationships with loved ones and distracts us from the things that truly matter, it's no longer a tool; it's a toxin.

Fortunately, there are a few tricks you can try for cutting down on your internet use without moving to Walden and throwing your smartphone in the pond. One is to frequently change the way apps are laid out on your phone's screen. This prevents you from going on autopilot and compulsively opening apps without even being conscious of it (a scary but common phenomenon).

Another method is to keep your phone out of sight and out of mind for large chunks of time. Similarly, try turning off all notifications so you're not constantly being lured into checking your accounts. If you need to be on your computer for work but don't want to get distracted, try a program that blocks social media sites for a set amount of time, such as SelfControl.

And if you're reading this on your phone, put it down and go for a walk.

**Dear Annie:** I have read many letters to you from mothers-in-law about relationship issues with their daughters-in-law.

Most complain about the gals their sons married for numerous reasons. Just about every letter I have read contains a laundry list of all the faults these women have, and I'd like to share some needed wisdom with the MILs.

Take a good hard look at yourself, Mom, before you decide to make your displeasure known and alienate this woman whom your son chose as a partner.

Ladies, if you want your son in your life – along with any potential grandkids – wake up. Get down off that high horse. Your boy is a man now; he has made his choice of a mate, and like it or not, you need to make peace with that.

Your son found something in this girl he needs. If you can get over yourself, you just may have found a woman who can keep you close to your baby boy.

#### DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WHO IS NOW A MOTHER-IN-LAW

**Dear DILWINAMIL:** Words of wisdom. In-laws, take note.

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

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# SOCIETY NEWS

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**DEAR ANNIE**  
Advice from Annie Lane  
every day in Society.



Heloise

# She's afraid to travel abroad

**Dear Heloise:** I'm getting married in late August, and my fiancé wants to travel to Europe for our honeymoon. I don't! I'm apprehensive about traveling to a strange place where I don't know the language, customs, monetary system or foods. I know my fears are unreasonable but how do I conquer them?

**GINGER E., Valdosta, Ga.**

Ginger, with all the turmoil in the world, I can understand your fears, and you are not alone. Here are a few ideas to think about:

- ◆ Instead of thinking, "I'm worried about where we're going," think, "It is so exciting to see something new."
- ◆ Research where you're going. Perhaps you could take an evening class to study the language of that country. Read about the history and customs of the people who live there. Find places you want to see for yourself, then make sure you go there.
- ◆ Don't worry about things you have no control over, such as the weather. Don't worry about things that probably won't happen.
- ◆ Use common sense when traveling. Be aware of what you're eating and drinking, and be alert in strange surroundings. If you don't want to lose something, don't bring it along. Ask the hotel manager or tourist guide what parts of town you should avoid. Enjoy the experience of new sights and sounds.

**Heloise**

**Dear Heloise:** I want to know how to attract butterflies to my garden. My kids love to watch them, and my son especially loves to study their habitats. I want to keep encouraging them to study nature.

**EMMA W., Quincy, Mass.**

Emma, there are a couple of ways to attract butterflies and encourage them to inhabit your garden, and they've always worked for me.

- ◆ You can buy a butterfly box at a garden store, or make one from the instructions online. This will offer them shelter.

◆ But most of all, butterflies are attracted to certain flowers, especially ones they can lay their eggs on. A few of the flowers they usually like are: alium, goldenrod, snapdragon, bee balm, lavender, stonecrop, blueberry bushes, lupine, sweet alyssum, catmint, mint and zinnia.

**Heloise**

**Dear Readers:** If ice cream thaws, it should not be refrozen. Ice crystals form in the product, and the flavor changes.

◆ Flour can be frozen.

◆ Baker's yeast will freeze for years without going bad.

◆ Any bakery item with a cream filling should not be frozen. The items will become soggy.

**Heloise**

## CLUB CALENDAR

### ASSOCIATIONS

◆ **Mill Creek Chapter of American Business Women's Association** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Georgeanna Parker Center in Boardman Park for dinner and a meeting. Menu consists of chicken and members are asked to take a covered dish to complete the buffet. Cost is \$10. For information, call Darlene Demjen at 330-755-9089 or Marilyn Abramski at 330-726-2527. Public is welcome.

◆ **The Tri-Gold Prime Time Chapter of American Business Women's Association** will install officers for the coming year when the group meets Wednesday at 6 p.m. at A La Cart Restaurant in Canfield. The social meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Karen Barr from Meals on Wheels will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$19, and the meal includes chicken on biscuit, lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, roll and pie. For information, call 330-757-9368.

