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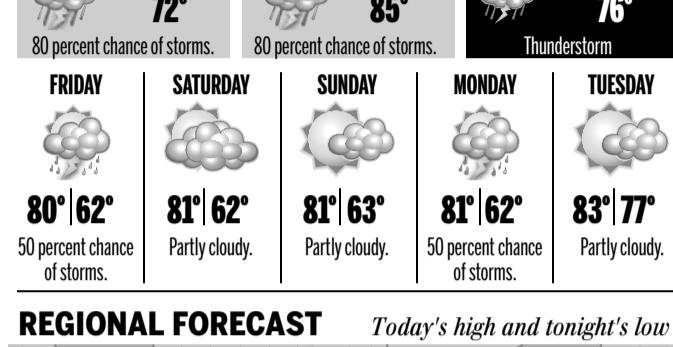
NUMBERS IN THE NEWS

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Source: Associated Press

The spending bill for Pennsylvania that Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf allowed to become law despite the fact that it is badly out of balance as he presses Pennsylvania's Republican-controlled Legislature to approve a tax package big enough to avoid a credit downgrade. There are questions about the constitutionality of a budget bill becoming law without a plan in place to pay for it.

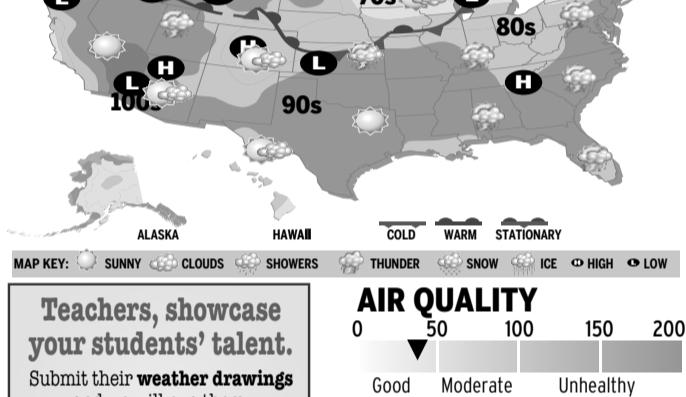
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TODAY'S NATIONAL FORECAST



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For Wednesday, July 12, 2017

High 87/Norm 82..... Low 68/Norm 60

Records: High 99/1936.... Low 44/1978

2016 High 87..... 2016 Low 68

Precipitation Trace..... Normal 0.15

Precip. this month 1.25..... Normal 1.66

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*digest***3rd-graders' sessions****YOUNGSTOWN**

Youngstown City School District announced a second summer-school session will be available for third-grade students who failed to pass their reading assessments.

The sessions will take place at Williamson, William Holmes McGuffey and Martin Luther King elementary schools. Students from Paul C. Dunn Elementary will attend McGuffey for summer school. Taft students will go to Williamson, and Harding students will attend MLK for the sessions. All sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Monday through Aug. 10.

Students are required to meet the "Third-Grade Reading Guarantee" before they can progress to the fourth grade.

Truck cab catches fire, closes I-680**NORTH LIMA**

The northbound lanes of Interstate 680 were closed for about an hour Wednesday after the engine of a tractor-trailer caught fire in Beaver Township south of Western Reserve Road, but no injuries occurred, reported troopers attached to the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Canfield Post.

The engine compartment and cab of the truck driven by Keith P. Bock of Kensington, Pa., was on fire. The cause is under investigation. Beaver Township police and fire departments assisted the state patrol.

Yale fellowship**YOUNGSTOWN**

Youngstown State University alumnus Andrew Morgan, 23, of Fowler has been awarded a graduate fellowship to study at Yale University.

Morgan graduated in May from YSU with degrees in electrical engineering and computer science. He will pursue a doctorate in robotics at Yale.

The fellowship was awarded by Tau Beta Pi, the world's largest engineering honor society.

During his time at YSU, Morgan was named a Goldwater Scholar and participated in the college's Student Government Association, Academic Senate and the Honors College.

Mackey Road closing**VIENNA**

Mackey Road will be closed for culvert replacement effective from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. The recommended detour route is east on Warren Sharon Road, south on Roy Road, and west on Coal Road.

Phelps Road closing**BRISTOL**

Phelps Road will be closed from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday due to a culvert replacement. The recommended detour route is south on state Route 45, east on Hyde Shaffer Road and north on Mahan Denman Road.

WaterFire festival is seeking volunteers**SHARON, PA.**

WaterFire Sharon is seeking volunteers for the festival Saturday in downtown Sharon. A variety of opportunities are available with time frames to suit individuals' schedules.

Most jobs require a two-hour commitment, which allows volunteers time to still enjoy the festival, said Karen Winner Sed, co-chairwoman of WaterFire Sharon.

For information or to sign up as a volunteer, email jstanko@waterfiresharonpa.org or call 724-301-1868.

More Digest on A6

Agenda Friday**Columbiana County Educational Service Center**, 8 a.m., 3870 Saltwell Road, Lisbon.**Mahoning County commissioners**, 8:30 a.m., staff meetings, administration building, second floor, 21 W. Boardman St., Youngstown.**Niles City Council**, 5 p.m., special meeting, council chambers, 15 W. State St.

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Dunkin' Donuts robber gets 12 years in prison

By JOE GORMAN
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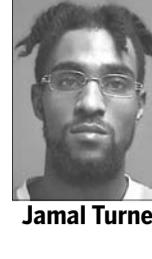
YOUNGSTOWN

A man who skipped an April 20 sentencing date in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court for his son's first birthday received an extra six years in prison on Wednesday.

An earlier plea agreement had called for Jamal Turner, 25, to be sentenced to six years in prison on charges of aggravated robbery and being a felon in

possession of a firearm and a firearm specification. But because he missed his sentencing date and did not turn himself in until June, he was sentenced to 12 years in prison by Judge R. Scott Krichbaum.

Before the sentence was handed down, Turner's twin brother, Jamel Turner, stormed out of court as Judge Krichbaum was talking, hitching up his pants on the way out and loudly opening a door.



Jamal Turner

He was tracked down by a bailiff and deputies and arrested on a contempt-of-court charge.

A woman who was with Turner's supporters hyperventilated, and a female deputy had to calm her down so she could get her breath back. She was taken out of the courtroom when Judge Krichbaum had a contempt hearing for Jamal Turner.

Jamal Turner is accused of robbing the Youngstown-Poland Road Dunkin' Donuts about 2:35 a.m. July 28, 2016, and stealing \$200 cash.

He confessed several days later

to Struthers police. He was free on \$25,000 bond from Struthers Municipal Court before he entered his plea and was sentenced.

Michael Kivighan, Jamal Turner's attorney, told the judge his client was in desperate financial straits, which is why he committed the robbery.

Kivighan said his client had a weapon but never pointed it at the employees or customers during the robbery and that he skipped his sentencing so he could celebrate his son's birthday.

See ROBBER, A6

A BIT OF BEDLAM



ROBERT K. YOSAN | THE VINDICATOR

A traffic light and a power line were down at the intersection of West Rayen Avenue and Elm Street after a dump truck hit them while heading toward Wick Avenue with its bed raised.

Dump truck knocks over telephone pole, traffic light

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

A dump truck driving with its bed raised knocked over a telephone pole and traffic light Wednesday at the intersection of West Rayen Avenue and Elm Street on campus at Youngstown State University.

YSU police said the driver was leaving a work site and left the bed raised while heading east on Rayen.

The raised bed caught power and telephone lines and pulled the pole down.

By the time the street-light fell, the driver realized what happened, police

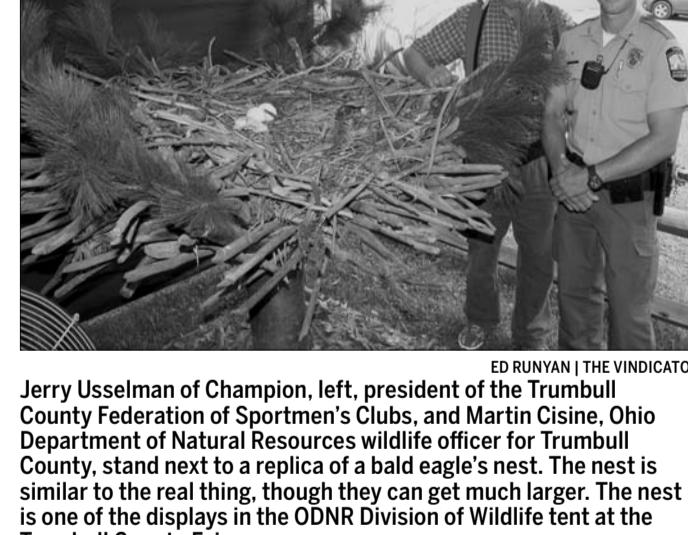
said.

The incident left businesses in the block of Elm Street and Hazel Street along Rayen without power. Ohio Edison was on site to restore power to those businesses as well as removing loose power lines from the street and side-

walk.

The downed traffic light was removed from the site and a new telephone pole was planted.

Charles Shasho, the city's deputy director of public works, said the city will likely seek repair reimbursement.

TRUMBULL COUNTY

ED RUNYAN | THE VINDICATOR

Jerry Usselman of Champion, left, president of the Trumbull County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and Martin Cisine, Ohio Department of Natural Resources wildlife officer for Trumbull County, stand next to a replica of a bald eagle's nest. The nest is similar to the real thing, though they can get much larger. The nest is one of the displays in the ODNR Division of Wildlife tent at the Trumbull County Fair.

Fair offers lessons on livestock and wildlife

By ED RUNYAN

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BAZETTA

One of the chief attractions of the Trumbull County Fair is the opportunity to see farm animals up close.

But a display by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife helps people better understand animals on the wild side.

Division workers are spending time at the fair this year to talk about bald eagles, bears, coyotes, even raccoons and groundhogs.

Attracting attention just

inside the ODNR tent is a life-size replica of a bald eagle's nest, just like 13 or more such nests that have been identified in the county.

The nest, complete with replica eggs the same size as real ones, is made of sticks, pine branches and other nest material. Its creators added a small turtle and fish bones to show other things commonly found in such nests.

Jerry Usselman of Champion, president of the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs,



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TICKS

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fever, according to the Ohio Department of Health.

Lyme disease is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected black-legged tick, also known as the deer tick.

Typical symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue and a characteristic skin rash commonly called the "bull's-eye" rash. If left untreated, infection can spread to the joints, heart and nervous system, ODH officials said.

Lyme disease is diagnosed based on symptoms, including physical findings, such as a rash, and the possibility of exposure to infected ticks. Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics.

Lyme disease occurs primarily in the Northeastern and upper Midwest regions. Ohio is located between these two regions where, in the past, fairly low occurrence of Lyme disease was reported. However, in recent years black-legged tick populations in Ohio have increased dramatically and their range continues to expand, particularly in the forest habitats preferred by this tick, ODH reported.

Ticks are parasites that survive by feeding on the

The most obvious protection from ticks is for humans and their pets to avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter and walk in the center of trails. Other tips:

Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors, preferably within two hours, to wash off and more easily find ticks crawling on you.

Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist and especially in their hair.

Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats and day packs.

Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for an hour to kill remaining ticks.

blood of animal hosts, including humans. Through their feeding, ticks may transmit diseases that can result in mild to serious illness or death, the state health department reported.

Proper protection from ticks and prompt removal are crucial to preventing infection, said Eric Barrett, educator for the Mahoning County Ohio State University Extension office in Canfield. The office telephone number is 330-533-5538.

Deer and dog ticks are the main tick concerns in the

Mahoning Valley, Barrett said.

"If people find a tick on their body or that of a pet, they should remove it as soon as possible. The OSU Extension office will identify the tick for them if they bring it to the extension office lab, and then they should contact their health care provider for advice," Barrett said.

After an outdoor experience in areas that may have ticks, people should be diligent about inspecting themselves and their chil-

dren, especially their heads, he said.

The best protection against tick- and mosquito-borne diseases is prevention, Barrett said.

For mosquitoes, which may carry the West Nile and Zika viruses, remove or clean out items with standing, stagnant water in which mosquitoes lay their eggs, such as old tires, bird baths, kiddie pools and children's toys, he said.

West Nile virus, an infectious disease spread by mosquitoes that have fed

TICK TALK | Tips

A single springtime application of an acaricide (tick pesticide), such as bifenthrin, can greatly reduce the number of ticks in your yard.

TICK REMOVAL

If you find a tick attached to your skin, there's no need to panic. Several tick-removal devices are available on the market, but a plain set of fine-tipped tweezers will remove a tick effectively.

Use the tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth parts to break off and remain in the skin.

After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub or soap and water.

Dispose of a live tick by submerging it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/container, wrapping it tightly in tape or flushing it down the toilet. Never crush a

tick with your fingers.

Remove the tick as quickly as possible - do not wait for it to detach. If you develop a rash or fever within several weeks of removing a tick, seek medical help.

TICKS AND PETS

Except for Lyme disease, vaccines aren't available for most of the tick-borne diseases that dogs can get. It's important to use a tick-preventive product on your dog.

Signs of tick-borne disease in dogs may not appear for seven to 21 days or longer after a tick bite, so watch your dog closely for changes in behavior or appetite.

Check your pets for ticks daily, especially after they spend time outdoors.

If you find a tick on your dog, remove it quickly.

Ask your veterinarian to conduct a tick check at each exam.

Source: Ohio Department of Health

YURICH

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After the accident, Crogan said he talked to Dr. Yurich's wife, who said she was worried about Dr. Yurich.

Crogan and two friends went to Dr. Yurich's house on the lake. Crogan said Dr. Yurich was pale and seemed scared. It was around that time Dr. Yurich's wife called police.

Last fall, Judge John M. Durkin of Mahoning County Common Pleas Court excluded blood and urine samples taken from the doctor on the night of the accident because they went unrefrigerated for more than 62 hours, a violation of state law.

In the post-crash sample, Dr. Yurich had a blood-alcohol content of 0.152, nearly double the legal limit of 0.08, a toxicologist reported.

Lt. Greg Johnson, chief of detectives with the Portage County Sheriff's Office, said he made no attempt to refrigerate the sample because he wasn't aware of the requirement, a judgement entry noted.

The prosecution plans to call Johnson to the stand today. The night of the accident, Dr. Yurich told Johnson he had "a couple" of beers before the crash and didn't mean to kill anyone, according to a court filing.

The state will continue to call witnesses today, which will include investigators and physical evidence from the crash.

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Mount Carmel Club band.

Attendees agree, however, the nightly "baby doll dance" is the highlight.

The spectacle involves fireworks shot out of the tops of papier mache dolls. It's an homage to a 13th-century ritual. Villagers in Southern Italy used to burn dolls in effigy to symbolize purging their communities of last year's tribulations.

After more than a century, Lowellville's Mount Carmel is faithful to its roots.

"It hasn't changed much, and that's what we like about it," Nolfi said.

DiRusso has memories of the festival dating back to his childhood in the village. His grandparents sold their signature Italian sausage at DiRusso's Market, which was across the street from the festival until the store closed in 1970.

"Being from Lowellville, it's like a gigantic family reunion," DiRusso said.

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HEALTH BILL

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With all Democrats set to vote no, McConnell was moving toward a do-or-die roll call next week on beginning debate, a motion that will require backing from 50 of the 52 GOP senators.

Conservative Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said Wednesday he would oppose the motion and moderate Republican Susan Collins of Maine seemed all but sure to do the same — leaving McConnell with zero margin for error to sustain his party's goal of toppling President Barack Obama's health care law.

Several other GOP senators were holdouts as well, leaving McConnell and his lieutenants just days to win them over or face a major defeat.

In a White House interview conducted Wednesday for the Christian Broad-

casting Network's "The 700 Club," Trump said it was time for action by congressional Republicans who cast scores of votes "that didn't mean anything" to repeal the 2010 law while Obama was still president.

"Well, I don't even want to talk about it because I think it would be very bad," he said when network founder Pat Robertson asked what would happen if the effort fails. "I will be very angry about it and a lot of people will be very upset."

Asked if McConnell would succeed, Trump said, "Mitch has to pull it off."

Trump has played a limited role in cajoling GOP senators to back the legislation.

Asked Wednesday about the president's involvement,

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters the White House was providing "technical assistance."

drives and CDs, bank statements including a \$100,000 deposit slip, construction contracts, tax returns for at least six years and other income documents, duplicate checks, appointment calendars and other papers.

Taken from a closet at Garea's residence were \$66,700 in cash — in \$100 and \$50 bills — and four suits, the list states.

Also removed from the house were at least four computers, three power cords, nine DVD disks, three thumb drives, and income tax records.

The investigation focuses on three projects done by NYO subsidiaries, operated by developer Dominic J. Marchionda, that received \$2.27 million from the city's water and wastewater funds.

On March 16, records were seized at NYO's downtown office and at Marchionda's Poland home by law-enforcement agencies, led by the state auditor's office.

Garea served as Marchionda's attorney on the deals with Bozanich as the city's finance director heavily involved in the negotiations.

The largest project was \$1.2 million to U.S. Campus Suites LLC in November 2009 for the Flats at Wick student-housing project. Then, Marchionda's company paid \$1 million to the city for a fire station property on Madison Avenue for the project, netting the

company \$200,000.

At the time, the city was projecting a general-fund deficit for the end of 2009, but the influx of \$1 million in part helped avoid the city's shortfall.

Without such a transaction, the city would not have been able to move \$1 million from the water and wastewater funds to the general fund.

U.S. Campus Suites is leasing the station back to the city for \$10 annually.

The city originally agreed to sell the fire station for \$10 in May 2009 to Marchionda, according to a city ordinance from that time. That sale price increased in November to \$1 million, according to a board of control contract.

The city also gave Erie Terminal Place, an NYO subsidiary, \$350,000 in water and wastewater funds in 2011 for its Erie Terminal Place apartment project, and then \$220,000 two years later for improvement work at that downtown property.

Also, \$500,000 in those funds went to Wick Properties LLC, also an NYO subsidiary, in 2015 for the apartment/extended-stay Wick Tower that opened in November of that year.

Among the items seized by the state auditor's office from Garea's law office were files about the Flats at Wick and Wick Tower.

VOTING

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Now, the county's hundreds of 12-year-old electronic voting machines are reaching the end of their useful life.

"There is no way our [voting] machines would make it through another presidential election," said Stephanie Penrose, Trumbull County Board of Elections director, at a June meeting.

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Tributes

Area Deaths

BENNER, William T., 69, of North Lima; Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home in Hubbard.

CASHBAUGH, Harold L. Jr., 75, of Cleveland; calling hours Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Donlon Funeral Home.

COWAN, James Edward Sr., of Absecon, N.J., formerly of Warren; calling hours Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at Hoyt Street Church of God in Christ in Warren; Staton-Borowski Funeral Home in Warren.

DONCHESS, Thomas J., 72, of Hubbard; no calling hours; Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home.

ELLIOTT, Andre C., 29, of Niles; calling hours Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Wm. Nicholas Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

FAY, Robert "Bob" Lawrence, 68, of Belton, Texas, formerly of Youngstown.

JOHNSON, Ella Mary, 66, of Vienna; calling hours Friday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at J.E. Washington Funeral Home in Youngstown.

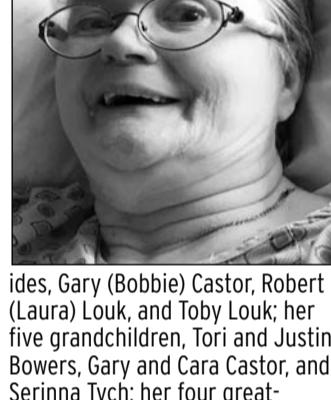
KIDD, Thomas A., 65, of Boardman; calling hours Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lane Family Funeral Homes, Anstrom Chapel.

LOUK, Kathleen "Kathy", 66, of Struthers.

MITCHELL, Tyler James, of Niles; calling hours Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Staton-Borowski Funeral Home in Warren.

PREUHS, Ronald P., 75, of Coitsville; Ed and Don DeCarbo Funeral Home and Crematory in New Castle, Pa.

KATHLEEN "KATHY" LOUK, 66



STRUTHERS - Kathleen "Kathy" Louk, 66, entered eternal rest on Monday, July 10, 2017, surrounded by her family, after a long battle with multiple sclerosis.

A graveside service will be held at Lake Park Cemetery on Midlothian Boulevard in Youngstown, on Friday, July 14, 2017, at 1 p.m.

Kathy was born in Struthers, the daughter of George and Martha Horvath.

She attended Struthers High School and before becoming a mother, worked as a barmaid at St. Anthony's Bar. After having children, she became a stay-at-home mom, and ran her own small business from home, Kathy's Cookies. Her children have many fond memories of helping her to bake, and package large cookie orders for holidays and parties.

In addition to her cookie business, Kathy lived a simple life and preferred to stay at home and be with her family. She also enjoyed on occasion playing lucky three-digit and four-digit lottery number combinations, or testing her luck on instant scratch-off tickets.

Kathy leaves behind to cherish her memory, her three siblings, George (Diane) Horvath, Sue Lenhart, and Mike Horvath; her four children, Jessica (Teddy) Vapar-

ides, Gary (Bobbie) Castor, Robert (Laura) Louk, and Toby Louk; her five grandchildren, Tori and Justin Bowers, Gary and Cara Castor, and Serinna Tych; her four great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, George and Martha.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude for the care and compassion provided by Ohio Living Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to the family or in Kathy's name to Ohio Buckeye, the Cleveland chapter of National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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ROBERT "BOB" LAWRENCE FAY, 68



BELTON, TEXAS - Robert "Bob" Lawrence Fay, 68, was called home by his heavenly Father on June 30, 2017.

He was born Oct. 31, 1948, in Youngstown, to the late Lawrence and Marjorie Fay.

Robert graduated from Wilson High School in Youngstown, in 1966, and earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice while serving in the military.

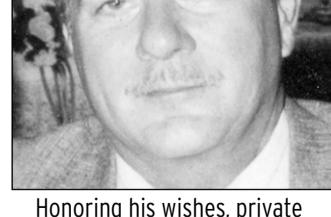
Bob served honorably in the U.S. Army. His tours of duty include Vietnam with the 101st Airborne DIV in Korea and Germany. Bob retired with the 1st Cavalry DIV at Fort Hood, Texas after 20 years of service. His medals include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. Bob also retired from his second career as truck driver.

On Aug. 17, 2014, he was ordained and served as a deacon at the Skyline Baptist Church of Killen, Texas.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Joyce Fay. He has two sons, Scott and Daniel.

07-13-17

RONALD P. PREUHS SR., 75



COITSVILLE - Ronald P. Preuhs Sr., 75, passed away the morning of July 12, 2017, at The Grove at New Wilmington in New Wilmington, Pa.

Born on June 4, 1942, in Pittsburgh, the son of the late Paul and Mary Medic Preuhs.

Surviving is his beloved wife of 36 years, the former Gale Gorenz, whom he married on Feb. 21, 1981.

Ronald retired as the owner and optician of Eye Deals Optique in New Castle, Pa.

An avid car enthusiast, he loved classic cars, car cruises, and NASCAR. Ronald also enjoyed watching sports.

In addition to his wife, Ronald is survived by his children, Ronald P. Preuhs Jr. and wife Kathy of Hope Valley, R.I. and Donald Preuhs of New Castle; sister Patricia Fedak of Pittsburgh; and four grandchildren.

Honoring his wishes, private services are being held at the Ed and Don DeCarbo Funeral Home and Crematory, 3000 Wilmington Road in New Castle.

Please visit www.decarbofuneralhome.com to offer online condolences to the family.

07-13-17

DOUGLAS R.K. EVERETT, 90

YOUNGSTOWN - Douglas R.K. Everett, 90, died Wednesday morning, July 12, 2017, at Hospice of the Valley's Hospice House, surrounded by his family.

Douglas was born April 13, 1927, in Indiana, Pa., a son John W. and Ruth Genevieve (Kline) Everett.

Raised in Indiana, Pa., he was a 1945 graduate of Indiana High School, where he attended Laboratory School at Indiana State Teacher's College in Pennsylvania during high school.

In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps Cadet Program and was called into basic training in the fall of 1944 through early graduation. Mr. Everett served during World War II and was stationed in Guam until his honorable discharge in October of 1946. After his discharge, "Doug" enrolled in the Case School of Applied Sciences in Cleveland under the GI Bill, and received his degree in Civil Engineering. His first job was with the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Western Extension, as a soils engineer and he then moved to Youngstown in 1952 when he began working for Edward J. DeBartolo Corp. as a general superintendent for the building of shopping plazas. He also worked for Hubbard Estates as a construction superintendent for site development of 200 homes at eight locations and United Construction as a general manager for multi-family developments, GM assembly plants, and shopping centers.

In 1974, Mr. Everett founded Aberdeen Construction Company, which he operated for 34 years, until his retirement in 2009. He completed numerous projects for banks, schools, fire stations, and office buildings, including many at Butler Art Institute and Youngstown State University.

A devout Christian man, Mr. Everett was a 63-year member at the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church and recently the Canfield Presbyterian Church. At the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, he was the youth choir director for eight years, adult choir director for 34 years, member of session as a deacon and elder, a Sunday school teacher, and men's group leader. He also lead the Fast-Pitch softball team for many years, volunteered at the Joseph Badger Meadows Presbyterian Church Camp, and was a former moderator of the Eastminster Presbytery.

Mr. Everett was recognized as the Protestant Man of the Year by the OPM (Organization of Protestant Men). Doug founded and directed OPM chorus and sang at Stambaugh Auditorium for guest speaker Norman Vincent Peale. Mr. Everett was also a Gideon International member who passed out thousands of Bibles to students, hotels, and Canfield Fair-goers.

Mr. Everett was very active in serving his community throughout the years. He was past president of Park Vista board of directors, served on the Youngstown Board of Health, was past presi-



dent and a member of the Youngstown Playhouse board of directors, and received the Special Recognition Award from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

A 57-year life member of Kiwanis International, Mr. Everett served through the Mill Creek and Downtown clubs. He served as Club President, Lieutenant Governor, and Ohio District Governor. As sergeant at arms, he escorted President Ronald Reagan to the stage for his address to Kiwanis International Convention. Doug was also involved with Mill Creek Baseball Little League, helping found it and umpiring for many years.

