

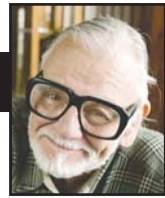


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City schools distress commission to discuss district's progress

Tuesday meeting comes after board challenges CEO Mohip's authority

By GRAIG GRAZIOSI
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YOUNGSTOWN

The Youngstown City School District Academic Distress Commission will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday at 20 W. Wood St. as school dis-

trict CEO Krish Mohip and senior staff will offer a progress report for the 2016-17 school year.

They will focus specifically on the implementation of the district's strategic plan. The meeting takes place a

“ I THINK THE DISTRICT IS IN A BETTER POSITION GOING INTO THIS SCHOOL YEAR THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.”

BRIAN BENYO, chairman, academic distress commission



week after members of the board of education tabled a resolution that would result

in the board's rejecting Mohip's authority as “unconstitutional.”

This also will be the first meeting of the commission since the district reconfigured the city schools and since Mohip hired more than a dozen administrators with salaries of \$100,000 or more.

The reconfiguration is meant to put students in schools closer to their homes and rebuild pride in the

neighborhoods within the district.

New programs – such as the ninth-grade academies and sports teams at both high schools – were introduced as part of the reconfiguration.

Brian Benyo, academic distress commission chair-

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Several hurt in crashes on I-76

Staff report

NORTH JACKSON

Several people were hospitalized after three separate crashes on Interstate 76 eastbound near state Route 534 in Jackson Township early Sunday night, some in critical condition.

The first crash, reported around 6 p.m. at I-76 and Bailey Road, involved eight vehicles including a tractor-trailer, cars, SUVs and construction vehicles, according to 21 WFMJ-TV, *The Vindicator's* broadcast partner.

The Trumbull County 911 Center dispatched Milton Township safety forces to assist the Jackson Township Fire Department.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Canfield Post, which is investigating the crashes, closed state Route 534 for several hours. At least two people were taken to the hospital in critical condition. A woman in one of the

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WASHINGTON GOP struggles over health care efforts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate delayed a highly anticipated vote this week to repeal and replace the nation's health care law after



McCain

Sen. John McCain's announced absence due to surgery, an enormous setback as time dwindles for Republicans

to pass the signature legislation after years of promises. The decision by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell late Saturday came not long after McCain's office

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Rules for raising chickens vary in Valley municipalities

FAIR or FOWL?



ROBERT K. YOSAY | THE VINDICATOR

Carrie Anderson of Boardman and her daughter, Madeline, 10, hold two of the five female chickens they keep in a coop behind their Ron Park Place home. Anderson had chickens when she was growing up in Fowler Township and prefers the taste of home-raised eggs to store-bought ones.

By SARAH LEHR
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YOUNGSTOWN

Rules for keeping chickens vary throughout the Mahoning Valley, so if you don't want to run a-fowl of local laws, it's best to check with your local zoning office.

In Youngstown, residents who wish to keep farm animals, including chickens, should request a property inspection from the health commissioner. The health commissioner will submit a report to the city planning commission. The commission makes a recommendation to city council, based on factors including whether the animals would affect the community's health or unduly disrupt neighbors. City



council ultimately votes on whether to grant a permit.

Carrie Anderson went through that process when she used to live in Youngstown. Anderson, who now lives in Boardman, began researching chickens about a year ago because she thought the eggs-perience would be beneficial for her daughter, Madeline.

The family keeps five female chickens – nick-

named Ginger, Miranda, Susie, Hazel and Jerry Seinfeld Jr. – in a coop behind its Ron Park Place home. Madeline, 10, cleans the coop twice a week. There's also a fenced-in area around the coop, which gives the chickens more room to stretch their wings.

“They have a nice life,” Anderson said of her chickens. “We spoil them.”

For the most part, Anderson says the birds are quiet and haven't ruffled any feathers in the neighborhood. Her next-door neighbor also keeps chickens.

Anderson had chickens when she was growing up in Fowler Township and prefers the taste of home-raised eggs to store-bought ones. She says the eggs, which don't need to be refrigerated, are creamier and have more vibrantly colored yolks.

It irks Anderson when people view chickens as dirty. In reality, she says, the chickens are

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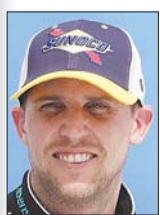
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HAMLIN HANGS ON



Denny Hamlin held off Kyle Larson to win Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and send Joe Gibbs racing to victory lane for the first time this season.

SPORTS, B1

ROLLING MILLS READY

Rand Fusselman has reincarnated the former Kuzman's bar and dance hall in Girard with an eye toward the past but with a lot that's new.

VALLEY LIFE, C1

AUSTINTOWN

Bikers, others get revved up for animal shelter fundraiser

By WILLIAM K. ALCORN
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AUSTINTOWN

There is a huge stray-cat problem in the Mahoning Valley, and the West Side Cats animal shelter and adoption center is trying to do something to alleviate it.

West Side Cats, founded in 2008 by Kimm Koocher of Canfield, takes care of cats that are sick, injured or have special needs such as blind-

ness. “There are several groups rescuing cats, but resources are finite. We take the last ones to get salvaged,” said Koocher.

West Side Cats' shelter can “comfortably hold” 80 to 85 cats, she said.

“We pretty much empty out in January and February, then spring and summer comes and its rains kittens,” said Koocher.

See BIKE RUN, A4



Andy Tierney of Youngstown walks through the bikes during the West Side Cats' sixth annual bike run and summer festival Sunday at Austintown Township Park. The event raised money for the shelter.

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George Romero, father of zombie films, dies at 77

Associated Press

NEW YORK George Romero, whose classic 'Night of the Living Dead' and other horror films turned zombie movies into social commentaries...



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Horror film director George Romero, who directed 'Night of the Living Dead,' waves a Terrible Towel before an NFL football game...

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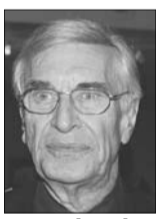
filmmakers. Stephen King, whose 'The Dark Half' was adapted by Romero, called him his favorite collaborator and said, 'There will never be another like you.'

NEWSMAKERS

Oscar-winning actor Landau dies at 89

LOS ANGELES

A publicist for Martin Landau says the Oscar-winning actor and star of the 'Mission: Impossible' TV series has died.



Landau

Dick Guttman said Landau died Saturday of unexpected complications during a short stay at UCLA Medical Center.

Landau was the crafty master of disguise for the TV version of 'Mission: Impossible,' then capped a long and versatile career with an Oscar for his poignant portrayal of aging horror movie star Bela Lugosi in 1994's 'Ed Wood.'

Landau also gained some measure of fame among 'Star Trek' fans for a role he didn't play, pointy-eared starship Enterprise science officer, Mr. Spock.

'Star Trek' creator Gene Roddenberry had offered him the role, but Landau turned it down.

'War for the Planet of the Apes' roars past 'Spider-Man'

NEW YORK

Monkey business still pays. 'War for the Planet of the Apes' took down 'Spider-Man: Homecoming' at the North American box office...

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expected a closer race, 'Spider-Man' dropped to second with \$45.2 million after its \$117 million debut last weekend. But director Matt Reeves' 'War for the Planet of the Apes' pulled away thanks to strong reviews...

Sunday as the next star of the long-running science fiction series 'Doctor Who' - the first woman to take a role that has been played by a dozen men over six decades.

Whittaker, best known for playing the mother of a murdered boy in detective drama 'Broadcast Church,' will replace Scottish actor Peter Capaldi at the end of the year, the BBC said.

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METRO digest

Missing-child alert

WEST FARMINGTON

A regional endangered-missing-child alert has been issued by Trumbull County 911 for a Farmington Township teen, Isabyl Rebekah Royer, 15, who was last seen leaving her residence on foot Saturday night. While this is not an Amber Alert, Isabyl is believed by law-enforcement officials to be in danger.

According to the alert, when last seen Isabyl was wearing a maroon and grey shirt and black pants and carrying a black bag.

Law enforcement is asking the public's assistance in locating her. Anyone who sees her should call 911 or the local police department. Isabyl is described as 5 foot 6 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds with blonde hair and hazel eyes.

Man shot in Warren

WARREN

Warren police were searching for a male who shot another male in the foot about 8:45 p.m. in the 2000 block of Burton St. SE near the intersections of Hazelwood and Rogers avenues.

Police found a man limping on the street who said he had just been shot but did not see who shot him. A witness reported a black Chevrolet Blazer leaving the area at a high rate of speed toward Niles Road Southeast right after shots were fired.

Inducing panic

YOUNGSTOWN

Angel Ortiz III, 24, of Mathews Road, Boardman, was charged with inducing panic after he was revived from an apparent drug overdose in a vehicle on McGuffey Road at 12:05 p.m. Friday.

When police arrived, his eyes were rolling in the back of his head and he was unresponsive. Paramedics revived him with a sternum rub, and he was taken to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital.

Police found an uncapped syringe in the car, and Ortiz said he had been clean five years but recently relapsed.

Run for Caitlin

CANFIELD

The fourth annual Run for Caitlin will take place Saturday at Canfield High School and the Canfield Hike-and-Bike trail.

The run is hosted in memory of Caitlin Yager, a 19-year-old Marietta College student who was killed in a car accident. Money raised during the run is used for scholarships presented to local eighth-grade students who want to attend Cardinal Mooney High School. This year, eight \$1,500 scholarships will be presented.

The race, a 3K and an 8K, cost \$10 and \$20, respectively. More information is available at runforcaitlin.org

Veterans' poker run

SALEM

The Salem Club, 542 S. Broadway Ave., will host the third annual Columbiana County Veterans' Poker Run on Saturday. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 a.m. and will cost \$6 per person. Sign-ups start at 9 a.m.

The event will include raffles, a basket auction, trivia prizes and DJ Mikey Mike. The event will finish at AMVETS Post No. 45, 750 Broadway Ave. The first bike will be out at 11 a.m., and the event will go on rain or shine. Participants will be charged \$15 for singles or \$25 for doubles. Dinner will be served after the poker run.

For information, call Tammy at 330-257-3795, Shirley at 330-207-5464, Mary at 330-233-4475, Patti at 330-853-7708, or Dolly at 234-201-4951.

Cemetery tour

BOARDMAN

A public tour at the Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, 5400 Market St., will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday. Join local historians Richard Hall and Steffon Wydell Jones as they share history of residents buried there. For information, call Jones at 330-259-2091. If it rains, the tour will occur at 3 p.m. July 30.

CHICKENS

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safe and help out by eating the bugs in her yard.

Boardman Township Administrator Jason Loree said chicken questions from residents are always peeping up.

"For whatever reason, chickens seem to be kind of a hot thing right now," Loree said.

Boardman prohibits roosters but has no limit on the number of female chickens someone can own. The chicken coop must be at least 100 feet away from a neighboring property. The township does not require a permit to raise chickens, but residents should seek a permit before building any new structure, including a chicken coop, said Zoning Director Krista Beniston.

Boardman trustees plan to review the township's zoning ordinances this year, and that process may include taking a second look at chicken rules.

Meanwhile, in Struthers, chickens are a cocka-doodle-don't. Punishable as a minor misdemeanor upon the first offense, a city ordinance prohibits keeping farm animals, including fowl. Safety-Service Director Ed Wildes said the city has four cases pending against residents who have been cited for keeping



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Madeline checks on her chickens in a coop behind the family's Ron Park Place home in Boardman.

chickens. Wildes anticipates the cases will be resolved after a court orders the residents to give up the animals and pay a fine.

In Campbell, the situation is a bird of a different feather. Residents can keep

up to six chickens but only after obtaining a permit from the board of health. The coop must be at least 100 feet from an occupied dwelling.

Even in areas that allow chickens, residents should

be aware of a flock of related ordinances. Most municipalities have established misdemeanor penalties for when animals, such as chickens or dogs, escape onto someone else's property. There also are "nuisance

ordinances" against animals that create excessive noise or "noxious odors."

To avoid any cluck-ups, local officials advise doing some research before your chickens come home to roost.

SCHOOLS

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man, said the changes are "positive."

"I think the district is in a better position going into this school year than in previous years," Benyo said.

Brenda Kimble, president of the district board of education, said she would be present at the meeting and that other board members likely were to attend if their work schedules allow.

Mohip ultimately has the final say on district actions, as the board of education serves as an advisory panel, and relations between the board and Mohip have been strained since his arrival.