### CLUBS

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

◆ **Saxon Club Retirees** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the club, 710 S. Meridian Road, for a luncheon meeting. For reservations, call Rosemary Dundon, 330-726-6851, or Teri Laret, 330-799-2789, by Saturday.

◆ **Mahoning Valley Stamp Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Highway Tabernacle, 3000 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown. The club meets the second Thursday of each month.

◆ **Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club** will meet at 6 p.m. July 18 for dinner at Davidson's Restaurant, 3636 Canfield Road, and a general meeting will follow. For information, call Bob Mitzel, president, at 575-910-1456 or email [n8rcm@wrarc.net](mailto:n8rcm@wrarc.net).

### GUILDS

◆ **Niles Chapter of the American Sewing Guild** has scheduled the following neighborhood group meetings: **Evening Cut Ups** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Grace Church of the Nazarene, 5253 W. Webb Road, Austintown. FitNice pants continued. Take muslin and master patterns to work on fitting. For information, call Kim at 330-545-6520; **Fancy Cutters** will meet at 10 a.m. Monday at Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland. The meeting will be a picnic, and all are asked to take finger foods. For information, call Virginia at 330-847-7549; and **Material Girls** will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 490 N. High St., Cortland, for a picnic. All are asked to take a covered dish. For information, call Barb at 330-550-1215.

### RELIGIOUS GROUPS

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

### SINGLES

◆ **D.A.R.E.** has scheduled the following activities: 7 p.m. **Saturday** for Putt-Putt at Sports World, South Ave., Boardman; 6 p.m.

**Tuesday** for bocce in Boardman Park; 5 to 7 p.m. **Wednesday** to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank; 6:30 p.m. **Thursday** for music in Boardman Park; and 6 to 10 p.m. **Friday** for card night at Denny's on state Route 224, Boardman.

### SOCIETIES

◆ **Mercer County Historical Society** summer hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Beringer/Caldwell One-Room School House, 2159 Mercer Road, the Raisch Log Cabin, 285 East High St., Sharpsville, and the Rural Life Museum at 98 Avalon Court, Mercer, on Sundays through Labor Day. It

Nomination forms and expanded descriptions of each award criteria are available at [www.afpmash.org](http://www.afpmash.org) or by sending an email to [afpmash@gmail.com](mailto:afpmash@gmail.com).

Nominations are due by 5 p.m. July 14 for consideration by the selection committee and should be directed to AFP, P.O. Box 672 Youngstown, OH 44501 or emailed to [afpmash@gmail.com](mailto:afpmash@gmail.com). To be eligible, nominees must reside in Mahoning, Trumbull or Columbiana counties in Ohio or in Mercer or Lawrence counties in Pennsylvania.

The public is invited to nominate groups or individuals that meet the criteria for these prestigious awards in a variety of categories.

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Local library hosts one-on-one classes

### LISBON

Lepper Library will host a one-on-one computer assistance class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday. A smart device class will also be held Monday, at the library, from 4 to 6 p.m.

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**TODAY'S HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday! In The Next Year:** The next three months present games and risk; keep at it and you'll become a master. September brings a lucky break. November shows you inseparable from your team. Together you'll execute an important mission. January shifts the focus to self-improvement, especially in the area of health and lifestyle. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 9, 30, 44 and 19.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The attraction between Capricorn and Cancer is powerfully strong as the sun reflects the full Capricorn moon this weekend. Both of these zodiac opposites tend to be very traditional in their approach to love. They are comforted by rules of courtship and like for relationships to make sense to all generations of family. For these signs, love isn't just between two people; it involves family and community, too.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Today will be all right. In the English-language sense of it, this phrase covers a wide variety of meanings (many of which will apply): "just ok"; "spectacular"; "here's a counter offer"; "agreed"; and "yes."

