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Trump Trump Jr.

Trump: Son's meeting standard practice

Senators call for Trump Jr. to testify as part of Russian meddling probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump on Thursday defended his son's meeting with a Russian lawyer, characterizing it as standard campaign practice and maintaining that "nothing happened" as a result of the June sit-down.

The remarks in Paris during a joint news conference with French President Emmanuel Macron came even though Trump's own FBI pick has said the authorities should be alerted to requests for such meetings during a campaign and even after Donald Trump Jr. said he would rethink his own conduct in agreeing to the gathering in the first place.

"I think from a practical standpoint most people would've taken that meeting. It's called opposition research, or even research into your opponent," Trump said.

Trump Jr. released emails this week from 2016 in which he appeared eager to accept information from the Russian government that could have damaged Hillary Clinton's campaign. The emails were sent ahead of a Trump Tower meeting with a Russian lawyer that Trump's former campaign manager, Paul Manafort, and Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, also attended.

Asked about the meeting Thursday, Trump said "politics is not the nicest business in the world" and that it's standard for candidates to welcome negative information about an opponent. In this case, he added, "nothing happened from the meeting, zero happened from the meeting."

Trump's comments stood in contrast to the position of his nominee for FBI director, Christopher Wray, who at his confirmation hearing Wednesday was asked what candidates should do if

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ABUZZ ABOUT BEEES



WILLIAM D. LEWIS | THE VINDICATOR

Honeybees scurry across the surface of a rack pulled from a beehive. On average, there are 60,000 bees per hive.



WILLIAM D. LEWIS | THE VINDICATOR

Bill DeHoff, of Beaver Township, tends to his bees at his backyard apiary. DeHoff has 19 other hives across the county.

Canfield ordinance limits number of bees kept in city, colonies per property

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CANFIELD

Bill DeHoff starts each day the same way: with a spoonful of peanut butter and a spoonful of honey.

DeHoff is the proprietor of Bill's Apiaries, where he sells unprocessed honey, provides a bee swarm removal service and mentors new beekeepers. He said his fascination with bees spans 30 years, and about 14 years ago, he finally decided to buy a single bee colony.



DeHoff



See video for this story at vindy.com

DeHoff said he can't attribute his morning dietary choices to his longevity, but at 81, he is still up and maintaining 30 bee colonies in the Mahoning Valley, 11 of which sit in his backyard.

"Who knows," DeHoff said. "Maybe next year I'll have 35."

Canfield City Council passed an ordinance July 5

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Bill DeHoff examines honeybees clustered at the bottom of a rack he removed from a beehive.

DR. YURICH TRIAL

Court hears wife's 911 call

By JUSTIN WIER
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YOUNGSTOWN

The prosecution on Thursday played a 911 call Angeline Rodriguez, the wife of Dr. Joseph Yurich, made on the night of a fatal Berlin Reservoir boat crash in 2015.

"My husband hit a boat on his way home, and I want to tell the cops," she told a dispatcher. "He hit a fishing boat, and I don't know if anyone else was injured."



Yurich

The call came in at 1:34 a.m. The accident occurred just after midnight.

"He doesn't know what to do. He wasn't even sure if he hit something. He's freaking out," she said on the call.

Dr. Yurich, 38, of Poland, faces several charges stem-

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MVSD

Director responds to refund questions

By ED RUNYAN
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MINERAL RIDGE

The director of the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District says it has enough money available to repair the Meander Dam, repay \$5 million to Youngstown, Niles and McDonald and "has plenty of money for the rainy-day fund."



Blair

Director Matt Blair made those comments in response to a letter from two judges from Mahoning and Trumbull counties this week questioning the appropriateness of the refunds, which the MVSD approved

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Alfred Angelo closes stores across country

Dresses to be delivered to Valley customers

By WILLIAM K. ALCORN
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BOARDMAN

Alfred Angelo Bridal shop in Boardman closed its doors permanently at 8 p.m. Thursday, as did all or most of the chain's 60 stores across the United States, according to various media reports.

However, said Laura Englert, manager of the local store at 106 Boardman-

Poland Road, across from Southern Park Mall, dresses purchased and in the store will be delivered to customers.

"We were advised to box the dresses. I have a FedEx truck coming [today]," Englert said.

A young couple at the door of the bridal shop just before

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Laura Englert, manager of Alfred Angelo Bridal on U.S. Route 224 in Boardman, stands in the doorway of the store, which closed at 8 p.m. Thursday. The company, with about 60 stores nationwide, is reportedly filing for bankruptcy protection.



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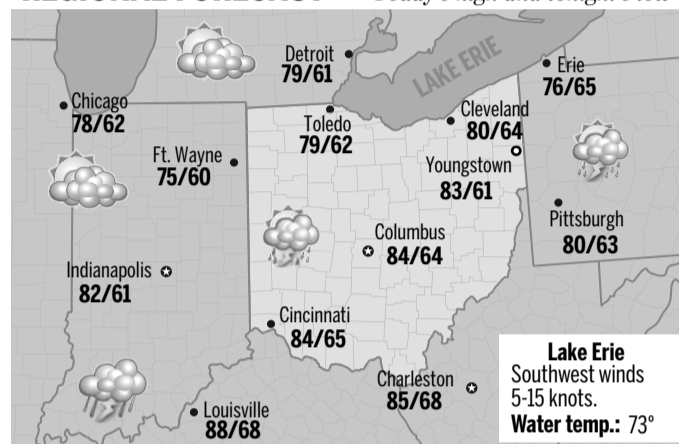
The cost of the Rover Pipelines project by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, which is building a natural-gas pipeline across Ohio to carry gas from Appalachian shale fields to other states. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has ordered the company to come up with a plan to clean up its spills from drilling and get rid of diesel-soaked mud.

VALLEY WEATHER

THIS MORNING 70° 60 percent chance of storms.	AFTERNOON 81° 50 percent chance of storms.	OVERNIGHT 72° Partly cloudy
SATURDAY 79°/61° Partly cloudy.	SUNDAY 82°/63° 20 percent chance of storms.	MONDAY 79°/61° 60 percent chance of storms.
TUESDAY 85°/63° Partly cloudy.	WEDNESDAY 87°/68° Partly cloudy.	

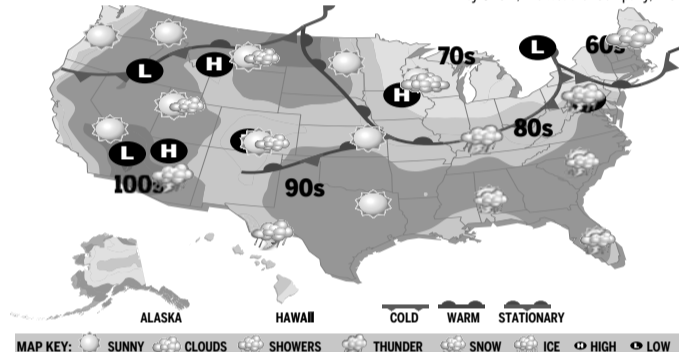
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2016 High 90.....2016 Low 69
Precipitation 0.69.....Normal 0.14
Precip. this month 1.94.....Normal 1.80
Precip. this year 30.08.....Normal 20.47
Average wind velocity.....9 mph
High humidity.....97% at 9:51 a.m.

SKYWATCH

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PLANETS

	RISE	SET
Venus	3:13 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Mars	6:20 a.m.	9:11 p.m.
Jupiter	1:02 p.m.	12:37 p.m.
Saturn	6:37 p.m.	4:02 a.m.

WORLD FORECAST

CITY	Fri	Sat	Sun
Athens	96/76/s	93/75/s	90/70/s
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Hong Kong	89/81/p	87/81/t	86/80/t
Jerusalem	92/70/s	93/71/s	94/70/s
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The Vatican-run Bambino Gesu Pediatric Hospital in Rome is shown.

2 ex-Vatican hospital officials charged, ordered to stand trial

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY
The scandal was remarkable even by Vatican standards: The president of the "pope's hospital" for sick children had taken nearly a half-million dollars in hospital donations and used them to spruce up the penthouse apartment of the Vatican cardinal who had appointed him.

On Thursday, the Vatican tribunal indicted Giuseppe Profiti and the hospital's former treasurer on charges they illegally diverted the money and ordered them to stand trial. The case answers a key question raised by a recent Associated Press investigation that found that the hospital's mission under Profiti's leadership had been lost and was "more aimed at profit than caring for children."

So where did the money go? According to the indictment, at least some \$481,000 in donations to the fundraising foundation of the Bambino Gesu Pediatric Hospital – popularly known as the "pope's hospital" – went instead to renovate the penthouse of Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, who retired in 2013 as the second most powerful man in the Catholic Church.

Profiti acknowledged the payment, but said it was an investment so the hospital could use Bertone's apartment, with its enormous rooftop terrace overlooking St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican

gardens below, for fundraising events to benefit sick children.

Bertone, who had appointed Profiti as president of the hospital in 2008, denied knowledge of the payment and said he had paid some 300,000 euros for the renovations out of his own pocket. That suggested the construction company was either paid twice for the work or that Bertone paid for some of it, and the hospital foundation the rest.

Regardless, the total payout came to nearly three-quarters of a million euros to renovate a retired cardinal's apartment and the leaky rooftop terrace above it, all in the shadow of the two-room hotel suite where Pope Francis lives and preaches his "church of the poor and for the poor" gospel.

Significantly, Bertone wasn't charged or even placed under investigation, even though he personally benefited from the diverted money. Nor was the Castelli Re construction company or its owner, Gianantonio Bandera, though Bandera was referenced as having received the "illegally" diverted funds. The trial of Profiti and Massimo Spina, the former hospital treasurer, is scheduled to open Tuesday.

The apartment is owned by the Vatican, but was assigned to Bertone for his personal use after he retired as the Vatican's secretary of state under Pope Benedict XVI. Located on the edge of the Vatican gardens next to the Domus Santa Marta hotel where

Pope Francis lives, the third-floor apartment has been the source of endless speculation ever since the diverted hospital funds were revealed in 2015.

Bertone has defended its relatively large size – some 3,230 square feet – by saying other cardinals have even bigger apartments, that he lives there with a secretary and three nuns who help care for him, and that he needed the space for his archive and library.

While denying any wrongdoing, Bertone nevertheless made a 150,000-euro "donation" to the hospital, whose name in English means Baby Jesus, to make up for the reputational damage it incurred as a result of the scandal.

Profiti resigned suddenly as president of the hospital in January 2015, nine months into a new three-year term. According to the AP investigation, a secret Vatican-authorized task force had concluded in 2014 that under his administration, the hospital's mission had been "lost" and was "substituted by an attitude aimed almost exclusively at profit."

The AP inquiry found that children sometimes paid the price as the medical center expanded its specialized services, increased volume and tried to cut costs, with overcrowding and poor hygiene contributing to deadly infections. One extremely drug-resistant superbug outbreak that wore on for nearly two years killed eight children in the hospital's cancer ward.

NEWSMAKERS

Jimmy Buffett's home state ends ban on Margarita pitchers

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Welcome back to Margaritaville: Singer Jimmy Buffett's childhood home Thursday backed off a third-lived ban on the sale of pitchers of the drink he made famous.