Mohip said that while there is more work to be done in the district, he believes the schools are heading in the right direction.

"We're moving forward



Mohip



Kimble

and making progress toward the five goals outlined in the three-year strategic plan," Mohip said. "We still have a lot of work to do, but I'm confident that I have the right people - people who share our vision - in place to get it done."

The "five goals" are academic achievement; addressing every aspect of students' learning environments; improving parent, family and community engagement; developing and maintaining a quality workforce; and establishing an effective budget to which the district can be held accountable.

Agenda Tuesday

◆ **Austintown school board**, 8 a.m. work session, 700 S. Raccoon Road.

◆ **Austintown school board**, noon, regular session, Austintown Middle School, 800 S. Raccoon Road.

◆ **Hubbard school board**, 5 p.m., work session, followed by 7 p.m., board room, 108 Orchard Ave.

◆ **Milton Township trustees**, 7 p.m., township fire department, 15990 Milton Ave., Lake Milton.

◆ **Poland Village Council**, 7 p.m., caucus, followed by 7:30 p.m. meeting, town hall, 308 S. Main St.

◆ **Southington school board**, 6 p.m., school library, 2482 state Route 534.

◆ **Springfield school board**, 6 p.m., Room 110, Springfield Intermediate School, 11333 Youngstown Pittsburgh Road, New Middletown.

◆ **Warren school board**, 6 p.m., Harriet T. Upton room, administration building, 105 High St. NE.

◆ **West Branch Local School board**, 8:30 a.m., special meeting, high school conference room, 14277 Main St., Beloit.

◆ **Youngstown Human Relations Commission**, 10 a.m., council caucus room, sixth floor, city hall, 26 S. Phelps St.

◆ **Youngstown City Schools Academic Distress Commission**, 3 p.m., Irene L. Ward administration building, 20 W. Wood St.

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T.A. and Laura Brown of Cornersburg look through the baskets during the West Side Cats' sixth annual bike run and summer festival Sunday at Austintown Township Park.

BIKE RUN

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The need for money to run the shelter is why West Side Cats, this year in partnership with Pawz 2 Adopt Me in Austintown, hosted its sixth annual bike run and summer festival Sunday at Austintown Township Park on Kirk Road.

The event included a bike poker run, a bike show, musical entertainment, 50-50 and basket raffles, food and vendors.

Cats and kittens taken in

by West Side Cats, a nonprofit rescue and adoption facility operated by volunteers, are nursed back to health with the help of Youngstown veterinarian Dr. Donald K. Allen.

All cats put up for adoption are spayed/neutered, are up-to-date on shots, flea-treated and de-wormed, and have tested negative for feline aids and leukemia, Koocher said.

West Side Cats also adopts out cats from PetSmart in Niles and Petco in Boardman and has adopted out between 300 and 900 cats

per year since its inception. "There are never enough volunteers. Volunteers are critical," said Jane Polish of North Jackson, president of West Side Cats.

"Our message to the public is spay and neuter and remember that cats are living creatures. They feel love and joy and pain just like we do," Koocher said.

Nancy Logero of Pawz 2 Adopt Me said her organization has much the same mission as West Side Cats, except for dogs.

"We pull about 85 percent of the dogs we put up for

adoption from the Trumbull County pound and also shelter strays and dogs surrendered by their owners," said Logero, of Youngstown.

They are examined by a veterinarian, spayed/neutered and generally prepared for adoption, she said.

"Our goal is to find these dogs good homes. We bring the dog to the homes of potential owners to ensure they are legitimate and are who they say they are," Logero said.

"We are all volunteers, and more volunteers are always needed," Logero said.

MCBDD conducts food, money drive for Second Harvest

Staff report

AUSTINTOWN

As part of the Always There Week of Service, the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities is conducting a food and money drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley today through next Monday.

Collection boxes for food donations are at all MCBDD facilities from 8 a.m. to 4

p.m., and monetary donations will be accepted at the main offices of all program facilities. For every \$1 donated, Second Harvest can distribute \$11 worth of food.

Most-needed items include peanut butter, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, dry pasta, canned soup and macaroni and cheese.

Facilities are: Board Office, Adult Services MASCO, and

Early Intervention, all 4791 Woodridge Drive, Austintown; Community Services, 130 Javit Court, Austintown; Centre@Javit Court, 153 Javit Court, Austintown; MASCO, 160 Marwood Circle, Boardman; MASCO, 825 Bev Road, Boardman; Leonard Kirtz School, 4801 Woodridge Drive, Austintown; and Transportation Department, 4795 Woodridge Drive, Austintown.

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HEALTH

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disclosed that he had undergone surgery to remove a blood clot from above his left eye. He's expected to be out for the week, recovering in Arizona.

Adding to the uncertainty, the Congressional Budget Office also indicated Sunday it no longer expected to release its analysis today on the estimated cost and scope of insurance coverage under the latest GOP bill, which has the support of President Donald Trump.

The No. 2 Senate GOP leader, John Cornyn of

Texas, said he still expected the Senate to move quickly, holding a vote as soon as McCain returns. But amid growing public unease over the bill, some Republicans suggested the delay will make McConnell's task of winning enough support even harder.

In a Senate divided 52-48 between Republicans and Democrats, McConnell can lose no more than two GOP votes and still prevail.

"There are about eight to 10 Republican senators who have serious concerns about this bill," said moderate Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

CRASHES

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vehicles was in and out of consciousness, and the driver was thrown into the back seat by the force of the crash, according to reports.

The second crash, according to the Trumbull County 911 Center, occurred about 7:30 p.m. on I-76 about a half mile east of Route 534.

It was reported that an eastbound vehicle rammed into the back of a tractor-trailer near a construction

zone, leaving an adult and a child critically injured. The child suffered a head injury and a fractured femur, authorities said. Two medical helicopters were requested to transport the injured to the hospital, reported 21 WFMJ-TV.

A third crash involving one vehicle occurred on I-76 in the same general area near Route 534. It was not immediately known if people in that accident were injured.

It was reported that I-76 eastbound was reopened to traffic by about 11 p.m.

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THE STAKES ARE FAR TOO high to allow any significant roadblock to stand in the way of the finish line for the Mahoning Valley's largest industrial project in more than a half-century.

That project, the nearly \$2 billion investment by Clean Energy Future of Boston in twin power plants in Lordstown, is projected to provide a \$60 billion jolt to the local economy over the next 30 years and hundreds of jobs in the plants' construction and operation.

Today Clean Energy stands about midway through construction of the \$900 million Lordstown Energy Center on Henn Parkway in the Lordstown Industrial Park, just off state Route 45. Completion of that massive natural-gas-fueled power plant is scheduled for next summer.

Early this year, Clean Energy announced a second phase to the project, construction of a similar \$1 billion electricity-generating facility near the first plant to be called the Trumbull Energy Center.

Combined, the projects represent the largest economic-development investment in the Mahoning Valley since General Motors broke ground on its sprawling car-assembly complex in Lordstown in 1964. CEF single-handedly was responsible for a whopping tenfold increase in private investment in the Valley last year – from \$93 million in 2015 to \$961 million in 2016, according to the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber.

Clearly, that momentum and all it means to the future of our region must not be allowed to fizzle. Any and all threats to the project's successful completion must be dealt with fully, fairly, responsibly and as expeditiously as possible.

VIENNA INVESTMENTS' CONCERN

One such threat has surfaced from the Boardman-based Vienna Investments LLC, which owns the building in the same Lordstown Industrial Park where Chevrolet Cruze seating is manufactured to supply the nearby GM plant.

In a petition filed with the Ohio Siting Board, which is reviewing Clean Energy's application for the second power plant, Vienna Investments has requested permission to intervene in a hearing with the company before the commission that is scheduled Aug. 10 in the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in Columbus.

In its detailed filing, Vienna said it seeks to have its say in the decision-making process to "ensure that construction of the power station is done in a manner that is safe; that the construction and operation of the proposed power station does not adversely impact the safety of Vienna's plant nor be disruptive to Vienna's tenant or others in the Lordstown Industrial Park."

To be sure, the investment company is well within its rights to raise issues of concern over the power-plant project. We would hope, however, that those concerns could be detailed more specifically to Clean Energy officials before the hearing and hashed out and resolved without posing any serious threats to the project's timetable or to the project itself.

Bill Siderewicz, president of Clean Energy Future, said he has not heard of any complaints from workers at the seating plant or any others about any significant safety issues stemming from construction of the first plant.

Siderewicz points out as well that had there been any real dangers inherent to the plants, which are expected to produce power for 1.7 million Ohio homes and businesses, the state never would have approved plans for the first Lordstown Energy Center.

The onus therefore now falls on Vienna Investments to make its case. In addition to face-to-face talks with Clean Energy leaders, Vienna also could explain its concerns more fully at a state-sponsored public hearing on the project at 6 p.m. July 25 at Lordstown High School.

We'd also encourage those who support the project and who live in its shadow to show up and have their say as well at the hearing next week.

If indeed there are legitimate safety issues, then let them be aired, studied and resolved before construction on the second plant begins.

All must hope, however, that they do not become anything more than a minor stumbling block on the path to successful completion of this project charged with so much positive economic and environmental energy for the village and the Valley.

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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

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Not always a good deal

Editor's note: The writer is addressing the question, "Should landowners get federal tax breaks for environmental trust donations?"

By **TIMOTHY LINDSTROM**
Tribune News Service

Generally speaking, charitable deductions are a financially losing proposition. That's why a deduction is allowed as a means of supporting and encouraging charitable activity.

With the top income tax rate of 39.6 percent, the very most that a contribution of \$100 can generate in tax savings is \$39.60.

Put another way, at a minimum, the contribution of \$100 will typically result in a loss of \$60.40 to the donor. Charity is definitely not an activity for profit-motivated investors.

The syndication of charitable deductions resulting from conservation easement contributions, however, has turned all of this on its head.

Participants in such syndications have turned charity into a moneymaking proposition. Profits are almost immediate and typically reflect returns of 110 percent or more. As icing on the cake, meaningful land conservation may also result. What is not to like?

In its typical Grinch-like fashion, on Dec. 23, 2016, the IRS issued Notice 2017-10, making these "for-profit easement deduction syndications" transactions that must be reported to the IRS for special scrutiny on the presumption that many constitute tax shams.

The reason for this is quite simple. Let's go back to the dismal financial arithmetic of charitable giving: For every \$100 contributed, the donor loses \$60.40. How can this ever be profitable? It can be when you inflate the value of the contribution.

The value of a conservation easement is the difference between the value of the land subject to the easement before the easement and after the easement.

For example, if land before an easement is worth \$100 and after an easement is worth \$40, the easement – and the charitable deduction – is worth \$60.

If I buy land for \$100 and I contribute a conservation easement over it that reduces its value by \$60, I have lost \$60 in value, but earned a \$60 tax deduction that, at most, results in \$23.76 in tax savings (39.6 percent of \$60).

However, if I buy land for \$100, and my appraiser finds that it was really worth \$1,000, and that the easement reduces its value by \$600, my tax savings will be \$237.60, resulting in a nearly 237 percent return on my investment in the land – and I still own the land!

That is how for-profit syndications of conservation easement deductions work. They require dramatically inflated appraisals.

Now, it is true that it's possible for investors to buy land that happens to have substantial deposits of gold that were unknown to the investors or the seller at the time of the sale. It's also possible to negotiate access to a public road where no such access existed at the time of sale; or to obtain rezonings, or to extension of utilities; or to simply to find a seller clueless about the value of his land.

However, the chance of such serendipitous circumstances occurring repeatedly in dozens of for-profit easement deduction syndications seems, to put it mildly, unlikely.

One of the principal drivers of voluntary land conservation in the United States today are federal and state tax benefits for easement contributions. Repeated, dramatic abuses of these benefits, as is the case of the syndications I have reviewed, can only lead to curtailment of these benefits.

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Congress' failure to act has borne unfettered presidential warmaking

WASHINGTON

Predictably and sensibly, a three-judge panel of the nation's second-most important court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, recently dismissed, unanimously, a lawsuit brought by a Yemeni man, two of whose relatives were collateral fatalities in a 2012 U.S. drone attack that killed three terrorists. The suit asked the court to declare the attacks illegal under several U.S. statutes.