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You can't see time, although, if you wait long enough, there will be quite a lot of physical evidence that it was here. To experience time more vividly, positively and fully, plant a seed.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). There's someone you want to know better, but you're not sure how you should approach. Better to repel someone by being who you are than attract them by being who you're not.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A loved one will figure into your work scenario and may be the key that unlocks the next professional level. Even so, ultimately it's your work and your being that will make the situation great for all.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Whom should I know? Many don't ask such questions, out of shyness or a lack of foresight. But you realize that in order to move and shake things, you need to get to know the current movers and shakers.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've already come far in life with emotional development and maturity beyond your years. With all you'll gain over the next three weeks, you'll rise to yet another level of wisdom.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're creative. You don't need to have the best things in order to make the best of things. Also, many who already have the best can't see it. You'll help them see it. So, you'll make them a little jealous, too. It can't be helped.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll become so immersed in these adventures that you'll find there is no longer room for the anxiety and fear you once felt. You'll channel your energy into exciting new endeavors.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You enjoy getting quality attention, and you know how to hold and play with that, too. You also cherish your private time. Today you'll prefer to recharge in solitude.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's no time to waste in anger. Forgive quickly; forget easily. There is so much fun and play to be had! Tonight sees you laughing until your cheeks hurt.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because they ask doesn't mean you have to answer. Why do they want to know? It's not like you're applying for a security clearance or running for office today. You're allowed to be as mysterious as you want to be.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Liking yourself may not be enough today. You've plenty of reasons to be madly, deeply in love. Anyway, what would you do differently in that case? How would you advocate for yourself?

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: You'll go to the same place with a different person, and the outcome will be entirely new. TAURUS: You'll let the walls down so your feelings show. You'll allow people to see who you really are. GEMINI: The one who will get to know you best is the one who doesn't go into the relationship with a lot of hopes and expectations about who you are. CANCER: Part of living gently is to let go of the things that don't really belong to you. LEO: Beautiful people see the beauty in others. VIRGO: When you're around happy people who are in love, you feel happy and in love, too. LIBRA: Blessed are the loved ones who know where the buttons are and don't push them. SCORPIO: Ask for help and you'll be helping someone else, since you bring so much joy to the people who help you. SAGITTARIUS: Here comes a turn in the road of communication. There's a gentle way to tell the truth. CAPRICORN: Pride usually really does go before the fall. Modesty will serve you well. AQUARIUS: Don't limit yourself in love. You deserve better than you think you do. PISCES: Trust is easily corruptible and hard to get back once it's eroded.