The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board announced an end to the pitcher prohibition a day after al.com published a column criticizing the moratorium. The irresistible mix of Buffett, Alabama's perceived prudishness and tequila helped the topic quickly gain traction on social media.

The agency denied changing its mind because of publicity. The reversal had already been under consideration, said spokesman Dean Argo.

Margaritas – both the frozen and on-the-rocks versions – are particularly popular in Mexican restaur-

rants. But some stopped selling them in June on orders from the state agency, which determined that only beer could be served by the pitcher and had inspectors check for violations.

The brief ban was based on an old rule that makes it illegal to "adulterate" alcohol, Argo said.

The state determined pitchers of Margaritas were illegal since each glass from a pitcher could have a different amount of alcohol.

Beer pitchers are a different matter, Argo said. "The alcohol content does not fluctuate or sink while sitting on a counter," he said.

Argo said ABC officials decided to change their view of the code section that led to the ban after discussing the issue with the Alabama Beverage Licensee Association. The law mentions pitcher sales of drinks that are "customarily" sold that way, he said.

The executive director of the trade group, Brandon Owens, said he first heard

of the ban weeks ago from a business that was barred from selling sangria by the pitcher. He attributed the problem to relatively new state inspectors not understanding ABC rules.

Shania Twain to headline opening night at US Open tennis

NEW YORK
Shania Twain will headline the opening-night ceremony at the U.S. Open.

She will perform Aug. 28 at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. The top-selling country artist will sing some of her biggest hits and songs from her upcoming album "NOW."

King and U.S. Tennis Association chair Katrina Adams will kick off the 20th anniversary celebration of Arthur Ashe Stadium, which opened in 1997.

Twain's album will be released Sept. 29.

Associated Press

BIRTHDAYS

Actor **Harry Dean Stanton** is 91. Actor **Vincent Pastore** ("The Sopranos") is 71. Bassist **Chris Cross** of Ultravox is 65. Singer-comedian **Kyle Gass** of Tenacious D is 57. Actress **Jane Lynch** is 57. Actor **Jackie Earle Haley** is 56. Actor **Matthew Fox** ("Lost," "Party of Five") is 51. Keyboardist **Ellen Reid** of Crash Test Dummies is 51. Singer-guitarist **Tanya Donnelly** of Belly is 51. Actress **Missy Gold** ("Benson") is 47. Singer **Tameka Cottle** of Xscape is 42. Country singer **Jamey Johnson** is 42. Musician **taboo** of Black Eyed Peas is 42. Singer **Dan Smith** of Bastille is 31. Actress **Sara Chang Peas** ("The Vampire Diaries") is 30. Singer **Dan Reynolds** of Imagine Dragons is 30.

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digest

Asleep in car

BOARDMAN

A township man was cited for being intoxicated in public after police found him passed out in a stranger's car.

Police were called to Cook Avenue about 5:30 a.m. Thursday. The caller told police he had found a man, later identified as Ryan D. Wilson, 29, sleeping in his car. When police awakened Wilson, they reportedly observed signs that he was intoxicated.

Wilson told police that he got dropped off at what he thought was his apartment building, which is also on Cook Avenue. Police said Wilson "believed he went into his car and fell asleep." He was issued a minor misdemeanor citation.

School supplies

YOUNGSTOWN

The Beatitude House is asking for donations of school supplies in preparation of its annual effort to provide supplies to children in need.

Traditional school supplies are wanted as well as items such as binders, note cards, tissues and hand sanitizer. The ministry also is accepting donations of back packs, lunch bags, shoes, socks and underwear, as well as gift cards that can be used to purchase those items.

People interested in donating should bring items to the Beatitude House administrative offices at 238 Tod Lane in Youngstown or 1370 Tod Ave. in Warren from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until Aug. 7.

Five minutes with the mayor

YOUNGSTOWN

The monthly Five Minutes with the Mayor will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the mayor's office on the first floor of city hall, 26 S. Phelps St. Citizens are invited to stop by and visit with Mayor John A. McNally and to voice any questions or concerns they may have.

Break-in arrest

BOARDMAN

Mickayla Young, 19, of South Avenue surrendered to township police Wednesday on a warrant for breaking and entering. The charge stems from a March 10 incident in which police were called to a Southern Boulevard apartment.

There, a man told police that the apartment recently had been damaged in a fire and was uninhabitable. He reportedly found that someone had kicked in the door while the apartment was unoccupied and had stolen a \$2,000 television.

Road closing

NILES

State Route 46 between McKees Lane and East Third Street will be closed beginning Monday to replace water-system valves. The closure is slated to last for five days. Two-way traffic will be maintained via a detour, and delays should be expected at Route 46.

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Agenda Saturday

◆ **Niles school board**, 9:15 a.m., special meeting, administration building, 309 N. Rhodes Ave.

◆ **Niles City Council**, 1 p.m., special meeting, council chambers, 15 W. State St.

◆ **Struthers City Council**, 10 a.m., council caucus room No. 11; and 10:15 a.m., finance and legislation committee special meeting, municipal building, 6 Elm St.

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

Surplus food

◆ **Zion Lutheran Church**, 3300 Canfield Road, Youngstown, various commodities, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday. For residents of ZIP codes 44509, 44511 and 44515 only. Recipients must bring reusable bags.

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

Stolen dog found on North Side



Ashley Perrine is all smiles after being reunited with her pit bull puppy, Latte, who has been missing since Monday. Latte was found by someone Thursday on the North Side.

ROBERT K. YOSAY | THE VINDICATOR

BACK HOME

By JOE GORMAN
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YOUNGSTOWN

LATTE HAS BEEN FOUND. The pit bull puppy that was reported stolen earlier this week from a Parkview Avenue home was found by someone Thursday on the North Side, said Jason Cooke, an animal-rights activist who was helping Latte's owner, Ashley Perrine, get the dog.

Cooke said the dog was found on the North Side by a woman there, and she got in touch with Perrine. The person who found the dog is in line for a reward put up for her safe return, Cooke said.

Cooke said Latte appears to be in good health, but it was obvious she was outside for a few days.

"She's a little bit stinky," Cooke said. Perrine said she put Latte and her other dog out at her home on Parkview Avenue about 12:15 p.m. Monday. She said her boyfriend went out to get the dogs a few moments later, but Latte was gone. 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.

Cooke credited social media with helping Perrine get Latte back because of the number of people who read or shared posts of Latte missing.

"We are very thankful for everyone's support," Cooke said.

Latte is about 3 months old and was given to Perrine about two weeks ago by her landlord.

Cooke said the case shows the importance of keeping an eye on your dog when it is outside, and making sure that your dog has a license and is micro-chipped, so it would be easier to find if it ever got lost.

In fact, Perrine and Cooke were at the Mahoning County Dog Pound shortly after Latte was found to get a license for her.

Police were called and a report was made. A detective has been assigned to the case.

Downtown Girard businesses get boost from federal grant

By SARAH LEHR
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GIRARD

Patrick Rubinick, owner of Knight Line Apparel on West Liberty Street, says that for small-business owners like himself, the needs tend to crowd out the wants.

A federal grant, however, will allow Rubinick to install a heating and air-conditioning unit at his store — an addition he would otherwise forgo.

Close to \$500,000 in federal money will incentivize more than 20 Girard businesses to spruce up. The city secured the Community Development Block Grant for downtown revitalization in 2015. CDBG funding targets moderate- and low-income areas.

Of the federal money awarded to Girard, \$300,000 is funneled through the Ohio Development Services Agency, \$164,600 is funneled through Trumbull County's CDBG allocation program and \$5,000 goes through Girard's revolving-loan fund.



WILLIAM D. LEWIS | THE VINDICATOR

Girard Mayor James Melfi discusses renovations that are ongoing at Kinnick Funeral Home on South State Street. The funeral home is using federal grant money to cover some of the cost.

Mayor James Melfi said the city's downtown is beset by the forces that have hollowed out retail districts throughout America. He referred, specifically, to how online shopping has replaced many brick-and-mortar stores.

"I think this grant sends a

message that the city wants businesses to come downtown and stay in the downtown," Melfi said.

As part of the push to clean up the downtown, Melfi said the city will ramp up legal action against landlords

See GIRARD, A6

Six charged in prostitution sting

By JOE GORMAN
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YOUNGSTOWN

A series of complaints led to a crackdown on prostitution by the police department, resulting in the arrest Wednesday of five women and a man.

Arrested on charges of solicitation were Felicia Baggett, 47, of Norwood Avenue; Doris Curry, 24, of Tyrell Avenue; Erica Provitt, 29, of Williamson Avenue; Shirley Ann Ingram, 47, of West Evergreen Avenue; and Margo Smith, 34, of Akron.

Arrested on a charge of soliciting a prostitute was Joseph Jackson, 22, of Summer Street.

Jackson was issued a citation for the third-degree misdemeanor charge and was released. The women were all taken to the Mahoning County jail because they also had either drugs on them or a warrant. Two of them, Ingram and Baggett, were later released.

Lt. Gerard Slattery, head of the vice squad, said drugs and prostitution go "hand in hand." Baggett, who was arrested at Indi-



Baggett



Curry



Provitt



Ingram



Smith



Jackson

anola and Hudson avenues about 5:45 p.m., reportedly had a crack pipe; Curry, who was arrested about 4:25 p.m. after flagging down an undercover officer in the 300 block of West Marion Avenue, reportedly had a bag of crack cocaine;

See STING, A5

Trumbull County coroner rules death a homicide

By ED RUNYAN
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WARREN

The Trumbull County coroner has ruled the Saturday death of Tyler Mitchell, 18, of Warren and Niles, a homicide — the result of multiple gunshot wounds.

His death was the second one in two days last weekend, doubling the number for 2017 so far from two to four in the city.

Mitchell, who had an Orchard Avenue Southeast address in a police report from July 1, died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, police said.

He was found in the

front yard of a home in the 2700 block of Burton Street Southeast.

A woman called 911 at 5:30 a.m. to say that "there's a man in my grass." She said he's "screaming for help." She said she heard about six gunshots.

Ambulance personnel arrived a short time later and determined Mitchell was dead.

Police have said they don't know what led to the shooting and had no suspects.

Meanwhile, the coroner,

See HOMICIDE, A6

Dr. Digvijay Singh, M.D. at
Better Breathing Center, LLC is announcing the closing of his Pulmonary practice effective August 8, 2017.

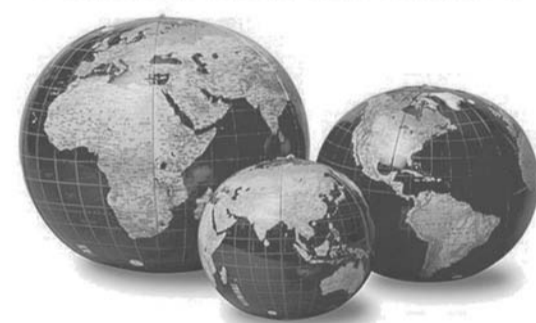
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MVSD

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last month.

Among the questions common pleas judges Lou D'Apolito of Mahoning County and Ronald Rice of Trumbull County asked in the letter is: "Other than political reasons, why does it make financial sense to the MVSD to return the funds rather than be prepared for future MVSD needs, like dam repairs, etc.?" They also asked if there was a sufficient rainy-day fund.