He is survived by his wife, the former Joan W. Cryzter, whom he married June 12, 1954, at the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church; four children, Douglas D. (Barbara) Everett of Columbiana, Ruth Anne (Frank) Tarantini of Youngstown, David D. (Patricia) Everett of Canfield, and Kathy J. (John) Emrich of Boardman; six grandchildren, David (Jennifer) Everett, Ryan (Erica) Everett, John (Julie) Emrich, Kevin Emrich, Joseph Tarantine, and Emily Tarantine; six great-grandchildren, David, also known as "D3," Michael, and Zachary Everett, and Jack, Lucy, and Nora Emrich; sister-in-law, Mary Everett of Clinton Township, Mich.; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Georgia Cryzter of Riviera Beach, Fla.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Doug

was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald F. Everett and Edwin A. Everett and wife, Gladys. Family and friends will be received on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the Davis-Becker Funeral Home, 8536 Market St. in Boardman, where a funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m., with Pastor Larry Bowald officiating. Interment will follow at Lake Park Cemetery.

Although flowers are beautiful, the family suggests that memorial tributes take the form of contributions in Mr. Everett's name to Hospice House, 9803 Sharrott Road, Poland, OH 44514; or to The Gideons International Processing Center, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, D.C. 20090. Visit www.beckerobits.com to send condolences.

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WILLIAM T. BENNER, 69

NORTH LIMA - William T. Benner, 69, died Sunday, July 9, 2017, at his home.

He was born Dec. 26, 1947, in Youngstown, a son of Robert T. and Anna M. O'Leary Benner, and was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Benner, a graduate of Vienna High School, served with the U.S. Army.

"Bill" worked in the B & B Department of Norfolk Southern for 34 years before retiring in 2007.

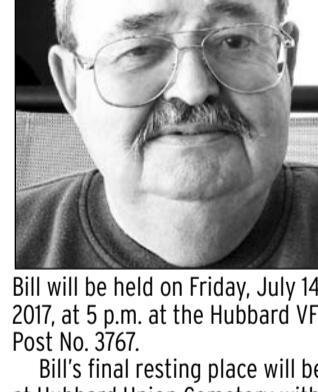
He was a member of the Hubbard VFW Post No. 3767, the Hubbard Post 51 of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans.

Bill enjoyed gardening, old cars, playing cards and golfing.

He leaves a daughter, Michelle Benner of Poland; a brother, Richard Benner of Vienna; and a sister, Jean Benner Hedrick of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Karla Benner; and a brother, Gerald T. Benner.

A celebration of life honoring



Bill will be held on Friday, July 14, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the Hubbard VFW Post No. 3767.

Bill's final resting place will be at Hubbard Union Cemetery with his daughter, Karla.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 2044 Youngstown Road SE, Warren, OH 44484.

Visit www.krcummins.com to view this obituary and to send condolences to the family.

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ELLA MARY JOHNSON, 66

VIENNA - A memorial service celebrating the life of Ms. Ella Mary Johnson, 66, will be held Friday, July 14, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Washington Funeral Home Inc. in Youngstown, with Min. Aaron Griffin officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 until 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

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JOSEPH B. "JOE" BEVERIDGE, 34

YOUNGSTOWN - Joseph B. "Joe" Beveridge, 34, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 7, 2017, at his residence.

Joe will always be remembered and loved by his family and numerous friends for his smile, positive attitude and ability to make everyone laugh.

He was born Jan. 30, 1983, in Homestead, Fla., the son of Roy Alan Jr. and Karen (Damelio) Schmidt.

Joe was a 2001 graduate of Chaney High School and was employed for the last seven months at Schwebel Baking Company.

Joe had many passions throughout his life. He enjoyed playing soccer, taking selfies, exercising and lifting weights. He also loved spending time with his family and friends.

He leaves behind to hold onto his precious memories, his mother, Karen Schmidt, with whom he made his home; three sisters, Nicole Beveridge of Youngstown, Danielle Beveridge of Liberty and Kristen Schmidt of Girard; his grandmother, Beatrice Schmidt of Youngstown; and many nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joseph Maurice and Frances Mary Damelio and Roy Alan Schmidt Sr.



There will be a celebration of Joe's life on Friday, July 14, 2017, where family and friends may pay their respects from 4 until 6 p.m. at the Conley & Vandenberg Funeral Home, 75 E. Midlothian Blvd. in Youngstown.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the professional care of the Rossi & Santucci Funeral Home in Boardman.

Family and friends may visit www.rossisantuccifh.com to view this obituary, sign the guest book and send condolences to Joe's family.

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CHIEF JAMES E. "JIM" WILSON SR., 71

BOARDMAN - There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held on Saturday, July 15, 2017, at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 7345 Westview Drive in Boardman, with Father Gerald DeLucia officiating, preceded by a 10:15 a.m. prayer service held at the Rossi & Santucci Funeral Home, 4221 Market St. in Boardman, the new location, for Chief James E. "Jim" Wilson Sr., 71, who passed away Wednesday morning, July 12, 2017, after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim will always be remembered and loved by his family, friends and fellow firefighters.

He was born June 9, 1946, in Youngstown, the son of Robert and Catherine (McCormick) Wilson, and was a lifelong area resident.

Jim was a 1965 graduate of Ursuline High School, where he lettered in football. He then earned his Associate Degree in Fire Science from the University of Akron in 1983. Chief Wilson began his career in 1973, joining the Boardman Fire Department as a firefighter until 1987. He was then promoted to be chief and remained until his retirement in 1996. Upon his retirement, Jim then worked for Youngstown State University in parking services from 2001 until 2016.

Jim proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1965 until he received an honorable discharge

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SHIRLYNNE "BLONDIE" GREEN FORD

YOUNGSTOWN - A funeral service celebrating the life of Mrs. Shirlynne "Blondie" Green Ford will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Washington Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ford was born Oct. 5, 1963, in Youngstown, a daughter of Shirley and Robert C. Green Sr.

She was a loving and caring person who could brighten any room. She was a natural-born star who loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan and was known as the family chef.

She will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. On July 1, 2017, she was called to her heavenly home.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving mother, Shirley Green; her siblings, Robert Green Jr. and Jerrold Green Sr.; her nephews, Robert Green III, Jerrald Green Jr., Jerrald Kimbrough and Joshua Green; her nieces, Angel Jackson, and Jalissa, Talica, Terreyah, and Amerah Green, all of Youngstown; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

She was greeted in heaven by her husband, Frank Ford Jr.; her



father, Robert C. Green Sr.; her grandmother, Esther Heart; her brother, Terence Green; her aunt, Clara Crankfield; and her uncle, Kenny Thomas.

Friends may call Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Please visit jewashingtonfuneralservices.com to leave condolences and to sign the online guest-book.

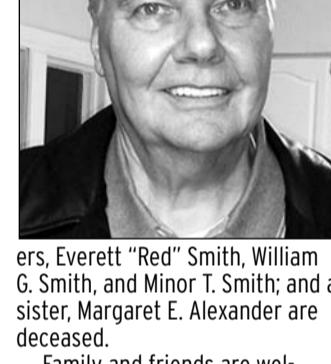
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RICHARD JOSEPH SMITH, 72

ERS, Everett "Red" Smith, William G. Smith, and Minor T. Smith; and a sister, Margaret E. Alexander are deceased.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a graveside service with military honors to be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Tod Homestead Cemetery on Belmont Avenue in Youngstown.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kinnick Funeral Home, 477 N. Meridian Road in Youngstown.

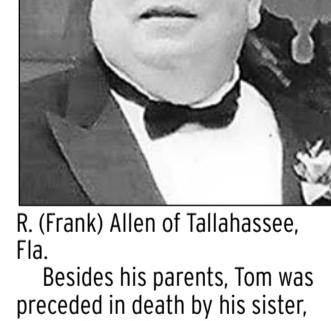
Joe asked that material contributions be made in his name to Sojourner House Domestic Violence Shelter, in care of Compass Family & Community Services, 535 Marmon Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502.

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

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THOMAS A. KIDD, 65

R. (Frank) Allen of Tallahassee, Fla.

Besides his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Alice Livingood.

There will be a Masonic service, conducted by Western Star Lodge No. 21 F&A.M. at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Lane Family Funeral Homes, Anstrom Chapel, 8387 Tod Ave. in Boardman, where friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m., prior to the service.

Family and friends may visit www.lanefuneralhomes.com to view this obituary and send condolences.

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HAROLD L. CASHBAUGH JR., 75

CLEVELAND - Harold L. Cashbaugh Jr., 75, was the oldest son of the late Katherine (Martini) and Harold Cashbaugh Sr., husband of the late Kathleen (Cook) Cashbaugh; fiancé of Anne Sara (Geschke); loving father of Karen (Tom Kuzma), Melanie, Connie (Will Mannion) and Joe; grandfather of Michael, Tiffany, Kirsten, Katelynn, Alyssa, Ally and Rebecca; brother of George (Nanci), John (Mary), and Mike, who is deceased (Connie).

Family will receive friends at the Donlon Funeral Home, 15408 Triskett Road in Cleveland on



Thursday, July 13, from 4 to 8 p.m.

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ROBBER

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Kivighan said he wished his client had asked him to file a motion to extend the sentencing so he could be there.

He asked the judge to live up to the plea agreement because Jamal Turner confessed, is remorseful and he turned himself in after the warrant was issued for his arrest.

Turner also apologized for his actions and the shame he bought on his family and the fear any of the victims of the robbery experienced. There were no victims present in court.

Judge Krichbaum said Turner's apologies "might have meant something to the court if you showed up when you were supposed to."

"I can't imagine something more serious than going into someone's business with a gun and robbing them," Judge Krichbaum

said.

When Judge Krichbaum said such behavior cannot be tolerated, that is when Jamel Turner got up and walked out. Jamel Turner pleaded with the judge to be easy on his twin brother, saying that another brother was just sentenced to prison last month and that he was "frustrated."

After he was brought back, the hearing continued briefly until the sentence was handed down and court recessed.

The woman who was distraught was calmed down by the deputy before she was taken out of court, then the judge came back on the bench to have a hearing for Jamel Turner.

Jamel Turner apologized and said he did not mean to be disrespectful. "Is this necessary?" he asked.

Another hearing will take place at 8:30 a.m. today for Jamel Turner. He was booked into the Mahoning County jail.

GRANT

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nied their requests for the grant for the 2017-18 school year.

The ODE suggested that the school districts work toward funding the Community Connectors program on their own.

The program exceeded expectations in the Youngstown schools: Though 100 students were expected to enroll in the program, the final number of enrollees was 150.

All 150 were placed into jobs after the program.

District spokeswoman Denise Dick said that while it is unfortunate the city's request for the money was denied, the district plans to continue the program.

"It's an important program that has been very valuable to our students," Dick said. "We plan to continue the program. We'll find the money."

Brittany Halpin, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Department of Education, said the grant wasn't intended to be a permanent source of funding for the program.

"It's meant to be seed

money to get the program started, but the districts are expected to sustain it from that point on," she said.

Halpin said the grants were "competitive" and were chosen by an independent review of the districts' applications. She did not elaborate on the specific criteria used to select recipient schools.

Nick Santucci, the manager of education and workforce development at the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber, works alongside school district officials to implement the program.

"We're willing to work with Youngstown and Warren to help them continue the program in their schools," he said.

Santucci said it is important to the chamber that the programs continue at the schools both for the edification of the students and for the impact the program has on local employers.

"Anything we can do to serve the kids, we're willing to do," Santucci said. "Our companies need a qualified and capable workforce, and this program helps provide that."

BIRTHS**ST. ELIZABETH BOARDMAN HOSPITAL**

Joe and Amanda Cleghorn, Youngstown, girl, July 11.

Brendon and Rachel Badway, Canfield, girl, July 11.

Tara Zalick and Mark Fedorchak, Girard, boy, July 11.

James and Elizabeth Choate, A Alliance, girl, July 11.

Jaron and Jarazia Stewart, Youngstown, boy, July 11.

METRO digest**Questions for MVSD****MINERAL RIDGE**

The two judges who oversee operation of the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District have some questions they want answered before they consider a proposal to refund \$5 million to cities that purchase water from the district.

According to 21 WFMJ-TV, The Vindicator's broadcast partner, Judge Ronald Rice of Trumbull County Common Pleas Court and Judge Lou D'Apolito of Mahoning County Common Pleas Court sent a joint letter to MVSD lawyer Tom Wilson saying some questions need to be answered before a hearing can be scheduled on the proposed refund.

The MVSD announced last month it intends to distribute the \$5 million in surplus funds to Youngstown, Niles and McDonald, which all buy wholesale water from MVSD and resell it to surrounding areas such as

Girard, Canfield, Mineral Ridge, Lords-town, Craig Beach and portions of 10 other townships.

21 News says the letter informs Wilson that in order to grant the refund, the MVSD would first need to obtain a written opinion from the Ohio Attorney general, or Ohio auditor, or some other governmental agency to determine if the transfer of funds is permissible.

Shots fired at home**YOUNGSTOWN**

No one was injured after several shots were fired about 12:20 a.m. Wednesday at a home in the 400 block of Clearmount Avenue. Officers were called to the street where residents of one home said there were two spent bullets in their home. That house was hit four times by gunfire, reports said.

Police found nine .40-caliber shell casings and five .45-caliber shell casings in the street, reports said.

Arrested after gunfire**YOUNGSTOWN**

Police arrested a man Wednes-

POLICE CALLS

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

GIRARD

July 5

Theft: A man reportedly stole four packs of energy drinks from Dollar General, 501 Church Hill Road.

Recovered property: A man found a purse while he was at a U.S. Route 422 car wash.

Possible drug overdose: Police responded to a possible overdose at a Parkview Drive residence, where they reportedly found a man on the kitchen floor who was unresponsive and had a hypodermic needle protruding from his right arm. The man was given four doses of Narcan to reverse or block the effects of opioids before being taken to an area hospital.

July 6

Identity fraud: A Church Hill Road man alleged his former wife had made two unauthorized charges to his credit card that totaled \$81.

Aggravated menacing: A Hancock Street woman told officers a man who claimed she owes him \$300 had made 12 threatening calls, saying he would shoot her mother if the accuser failed to pay him back.

Drug paraphernalia: An officer reportedly found a hypodermic needle attached to a guardrail in the 20 block of West Main Street before the needle was disposed of.

July 7

Harassment: A North Avenue woman said she's received unwanted contact regarding money owed to another person.

Theft: A man was reportedly caught on surveillance footage stealing a 19-inch TV from Rite Aid Pharmacy, 1713 N. State St.

July 8

Drugs: Police responded to a possible drug overdose at a Beechwood Drive home, then charged Aaron Bevilacqua, 34, of Beechwood, Girard, with possession of drug paraphernalia after alleging he had a shaving kit a syringe and a spoon with burn marks common in drug use. Bevilacqua was given Narcan before being taken to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, a report showed.

Harassment: An East Second Street man said his former girlfriend had sent him unwanted text messages.

Assault: Authorities responded to an alteration in the 100 block of West Second Street, where a man reported having been placed in a chokehold.

July 9

Vehicular assault: While responding to a two-car crash with possible injuries near state Route 304 and Shady Road, authorities charged Christopher J. Edwards, 27, of Tuttle Lane, Girard, with five counts of aggravated vehicular assault, a third-degree felony, and one misdemeanor count each of unauthorized use of a vehicle and operating a vehicle impaired. Five people were hurt, including three who appeared to have suffered serious injuries after the car he was driving without authorization from a relative had hit their minivan; in addition, Edwards registered a 0.263 blood-alcohol content, which is more than three times Ohio's 0.08 legal intoxication limit, a report stated.

Vehicle theft: A Homestead Road man reported a four-wheel motorcycle stolen from his neighbor's backyard.

ene. He was wanted on a township warrant charging failure to appear in court.

Drugs: A vehicle check near North Gate Road resulted in the arrest of Jamar Prieto, 37, of Birch Hill Road, Youngstown, on a drug-abuse charge after police alleged Prieto, who also was wanted on a Bazetta Township warrant, had a bag containing several pills determined to be Tramadol, an opioid typically used to treat moderate to severe pain. Also arrested was Richard L. Littozzi, 25, of Jacobs Road, Youngstown, who was wanted on a Campbell warrant.

Recovered property: An officer on routine patrol in the 4600 block of Michigan Boulevard reported finding a seven-speed bicycle, though it had not been reported stolen.

Drugs: A traffic stop near Colonial Drive led to the arrest of Katie M. Slenker, 24, who faced charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Slenker, of Logan Avenue, Youngstown, had a small bag of suspected marijuana and a device commonly used to grind marijuana, police alleged.

July 8

Citations: Officers answered a complaint regarding three intoxicated women at a Goldie Road big-box store before handing minor-misdemeanor citations charging disorderly conduct to Brenda L. Plant, 36, of Roosevelt Drive, Liberty; Melissa M. Dealey, 40, of Boyd Street, Masury; and Christine L. Vernet, 53, of Scott Lane, Girard. After entering the business, the three women became belligerent, and one swore at customers, a report showed.

Aggravated menacing: A Trumbull Court woman alleged her brother's former girlfriend, 28, and three other people pushed on her apartment door in an effort to enter while the former girlfriend demanded the return of property she claimed belongs to her.

Drugs: Police on Belmont Avenue pulled over then charged Debbie L. Fields, 41, with drug abuse. Fields, of Holly Drive, Girard, had a bag of suspected marijuana, a report said.

Weapon: A traffic stop near Gypsy Lane led to the arrest of Ashton Owens, 23, of Sunshine Avenue, Youngstown, who was charged with improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, using a weapon while intoxicated and driving under suspension. Owens had a loaded 9 mm handgun and refused to submit to a Breathalyzer

Our VOICE

Mill Creek management enjoying a period of calm

IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR'S demands for his termination, Aaron Young, executive director of Mill Creek MetroParks, is today riding a wave of approval. That's good news for the metropolitan park system, which certainly needed a period of calm.

Early last year, Young ignited a firestorm of public criticism after he implemented a staff restructuring that resulted in the elimination of 13 positions. Among the employees terminated were several who had been with the park district for many years and were popular with supporters of the district.

The perceived heavy-handedness on Young's part triggered the public outcry. To further muddy the waters, the executive director privately discussed the reorganization with the commissioners and then implemented it – without a public vote of the board.

The firestorm, including calls for Young's termination, prompted Mahoning County Probate Judge Robert N. Rusu Jr. to use his statutory authority over the park district to calm the waters.

Rusu had to fill two vacancies on the board of commissioners, and the individuals he appointed reflected the judge's belief in complete transparency in all aspects of the district's operation. The new commissioners also supported Rusu's idea for citizen involvement through the creation of citizens advisory committees.

Dr. Thomas Shipka, retired chairman of Youngstown State University's Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Lee Frey, former mayor of Canfield, let it be known from the outset that they would not participate in a witch hunt, but were committed to reaching out to all the stakeholders and restoring the balance of power between the board of commissioners and the executive director.

Policy changes have been implemented, while the creation of seven standing committees has facilitated citizen participation in the park's operation.

BUILDING TRUST

Young appears to have risen to the challenge of changing the narrative and building trust with the commissioners.

The executive director, whose contract expires Dec. 31, 2019, was evaluated by three of the five members of the board on his job performance in 2016 and received generally good marks.

Shipka, Frey and Germaine Bennett judged him on the following categories: leadership; organizational knowledge; judgment; decision-making; accountability; initiative and creativity; customer service/customer focus; internal communication; integrity; teamwork; planning and organizing; directing and controlling; quality of work; safety; attendance; development plans.

The two commissioners who didn't participate in the evaluation of Young were John Ragan and Thomas Frost, who was not on the board last year.

While Young has reason to feel good about the high marks he received for planning, internal communications with the staff, initiative and creativity, Shipka, Frey and Bennett were of one mind when it came to the executive director's customer-service skills.

It's not unusual for public officials in positions of authority to forget that they, in fact, work for the taxpayers and are, therefore, answerable to them.

As Frey wrote in his evaluation, Young must better explain his decisions to the public and help people understand how he arrived at those decisions.

The commissioner also suggested that the executive director "get out into the park and introduce himself to people and hear what they have to say."

In other words, Young needs to improve his public-relations skills.

But while Young fared better than expected in the evaluations, Shipka is of the opinion that he needs to enlist the "aid and support of the board, the board's seven standing committees, and the general public, including members of the Friends of Fellows Gardens and his critics."

And, the commissioner wrote, "The reorganization in February 2016 alienated many taxpayers and traditional MCPM supporters; the executive director needs to work steadily and conscientiously to regain their support of MCPM and their trust in his leadership."

To be sure, there are Valley residents who are still angry about the termination of the 13 employees and, therefore, will never be satisfied until Young is gone.

However, buying him out of his contract would be a costly proposition.

Therefore, the job performance evaluations should guide anyone interested in judging how Young is addressing the shortcomings in his leadership highlighted by Shipka, Frey and Bennett.

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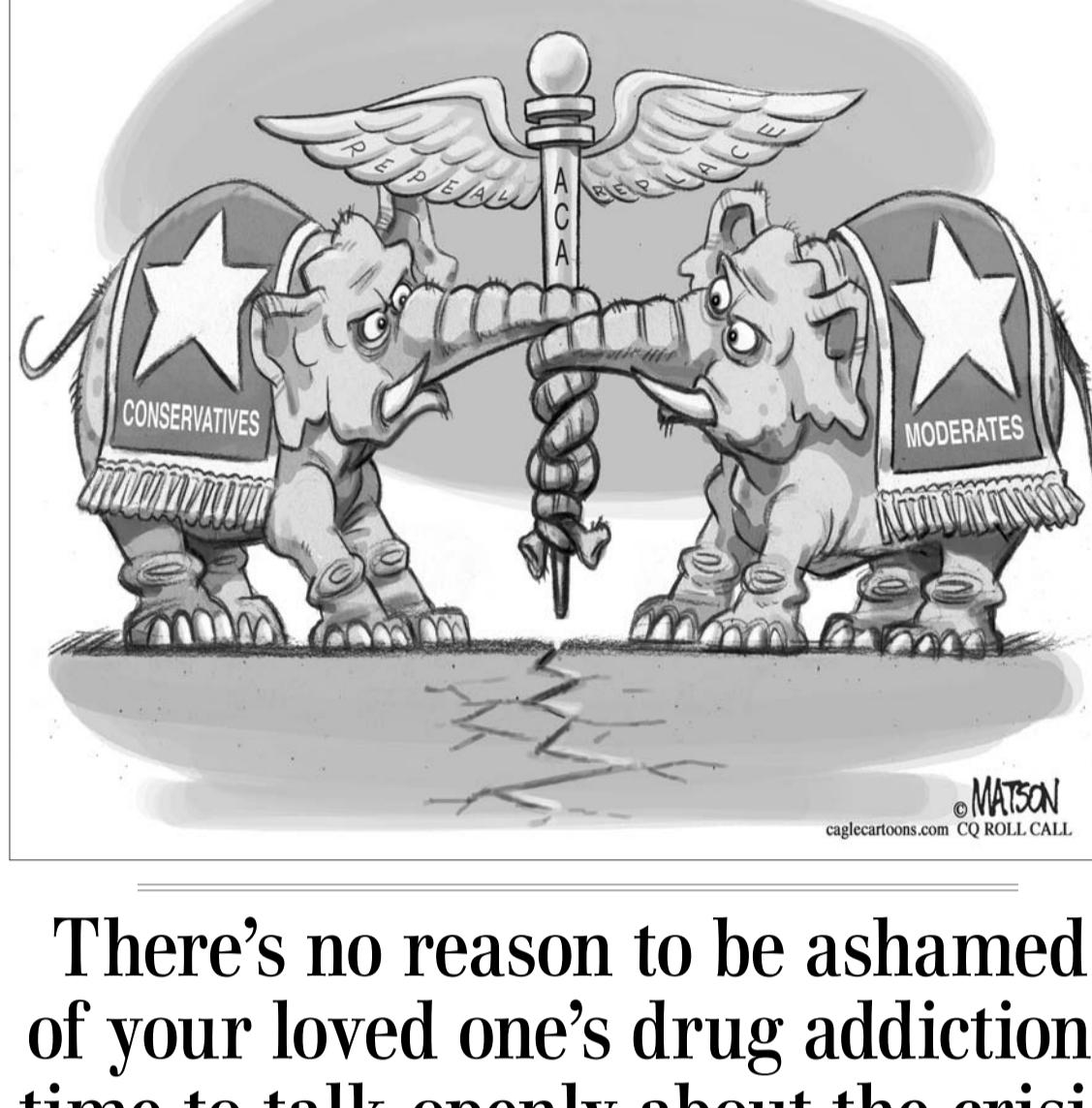
God looks down from heaven upon the

children of men, to see if there are any

who understand, who seek God.

PSALM 53:2 NKJV

EDITORIAL



There's no reason to be ashamed of your loved one's drug addiction; time to talk openly about the crisis

By TONY LUKE JR.
The Philadelphia Inquirer

I'm sitting in my restaurant not long after my son Tony Luke III dies, and an elderly gentleman comes in and he says to me: "Hey, Tony, I heard your son passed away. I just want to tell you how incredibly sorry I am."

"Well thank you. I appreciate it."

"Do you mind if I asked you how he died? Did he have cancer, was he ..."

"No," I said, "he died of a heroin overdose."

"Damn it, these kids, the choices they make."

I didn't get upset with him. I just thought: "Wow. This is the view. This is why no one talks about it."

Yes, my son was absolutely responsible for his actions. But when there's an addiction – and I believe it's a disease – those are not the actions, the choices, of a rational, thinking person. Those are the actions of people who are in absolute survival mode.

When that survival mode kicks in, when it's live or die, take the pain away or don't take the pain away, you're scared to death, and you'll trample over people to get what you need.

Every day I saw my son, he had the look of being ashamed, as if he were losing, as if he were weak. Because that's what he hears. You're weak. A strong person could get out of this.

MARIJUANA, PILLS

Tony had fallen into partying when he was young. Marijuana, pills. That was their version of alcohol. You never think it's going to lead to anything more.

But he was always athletic and he was a wrestler in school. When he got into a car accident and hurt his back, the doctors put him on Percocets. But one wasn't enough to take the pain away, so he's taking two, three, four. But he was still hurting and got his prescription refilled and before we knew it, he was addicted. He had to have them. He couldn't function without them.