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

	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 - Holt (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt (N)	Inside Edition	Family Feud	America's Got Talent "Auditions 1" Contestants of all ages audition.	Dateline NBC (N)	21 News 11PM (N)	Tonight Show					
21.2-WBCB-CW Live (N)	(00) TMZ Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Masters of Illusion (N)	Masters of Illusion (N)	Riverdale Cheryl is under a cloud of suspicion.	Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Dish Nation (N)	TMZ (N)			
27-WKBN-CBS News (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	MacGuyver Searching for a missing bioweapon.	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Pa'ani Nui"	Blue Bloods A gang-related murder is investigated.	First News at 11pm (N)	Colbert					
33-WYTV-ABC News	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Insider (N)	Shark Tank Software that automates plant care.	(01) What Would You Do? (N)	20/20	News Channel 33 at 11 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live					
33.2-MyTV Rules of Engagement	Rules of Engagement	The King of Queens	American Ninja Warrior The top 30 Southwest finishers. (Part 1 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Saving Face"	The Cleveland Show	King of the Hill					
45-WNEO-PBS Curious Traveler	PBS NewsHour (N)	Washington -- The Week	Studio C Sessions	Sun Studio Sessions	Soundstage Singer-songwriter Regina Spektor.	NHK Newsline	Nightly Business Report					
19-WYFX-FOX The Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	The Big Bang Theory	MasterChef The chefs compete in Los Angeles.	Beat Shazam "Episode Five"	First News on Fox (N)	Seinfeld "The Couch"	Seinfeld "The Junior Min"					
A&E (5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 06.24.17"	"Live PD -- 06.24.17"	Live PD: Rewind (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 07.07.17"	Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)								
AMC ("The Karate Kid" (1984, Children's) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Elisabeth Shue, A Japanese handyman teaches a teenager to defend himself.)	"The Karate Kid Part III" (1986, Children's) Ralph Macchio, While visiting Okinawa, Daniel battles his mentor's foes.											
BET ("Get Rich or Die Tryin'" (2005 Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson.)												
BRAVO Below Deck	(06) "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" (2005)	(14) "Miss Congeniality" (2000, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine										
COM Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Kevin Hart: Seriously Funny Kevin Hart: Laugh	Kevin Hart: Seriously Funny							
DIS K.C. Under. Cali Style	It's Going	K.C. Undercover	BazaarVark Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover	BazaarVark BazaarVark							
DISC Dual Survival	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People							
ESPN SportsCenter	SportsCenter On the Road	The Jump	NBA Summer League Basketball: Clippers vs Lakers	SportsCenter (N) (Live)								
ESPN2 NBA Summer League Basketball: Bucks vs Cavaliers			Softball World Cup of Softball: USA vs. Japan. (N) (Live)	NBA Summer League Basketball								
FOOD ("Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011) (18) "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" (2012 Kristen Stewart)	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Ginormous	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	
FS1 UFC PreFight	The Ultimate Fighter 25 Finale - Prelims		The Ultimate Fighter 25 Finale: Johnson vs. Gaethje (N) (Live)									
FSO ("Thor: The Dark World" (2013))	NHRA Drag Racing Summit	Racing Equipment Nationals. From Norwalk, Ohio.	Spotlight	Focused	CBR							
FX ("Thor: The Dark World" (2013))	"The Avengers" (2012, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo.	"The Avengers" (2012, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo.	"Walk Among Tombstones"									
HALL Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls		
HBO ("The Last Witch Hunter" (2015) Vin Diesel.)	"The Last Witch Hunter" (2015) VICE	"Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett, Kate Beckinsale. Best friends become fighter pilots and romantic rivals in 1941.										
HGTV Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Beach	Beach	Beach	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hunters	Hunters Int'l			
HIST Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens (N)	(03) UFO Conspiracy: Hunt for the Truth (N)							
LIFE ("The Stepfather" (2009) Dylan Walsh.)			"The Sixth Sense" (1999, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment. Premiere.									
NICK Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	"Ice Age" (2002) Voices of Ray Romano.	Full House	Friends	Friends						
ROOT Dan Patrick	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago.		In the Room	Penguins	Undeniable with Joe Buck							
SHOW ("Dazed & Confused" (1993) Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell. Three overworked and stressed-out mothers go wild. The comedy performs. (N))	(15) "Bad Moms" (2016, Comedy) Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell. Three overworked and stressed-out mothers go wild. The comedy performs. (N)	Erik Griffin: The Ugly Truth	I'm Dying Up Here Goldie's ex-husband asks for a favor.	"The Gift" (2015) Jason Bateman, Rebecca Hall.								
SPIKE ("Batman Begins" (2005, Action))		"Batman Begins" (2005, Action)	"The Dark Knight Rises" (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Anna Hathaway. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane.									
STO Indians Live	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Indians. From Progressive Field in Cleveland. (N)	"Number Seventeen" (1932, Suspense) Leon M. Leon, Anne Grey, John Stuart.	"The Man Who Knew Too Much" (1934, Suspense) Leslie Banks, Peter Lorre.	"The 39 Steps" (1935) Robert Donat, Madeleine Carroll.								
SYFY ("Salt" (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie.)		Killjoys "A Skinner, Darkley" Dark Matter (N)	"The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen.	Wynonna Earp (N)	"Animal" (2014, Horror)							
TBS Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	"The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen.							
TCM ("Cimarron" (1960, Western) Glenn Ford, Marla Sheff, Anne Baxter.)			"Number Seventeen" (1932, Suspense) Leon M. Leon, Anne Grey, John Stuart.	"The Man Who Knew Too Much" (1934, Suspense) Leslie Banks, Peter Lorre.	"The 39 Steps" (1935) Robert Donat, Madeleine Carroll.							
TLC 90 Day Outdaugthered			Outdaugthered	Outdaugthered	The Busbys make a talk show appearance.	Outdaugthered						
TNT ("Bones" (2010, Crime))	Bones	Bones	"Edge of Tomorrow" (2014, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt.									
TRVL Ghost Adv.	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Boston						
TVLAND M^A^S^H	M^A^S^H	M^A^S^H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King					
USA Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Playing	Playing					
VH1 Step Up	"Joe Dirt" (2001, Comedy) David Spade, Dennis Miller.	"Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney.	"Bruce Almighty" (2003)									



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**ODDLY ENOUGH****Man accused of driving car onto basketball court**

COLUMBIA, MO.

A 23-year-old man has been arrested after smashing through two gates and driving onto the basketball court at the University of Missouri, causing an estimated \$100,000 in damage.

Police were called early June 25 after a Volkswagen Passat was driven through a closed gate on the south side of Mizzou Arena. Maj. Brian Weimer says the driver then went through a garage door in the back dock area and damaged several golf carts before heading onto the court, where the tires left skid marks in places.