The MVSD estimates the cost to update the district's Meander Reservoir is about \$28 million.

"We've set aside money for all of our projects," Blair said, including the dam.

Another question from the judges: "If there are 'surplus funds,' is the MVSD over charging for what it does?"

Blair said a reason the MVSD has a financial surplus right now is because projects such as the dam upgrade have not taken place



D'Apolito Rice

as quickly as expected.

The MVSD considered various ways to use the surplus, such as lowering its rates to Youngstown, Niles and McDonald. "We felt the rebate was the best way to go," Blair said.

The MVSD sells treated water from Meander Creek Reservoir to Youngstown, Niles and McDonald, which supply it to Girard, Canfield, Lordstown, Craig Beach and portions of 10 townships in Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

The MVSD voted last month to give Youngstown \$3.7 million, Niles \$1.2 million and McDonald \$100,000 in surplus funds in three installments through the end of the year.

But the distribution is subject to approval from the two

judges, said Alan Tatalovich, MVSD secretary. It's the first time in 30 years the district will be distributing surplus funds, Tatalovich said.

The judges faxed the letter Tuesday to Tom Wilson, attorney for the MVSD.

It says before they are willing to give an opinion on the reimbursement, they would need to see a written opinion from the Ohio Attorney General's office, Ohio Auditor's office or other governmental agency such as the Mahoning or Trumbull prosecutor as to whether it is permissible to issue the refunds.

The judges questioned: "Why not give every water consumer a break on their bills instead of giving money to the cities?"

It adds that representatives of all communities that use MVSD water should be able to express their opinion at a public hearing on the refund.

Blair said Youngstown, Niles and McDonald decide what rates to charge their customers after factoring in the cost of running their dis-

tribution systems.

"We don't sell water to any resident," Blair said. "By statute, [Niles, Youngstown and McDonald] are the only customers of the MVSD."

Blair said there have been public hearings in the past whenever the MVSD sought rate increases. The MVSD had hoped to have a public hearing on the refund, but the judges say no hearing will be held until they are satisfied the refund is proper.

The Ohio Auditor's office is part of an ongoing investigation into the legality of more than \$2 million given by Youngstown from its water and wastewater funds to assist a Youngstown developer.

When Blair was asked whether that should cause him to question whether it's proper to give Youngstown, Niles and McDonald money that could go for non-water-related issues, Blair said that would be up to Youngstown, Niles and McDonald to decide.

"Does that concern me?"

In the case of the city of Niles, the money would be refunded to the Niles Water Department," he said, adding that Niles "is under fiscal emergency. There's a fiscal commission that I'm sure would ensure that any monies that Niles receives are properly applied."

He said any money Youngstown receives "would go to their water department as well. But I have no jurisdiction to tell them once it gets back to their two cities how they spend their money."

He said the fiscal commission and state auditor's office "watches every penny that Niles spends. I can't speak for Youngstown, but I would assume they would be doing something very similar."

He said the company Public Financial Management, which handles MVSD's financial planning, provided the MVSD an analysis of its finances.

"We asked them to consider all of our financial needs, and they determined that we had surplus funds we could

rebate to the cities. We have not been given the opportunity to present that to the court ... at a hearing."

The judges' letter also asks whether there are any conflicts of interest among the MVSD board members who voted for the \$5 million in refunds. It doesn't identify any specific board member.

Kate Hanson, public information officer for the Ohio Attorney General's Office, said the office has not been asked for a formal opinion by the MVSD on whether it can give Youngstown, Niles and McDonald a refund of this type, and it does not provide informal opinions to the news media.

Beth Gianforcaro, press secretary for Ohio Auditor Dave Yost, said the auditor's office reviewed the judges' comments and defers to the courts "in the exercise of their discretion."

The auditor's office "is following this matter, and we look forward to the opportunity to review the district's responses to the judges' inquiries."

YURICH

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ming from the May 9, 2015, crash that left one man dead and another man injured.

Lt. Gregory Johnson, chief of detectives for the Portage County Sheriff's department, responded to the call.

Dr. Yurich told Johnson he believed he had hit a rock, he didn't stop after the accident and he had been traveling at about 25 mph.

The speed limit on Berlin Reservoir at night is 10 mph.

Dr. Yurich also told Johnson he had consumed alcohol.

"He said he had a couple beers, and he said he had some beers," Johnson said. "I never got an exact number."

Johnson said Dr. Yurich became very emotional when he was told someone died in the crash.

The prosecution also called Dave Ford, who investigated the incident for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Ford recovered flesh and hair from the front of Dr. Yurich's boat that a state Bureau of Criminal Investigations expert said was consistent with the DNA profile of Neal Cuppett, 58, of Akron, who died in the crash. He also recovered lights from the fishing boat Cuppett was on when the crash occurred.

ABC investigator said the light on the front of the boat was lit during a substantial impact. At least one of the filaments in the light at the boat's rear was also on at the time of an impact, the investigator said. The second filament was inconclusive.

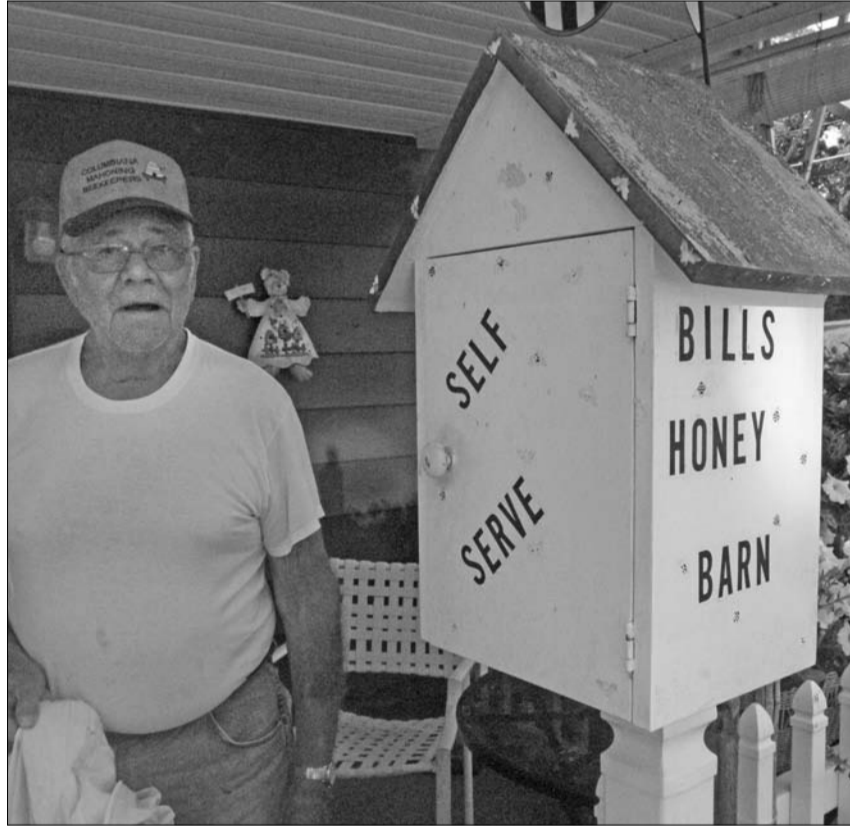
The defense had asked several witnesses who heard or responded to the crash whether the fishing boat's lights were on when they arrived at the scene.

The trial will resume today at 9 a.m. when the prosecution plans to call its final two witnesses, the coroner and an accident reconstruction expert. Then the defense will begin to call witnesses.

The trial, which began Monday, will continue into next week.



William D. Lewis | THE VINDICATOR
Beekeeper Bill DeHoff removes a rack from one of his hives after blowing smoke into it, calming the bees enough for easy handling.



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DeHoff runs Bill's Apiaries which, other than selling honey, provides swarm removal and beekeeper mentoring services.

BEEES

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that places regulations on how bees are kept in the city. The ordinance limits two bee colonies per property, but bees will still travel beyond property lines with a flight radius of about 2 miles.

"They're not looking to sting somebody," DeHoff said. "Only time they'll sting you is if you swat at them. They're not interested in you; they're interested in what's down there."

He points to a catnip plant growing by his side patio. On it, five or six bees quietly gather nectar from its blooms.

Bee pollination accounts for one-third of the world's food supply. Without bees, almonds, apples, blackberries, blueberries, cherries, squash and a number of other fruits and vegetables would not grow.

Each bee colony houses about 60,000 bees, and beekeepers maintain colonies in wooden beehives that are divided into three sections: the top for honey making, and the middle and bottom for breeding.

Bee colonies keep a yearly cycle starting in early spring, and usually ending at first frost.

While it's not ripe with fruits, DeHoff said the city will be full of flowers that bees will flock to.

DeHoff's home on Western Reserve Road in Beaver Township isn't set in the middle of Canfield, but he said maintaining bees is pretty much the same in the country as it is in the city.

Residents with apiaries, one or more bee colony, will need to register with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, pay routine permit fees (to be determined by city council) and acquire an apiary permit from the city. The city requires all hives be kept 10 feet from property lines, and any hive 25 feet from a neighboring property must have a 6-foot-high barrier surrounding it.

Apiaries with three or more colonies established in the city before the ordinance will be grandfathered in.

To deter bees from visiting neighboring yards for water, keepers are required by the ordinance to have a water source of their own. DeHoff recommended a dish atop each bee box, a bird bath or a fountain.

City attorney Mark Fortunato received bee ordinances from other municipalities, and the council consulted local beekeepers while drafting Canfield's ordinance.

"I thought all bees were aggressive, but these honeybees are not," said council member John Morvay.

The ordinance states bees kept in the city are bred from a European stock that is known for its docility.

Morvay said he doesn't expect to have any issues with bees in the city.

BRIDAL

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8 p.m., the store's normal closing time, seemed satisfied when they appeared to receive their purchase.

The Wall Street Journal reported that people familiar with the situation said Alfred Angelo, with corporate headquarters in Delray Beach, Fla., plans to file for bankruptcy protection. The Journal also reported that the company has hired a Florida law firm to handle the bankruptcy.

While it appears at least some worried brides will receive their dresses from the Boardman Alfred Angelo, Englert has apparently lost her job, along with the rest of the employees – two full-time and eight part-time.

According to its website, the corporation operates more than 60 Alfred Angelo Bridal Signature Stores in the U.S., and the company's designs are sold at 1,400 retailers worldwide.

Employees said customers worried about their dresses are being told to call customer service at 888-218-0044 or email predmond@stearnweaver.com, according to Syracuse.com, which called the phone number and got a recording to leave a message.

The Palm Beach Post reported that employees at the chain's headquarters in Delray Beach left en masse at midday Thursday, carrying boxes, plants and other personal belongings.