After a while, the doctors figure you're better, and they cut you off. So then you start buying them on the streets. But pills are super expensive – 25, 30 bucks a pop. You can keep that going for a while if you have a job and money, but as he got older, Tony lost his job and he had lost his health care. Then he had a car accident that complicated the pain and back issues. He was taking so many Percocets and they didn't do much for him because he'd been using them for so long.

So what do you do when

there's no money and nowhere to turn? You go to heroin. It's ridiculously cheap. Anyone can afford it.

No one wants to be an addict. No one wants to feel like crap every single day of their life when they get up. They don't want it. Tony had been to rehab twice, and each time he came out, he was better. He was trying, he really was trying. He was really working his butt off to be better.

But this is a disease that takes over your whole body. It ravages your body. You don't have any control. It gets into your mind, your body, whatever the illness is. You fight, you fight, you fight.

My son Michael calls it the Monster. It's a great term because it is a monster. It's so big, it's so large and it's so scary that you can't fight it. You fight it but – it would be like me literally fighting a great athlete, who was 6-foot-11 and 400 pounds of solid muscle. If I fight him every day, I just get tired. I can't beat him.

GOOD KID

Tony was a good kid, truly he was. But the Monster took over, made that kid do things, say things, act in a certain way that he never would have, ever, ever. But the Monster has to feed and nothing matters then. You lie, you manipulate, you say whatever you need to do to take the pain away.

And that's the road he traveled. That's the road he fought for eight years, nine years. It was ridiculous to fight. Go to rehab, come out. "I got this, Dad." Go to the pastor, go to the church every day, go to meetings. "I got this, I'm trying."

And he did. He tried and tried and he tried. And then, on March 27, he had a moment of weakness and made a decision, and the Monster beat him for good.

The day before, Sunday, he was sweeping and mopping the floor of my store and he said: "Dad, I can't stand it anymore. My back. Do you mind if I go home?" And I'm like: "No, we're done. I'll finish the rest. We're good."

He said: "Dad, I've been humbled. I just, I want to take care of my children, I want to."

Then he kissed me, and as he left, I said, "Tony, I'll see you on Wednesday," because we were closed Monday and Tuesday. And he died Monday.

I like to feel that he died with some hope in his heart, that there was something. And I can't imagine the pain he was in to shoot up again, knowing that there's something here, maybe. So he had to be in, physically, so much pain.

After the guy said that to me in the store I thought, "Man, if I feel this way, how many families are feeling this way?"

At the same time, everywhere I look in the news I'm hearing about opioids, and I hear 3,000 dead, and 4,000 dead, and I'm thinking to myself: "This isn't about numbers. My son is not a statistic."

But he is if the media don't connect those numbers to real people and the families who love them. And too often they don't connect the dots because families are silent, because they're ashamed of what people will say about them or their addicted kids.

So I finally said: "You know what? I'm not ashamed. I don't care what anyone says about me. My son was not a number. My son was not somebody to be thrown away. My son was not weak."

I wanted to get this story out, but I wasn't sure how to do it. I didn't think we needed another charity or a foundation. And in the meantime I'm researching heroin, and seeing the terms "brown" and "white" everywhere, and then I finally think, well what about an initiative? What if we find a way to encourage people to talk about the people they love? To promote conversations between survivors and the public? To remove the stigma?

I thought, if people see me taking the heat, they'll realize there's nothing to be ashamed of. That it's OK to talk about addiction and their loved ones.

HASHTAG

I worked with a group of people that helped me come up with Brown and White as just a hashtag (brownandwhite). I didn't want Tony Luke on there. This is not about me. It's about my son to me, but not to you. I don't want you to think this is my cause.

It's our cause.

Next I get a call from a local TV station, and they said, "Would you come in to talk about your son?" And I said, "I will."

And then boom, it exploded.

So, keep it going. Go to Twitter and put pictures of your loved ones there. Get those faces out, those names out. Put a name to your story. Send it to your congressman. Tell them: "I am not a number. Brown and White. I am not a number." Let them know that this isn't a statistical problem to be solved, these are people to be helped.

Tony Luke Jr. is a Philadelphia-area entrepreneur and media personality. He wrote this for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

Trump targets the press

By DAN K. THOMASSON

Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON

Lyndon Johnson could be vulgar to the extreme, giving interviews while sitting on the toilet with the door open, pulling up dogs by their ears, exposing his stomach to show a scar from an operation.

The Kennedys were notorious for their fickleness when it came to the press, courting favorites, then dismissing or ostracizing them at the first sign of criticism or disagreement. They hid their dedication to philandering behind a facade of good will. Woodrow Wilson, dismissive of the press at times, also worked to court favor with powerful publishers like E. W. Scripps.

Dwight Eisenhower and Barrack Obama were aloof. George H.W. Bush was condescending, beneath it all a president raised in an atmosphere of snobbery – not unlike Thomas Jefferson, who despite his upbringing saw the absolute importance of a free press.

All these men and indeed every president until now have had two things in common. They tried as hard as they could to manage the flow of news and those who control it while at the same time openly reaffirming their belief in the Fourth Estate no matter how frustrated they were by its zealousness. None of them condemned the entire institution as has the current occupant of the Oval Office.

Why? Because they swore to defend the Constitution, whose First Amendment has guided this nation since the beginning. Even more important, they understood that curtailing the people's right to know is the first objective of every authoritarian government. Once a free press goes away, the rest of bedrock liberty – freedom of religion, speech and peaceable assembly – soon disappears too.

PLAYING TO THE MOB

In the months Donald Trump has called himself president, evidence has piled up indicating he not only is unaware of his responsibilities to the Constitution but that he is fully capable of shredding the dignity of the office he holds to get his way. His recent video-attack showing him as a wrestler undoing a nemesis, CNN, was a silly and sophomoric attempt to play to the mob that elected him and stimulated his campaign rallies with "lock her up" cries befitting the French Revolution.

What really seems to be occurring in this display of little boy pique with its "fake news" theme is an attempt to distract Americans from a lack of campaign-promised achievement and understanding of the job.

But when do verbal attacks cross into "kill the messenger" territory? It's worth asking in this age of unfettered firearms and online hate. One need only think of the violence committed against journalists around the world to imagine the worst.

In 65 years in journalism, I have tried to treat criticism as the right of the reader and to admit mistakes openly. I have been sued only once, and the judge directed a verdict of innocence. I truly believe that most of the men and women who have been my colleagues have diligently tried to hold themselves to the same standards.

At the same time, I am not naive to the fact that we are not perfect in our effort to be the watchdogs of liberty. Our opinions do creep into our news columns, we are shrill and sometimes unfair in our dislikes, and yes, we're even frequently guilty of political bias.

But flawed or not, we are necessary to a free society.

Trump should get on with the business of trying to run the country, accepting criticism for what it is, perhaps even showing some civility and dignity in the process.

Dan Thomasson is an op-ed columnist for Tribune News Service and a former vice president of Scripps Howard Newspapers.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"... anybody who thinks that I would be pulling punches as FBI director sure doesn't know me very well."

CHRISTOPHER WRAY, FBI director nominee, telling members of Congress that he would lead the agency "without fear, without favoritism."

Woman says her missing puppy was sold online

By JOE GORMAN
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YOUNGSTOWN

All Ashley Perrine can do now is wait.

Someone took her pit bull puppy Monday, and she believes it was sold shortly after.

She made a police report, and a detective has been assigned to her case to try and get her dog Latte back. She got Latte about two weeks ago from her landlord.

"I'm really just playing the waiting game," Perrine said Wednesday.

Perrine said about 12:15 p.m. Monday she put Latte and her other dog out at her home on Parkview Avenue. She said her boyfriend

went out to get the dogs a few moments later, but Latte was gone.

Perrine then canvassed her street and streets around her home but found no sign of the dog.

She said she then went to a site on Facebook to ask for help in locating Latte. There, she said she saw a picture of Latte posted by a woman who was trying to sell the dog for \$200.

Perrine said she tried to get in touch with the woman and exchanged messages with her until the woman told Perrine the dog was gone.

Perrine called police and the Mahoning County Dog Warden's Office, and said she later found out Latte was sold.

Jason Cooke, an animal-rights activist who is helping Perrine, said Wednesday he met with police on her behalf and a detective has been assigned to her case.

Cooke said the case is troubling.

"Not only was the dog taken but within an hour, the dog was on social media and within two hours, the dog was gone," Cooke said.

Cooke recommended that people get their dogs licensed and microchipped to make it easier to get them back if they are taken.

Cooke said on social media Perrine's post about Latte being taken has been shared about 8,000 times. He said he hopes the pressure would make whoever has Latte to give her back to Perrine.



A South Side woman is looking for Latte, her pit bull puppy, who she says was stolen out of her yard Monday and sold on the internet a short time later.



ROBERT K. YOSAY | THE VINDICATOR

2 Boardman trustees to seek re-election

Incumbent Boardman Township trustees Brad Calhoun, left, and Tom Costello filed paperwork with the Mahoning County Board of Elections on Wednesday to seek re-election in the November general election. Calhoun first was elected to the board in November 2009. Costello previously served as a trustee from December 1999 through 2005, then was elected again in 2009. Both are seeking new four-year terms. They are endorsed by the third township trustee, Larry Moliterno.

FAIR

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said some nests can weigh up to 2 tons.

Martine Cisine, ODNR wildlife officer for Trumbull County, said the bald eagle population in Ohio has been a "success story," because bald eagles were once rare.

"Now it's common to see eagles, especially around large bodies of water," he said. "All area lakes have them on the lake or nearby."

In 2016, the ODNR estimates there were 207 bald eagle nests in the state, at least 13 in Trumbull County, Cisine said.

There were only 50 such nests in 2000, Usselman said.

Each nest has a male and female, so that would mean there are at least 26 bald eagles in Trumbull County, plus young eagles.

Cisine says there are bald eagles flying around that people don't even realize are bald eagles because they don't get their distinctive white head and white tail until they are 5 years old.

The juveniles are dark brown. When people see them, they notice the large size but frequently don't know what kind of bird they are.

The Division of Wildlife is providing pamphlets in its tent that explain the things people can do when animals such as raccoons, squirrels, groundhogs and mice start causing problems.

One tip is to trim tree branches that overhang the roof to reduce access by raccoons and squirrels to the roof and attic. Another is to use a gravity-operated bird feeder to discourage squirrels.

Also, seal holes and cracks in the foundation, siding or stucco to keep out rats, mice, bats, insects and snakes, the division advises.

Sick or nuisance raccoons can legally be trapped without a permit, but it is illegal to live trap and relocate them to a new area, the ODNR says.

Cisine recommends that people with questions ask a wildlife officer at the fair or call 330-644-2293.

TRUMBULL COUNTY FAIR | Schedule

A list of events at the fair, which ends Sunday:

TODAY

14 years and under free admission; ride tickets \$6 each

◆ **8 a.m.**: Admission at Gate C/remaining gate open at 10 a.m.

◆ **9 a.m.**: Junior Fair Cat Show/Junior Fair Reptile Show/Junior Fair Poultry Showmanship, Market Show/Junior Fair Western Pleasure Horse Show, Sawyer Ring.

◆ **9:30 a.m.**: Junior Fair Pocket Pets Show/Junior Fair Dairy Show

◆ **10 a.m.**: Junior Fair Cavy Show

◆ **1 p.m.**: Open-Class Beef Cattle Show/Small Animal Dress-up, Sheep Barn

◆ **1 p.m.**: Spelling Bee, Historical Stage Area

◆ **1-5 p.m.**: Rides open

◆ **2:30 p.m.**: Junior Fair Beef Showmanship

◆ **5:30 p.m.**: Little Mermaid, Historical Stage

◆ **6 p.m.**: Junior Fair Beef Show/National Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull, Junior Fair Area

◆ **6 p.m.**: Auto Races, Modified Touring Series & Pure Stock Auto Racing, Grandstand, Hot Laps, 5:30 p.m.

◆ **6-9 p.m.**: Trouble Clef, Bicentennial Stage

◆ **6-11 p.m.**: Rides open

◆ **7 p.m.**: Junior Fair Free Style Riding Horse Show, Sawyer Ring

◆ **10 p.m.**: Gates close

FRIDAY

◆ **8 a.m.**: Admission Gate C/remaining gates open at 10 a.m.

◆ **9 a.m.**: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Walk/Trot Contest Show, Sawyer Ring/Junior Fair Showmanship, Fancy Poultry Show/Junior Fair Goat Showmanship, Dairy Breeds, Outstanding Project Show with Open-Class Dairy Goat Show to follow

◆ **9:30 a.m.**: Open-Class Dairy Cattle Show

◆ **10 a.m.**: Open-Class Draft Horse Halter Judging

◆ **Noon-4 p.m.**: The Amazing One Man Band, Bicentennial Stage

◆ **1-5 p.m.**: Rides open

◆ **3 p.m.**: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Versatility Competition

Tack Set-up/Junior Fair Rabbit Showmanship

◆ **5 p.m.**: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Versatility Competition, Sawyer Ring

◆ **6 p.m.**: Horse pulls, Buckeye Horse Pullers Assoc., Draft Horse Ring

◆ **6-11 p.m.**: Rides open

◆ **6-9 p.m.**: Northern Whiskey

Band, Bicentennial Stage

◆ **7:30 p.m.**: Dave Martin's Bullride Maria, Grandstand

◆ **6-10 p.m.**: Take II, Historical Stage

◆ **10 p.m.**: Gates close

SATURDAY

◆ **8 a.m.**: Admission Gate C/remaining gates open at 10 a.m.

◆ **9 a.m.**: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Contest Show, Sawyer Ring

◆ **10 a.m.**: Open-Class Drive-In Draft Horse & Pony/Half-linger Hitch Show, Draft Horse Ring

◆ **10:30 a.m.**: Junior Fair Livestock Sale, SALE Barn

◆ **1-5 p.m.**: Rides open

◆ **2-3 p.m.**: Kick It Up Cloggers, Historical stage

◆ **3 p.m.**: Truck and Tractor Pull by Full Pull Productions, Grandstand

◆ **4-5 p.m.**: Rock N Country Cloggers, Historical Stage

◆ **6-9 p.m.**: After Midnight Band, Bicentennial Stage

◆ **6-11 p.m.**: Rides open

◆ **7 p.m.**: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Costume Class, Sawyer Ring

◆ **7-10 p.m.**: Damian Knapp Acoustic, Historical Stage

◆ **10 p.m.**: Gates close

SUNDAY

◆ **8 a.m.**: Admission Gate C/remaining gates open at 10 a.m.

◆ **9 a.m.**: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Cierra Gabrielson Memorial Barrel Run followed by Trumbull County 4-H Club Competition, Sawyer Ring

◆ **9:30 a.m.**: Rooster Crowing Contest, across from Poultry Barn in Oak Grove

◆ **10 a.m.**: Skillet Toss Competition, Draft Horse Ring

◆ **11 a.m.**: Corn Hole Tournament, Oak Grove

◆ **Noon**: Cow Milking Contest, Milking Parlor

◆ **1 p.m.**: 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Junior Fair Exhibit Hall

◆ **1-5 p.m.**: Rides open

◆ **2 p.m.**: Junior Fair Dairy Cheese Auction, Universal Show Ring with Dress a Cow Contest & Pee Wee Dairy Showmanship to follow

◆ **5 p.m.**: Demolition Derby, Grandstand

◆ **5-7 p.m.**: Tyler Jenkins Trio, Historical Stage

◆ **6-9 p.m.**: Rides

◆ **6 p.m.**: Fireworks: Guys Without Ties, Bicentennial Stage

◆ **8 p.m.**: Gates close

◆ **9:30 p.m.**: approximately: Fireworks display (to follow Demolition Derby)

Source: Trumbull County Fair Board

Liberty trustees to add full-time employee to road department

By SARAH LEHR
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LIBERTY

Trustees voted 2-1 Wednesday to add a full-time employee to the road department.

They will need to vote again to appoint someone to the position once that person is selected.

Fiscal Officer Steve Shelton has budgeted about \$50,000 annually, including benefits, for the new road department employee.

There are four full-time road employees, which includes one worker dedicated to maintaining cemeteries and parks during the summer.

By contract, the road department is allowed to use only part-timers once the department has at least five full-time employees, senior foreman Gino Bidinotto

said. The upcoming employee will bring the number to five full-timers.

Trustee Jodi Stoyak opposes hiring another full-time worker, arguing the money should instead go directly toward resurfacing projects.

Bidinotto said it is difficult to maintain the township's roads with such low staffing levels. Trustee Chairman Stan Nudell agreed and said the majority of complaints he receives from residents pertain to roads.

"It is our No. 1 problem in the township," Nudell said.

Steve Shelton has projected the road department fund will spend \$744,800 in 2017 and close the year with a \$39,449 positive balance.

Shelton also noted the general fund is going in the "right direction." At the

end of 2016, that fund was \$155,341 in the red.

Shelton has projected that deficit will shrink to negative \$149,129 by the end of 2017 and negative \$92,459 by the end of 2018. Shelton attributes the expected improvements to an estimated \$24,000 in tow yard revenue to benefit the general fund each year.

The general fund is the most important fund because it can be used to bolster other funds.

The township has been in state-designated fiscal caution since 2013 due to improper fund transfers.

In other business, trustees hired James Marco as a full-time police officer. Marco is on the roster for a one-year probationary period and will earn \$15.28 an hour. He is replacing Steve Shimko, a captain, who will retire Aug. 31.

Police arrest woman accused of leaving baby in locked car

Staff report

BOARDMAN

A Youngstown woman is charged with child endangering after being accused of leaving her 6-month-old baby in a locked car while she shopped at Walmart.

Charged is Rasheda Lawrence, 24, of Cambridge Avenue.

Township police were dispatched to the Doral Drive store at 6:18 p.m. Tuesday after someone reported seeing an infant left alone in a vehicle, according to a police report.

Police reportedly found

the child in a car that was not running and did not have any windows open.

A towing company opened the locked car for police, and the child was removed at 6:36 p.m., according to the report.

The baby was "sweating and crying," but calmed down once responders gave the baby something to drink.

The child was released to a relative. The mother, Law-



Sam Querrey of the United States returns to Britain's Andy Murray during their men's singles quarterfinal match at Wimbledon in London on Wednesday.

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Injured Murray fades away

Defending Wimbledon champ defeated by No. 24 seed Sam Querry

Associated Press

LONDON

Limping between points and fading down the stretch, defending champion Andy Murray was stunned by 24th-seeded Sam Querrey of the U.S. 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-1 in the Wimbledon quarterfinals Wednesday.

The No. 1-seeded Murray came into the tournament dealing with a sore left hip and it clearly impeded him at Centre Court. He grimaced as he stumbled or landed awkwardly while attempting shots.

Querrey took full advantage to reach



Murray

the first Grand Slam semifinal of his career — and the first for any American man anywhere since Andy Roddick was the runner-up at Wimbledon in 2009.

"I am still in a little bit of shock myself,"

Querrey said. There was another quarterfinal surprise later Wednesday, when three-time Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic stopped playing because of a right arm injury while trailing 2010

runner-up Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic 7-6 (2), 2-0. After dropping the opening set, Djokovic took a medical timeout while a trainer massaged his arm. A day earlier, during his fourth-round match, Djokovic had his right shoulder worked on by a trainer.

In Friday's semifinals, Querrey will face 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic of Croatia, who also won a five-setter Wednesday, getting past 16th-seeded Gilles Muller 3-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5, 5-7, 6-1 with the help of 33 aces. On

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YOUTH BASEBALL

NABF tourney begins at Cene

14U World Series runs through Sunday at Struthers facility

By CHARLES GROVE
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All roads lead to Struthers as teams from all over, some as far as Canada, will be descending on Cene Park this weekend for the National Amateur Baseball Association's 14U World Series.

Twelve teams will begin play today with a World Series champion being crowned Sunday afternoon.

This is the first time Cene Park has hosted the 14U World Series. Last year, the park hosted the 18U World Series. This year, Cene Park won bids to host both. The 18U World Series is next weekend.

"We've been a member of NABF for years," Youngstown Class B 16U Commissioner and scheduler for the 14U World Series Bob Beam said. "We gave a bid at this year's convention and they know what we do since we've had stuff in the past."

There are three local teams in this tournament. Astro Falcons qualified by winning last year's World Series, Baird Brothers qualified by being this year's Class B champion and Roth Brothers qualified by winning a regional championship.

Other teams in the tournament come from other parts of Ohio, Michigan, New York and Ontario. That means a lot of players, coaches and families are visiting town the next two weekends.

"Hotels, restaurants, businesses – this is good for them," Beam said. "We'll have families here for the next two weekends. We got everyone checked in [Wednesday] and they'll be here until at least Saturday."

The tournament consists of three pools of four teams. Teams will play everyone in their pool once and the top two teams, plus two wild-card teams, advance to a single-elimination tournament that begins Saturday evening.

Beam said this will be a big weekend to showcase Cene Park to the local community and those from out of the area.

"It's been a great addition to the community," Beam said. "The Cene family has always made sure kids always have a great place to play."

— NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE —

A Scrappy rally



DUSTIN LIVESAY | THE VINDICATOR

Scrappers short stop Jesse Berardi catches the ball at second base as Brooklyn's Jose Miguel Medina (20) slides during Wednesday night's game at Eastwood Field. Berardi crossed home plate in the 10th inning off Jason Rodriguez's double to beat the Cyclones, 5-4.

Rodriguez's walk-off RBI double sends Scrappers fans home happy in extras

By STEVE RUMAN
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NILES

In recent years, home field has not provided the Mahoning Valley Scrappers with much of an advantage.

As for ninth-inning rallies and walk-off wins at Eastwood Field? Well, they have been almost nonexistent.

However, on Wednesday in front of 2,601 fans, the Scrappers put together all sorts of late-inning magic. The result was a 5-4 win over the Brooklyn Cyclones.

The Scrappers (12-10) rallied from a 4-0 deficit, beginning with single runs in the fifth and eighth innings.

They tied the game with a two-run ninth, then won it in the tenth on a Jason Rodriguez walk-off RBI double.

Rodriguez — who came off the bench in the eighth after Gianpaul Gonzalez was hit by a pitch — led off the bottom of the ninth with a home run to left-center.

SCRAPPERS 5

CYCLONES 4

Next: Scrappers vs. Brooklyn, today, 7:05 p.m.

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DUSTIN LIVESAY | THE VINDICATOR

Scrappers second basemen Samad Taylor throws the ball to first base Wednesday night against the Brooklyn Cyclones. Taylor went 2-for-5 with a run scored and two RBIs in the win.

CLASS B BASEBALL

Astro dodges series sweep

A bases loaded walk keeps Astro Falcons alive in postseason

By DAN HINER
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STRUTHERS

With Game 2 of a double header tied at one in the bottom of the sixth inning, Astro Falcons drove in the go-ahead run on a bases-loaded walk to avoid a Class B Championship Series sweep.

Astro catcher Vinny Mastrangolo hit an RBI-single to centerfield as the insurance run in a 3-1 win over Baird Brothers.

Baird Brothers took the first game of the double-header, 7-6, after scoring three runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Astro Falcons tied the game in the top of the fourth, but Baird Brothers reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the fifth.

Game 1	BAIRD BROS	7	Baird Brothers
	ASTRO	6	came inches
Game 2	ASTRO	3	away from
	BAIRD BROS	1	blowing the
			lead in the top of the
			seventh.

With runners on second and third with one out, Astro popped out behind home plate, but no one covered home. The runner at third tagged and tried to score but was tagged out just before the tying the game.

Astro carried the late-game momentum from the first game of the double-header into game two.

The first two runners for the Astros reached base to start the bottom of the first. Matt Gibson scored on an groundout from centerfielder Noah Laster to give Astro a 1-0 lead.

Baird Brothers tied the game at 1-1 after a sacrifice fly by Travis Perry drove in shortstop Jeff Wehler in the top of the fourth.

Astro broke the game open after a leadoff walk and back-to-back bunt singles to load the bases. Left fielder Matt Wood came to the plate one batter later to drive in the go-ahead run on a walk.

Laster said the team needed "to play their game" in the second game. He said the team got timely hits and executed when needed.

Astro Falcons head coach

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SPORTS digest

Jondas finish midpack in NOPGA event

COLUMBIA STATION

Area local junior golfers finished about halfway up the leaderboard during Wednesday's Northern Ohio Junior PGA event at Mallard Creek Golf Course.

Boardman's Bobby Jonda finished T-13 with a 7-over 79 out of 26 competitors in the Boys 16-19 Division.

Boardman's Britney Jonda finished sixth out of 10 with a 12-over 84.

Prince makes cut in Ohio Amateur

SPRINGFIELD

East Liverpool's Blake Prince made the initial cut after two rounds of the Ohio Amateur Championship at Springfield Country Club.

Prince shot a two-round score of 147 which makes him tied for 31st.

Locals not making the cut, which was 151 over two rounds, include Poland's Jason McQuown (152), Liberty's Ben Sattler (153), Columbian's Jared Wilson (153), Youngstown's Ken Keller (154), Youngstown's Brian Terlesky (157), Columbia Station's Harrison Vonderau (157), Liberty's Benjamin Irvin (159) and Poland's Zach Jacobson (179).

YSU men's basketball earns NABC honor

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Youngstown State was one of 211 men's basketball teams honored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) in the Fifth Annual Team Academic Excellence Awards, the association announced on Wednesday.

The Penguins finished the 2016-17 season with a 3.04 overall grade-point average and five members of the team posted a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher. Youngstown State was one of just two Horizon League teams to earn a Team Academic Excellence Award.

These awards recognize outstanding academic achievement by a team with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better for the 2016-17 season in order to earn a NABC Team Academic Excellence Award, institutions in the NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA must count the grade point averages of all men's student-athletes who competed during the 2016-17 season.

Canfield knocks out 8-10 Boardman team

BOARDMAN

Canfield eliminated Boardman in Little League 8-10 Division 12-2 in four innings. Canfield will play Austintown today at 6 p.m. in the loser's bracket championship with the winner facing the Boardman 10s in the championship game Friday night.

USA avoids upset, beats Martinique 3-2

TAMPA, FLA.

Jordan Morris' second goal of the game broke a tie in the 76th minute, and the United States edged tiny Martinique 3-2 Wednesday night in the CONCACAF Gold Cup after wasting a two-goal lead against a team that is not even a member of FIFA.

Failing to break through in the first half, the U.S. built a 2-0 lead on goals by Omar Gonzalez in the 53rd minute and Morris in the 64th.