After exiting through the same dock entrance, the driver is accused of smashing through a second gate near the stadium and fleeing. The suspect is a December 2016 university graduate. He was released that

night on \$10,500 bond after being booked on suspicion of four counts of first-degree property damage and second-degree burglary.

**Big delivery: South Carolina mom gives birth to 14-pound son**

LEXINGTON, S.C.

A South Carolina couple is looking for some bigger baby clothes after their son was born at a whopping 14.4 pounds.

WLTX-TV reports that Colin Austin Keisler was born by cesarean section at a hospital in Lexington. The baby is healthy, but his mother, Cindy Richmond, says they had to send her mother home for some bigger clothes because Colin couldn't fit into any of his newborn outfits.

Colin is off to a good start if he's destined to attain some of his father's goals for him.

Arthur Keisler wants Colin to be a defensive lineman at Clemson Uni-

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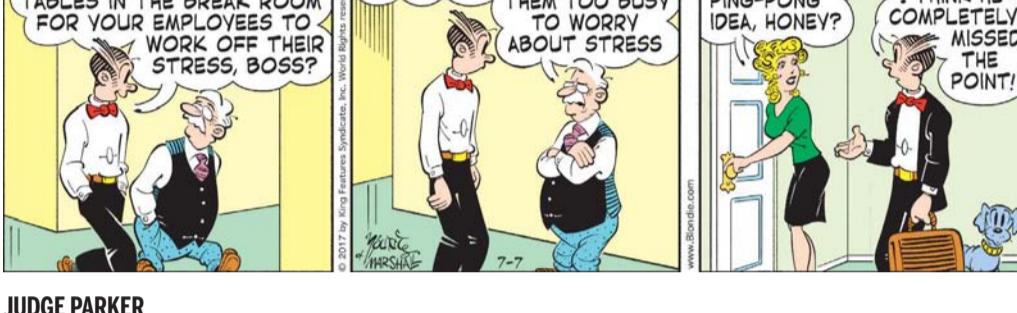
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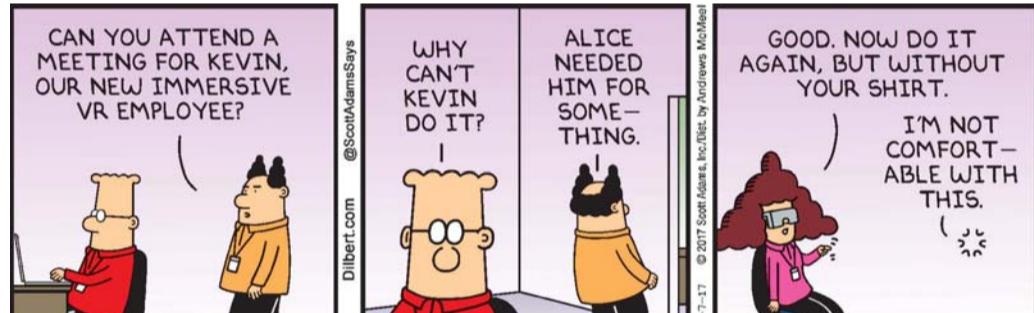
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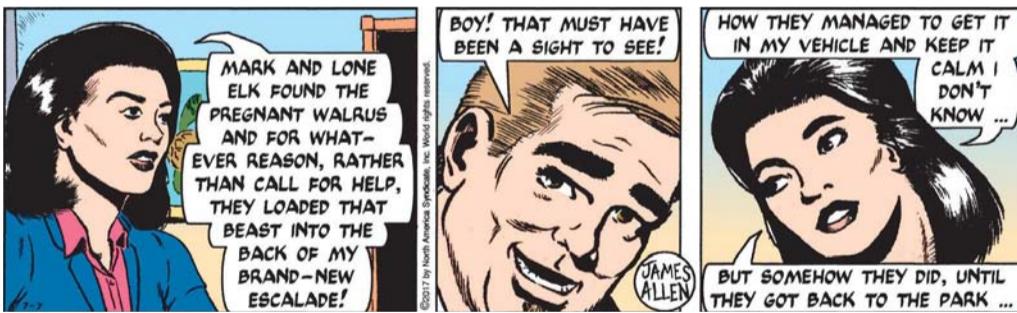
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"Ever since the day you broke your arm fallin' off your skateboard, I haven't been able to find mine."