A San Antonio television station reports that an employee confirmed the company is filing for bankruptcy, and said that all of the employees were notified of the closure through a conference call Thursday morning.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice Of Public Hearing

The Jackson Township Trustees will hold a public hearing at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Government Center, 10613 Mahoning Avenue, North Jackson, OH to approve, disapprove or modify the following zone changes:

CASE NO: 2017-01 ZC
PROPERTY OWNER OR LEASEE: DENNIS ORR, 5599 MUIRFIELD DR., CANFIELD, OH 44406

DETAILS OF REQUESTED CHANGES, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY INVOLVED:

Applicant is requesting a zone change on 5 parcels. The parcels are as follows:
Lot 5: 50-027-0-065.05-0 dimensions are 100' x 230', zoned RESIDENTIAL-2, CHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL-1,
LOT 12: 50-027-0-065.12-0 dimensions are 100' x 230', zoned RESIDENTIAL-2 AND RESIDENTIAL-1, CHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL-1 IN ITS ENTIRETY,
LOT 15: 50-027-0-065.15-0 dimensions are 100' x 243', zoned RESIDENTIAL-1, CHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL-1,
LOT 16: 50-027-0-065.16-0 dimensions are 100' x 243', zoned RESIDENTIAL-1, CHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL-1,
LOT 17: 50-027-0-065.17-0 dimensions are 100' x 243', zoned RESIDENTIAL-1, CHANGE TO RESIDENTIAL-2

Should this zone change be approved, lots 15, 16, and 17 will need replatted into 2 lots with 150 ft. frontage and 243 ft. in depth to Mahoning Avenue, North Jackson, OH. Parcel contains approximately 58,298 acres and has public utilities available. This does not meet the land use plan for Jackson Township. Data on the foregoing is on file at the Jackson Township Government Center, 10613 Mahoning Avenue and may be viewed Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

CASE NO: 2017-02 ZC
PROPERTY OWNER OR LEASEE: Leonard Enterprises LTD, 4456 Boardman Canfield Rd., Canfield, OH 44406
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE: Clark A Lonard, 5596 Boardman Canfield Rd., Canfield, OH 44406

The above listed applicant is requesting a zone change on parcel #: 50-006-0-019.00-0 from BUSINESS-1 (B-1) to INDUSTRIAL-2 (I-2), which has an address of 12926 Mahoning Ave., North Jackson, OH. Parcel contains approximately 58,298 acres and has public utilities available. This does not meet the land use plan for Jackson Township. Data on the foregoing is on file at the Jackson Township Government Center, 10613 Mahoning Avenue, North Jackson, OH and may be viewed Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Judy Patton
Jackson Township Fiscal Officer

TRUMP

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they're told a foreign government wants to help by offering damaging information about an opponent.

"Any threat or effort to interfere with our elections from any nation-state or any non-state actor," Wray said, "is the kind of thing the FBI would want to know."

Trump Jr. himself said in a Fox News interview Tuesday night that "in retrospect I probably would have done things a little differently."

Meanwhile, the Republican chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said he would call on Trump Jr. to testify as part of an investigation into Russian meddling in last year's election and would subpoena him if necessary. Witnesses who refuse to comply with subpoenas risk being held in contempt.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said he wants Trump Jr. to testify "pretty soon,"

and it could be as early as next week. He wouldn't say what he wants to hear from Trump Jr., but said members aren't restricted "from asking anything they want to ask." The panel's top Democrat, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, had also called on Trump Jr. to testify.

A lawyer for Donald Trump Jr. did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

A spokesman for the Senate Judiciary Committee said the letter hasn't been sent.

The Judiciary Committee is one of several congressional panels investigating Russian meddling in the U.S. election, along with Special Counsel Robert Mueller. U.S. intelligence agencies have accused the Russian government of meddling through hacking in last year's election to benefit Trump and harm Clinton, and authorities are exploring potential coordination between Moscow and the Trump campaign.

Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, has also said he'd like to hear from Trump Jr. and said the panel has requested documents from him.

But committee chairman, Republican Sen. Richard Burr of North Carolina, hasn't said whether the secretive committee will call him in. Trump Jr. tweeted Monday that he was "happy to work with the committee to pass on what I know."

It's unclear whether Trump Jr. would be as eager to testify before the Judiciary panel, which generally conducts open hearings. The Senate intelligence committee interviews many of its witnesses behind closed doors, though it has held an unusual number of open hearings as part of the Russia probe.

The June 9, 2016, meeting involved a lawyer, Natalia Veselnitskaya, who was described to Trump Jr. in emails as a "Russian government attorney" who had

incriminating information on Clinton. Trump, apparently referencing an article in The Hill newspaper that said the Justice Department had enabled the attorney to be in the country, suggested Thursday "she was here" because of former Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

An assistant United States attorney in a January court hearing in New York said the federal government had bypassed the normal visa process and granted a "type of extraordinary permission" so that her client could be in the U.S. to be deposed in a Justice Department lawsuit involving a Russian investment firm.

The government, the lawyer said, "made the further accommodation of allowing his Russian lawyer into the country to assist."

In a statement, Lynch said she had no knowledge of Veselnitskaya's travel. "The State Department issues visas, and the Department of Homeland Security oversees entry to the United States

at airports," the statement said.

Also Thursday, the Justice Department released a heavily redacted page from Attorney General Jeff Sessions' security clearance application in response to a government watchdog group's lawsuit.

The application page asks whether Sessions, a senator before joining the Trump administration, or anyone in his immediate family had contact within the past seven years with a foreign government or its representatives. There's a "no" box checked. The rest of the answer is redacted.

The department had already acknowledged that Sessions omitted from his form meetings he had with foreign dignitaries, including the Russian ambassador.

A department spokesman said Sessions had been told that routine encounters as part of Sessions' Senate duties didn't have to be included on the form.

Grand jury indicts 3 men in shooting death



New
Figueroa
Nolasco

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

A Mahoning County grand jury Thursday indicted three men arrested Sunday for a July 6 shooting death.

Alex New, 20, and Johnathan Figueroa, 19, both of Sherwood Avenue, and Fred J. Nolasco, 23, of Tampa Avenue, face charges of aggravated murder, murder, aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary with firearm specifications.

The three are charged with killing Marion Bugdal Jr., 52, whose body was found about 11 a.m. in the kitchen of his Bennington Avenue home. Police said the three broke into Bugdal's home July 6. Police said Bugdal tried to get them to leave, and New shot him.

Police were able to link the three to the crime because of other reports Bugdal had made in the past about harassment

he claimed had been caused by New.

All three are in the Mahoning County jail on \$1 million bond after their arraignments Monday in municipal court.

Also indicted were:

Douglas Stout, 64, South Warwick Drive, Canfield, possession of cocaine.

Alyssa McKeel McHenry, 22, Shippingport, Pa., aggravated trafficking in drugs, trafficking in heroin, trafficking in drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Latonia Lake, 38, West LaCede Avenue, felonious assault and domestic violence.

Azia Morgan, 19, Ohltown-McDonald Road, Mineral Ridge and **Nicholas Siroki**, 29, North Four Mile Run Road, McDonald, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cody Bergeron, 25, Nelson Avenue, aggravated possession of

drugs.

Joseph Derrico, 28, Kensington Avenue, grand theft.

Demario Hoyt, 22, Howard Street, being a felon in illegal possession of a firearm and improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle.

Mark Jones, 26, East Boston Avenue, a felon in illegal possession of a firearm.

Jamel Patton, 21, West Princeton Avenue, improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, carrying concealed weapons, possession of heroin, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia with forfeiture specifications.

Deandre Devon Levy, 26, Harding Avenue, Mineral ridge, domestic violence.

Anthony Dizenzo, 49, Overlook Avenue, burglary.

Lavar Paige, 29, c/o Mahoning County jail, felonious assault, improper discharge of a firearm into

a habitation and being a felon in illegal possession of a weapon with firearm specifications.

Daniel Scott, 29, North Hartford Avenue, felonious assault.

Elizabeth Pless, 49, East Florida Avenue, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Teon Stennis, 24, East Auburndale Avenue, two counts of felonious assault and being a felon in possession of a firearm with firearm specifications.

David Wright, 33, West Heights Avenue, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia with forfeiture specifications.

Stene Allgood, 58, East Wood Street, possession of cocaine.

Johnnie Carnathan, 57, West Glenaven Avenue, possession of cocaine.

Deandre Fant, 29, Detroit Avenue, possession of cocaine.

Erik Jenkins, 21, improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle and operating a vehicle impaired.

David Pavelko II, 19, Southern Boulevard, Boardman, trespass into a habitation.

Curtis Daye, 25, homeless, criminal damaging and criminal trespass.

Kendris Staples, 29, South Schenley Avenue, two counts of deception to obtain dangerous drugs.

Lateaka Madison, 26, Delaware Avenue, forgery.

Omar Muhammad, 44, West Glenaven Avenue, forgery.

Sheila Drummond, 29, address unknown, prohibitions concerning companion animals.

Devon Riffle, 33, Ohio State Penitentiary, harassment with bodily substance.

Brandon Kamenos, 26, address unknown, escape.

GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Local trades council endorses Schiavoni

Staff report

BOARDMAN

The Western Reserve Building Trades Council, comprised of 23 unions in the Mahoning Valley, endorsed state Sen. Joe Schiavoni of Boardman, D-33rd, for governor Thursday.

"Joe Schiavoni has been fighting for working Ohioans since the very beginning of his career.



Schiavoni

He started out as an attorney for injured workers, then carried those experiences with him to the Ohio Statehouse," said Rocco DiGennaro, Western Reserve Building Trades Council president. "Joe makes it clear with every bill he introduces — he remembers where he came from, and he knows what hardworking families need. We are proud to endorse Joe Schiavoni for Ohio's next governor."

"I'm honored to have the support of the dedicated men and women of the Western Reserve Building Trades Council," Schiavoni said. "Ohio was built by its working families. They deserve legislators who put their needs first. As governor, I will prioritize issues that give every Ohioan a fair shot."

Schiavoni is among four Democrats seeking the party's gubernatorial nomination next year. Also running are Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, ex-U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton and ex-state Rep. Connie Pillich.



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Hard at work at YSU

Crews continue work on the multimillion-dollar second phase of construction at University Edge Student Apartments on Lincoln Avenue on the Youngstown State University campus. The complex will have 220 bedrooms, a clubhouse, fitness center, game room, lounge and a computer room. A new Barnes and Noble bookstore will replace the campus bookstore a block up the street beginning today. Construction on a second university apartment complex, the Enclave, is expected to begin along Wick Avenue between Lincoln and Rayen avenues later this summer.

Company raises issues about second Lordstown power plant

Staff report

LORDSTOWN

Vienna Investments, owner of a building leased to Magna Seating of Henn Parkway, has filed a request to be a formal party when the Ohio Power Siting Board has a final hearing to decide whether to allow Clean Energy Future to build a second gas-fired power plant in the Lordstown Industrial Park.

The petition asks that Vienna Investments be permitted to participate when the siting board has an adjudicatory hearing in the Public Utilities Commission offices in Columbus at 10 a.m. Aug. 10.

That is a hearing where evidence is presented, and the parties can testify and cross-examine other parties. A decision on whether to allow Vienna Investments to participate in the hearing has not been made.

Before the adjudicatory hearing, there also will be a public hearing at 6 p.m. July 25 at Lordstown High School on Salt Springs Road. That is the hearing for the public to offer feedback on the project, known as the Trumbull Energy Center.

Magna Seating is a quarter mile from the proposed second power plant and next to the first power plant, called the Lordstown En-

ergy Center, which is under construction.