But Martinique, a French overseas department, tied the score on a pair of goals by Kevin Parsemain, the first a long-range shot that went past goalkeeper Brad Guzan on a bounce and the second a pass that hit Parsemain and went in on the deflection.

The U.S., which opened last weekend with a 1-1 tie against Panama, completes group play Saturday against Nicaragua in Cleveland.

Chris Carter released by New York Yankees

TAMPA, FLA.

Chris Carter has gone from NL home run champion to unemployed.

The New York Yankees said Tuesday they had released the 30-year-old first baseman, who struggled during the first half of the season. Carter hit .201 with eight homers, 26 RBIs and a .284 on-base percentage in 208 plate appearances.

Carter batted .222 for Milwaukee last year and set career bests with 41 homers and 94 RBIs while appearing in a NL-leading 160 games last season. He matched Colorado's Nolan Arenado for most home runs in the NL.

Staff/wire report

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Source: ESPN Stats & Info

TENNIS

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the other half of the draw, Berdych will face Roger Federer or Milos Raonic next.

Murray is normally a terrific returner, but Querrey hit 27 aces, including on six of the last nine points he served to finish with a flourish. Querrey was impeccable for portions of the match, finishing with 70 winners and only 30 unforced errors. "He was dictating all of the points," Murray said.

From 1-all in the fourth, Querrey grabbed eight games in a row to take that set and lead 3-0 in the last.

"I didn't start my best, but I just kept with it. Kept swinging away and then really found a groove in the fourth and fifth set," Querrey said. "And everything kind of seemed to be falling my way then."

It is the second year in a row that the 29-year-old Californian upset the defending champion and top-seeded man at the All England Club. In 2016, he beat Djokovic in the third round en route to the only major quarterfinal of Querrey's career before Wednesday.

That snapped Djokovic's 30-match winning streak at the majors. Murray didn't have that sort of recent dominance, but he is a three-time major champion and had been to at least the semifinals at the All England Club in seven of the past eight years.

The hip, though, was a problem. Murray had to skip some practice sessions and pull out of a couple of planned exhibition matches in the buildup to Wimbledon. Even though he kept insisting once the tournament began that he was OK, he was not nearly capable of his best on this afternoon.

Murray's serve speeds slowed, and his backhand, in particular, didn't have its usual verve, either. One



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Sam Querrey of the United States celebrates after beating Britain's Andy Murray in their men's singles quarterfinal match at the Wimbledon in London on Wednesday.

key to his success is his court coverage, which allows him to play defense as well as anyone. That was not the case in the latter stages against Querrey.

"I was pretty close today. It wasn't like I was, like, a million miles away from winning the match," Murray said. "Obviously the end was a bit of a struggle."

Querrey is the lowest-ranked player to ever beat two-time Wimbledon champion Murray in his 12 appearances at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

For Murray, this was the fourth five-set match he's lost in a row. Querrey is headed in the opposite direction: Merely 4-10 in fifth sets for his career until last week, he has won each of his last three matches by going the distance: against 12th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the third round, Kevin Anderson in the fourth, and now Murray.

Querrey always has had an intimidating serve, but he's never managed to put together his overall game for enough matches to play on the final weekend at a major.

Indeed, until last year's win over Djokovic, he might have been best known for some of his unusual off-court episodes. In Thailand for a 2009 tournament, he cut two muscles in his right arm when he sat on a glass table that shattered. Two years ago, he appeared on the reality TV show "The Millionaire Matchmaker." There's a popular video clip on social media of Querrey — sunglasses and hat on, shirt unbuttoned — dancing with friends wearing horse-head masks.

Now Querrey's on-court accomplishment Wednesday will make headlines. Win two more matches, and he'll be the Wimbledon champion.

4:30 p.m. (NBCSN) Auto racing: NASCAR Monster Energy Cup qualifying.
5 p.m. (ESPN) Beach volleyball: World Series quarterfinals.
7 p.m. (GC) Golf: Web.com Tour Utah Championship.
7 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Cardinals at Pirates.
7 p.m. (MLB) MLB: Yankees at Red Sox or Cubs at Orioles.
7 p.m. (WBWB-AM 1240) Baseball: Scrappers at Hudson Valley Renegades.
7:30 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: Costa Rica vs. French Guiana, CONCACAF Gold Cup.
8 p.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 13 (recorded).
9 p.m. (ESPN) X Games.
9 p.m. (ESPN) Soccer: USL.
9:30 p.m. (GC) Golf: PGA Tour John Deere Classic (recorded).
10 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: Canada vs. Honduras, CONCACAF Gold Cup.
10 p.m. (Sho) Boxing: Baranchyk-Smith (super lightweights).
10 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Indians at Athletics.
11 p.m. (ESPN2) Kickboxing.

12:40 P.M.

QUOTEABLE

Conor McGregor, MMA fighter, on fighting boxer Floyd Mayweather:

"He is (expletive). There's no other way about it. His little legs, his little core, his little head — I'm gonna knock him out inside four rounds. Mark my words."

GREATEST GOLFER OF THE VALLEY

Today's tee times at Trumbull Country Club

NON

◆ **Jenna Jacobson**, Mill Creek Golf Course

◆ **Jonda Britney**, Mill Creek MetroParks Golf-North Course

◆ **Emily Marcavish**, Avalon at Squaw Creek

12:10 P.M.

◆ **Gianna Myers** Mill Creek Golf Course

◆ **Taylor Ross**, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club

◆ **Olivia Taylor** Avalon at Squaw Creek

12:20 P.M.

◆ **Bobby Jonda**, Mill Creek Golf Course

◆ **Jimmy Graham**, Trumbull Country Club

◆ **Dean Australosh**, Oak Tree Country Club

12:30 P.M.

◆ **Matthew Kinkela**, Rolling Hills Golf Course

◆ **Atkinson Justin Atkinson**, Yankee Run Golf Course

◆ **John Popa**, Flying B Golf Course

12:40 P.M.

◆ **Brian Terlesky**, Lake Club

◆ **Seamus Chrystal**, Avalon at Squaw Creek

◆ **Anthony Clark**, Riverview Golf Course

1:20 P.M.

◆ **Zavier Bokan**, Mahoning Country Club

◆ **Keegan Butler**, Mill Creek MetroParks Golf-South Course

◆ **Joey Vitali**, Kensington Golf Club & Grille

1:30 P.M.

◆ **Cameron Lane**, Beaver Creek Meadows Golf Course

◆ **Alex Rapp**, Lake Club

◆ **Carl Desiato**, Mill Creek Golf Course

1:40 P.M.

◆ **Branson Brownfield**, Turkana Farms Golf Course

◆ **Nathaniel Smoot**, Yankee Run Golf Course

◆ **Luke Nord**, Lake Club

1:50 P.M.

◆ **Jonathan Hiner**, Yankee Run Golf Course

◆ **Tavish Burd**, Walnut Run Golf Course

◆ **Rebell Stollo**, Youngstown Country Club

1:30 P.M.

◆ **Dante Flak**, Mill Creek Golf

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League					
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent RHP Stefan Crichton to the GCL Orioles for a rehab assignment.					
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent RHP Danny Salazar to Mahoning Valley (NYP) for a rehab assignment.					
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Assigned C Ryan Lashaway outright to Nashville (PCL).					
MIAMI MARLINS — Sent 3B Miguel Rojas to Jacksonville (PCL) for a rehab assignment.					
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent 2B Cesar Hernandez to Clearwater (FLS) for a rehab assignment.					
American Association					
CLEBURN RAILROADERS — Released INF Alex Polston and C Blake Grant-Parks.					
GARY SOUTHSIDE RAILCATS — Signed OF Tyler Sullivan.					
SIOU CITY EXPLORERS — Signed INF Daniel Jackson, Released INF Brandon Alvarez and LHP Bryan Radziewski.					
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed RHP Robert Tasin.					
Can-Am League					
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed INF Max Casper.					
BASKETBALL National Basketball Association					
INDIANA PACERS — Signed C Ike Anigboju.					
HOKEY National Hockey League					
ARIZONA COYOTES — Named Steve Patterson president and CEO. Promoted general manager John Chayka to president of hockey operations and general manager.					
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with D Jaccob Slavin on a seven-year contract extension.					

BASKETBALL NBA wants faster pace

Trades, late-game
timeouts debated

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

The NBA has for years heard complaints that a free-flowing, fast-paced and athletic game grinds to a halt at the most important and compelling time, when everyone tunes in to watch the final few minutes of a tight game.

Now the league is finally taking steps to make sure crunch time doesn't get bogged down by commercial time.

The league's Board of Governors unanimously approved some changes that will potentially eliminate four time-outs per game, help speed up the final minutes of games and emphasize a timely resumption of play after halftime.

The changes all go into effect starting this coming season, the NBA said Tuesday.

Teams will be limited to two time-outs in the final three minutes of a game, instead of having up to three. All four quarters will have two mandatory time-outs, after the 7- and 3-minute marks.

"We're pretty happy with the length of the game," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said.

We were more focused here on the pace and flow of the game. What we heard from our fans, what

we heard from many of our teams, was that the end of the games in particular were too choppy. And I think since I was a kid, that was an issue people were talking about, the last two minutes of a game."

Silver said the full complement of commercial-showing opportunities will still be available to the league's broadcast partners, and that the league doesn't believe player in-game rest will be affected by speeding up some aspects.

Also, all halftimes will be 15 minutes and delay of game penalties will be issued if teams are not ready to immediately play when intermission ends.

"These changes will help us fulfill our goal of improving game flow and pace of play," NBA President of League Operations Byron Spruell said.

"Fewer stoppages and less time without action, especially at the end of a game, will further enhance the viewing experience for our fans."

The league also changed the trade deadline, moving it up so teams would not have their rosters significantly altered during the All-Star break.

This season's deadline will be Feb. 8 — 10 days before the All-Star Game in Los Angeles. Under the old system the deadline would have been Feb. 22, when teams are getting ready to resume their seasons after the break.

If an All-Star is traded to the other conference before the game, Silver said the league will review which side that player should play for on a case-by-case basis.

The NBA's Competition Committee also considered making other tweaks — such as the oft-criticized play where so many shooting fouls are now called on 3-point attempts, often when the offending contact there seems to be initiated by the offensive player.

But on that front, no changes are coming at this point.

Kittel avoids crashes

German rider eludes danger to win Tour de France's 11th stage

Associated Press

PAU, FRANCE

Ahead of two grueling days filled with some truly punishing ascents, the main contenders on the Tour de France were all hoping that Wednesday would be a nice, relaxed day on the bike.

It didn't happen.

Instead of what riders call a "transition" day, with a comfortable run to the gateway to the Pyrenees mountains, Stage 11 proved to be a brutal experience for some of the top riders after a series of crashes left them nursing cuts and bruises.

When crosswinds started making the bunch nervous toward the end of the 203.5-kilometer (126-mile) stage from Eymet to Pau, the stress became palpable and led to several crashes at the back of the peloton.

German sprinter Marcel Kittel steered clear of trouble and claimed the stage in a sprint finish, taking his tally to five stage wins since the race started.

But Frenchman Romain Bardet, who is third overall behind race leader Chris Froome, was not so fortunate. He hit the deck and slightly hurt his knee, but the AG2R La Mondiale rider was able to continue after changing bikes and did not lose any time.

"It was a nervous day and I was caught in a crash," said Bardet, who is trying to become the first Frenchman to win the Tour since Bernard Hinault last managed the feat in 1985.



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Stage winner Marcel Kittel of Germany flashes five fingers for his fifth victory as he celebrates on the podium after the 11th stage of the Tour de France in Pau, France, on Wednesday.

"It's never enjoyable to fall. I just have to soak it up and to wait for better days."

Two-time champion Alberto Contador went down twice, while second-place Fabio Aru lost one of his Astana teammates when Dario Cataldo was forced to retire with a broken wrist after a crash in the feed zone midway through the stage.

Fifth-place Jakob Fuglsang, another Astana rider expected to play a key role alongside Aru in the mountains,

was caught in the same crash.

Though he was able to reach the finish, Astana later said in a statement that Fuglsang had suffered two minor fractures in his left wrist and left elbow. However, they will not prevent him from starting Thursday's stage.

"It was a nervous day," Froome said of the crashes. "Everything was good on our side."

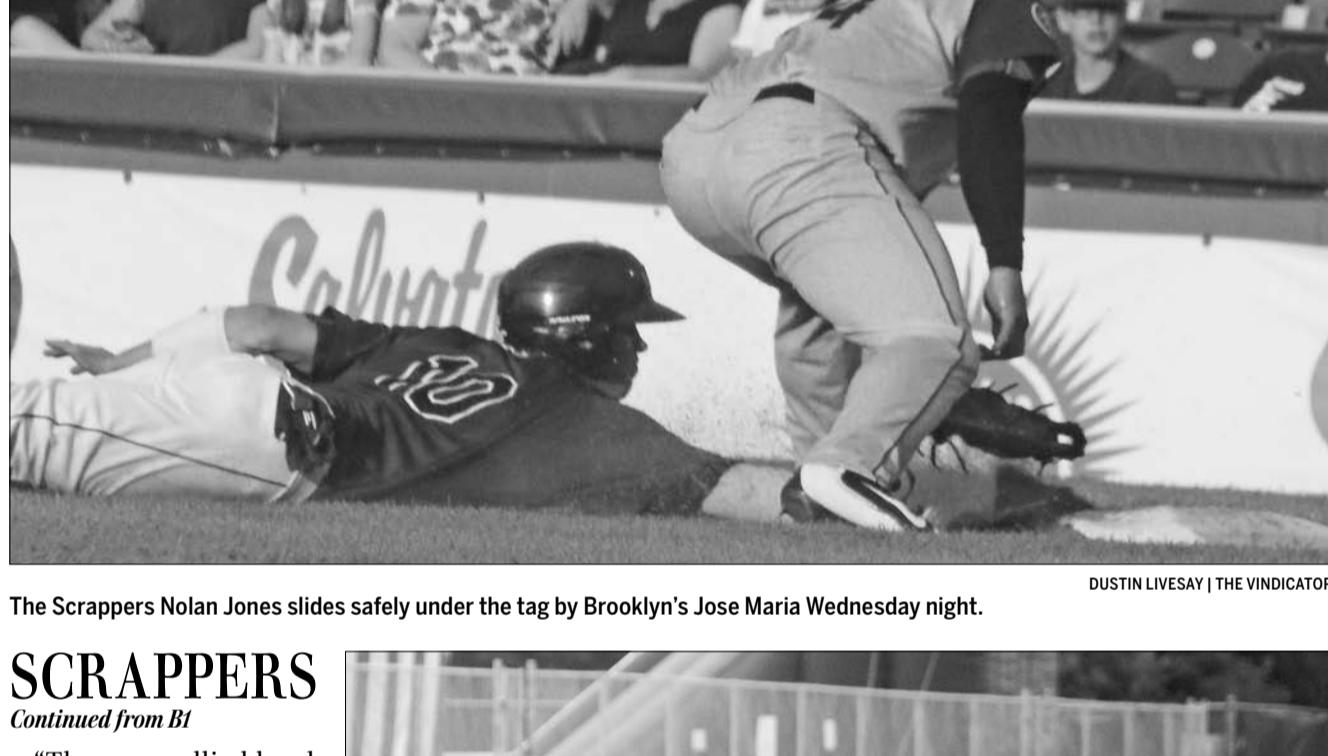
Froome kept his overall lead intact ahead of the big battle in the Pyrenees. He has an 18-second lead over Aru, with Bardet 51 seconds off the pace. Trailing 55 seconds behind Froome in the general classification, Rigoberto Uran remains in contention and Fuglsang is still within reach of the podium, 1:37 behind the yellow jersey.

Thursday's stage will be extremely difficult, with six categorized climbs — three of them either rated Category 1 or "hors categorie" — beyond categorizing. It features a short, but steep uphill finish at an altitude of 1,580 meters (5,200 feet).

Froome described the finish as "quite savage."

"If someone blows in those few hundred meters, there could be some really significant time gaps," the Team Sky leader said. "One of the really key stages of this year's race."

Froome also expects Contador to try and wreak havoc during Friday's shorter stage to Foix. Contador has already lost 5:15 overall, but could still ruin the Team Sky masterplan with some relentless attacks on his favorite ground.



DUSTIN LIVESAY | THE VINDICATOR

The Scrappers Nolan Jones slides safely under the tag by Brooklyn's Jose Maria Wednesday night.

SCRAPPERS

Continued from B1

"The guys rallied hard. It was fun watching them come back and put things together a couple of times in clutch situations," Scrappers manager Luke Carlin said. "JRod coming off the bench and doing what he did, that's just awesome."

"In our wins, it seems as though we have a different contributor every night. That's really important. We stress that it takes a team to win. We even preach that at the Major-League level. So it has been awesome to see so many contributors."

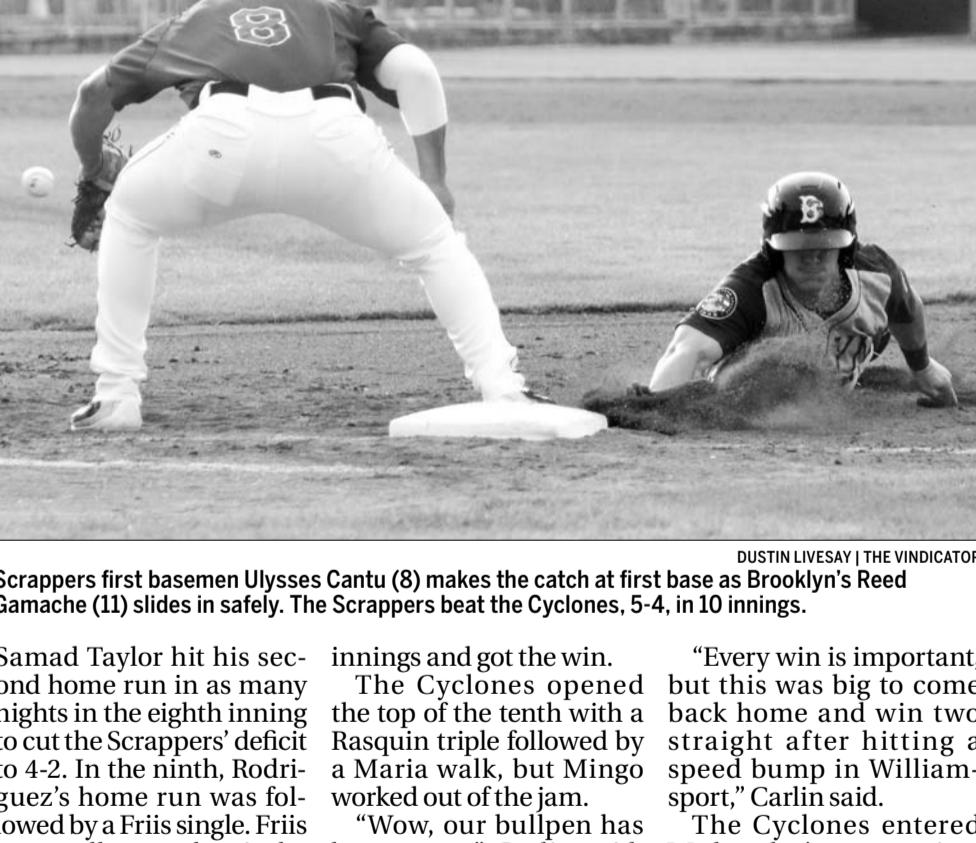
Brooklyn grabbed the early lead, scoring a pair of runs in both the second and third innings.

In the second, the Cyclones scored the game's first run on a Jose Maria double which plated Walter Rasquin. Maria then scored on a Carlos Sanchez base hit.

An inning later, the Cyclones scored two more runs off Scrappers starter Francisco Perez (2-2, 3.81 ERA). Jose Miguel Medina and Ricardo Cespedes picked up RBIs in the frame.

Perez worked five innings, surrendering four earned runs on five hits.

The Scrappers began their comeback in the fifth on a Tyler Friis sacrifice fly that scored Jesse Berardi.



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Scrapers first basemen Ulysses Cantu (8) makes the catch at first base as Brooklyn's Reed Gamache (11) slides in safely. The Scrappers beat the Cyclones, 5-4, in 10 innings.

Samad Taylor hit his second home run in as many nights in the eighth inning to cut the Scrappers' deficit to 4-2. In the ninth, Rodriguez's home run was followed by a Friis single. Friis eventually scored to tie the game at 4-4 on a Taylor groundout.

Elijah Morgan and Cameron Mingo combined to pitch five scoreless innings in relief for the Scrappers. Morgan worked two hitless innings while recording three strikeouts. Mingo (2-0) worked the final three

innings and got the win.

The Cyclones opened the top of the tenth with a Rasquin triple followed by a Maria walk, but Mingo worked out of the jam.

"Wow, our bullpen has been great," Carlin said. "They have been put in some tough situations, and they keep coming up big. Mingo really showed something tonight."

Nolan Jones walked to lead off the bottom of the tenth, which set the stage for Rodriguez's one-out heroics.

make enough plays.

"We knew it was gonna be a low-scoring game," Timko said. "The pitchers they put out on the mound are good pitchers."

Astroshakes pitcher Dylan Rotz threw a complete game and allowed four hits, one walk and struck out four.

"Our pitcher, Dylan Rotz,

did a great job," Timko said. "He held them in check until we could scratch across a couple runs."

Timko said the decision to bunt late in the game was based on the positioning of the third baseman throughout the game. He said his middle of the order hitters are the best hitters on the team and expected them to execute the bunts in the sixth inning.

"So far this year we've played them seven times and beat them five," Timko said. "We're not afraid of them and they're not afraid of us. It's two good ball clubs going at it, two of the best in the league."

A time and date of game 4 has not been announced.

MLB STATISTICS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	50	.39	.562	
New York	45	.41	.523	3½
Tampa Bay	47	.43	.522	3½
Baltimore	42	.46	.477	7½
Toronto	41	.47	.466	8½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	47	.40	.511	
Minnesota	45	.43	.540	2½
Kansas City	44	.43	.506	
Detroit	39	.48	.448	8
Chicago	38	.49	.437	9
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	60	.29	.674	
Los Angeles	45	.47	.489	16½
Texas	43	.45	.489	16½
Seattle	43	.47	.478	21
Oakland	39	.50	.438	21
Sunday's Scores				
Milwaukee 5, N.Y. Yankees 3				
Houston 19, Toronto 1				
Tampa Bay 5, Boston 3				
Baltimore 11, Minnesota 5				
L.A. Angels 3, Texas 0				
Colorado 10, Chicago White Sox 0				
L.A. Dodgers 5, Kansas City 2				
Seattle 4, Oakland 0				
Detroit 5, Cleveland 3				
Tuesday's Score				
AL 2, NL 1				
Friday's Games				
Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:10 p.m.				
Toronto at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.				
Minnesota at Houston, 8:10 p.m.				
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.				
Texas at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.				
Cleveland at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 4:05 p.m.				
Toronto at Detroit, 7:00 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.				
Minnesota at Houston, 7:10 p.m.				
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.				
Texas at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.				
Cleveland at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.				
National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	52	.36	.591	
Atlanta	42	.45	.483	9½
Miami	41	.46	.471	10½
New York	39	.47	.453	12
Philadelphia	29	.58	.333	22½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	50	.41	.549	
Chicago	43	.45	.489	5½
St. Louis	43	.45	.489	5½
Pittsburgh	42	.47	.472	7
Cincinnati	39	.49	.443	9½
West Division				

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BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO

A married couple, both Ohio school superintendents, have been indicted on charges stemming from sexual-assault allegations involving a girl under age 13.

Online records show 52-year-old Patrick O'Donnell and 46-year-old Heather O'Donnell, both of Lewistown, were in the Logan County Jail after their arrests Tuesday.

Patrick O'Donnell, superintendent of the Indian Lake Local Schools, was indicted on rape, sexual battery and gross sexual imposition charges. Heather O'Donnell is charged with child endangering. She's superintendent of Midwest Regional Education Services Center in Bellefontaine.

The Springfield News-Sun reports that a police affidavit says the girl alleged Patrick O'Donnell touched her inappropriately while his wife failed to report the allegations to police.

Pacemaker data
can be introduced
at arson trial

HAMILTON, OHIO

A judge says data from the pacemaker of a man accused of setting his Ohio house on fire in 2016 can be presented as evidence at his trial.

The Hamilton-Middletown Journal News reports the judge ruled Tuesday in Ross Compton's case. The 59-year-old Middletown man has pleaded not guilty to aggravated arson and insurance-fraud charges.

Police say Compton described packing belongings when he saw the fire, throwing them out of a window and carrying them to his car. Investigators say a cardiologist reviewed Compton's cardiac device and concluded his medical condition made the actions he described "highly improbable."

Lawmakers intend
to question Manafort

WASHINGTON

The scope of congressional investigations into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential contest came into sharper focus Wednesday as lawmakers said they intended to question the former chairman of the Trump campaign and to determine whether Russian social media "trolls" were connected to Trump's election efforts.

The Senate Judiciary Committee plans to question former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and will subpoena him if necessary, according to the panel's Republican chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa. He said he and the committee's top Democrat, Dianne Feinstein of California, have agreed to try to bring Manafort before the panel for questioning about the government's enforcement of a law requiring registration of foreign lobbyists. Feinstein's office confirmed that they plan to question him.

Associated Press

Some of the victim names released in plane crash

Associated Press

The 15 Marines and a Navy sailor killed in a plane crash Monday in Mississippi came from all over the country.

Six of the Marines and the sailor were from an elite Marine Raider battalion at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Nine were based out of Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y., home of a Marine Aerial Refueling and Transport Squadron.

Here are brief portraits of some of the victims:

◆ Staff Sgt. William Joseph

Kundrat, 33, grew up in Frederick, Md., where the Marine's parents, Joseph and Lynda, still live.

He was stationed at Camp Lejeune. Said his mother: "He was a great Marine."

◆ Gunnery Sgt. Brendan Johnson, 46, told his father he had the best job in the Marine Corps.

Kevin Johnson of Colchester, Vt., recalled his son said, "I get to fly everywhere." His son was based at Stewart, traveling back and forth across the Atlantic and Pacific and touring many countries.

◆ Sgt. Julian Kevianne, 31, joined the Marines in 2009 because he wanted to protect and defend the country, his brother told the *Detroit Free Press*.

Kevianne, a flight engineer, was based at Stewart.