The court, however, invoked the "political question" doctrine: Some politically charged and technical matters are not "justiciable" because courts are inappropriate forums for answering them. They include the wisdom of military actions. What was sensible but not predictable was that Judge Janice Rogers Brown, in addition to writing the opinion for the court, added a blistering opinion in which she upbraided the other branches for dereliction of duties regarding unfettered presidential warmaking, particularly with precision-strike weapons.

OVERSIGHT LACKING

"There is pitifully little oversight within the executive. ... [C]ongressional oversight is a joke – and a bad one at that. ... The spread of drones cannot be stopped, but the U.S. can still influence how they are used in the global community – including, someday, seeking recourse should our enemies turn these powerful weapons 180 degrees to target our homeland. The executive and Congress must establish a clear policy for drone strikes and precise avenues for accountability." Brown asked: If judges will not check "this outsized [executive] power, then who will?"

Unfortunately, in this, as in so many other areas, Congress is in perpetual flight from responsibility. It should begin by revisiting the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force,



George F. Will

which was enacted while the World Trade Center and Pentagon still smoldered.

The AUMF authorized the president to "use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations, or persons." As Rosa Brooks, a former Pentagon official and now Georgetown law professor, crisply notes, five and three of those words especially matter.

In her simultaneously witty and disturbing book "How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything" (2016), she notes that the AUMF does not authorize force "against anyone, anywhere, anytime" but only against those who "planned, authorized, committed or aided" 9/11. And it authorizes force for a specific purpose – to "prevent any future attacks" against this nation by such entities, "not to prevent all future bad acts committed by anyone, anywhere."

Last October, believed to be for the first time ever, a U.S. Navy vessel fired SM2 interceptor missiles to defend itself against a missile attack. The attack came from Yemen, where U.S. forces are involved – they have made more than 80 airstrikes this year, and 150 others since 2012 – in that country's civil war. Most, but not all, targeting al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

In June, a U.S. F/A-18E shot down a Syrian government fighter aircraft that was threat-

ening rebel forces attempting to overthrow the Syrian regime. In May, U.S. forces repeatedly attacked government forces, or the government's proxy forces, in Syria. U.S. forces are occupying Syrian territory. Hundreds of marines are manning fire bases in northern Syria. This intervention resembles a slow-motion invasion.

Now, some, most or all current U.S. military activities might be sensible. Few, however, are clearly authorized.

Sens. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., and Tim Kaine, D-Va., have introduced legislation to authorize the use of force against al-Qaida, the Taliban and the Islamic State for five years. It would create a process by which presidents can designate other radical Islamic groups as "associated forces" and Congress can reject such an expansion of force.

AUMF REPEAL

Last month, the House Appropriations Committee voted – by voice, perhaps unanimously – to include in a defense measure a provision repealing the 16-year-old AUMF, for the purpose of forcing the writing of one responsive to 2017 realities. Speaker Paul Ryan opposed using an appropriations bill for this purpose (although nowadays the House appropriations process is rarely used for its intended purpose – timely passage of appropriations bills). But Rep. Tom Cole, an eight-term Oklahoma Republican on the committee, said, "I don't know any other way to get [the congressional leadership's and the administration's] attention because we've been talking about it for years."

Congress is permanently in "Annie" mode. It will deal with its war responsibilities, like its myriad other forfeited powers, tomorrow, which is always a day away.

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Whole Foods buyout is rotten deal

By **JIM HIGHTOWER***OtherWords*

Wall Street analysts tell us that Amazon's \$14 billion buyout of Whole Foods isn't only a win-win for both of them, but also for consumers, for Amazon intends to lower the organic grocer's prices.

Really? Yes, they say, because Amazon will use its amazing computer-driven tactics to cut Whole Foods' cost of selling groceries.

But Amazon's robotic "efficiency" is achieved by cutting people. It ruthlessly squeezes suppliers, for example, demanding that they give bankruptcy-level wholesale prices to the retail colossus.

That means that small organic farmers and food artisans

are destined to be squeezed out of Whole Foods, displaced by deep-pocket, global food makers who are willing to cut corners on quality and the environment in order to get on Amazon's new grocery shelves.

Next on the chopping block is Whole Foods' helpful and friendly work force. Jeff Bezos, Amazon's CEO, doesn't view workers as assets, but as costs. So to jack up the grocery chain's profits, he'll cut those "costs" – aka, people.

He's already testing a store concept that has no cashiers to interfere with your shopping "experience." It uses computer sensors to take your money electronically, instead of paying bothersome humans to do the job of checking you out and – God forbid – con-

versing with you.

Oh, another plus of connecting us to the corporate computers is that they'll track and record our every move and every purchase, building a detailed personal profile on each of us in order to ... well, to do what? And why?

According to the calendar, we're living in 2017. But the Brave New Future of Amazon's electronic, robotic Whole Foods Market tells us we're living in the corporatized version of 1984, where human needs for jobs and personal relationships are subverted to the corporate love of automation and avaricious profits.

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SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM

Freedom School inspires, entertains students

By GRAIG GRAZIOSI
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YOUNGSTOWN

The Freedom School is more than just a summer program.

That's what Lois Thornton, project director for Tabernacle Baptist Church's school, says time and time again when she describes the five-week literacy program for elementary and middle-school students.

She doesn't say it as a sales pitch; it's more advisory, more clarifying. The Freedom School, she says, doesn't exist to keep students out of trouble or keep them entertained on long summer days — though it does do both.

Thornton instead describes an intensive reading program coupled with enrichment activities, song and dance, public speaking and even entrepreneurship.

Many of the 42 students enrolled this year attended in a previous year, building on their previous lessons, and Thornton proudly boasts on average, each student leaves the program reading at least a grade level higher than when they started.

The free school is run by

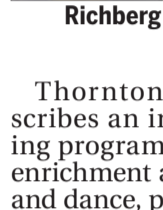


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Above, Shaniqua Jordan sings during the Freedom School's talent show recently at Tabernacle Baptist Church on the city's North Side. The summer literacy school is focused on reading, but it also encourages students to express themselves through a variety of means, including song and dance. At right, Angelica Pizzuto, a student volunteer at the Freedom School, bangs a drum to signal the beginning of the talent show. The literacy school meets for five weeks over the summer, with 42 students attending.



Thornton



Richberg

volunteers, some from the church, others from area colleges. Students from Youngstown State University and Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., dived around a cafeteria in the church, wrangling students during the program's lunch break.

Each of the school's teachers, including Thornton and the program's executive director, Vern Richberg, attend an annual, weeklong training program in Knoxville,

Tenn., from the Children's Defense Fund.

For Thornton, it's the involvement of the CDF and the organization's extensive curriculum that really elevates the summer school.

Working from an inch-thick curriculum book from the CDF, Freedom School teachers guide students through books such as "We're All Wonders" by Raquel Palacio, which inspires students to pursue change in the world when

faced with adversity. Another book covers world peace. One is about the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"We have books from every culture here, things with universal appeal and messages," Thornton said. "We want the students to improve their reading and to be inspired while they do."

Parents are often engaged in the program, Thornton said, and several attended a talent show during a Friday session. Students choreo-

graphed their own dances and sang excerpts from their favorite songs while their peers and parents cheered and clapped along from the crowd.

Despite the program's success and popularity, they ran into funding problems this year. Freedom School relies heavily on outside partners — which include organizations and businesses such as YSU, Eastern Gateway Community College and both Huntington and PNC

banks — but still fell short of full funding.

In response, the students undertook their own fundraising efforts, using tables, plastic jugs and lots of decorations and construction paper to create personalized lemonade stands where they hope to raise money from parents and church members.

The school will host a finale Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. where students will present what they've learned over the course of the program.

Beatitude House seeks donations for kids

YOUNGSTOWN

Beatitude House is seeking donations of back-to-school supplies for the homeless and disadvantaged children it serves. They range in age from elementary to high school and attend various schools.

The children need traditional school supplies, but also items such as three-ring binders, flash drives, note

cards, book covers, pencil boxes, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper towels, sandwich-size and large zipper-type plastic bags, sanitizing wipes, dry-erase markers, Play-doh, wide-rule and college-rule notebooks and loose-leaf paper.

Donations of backpacks, lunch bags and gift cards that can be used to buy school clothing, shoes, socks and

underwear are appreciated.

To donate, bring items from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to the Beatitude administrative offices, 238 Tod Lane, on the campus of St. Edward Parish in Youngstown; or to the Warren location, 1370 Tod Ave. NW.

All items are needed by Aug. 7. For information, visit www.beatitudehouse.com.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



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Indians catcher Roberto Perez and shortstop Francisco Lindor talk to pitcher Trevor Bauer in the first inning of Sunday's game against the Athletics in Oakland, Calif. Bauer was pulled after giving up xxx runs. The Indians fell 7-3.

Bauer outage benefits A's

Associated Press

OAKLAND, CALIF. Cleveland Indians manager Terry Francona expected more out of his ballclub coming out of the All-Star break — a lot more.

What Francona saw instead was a frustrating three games in Oakland that ended with the Indians being swept for only the third time this season while seeing their lead in the AL Central trimmed to 1½ games over Minnesota.

Cleveland starter Trevor Bauer got just two outs in a four-run first inning and matched the shortest start of his big league career as the Oakland Athletics beat Cleveland 7-3 on Sunday to complete the surprising sweep.

"It's discouraging for a number of reasons," Francona said. "You're trying to salvage a game out of the series and you're down four before you can even look up. That's a hard way to play, and then you go through your whole bullpen. That wasn't our goal for today."

Bauer (7-8) allowed four runs, three hits and two walks while throwing just 24 of 43 pitches for strikes in facing seven batters. Cleveland has lost four straight for the first time since 2015.

"I had no feel for anything I was throwing, no feel for how my body was moving, where the ball was going," Bauer said. "When things started going south I couldn't figure out how to get out of it."

Ryon Healy and Jaycob

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Bucs win on Frazier walk-off

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH The Pirates closed their series against the St. Louis Cardinals the same way they began it: with a walk-off win.

Adam Frazier's game-ending single capped a two-run rally in the ninth inning that lifted Pittsburgh to a 4-3 victory Sunday.

Francisco Cervelli reached on an infield single leading off the ninth against Brett Cecil (1-3), and Jordy Mercer's one-out double scored pinch-runner Josh Harrison with the tying run. Jose Osuna grounded out, David Freese was intentionally walked and Frazier lined a single to center.

Frazier's hit was the first walk-off hit of his career and it came just two days after Josh Bell got his first with a three-run homer in the ninth off Seung Hwan Oh.

"We hung around," manager Clint Hurdle said. "We gave up two leads, battled back and had a nice, strong ninth inning with some good at-bats. I'm proud of the men and I'm proud of the fight."

Wade LeBlanc (4-2) pitched a hitless ninth. Pirates starter Trevor Williams gave up two runs and 10 hits in 5⅔ innings.