The petition says Vienna Investments wants to participate in the proceedings "in order to ensure that the construction ... is done in a manner that is safe" and for other reasons.

The petition says Clean Energy Future has not sought modification of the requirements and restrictions of the Lordstown Industrial Park, as it did with the first project.

"The fear is that just as it has ignored the covenants and restrictions governing the use of the real property, Clean Energy Future-Trumbull may likewise ignore

other aspects impacting Vienna [Investments] and the Lordstown Industrial Park as a whole," the petition says.

Bill Siderewicz, president of Clean Energy Future, said Clean Energy Future did not seek modification of the industrial park requirements because the first request also covered the second plant.

He added that the petition fails to provide any specifics as to what safety issue Vienna Investments thinks exists. And Magna seating, which is the employer of the people working in the building, has not raised any safety concerns.

HOMICIDE

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Dr. Humphrey Germaniuk, said he found no signs of trauma on the body of Tom Dailey, 46, of the Columbus area, when Dr. Germaniuk conducted an autopsy this week.

He said a police report indicated that dried blood spatter was found on Dailey's shirt and around his nose, but that was vomit, not blood, Dr. Germaniuk said.

A cause of death for Dailey is pending further studies, including toxicology. It's likely to take about two months for the result to be returned to the coroner's office.

Dailey was found dead Saturday in the Econo Lodge on Youngstown Road by cleaning personnel.

Dailey helped start Warren's first drug detoxification center, First Step Recovery, in 2015. The facility said he left First Step several months later.

He also indicated on his LinkedIn page online that he was executive director and co-owner of Braking Point Recovery Center of Central Ohio.

He completed the Trumbull County Common Pleas Court's drug court program last September.

In the other homicide case last weekend, Arteum P. Brodeur, 24, of North Park



Brodeur

Avenue, was indicted Thursday by a Trumbull County grand jury of murder and tampering with evidence in the

death of Michael Krevas, 31, of Washington Street on Saturday night.

Brodeur was arrested late Saturday, a few hours after Krevas was found stabbed in the parking lot of an apartment building on North Park, a short distance north of downtown.

Brodeur will be arraigned this morning in Trumbull County Common pleas court.

The sheriff's office confirmed Thursday that Brodeur was assaulted early Wednesday in the county jail and was taken to St. Joseph Warren Hospital for treatment of minor injuries to his head.

A jail incident report says another inmate, Kashuan Williams, 23, assaulted Brodeur with fists and a plastic garbage can while Brodeur was laying on a cot in a crowded pod.

Brodeur tried to protect his head, but he did not fight back, Maj. Dan Mason, jail administrator, said. Jail officials viewed the fight on surveillance video.

It's not known what the fight was about, Mason said. The matter is being referred to the Warren prosecutor for possible charges against Williams, who is incarcerated on felonious-assault and drug-possession charges.

GIRARD

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who do not maintain their properties.

"There are a couple of bad landlords who don't want to spend a dime," Melfi said. "People should take pride in what they do. It's not fair to the people who work to take care of their properties."

Melfi said the number of local businesses interested in the grant dwindled as owners learned the extensiveness of the application process.

To entice more businesses, officials "sweetened the pot," Melfi said, by offering an initial \$10,000 in grant money per business in addition to dollar-for-dollar matching for any money the businesses spend themselves.

Officials also expanded the geographic area eligible for the grant from Interstate 80 to Smithsonian Street.

The funds can be spent on

a range of projects, including electrical repairs, heating and cooling, facade upgrades and disability-access compliance. Projects must be completed by Sept. 30.

Melfi & Santagelo Pizza Parlor & Italian Deli, which is owned by the mayor, has received up to \$4,570 for lighting improvements.

The Trumbull County commissioners' office, which is administering the grant, reached out to the Ohio Ethics Commission about the issue. The commission determined it would not be a conflict of interest for a city official to receive funding because the city is not administering the grant.

"It's important to note that I've been in business for 34 years, since before I took office," Melfi said. "I invested a lot of money into an abandoned building. I think that speaks for itself. I wanted to be treated just like anyone else."



Girard Mayor James Melfi chats with Sister Jean Orsuto, director of Emmanuel Community Center, at the corner of State and Liberty streets. The center, which provides assistance to at-risk families, is using federal grant money to make improvements.

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BIRTHS

ST. ELIZABETH BOARDMAN HOSPITAL
Eugene and Alexis Mitchell, Petersburg, boy, July 12.
Alan and Emily Wire, Youngstown, girl, July 12.
Darin Alshammam and Milad Farah, North Jackson, boy, July 12.
Alicia Armstrong and Cody Bucher, McDonald, boy, July 12.

Betty H. Brown Jagnow, *President & Publisher*Mark A. Brown, *General Manager**Past Publishers*William F. Maag Sr., *February 28, 1850–April 10, 1924*William F. Maag Jr., *July 26, 1883–February 29, 1968*William J. Brown, *June 14, 1913–August 14, 1981*

Our VOICE

Help St. Vincent de Paul open dining hall ASAP

MAHONING COUNTY CAN count itself blessed for its strong, active and compassionate St. Vincent de Paul Society. The organization's longstanding and ongoing good works would make the venerable namesake of the organization, a 17th century Roman Catholic priest from France, truly proud.

Just as St. Vincent de Paul, known as the "Great Apostle of Charity," lived and preached, his robust contemporary army of volunteer disciples in the Mahoning Valley dedicate themselves to helping the less fortunate of our community in myriad projects.

One of the most visible modes has been its operation of a dining hall in downtown Youngstown that for years has served as a headquarters for the poor, homeless and otherwise down-on-their-luck individuals to gather for food and fellowship daily.

Early this month, however, the dining hall was forced to close indefinitely after an inspection by the Mahoning County Building Inspection Department found the facility unsafe for workers and patrons. Among the potential dangers found were a collapsed ceiling above a second-floor office and rotting floor under compartment sinks.

The closing of the dining hall inside the 72-year-old structure cut off a vital life line for hundreds in our community. That's why the society and its supporters cannot allow the significant services it provides to lie dormant much longer.

RESTORATION OF SERVICE

We were encouraged Thursday to learn that plans are in the works for restoring the SVDP dining-hall services in the near future. "I do know our [dining hall] service will be continuing," Jessica Robinson, executive administrator of the Mahoning District of SVDP, told *The Vindicator*.

She added that a formal announcement is expected sometime next week on updates on the repairs to the facility and details on when and where the meal service will resume.

We would urge society board members and leaders to restart the service as quickly as possible and to locate it (if an alternate location becomes necessary) as close to its downtown headquarters as possible. In addition to lacking adequate food, many St. Vincent patrons also lack viable transportation.

Toward those goals, community assistance to Mahoning SVDP can play a large role in expediting re-establishment of the service. Monetary contributions of any size can be made at the organization's website, mahoningsvdp.org.

The nonprofit group relies heavily on community generosity to finance its good works. And although the dining hall might well be the most visible symbol of its charity, St. Vincent de Paul is active on numerous other fronts in its mission to "end poverty through systemic change."

Despite the hall's temporary closing, "We are very much alive and well," Robinson said. The offices of the society at 208 W. Front St. remain open and its other services continue to buzz along.

Amid the focus on the current dining-hall dilemma, many may lose sight of those equally noble good works of the society. Consider, for example, these impressive imprints it makes on our community:

- ♦ The SVDP Society Food Pantry at Mount Carmel Church, Youngstown, provides more than 250 families per week with needed food supplies and more than 100 people daily with bread and other basic food staples.

- ♦ The society is in the middle of its annual campaign to collect back-to-school supplies for low-income children in grades K-12. Distribution to a projected 500 students will take place Aug. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the society headquarters. Donations of backpacks, notebooks, writing utensils, crayons and other supplies are being accepted. A special collection will take place Saturday at the Youngstown Flea downtown.

- ♦ Individual SVDP groups operate out of every Roman Catholic parish in the county to ensure outreach to those in need stretches as far and wide as possible in the county.

For the time being, however, the dining hall's closure remains a critically missing piece in the society's overall patchwork of community benevolence. The sooner the service can be restored, the sooner SVDP and the legions who depend on it for sustenance can be made whole again.

SCRIPTURES

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain, who build it: unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

PSALM 127:1 NKJV

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EDITORIAL

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Trump just like Obama

By WILL DURST
Cagle Cartoons

Donald J Trump has many tools at his disposal. Both houses of Congress. The support of rural America. Friends in high places. His family. A supermodel. Twitter. Fox News. The Russian Federation. A signature scent. And ... executive orders. Along with executive determinations, memorandums, proclamations, suggestions, aspersions, insinuations, innuendos and doodles.

An executive order is a presidential shortcut to impose regulations or reinforce policy with the extra-added attraction of bypassing the tortuous labyrinths of Congress. And face it, any day without talking to Mitch McConnell is a victory.

Executive orders can be historic, as in the Emancipation Proclamation. They can also be pure patronage, such as appointing a friend to a federal post. There are also frivolous executive orders, like when Woodrow Wilson declared "hunting with a lantern, torch, bonfire or other artificial light" a misdemeanor. It was an admirable attempt to level the playing field, short of giving deer automatic weapons.

Executive orders originated way back in America's beta start-up phase. George Washington wrote eight, and John Adams one. The first 150 or so weren't numbered. But in 1907, Abraham Lincoln's "Executive Order Establishing a Provisional Court in Louisiana," issued in 1862, was retroactively recorded as Executive Order #1. And there have been 13,801 since. A tidy number, but you wouldn't want to carve them onto limestone and carry them around in a backpack.

DEPRESSION

FDR issued 3,728, averaging 307 per annum over his 12-year and change run. But historians generally agree events back then verged on the hectic, what with a capital "D" depression and a World War going on and all. Not to mention gangsters o'plenty roaming the Midwest and Judy Garland terrorizing soundstages all over the greater Los Angeles basin.

During his victorious presidential campaign, Donald Trump derided Barack Hussein Obama for an unhealthy dependence on executive orders, accusing the 44th president of being "too lazy to negotiate." Because during elections and only during elections, "negotiate" is not a dirty word.

Knowing that, you'd think he'd be reluctant to utilize them himself. And once again, you'd be wrong.

In his first 150 days, Donald Trump has issued 37, putting him on pace for 92 a year, the most since Harry Truman. And that may be the last time you hear Trump mentioned in the same sentence as Truman, ever.

Executive orders are usually promoted as proof of campaign promises kept but most are simply press releases with florid signatures. The bulk create task forces, empower reviews and set up commissions, plans, reports, reorganizations, instructions, and eternal investigation into eliminating those dreaded and mythical beasts: fraud, waste and abuse. They're mostly homework assignments for agency heads.

A few are enduring testaments and others lasting markers of national shame (EO 9066 – Japanese Internment) but all subject to the Ping-Pong Effect, where one president enacts it and the next rescinds it.

Which means that no matter what damage Trump attempts to do to individual freedoms, the environment and corporate authority, chances are the next president will overturn the most egregious of them which is most. That is assuming there is a next president. Fingers crossed.

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Delaware-sized iceberg breaks from Antarctica ...