◆ Owen Lennon, 26, grew up in Pomona, N.Y., playing football and tennis for Ramapo High School in Rockland County before graduating in 2008.

Lennon was stationed at Stewart.

◆ Joseph Murray's family recalls him as a ukulele player, former surfer kid and

deeply religious family man who excelled in the Marine Corps.

Murray was stationed at Camp Lejeune.

◆ Dan Baldassare, 20, had wanted to be a Marine since he was in middle school, his friend Dan McGowan told WPIX-TV.

Baldassare was stationed at Stewart.

◆ Staff Sgt. Joshua Snowden, a flight engineer on the transport plane, grew up in the Dallas area and graduated from Highland Park High School in 2004, having already signed up for the Ma-

rines, *The Dallas Morning News* reports.

Snowden himself often displayed his Texas roots and love of the Dallas Cowboys on Facebook, even while stationed at Stewart.

"I can tell you that Josh loved his family and friends, God, his country, and country western music and dancing," Snowden's aunt, Linda Hughes, told the *Times Herald-Record* of Middletown, N.Y. "He was one of the warmest, kindest, more patriotic people I've ever known."

Scientists say
massive iceberg
has broken off
in Antarctica

Associated Press

One of the biggest icebergs ever recorded, a trillion-ton behemoth more than seven times the size of New York City, has broken off of Antarctica, triggering disagreement among scientists over whether global warming is to blame.

The event, captured by satellite, happened sometime in the past few days when the giant chunk snapped off an ice shelf.

While such "calving" of icebergs is not unusual, this is an especially big one. It covers an area of roughly 2,300 square miles, more than twice the size of Luxembourg. Its volume is twice that of Lake Erie, according to Project MIDAS, a research group based in Britain.

It broke loose from the Larsen C ice shelf, which scientists had been monitoring for months as they watched a crack grow more than 120 miles long.

Scientists say global warming has caused a thinning of such shelves, but they differ on whether the latest event can be blamed on climate change.

The iceberg is considered unlikely to pose any threat to shipping. And since the ice was already floating, the breakup won't raise sea levels in the short term, the project said in a statement.

But it removed more than 10 percent of the ice shelf, and if that eventually hastens the flow of glaciers behind it into the water, there could be a "very modest" rise in sea level, the project said.

Two other Antarctic ice shelves, farther north on the Antarctic Peninsula, collapsed in 1995 and 2002. That sped up the slide of glaciers, which contributed to sea-level rise, said David Vaughan, director of science at the British Antarctic Survey.



FBI Director nominee Christopher Wray listens to closing remarks after testifying Wednesday on Capitol Hill at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

No witch hunt FBI NOMINEE REJECTS TRUMP CLAIM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Donald Trump's pick to lead the FBI broke with the president in key areas Wednesday, rejecting the idea that an investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump election campaign is a "witch hunt" and promising not to cave to any pressure from a White House that has challenged boundaries with the nation's top law-enforcement agency.

Christopher Wray, the former high-ranking Justice Department official whom Trump nominated last month, told senators at his confirmation hearing that he would never let politics get in the way of the bureau's mission. And he said he "sure as heck" would not offer a pledge of loyalty to the president.

Asserting his independence, he said, "My loyalty is to the Constitution and the rule of law. Those have

been my guideposts throughout my career, and I will continue to adhere to them no matter the test."

Wray's responses seemed to satisfy both Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee, many of whom signaled their support for him.

Wray, 50, would inherit the FBI at a particularly challenging time given Trump's abrupt dismissal of James Comey, who was admired within the bureau. Yet the hearing, the first public window into Wray's views since his selection, was largely devoid of fireworks in keeping with what friends and supporters have described as the nominee's low-key, disciplined style.

His reserved approach could bode well for the agency at a time when its work has been thrust into the center of a political maelstrom.

After Trump dismissed Comey on May 9, the ex-FBI director said

that the president had asked him to pledge his loyalty during a dinner at the White House months earlier. He also said Trump had encouraged him to end an investigation into the former national-security adviser, Michael Flynn. Wray said he got no demand for personal loyalty, nor would he pledge it.

The back-and-forth with lawmakers focused extensively on the Russia investigation, with Wray repeatedly voicing his respect for Robert Mueller, the former FBI director selected in May as the special counsel to oversee the probe.

Trump has repeatedly derided that investigation and other probes, using such words as "hoax" and "witch hunt." But Wray said he would reject any efforts to interfere with Mueller's work.

"I do not consider Director Mueller to be on a witch hunt," he said.

Some soft landings for Trumps

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Like his son the night before, President Donald Trump sought out a friendly face in the media Wednesday with the news still dominated by talk of Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting with a woman tied to Russian leaders who offered campaign dirt on Hillary Clinton.

The president was interviewed in the White House by Pat Robertson, the 87-year-old founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network.

It was his first non-Fox News Channel interview in several weeks.

Robertson did not ask about the story involving the president's son, a spokesman said. Wednesday's White House briefing was off camera, led by Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

She was asked why the president had not had any public appearances in three days, and said he will appear at a news conference today in France.

Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity reached just under 2.9 million viewers for his interview with Trump Jr. on



Donald Trump Jr. is interviewed by host Sean Hannity on his Fox News Channel television program in New York on Tuesday.

Tuesday, the most-watched program in a busy night on cable news, the Nielsen company said. That is 8 percent above his season average.

The show was a soft landing spot for the young Trump; Hannity has repeatedly described himself as an opinion host and not a journalist and preceded the interview by outlining stories critical to Democrats that he claimed were unjustly ignored by a mainstream media that has "zero credibility."

Hannity missed opportu-

Funeral home shut down
after maggots are found

Associated Press

DETROIT

A Michigan funeral home has been shut down after inspections found maggots on the floor of a garage where unrefrigerated bodies were being stored, according to the state.

The mortuary science licenses of the Swanson Funeral Home in Flint and manager O'Neil Swanson II are suspended, Michigan's Licensing and Regulatory Affairs department said Wednesday.

Numerous complaints led to investigations that determined the funeral home smelled of decomposing bodies and the garage where bodies were stored was not air conditioned.

Some of the bodies were in the garage up to five months, the state said.

Swanson Funeral Home operates prominent facilities in Detroit.

A woman who answered the phone Wednesday at one of the Detroit facilities said they were not affiliated with the Flint funeral home.

The Flint funeral home

could be subject to fines by the state.

A formal complaint filed this week by the state Attorney General's office includes:

◆ An unannounced inspection in May found five bodies in cardboard cremation containers that had been at the funeral home for more than 72 hours. One of the bodies had been there close to a month. Only one was embalmed.

◆ A September 2016 inspection found the preparation room was "unsanitary" and "the hand-wash sink contained what appeared to be dried blood, hair and pieces of tissue." Ten bodies also were being stored in cardboard cremation containers in the garage for more than 72 hours. Only one of the bodies had been embalmed. One of the bodies that had not been embalmed was in the garage for about six weeks.

◆ Remains of two unrefrigerated bodies were found in October 2015 in the funeral home's garage. The bodies were of people who had died in 2014.

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child-rape case

BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO

A married couple, both Ohio school superintendents, have been indicted on charges stemming from sexual-assault allegations involving a girl under age 13.

Online records show 52-year-old Patrick O'Donnell and 46-year-old Heather O'Donnell, both of Lewistown, were in the Logan County Jail after their arrests Tuesday.

Patrick O'Donnell, superintendent of the Indian Lake Local Schools, was indicted on rape, sexual battery and gross sexual imposition charges. Heather O'Donnell is charged with child endangering. She's superintendent of Midwest Regional Education Services Center in Bellefontaine.

The Springfield News-Sun reports that a police affidavit says the girl alleged Patrick O'Donnell touched her inappropriately while his wife failed to report the allegations to police.

Pacemaker data
can be introduced
at arson trial

HAMILTON, OHIO

A judge says data from the pacemaker of a man accused of setting his Ohio house on fire in 2016 can be presented as evidence at his trial.

The Hamilton-Middletown Journal News reports the judge ruled Tuesday in Ross Compton's case. The 59-year-old Middletown man has pleaded not guilty to aggravated arson and insurance-fraud charges.

Police say Compton described packing belongings when he saw the fire, throwing them out of a window and carrying them to his car. Investigators say a cardiologist reviewed Compton's cardiac device and concluded his medical condition made the actions he described "highly improbable."

Lawmakers intend
to question Manafort

WASHINGTON

The scope of congressional investigations into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential contest came into sharper focus Wednesday as lawmakers said they intended to question the former chairman of the Trump campaign and to determine whether Russian social media "trolls" were connected to Trump's election efforts.

The Senate Judiciary Committee plans to question former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and will subpoena him if necessary, according to the panel's Republican chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa. He said he and the committee's top Democrat, Dianne Feinstein of California, have agreed to try to bring Manafort before the panel for questioning about the government's enforcement of a law requiring registration of foreign lobbyists. Feinstein's office confirmed that they plan to question him.

Associated Press

Some of the victim names released in plane crash

Associated Press

The 15 Marines and a Navy sailor killed in a plane crash Monday in Mississippi came from all over the country.

Six of the Marines and the sailor were from an elite Marine Raider battalion at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Nine were based out of Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y., home of a Marine Aerial Refueling and Transport Squadron.

Here are brief portraits of some of the victims:

◆Gunnery Sgt. Brendan Johnson, 46, told his father

he had the best job in the Marine Corps.

Kevin Johnson of Colchester, Vt., recalled his son said, "I get to fly everywhere."

Brendan Johnson joined the Marines after graduating from Johnson State College. Johnson's father said he was based at Stewart, traveling back and forth across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and touring many countries. A fine arts major, Johnson once surprised the family with portraits he painted based on old pictures of his grandfa-

ther and father-in-law when they graduated from Navy boot camp.

◆Sgt. Julian Kevianne, 31, joined the Marines in 2009 because he wanted to protect and defend the country, his brother told the *Detroit Free Press*.

"The Marines knocked on my mother's door at 2 this morning," Carlo Kevianne said late Tuesday. "They said his plane went down, and they weren't able to find him."

Kevianne, a flight engineer, was based at Stewart and lived with his wife,

Sherry Jennings-Kevianne, in New Windsor, N.Y.

◆Owen Lennon, 26, grew up in Pomona, N.Y., playing football and tennis for Ramapo High School in Rockland County before graduating in 2008.

Lennon was stationed at Stewart.

◆Joseph Murray's family recalls him as a ukulele player, former surfer kid and deeply religious family man who excelled in the Marine Corps.

Murray was stationed at Camp Lejeune.

◆Dan Baldassare, 20, had

wanted to be a Marine since he was in middle school, his friend Dan McGowan told WPIX-TV.

"He actually would bring military gloves to football practice and play with them," said McGowan, who drove his friend to practice in high school. "He was a patriot and all he wanted to do was serve our country. Everyone had a lot of respect for Dan."

Baldassare was stationed at Stewart.

Scientists say
massive iceberg
has broken off
in Antarctica

Associated Press

One of the biggest icebergs ever recorded, a trillion-ton behemoth more than seven times the size of New York City, has broken off of Antarctica, triggering disagreement among scientists over whether global warming is to blame.

The event, captured by satellite, happened sometime in the past few days when the giant chunk snapped off an ice shelf.

While such "calving" of icebergs is not unusual, this is an especially big one. It covers an area of roughly 2,300 square miles, more than twice the size of Luxembourg. Its volume is twice that of Lake Erie, according to Project MIDAS, a research group based in Britain.

It broke loose from the Larsen C ice shelf, which scientists had been monitoring for months as they watched a crack grow more than 120 miles long.

Scientists say global warming has caused a thinning of such shelves, but they differ on whether the latest event can be blamed on climate change.

The iceberg is considered unlikely to pose any threat to shipping. And since the ice was already floating, the breakup won't raise sea levels in the short term, the project said in a statement.

But it removed more than 10 percent of the ice shelf, and if that eventually hastens the flow of glaciers behind it into the water, there could be a "very modest" rise in sea level, the project said.

Two other Antarctic ice shelves, farther north on the Antarctic Peninsula, collapsed in 1995 and 2002. That sped up the slide of glaciers, which contributed to sea-level rise, said David Vaughan, director of science at the British Antarctic Survey.

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FBI Director nominee Christopher Wray listens to closing remarks after testifying Wednesday on Capitol Hill at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

No witch hunt
FBI NOMINEE REJECTS TRUMP CLAIM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Donald Trump's pick to lead the FBI broke with the president in key areas Wednesday, rejecting the idea that an investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump election campaign is a "witch hunt" and promising not to cave to any pressure from a White House that has challenged boundaries with the nation's top law-enforcement agency.

Christopher Wray, the former high-ranking Justice Department official whom Trump nominated last month, told senators at his confirmation hearing that he would never let politics get in the way of the bureau's mission. And he said he "sure as heck" would not offer a pledge of loyalty to the president.

Asserting his independence, he said, "My loyalty is to the Constitution and the rule of law. Those have

been my guideposts throughout my career, and I will continue to adhere to them no matter the test."

Wray's responses seemed to satisfy both Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee, many of whom signaled their support for him.

Wray, 50, would inherit the FBI at a particularly challenging time given Trump's abrupt dismissal of James Comey, who was admired within the bureau. Yet the hearing, the first public window into Wray's views since his selection, was largely devoid of fireworks in keeping with what friends and supporters have described as the nominee's low-key, disciplined style.

His reserved approach could bode well for the agency at a time when its work has been thrust into the center of a political maelstrom.

After Trump dismissed Comey on May 9, the ex-FBI director said

that the president had asked him to pledge his loyalty during a dinner at the White House months earlier. He also said Trump had encouraged him to end an investigation into the former national-security adviser, Michael Flynn. Wray said he got no demand for personal loyalty, nor would he pledge it.

The back-and-forth with lawmakers focused extensively on the Russia investigation, with Wray repeatedly voicing his respect for Robert Mueller, the former FBI director selected in May as the special counsel to oversee the probe.

Trump has repeatedly derided that investigation and other probes, using such words as "hoax" and "witch hunt." But Wray said he would reject any efforts to interfere with Mueller's work.

"I do not consider Director Mueller to be on a witch hunt," he said.

Some soft landings for Trumps

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Like his son the night before, President Donald Trump sought out a friendly face in the media Wednesday with the news still dominated by talk of Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting with a woman tied to Russian leaders who offered campaign dirt on Hillary Clinton.

The president was interviewed in the White House by Pat Robertson, the 87-year-old founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network.

It was his first non-Fox News Channel interview in several weeks.

Robertson did not ask about the story involving the president's son, a spokesman said. Wednesday's White House briefing was off camera, led by Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

She was asked why the president had not had any public appearances in three days, and said he will appear at a news conference today in France.

Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity reached just under 2.9 million viewers for his interview with Trump Jr. on

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Donald Trump Jr. is interviewed by host Sean Hannity on his Fox News Channel television program in New York on Tuesday.

Tuesday, the most-watched program in a busy night on cable news, the Nielsen company said. That is 8 percent above his season average.

The show was a soft landing spot for the young Trump; Hannity has repeatedly described himself as an opinion host and not a journalist and preceded the interview by outlining stories critical to Democrats that he claimed were unjustly ignored by a mainstream media that has "zero credibility."

Hannity missed opportu-

nities. When Trump complained about how the story had slowly unfolded over four days in *The New York Times*, he didn't ask whether Trump could have sped things up by being more forthcoming.

Hannity walked Trump through a description of how last summer's meeting with Natalia Veselnitskaya took place. His interview's enduring value may be in putting Trump on the record on several points.

Hannity said he'd asked Trump "every question I could think of."

Funeral home shut down
after maggots are found

Associated Press

DETROIT

A Michigan funeral home has been shut down after inspections found maggots on the floor of a garage where unrefrigerated bodies were being stored, according to the state.

The mortuary science licenses of the Swanson Funeral Home in Flint and manager O'Neil Swanson II are suspended, Michigan's Licensing and Regulatory Affairs department said Wednesday.

Numerous complaints led to investigations that determined the funeral home smelled of decomposing bodies and the garage where bodies were stored was not air conditioned.

Some of the bodies were in the garage up to five months, the state said.

Swanson Funeral Home operates prominent facilities in Detroit.

A woman who answered the phone Wednesday at one of the Detroit facilities said they were not affiliated with the Flint funeral home.

The Flint funeral home

could be subject to fines by the state.

A formal complaint filed this week by the state Attorney General's office includes:

◆An unannounced inspection in May found five bodies in cardboard cremation containers that had been at the funeral home for more than 72 hours. One of the bodies had been there close to a month. Only one was embalmed.

◆A September 2016 inspection found the preparation room was "unsanitary" and "the hand-wash sink contained what appeared to be dried blood, hair and pieces of tissue." Ten bodies also were being stored in cardboard cremation containers in the garage for more than 72 hours. Only one of the bodies had been embalmed. One of the bodies that had not been embalmed was in the garage for about six weeks.

◆Remains of two unrefrigerated bodies were found in October 2015 in the funeral home's garage. The bodies were of people who had died in 2014.

MARKET WATCH

Dow 123.07	NASDAQ 67.86	S&P 500 17.72	Gold \$4.50	Silver \$0.14
21,532.14	6,261.17	2,443.25	\$1.28.10	\$15.84

BUSINESS digest
Patent sales**HUBBARD**

NanoLogix is offering patent sales to the European Union, Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China for the FlatPack, a method of vacuum-packing petri plates, according to a news release from the Hubbard-based company.

The offering price is \$35 million for the People's Republic of China patent and \$15 million for the EU patent, according to the release.

Consumer choice idea could raise premiums for sick**WASHINGTON**

A health care proposal from Senate conservatives would let insurers sell skimpy policies provided they also offer a comprehensive plan.

It's being billed as pro-consumer, allowing freedom of choice and potential savings for many.

But critics say it would split the sick and the healthy, leading to unsustainable high premiums for people with medical problems and pre-existing conditions.

Advisers endorse what could be 1st US gene therapy

A panel of cancer experts Wednesday recommended approval of what could become the first gene therapy available in the U.S.

The FDA usually follows recommendations of its expert panels, but isn't obligated to do so.

The therapy could be the first of a wave of treatments custom-made to target a patient's cancer.

Face scans for US citizens flying abroad stir privacy issues**HOUSTON**

If the Trump administration gets its way, all U.S. citizens flying abroad will have to submit to face scans at airport security.

Currently, such biometrics are gathered only for foreigners entering the U.S. Privacy advocates accuse the government of overreach, calling the plan a step toward a surveillance state.

Staff/wire reports

Selected local stocks

STOCK, DIVIDEND	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alcoa Inc., .12	34.57	-0.43
Aqua America, .71	32.72	0.28
Avalon Holdings, .24	0.49	0.11
Chemical Bank, .27	49.09	0.07
Community Health Sys.	9.81	0.25
Cortland Bancorp., .28	17.86	0.00
Farmers Nat., .16	14.62	0.38
First Energy, 1.44	29.74	0.46
Fifth/Third, .52	26.11	-0.08
FirstMerit Corp., .00	0.00	
First Niles Financial, .1210.00	0.00	
FNB Corp., .48	14.09	-0.08
General Motors, 1.52	35.52	0.12
General Electric, .92	26.60	0.22
Huntington Bank, .28	13.79	0.02
iHeartMedia Inc., .165	0.14	
JP Morgan Chase, 1.92	92.52	-0.31
Key Corp., .34	19.14	-0.09
LaFarge, .34	0.00	
Macy's, .151	21.22	0.06
Parker Hannifin, 2.52	163.79	0.67
PNC, .20	127.27	-0.12
Simon Prop. Grp., 6.60155.47	1.53	
Stoneridge, .153	0.00	
United Comm. Fin., .12	8.69	0.23

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

Secretary: Local reservists 'lifesavers during Katrina'

By ED RUNYAN
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VIENNA

The person hired to help educate federal, state and military officials about the value of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station and reduce the chances of base closure here said a meeting with the secretary of the Air Force shows the strides being made.

Atty. Vito Abruzzino, director of the Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Commission of the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber, said he spoke twice with Heather Wilson, secretary of the Air Force, in late June.

The second time they spoke, in Dayton, Wilson told Abruzzino of the important work done by reservists in the aerial-spray unit at the air base during Hurricane Katrina.

"I want you to know that those Youngstown guys came down and they were lifesavers during Katrina," Wilson told Abruzzino. She said the reservists were able to reduce the mosquito population and reduce illness.

"These are the types of relationships that have really come to grow and are

showing true fruition at this point, something we didn't have two short years ago," Abruzzino said.

Abruzzino was hired in 2015 to lead the Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Commission.

Abruzzino gave the Western Reserve Port Authority an update on his work because the port authority contributes some of the money that runs the commission.

The port authority runs the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport, which is also used by the air reserve station, home of the Air Force's 910th Airlift Wing.

Abruzzino said he attended the three-day Association of Defense Communities Conference National Summit in Washington, D.C., on June 19 and was among 700 people in the defense industry – consultants, communities with bases or commanders and leaders from the bases. From all of Ohio, only he and representatives from Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton were there.

In other business, the Thunder Over The Valley air show last month was "great success," despite the rain that canceled the Air

Force Thunderbirds performance on the final day, the director of the air show said.

"People had a chance to feel metal, smell smoke, jet fuel, get hot and sweaty and a little bit of rain on Sunday," said Air Force Lt. Col. Jeff Shaffer of the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. The Youngstown Warren Regional Airport hosted the June 17 and 18 air show.

Shaffer said 16,000 people attended the show Saturday. Another 5,000 to 6,000 attended Sunday, before the rains came.

There were pros and cons to having the show that weekend. A benefit was having the ability to book other acts for the show besides the Thunderbirds because only one other air show was happening that weekend.

A negative was that fewer people attended because it was Father's Day weekend.

Shaffer said he made the decision to cancel the Thunderbirds on Sunday because there were two lines of thunderstorms nearby.



Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen testifies on Capitol Hill on Wednesday before the House Financial Services Committee.

Yellen says Fed watching the slowdown in inflation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen raised the possibility Wednesday that the Fed would consider slowing the pace of its interest rate increases if inflation remained persistently below its target level.

For the moment, Yellen signaled no change in policy, indicating the three rate hikes since December will likely be followed by one more hike this year. She also said the Fed wants to begin gradually trimming its massive \$4.5 trillion in bond holdings later this year, a move that will also put upward pressure on interest rates.

But Wall Street investors took heart from her slightly more cautious view of a re-

cent puzzling slowdown in inflation, believing it could signal the Fed might be willing to put further rate hikes on pause.

"Monetary policy is not on a pre-set course," Yellen told lawmakers on the House Financial Services Committee. "We're watching it very closely and stand ready to adjust our policy if it appears that the inflation undershoot will be persistent."

The Fed's key policy rate, the federal-funds rate, currently stands in a range of 1 percent to 1.25 percent. The last three increases occurred in December, March and June. Many analysts believe the Fed will raise rates one more time this year, either in September or December.

Yellen's appearance took on a bit of a valedictory tone, given that her current four-year term as chairwoman will end in early February before the next round of congressional hearings.

At one point, she acknowledged her appearance Wednesday before the House panel and today before the Senate Finance Committee could be her last time to present the Fed's semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to Congress.

Yellen, the first woman to head the Fed in the central bank's 100-year history, was asked several times if she would accept another term if President Donald Trump offered it. She didn't provide a direct answer.

Associated Press

Technology companies led U.S. stocks higher Wednesday in a broad rally that helped nudge the Dow Jones industrial average to a new high.

In remarks before Congress, Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen raised the possibility that the central bank would consider slowing the pace of its interest rate increases if inflation remained persistently below its target level.

The move assuaged concerns among some traders worried that the Fed has been moving too quickly to raise interest rates despite a slowdown in inflation and the U.S. economy's sluggish growth of just 1.4 percent in the first quarter.

CD RATES

The table shows the annual percentage yield as of Wednesday. All yields given in percent.

Balances required vary, and some banks offer lower yields if certain balances aren't met.

Source: Individual banking institutions

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Latest installment elevates the
genre. **C9**

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ENTERTAINING THOUGHTS

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Heading to WaterFire? These youngsters will Rock U

"School of Rock" (2003) is in my top 10 list of all-time favorite movies.

It's about a ne'er do-well wannabe rocker, played by a manic Jack Black, who molds a group of grade-schoolers into an awesome rock band – with all the cool rock star moves.

A real-life version of the film has been taking place in the Mahoning Valley for a couple of years – but with professional instructors and minus the Jack Black bluster.

The Rock Star University program, directed by Jay Hinrichs, has already taught dozens of

young pupils, with a growing measure of success.

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The program lasts eight weeks, during which each band will learn at least three songs and also develop some stage presence. Each session culminates in a performance with all bands; the last one, at Tiffany's Banquet Center in Brookfield, drew about 350 people.

Some of the bands have jelled and have begun playing their own gigs outside the program. Seeing the youngsters rocking out on stage is not something you see every day, and it's a blast.

The whole Rock U student body will perform Saturday at the WaterFire festival in downtown Sharon, Pa. The show will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on the West Stage, which will be on East State Street, west of Water Avenue.

All seven current bands will have a turn on stage that will range from 15 to 30 minutes. Admission is free.

Rock U is helping to guide some talented youngsters into what could turn into a music career. But like any performance endeavor, it helps in every aspect of a young person's life.

The Rock U students learn how to work with others toward a common goal, and make friends in the process.

"Musicians are sometimes



At top, the Rock Star University band Chicken Feet on stage for a gig at Suzie's Dogs and Drafts in Youngstown. The adults at left are instructors Ralph Rich and Jay Hinrichs. The band is, from left, Cody O'Connell, Claire O'Leary, Ava Briceland, Brian Keller and Vaughn Hinrichs. Above, the Rock Star University logo. At right, Cody and Claire during a performance at the Butler Institute of American Art.

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the odd kids, but when they get up on stage, they can't get enough of it," said Hinrichs. "When they go back to school, they are a different kid."

Each band in the program develops its own repertoire based on its strengths, and helped along by Hinrichs and Rich.

Hinrichs' son Vaughn, 7, plays guitar in Chicken Feet, which is one of the current Rock U bands. "They started with 'Wild Thing,' then added 'Hound Dog' and 'Jailhouse Rock,' and then 'Bad to the Bone,' Van Halen's 'You Really Got Me' and 'Seven Nation Army.'