Yadier Molina had put St. Louis ahead 3-2 with an eighth inning home run,

See PIRATES, B3



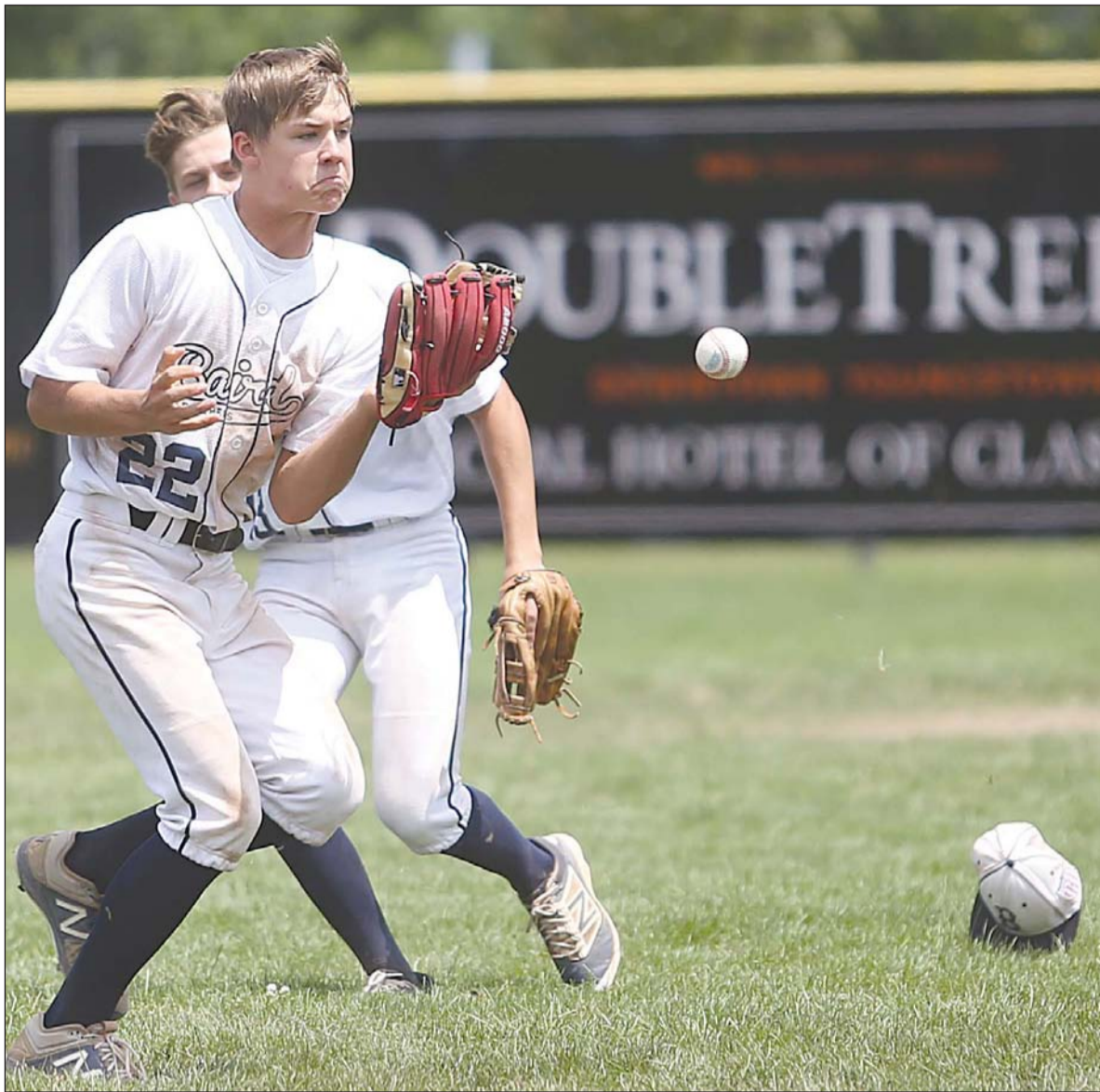
Frazier

PIRATES 4
CARDINALS 3

Today: Brewers vs. Pirates at PNC Park in Pittsburgh, today. First pitch 7:05 p.m.

— NABF WORLD SERIES —

Baird Brothers blanked



Trey Pancake (22) of Baird Brothers loses his cap as he tries to make a catch during the fifth inning of the NABF 14-U World Series championship game against the Brooklyn Bonnie Paws on Sunday at Bob Cene Park in Struthers. Baird Brothers came up short, losing 2-0. Pancake started on the mound, going four innings and allowing one run on five hits, with four walks and five strikeouts. He also went 1 for 3 at the plate.

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Baird Brothers catcher Connor Meyer tags out Bonnie Paws pitcher Thomas Pallazotto in the first inning of the NABF 14-U World Series championship game Sunday at Cene Park. Pallazotto put the first run on the board in the fifth.

Bloop hits help Bonnie Paws win 14U championship

By DAN HINER
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STRUTHERS The Baird Brothers 14-U baseball team came a couple plays away from claiming the National Amateur Baseball Federation championship at Cene Park on Sunday.

But a couple well-placed hits and a quality pitching performance gave the Brooklyn Bonnie Paws a 2-0 win.

Brooklyn put the first run on the board in the bottom of the fifth inning. With two outs and runners on first and third, Bonnie Paws' pitcher Thomas Pallazotto hit a popup just beyond the cut of the infield. As the right fielder and second baseman converged, no one called for the ball and it dropped in between both players.

Brooklyn right fielder Tony Holden scored and gave the Bonnie Paws a 1-0 lead.

The only other run of the game was scored

See NABF, B2



BONNIE PAWS 2
BAIRD BROS. 0

Inside: More area sandlot results, B2

Hamlin ends JGR's season-long drought

Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H.

Denny Hamlin held off Kyle Larson over the final laps Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway to send Joe Gibbs Racing to victory lane for the first time this season.

One of the top organizations in NASCAR, JGR had yet to have any of its four drivers win until Hamlin took the lead with 33 laps left and held off the hard-charging Larson on the final lap.



Hamlin

ON B4

◆ Finals results from Sunday's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

for the organization, for myself," Hamlin said.

Larson had a sensational run from the rear of the field, where he was forced to start because he failed inspection after he won the pole. Larson lost his points lead last week and his crew chief was suspended after failing a post-race inspection at Kentucky.

Hamlin crashed the No. 11 Toyota in practice and was forced to race in a backup car. It seemed to suit him just fine at New Hampshire.

Martin Truex Jr., was third,

followed by Matt Kenseth and Kevin Harvick.

JGR won seven of the first 12 races last season and Carl Edwards was 10 laps away from a possible championship when he crashed out in the finale. Daniel Suarez replaced Edwards this season and Hamlin, Kenseth and Kyle Busch have made strong runs at the checkered flag, they just couldn't find the winning formula until New Hampshire.

See NASCAR, B4

Federer blisters Cilic for record-breaking eighth Wimbledon title

Associated Press

LONDON

After Roger Federer closed out a Wimbledon final that was more of a coronation than a contest with an ace, he sat in his changeover chair and wiped away tears.

That is when it hit him: No. 8 was record-breaking. His wait for record. Until then, Federer wasn't focused on the notion of winning the grass-court tournament more often than any other

man in the history of an event first held in 1877. All he'd been concerned with, consumed with, was being healthy enough to compete at a high level and, he hoped, to win a title, regardless of what the total count would be.

Capping a marvelous



Cilic

fortnight in which he never dropped a set, Federer won his eighth Wimbledon trophy and 19th Grand Slam championship overall by overwhelming Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 in merely 1 hour, 41 minutes Sunday.

"Wimbledon was always my favorite tournament. Will always be my favorite tournament. My heroes walked the grounds here and walked the courts here. Because of them, I think I

became a better player, too," said Federer, who will turn 36 next month and is the oldest male champion at the All England Club in the Open era, which began in 1968.

"To mark history here at Wimbledon really means a lot to me just because of all of that, really," he said. "It's that simple."

His first major title came at Wimbledon in 2003, and

See WIMBLEDON, B4



Switzerland's Roger Federer kisses the trophy after defeating Croatia's Marin Cilic to win his record-breaking eighth Wimbledon title Sunday at the All England Club in London.

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SPORTS digest

Boardman's Vivo wins Columbus Junior Open



PATASKALA Boardman High School junior Jenna Vivo, 17, won the Columbus Junior Open, a Hurricane Junior Golf Tour event, after shooting 74-73-147 at Cumberland Trail Golf Club.

Newgarden races to Toronto IndyCar win

TORONTO Josef Newgarden raced to his second Toronto IndyCar title in three years Sunday, dominating on the streets surrounding Exhibition Place.

Newgarden came out in front on Lap 25 after a crash by Tony Kanaan caused a caution and maintained an advantage of over two seconds for the majority of the rest of the race. The American has five career victories, also winning in Alabama in April.

Newgarden gave Team Penske its 193rd victory, the most of any team.

Alexander Rossi was second for his first podium finish of the year and best since winning the 2016 Indianapolis 500.

James Hinchcliffe finished third in his hometown race for the second straight year.

Hamilton wins British GP, nears F1 points lead

SILVERSTONE, ENGLAND Lewis Hamilton slashed Sebastian Vettel's Formula One championship lead to one point by winning a record-equaling fifth British Grand Prix on Sunday as his title rival was left reeling by a late puncture.

Vettel was in third heading into the penultimate lap at Silverstone only to see his front left tire shred — immediately after Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen's car experienced the same fate.

Raikkonen still made the podium by replacing Vettel in third, but the championship leader fell back to seventh as the 25-point lead he held over Hamilton going into the 10th round of the 20-race season was all but wiped out on an overcast afternoon.

It capped a dominant weekend for Hamilton in front of his home fans and the three-time world champion was assisted by Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas making up seven places to join him on the podium after finishing second.

Bike problem nearly derails Tour leader

LE PUY-EN-VELAY, FRANCE Chris Froome has fought back from a bike breakdown to cling onto his race leader's yellow jersey on the tricky Stage 15 of the Tour de France, won with a courageous solo breakaway by Bauke Mollema of the Netherlands.

Three-time Tour champion Froome suffered a back-wheel problem at the worst possible time, just as the AG2R team of close rival Romain Bardet was picking up the pace ahead of the last big climb of the day, an 8.3-kilometer (5-mile) slog up the steep col de Peyra Taillade — scaled for the very first time by the Tour.

By the time Froome had stopped, taken a wheel off his teammate Michal Kwiatkowski and got going again, Bardet's group was already way ahead. Froome had to work furiously to catch them.

Texans running back Foreman arrested

AUSTIN, TEXAS Houston Texans rookie running back D'Onta Foreman has been arrested on drug and weapons charges.

A statement from the University of Texas Police Department in Austin said officers answered a report of the smell of marijuana outside a campus dormitory about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. They found three occupied vehicles with marijuana in each and a firearm in one of them. Foreman was among those in the vehicles and was identified by police as the owner of the firearm.

Foreman was arrested on charges of unlawful carrying of a weapon and marijuana possession, both misdemeanors, and released on bond.

Staff and wire reports

SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

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Source: ESPN

The Colorado Rockies' Charlie Blackmon has two inside-the-park home runs this season. The rest of MLB combined has three.

QUOTABLE

MICHAEL MALONE, Denver Nuggets head coach, on the NBA's imbalance between conferences:

"How long can you wait? I don't know if Kevin Durant, Steph Curry, Klay and those guys are going anywhere for a while. You just can't go into hibernation, wake up and say, 'OK, it's our time.' We compete."

MORE SANDLOT RESULTS

NABF WORLD SERIES 14-U SEMIFINALS

Brooklyn (N.Y.) Bonnie Paws 8, Astros Falcons 3

Brooklyn jumped to a 7-2 lead in the first inning and never looked back. Brooklyn finished with 11 hits. Thomas Pallazotto, Ryan Rodriguez and Joseph Narvaez each collected multiple hits. Pallazotto went 3 for 3 at the plate to lead Brooklyn. Lucas Slesinki earned the win for Brooklyn giving up three runs, six hits and striking out two. Zach Leonard led the Astros with two hits.

Baird Brothers 2, Roth Brothers 0

Brandon Kilpatrick earned the win for Baird throwing a five-hit shutout and striking out three. Baird scored off an error by Roth and a single to left field for its two runs. Trent Milliren took the loss for Roth. He pitched six innings allowing two runs and three hits. Dylan Mattocks went 2 for 3 for Roth.

NABF 18-U REGIONAL FINAL

Release (Ohio) 6, Creekside Fitness 2

A five-run third inning sent the Release past Creekside and into the NABF 18-U World Series, which begins Thursday at Cene Park. Nick Smith scattered seven hits and struck out eight for the win. Chad Szydlowski had two hits and a sacrifice and Aaron Valentine had a double and two RBIs. For Creekside, Matt Senchak had two hits and scored while Noah Suarez singled and scored.

NABF 18-U REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Creekside Fitness 7, Diamond Boys (Ohio) 2

Sebastian Lay pitched a one-hitter and struck out six for Creekside. The locals collected 16 hits, including two singles and two doubles by Johnny Medvec. Matt Senchak, Pad O'Shaughnessy, Dom Pecchia and T.J. DeShields each had two hits. T.J. Hoffman had two hits for the Diamond Boys.

Release (Ohio) 5, Lincoln Park (Mich.) 4

Justin Hudacek got the win for the Release, scattering seven hits. Nathan Birtley had a two-run single and Ryan Jacobs added a run-scoring single. Jace Matkin singled and doubled with two RBIs and Tyler Beachnau had two hits for Lincoln Park

JUNIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Poland-Canfield 9, Wheelersburg 0

The Poland/Canfield Junior girls won the state championship with Sunday's victory. KaiLi Gross fired a two-hitter and struck out nine. Brooke Bobby and Abby Farber each had three hits to lead the locals. Connie Cougras and Gross each had two hits. Poland-Canfield advances to regional play in South Holland, Ill., and will face Iowa to begin the double-elimination tournament at 3 p.m. Saturday.