State probe in Youngstown adds to the area's negative reputation

A state investigation into the legality of more than \$2 million given by Youngstown from its water and wastewater funds to NYO Property Group, a prominent downtown developer, is certainly troubling to an area that is known for political corruption.

Search warrants were executed March 16 at NYO's downtown Youngstown office and at the Poland home of **Dominic J. Marchionda**, its managing member.

That was followed by searches July 6 of the home and office of **Stephen Garea**, NYO's attorney on the three projects under investigation, and the homes of Youngstown Finance Director **David Bozanich** and his girlfriend, **Panzy Eldridge**.

Numerous documents, including financial records and tax returns, as well as several computers, a safe and \$66,700 in cash were taken from the four locations.

The investigation, led by the Ohio Auditor's office, should wrap up in the fall.

The probe focuses on three projects done by NYO subsidiaries that received \$2.27 million from the city's water and wastewater funds.

The most significant project is \$1.2 million given from those funds to U.S. Campus Suites LLC in November 2009 for the Flats at Wick student-housing project.

Marchionda's company then 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 the 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

**David Skolnick**

AS AN ASIDE

A belated note of appreciation to the Austintown Fourth of July Parade committee for having me serve as a judge and allowing me to participate in the event I've watched annually since moving to the township in 1995. I never thought throwing candy and waving to people could be so much fun. Readers of this column know how much I've enjoyed watching the parade over the years. A special thanks to township Trustee Jim Davis who asked me to participate. It wouldn't be a parade if Davis didn't pelt me with candy – even though he did it moments before the event started.

On another personal note, I turned 50 today. I came to The Vindicator from New York when I was 27 years old. I never imagined spending nearly half of my life here though I'm very happy with my career choice – there always seems to be a lot of big news in this area – and to call the Mahoning Valley my home.

to sell the fire station for \$10 in May 2009 to the NYO subsidiary, 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 from

Garea's law office were files about the Flats at Wick and Wick Tower.

Four Youngstown water customers filed a lawsuit last year to stop the city from using water and wastewater funds for economic development.

City council lately has backed away from giving wastewater funds for such projects because Youngstown already charges very high sewer rates, largely to pay for the \$150 million in upgrades to the city's sewer system as ordered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Also of note is those who oppose fracking in the city are gathering signatures yet again to ban the practice along with other fracking-related activities. For the record, there is no fracking in the city, but the proposed charter amendment goes much further than that.

Unlike the six previous Community Bill of Rights charter amendments that have failed since 2013 – the November 2016 results were by far the closest losing by 2.5 percentage points – the one that could be on the upcoming November ballot calls for the prohibition of water and wastewater funds to be used for economic development projects.

With the ongoing state investigation that should be finished before the general election, this ballot issue could finally resonate with city voters.

Those wanting to get the amendment on the ballot need at least 1,259 valid signatures from city voters.

City officials insist the long-standing practice is allowable and have a legal opinion to back it up.

But if indictments are unsealed before the election – or if residents are tired of the city giving water and wastewater funds for economic development projects – this charter amendment could have its best chance of being approved.

Even if it fails, backers of the proposal will likely be back again and again as they have done many times before.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This cowardly Republican amendment targeting transgender men and women in uniform effectively bans these patriotic Americans from serving their country."

NANCY PELOSI, D-Calif., House Minority Leader, saying Republicans should be ashamed for proposing to bar the Pentagon from paying for gender transition surgeries.



**Education official
apologizes anew,
this time to victims**

WASHINGTON

The Education Department's top civil-rights official's "flippant" remarks are raising questions about the government's commitment to fighting campus sexual violence, even as she issued her second apology in as many days for attributing 90 percent of sexual assault claims to both parties being drunk.

Candice Jackson, assistant secretary for civil rights, told victims of sexual-assault meeting with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Thursday that she was sorry for her remarks.

"As much as I appreciate apologies, which are difficult, unfortunately, there's no way to take it back. It's out there," said Fatima Goss Graves, president of the National Women's Law Center, who attended the meeting and relayed Jackson's apology Thursday. "What's extremely important now is that they do the hard work to counter those sorts of rape myths. They need to explicitly reject them."

**Qatar crisis grinds
on as top diplomat
leaves the Gulf**

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES

The top U.S. diplomat concluded a week of shuttle diplomacy in the Persian Gulf crisis Thursday bearing no promise of an imminent breakthrough, but he voiced optimism that Qatar and its four Arab neighbors might soon at least be willing to talk face to face.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson traveled to tiny, gas-rich Qatar for a second time for a lunch meeting with 37-year-old Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, following talks earlier in the week in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

As he flew back to Washington, Tillerson told reporters that the discussions had been "helpful" and that the U.S. planned to keep at it.

**Newlyweds accused
of kidnapping and
raping Fla. woman**

MIAMI

Most couples come to South Florida on their honeymoon to enjoy the sun, the fun, the food and often the nightlife. But police say a Georgia couple's celebration here turned a bit too debauched and landed them in jail on felony charges.

Police and witnesses say that Rashada Hurley, 32, and her new husband, Timothy Lowe, 37, beat and kidnapped a woman, drove her to a motel and forced sex on her, then got naked the next day inside a convenience store and grabbed a couple of sodas without paying.

Police found the couple outside a block away – still holding the sodas and still naked. They placed blankets around them, took them in for questioning and charged them with theft.

Then, with the help of video surveillance, investigators quickly linked the couple to the earlier rape and said the woman identified the couple through a photo lineup.

**US, Mexico eye
closer energy ties as
NAFTA talks loom**

MEXICO CITY

The United States and Mexico are looking to boost energy ties as the two countries prepare for the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, officials said Thursday.

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry, who met in Mexico with his counterpart, Pedro Joaquín Coldwell, called the United States' southern neighbor "a very, very important partner" on energy.

Joaquín Coldwell said his country plans two new pipelines to import U.S. natural gas in addition to the 17 that already exist.

Combined dispatches

**Trustees project
Social Security
increase of 2.2%**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Millions of Americans who rely on Social Security can expect to receive their biggest payment increase in years this January, according to projections released Thursday by the trustees who oversee the program.

But older Americans shouldn't get too excited.

The increase is projected to be just 2.2 percent, or about \$28 a month for the average recipient. Social Security recipients have gone years with tiny increases in benefits. This year they received an increase of 0.3 percent, after getting nothing last year.

Some good news for seniors: The trustees project that Medicare Part B premiums will remain unchanged next year. Most beneficiaries pay \$134 a month, though retirees with higher incomes pay more.

Both Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment and the Medicare Part B premium are to be announced in the fall.

The trustees released the 2018 projections Thursday, along with their annual warning about the long-term financial problems of Social Security and Medicare, the federal government's two bedrock retirement programs.

More than 61 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and surviving children receive Social Security benefits. The average monthly payment is \$1,253. Medicare provides health insurance to about 58 million people, most of whom are at least 65 years old.

Unless Congress acts, the trust funds that support Social Security are estimated to run dry in 2034, the same year as last year's projection. Medicare's trust fund for inpatient care is projected to be depleted in 2029, a year later than last year's forecast.

If Congress allows either fund to be depleted, millions of Americans living on fixed incomes would face steep cuts in benefits.



AP FILE PHOTO, FEB. 19, 2013

Hydrocodone-acetaminophen pills, also known as Vicodin, are arranged for a photo at a pharmacy in Montpelier, Vt.

**Panel calls on FDA to review
safety of opioid painkillers**

Associated Press

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration should review the safety and effectiveness of all opioids, and consider the real-world impacts the powerful painkillers have, not only on patients, but also on families, crime and the demand for heroin.

That's the conclusion of a sweeping report Thursday from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. It urges the FDA to bolster a public-health approach that already has resulted in one painkiller being pulled from the market. Last week, the maker of opioid painkiller Opana ER withdrew its drug at the FDA's request following a 2015 outbreak of HIV and hepatitis C in southern Indiana linked to sharing needles to inject the pills.

"Our recommendation is for a much more systematic approach, integrating public-health decision-making into all aspects of opioid

review and approval," said Dr. Aaron Kesselheim of Harvard Medical School, a member of the report committee. "It would be an ambitious undertaking."

The report details how two intertwining epidemics – prescription painkillers and heroin – led to the worst addiction crisis in U.S. history and provides a plan for turning back the tide of overdose deaths.

Prescribed, legal drugs are a gateway to illicit drugs for some, the report says. Other users start with pills diverted to the black market. Crush-resistant pills and other restrictions can have unintended consequences, shifting use to heroin and illicit fentanyl.

The epidemic's broad reach into rural and suburban America "has blurred the formerly distinct social boundary between use of prescribed opioids and use of heroin and other illegally manufactured ones," the report says.

**New Senate health care
bill teeters on the brink**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republican leaders unveiled a new health care bill Thursday in their increasingly desperate effort to deliver on seven years of promises to repeal and replace "Obamacare." They immediately lost two key votes, leaving none to spare as the party's own divisions put its top campaign pledge in serious jeopardy.

President Donald Trump declared Wednesday that failure would make him "very angry" and that he would blame Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

But talking with reporters aboard Air Force One en route to France, Trump also acknowledged the challenges lawmakers face.

The reworked bill Mc-

Connell presented to fellow Republicans aims to win conservatives' support by letting insurers sell low-cost, skimpy policies. At the same time, he seeks to placate hesitant moderates by adding billions to combat opioid abuse and help consumers with skyrocketing insurance costs.

But it was not clear whether the Republican leader has achieved the delicate balance he needs after an embarrassing setback last month when he abruptly canceled a vote in the face of widespread opposition to a bill he crafted largely in secret.

McConnell said the 172-page legislation is the senators' opportunity to make good on years of promises.



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Young women listen to Matthew Weintraub, district attorney for Bucks County, Pa., speak during a news conference Thursday in New Hope, Pa.

**Source: Man killed 4 men
separately, burned them**

Associated Press

DOYLESTOWN, PA.

A drug dealer has confessed to killing four young men separately after selling them marijuana and then burning their bodies at his family's farm, a person with firsthand knowledge of his confession said Thursday.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to publicly discuss details of the case. The person said a co-conspirator was involved in the killings of three of the men, who had been reported missing. The details were pro-

vided after one of Cosmo DiNardo's lawyers said Thursday that DiNardo had confessed to murdering the missing men, who included a Maryland college student.

DiNardo, 20, confessed to taking part in the four slayings and agreed to plead guilty to four first-degree murder counts, attorney Paul Lang said outside court, where DiNardo had met with investigators.

"I'm sorry," a shackled DiNardo said as he left the courthouse.

The person with firsthand knowledge of DiNardo's confession said the men were killed after DiNardo felt cheated or

threatened during three drug transactions. DiNardo sold quarter-pound quantities of marijuana for several thousand dollars and sold handguns to area residents, the person said.

DiNardo said one victim was killed July 5 and the other three were killed July 7, the person said.

Authorities had charged DiNardo earlier this year with having a gun despite an involuntary mental-health commitment. In seeking \$5 million bail on a stolen-car charge this week, prosecutors said he had been diagnosed with schizophrenia.

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WIMBLEDON

Venus gains 9th final at AEC

At 37, American is oldest finalist since Navratilova in 1994

Associated Press

LONDON

All these years later, Wimbledon still brings out the best in Venus Williams.