"Another of our bands does better with more modern stuff. One has a girl singer, and she does 'Hit Me With Your Best Shot.' An older band does Neil Young, the Beatles, Tom Petty songs. We find out what works best for each band."

Rock U's performance calendar also includes the Aug. 19 and Sept. 23 WaterFire festivals; and the Mercer (Pa.) Arts Festival on Aug. 5.

Chicken Feet will open for the Huckin Fillbillies on Sept. 16 at Up A Creek in Howland.

Guy D'Astolfo covers entertainment for The Vindicator. Follow him on Twitter at @VindyVibe.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

WHERE To Go is the ultimate source for your entertainment choices this week in and around the Valley.

TODAY

CHILDREN

◆ "The Princess and the Pea" with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre, 11 a.m., East Branch Public Library, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ Family Night Bingo, 5 p.m., Struthers Public Library, 95 Poland Ave., Struthers; 330-744-8636.

◆ Party with Captain Underpants, 11 a.m., Main Library of Youngstown, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ Stuffed Animal Sleepover, 6:30 p.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-744-8636.

CRAFTS

◆ Umbrella Art, 6:30 p.m., Canfield Public Library, 43 W. Main St., Canfield; 330-744-8636.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society Festival, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Lowellville Mount Carmel Society, 102 E. Washington St., Lowellville; 330-536-8203.

◆ Trumbull County Fair, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trum-

bull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

◆ Western Pennsylvania Balloon Quest, 5 p.m., Scotland Meadows Park, 304 S. Scotland Lane, New Castle, Pa.; 724-650-5252.

ONSTAGE

◆ "Boogie Woogie Baby," noon, Dutch Village Inn, 150 East state Route 14, Columbiana; 866-482-5050.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ Jim Frank Combo, 7 p.m., Ramsay Memorial Pavilion, Fifth Street and Ohio

THE SOURCES

◆ **Ticketmaster:** At Giant Eagle stores in Austintown, Boardman (Doral Drive), Hermitage and New Castle. Call 866-448-7849. Web address is Ticketmaster.com.

◆ **Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St. Youngstown:** Tickets are also available at the box office or at Ticketmaster.

Avenue, McDonald; 330-530-5472.

◆ Rex Taneri, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Park, 800 Struthers Liberty Road, Campbell; 330-755-7445.

◆ Mahoning Valley Button Box Club, 7 p.m., Mill Creek MetroParks Yellow Creek Park, 19 Lowellville

Road, Struthers; 330-740-7106.

◆ **Youngstown Area Community Concert Band,** 7 p.m., Boardman Park, 375 Boardman-Poland Road, Boardman; 330-726-8105.

◆ **Facebook Basics Class** (registration required), 2 p.m., Warren

Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren; 330-399-8807.

FRIDAY

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'Boogie Woogie Baby'

The musical revue "Boogie Woogie Baby," which highlights the greatest hits of the Andrews Sisters, will be performed at noon today and at 7 p.m. Friday at Dutch Village Inn, 150 E. state Route 14, Columbiana. The show includes "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Rum and Coca Cola," "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and other hit songs by the 1940s trio, performed live and in costume. The matinee includes a plated luncheon, and the evening show comes with a gourmet buffet. Call 866-482-5050, ext. 425, for reservations or information. Group discounts and overnight packages are available.

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gie Baby," 7 p.m., Dutch Village Inn, 150 East state Route 14, Columbiana; 866-482-5050.

"Forbidden Youngstown," 8 p.m., Rust Belt Theater Company, 755 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-507-2358.

"South Pacific," 7:30 p.m., New Castle Playhouse, 202 E. Long Ave., New Castle, Pa.; 724-654-3437.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," 7:30 p.m., Victorian Players Theater, 702 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-746-5455.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

The Vindys and the Bees Trees,

7 p.m., water department lot, 111 W. Federal St., Youngstown.

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

SATURDAY CHILDREN

Rockin' and Reading with Leonardo, 11 a.m., Tri-Lakes Public Library, 13820 Mahoning Ave., North Jackson; 330-744-8636.

"Si, se Puede – Yes, You Can," 11 a.m., East Branch Public Library, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

COMEDY

Summer Comedy Bash, 8 p.m., Nic's Lounge, 1629

N. Main St., Niles.
FAIRS, FESTIVALS

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

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

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

Waterfire arts and cultural experience, 1 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., downtown Sharon, Pa.

Western Pennsylvania Balloon

Quest, 9 a.m., Scotland Meadows Park, 304 S. Scotland Lane, New Castle, Pa.; 724-650-5252.

FLEA MARKETS

Youngstown Flea's "Market For Makers," 11 a.m., Youngstown Flea Market, outside at Covelli Centre, Youngstown.

Warren Flea and Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 428 Main St. SW, Warren.

FUNDRAISER

Hot Diggity Dog Day, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Lil Paws Winery, 17574 Mahoning Ave., Lake Milton; 330-970-9463.

LECTURES

James McClellan, Memories of a Lifetime, 10 a.m.,

Kravitz Delicates-sen, 3135 Belmont Ave., Liberty; 330-759-7889.

MOVIE

Saturday Movie Matinee, 2 p.m., Newport Public Library, 3730 Market St., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

MUSIC

The Songs of Elton John, 8 p.m., Music at Madison cabaret, 802 Elm St., Youngstown; 330-743-2665.

ONSTAGE

"Forbidden Youngstown," 8 p.m., Rust Belt Theater Company, at Calvin Center, 755 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-507-2358.

"South Pacific," 7:30 p.m.,

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New Castle Playhouse, 202 E. Long Ave., New Castle, Pa.; 724-654-3437.

◆ "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," 7:30 p.m., Victorian Players Theater, 702 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-746-5455.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Fiction Forest Music Festival**, 3 p.m. to 2 a.m., B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown.

◆ **Wish You Were Here (Pink Floyd tribute) and Time Traveller (Moody Blues tribute)**, 5 p.m., Warren Community Amphitheatre, 321 Mahoning Ave., Warren; riverrock-attheamp.com.

POP, ROCK

◆ **Pitbull**, 7:30 p.m., Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St., Youngstown; 800-745-3000.

SALES, SHOWS

◆ **Salem Kiwanis Antique and Craft Show**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Centennial Park, E. Pershing St., Salem; 330-332-4241.

◆ **Erie Frequency Monster Con**, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Quality Inn, State Route 46, Austintown; eericfrequency.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Rollin' for Recovery with the Little Steel Derby Girls**, 6:30 p.m.,

Youngstown Skate, 7080 Tiffany Blvd., Boardman; 330-758-8711.

◆ **Strategy Board Games at the Library**, 3 p.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **White House Fruit Farm's Blues Berry Bash**, noon to 4 p.m., White House Fruit Farm Inc., 9249 Youngstown Salem Road, Canfield; 330-533-4161.

◆ **Introduction to the Internet** (registration required), 2:30 p.m., Brookfield Public Library, 7032 Grove St., Brookfield; 330-448-8134.

SUNDAY**CHURCH**

◆ **Praise, Prayer and Bible Study in the Park**, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Mill Creek MetroParks Suspension Bridge parking lot, Youngstown; 330-702-3000.

DANCES

◆ **Dance at the Amphitheater**, 6 p.m., Lake Milton State Park Amphitheater, Craig Beach.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society Festival**, 4 p.m., Lowellville Mount Carmel Society, 102 E. Washington St., Lowellville; 330-536-8203.

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'Forbidden Youngstown'

The Rust Belt Theater Company will present the fifth anniversary production of its original show "Forbidden Youngstown," a hilarious musical revue parody, for three weekends. Performances will take place at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and July 21, 22, 28 and 29. Directed by Robert Dennick Joki and choreographed by Marisa Zamary, "Forbidden" is a bawdy spoof of Youngstown community theater that simultaneously parodies popular Broadway musicals through music and dance. The show, which is updated each year with new songs, performers and choreography, pokes fun at everything from Disney blockbusters to Bob Fosse choreography to popular Broadway musicals. The cast includes, from left, Marisa Zamary, Rachel Clifford, Kage Coven, Heather Powell and Jessica Patoray. Not pictured are Nicole Zayas, Lisa Torrence, Cassie Wirtz, Celena Coven, Lynn Sabeh, Josh Fleming and James Hain. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students); for reservations, call or text 330-507-2358. Rust Belt's theater is inside Calvin Center, 755 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown.

Mount Carmel Festival

1 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 381 Robbins Ave., Niles; 330-652-5825.

Trumbull County Fair

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

MUSIC

◆ **Rudy and the Professionals**, 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 890 Churchill Road, Girard; 330-505-1192.

ONSTAGE

◆ "South Pacific," 2 p.m., New Castle Playhouse, 202 E. Long Ave., New Castle, Pa.; 724-654-3437.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Erie Heights Brass Ensemble**, 6 p.m., Hardin Park, 249 Roosevelt Drive, Hubbard; 330-534-3098.

◆ **Willie Ross and The Jazz Disciples**, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-360-1848.

◆ **The Sensations**, 6 p.m., Waterworth Memorial Park, 866 Sunset Blvd., Salem.

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

MONDAY**CHILDREN**

◆ "The Prin-

cess and the Pea" with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre

10 a.m., Poland Library, 311 S. Main St., Poland.

CRAFTS

◆ **Coloring 4 Grown-Ups**, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Canfield Public Library, 43 W. Main St., Canfield; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Coloring 4 Grown-Ups**, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Main Library of Youngstown, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Paint Night**, 5 p.m., East Branch Public Library, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Jack Vasko and Company**, 7 p.m., downtown Poland.

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DISCUSSION

◆ **I Read YA! Book Club**, 6:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman Township; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Monday Night Writers meeting**, 6 p.m., Canfield Public Library, 43 W. Main St., Canfield; 330-744-8636.

◆ "Ponyo," 8 p.m., Outdoors at Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St., Youngstown.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Jack Vasko and Company**, 7 p.m., downtown Poland.

◆ **Tricky Max Comedy Magic Show**, 11 a.m., Sebring Public

p.m., Canfield Village Green, state Routes 224 and 46, Canfield.

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Basic Computer Class** (registration required), 10 a.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-793-0718.

◆ **Basic Microsoft Excel Class** (registration required), 2 p.m., Liberty Public Library, 415 Church Hill-Hubbard Road, Liberty; 330-759-2589.

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MOVIES

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◆ **The Rex Tani-eri Combo**, 7

Library, 195 W. Ohio Ave., Sebring; 330-744-8636.

CRAFTS

◆ **Stamping with Cindy** (registration required), 6 p.m., Tri-Lakes Public Library, 13820 Mahoning Ave., North Jackson; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Wine Cork Message Boards**, 6:30 p.m., Main Library of Youngstown, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Page Turners Book Club**, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-744-8636.

FLEA MARKETS

◆ **Warren Flea and Farmers Market**, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 428 Main St. SW, Warren.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Guys Without Ties**, 7 p.m., Austintown Township Park, 6000 Kirk Road, Austintown; 330-793-0718.

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Dickey White Band**, 7 p.m., Woodworth Park, North Lima; 330-549-9552.

◆ **Salem Quaker City Band**, 7 p.m., Waterworth Memorial Park, 866 Sunset Blvd., Salem.

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

WEDNESDAY**CHILDREN**

◆ **"The Princess and the Pea" with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre**, 11 a.m., Brownlee Woods Public Library, 4010 Sheridan Road, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Tricky Max Comedy Magic Show**, 11 a.m., Sebring Public

◆ **Hands-On History Open House**, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center, 325 W. Federal St., Youngstown.

DISCUSSION

◆ **Anime and Manga Club**, 6:30 p.m., Youngstown Public Library, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Page Turners Book Club**, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-744-8636.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Broken Reins**, 7 p.m., Mill Creek MetroParks Wick Recreation Area, 1861 McCollum Road, Youngstown.

◆ **Guys Without Ties**, 7 p.m., Austintown Township Park, 6000 Kirk Road, Austintown; 330-793-0718.

◆ **Dickey White Band**, 7 p.m., Woodworth Park, North Lima; 330-549-9552.

◆ **Salem Quaker City Band**, 7 p.m., Waterworth Memorial Park, 866 Sunset Blvd., Salem.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Genealogy: "Invisible" Ancestors: Tips for Finding the Females in Your Family Tree**, 6 p.m., East Branch Public Library, 4010 Sheridan Road, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

Mr. Worldwide at Covelli Centre

PITBULL won't let go



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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YOUNGSTOWN When the first Global Ambassador Award was bestowed on Pitbull last month at the Songwriters Hall of Fame induction ceremony, it cemented the Latino hip-hop star's status.

The award, which is given only when merited, honors artists whose music has worldwide appeal and crosses the boundaries of genres, cultures and nations.

Given his moniker of Mr. Worldwide, it's no surprise that Pitbull was the first to snare it.

"Pitbull's success, creativity, tireless musical collaboration and his wide-ranging social activism make him the ideal songwriter-performer to initiate the Global Ambassador Award," said SHOF co-chairmen Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff and President Linda Moran in a statement.

On Saturday, the Miami-born superstar will travel to a corner of the world he has never been to before — Youngstown's Covelli Centre — for the second annual Concert for the Valley.

Pitbull, whose real name is Armando Christian Perez, has coupled his tireless work ethic with the synergy from some big-time collaborators to become a global icon. He has had 43 Billboard Hot 100 hits, including two No. 1s — "Give Me Everything" (feat. Ne-Yo, Afrojack and Nayer) and "Timber" (feat. Kesha) — plus two top 10 albums with "Rebelution"

Pitbull has had 43 Billboard Hot 100 hits in his career.

(No. 8 in 2009) and "Planet Pit" (No. 7 in 2011).

In an interview in October for chartv365.com in London, Pitbull talked about the advice he would have given to his younger self.

"Always listen to what's going on around the world, the new music, and never be afraid of going outside the box," he said.

It's advice that he certainly took.

The rapper has always sampled and borrowed from any genre of pop music, and turned it into his own unmistakable sound.

On his 10th and current album, "Climate Change," released in March, he

not only continued that philosophy but turned it up.

His collaborators include Flo Rida, Lunch Money Lewis, Jason Derulo, Enrique Iglesias, Jennifer Lopez, Robin Thicke and even Joe Perry.

The Pitbull sound starts with celebratory dance music, drops in some hip-hop, and sets it to a Cuban rhythm. Delivered with the force of a motivational speaker, the result is an audio blast of endorphins.

Part of the Pitbull juggernaut is his amazing live show.

Constantly stopping, starting and shifting gears every few minutes, Pitbull is the focal point of a maelstrom of

laser lights, relentless beats and tropical colors that call to mind a South Beach nightclub. With a massive video display as a backdrop and a cadre of sexy dancers on stage, fans might find themselves so unwilling to take their eyes off the stage that they forget to dance.

The overall effect is that of a stage show but magnified to arena size, said Ken Bigley, vice president of JAC Management, which operates Covelli Centre.

"His production is extensive," said Bigley. "With DJs, a small band and dancers on stage, it's like a retro lounge act."

Stage theatrics — think confetti canons and other special effects — will punctuate the spectacle, he added.

Pitbull's album "Global Warming" was released in 2012.

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Alex Angelo always wanted to do a show in the Youngstown area and worked to get on the bill for the Pitbull show at Covelli Centre.

From Cavs to Covelli, Alex Angelo knows Ohio

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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YOUNGSTOWN Alex Angelo will have the home court advantage when he opens for Pitbull on Saturday night at Covelli Centre.

The 16-year-old singer-dancer-DJ — Alex Angelo Gutierrez is his full name — is no stranger to the Mahoning Valley. His parents grew up in Niles, and his grandmother and some other relatives still live there. He's visited so many times that it feels like home.

While Youngstown is not typical Pitbull country, the show, partially underwritten by Ed Muransky of Southwoods Surgical Hospital, should be sold out, said Eric Ryan, president of JAC.

The arena will be in its standard concert layout, with the stage at the east end. The seats behind the stage will not be sold.

Then I started DJing when the team warmed up, and that progressed to doing parties and shows and touring. It was gradual."

He puts all three of his skills together in his live show. "I have so much fun up there," he said. "It's cool to see the crowd having a good time. I'm like a one-man band. I will walk away from the DJ equipment and dance and sing."

His repertoire is a mix of covers and his own songs.

Despite his young age, Angelo has already released two EPs of his own music, including "This Is the Beginning" (2014), and has opened shows for the likes of Austin Mahone, Justin Bieber, Shawn Mendes and Fifth Harmony. His latest single is "Gypsy," which is available on all digital music retailers.

He had always wanted to do a show in the Youngstown area and worked to get on the bill for the Pitbull show. Saturday's concert will actually be the second time he'll open for Mr. Worldwide — the first being a 2012 concert at Nautica Pavilion in Cleveland.

Angelo's career has included a stint with Disney Radio two years ago, in which he did his own two-hour weekly syndicated show.

"I started dancing at a young age, just messing around, and when I was 7 years old, my parents and I went to a workshop at The Q, but it turned out it was a tryout for the Cavs Kids dance team," he said. "They called us back, and it was the craziest thing. I didn't know much about dance, but they said, 'We want you on the team.' I was surprised and shocked."

Angelo and the youth troupe would dance before and at halftime at Cavs games. Then he began to branch out.

Asked if acting is the next logical progression for his career, Angelo indicated that he's already thought about it.

"I would love to do films and stuff," he said. "It would be great to be like Justin Timberlake."

His teachers at Madeira High School are very accommodating of his career, which has made it possible to go on tours.

"Touring is incredible," he said. "I love it. It's a season that you've got to be prepared for. You've got to have your set ready so that when you go up there on stage, you are in a routine. I enjoy the schedule of waking up in a different city, playing that night, going to sleep and then doing it again the next day. I love that regimen, and meeting the fans. There are so many benefits from touring that range from learning the business to just life. It helps me grow and get inspiration, and also learn from others. We always go into [the other acts'] sound check and watch how they operate so that when it's our time, we know the way we want to go."

Fans who decide to catch an early, and more personal, dose of Angelo at Friday's Southern Park Mall appearance should expect the full range of entertainment. "I will sing and bring the same excitement and energy as the concert, but just shifted into the daytime," he said. His appearance, which is free to attend, will begin at 3 p.m.

Back to the Cavaliers.

With his involvement during games, Angelo became a part of the franchise, with a sense of connection that might have surpassed even some diehard fans.

After entertaining at the games years before, how did he feel when the team finally won the NBA championship in 2016 in such dramatic fashion?

"We cried and we were so pumped. I didn't think it was real," said Angelo. "It was such a huge moment."



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

AT THE MOVIES

◆ Matinee shows are in parenthesis. Star grade are based on reviews, from 4 stars (excellent) to 0 stars (poor)

NEW THIS WEEK**The Beguiled** (R)

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35

The Big Sick (R)

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 3:55, 6:45, 9:50

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 10:35 a.m., 1:15, 4, 6:40, 9:10

◆ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 10:40 a.m., 1:20, 4, 6:45, 9:40

War of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) ★★★

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40

◆ **Regal Austintown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 11:50 a.m., 3, 6:10, 9:20

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:45 a.m., 3, 6:15, 9:30; Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 5, 8:15, 10

◆ **Regal Niles 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 4, 7:15, 10:30

◆ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 1, 4:20, 7:30, 9:45; Fri.-Sun. 3:30, 6:45, 10:15

◆ **Cinema South 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 11:30 a.m., 2:50, 6, 9:10

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:10 a.m., noon, 2:20, 5:25, 6:15, 8:30

◆ **Shenango 3D:** Fri.-Wed. 3:10, 9:20

◆ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 7, 10:10

◆ **Tinseltown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 3:40

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 12:25, 3:35, 6:40

◆ **Westgate 3D:** Fri.-Wed. 9:20

Wish Upon (PG-13)

◆ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. noon, 2:30, 5, 7:15

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 8:05, 10:35

◆ **Regal Niles:** noon, 2:25, 5:10, 7:30, 10:20

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 12:10, 2:35, 4:45, 7, 9:40

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 10:30 a.m., 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:55

COMING JULY 21**Dunkirk** (PG-13)

◆ **Special advance showings on July 20**

FIRST-RUN**47 Meters Down** (PG-13) ★★

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. noon, 7:30, 9:50

Baby Driver (R) ★★★

◆ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:35, 4, 7:05, 10

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 3:20, 6:10, 9:20

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 7, 9:35

Cars 3 (G) ★★

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 2:45

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 2:10, 4:55

◆ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 11 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 2:15, 4:50

Despicable Me 3 (PG) ★★

◆ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 11:40 a.m., 1:55, 4:10, 6:30, 9

◆ **Cinema South 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 12:40; Mon.-Thu. 3, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:40

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:15 a.m., 1:35, 4:10, 6:30, 9; Fri.-Sun. 10:45 a.m.

◆ **Regal Niles 3D:** Mon.-Thu. 12:10, 2:30, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:30, 6:50, 9:05

◆ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:35, 9:55

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 10:35 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:05

The House (R)

◆ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7:05

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 5:20, 8, 10:15

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:20 a.m., 2, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 10

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:55 a.m., 7:30, 9:45

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 12:50, 3, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45

Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) ★★★

◆ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10

◆ **Cinema South 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:20

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:30, 7:45, 10:50

◆ **Regal Austintown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. noon, 3:10, 6:20, 9:30

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 2:45, 6, 8, 9:10

◆ **Regal Niles 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:45, 4:45, 7, 10:10

AREA THEATERS

Boardman Movies 8, 469 Boardman Poland Road, Youngstown, 330-259-8946

Encore Cinema, 930 Great East Plaza, Niles; 330-652-3456

Hermitage Cinema 8, 2461 E. State St., Hermitage, Pa., 724-981-7180.

Regal Austintown Plaza 10, 6020 Mahoning Ave., Austintown, 330-793-7067.

Regal Boulevard Centre 14, 24 Boulevard Center, Niles, 330-652-0933.

Regal Cinema South 10, 7420 South Ave., Boardman, 330-758-0503.

Salem Twin Cinema, 2350 E. State Street, Salem, 234-575-7081.

Shenango Valley Cinemas, 2996 East State St., Hermitage, 724-983-7737.

Skyway Drive-In 1825 N. Leavitt Rd. NW, Warren; 330-898-3059

Tinsel Town USA, 7401 Market St., Boardman, 330-965-2335.

Westgate Cinemas, 2000 West State St., New Castle, Pa., 724-652-9063.

Elm Road Triple Drive-In Theater, 1895 Elm Road NE, Warren; 330-372-9732.

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 10:55 a.m., 12:30, 2, 5, 6:30, 8

◆ **Shenango 3D:** Fri.-Wed. 3:30, 9:25

◆ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 11:05 a.m., 1:05, 4:10, 5:20, 7:15, 10:20

◆ **Tinseltown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 2:10, 8:30

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30

◆ **Westgate 3D:** Fri.-Wed. 9:25

Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13) ★★

◆ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 3:45, 7, 10:10

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11 a.m., 2:35, 6:35, 9:55

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:30 a.m., 2:50, 6, 9:30

◆ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 11:55 a.m., 3:10, 6:20, 9:30

Wonder Woman (PG-13) ★★★

◆ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20

◆ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:10 a.m.,

2:55, 6:20, 9:35

◆ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:40 a.m., 3, 6:10, 9:15

◆ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:40, 3:55, 7:05, 10:15

SECOND-RUN**Alien: Covenant** (R) ★★★**Baywatch** (R) ★★

◆ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 9:50

◆ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 9:45

The Boss Baby (PG) ★★

◆ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 2, 4:30

◆ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 12:35, 3:05, 5:45, 8:40

Captain Underpants (PG) ★

◆ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1, 3, 5, 7:15

◆ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 7:15

Everything, Everything (PG-13) ★★★**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2** (PG-13) ★★★

◆ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 6:50

◆ **Encore 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 4, 9:40

◆ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1, 4, 6:50, 9:45

◆ **Movies 8 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 2, 5, 8

The Mummy (PG-13) ★★

◆ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 4:10, 7, 9:50

◆ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:55

Rough Night (R) ★

◆ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 4:20, 9:50

◆ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 3:50, 7, 9:50

DRIVE-IN

◆ **Elm Road I:** Fri.-Thu. Despicable Me 3 (PG) 9:15; Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) 10:55

◆ **Elm Road II:** Fri.-Thu. War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 9:15; Wish Upon (PG-13) 11:45

◆ **Elm Road III:** Fri.-Thu. Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13) 9:15; Baby Driver (R) 11:55

◆ **Skyway I:** Fri.-Sun. Wed.-Thu. War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 9:30; 47 Meters Down (PG-13) 11:50

◆ **Skyway II:** Fri.-Sun. Wed.-Thu. Despicable Me 3 (PG) 9:30; Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) 11

WaterFire festival returns Saturday

Staff report

SHARON, PA.

The first of three WaterFire festivals in downtown Sharon this summer will take place Saturday.

Now in its fifth year, WaterFire is an all-day arts and music festival with a distinctive touch. At dusk, more than 50 floating braziers, moored in place on the surface of the Shenango River, will be lit by torchbearers on a boat. It culminates an entrancing ritual on the waterfront.

The theme of the festival will be "Back to Our Roots — Honoring Ancestry." The Aug. 19 WaterFire theme will be "Celebrate America — United We Stand," while the Sept. 23 theme will be "Broadway."

Admission is free to all WaterFire events.

Two food courts, children's activities, artisans and performance areas will line a four-block stretch of East State Street and its side streets. Three stages will feature live bands.

Here is the music schedule:

WEST STAGE

◆ **1 to 3 p.m.:** Hubbard Music's Rockstar University

◆ **4 to 5:30 p.m.:** FX Project

◆ **6 to 7:30 p.m.:** Reissue

EAST STAGE

◆ **1:30 to 3 p.m.:** Veseljaci Tamburitzan Orchestra (traditional Croatian dance instruction for the final half hour)

◆ **3:30 to 5 p.m.:** Charlie Wheeler Band

◆ **6 to 8 p.m.:** Chardon Polka Band

◆ **9:45 to 11:15 p.m.:** Dale Toliver Band

BRIDGE STAGE

◆ **2:30 to 4 p.m.:** Teddy Pantelas

◆ **4:45 to 6:15 p.m.:** John Reese Project

◆ **7 to 8:20 p.m.:** Hall of Famers Rock Show, featuring Mary and Glenn with the 730 Club Band

Series' third installment is a riveting conclusion

Loss of humanity benefits 'Apes'

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Apparently, all the new "Planet of the Apes" films needed to do to really hit a home run was take the humans out of the equation. It's what this whole trilogy has been leading to, really, as we dipped our toes into the rise, dawn and now war of this burgeoning civilization of apes and the humans who are desperately and often dishonorably fighting for their survival.