WARREN AA BASEBALL

Warren Metro Ice 11, Marlins 9

Warren Metro Ice built a nine-run lead in the fifth inning, but had to hold on for a narrow win. Jake Evanoff and Mark Herron each drove in three runs for Metro Ice. Herron had a triple and Evanoff singled and doubled. A.J. Armstrong earned the win for Warren. He pitched four innings, giving up one run and three hits. He struck out two and did not walk a batter. The Marlins' rally included a run-scoring single by Bobby Dulay, an RBI double by Nick Morton and an RBI single by Tom Popadak in the fifth. Dulay had another RBI single in the sixth. Pelo added a run-scoring single in the seventh. Dulay had three hits.

WARREN

WARREN Metro Ice 11, Marlins 9

Taylor's HR lifts Scrappers over Renegades

Staff report

FISHKILL, N.Y.

Samad Taylor hit a two-run home run and added a double as the Mahoning Valley Scrappers topped the Hudson Valley Renegades 5-2 on Sunday in New York-Penn League action.

Mahoning Valley went up 4-0 in the fifth after Taylor hit a two-run home run.

After the Scrappers (15-11) added a run in the seventh on a double by Ernie Clement, the Renegades (9-16)

cut into the deficit in the eighth inning when Taylor Walls hit a sacrifice fly and Matt Eureste scored on an error.

Elijah Morgan (2-0) got the win with three innings of scoreless, one-hit relief while Hudson Valley starter Austin Franklin (1-1) took the loss in the New York-Penn League game. Cesar Ventura recorded his second save of the season.

TV & RADIO

TODAY 7 a.m. (TEN) Tennis: Swedish Open. 12:30 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Nationals at Reds. 7 p.m. (ESPN) MLB: Blue Jays at Red Sox. 7 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Brewers at Pirates. 7 p.m. (WBBW-AM 1240) Baseball: Batavia Muckdogs at Scrappers. 10 p.m. (ESPN) NBA Summer League: Championship game. 10 p.m. (ESPN2) Soccer: Real Salt Lake vs. Manchester United. 10 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Padres at Rockies. 10 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Indians at Giants. 11 p.m. (GC) Golf: "Inside the PGA Tour."

TUESDAY 5 a.m. (TNN) Tennis: Swedish Open. 7:30 a.m. (FS1) Soccer: AC Milan vs. Borussia Dortmund, International Champions Cup. 8 a.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 16. 12:30 p.m. (NBCSN) Diving: World Championships 3m and 10m Team Event. 7 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Brewers at Pirates. 7 p.m. (TNN) World Team Tennis: New York at Washington. 7 p.m. (WBBW-AM 1240) Baseball: Batavia Muckdogs at Scrappers. 8 p.m. (ESPN) MLB: Yankees at Twins. 9 p.m. (ESPN2) WNBA: Chicago at Seattle. 9 p.m. (FS1) Boxing: Flores-Avalos (featherweights). 9 p.m. (STO) MLB: "The Tribe Report." 10 p.m. (HBO) "Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel." 10 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Indians at Giants.

WEDNESDAY 6 a.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 17. 8 a.m. (TNN) Tennis: Swedish Open. Noon (MLBN) MLB: Cubs at Braves or Phillies at Marlins. Noon (TNN) Tennis: Swedish Open. 12:30 p.m. (NBCSN) Diving: World Championships. 3:30 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Rays at Athletics. 3:30 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Indians at Giants. 5 p.m. (FS1) Truck racing: NASCAR Camping World qualifying. 6 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinal. 7 p.m. (ESPN) MLB: Cardinals at Mets. 7 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Brewers at Pirates. 7 p.m. (WBBW-AM 1240) Baseball: Batavia Muckdogs at Scrappers. 8 p.m. (ESPN2) Soccer: Roma vs. Paris Saint-Germain, International Champions Cup. 9 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinal. 10 p.m. (ESPN) MLB: Nationals at Angels.

LATEST LINE

Table with MLB National League Odds (O/U) and Underdog. Includes teams like Washington, Pittsburgh, Boston, Miami, Chicago Cubs, Colorado, Baltimore, Minnesota, Houston, Kansas City, Tampa Bay, Cleveland, Los Angeles.

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Table with BOX SCORE and game details for Mahoning Valley vs Hudson Valley.

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SUNDAY'S OTHER MLB GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees 3, Red Sox 0

BOSTON CC Sabathia (8-3) allowed two hits over six innings, and Didi Gregorius hit a solo home run around the Pesky Pole in the opener of a day-night doubleheader. Boston stranded 10 runners and went 0 for 11 with runners in scoring position, leaving the Red Sox 2 for 31 RISP in series and 2 for 51 against the Yankees this season. Rick Porcello (4-12) gave up three runs — one earned — and nine hits in six innings.

Tigers 6, Blue Jays 5

DETROIT Miguel Cabrera walked with the bases loaded in the 11th inning, lifting the Tigers. With the score 5-all, Alex Avila was walked by Jeff Beliveau (1-1) leading off the 11th, Nicolas Castellanos reached on an error by third baseman Josh Donaldson and Lucas Harrell walked Justin Upton and Cabrera. Warwick Saupold (2-1) got the win with a scoreless 11th.

Mariners 7, White Sox 6

CHICAGO Nelson Cruz homered on a 3-0 pitch from Chris Beck (1-1) leading off the 10th inning, his 19th home run this season, as Seattle overcame a 5-0 deficit and won its fourth straight. Chicago has lost four in a row. Nick Vincent (3-1) earned the win, and Edwin Diaz struck out Jose Abreu, Todd Frazier and Garcia — all swinging — for his 16th save.

Astros 5, Twins 3

HOUSTON Mike Fiers (6-4) struck out a season-high 11 over seven innings, while allowing two runs and four hits. Nori Aoki had two hits and two RBIs. Kyle Gibson (5-8) yielded four runs and six hits in six-plus innings.

Royals 4, Rangers 3

KANSAS CITY, MO. Texas right fielder Shin-Soo Choo lost Lorenzo Cain's routine fly in the sun, and the ball glanced off

his glove for a tiebreaking RBI single with two outs in the ninth as Kansas City stooped a five-game losing streak overall and a 12-game skid against Texas. Choo tried to shield his eyes, but even sunglasses didn't help on Cain's sliced flyball.

Angels 4, Rays 3

ANAHEIM, CALIF. Pinch-hitter C.J. Cron connected for a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the eighth off Adam Kolarek after Andrelton Simmons singled against Jumbo Diaz (1-4). Trailing 4-2, the Rays scored once in the ninth and loaded the bases with one out. Bud Norris got Tim Beckham to ground into a double play for his 14th save, ending Tampa Bay's four-game winning streak.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dodgers 3, Marlins 2

MIAMI Justin Turner homered and singled to increase his batting average to .374, and Los Angeles won for the 29th time in 33 games, including nine in a row. Five Los Angeles pitchers combined for 16 strikeouts with no walks. Kenley Jansen got the four outs for his 23rd save in as many chances as the Dodgers (64-29) climbed 35 games above .500 for the first time since 1977.

Nationals 14, Reds 4

CINCINNATI Daniel Murphy hit two of Washington's five home runs and had five RBIs. Adam Lind and Jose Lobaton added two-run shots and Anthony Rendon had a solo homer, his third home run in two games, to help the Nationals to their fourth straight victory.

Rockies 13, Mets 4

NEW YORK Ian Desmond provided an instant spark for the slumping Rockies in his return from the disabled list, and Nolan Arenado hit one of Colorado's three homers. Charlie Blackmon was credited with an inside-the-park home run — even

though his drive actually cleared the orange line atop left-center field fence — and Gerardo Parra also went deep to help the Rockies win for just the sixth time in 21 games.

Braves 7, Diamondbacks 1

ATLANTA Matt Kemp hit a three-run homer and Brandon Phillips doubled three times as Atlanta completed a three-game sweep and sent Arizona to its season-high fifth straight loss. Jaime Garcia (3-7) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings as the Braves (45-5) reached .500 for the first time since April 17.

Phillies 5, Brewers 2

MILWAUKEE Rookie Nick Williams hit his first career grand slam — on lefty reliever Tyler Webb's first pitch since he was acquired Thursday from the Yankees for minor league first baseman Garrett Cooper. Williams homered off Webb last month in the minors.

Padres 7, Giants 1

SAN DIEGO Hector Sanchez and Corey Spangenberg each hit a three-run home run off Jeff Samardzija (4-11), who allowed seven runs and nine hits in six innings. Samardzija is tied with Colorado's Tyler Chatwood for the most losses in the NL.

INTERLEAGUE

Cubs 8, Orioles 0

BALTIMORE Jose Quintana dazzled in his debut for the Cubs, striking out a season-high 12 in seven innings to beat the Orioles for a three-game sweep. Acquired by the World Series champions during the All-Star break from the Chicago White Sox for a playoff push, Quintana (1-0) allowed three hits, walked none and joined Matt Garza as the only pitchers in Cubs history to fan 12 in their debut.

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INDIANS

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Brugman hit two-run singles in the first. Jed Lowrie homered against Dan Otero for a 5-0 lead in the third, and Matt Joyce had three hits and two RBIs.

Sean Manaea (8-5) struck out eight in seven innings, allowing two runs and five hits. Before the game, veteran-shedding Oakland dealt relievers Ryan Madson and Sean Doolittle to Washington for right-hander Blake Treinen and a pair of prospects, left-hander Jesus Luzardo and infielder Sheldon Neuse.

"Maybe the break was good for everyone," Manaea said. "A well-needed rest. Hearing the (trade) news put a fire under everybody." Francisco Lindor matched

PIRATES

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the first allowed by Juan Nicolas this year.

"I think it's been like all year," Frazier said. "We went through some adversity. It's just fighting until the last out."

Pirates starter Trevor Williams gave up two runs and 10 hits in 5 2/3 innings. He singled in the third for his first major league hit after an 0-for-21 start at the plate.

Cardinals starter Carlos Martinez (7-8) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, and had an RBI single in the sixth.

Andrew McCutchen's run-scoring single put Pittsburgh ahead in the fifth, and Matt

his career high with four hits, including three doubles. Michael Brantley hit a two-run single in the fourth, and Abraham Almonte homered with two outs in the ninth against Simon Castro.

Cleveland had leadoff doubles in the sixth, seventh and eighth but failed to score.

STREAK ENDS

The Indians last lost four in a row July 23-28, 2015 when they lost six straight. Cleveland had gone 312 games since then without a four-game losing streak — the third-longest stretch in major league history behind the 1931-33 New York Yankees (346) and the 1917-19 Indians (316).

TRAINER'S ROOM

Athletics: RHP Jharel Cotton will join teammate RHP Kendall Graveman

Carpenter's RBI double tied the score in the fifth.

Max Moroff hit his first big league home run for the Pirates, a line drive off the right-field foul pole in the fifth. Moroff had 18 homer runs this season with Triple-A Indianapolis but was 4 for 48 in the majors.

"Hit the ball on the barrel for the first time in a while," he said.

Williams had started his MLB career 0 for 21 before his single to right in the third.

HOT START

Cardinals rookie Agneuris Sierra, brought back from Triple-A on Saturday, had four hits, stole a base and scored a run. He has reached safely in nine straight games to start his

on Wednesday at Triple-A Nashville in injury rehabilitation assignments. Cotton, who has been hindered by a blister, is expected to throw 65 pitches. ... INF/OF Chad Pinder rested his sore left hamstring Sunday but will run the bases and do additional baseball activities Monday. Manager Bob Melvin said Pinder could begin a rehab assignment soon.

UP NEXT

Indians: RHP Josh Tomlin (5-9, 5.90 ERA) is to start today at San Francisco. He limited San Diego to two runs and four hits over seven innings on July 6.

Athletics: RHP Daniel Gossett (1-4, 6.23 ERA) is slated to pitch in today's series opener at home against Tampa Bay. Gossett has allowed eight home runs over six starts but has walked only five during that span.

big league career, the first Cardinals player to accomplish the feat.

Three of the hits never left the infield.

"I'm definitely aware that my speed can cause the other team some damage and help my team," he said through a translator. "As soon as I make contact, I really take advantage of the opportunity to get on base."

UP NEXT

Cardinals: RHP Adam Wainwright (10-5, 5.20 ERA) is to start today at the New York Mets. He is 8-2 in his last 11 starts, winning his last three.