With her latest display of gutsy serving and big hitting, Williams beat Johanna Konta 6-4, 6-2 on Thursday to reach her ninth title match at the All England Club and first since 2009.

At 37, Williams is the oldest Wimbledon finalist since Martina Navratilova was the 1994 runner-up at that age.

Williams also stopped Konta's bid to become the first woman from Britain in 40 years to win the country's Grand Slam tournament.

"I couldn't have asked for more, but I'll ask for a little more. One more win would be amazing," Williams said. "It won't be a given, but I'm going to give it my all."

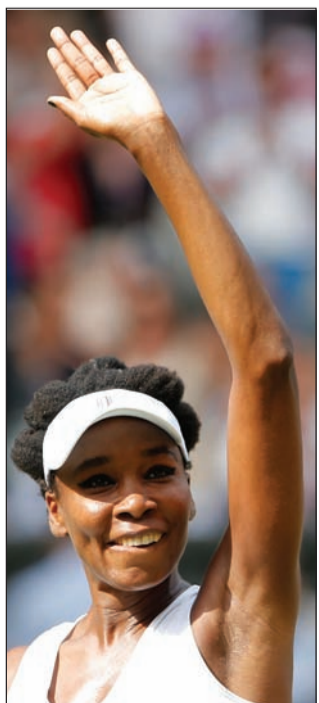
She will be seeking her sixth Wimbledon championship and eighth Grand Slam singles trophy overall. Her most recent came in 2008, when she defeated her younger sister, Serena, for the title at the All England Club. A year later, she lost the final to Serena.

In the time since, Williams revealed that she was diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, which can sap energy and cause joint pain. As time went on, there were questions about whether she might retire, especially after a half-dozen first-round losses at major tournaments. But she kept on going, and lately has returned to winning.

Her resurgence began in earnest at Wimbledon a year ago, when she made it to the semifinals. Then, at the Australian Open in January, Williams reached the final, where she lost to — yes, you guessed it — her sister. Serena is off the tour for the rest of this year because she is pregnant.

"I missed her so much before this match. And I was like, 'I just wish she was here.' And I was like, 'I wish she could do this for

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Venus Williams waves to the crowd after defeating Britain's Johanna Konta in their semifinal match at Wimbledon on Thursday at the All England Club in London. At age 37, Williams became the oldest Wimbledon finalist since Martina Navratilova was the 1994 runner-up at that age.

MAKING THE CUT

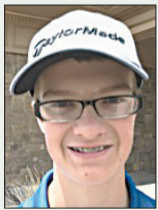
Atkinson, Jacobson, Porter will compete next weekend



FINAL QUALIFIERS

♦ Advancing to the final round of the 2017 Greatest Golfer of the Valley Juniors tournament after Thursday's qualifier at Trumbull Country Club are:

BOYS 17U



Atkinson
GIRLS 17



Jacobson
BOYS 14U



Porter

Complete scoreboard on B3, with photo gallery online at Vindy.com

By GREG GULAS
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WARREN

BROOKFIELD'S JUSTIN Atkinson tied Keegan Butler with a 73 on Thursday in the boys 17U division of the final Greatest Golfer junior qualifier at the Trumbull Country Club.

Atkinson, who carded a 35-38, qualified for tournament's championship round for the fourth time. He is anxious to walk-off with top honors.

"It's a great feeling, but I'm still looking for that first win so the goal is to play my best next weekend," said Atkinson, a sophomore at Brookfield High School this fall. "The course was a little wet, but played nice and was in excellent condition."

"I chipped well today and when I didn't chip like I should have, my putter saved me."

In the girls 17U bracket, Boardman's Britney Jonda carded a 78 to win. Since she had already qualified for the final, runner-up Jenna Jacobson of Poland qualified with her 83.

In 14U boys action, Kaiden Sykes won for the second straight week as his 35 topped all boys in the division. As a result, McDonald's Michael Porter qualified by finishing runner-up with a 39.

The 14U golfers played just nine holes.

In girls 14U, Jayne Bernard won with a 42. Following her were Leah Benson (45) and McKenzie Gustas (48). All already had qualified.

Butler (36-37), who qualified by winning at Mill Creek on June 28, used the event to maintain his mo-

See JUNIORS, B3



Dean Austalosh of Oak Trree Country Club makes his approach shot onto the green at Trumbull Country Club during Thursday's final qualifier for The Vindicator's Greatest Golfer of the Valley Juniors Championship. Austalosh competed in the 17U division.

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Emily Marcavish of Avalon at Squaw Creek putts during Thursday's final Greatest Juniors qualifier at Trumbull Country Club in Warren. Marcavish competed in the 17U division.

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BASEBALL

Scrappers sweep Cyclones to bounce back

Team rebounds after getting swept on road

By CHARLES GROVE
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NILES

The roller coaster analogy has been a cliché for too long. Perhaps a ferris wheel analogy is a path less traveled when a team goes from a losing streak to a winning streak.

The Scrappers are nearing the top of the ride getting a great view of the city after a 4-2 win to sweep the Brooklyn Cyclones on Thursday night. That's a much better view than the carnival worker with a cigarette half hanging off his lip that the Scrappers were metaphorically gazing at when they were the ones getting swept at Williamsport last weekend.

"This is huge," second baseman Ernie Clement said. "To bounce back shows a lot about the character of this club."

Clement smacked the game-winning hit when his double found the left-center gap to bring home Clark Scolamiero in the seventh inning.

Two batters later, Oscar Gonzalez singled Clement home to take control of the game in the late innings.

"I just wanted to look for a pitch to drive," Clement said. "I got a fastball up in the zone and fortunately I put a good swing on it."

"They threw me a bunch of fastballs all night so I was looking for one up in the zone."

Clement, Jonathan Larueano and Ulysses Cantu each had two hits for the home team. Cesar Ventura pitched well in relief, earning the win after 2 1/3 innings to close the game out, allowing just one hit, walking none and striking out five.

Cantu said the team lacked energy during their poor performance in Williamsport. It was a topic of conversation after their fourth-consecutive loss this past Sunday.

"We talked about it. It had a lot to do with energy," Cantu said. "We were a little down but coming home we found [the energy]."

In a short season, every series means more in terms of the standings and team morale. While Mahoning Valley manager Luke Carlin said it's too early in the season to look at standings, how the team handles views from the top or the foul-smelling carnival worker at the bottom makes a difference by the time those standings have significant meaning.

"It's all about having the right perspective," Carlin said. "Whether it's a losing streak or

See NYPL, B4



Cantu

SCRAPPERS 4
CYCLONES 2

Next: Scrappers at Hudson Valley, today, 7:05 p.m.

Inside: More baseball, including Major and Minor league standings. B4

Feng has best round in weather-delayed U.S. Open

Associated Press

BEDMINSTER, N.J.

Shanshan Feng had her best round in the U.S. Women's Open, and the first-round lead.

Afternoon rain and lightning forced officials to suspend play for more than two hours Thursday in the biggest event in women's golf, and play was stopped because of darkness with 39 players still on the course. They will return early today to complete the round at Trump National Golf Course.

The weather was the only hitch for the players and the

USGA, which took a lot of criticism for failing to move the \$5 million event to another course after comments by President Donald Trump about women.

Despite fears of protests, Day 1 was uneventful.

There were no demonstrators. The golf was excellent and Feng was outstanding, shooting a 6-under 66 in a tournament in which she has rarely played well in her 10 seasons as a professional in the United States. It marked the first time the 27-year-old from China broke 70 in 42 Open rounds.

Amy Yang of South Korea, who has had two seconds, a third and a fourth in this event in the last five years, was a shot behind.

Lydia Ko of New Zealand played in the same threesome with Feng and was tied for third at 68 with top-ranked So Yeon Ryu of South Korea.

Carlota Ciganda also was 4 under with a hole left. She would have to eagle the par-5 18th to get a share of the lead.

Former Open winner

See OPEN, B2

China's Shanshan Feng hits off the 12th fairway of Trump National Golf Course in Bedminster, N.J., during the first round of the U.S. Women's Open on Thursday.

Feng shot a six-under-par 66 to finish atop the leaderboard.

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 14). You're the ringleader of this circus with an extraordinary instinct for coming up with what's next in the grand show. Since you see the big picture with clarity, tend to broad lines and let someone else do the detail work.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aries and Cancer aren't the easiest pair, but they will be the most interesting one this weekend as the fire and water combo is sprinkled with attraction dust from the cosmos.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Taking care of your soul is important work, and you're not the only one responsible for it, either.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sure, some mistakes are avoidable. But if you didn't or couldn't, well, it's a useless regret.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The value of persistence cannot be underestimated today. Every time you are knocked down, get up and try and do and do and try.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your imagination is so powerful that it will not only take you from here to there; it will take you beyond -- to the "theres" that are brought into existence the moment you envision them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's OK not to be right very often. Those who need to be right all of the time are living in a very small bubble of their own certainty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Mastery demands full attention. The barrier between you and the mastery you seek is atmospheric.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't always know the thing you do that gives value to another person. But once it happens, and that value is exchanged, you'll be onto yet another one of your talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You experience your thoughts and feelings as separate from the rest, and yet you are in, of and all about the rest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Any chance to widen your circle of compassion will be wonderful for you. Yes, it's true that it won't always feel nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've exhausted a lot of the excitement supply of your own vicinity. Back to the drawing board. You'll be surprised at what you can see when you ask your mind to come up with a preview of coming attractions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Every difficulty is an opportunity. No one ever grew up big, strong and wise by having what they needed handed to them on a silver platter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If the enemy is within (and the most formidable enemies always are) then liberating yourself from yourself is the warrior-like task that will both free and alter you.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: The one who gets most of your love has grown dependent on it and will be jealous if there's competition for it. TAURUS: The sweetness of youth can be preserved even though youth itself cannot.

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

Table with 12 columns (Time slots: 7/14/17, 6:30, 7 pm, 7:30, 8 pm, 8:30, 9 pm, 9:30, 10 pm, 10:30, 11 pm, 11:30) and rows listing various TV shows and movies.



ODDY ENOUGH

Company removes beeping alarm clock in wall vent since 2004

ROSS, PA. A heating contractor has removed a beeping alarm clock that's been inside a Pennsylvania family's wall vent for nearly 14 years.

Keith Andreen and Dawn Michelucci of Low-Cost Heating and Air Conditioning saw the story on KDKA-TV last month, so they went to the Ross Township home and removed the clock this week.

Homeowner Jerry Lynn tells KDKA he tied the battery-operated clock to a string in September 2004 and lowered it inside the wall so the beeping alarm would pinpoint the spot he needed to drill for a TV cable.

daylight saving time.

The contractors removed the clock through a garage vent. A corroded battery was still powering the travel clock.

Groom arrested over backyard wedding fireworks in NY

MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. Guests watching a fireworks display after a New York wedding were cheering the bride, groom and booms when police arrived.

Nassau County police say they were called to a Massapequa home Saturday and found a big party with professional-level pyrotechnics in the backyard.

Police say the 39-year-old homeowner explained he was setting them off to celebrate his wedding.

He was arraigned on a fireworks possession charge. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Lizard on loose in Maine neighborhood captured

PORTLAND, MAINE Police in the Maine city of Portland have captured a large lizard that's been on the loose in a residential neighborhood.