"War for the Planet of the Apes" is a riveting and surprisingly poignant epic that's a shade above the rest of the franchise dreck populating every multiplex in the country. It's as though director Matt Reeves, screenwriter Mark Bomback and the production actually put care and thought into what they were doing with their characters.

Reeves wastes no time getting the action started with a gripping opening battle. We enter the world through the eyes of some terrified intruders. A group of human soldiers walk through the woods in search of Caesar (Andy Serkis). They don't know whether he's still alive, but their leader is hell-bent on exterminating the apes.

Caesar and his followers have been operating from a secret hideout in the woods – a gorgeous little Eden tucked away behind a thundering waterfall. When the soldiers find them, the apes fight back swiftly and effectively and nearly take out all of the combatants. Caesar spares the lives of the few survivors to send a message back to their leader that the apes are not savages and just want to live in peace separately from the humans.

Of course, the message inspires exactly the opposite reaction, and the beautiful and harrowing and nearly silent nighttime raid that comes soon leaves the apes no choice but to

abandon their home and hit the road in search of safety. Caesar, however, decides he must go off alone and avenge his community by destroying the Colonel (Woody Harrelson), a deranged Kurtz figure who is truly one of the best true villains we've had in quite some time.

A few of Caesar's comrades follow him on his journey to find the Colonel. Along the way, they pick up a young, mute girl (Amiah Miller) and a tiny, manic and adorable zoo ape voiced by Steve Zahn who has the same sort of comic energy as Yoda on Dagobah (without all the force stuff and Jedi training). When they arrive at the Colonel's base, they find a much bleaker and more complicated situation than they could have ever expected.

To say too much more about the plot would probably be a mistake, and part of the greatness of Bomback's script is how even in following a pretty standard exodus story, it still manages to surprise and captivate throughout, and with minimal dialogue, too. At times, it even feels like "War for the Planet of the Apes"

is essentially a silent movie with the mute girl and the majority of the apes communicating in sign language.

Caesar also continues to be a fascinating and truly complex character that's as well-conceived and executed as a live-action performance. Harrelson, too, is a menacing delight in his role that has more layers than might meet the eye.

"War for the Planet of the Apes" should be a satisfactory conclusion for the series, but that's naively assuming franchises are even allowed to have intentional endings. Regardless of what happens or doesn't happen next for the Planet of the Apes, this installment is very simply a great time at the movies.

'WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES'

◆ Grade: 3½ stars (out of 4)

◆ Credits:

Directed by Matt Reeves; cast includes Woody Harrelson and Andy Serkis

◆ Rating: PG-13 for "sequences of sci-fi violence and action, thematic elements and some disturbing images."

◆ Running time: 2:22



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX VIA AP

This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows a scene from "War for the Planet of the Apes."



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Monster Con will feature 'Night of the Living Dead' writer

ZOMBIE CZAR

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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John Russo, who co-created the film that started the modern zombie genre, will make his first Mahoning Valley appearance Saturday when he comes to the inaugural Eerie Frequency Monster Con at the Quality Inn in Austintown.

Also appearing will be actor Jeremy Ambler, who has played a walker in several episodes of "The Walking Dead" and has had small roles in "The Crazies" and "The Road."

Monster Con will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with monster movies playing in the movie room until midnight. Admission is free, and guests of all ages are welcome.

Guests are encouraged to dress as a zombie or their favorite superhero for a costume contest at 5 p.m.

There will be prizes for the winners based on ages. "The contest is for all ages, and people can dress up from anything from a zombie, superhero, Star Wars character, their favorite anime character, or anything they wish," said Monster Con founder Travis Bowen.

Immediately after the costume contest, Russo will spend an hour talking about his career in a question-and-answer format.

A selection of vendors will fill the two floors of exhibition space, offering movie memorabilia and other items. There also will be an opportunity to be cast in



John Russo co-created "Night of the Living Dead," the landmark horror film that was shot in the Pittsburgh area.

IF YOU GO

- ◆ **What:** Eerie Frequency Monster Con
- ◆ **When:** Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ◆ **Where:** Quality Inn, 870 N. Canfield-Niles Road, Austintown
- ◆ **Admission:** Free

locally made horror movies. The hotel is at 870 N. Canfield-Niles Road.

For information, email eeriefrequency@yahoo.com or go to eeriefrequency.com.

In a 2015 interview with *The Vindicator*, Russo said that when he and George Romero sat down to write "Night of the Living Dead," their goal was to make a truly scary horror movie.

Russo was working for a small Pittsburgh television production company in the mid-1960s that specialized in low-budget commercials. He and Romero wrote the film, and the two men and a handful of business partners put up \$600 apiece for a film budget.

"We decided it should be a horror film and that it would start in a cemetery," said Russo. "George came in with half a story that would become 'Night of the Living Dead.' But it was about space aliens. The girl got away and gets to the house, but more of them come after her. I said, 'This has all the right twists

and turns, but who is attacking?' I said it could be dead people. But what were they after? I thought, just about flesh-eating. George got called away, and I put it in the script."

Russo and Romero would further fine-tune the script. Romero added the final siege, with the zombies unsuccessfully trying to get into the house.

"Night of the Living Dead," released in 1968, became a landmark piece of horror, a low-budget masterpiece shot in grainy black and white in the Pittsburgh area. It told the story with live news dispatches coming in from outlying cities, including Sharon, Pa., and Youngstown.

The film laid down the rules for zombie behavior that are still followed today, and spawned a stream of movies, novels, comic books and television series that shows no sign of slowing down.

A big part of its initial success was that it stood apart from the status quo.

"Hollywood was making carbon-copy horror films at the time," said Russo. "Attack of the Giant Grasshoppers, Attack of the Giant Lizards. They were all the same. The National Guard would be called out. They weren't really scary."

The movie's realism ramped up its terror and became part of the blueprint for all that would follow. Modern takes on a zombie apocalypse – think "The Walking Dead" – borrow heavily from the original film's goal of showing how people react under pressure.

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- ◆ "Sure Thing" and "Philip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread," two short comedic films adapted from the plays by David Ives, being made by Pebble Films. Directors are Bill Rusu and Auggie Heschmeyer. Needed are three men and three women, age 18 to 30 ("Sure Thing") and 27 to 70 ("Philip Glass"). Auditions will take place at 4800 Market St., Suite C, Boardman, 330-647-4600, from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. The first filming date will be July 30, and a second date may be scheduled. Email auditions@pebblefilms.com or call to RSVP or for information.

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Fiction Forest festival to feature 15 bands

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

It's being called Fiction Forest, but the musical lineup is for real.

The outdoor rock music festival that will take place Saturday at B&O Station will feature 15 bands with a mostly indie-rock flavor.

The lineup includes Youngstown acts Spirit of the Bear and Northern Whale, plus Vibe & Direct (Cleveland), Captain Kidd (Columbus) and Clubhouse (Athens).

Admission is \$15 at the gate. Bands will take turns playing on the main stage and the dockside stage. A midway of food and beer vendors, as well as arts items, will be set up.

Here is the schedule:

MAIN STAGE

◆ **3 p.m.**: Hypnotist

- ◆ **4 p.m.**: The BLVD
 - ◆ **5 p.m.**: Vertical 48
 - ◆ **6 p.m.**: Kossuth and the Turncoat
 - ◆ **7 p.m.**: The Labra Brothers
 - ◆ **8:30 p.m.**: Northern Whale
 - ◆ **10 p.m.**: Spirit of the Bear
 - ◆ **Midnight**: Vibe & Direct
- DOCK STAGE**
- ◆ **3:30 p.m.**: Shultz and the I.C.
 - ◆ **4:30 p.m.**: Highland Rose
 - ◆ **5:30 p.m.**: Rob Fellman and Jon Scott
 - ◆ **6:30 p.m.**: VISIT
 - ◆ **7:45 p.m.**: East 9th
 - ◆ **9:15 p.m.**: Captain Kidd
 - ◆ **11:15 p.m.**: Clubhouse



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Spirit of the Bear is, from left, Mike Perorazio, James Harker, Jamie Vitullo (drummer, back), Ethan Schwendeman (keys, back) and Danny Svenson.

NIGHTLIFE ◆

Online: Valley24.com/events/submit | Email: wheretogo@vindy.com
Submit events one week prior to publication

◆ **Apollo Maennerchor Club**, 391 Dock St., Sharon, Pa.
Fri: The Labra Brothers, 9 p.m.
Sun: Erica Blinn, 6 p.m.

◆ **Barrel Run Crossing Winery and Vineyard**, 3272 Industry Road, Rootstown; 330-325-1075
Fri: Steven Howell, 7 p.m.
Sat: Jim Gill, 7 p.m.

◆ **Brewtus Brewing Company**, 23 Chestnut Ave., Sharon, Pa.
Sat: 2nd Avenue Project, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sun: Steve Vuich hosts open mic, noon to 3 p.m.

◆ **Cafe 422**, 8586 South Ave., Boardman; 330-369-2422
Fri: DJ, 8 p.m.

◆ **The Fireplace**, 2075 E. Western Reserve Road, Poland; 330-757-4043
Thu: Thursday Night Car Cruise with DJ Richie D, 5 p.m.
Fri: Youngstown's Total Package Band, 9 p.m.
Tue: Party on the Patio with Youngstown's Total Package Band, 7 p.m.

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

◆ **Groggy Monday**, 81/2 Sycamore Drive, New Middletown; 330-542-2500
Sat: John Grahovac Sr. and friends, 7 p.m.

◆ **Hartford Hill Winery**, 3864 Bushnell Campbell Road, Fowler; 330-727-8458
Sat: The Vindys, 7 p.m.
Sun: Davis and Henner, 2 p.m.

◆ **Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course**, 655 N. Canfield-Niles Road, Austintown; 330-423-1112
Fri: Dancing Queen, 8 p.m.
Sat: First Class, 8 p.m.

◆ **Jr'z Pub**, 1722 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-953-1559
Sat: Cin City and the Saints, 9 p.m.

◆ **Magic Tree**, 7463 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-2667
Sat: Unchartered Course, 7:30 p.m.

Sun: Game of Thrones dinner, 6 p.m.
Tue: Trivia, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

◆ **Mastropietro Winery**, 14558 Ellsworth Road, Berlin Center; 330-547-2151
Fri: Davis and Henner, 7 p.m.

◆ **New Manhattan**, 7262 Hubbard-Masury Road, Hubbard; 330-534-7890
Sat: Dead Referees, 8 p.m.

◆ **Paradise Patio at Trax Lounge**, 4250 New Road, Austintown; 330-799-2249

Fri: Cin City and the Saints, 7:30 p.m.

Sat: Elvis, Patsy and Roy tribute, 7:30 p.m.

◆ **Riser Tavern & Grill**, 1135 W. Western Reserve Road, Boardman

Sat: Steve Vuich and guests, 7 p.m.
Tue: Steve Vuich hosts acoustic open stage, 7 p.m.

◆ **Stone Yard Grill and Tavern**, 41 S. Main St., Niles; 330-544-9273

Sat: Bobby "Guitar" Thomas, 7 p.m.

◆ **Suzie's Dogs and Drafts**, 32 and 34 N. Phelps St., Youngstown; 234-228-9158

Fri: The Hawkeyes with Intrepid Travelers, 9 p.m.
Sat: Titans in Time, 8 p.m.

◆ **Up A Creek Tavern**, 4793 E. Market St., Howland; 330-856-5135

Fri: 80's Proof, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sun: Old Skool, 8 p.m.

◆ **Vintage Estate Wine & Beer**, 7317 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-8080

Thu: Steve Vuich hosts open-mic night, 8 p.m.

◆ **Party on the Plaza**, water department lot, 111 W. Federal St., Youngstown

Fri: The Vindys and the Bees Trees, 7 p.m.

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Vic youth theater to present 'Lion, Witch and Wardrobe'

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

The Vic will present a youth production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" for five performances, beginning Friday, at its theater at 702 Mahoning Ave. Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and July 21 and 22; and 2 p.m. July 23. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for children under 6); call 330-746-5455 for reservations.

The play is a theatrical adaptation of C.S. Lewis' classic "The Chronicles of Narnia." Sam Luptak Jr., director of the Vic's production, said the story is one of the most captivating and powerful fantasy novels ever written. "I was first exposed to it in the second grade, and I have read and reread it – along with the other six books in the series – dozens of times," said Luptak. "The privilege of bringing this magical story to life on the stage is one of the great thrills of my theater career."

The plot revolves around four siblings, played by Carter Monroe, Morgan LaCamera, Dallas Sipusic and Hana Bender, who wander into the magical world of Narnia through a wardrobe. They soon meet talking woodland creatures such as the faun Mr. Tumnus (Rob Whiting), Mr. and Mrs. Beaver (Noralee and Richard Smiley), Mrs. Unicorn (Amber Johnson) and her Kidicorn (Madelyn Sipusic and Victoria Mulichak), Centaur (Nick Rauschenbach) and many others.

A cast of more than 30 actors, creative makeup and costuming and the intimate venue will bring Narnia to life, said Luptak.

"Audience members walk through the wardrobe to get to their seats and instantly join us in Narnia," he said. "This show has something for everyone – there are swords, fights and battles, witches, unicorns, ogres, dwarves and zombies. There are talking animals and evil spells. Narnia is a magical land, and everyone who ventures through the wardrobe will find a night of theater that will transport them



The cast of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" includes, from top to bottom, Carter Monroe, Morgan LaCamera, Dallas Sipusic and Hana Bender.

to a place like no other they have experienced."

The Good vs. Evil tale unfolds as the Great Lion Aslan (Jenna Cintavey) and the evil White Witch (Lynne Peterson) enlist their armies to fight for control of Narnia. The deciding battle, staged by fight coordinator Vijay Welch-Young, proves to be an intense fight that engages the entire cast.

The mystical world also includes wood nymphs (Marissa Keshock, Kristy Francis),

Father Christmas (Brandon Palomaki), the witch's Dwarf (Liam Bierlair), Army Captain Fenris Ulf (Kevin Bender) and Deputy (Dillon Bender); Aslan's Army: Dakota Sipusic, Christopher Rutledge, Brylee Rutledge, Kiley Johnson, Colton Johnson, Cameron Johnson and Karina Mulichak; and The Witch's Army: Cody McMurray, Serena Fix, Josh Kelly, Kory Frederick, Brandon Palomaki, Kevin Bender and Charlene Fuqua.



◆ "MIKE AND THE MAD DOG" (8 P.M., ESPN): "Mike and the Mad Dog" is the latest engaging film in the "30 for 30" series. It tells the wild and turbulent story of Mike Francesa and Chris Russo, who changed sports-talk radio forever during their 20 years together on New York's WFAN.

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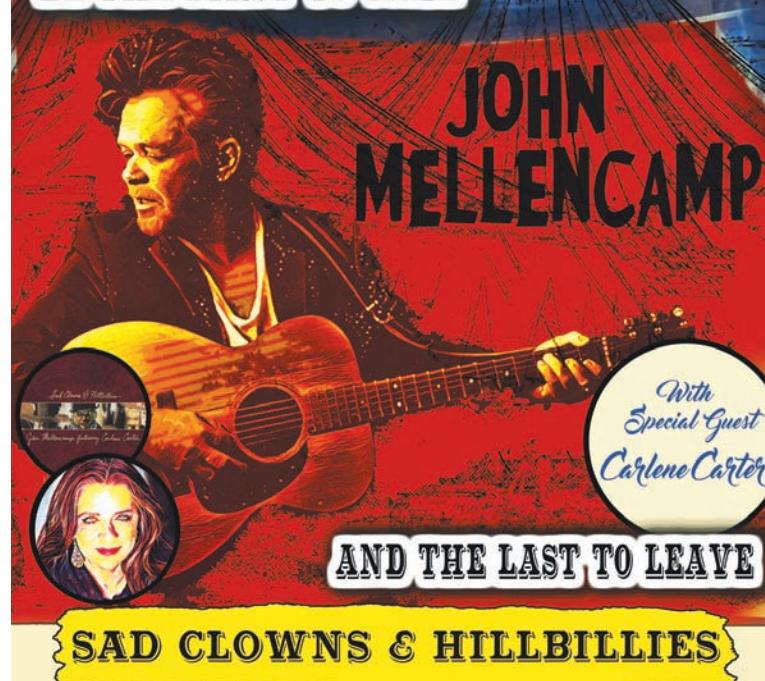


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BIRDING THE SANCTUARY

When: Saturday, 8-9:30 a.m.

What: Enjoy a bird walk at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary led by Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited.

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

Details: Registration required by today at Ford Nature Center. Space limited. Boots required. Moderate difficulty, 1.25 miles.

Cost: Free

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

LOCAL FLAVOR

When: Monday, 6-8 p.m.

What: Tour of Urban Farms & Community Gardens. Join OSU Extension staff and master gardener volunteers to learn about growing vegetables.

Where: Taft Grows Green 4-H Club Garden, 721 Avondale Ave., Youngstown.

Cost: Free

Info: Visit <http://go.osu.edu/localflavor2017> or call 330-533-5538.

GOOD BUGS VS. BAD BUGS

When: Monday, 9:30 a.m.-noon

What: What kind of bugs do you have in your garden? Learn which are helpful,

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

Details: \$15 includes refreshments and handouts

Info: Visit <http://go.osu.edu/findthegoodones>

O.W.L.S., A TRIP BACK IN TIME

When: Monday, 10 a.m. to noon

What: Join the Older Wiser Limber Seniors for short presentation on the history of the park's most iconic feature, with time for discussion and socializing.

Where: Lantermann's Mill, 1001 Canfield Road.

Cost: \$1 at the door.

Details: Coffee or tea included. Registration requested.

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

GARDEN FAIR

When: Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.

What: Join Trumbull County master gardener volunteers for educational program in the garden.

Where: OSU Extension, 520 W. Main St., Cortland.

Cost: Free

Details: Bring a lawnchair.

Info: Call 330-638-6783

SPROUT CLUB

When: Next Thursday, 1-2 p.m.

What: Learn about the amazing world of plants with topics that include symbols of Ohio, wheat and The Little Red Hen, and pasta.

Where: Fellows Riverside Gardens, 123 McKinley Ave., Youngstown

Details: For age 3-5, plus adult. Each class includes an activity and snack. Attend all three classes and receive a plant-related prize.

Cost: \$15/series; \$7/class

EARLY SUMMER MORNING KAYAK

When: July 22, 8-10 a.m.

What: Savor the quiet of early morning on the water plus sights and sounds of nature paddling around scenic Lake Newport and wetlands.

Where: East Newport Boat Launch, East Newport Drive, Youngstown.

Cost: \$12 Mahoning County residents, \$15 NR. Additional fee after deadline.

Details: Register/pay at Ford Nature Center by July 21. Age restrictions apply.

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Easy grow zinnias attract butterflies

By TERRY SHEARS
OSU Ext. master gardener volunteer

Zinnias pack a punch! Easy to grow, available in a wide variety of heights, shapes and colors, attractive to butterflies, and long-lasting when cut...what's not to like about this cheery annual?

Even the novice gardener can have success with zinnias. They like full sun and well-drained soil, and thrive in planting zones 3 to 10. They are very drought-tolerant. In fact, the hotter and drier the weather, the less susceptible they are to disease. Their bright blooms are highlights in the garden from early summer until frost. Deadheading zinnias (pinching back the dead blossoms) helps to keep them blooming locally until

October, but many of the newer hybrids keep blooming all season and don't require deadheading.

Zinnias range in height from dwarf (about 6 inches) to giant (up to 4 feet) and span from 1 to 2 feet wide. Flower heads come in a wide variety of shapes from single to double blooms, to spidery-shaped and domes. Zinnias sport colors from the faintest pastels to the most vibrant colors – every color except true blue, brown or black. They come striped, speckled, solid and multicolored.

They are very attractive to butterflies. Plant them, and butterflies will almost always show up for some nectar. The zinnia cultivar "Lilliput" has been shown in studies by

the University of Kentucky to attract the most butterflies, although the variety "zinnia elegans" is most commonly planted. Some new cultivars bred to produce double flowers do not produce nectar, so check when purchasing seeds or plants to see if they are nectar-producing. Some butterflies such as the tiger swallowtail prefer tall flowers as they forage, while others prefer to stay close to the ground.

Zinnias are also an amazing cut flower. Many varieties will last from seven to 12 days in a vase if cut when the centers of the blooms are beginning to open fully. Flower farmers claim their bright colors, easy care, and long vase life make zinnias one of the most profitable

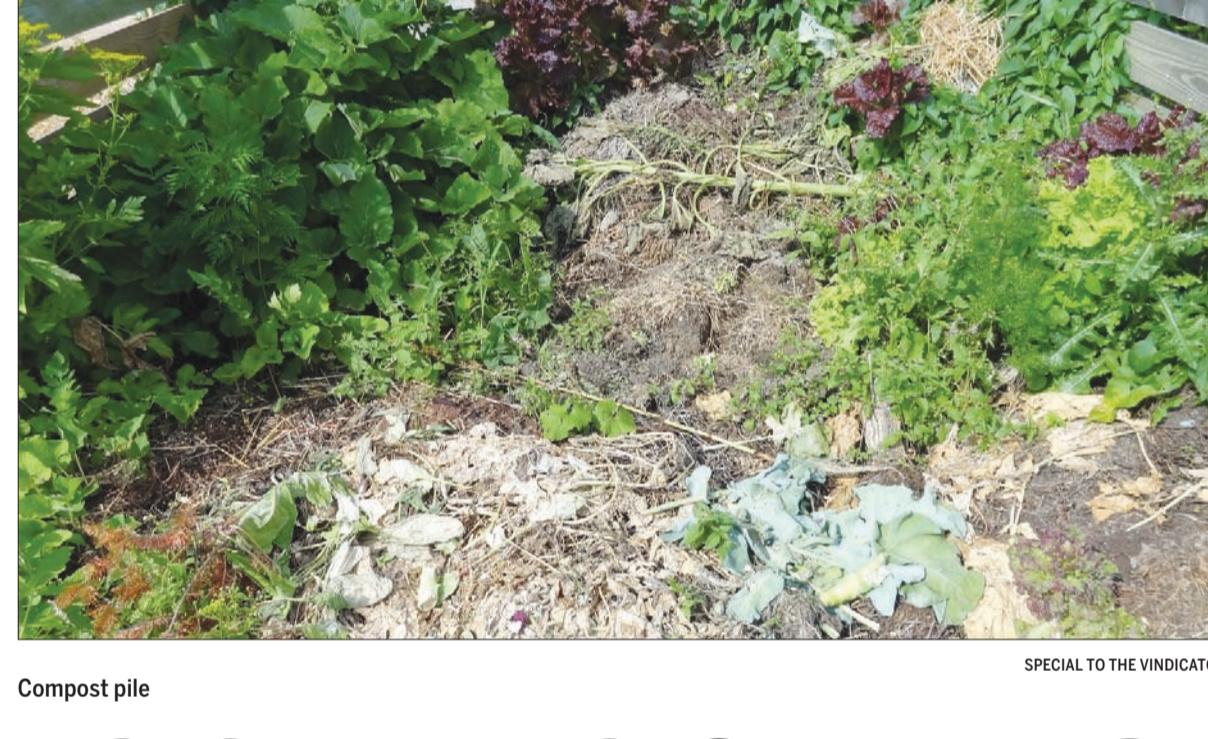
flowers to grow. And you can enter them in Canfield Fair competitions to see if you are a blue-ribbon gardener. Check out canfieldfair.com for information.

Although easy to grow successfully, zinnias are susceptible to several diseases, most notably powdery mildew, and are at risk in sites with too much moisture and poor air circulation. Try to avoid overhead watering as wet foliage can lead to disease. Plant them 8 to 12 inches apart to allow for movement of air.

So for that punch of bright color that lasts until the autumn leaves begin to fall, zinnias deserve a place in your landscape. For information about zinnias, visit <http://go.osu.edu/zinnia>.

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Compost pile

COMPOSTING

By SUSAN MCMANN
OSU Ext. master gardener volunteer

Organic matter, compost, hummus... why would any of us who live in urban/suburban areas, in this century, want to partake in this age-old practice?

There are many reasons some of us who live in urban/suburban areas are learning the art of creating "black gold." Some reasons include:

• Soil amendments such as compost, when mixed with the natural clay found in our landscapes helps make our soil softer and easier to work with.

• Used as a mulch/top covering for gardens, it helps enrich soil, retain moisture, keep weeds at bay, and suppress plant diseases and pests.

• It helps the environment by recycling yard/kitchen waste, keeping it from landfills. This reduces methane and lowers our carbon footprint.

But the main reasons many of us compost is: Creating it is inexpensive; it reduces the need for fertilizers; it's the secret ingredient to amazingly beautiful gardens; and it provides satisfaction from making our own.

Quality organic material is extremely important to plant nutrition and plant health. Further, compost is an extremely important part of growing fresh, locally grown vegetables. Those who grow organically rely on it for most of their plant nutrition.

Since composting is so helpful, why are many of us not practicing it?

One reason is that many of us believe that a "green thumb" is needed to be good at growing plants. Knowing how to care for the plants is what counts. Most of us know that the sun and water are important in growing plants. But many of us are not aware of the importance of organic matter in plant nutrition and plant health.

Compost helps plants nutritionally by adding nutrients to soil. It contains a variety of the basic nutrients required for healthy growth. In addition to the main three – nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium – of special significance, are the micronutrients such as manganese, copper, iron and zinc. Micronutrients, like vitamins for humans, are needed only in small doses,

but they play an important role in plant growth.

Research shows soil treated with compost tends to produce plants with fewer problems. It seems that compost "helps control diseases and insects that might otherwise overtake a more sterile soil that lacks natural checks against spread, according to the Illinois Extension."

A final reason is that creating compost helps us to understand the natural cycle of life and decay. In nature, there is no waste; every living thing serves a greater purpose past its own lifespan and contributes to the growth of something else. It's easy to forget this crucial fact, but when you delve into composting your own yard and vegetable/kitchen "waste," you learn to appreciate the cycle of life which involves decay and new growth equally.

Composting helps us understand that everything has a place in the world.

For information on creating compost, contact the Mahoning County Green Team or visit <http://go.osu.edu/compostathome>.