Pirates: RHP Chad Kuhl (3-6, 4.96 ERA) is slated to open at series at home against Milwaukee. He is 2-0 in five starts since a June 14 loss to Colorado.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings for American League East, Central, West, and National League East, Central, West.

Today's Games for American League and National League.

Saturday's Games for American League and National League.

Box scores for Toronto vs Detroit, Cleveland vs Oakland, Tampa Bay vs Los Angeles, Tampa Bay vs Los Angeles, Tampa Bay vs Los Angeles.

Box scores for Minnesota vs Houston, Seattle vs Chicago, Seattle vs Chicago, Seattle vs Chicago, Seattle vs Chicago.

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MORE GOLF RESULTS

SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP OWINGS MILLS, MD.

Scott McCarron shot a bogey-free 6-under 66 on Sunday and took advantage of an uncharacteristic crash by three-time defending champion Bernhard Langer to win the Constellation Senior Players Championship. McCarron finished 18 under to beat Langer and Brandt Jobe by one shot. The 51-year-old McCarron made up a six-shot deficit in the final round to capture his first major on the PGA Tour Champions. The story of the day, however, was the stunning collapse by Langer. Seeking his third major win of the year, the 59-year German had a one-shot lead before dropping his tee shot in the water on No. 17. After taking the one-shot penalty, he missed a 4-footer and made a double bogey. On 18, Langer lipped out a 6-foot birdie putt that would have forced a play-off. He finished with a 73 that included only two birdies. McCarron got into contention with four straight birdies on the front nine and finished with eight straight pars.

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC SILVUS, ILL.

Bryson DeChambeau overcame a four-stroke deficit to win the John Deere Classic by a stroke Sunday for his first PGA Tour title — and a spot next week in the British Open. The 23-year-old DeChambeau birdied four of the final six holes at TPC Deere Run for a 6-under 65 and an 18-under 266 total. In 2015, the former SMU star became the fifth player to win the NCAA individual title and U.S. Amateur in the same year. Third-round leader Patrick Rodgers shot a 70 to finish second. DeChambeau made a 14-foot birdie putt on the front nine and finished with eight straight pars.

SCOTTISH OPEN IRVINE, SCOTLAND

Rafa Cabrera Bello birdied the first hole of a playoff with Callum Shinkwin to win the Scottish Open on Sunday, securing his first title in 5 1/2 years. Shinkwin left short a 4-foot par putt for victory on his 72nd hole to shoot a 4-under 68 in his final round and drop into a playoff with Cabrera Bello, who shot a course-record 8-under 64. Both were on 13 under par overall. Returning to the 18th at Dundonald Links, Cabrera Bello sent his second shot from 275 yards to within 8 feet. His eagle putt came short but he tapped in for birdie, leaving Shinkwin a 7-foot birdie putt to force a second hole. Again, his putt didn't reach the cup. The last of Cabrera Bello's previous two titles on the European Tour came at the Dubai Desert Classic in February 2012.

AMERICAN CENTURY CHAMPIONSHIP STATELINE, NEV.

Mark Mulder won his record third straight title Sunday in the American Century Championship celebrity golf tournament, and Stephen Curry rallied to finish fourth. Mulder had an 11-point victory over fellow former pitcher Derek Lowe and former tennis player Mardy Fish in the modified Stabelfor event at Edgewood Tahoe. Players got 6 points for eagle, 3 for birdie, 1 for par, 0 for bogey and minus-2 for double bogey or higher. Curry had 28 points in the final round — the best round score of the week in the 54-hole tournament — to finish with 60. The NBA star eagled the par-5 18th for a 68. Mulder had rounds of 72, 69 and 69 on the par-72 course. He earned \$125,000.

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South Korea's Sung Hyun Park poses with Eric Trump after winning the U.S. Women's Open on Sunday at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

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Park wins Open title after strong weekend

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BEDMINSTER, N.J.

After weeks of uncertainty, the U.S. Women's Open stopped being about President Donald Trump, his course and his views toward women and it turned out to be what the USGA wanted: a good tournament on a good course.

Not surprisingly, the best player this week won, making up for a bad weekend in this event a year ago.

Sung Hyun Park shot her second straight 5-under 67 on Sunday and won a final-round battle with front-running Shanshan Feng and teenage amateur sensation Hye-Jin Choi at Trump National Golf Club for her first LPGA Tour victory.

The 23-year-old Park birdied the 15th to move into a tie for the lead and the 17th to open a two-shot edge after Choi made a double bogey to squander her chance of becoming the second amateur to win the event.

Park finished with an 11-under total of 277, two shots better than Choi, who shot a final-round 71.

It was a far cry from a year ago when Park hit into the water on the 18th hole at CordeValle in California and missed a playoff with eventual winner Britanny Lang and Anna Nordqvist by two shots.

"The experience was definitely worth it, because based on that good experience that I had last year, I think I was able to garner the championship this year," Park said through an interpreter.

The USGA was criticized for not moving the event from Trump National after comments made by the president

about women came to light during the election campaign. There were threats of protests, especially after Trump decided to attend the tournament after his trip to Paris on Thursday and Friday.

Trump arrived Friday and became the first sitting president to attend a Women's Open, seeing parts of the final three rounds. There was a small protest after he arrived at his box near the 15th green shortly after 3 p.m., but it was peaceful.

It ended up being a quiet week of politics at the course. The golf was excellent.

Park needed a fine chip from over the green on the par-5 18th hole to save par and win the \$900,000 top prize from the \$5 million event.

Walking to the scoring tent to sign her card, she got a thumbs-up from Trump from his box.

"Well, to be honest with you, I still cannot believe that it is actually happening," said Park, who is the leading rookie on the LPGA Tour. "It's almost feel like I'm floating on a cloud in the sky. Of course, I did have many winnings in other tournaments, but winning here at U.S. Open means so much more."

Choi was the low amateur for the second straight year. She was 38th in 2016. The only drawback was she could not pocket the \$540,000 second-place prize.

Top-ranked So Yeon Ryu (70) and fellow South Korean Mi Jung Hur (68) tied for third at 7 under. Feng, from China, had a 75 to drop into a tie for fifth at 6 under with Spain's Carlota Ciganda (70) and South Korea's Jeongeun6 Lee (71).

WIMBLEDON

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was followed by others in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. He won again in 2009 and 2012. But then he lost finals in 2014 and 2015 to Novak Djokovic.

He couldn't be sure another final, let alone title, was possible a year ago, when he lost in the semifinals, then took the rest of 2016 off to let his surgically repaired left knee heal.

"It's been a long road," he said.

Sunday's outcome was only in doubt for about 20 minutes, the amount of time it took Federer to grab his first lead.

Cilic said afterward he developed a painful blister on his left foot during his semifinal Friday, and that affected his ability to move properly or summon the intimidating serves that carried him to his lone Grand Slam title at the 2014 U.S. Open, where he surprisingly beat Federer in the semifinals.

This one was all Federer, who had been tied at sev-

en championships with Pete Sampras and William Renshaw in what's still officially called Gentlemen's Singles. Sampras won all but one of his in the 1990s; Renshaw won each of his in the 1880s, when the previous year's winner advanced automatically to the final.

With clouds overhead and a bit of chill in the air Sunday, Federer's early play was symptomatic of jitters. For everything he's accomplished, for all of the bright lights and big settings to which he's become accustomed, the guy many have labeled the "GOAT" — Greatest of All Time — admits to feeling heavy legs and jumbled thoughts to this day.

It was Federer, not Cilic, who double-faulted in his first two service games. And it was Federer, not Cilic, who faced the initial break point, in the fourth game. But Cilic netted a return, beginning a run of 17 points in a row won by Federer on his serve. He would never be confronted with another break point.

"I gave it my best," Cilic said. "That's all I could do."

NASCAR

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"It's not from a lack of trying," Hamlin said.

JGR also announced this week that Erik Jones would replace two-time Daytona 500 champion Kenseth in the No. 20 next season. With Hamlin sending the crowd into a frenzy by burning the tires down, Sunday was simply a reason for the organization to celebrate.

Hamlin scampered away from the lobster traditionally awarded to the winner in victory lane.

Larson was second and nearly caught Hamlin — after a trying week where NASCAR caught Larson's Chip Ganassi team trying to tinker a bit too much outside the rule book on the No. 42 Chevrolet.

Larson's team was penalized 35 points this week, erasing what had been a one-point advantage over Truex in the driver standings. Truex, who led 137 laps, leads the standings by 38 points over Larson. Larson's pole-winning time was disallowed because of an unapproved rear deck fin lid.

"NASCAR's kept a closer eye on our team, in particular," Larson said. "Had to go to the back. I don't think that really affected us which I think is a good thing. The little stuff we got in trouble for so far hasn't affected our performance. We've got to keep working hard on the areas on our race car that are legal and

find more speed that way." Here are other items of note from New Hampshire:

LOGANO OUT

Joey Logano's miserable stretch continued on his home track. Logano, who needs a win or a string of strong finishes to make NASCAR's playoffs, was forced off the track on the third stage because of a suspension issue. NASCAR seized a rear suspension part with the No. 22 Ford in the garage. He finished 37th.

The Connecticut driver reeled off six top-five finishes in the first nine races that included a win at Richmond. The win did not count toward the playoffs because of rules violations. Logano has posted just two top-10 finishes over the last 10 races and this was the fifth time he finished 25th or worse.

TRACK CRACK

The race was stopped for 5 1/2 minutes when a pot hole opened on the track. The hole was discovered just before the second stage and crews hit the scene to make repairs.

ALMIROLA'S RETURN

Aric Almirola finished 24th in his first race since he suffered a fractured vertebra during a fiery multi-car wreck May 13 at Kanas Speedway.

UP NEXT

Kyle Busch heads to Indianapolis to try and win his third straight Brickyard 400 championship. Busch has not won a Cup race since he kissed the bricks at Indy.

AUTO RACING

HONDA INDY TORONTO Sunday At Toronto Street Circuit Toronto, Ontario Lap length: 1.8 miles (Start position in parentheses) 1. (7) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running 2. (8) Alexander Rossi, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running 3. (6) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running 4. (11) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running 5. (1) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running 6. (16) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running 7. (9) Max Chilton, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running 8. (3) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running 9. (2) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running 10. (5) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running 11. (20) Sebastian Saavedra, -, 85 laps, Running 12. (17) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running 13. (12) JR Hildebrand, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running 14. (21) Esteban Gutierrez, -, 85 laps, Running 15. (19) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running 16. (10) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running 17. (18) Conor Daly, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running 18. (13) Spencer Pigot, Dallara-Honda, 84 laps, Running 20. (15) Ed Jones, -, 75 laps, Mechanical 21. (4) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 0 laps, Contact Race Statistics Average Speed of Race Winner: 95.79 mph. Time of Race: 1:35:05.3522. Margin of Victory: 1.8704. Cautions: 2 for 9 laps. Lead Changes: 4 among 4 drivers. Lap Leaders: M.Truex 3 times for 134 laps; D.Earnhardt 263-263; D.Earnhardt 264-266; M.Kenseth 267; D.Hamlin 268-301 Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): M.Truex, 3 times for 134 laps; Kyle Busch, 2 times for 93 laps; D.Hamlin, 2 times for 52 laps; D.Earnhardt, 2 times for 8 laps; M.Kenseth, 2 times for 2 laps; K.Larson, 1 time for 0 laps.

GOLF

Table with columns for tournament names (USGA-U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN, PGA JOHN DEERE CLASSIC, etc.), player names, and scores.

Table with columns for player names and scores, including a 'Final' section for Cabrera Bello's win.

Table with columns for PGA-JOHN DEERE CLASSIC (Sunday) and PGA JOHN DEERE CLASSIC (Final) results.

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Facebook fights court order over access

WASHINGTON

Facebook is fighting a court order that blocks the social media giant from letting users know when law-enforcement investigators ask to search their online information, particularly their political affiliations and comments.

Major technology companies and civil liberties groups have joined Facebook in the case, which resembles legal challenges throughout the country from technology companies that oppose how the government seeks access to internet data in emails or social media accounts during criminal investigations. The Washington Post reported.

Facebook is arguing in the D.C. Court of Appeals that the order violates First Amendment protections of the company and individuals.

Teen charged in acid attacks as UK plans crackdown

LONDON

British police have charged a teenager with a spate of London acid attacks, as authorities considered whether tougher sentences would curb a spike in assaults with corrosive liquids.