Residents of a Deering home spotted the lizard in their backyard July 6. Police say the lizard, an Argentina black-and-white tegu, was living under a shed in an old groundhog burrow.

An animal control officer was able to capture the reptile in a net Saturday by using hardboiled eggs as bait.

The Portland Police Department posted on Facebook a photo of animal control officer Ruu Weist holding the lizard, which she described as "actually very friendly, if headstrong and stubborn."

Associated Press

YEARS AGO

Today is Friday, July 14, the 195th day of 2017. There are 170 days left in the year.

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- On this date in: 1789: In an event symbolizing the start of the French Revolution, citizens of Paris storm the Bastille prison and release the seven prisoners inside. 1798: Congress passes the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the U.S. government.

VINDICATOR FILES

- 1992: The Mahoning Valley delegation to the Democratic National Convention is united in its support of Al Gore as Bill Clinton's running mate for president. Two Mahoning County men are in jail in lieu of \$36,000 bond on charges they robbed a McDonald's restaurant on the Ohio Turnpike in Springfield Township. Matthew Kollar, 25, is arraigned in the beating death of his father, Emil, 70, at the house they shared at 1310 Campbell St. on Youngstown's South Side.

JUMBLE AND CROSSWORD 07/14/17

Jumble and Crossword puzzle section including word lists like GINET, WDLOR, GIRHEH, TUFTIO and a cartoon illustration of a man on a scale.

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 5, 1, 2, 8, 4, 9, 3, 6, 7, 8, 7, 5, 3, 6, 8, 4, 2, 5, 7.

ACROSS

- 1 Sort, 4 Old TV hookup, 7 Country addr., 10 Roomy vehicle, 11 Flapjack franchise, 13 Unalloyed, 14 Gladiator's hello, 15 Card enclosure, 16 Androcles' pal, 17 Bouquet tosser, 19 Tennis star Murray, 20 Stale, 21 Beatles drummer, 23 Karachi language, 26 Overact, 28 Corral, 29 Pay dirt, 30 Some hermits, 34 Rattle, 36 Radar-gun info, 38 Daily record, 39 Google rival, 41 Penny, 42 Tripoli's country, 44 Slugger's stat, 46 Orchid-loving Wolfe, 47 Places, 52 Horror-film servant, 53 Work hard, 54 Bark or yelp, 55 Sonar's sound, 56 Ick!, 57 Debate side, 58 Shoat's home, 59 Tofu base.

DOWN

- 60 Choose, 43 Biting wit, 45 Cumbersome, 46 Barely beats, 48 Poker players' markers, 49 Printing error, 50 Wyatt the lawman, 51 Detect, 1 -- the Terrible, 2 Wash, 3 Had down pat, 4 Upholstery choice, 5 Thick soup, 6 Habitual, 7 Feeling remorse, 8 Tolkien hero, 9 Refute, 12 Guerrero of baseball, 13 Shop tool, 18 Mr. Gehrig, 22 Problem with hives, 23 Mdse. bars, 24 Fam. member, 25 Spiral molecule, 27 Brief message, 29 Not super, 31 Draft order, 32 -- Jovi, 33 Police dept. rank, 35 The Terminator, for one, 37 Stoa, 40 Impulsive, 41 KGB counterpart, 42 Authentic.

How to play:

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

Small grid used for the 'How to play' explanation, showing numbers 1-9 in a 3x3 arrangement.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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

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PEANUTS



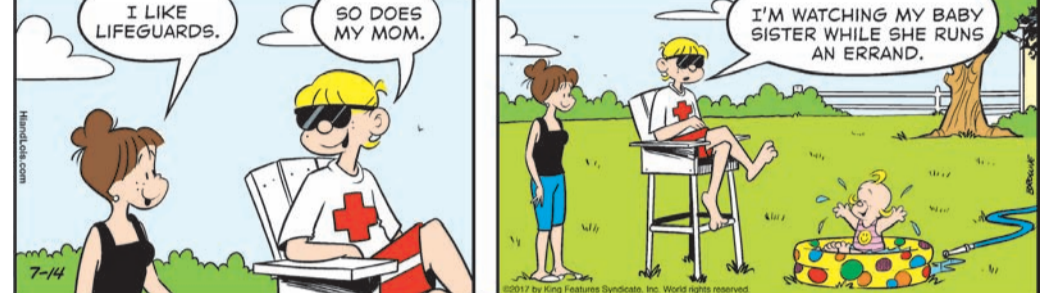
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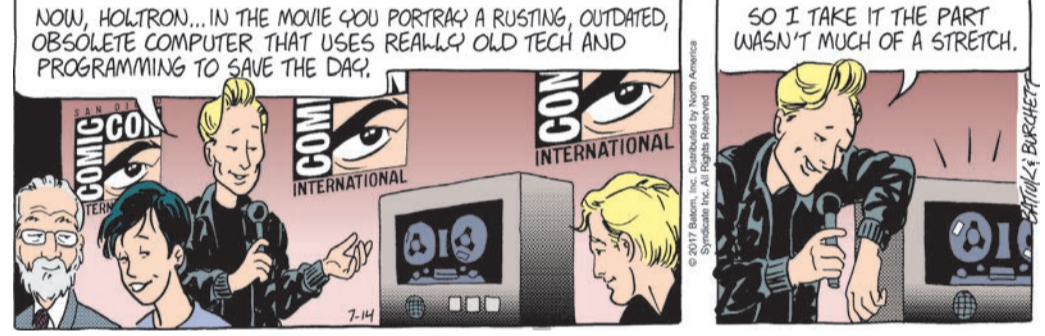
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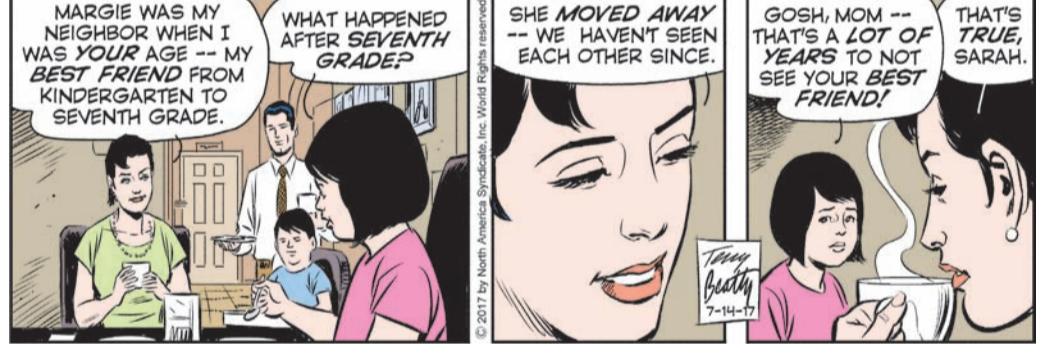
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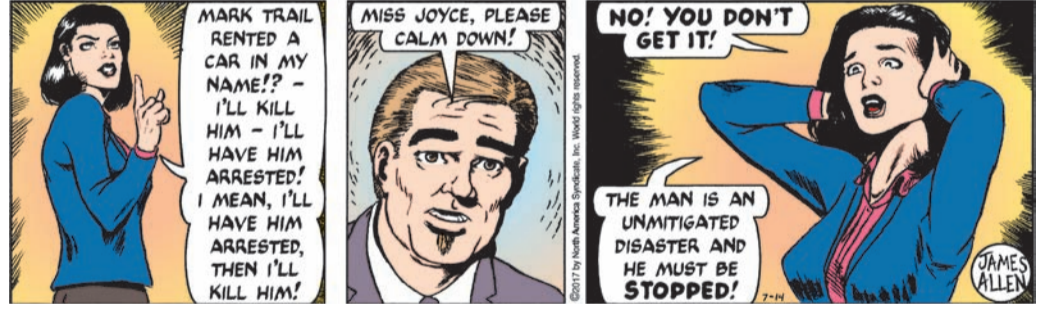
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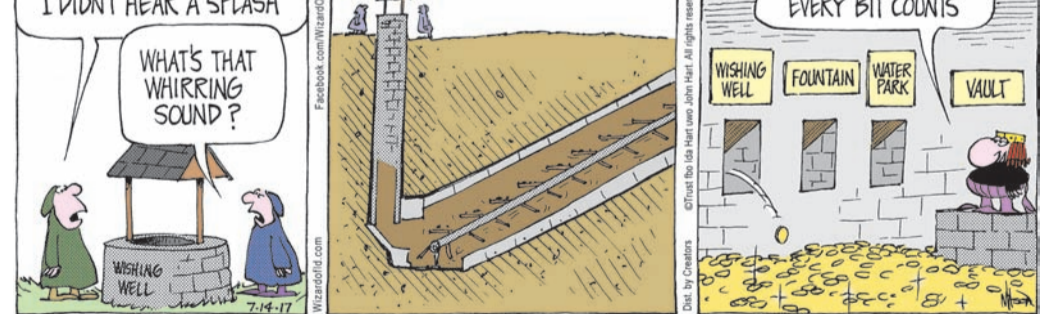
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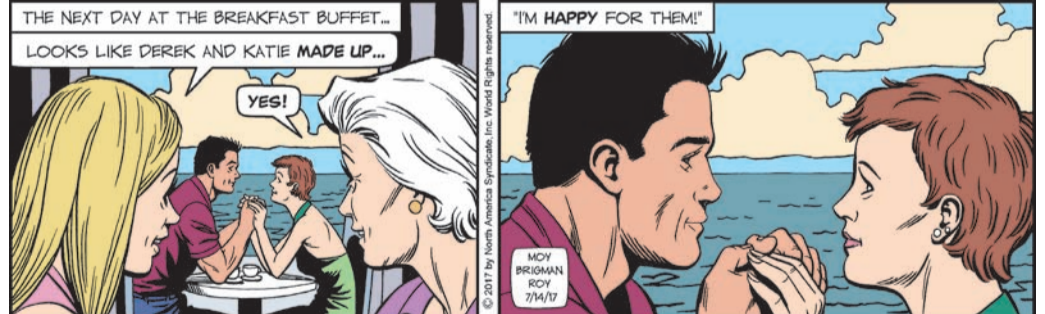
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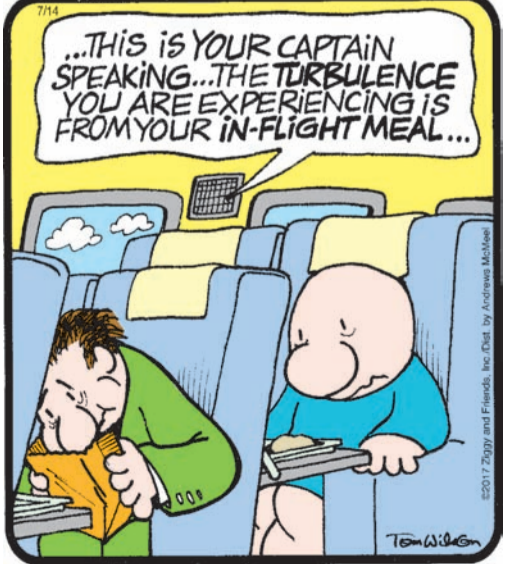
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