ASK OSU EXTENSION

Invasive emerald ash borer

Q. Our west-facing backyard patio had been shaded by four tall ash trees. Because of emerald ash borer, the trees are dying and being cut down. Can you suggest appropriate shade trees to plant? Our main sewer line runs in the area, so we want to be careful of that. At our age – fast-growing trees would be a plus!

Frank from Youngstown

A. Emerald ash borer has devastated thousands of trees in the Mahoning Valley. The invasive pest is destroying ash trees faster than we can deal with the dead trees left behind. In the woods, dead ash trees may not be an issue, but in our home lawns and along streets – they are a danger to people and property. So removing the dead ash trees is the safest bet. You can learn how these trees can "snap" off soon after death at <http://go.osu.edu/ashsnap>. Details about hiring an arborist and other information is at <http://emeraldashborer.info>.

There are 82 trees on the list of replacements for ash trees, so the options are many. An underplanted tree is the little leaf linden. If replacing more than one tree, we suggest tree diversity in your yard and garden. Frank should plant four different trees that will provide shade, but that do not get the same disease and insect issues.

Here is a list of replacement trees with details to help you select the perfect tree for your space: <http://go.osu.edu/replacement>

When it comes to sewer lines in the yard, we all have them. So try to plant as far from these lines as you can. The trees will seek the sewer lines if there are cracks, and if the trees need water and nutrients – they will seek these wherever they are available. Your best bet is to avoid trees that grow fast and have aggressive roots. Examples are poplar, basswood, tuliptree, most maples, some oaks and some others.

Here is a factsheet on choosing sewer safe trees, including a list of suggested trees: <http://go.osu.edu/sewertrees>.

Many of us want fast-growing trees to be sure we see the results of our planting trees. But beware of fast-growing trees, as some of them tend to be weak.

Here is a factsheet with a list of such trees: <http://go.osu.edu/fastgrowingtrees>.

Before you plant any tree, start with making a list of what you desire, along with the location of overhead electric/cable lines and other aspects of where you will plant the tree. Planning will make all of the difference. Whatever your choice to replace ash, try to purchase the largest one you can afford and watch it grow. A tree is something you will enjoy for years and so will the next generation.

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

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Dear
Annie

Grandma is hurt by sitter woes

Dear Annie: I recently called a friend to see whether her college-age daughter, "Tiffany," could baby-sit for my 1½-year-old granddaughter from 6 to 8 p.m. on a Saturday so I could attend a reception at a local club. I didn't hear back at first, but three days before the event, I finally talked with Tiffany, and she said that she would be available. We discussed exact times, and I asked what she would charge. She didn't have a set rate but thought \$10 per hour would be fine. Having not paid a baby sitter for many years (I'm a new grandmother), I said that I thought the rate should be \$5 per hour but that I would check with my daughter to see what she pays. My daughter confirmed that the average rate today is between \$10 and \$15 an hour. I planned to pay the \$10 per hour, but I did not have a chance to call the sitter until the morning of the event.

Her mother answered the phone and said that other plans had come up for her daughter, and the mother had told her to go with the "other plans" because I had not gotten back to her on the rate. I was hurt and in shock, not only because our families are good friends but also because I did not think that the rate was a deciding factor. My husband is in an assisted-living facility, and I spend a great deal of time with him, which ties up most of my days. The mother is forever telling me to take time off and have some time to myself.

Who is wrong? Should I feel hurt? Was I wrong to not get back to her sooner about the rate? I was hurt that the mother had not advised her daughter to call me, because she is forever saying that she tries to teach her children how to be responsible. I feel that I was let down and can no longer trust this family.

HEARTBROKEN AND HURT GRANDMA

Dear Heartbroken: Three things are certain in life: death, taxes and flaky baby sitters. You must really make a point of expressly confirming details with your sitter. I don't blame Tiffany for thinking that you didn't want her to baby-sit anymore. Think of it from her point of view. The last thing she'd heard from you was that her rate might be too steep and that you'd look into it. She probably assumed you'd found a cheaper sitter or decided not to use one after all.

In any case, I think you've taken the whole incident too much to heart. Your friend did not mean to hurt you. It seems as if this carried the weight it did for you because you were really looking forward to a night to yourself – a rare occurrence. I would encourage you to make such "me time" less rare. Get out and socialize. You can't be properly supportive of your husband if you aren't supportive of yourself and your own needs.

Dear Annie: Please do not use the term "golden years" when referring to a person's retirement. Do some research about ageism in our language and what to avoid saying in order to make progress in this area. There are articles on the subject online.

AN OREGON READER

Dear Oregon Reader: Thank you so much for bringing that to my attention. I hadn't realized how that phrase could come across as condescending, but you can bet I'll keep it in mind now.

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

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PHILADELPHIA

Laundry doesn't stop just because it's summer

Dear Readers: Even in the summertime, the laundry doesn't stop. A recent study reported in *National Clotheeline* had some interesting findings about people and laundry, including the following:

- ◆ Nearly 2 out of 3 people don't take the time to read the care labels on garments, mostly because they find the instructions too hard to understand, or they don't think it matters what the label says. As a result, folks destroy around 10 pieces of clothing a year!
- ◆ A lot of people have no clue how much detergent to use in the wash, so many end up using too much, which is difficult to rinse out.
- ◆ Women are slightly better



Heloise

at doing the laundry, according to the research, but don't despair, fellas, there's hope for you!

Take the time to read the care labels on garments before you purchase them. Know which items will benefit from dry cleaning, for example. And learn to decode those care symbols! I will post a link to the most common symbols on my website, www.Heloise.com.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I'm a professional makeup artist, and I have some hints for makeup application. Believe me, I've seen everything!

Blend everything. No obvious lines on your jaw, eyes or under eyes from concealer. Don't keep pencils too sharp – this can create harsh lines. Don't coordinate eye shadows and nail polish to your clothing. This was a trend 30 years ago.

Don't forget to blot your skin with one layer of facial tissue. Don't leave the lids off products. This will dry them out and diminish their effectiveness.

HILDA J., via email

Thanks, Hilda! Readers, what are your most memorable makeup mishaps? There are bound to be some funny stories out there!

Heloise

Dear Readers: Walking is

a popular and inexpensive hobby and exercise routine. Here are some safety hints for you:

- ◆ Go with a friend.
- ◆ If the weather is bad or too hot, walk the mall.
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings.
- ◆ If you are alone, pretend you are chatting on your phone to deter people.
- ◆ Walking at night is probably not a good idea.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I look in my closet once a year. If I haven't used something in that time, I donate it to charity. It hopefully can help someone else, and I can deduct the amount off my income taxes.

HOLLY H. IN

Dear Heloise: I have enjoyed your mother's and your hints and chuckles for many years.

My hint is to save the plastic sleeve that newspapers come in. When making things that have to be mixed by hand (e.g., meatloaf, salmon patties, etc.), I put all ingredients in a bowl. Then I put a clean sleeve on each hand, mix well and put in a baking container. I dispose of the sleeves, and my hands are as clean as when I started!

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Middleton, Ohio

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Jewish Federation appoints new CEO

YOUNGSTOWN

Cristal Vincent recently was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation's Human Services Department effective July 1. Marc Rubin, president of the department, and Andrew Lipkin, the Federation's executive vice president, announced the appointment.

Vincent will be responsible for overseeing three YAJF agencies: Heritage Manor, home for the aged with adult day services; Levy Gardens, the assisted living residence; and Jewish Family Services, all of which are located on the federation's Gypsy Lane campus in Youngstown.

She has been an Ohio-licensed nursing home administrator since December 2012 and was Heritage

Manor's first assistant administrator in February 2013. Vincent is from East Liverpool and resides in Berlin Center with her husband, Mark. He is pastor of Berlin Center United Methodist Church, and she serves as honorary vice president of the United Methodist Women at the church.

Heritage Manor is a non-profit organization that accepts residents regardless of religion or race. Levy Gardens is an open, faith-based facility supported by the local Jewish community and is committed to serving the assisted-living needs of Youngstown area seniors.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Austintown teachers receive mini-grants

The Austintown Alumni Association awarded teachers \$1,000 in mini-grants for this school year. Funding for these grants is made possible by the association's annual raffle and by donations from alumni and friends. The grants will be used for classroom and student instruction. For membership information, contact Lynn Larson, alumni president, at 330-518-5727, or Patti Griffin at 330-793-4799. Above, from left, are Larson, April King, Patricia Hartsough and Amanda Shrader for Austintown Fitch High School, and at right, from left, Monica Theis, Larson and Alicia Burnfield for Austintown Intermediate School. Also awarded mini-grants were Julie Toth of Austintown Elementary School and Melody Ward from Austintown Middle School.



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Newcomers of Mahoning Valley installs slate

Newcomers of Mahoning Valley recently installed officers for 2017-18. Above from left are Jorine Stone, president; Carol Gregg, treasurer; Kathy Zuppo, vice president; and Regina Jenkins, secretary. Newcomers was formed more than 25 years ago with opportunities to meet new people and become acquainted with events and places in the community. There are many different activities to participate in, something for everyone. The movie-luncheon group, book club, Roundtowners, birthday group and needlework will meet through the summer, and general luncheons with speakers meetings will resume in September. For information call, Jorine at 330-757-7212, or Amy at 330-953-3349.

SOCIETY digest

Alzheimer Network hosts garage sale

CANFIELD

Alzheimer Network volunteers will host a garage sale today and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Western Reserve United Methodist church, 4580 Canfield

Road. The Alzheimer Network is a nonprofit organization providing 12 free monthly family support groups in the area and numerous educational seminars for caregivers. For information, call the network at 330-788-9755.

CANFIELD

World War II Heritage Society meeting will take place at 6:15

p.m. Monday at A La Cart Banquet Center for a buffet dinner. Cost is \$14 and reservations are due by Friday. Make checks payable to W.W.II Heritage Society and mail to David Frank at 2692 Windpoint Trail, Poland, OH 44514 or call 330-757-0515. Veteran Bud Sabetay will speak on his war experiences. Sabetay is the author of "Memoirs of an American Jewish Soldier from the Heartland of America to the Front Lines of the Third Reich."

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday! In The Next Year: You're razor sharp and only get sharper this year, as you home in on the areas of study you most enjoy. You'll meet exactly the right people to launch a project in August. November brings the melding of two groups for the benefit of all. You'll excel in the early 2018 competition. All good luck will spring from excellent self-care. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 25, 4 and 14.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: He may play tough guys, but Harrison Ford's natal chart shows a different character. With four major luminaries in sensitive, caring Cancer, Ford has tremendous heart and is extremely in tune with those around him. According to his chart, he would prefer staying in for a cozy meal to adventuring through wild jungles in search of mystical treasure. Ford's natal Mars, in Leo, indicates megawatt charisma.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your winning edge is that you're quite the opposite of edgy. Kindness is the best way to get the doors of opportunity swinging open. It's easy when you think of each person you meet as though he or she were your dearest one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't let your attentive vigilance lead you to early burnout. Not everything requires such a high level of attention. Go easy and slow, extracting as much joy out of it as you can along the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Have faith, but leave room for other beliefs, too. It's not heresy; it's sophistication. If you believe too firmly, you'll miss something crucial that comes with doubt. "Absolute faith corrupts as absolutely as absolute power." -- Eric Hoffer

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You feel indebted to someone, but are you really? Don't discount what you bring to the situation. In general, you're usually better off when you don't worry too much about measuring the score.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is no better way now for attracting what you really do need and want than ridding your life of what you don't. Clean and clear. Be ruthless. Let go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today you'll be as brilliant as you are brief. You'll be selling something -- an idea, a product or yourself. Use very few words for your pitch, and choose them well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're too busy looking for a way to make your plans come to life to find excuses for why they didn't. The ability to make things happen needs to be exercised in big and small ways. It's like a muscle to be exercised. Keep it strong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just as a charming child who doesn't get his way can turn quickly into a pest, when your requests fall on deaf ears your attitude may take a swift turn south. Luck will favor the slow to anger. Be strategic and controlled.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Each time you find yourself complaining, redirect your attention to something you're grateful for. You'll move from frustration to action, sorrow to hope.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are plenty of complications inherent in your regular daily activities, but you're getting better and better at this. To make things look simple and graceful often takes years of experience and practice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The body has powers beyond what you can do by thinking your way through it. The best way to learn is to get in there and do it. The mental will be led by the physical.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To be passionately curious is a talent. Curiosity will do the job of courage today: It will be so strong that it overcomes fear. You will follow your interests to places of delight, love and felicity.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "After being lost and confused for so many years, I feel that I have finally discovered what I really want to do as a career. I want to check with you and make sure that I am on the right track, because this is such an important decision for me to make. I plan to pursue a career in the food industry. I'm going to take some cooking classes in Australia, gain some work experience there, and then open my own restaurant in the Philippines. Will I succeed? I was born March 12, 1980." Your Mars in Leo makes your career path strong -- even though, as a Pisces, you've had a hard time making up your mind. Follow it with force now that you've decided. Mars in Leo also means you're a natural leader. The biggest problem you will have is being patient enough to know when you have gained enough experience. When you first feel like moving away, give yourself six more months. The extra time you spend in Australia garners you valuable insights about human nature and our ever-changing palates.

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

7/13/17	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30	Movies
21-WFMJ-NBC (6:00) TMZ Live (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Inside Edition (N)	Family Feud	America's Got Talent "Best of Auditions" (N)	The Wall "Jeff and Jamie" (N)	The Night Shift T.C. goes on a daring rescue mission. (N)	21 News 11PM (N)	Tonight Show				
21.2-WBCB-CW	Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Penn & Teller: Fool Us Magicians include Richard Turner	Hooten & the Lady A global search for artifacts.	Big Brother Eviction; head of household competition. (N)	Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Dish Nation	TMZ (N)	Late Show	Colbert	
27-WKBN-CBS	CBS Evening News (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Big Bang Theory (31) Life in Pieces	Battle of the Network Stars "White House vs. Lawyers"	Bones Sniper Jacob Broadsky strikes again.	Father Brown Sid vows vengeance.	Midsomer Murders The murder of a dinner guest.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Watch"	The Cleveland Show King of the Hill	Grantchester on Masterpiece Post office robberies.	News Channel 33 at 11 (35) Jimmy Kimmel Live
33-WYTV-ABC	ABC World News	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Insider (N)	Boy Band Three groups rehearse and perform. (N)	Battle of the Network Stars "White House vs. Lawyers"	Bones Solving a murder during a blackout.	Love Connection Singles recount their date experiences.	First News on Fox (N)	Seinfeld "The Label Maker"	Seinfeld "The Mango"	First News on Fox (N)	Nightly Business Report
33.2-MyTV	Rules of Engagement	Rules of Engagement	The King of Queens	Bones Sniper Jacob Broadsky strikes again.	The First 48: Scene	The First 48 (N)	Akil-Fugitive	Akil-Fugitive	(305) The First 48 "Cranked"			
45-WNEO-PBS	Born to Explore-Wiese	PBS NewsHour (N)	Father Brown Sid vows vengeance.	Beat Shazam "Episode Six" (N)	Love Connection Singles recount their date experiences.	First News on Fox (N)	Seinfeld "The Label Maker"					
19-WYFX-FOX	The Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	The Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Six" (N)	The First 48: Scene	The First 48 (N)	Akil-Fugitive	Akil-Fugitive				
A&E	The First 48	The First 48										
AMC	(5:30) "Ocean's Eleven" (2001, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Matt Damon.			"Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device.								
BET	(5:30) "All About the Benjamins" (2002)			"The Wedding Ringer" (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Josh Gad, Affion Crockett.								
BRAVO	Million Dollar Listing	Million Dollar Listing										
COM	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily Show	President	Bizarro	
DIS	K.C. Under. Cali Style	Cali Style	Stuck in the Middle	K.C. Undercover	It's Going to Happen	Andi Mack	K.C. Under.	K.C. Under.	Bizarro	Bizarro		
ESPN	Afraid Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid "Hangry"	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Sharktacular			
ESPN2	SportsCenter SportsCenter (N) (Live)		30 for 30 (N)	X Games Men's BMX Vert Final. From Minneapolis. (N)								
FOOD	NBA Summer League Basketball	NBA Summer League Basketball: Las Vegas Playoffs										
FREE	(5:00) "Chopped" "Frankly Frantic"	Chopped		Chopped "Snap Pea to It!"								
FS1	U.S. Women's MLB's Best Gold Cup Day	2017 CONCACAF Gold Cup	El Salvador vs Curacao. (N)	Beat Bobby Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby				
FSO	BIG3 Ball	UFC Reloaded	From Las Vegas, NV.	The Bold Type "Pilot"	The Bold Type "Pilot"	The Bold Type "Pilot"	The Bold Type "Pilot"	The Bold Type "Pilot"	The 700 Club			
FX	(5:00) "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes"	"Interstellar" (2014) Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway. Space explorers set out to find a new home for humanity.										
HALL	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	
HBO	"Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay"	VICE News Tonight (N)	"Shoot 'Em Up" (2007, Action) Clive Owen, Paul Giamatti, Monica Bellucci.	Ballers "Game Day"	(05) The Defiant Ones Dr. Dre becomes part of N.W.A. "Part 2"	(10:59) The Defiant Ones						
HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Vintage Flip	Vintage Flip			
HIST	Pawn Stars	Mountain Men "Hard Luck"	Mountain Men: Fully Loaded Mountain Men (N)	Mountain Men: Fully Loaded Mountain Men (N)	(03) Alone (N)	(03) Alone (N)	(03) Alone (N)	(03) Alone (N)				
LIFE	Grey's Anat	Grey's Anatomy	Married-Sight	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "Intimacy, Part 2" (N)	Married at First Sight: Second Chances						
NICK	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Thundermans	"Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" (2009) Denis Leary	Nashville							
ROOT	Inside Pirates	High School Baseball		Championship Kickboxing	UFA							
SHOW	(5:30) "The Gift" (2015) Ja. (23) "The Boy" (2016, Horror) Lauren Bateman, Rebecca Hall, Cohen, Rupert Evans, Jim Norton.	I'm Dying Up Here "The Re-Turn"	Twin Peaks: The Return "Part 9" This is the chair.	Twin Peaks: The Return "Part 9"	Gigolos	Gigolos "Just for Licks"						
SPIKE	Tokyo Drift	"Fast Five" (2011) Vin Diesel. Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil.		The Mist "Pequod" (N)	The Shannara Chronicles							
STO	Beer Money	Swing Clinic	Indians Rewind	From April 21, 2017.	Tribute Report	Beer Money	TakeDown					
SVFY	(5:00) "Fast & Furious" (2009) Vin Diesel.	"Zombieland" (2009) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg.	"Ghost Rider" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes.									
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)			
TCM	"The Terror" (1963, Horror) Boris Karloff, Jack Nicholson, Sandra Knight.	"Lost Horizon" (1937, Adventure) Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt, Sam Jaffe. A British diplomat and other Westerners land in Shangri-La.	"If I Were King" (1938, Adventure) Ronald Colman, Basil Rathbone, Frances Dee.									
TLC	Say Yes	My 600-Lb. Life	Tanisha wants to survive for her kids.	My 600-Lb. Life	Sneaking food is Doug's last vice.	(02) My 600-Lb. Life						
TNT	(5:00) Bones	Bones	"Insurgent" (2015, Science Fiction) Shailene Woodley, Theo James.	Will "The Play's the Thing" Into Wood								
TRVL	Mysteries at	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum (N)	Outdoors	Outdoors	Outdoors	Outdoors				
TVLAND	(24) M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King		
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Queen of the South (N)	Queen of the South (N)	Queen of the South (N)	Queen of the South (N)	Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	Black Ink	"Scary Movie 2" (2001) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans.	"First Sunday" (2008, Comedy) Ice Cube, Katt Williams.	"First Sunday" (2008, Comedy) Ice Cube, Katt Williams.	Black Ink Crew							



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ODDLY ENOUGH**Snake in a substation: Critter causes power outage for 4,000**

GREENVILLE, S.C.

Utility officials said a snake caused a power outage that left more than 4,000 customers without electricity in northwestern South Carolina.

Duke Energy spokesman Ryan Mosier told media outlets a snake that crawled into a substation disrupted service and left Greenville County residents in the dark recently. It took about 90 minutes to completely restore service.

Mosier said the utility constantly works to improve its barriers to prevent snakes, squirrels and birds from crawling into the electrical equipment at substations and causing outages.

But he said it's not uncommon, especially this time of year. Mosier said

small animals remain a big reason for power outages.

Trooper gives ride, warning to scooter rider

WEST BRANCH, MICH.

A 76-year-old woman riding a mobility scooter down the shoulder of Interstate 75 in northern Michigan received a warning and a ride home from a Michigan State Police trooper.

State police say the woman had finished shopping in West Branch recently and instead of taking a safer, legal route home, decided to take the expressway.

The Bay City Times reports that after several people called state police to report the slow-moving scooter traveler, Trooper Jeff Devine flagged the woman down, loaded the scooter into his patrol car and gave her a ride to her home about 3 miles away. Devine issued the woman a warning.

Alligators, snakes found at home where cobra escaped

THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF.

Authorities found alligators and venomous snakes at a Southern California home

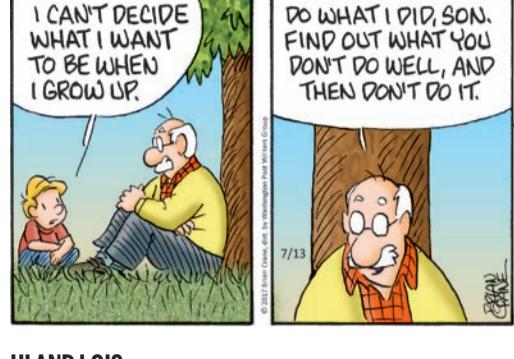
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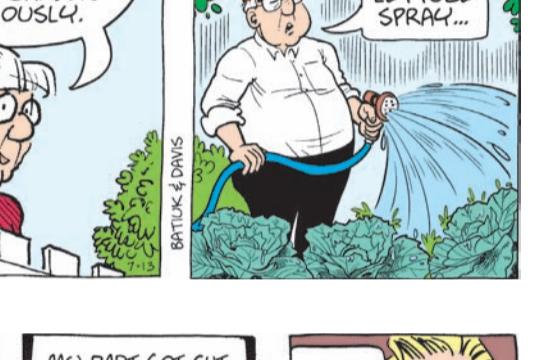
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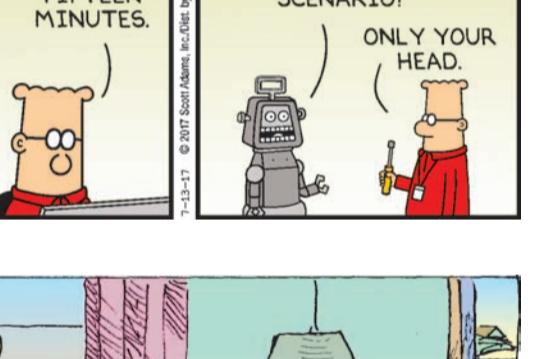
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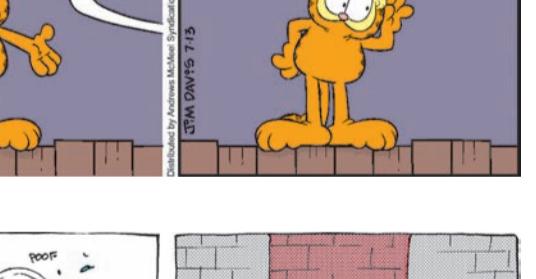
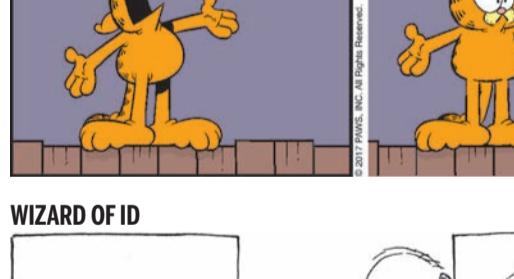
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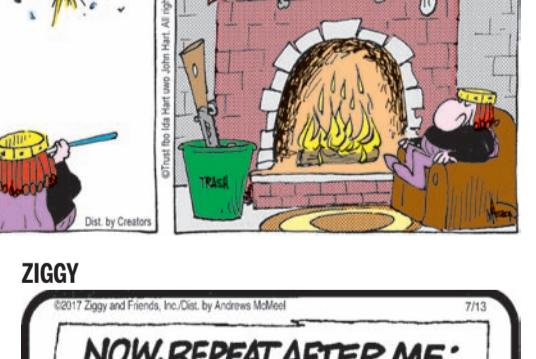
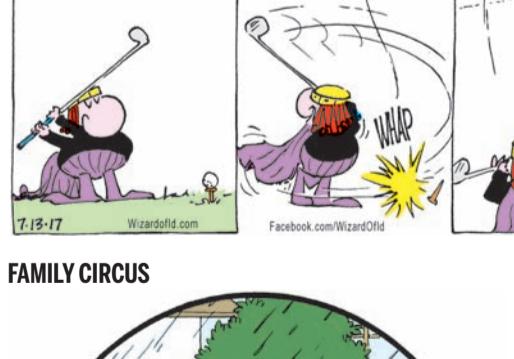
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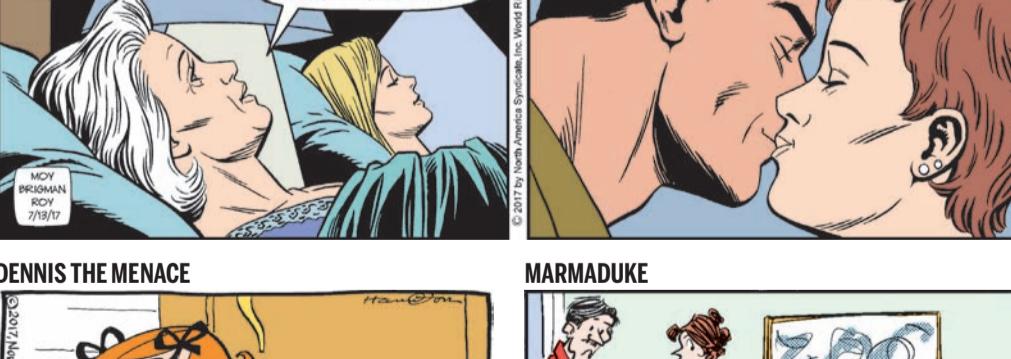
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