The Metropolitan Police force said late Saturday that a 16-year-old boy faces 15 charges, including grievous bodily harm. The boy, who can't be named because of his age, was arrested after five moped riders were sprayed with a corrosive substance during a 90-minute period last week.

Police say the number of reported attacks with corrosive liquids in London rose from 261 in 2015 to 454 in 2016. Some appear related to gang activity or the theft of cars and motorbikes.

Amid mounting public concern, the British government said it is considering increasing sentences for acid attacks to a maximum of life.

Woman killed, 4 hurt as violence erupts at Venezuela vote

CARACAS, VENEZUELA

Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans lined up across the country and in expatriate communities around the world Sunday to vote in a symbolic rejection of President Nicolas Maduro's plan to rewrite the constitution, a proposal that's raising tensions in a nation battered by shortages and anti-government protests.

A 61-year-old woman was killed and four people wounded in shooting that erupted after government supporters on motorcycles swarmed an opposition polling site in a church in the traditionally pro-government Catia neighborhood of western Caracas.

The opposition mayor of the Caracas borough of Sucre, Carlos Ocariz, said pro-government paramilitary groups attacked voters outside the Our Lady of Carmen Church around 3 p.m. The chief prosecutor's office said Xiomara Soledad Scott, a nurse, had been killed and three hurt in the incident.

Egypt says 1 killed, 50 hurt in clashes on Nile island

CAIRO

Egyptian police Sunday fired tear gas to disperse a rock-pelting crowd of residents defending their homes on a Nile River island against bulldozers sent by the government to demolish their illegally-built dwellings. The clashes left one person dead and 50 others injured.

The violence on the island of el-Waraq on the southern fringes of Cairo is likely to stain a nationwide campaign launched this summer by Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, Egypt's general-turned-president, to restore government control over state-owned land.

El-Sissi has vowed in televised comments to show no lenience to anyone taking illegal advantage of state-owned property, saying the law would prevail regardless of how powerful or wealthy the offenders were. Anyone using land that does not rightfully belong to them, he angrily said, is a "common thief."

Associated Press

9 dead, boy missing in Ariz. flash flood

Associated Press

TONTO NATIONAL FOREST, ARIZ.

Nine people died and a 13-year-old boy was missing Sunday after a furious flash flood tore through a group of family and friends cooling off in a creek in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona.

Gila County Sheriff's Detective David Hornung told The Associated Press that the group from the Phoenix and Flagstaff areas had met up for a daytrip along the popular Cold Springs swimming hole near Payson in central Arizona and were playing in the water Saturday afternoon when muddy

flood waters came roaring down the canyon.

The group had set out chairs to lounge on a warm summer day when miles upstream an intense thunderstorm dumped heavy rainfall on the mountain.

Search and rescue crews, including 40 people on foot and others in a helicopter, recovered the bodies of five children and four adults, some as far as two miles down the river. The victims ranged in age from a 60-year-old woman to a 2-year-old girl. Authorities did not identify them. Four others were rescued Saturday and taken to Banner hospital in near-

by Payson for treatment for hypothermia.

Rescuers got to the four victims quickly after the crew heard their cries while they were nearby helping an injured hiker.

Crews were walking Sunday along the banks poking through debris, including tree trunks. They've scoured a five-mile stretch down the East Verde River and will continue south.

The flash-flooding hit Saturday afternoon at Cold Springs canyon, about 100 miles northeast of Phoenix, a popular recreation area easily reached by relatively easy hiking paths.



Tonto Search and Rescue volunteers search for missing swimmers near the Water Wheel Campground on Sunday morning in the Tonto National Forest, Ariz., after Saturday's deadly flash-flooding at a normally tranquil swimming area in the national forest. At least nine people died in the flash floods.



Firefighters try to control blazing buildings after riots in Detroit. Hundreds of fires were reported in the city. Five days of violence would leave 33 blacks and 10 whites dead, and more than 1,400 buildings burned. More than 7,000 people were arrested.

Detroit at crossroads 50 years after riots devastated the city

Associated Press

Girard Townsend is 66 now, living in a seniors building near the Detroit waterfront. But a half century ago, he was just a kid on a city bus.

The bus stopped near 12th and Clairmount streets. Townsend stepped off – and into the very start of the Detroit riot.

"I saw all these guys with masks and shields," he said – city police officers, most of them white, far outnumbered by a seething black crowd.

In the days that followed, he would witness – and take part in – an epic eruption of violence that still reverberates in his life and the life of this city.

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A decline that had already begun would accelerate; Detroit was the nation's fourth-biggest city in 1960, but would rank 21st by 2016. The middle class fled, and a proud city fell into poverty, crime and hopelessness.

There are signs of rebirth in Detroit. But the men and women who lived through the riots are getting older, and most doubt they will live to see Detroit reclaim its

former glory. "Detroit still hasn't come back to where it was," Townsend said.

Detroit wasn't the first of the riots in the summer of 1967, and it was far from the last. Buffalo, N.Y., and Newark, N.J., preceded it; in the course of the summer, more than 150 cases of civil unrest erupted across the U.S.

Detroit's started after a July 23 police raid on an illegal after-hours club – a "blind pig" – at 12th and Clairmount.

The raid was just the spark. Many in the community blamed frustrations blacks felt toward the mostly white police, and city policies that pushed families into aging and overcrowded neighborhoods.

National Guard tanks and other armored vehicles rumbled through the streets. There were reports of snipers firing on law enforcement, the National Guard and even firefighters from rooftops and other secreted spots. Authorities fired back.

The city lost more than 2,000 shops to fires or looting, many of them owned by blacks. When the smoke cleared and the military rolled out, Detroit stood bruised and battered.

The departure of white residents and businesses to the suburbs that had started years earlier accelerated. Between 1970 and 1980 more

than 400,000 more people would leave. Altogether, Detroit's population has fallen by about 1.1 million people since the 1950s.

Within a decade of the riot, the car plants that provided jobs and helped keep the city running were hiring fewer people. Three years after the riot, Detroit's unemployment rate was just over 7 percent. It reached 25 percent by 1990.

Today, nearly four in 10 Detroit residents live in poverty compared with about 15 percent nationally. The city's \$26,000 median income is less than half of the national figure.

Now, two years out of insolvency and free of billions of dollars of debt, Detroit is working to fix up its battered neighborhoods and image.

Though more than twice the national number, unemployment is down to 11 percent. Downtown is thriving. The city, 80 percent black, even elected Mike Duggan, Detroit's first white mayor since the 1970s.

The population is leveling out at around 670,000 people and families are taking advantage of special home-buying programs through the city's land bank.

But some who lived through the riots say any progress will not wipe away their distress in those five days of violence, and in the 50 years that followed.

After deadly assault, Israel reopens holy site

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Hundreds of Muslim worshippers visited a Jerusalem holy site Sunday after Israel reopened the compound after a rare closure in response to a deadly shooting last week that raised concerns about wider unrest.

For the first time in decades, Israel closed the site – known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount – on Friday after three Arab citizens of Israel opened fire from the sacred site with automatic weapons, killing two police officers. The three were later shot dead inside the compound.

Prime Minister Benja-

min Netanyahu said that after consultations with security officials the site would be reopened Sunday afternoon with increased security measures that included metal detectors at the entrance gates and additional security cameras.

At midday, Israeli police opened two of the gates to the compound to allow worshippers to enter through the newly erected detectors. Police said some worshippers refused to go through them and knelt to pray outside instead. But despite concerns that the new measures could slow movement and spark renewed tensions, police said they appeared to be working fine and that 200 people had passed through.

Texas 'bathroom bill' may shape campaigns

Associated Press

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Though "bathroom bills" targeting transgender people fizzled in deep-red states across the U.S., the issue is still white hot in Texas, where the Legislature is heading into special session prepared to revive it and conservative groups are vowing revenge on Republican lawmakers who don't approve it.

Whether Texas eventually enacts a law requiring transgender people to use public restrooms according to their birth-certificate gender, the issue is looming large over Republican primaries set for March.

Powerful business entities, from Apple to the NFL, oppose such a bill as discriminatory, but insurgent candidates have promised to brand lawmakers who dare reject it – or try to remain neutral in the face of so much outcry – as soft on social issues dear to conservatives.

The issue appeared dead in the near-term when the Legislature ended its regular session Memorial Day without approving a bathroom bill. The Texas

Senate had passed a strict version in March, but the more-moderate House – led by vocal bathroom-bill opponent Republican Speaker Joe Straus – balked and approved a watered-down version applying only to public schools.

The Senate rejected that. A stalemate may yet prevail if neither side budges during a 30-day extra session that GOP Gov. Greg Abbott has convened starting Tuesday.

The Conservative Republicans of Texas political action committee says it's ready to pounce on those who don't support the strict proposal that mimicked a 2015 North Carolina law that sparked so much uproar and threats of costly boycotts that lawmakers there eventually rolled much of it back.

No other state has approved such a law, despite similar bills being introduced in nearly 20 states.



Straus

Trump lawyer: Nothing illegal in son's Russia meeting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump's attorney insisted Sunday there was nothing illegal in the meeting Trump's eldest son had with a Russian lawyer during last year's presidential campaign.

Donald Trump Jr.'s willingness to meet with the lawyer in the expectation of receiving incriminating information about Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton has raised new questions about possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. The information had been described as "part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump."

The president's attorney, Jay Sekulow, defended Trump and his son in a series of appearances Sunday on five television networks.

"Nothing in that meeting that would have taken place, even if it was about

the topic of an opposition research paper from a Russian lawyer, is illegal or a violation of the law," Sekulow said on "Fox News Sunday," a point he repeated several times. He said the president did not attend the meeting and was not aware of it.

The attorney's focus on the law appears aimed at moving beyond the shifting accounts of the meeting given by Trump Jr. At first, the June 2016 meeting was said to be about a Russian adoption program. Then, it was to hear information about Clinton. Finally, Trump Jr. was compelled to release emails that revealed he had told an associate that he would "love" Russia's help in obtaining incriminating information about the Democratic nominee.

The number of people known to be at the meeting also changed over time. As recently as Friday, Rinat



Donald Trump Jr. is interviewed by host Sean Hannity on his Fox News Channel television program in New York. A Russian-American lobbyist says he attended a June 2016 meeting with President Donald Trump's son, marking another shift in the account of a discussion that was billed as part of a Russian government effort to help the Republican's White House campaign.

Akhmetshin, a Russian-American lobbyist and former Soviet military officer, confirmed his participation to The Associated Press.

Sen. Mark Warner, the

top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Sunday that he wants everyone who attended the meeting to appear before his committee, one of sev-

eral in Congress investigating Russia's interference in the 2016 election and potential coordination with the Trump campaign.

Sekulow said he was not aware of any other meetings involving Russians. "I represent the president of the United States, but Donald Trump Jr. said nothing in the context of formal meetings. He said he may have met with Russian people, as a lot of people meet with Russian people, so that's not unusual," Sekulow said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Trump himself came to the defense of his son, who he said "is being scorned by the Fake News Media." The president ended a series of Sunday-morning tweets by writing: "With all of its phony unnamed sources & highly slanted & even fraudulent reporting, #FakeNews is DISTORTING DEMOCRACY in our country!"

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday! In The Next Year: There's a fire burning in you, in the form of a quest. This isn't so much about a project; it's more like a mission of emotion.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This Cancer crab once made a public request that we not 'hassle the Hoff.' David Hasselhoff has the hard shell that all moon children are born with to hide a sensitive emotional core that runs deep and thrives with equal parts excitement and quiet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember when you didn't go because you thought it would take too long to get there? This time, go. The time will pass whether you embark on the journey or not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you're on the same team, you need to be on the same side, too. Don't let the spirit of competition get out of hand. Infighting will lead to the demise of the group.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To do what is best for you is to do what is best for those around you. Ignore your own needs and it will catch up to the whole group. That said, there's a difference between good self-care and the indulgence of weakness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could, alone in a room armed with determined focus, plan out your life down to the minute details. What's going to work better, though, is to get in motion and start making some mistakes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Usually when something is changing you, you feel it -- and it's not usually a pleasant feeling, either. They call it "growing pains," not "growing pleasures."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Happy people bob along to the music, whereas sad people delve into the meaning of the lyrics. To be fully appreciated, the art (and life itself!) needs to be looked at from many different lights and moods.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The best group will be a diverse group. It may take longer to work out the different roles and the balance of personalities, but once you do, the unit will be unstoppable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Many ideas will be bandied about. If you come to an impasse, take a break and then come back to it. There's more in the well. Don't stop until you find a mutually beneficial solution. It's the only kind that will endure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Beauty captivates your attention and leads it toward hope and light. You don't have to be looking for beauty to find it, but you do have to know it when you see it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Excellence is a mansion atop a long, sweaty hill. Getting to it takes great effort, but it's a lot easier because you can see the proud result as you step ever nearer to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's a very pleasurable thing to imagine an adventure and quite a different thing entirely to embark on one. Your spirit of exploration will be awakened and encouraged by fire sign influences (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius).

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: This quotation has haunted me (a Gemini guy) lately, Holiday: 'Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth, "You owe me." Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole sky.' -- Hafiz 'Thoughts?' The 14th-century Persian mystic Hafiz wrote enduringly popular poems of love, faith and hypocrisy. Though the beauty of his work cannot be denied, modern love is so complex that I could see how a poem such as this could hang up a Gemini guy's processor.

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

Table with TV channel logos (21-WFMY, 21.2-WBCB, etc.) and program listings for various times from 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM.

21 NEWS WEEKNIGHTS 6 & 11 PM. Includes photos of hosts Eric Wilhelm, Leslie Barrett, Derek Steyer, and Dana Balash.

ODDLY ENOUGH

Police see marijuana plants in window, arrest New Mexico man

LAS VEGAS, N.M. A northern New Mexico man is facing charges after police say officers passed his house and saw marijuana plants in his front window. The Las Vegas Optic reports Lawrence Arellanes was arrested recently following the visual clues spotted by two Las Vegas police officers.

Museum finds cases of 2 century-old wine in cellar

UNION, N.J. A restoration project at a New Jersey museum unearthed cases of wine nearly as old as the United States. The Liberty Hall Museum in Union said it discovered almost three full cases of Madeira wine, a fortified wine, dating to 1796 while restoring its wine cellar. NJ.com reports the museum also found 42 demijohns -- large glass jugs sometimes used for holding spirits -- dating to the 1820s.

Report: Foe of Venezuela's government bites diner

NEW YORK A diner at one of New York's best-known steakhouses was bitten on the arm during a protest against the socialist government of Venezuela. El Nuevo Herald reports that a woman was assaulted at Peter Luger Steak House in Brooklyn on July 9 while she was dining with the Venezuelan representative to the United Nations, Rafael Ramirez. The Miami-based Spanish-language newspaper reports that two activists confronted Ramirez and called him a murderer.

JUMBLE AND CROSSWORD 07/17/17

JUMBLE AND CROSSWORD puzzle section. Includes 'JUMBLE' word game instructions, a crossword grid, and a 'SUDOKU' puzzle.

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57 Go team!
58 Count on
59 Have lunch

YEARS AGO

Today is Monday, July 17, the 198th day of 2017. There are 167 days left in the year.

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- On this date in:
1918: Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family are executed by the Bolsheviks.
1936: The Spanish Civil War begins as right-wing army generals launch a coup attempt against the Second Spanish Republic.
1955: Disneyland opens in Anaheim, Calif.
1967: After seven dates, Jimi Hendrix quits as the opening act for the Monkees after a concert at Forest Hills Stadium in New York.
1975: An Apollo spaceship docks with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.
1981: Some 114 people are killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapses during a tea dance.
1997: Woolworth Corp. announces it is closing its 400 remaining five-and-dime stores across the country, ending 117 years in business.
1992: A week of heavy rains causes dramatic increases in reservoir levels and the Youngstown Water Department's chief engineer says restrictions on water use could be lifted within a week.
More than 6,700 fans jam Beeghly Center for the fifth annual World Basketball League All-Star Classic that sees a dunking contest and a game won by the North, 140-135.
Austintown Township trustees accept a bid of \$130,000 from Victor Marsilio for the 54-year-old fire station in the 5300 block of Mahoning Avenue.
1977: U.S. Steel Corp. and Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. begin huge, multimillion-dollar air-pollution control projects.
Warren city officials plan to appeal a recent ruling by Warren Municipal Court requiring the city to pay \$18,000 in severance pay to assistant fire chief Clarence Hipple, who retired after 45 years of service.
A cloudburst, high winds, lightning and power outages cause the temporary closing of the Youngstown Charity Horse Show at the Canfield Fairgrounds.
1967: The Youngstown district's giant rail complex is virtually at a standstill, seriously disrupting service to steel mills as 3,000 railroad workers are on strike.
Dennis Karsnak, 18, an honor graduate of Ursuline High School, drowns in Springwater Acres Lake near Pulaski, Pa., while on an outing with a Catholic youth group.
Two Youngstown firemen are promoted: Vincent Virgallito to captain and Charles Dolan to engineer.
Mary Joan Grunenwald of Crandall Avenue, Youngstown, is among postulants receiving their white Humility of Mary veils during a ceremony at Villa Maria, Pa.
1942: Youngstown will get four trolley buses from the Twin Coach Co., Kent, under a new War Production Board allowance.
Profits from a book, "America Goes to War," on sale at the Paramount Theater, will go to the American Theater Wing to entertain servicemen in New York City.
During a picnic at the home of Mrs. John Gillespie, the Brownlee Woods Garden Club decides to make 500 kits for soldiers.
James T. Begg, who is seeking the Republican nomination for Congress, accuses the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Youngstown Vindicator of falsely reporting that he said, "don't be too sure that the government won't repudiate these war bonds."

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid for yesterday's crossword puzzle answer, showing words like HOLE, EVER, RANG, PELT, WIT, VENICE, CORN, WATCH, SAX, LILTS, PROTEINS, DUO, EBB.

How to play:

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

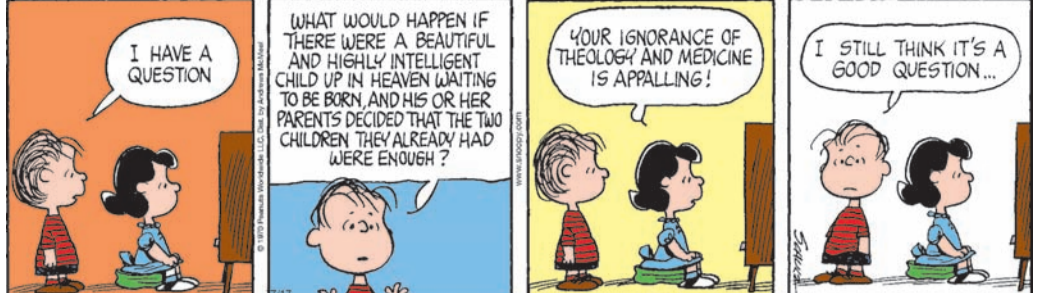
3x3 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells and empty cells for solving.

Large 10x10 grid for a different type of puzzle or game.

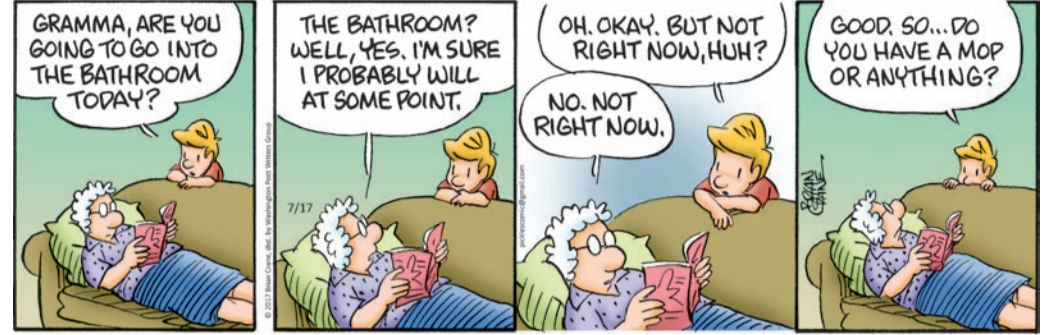
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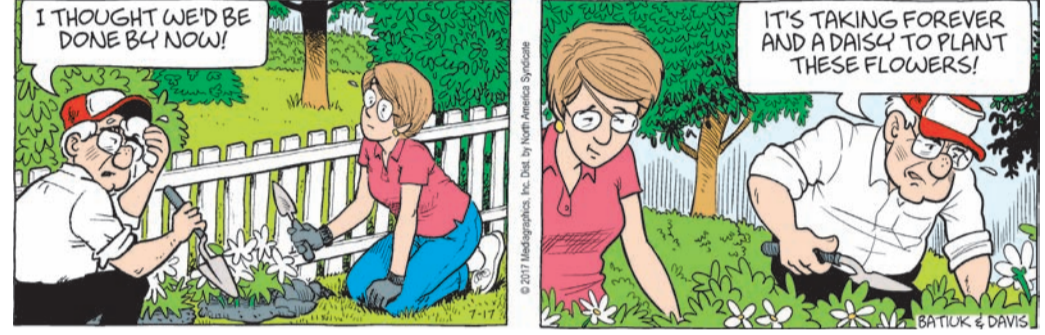
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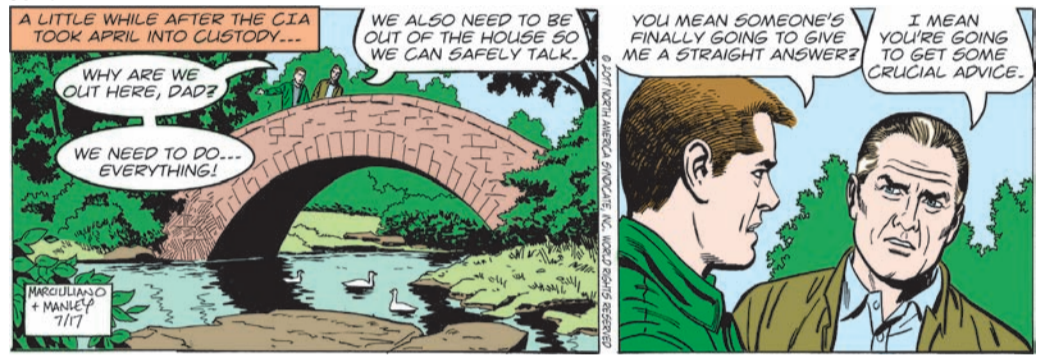
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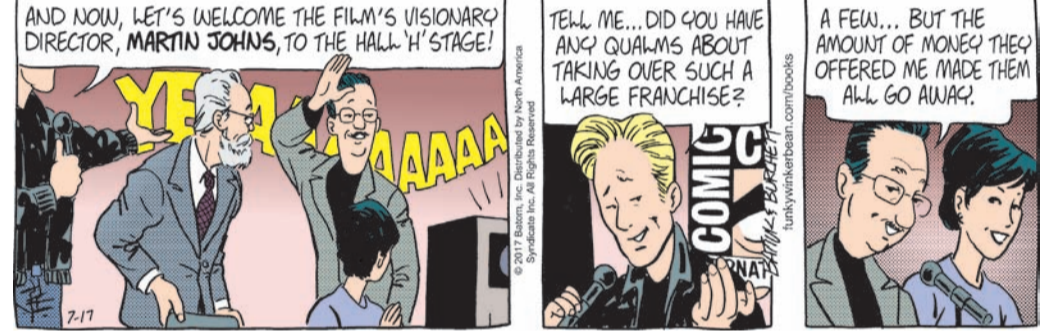
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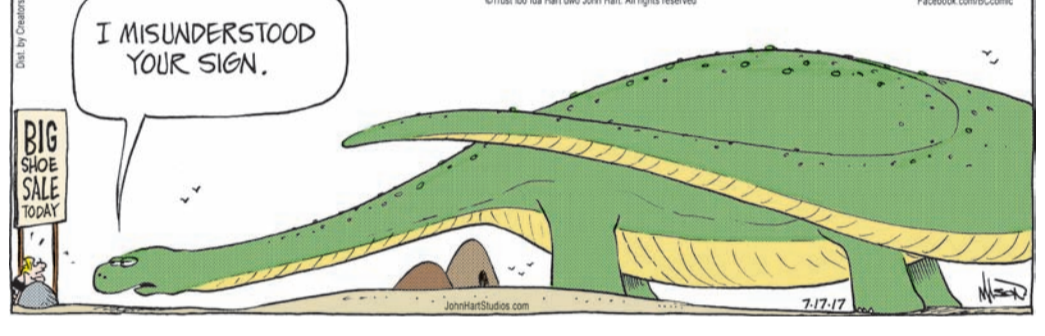
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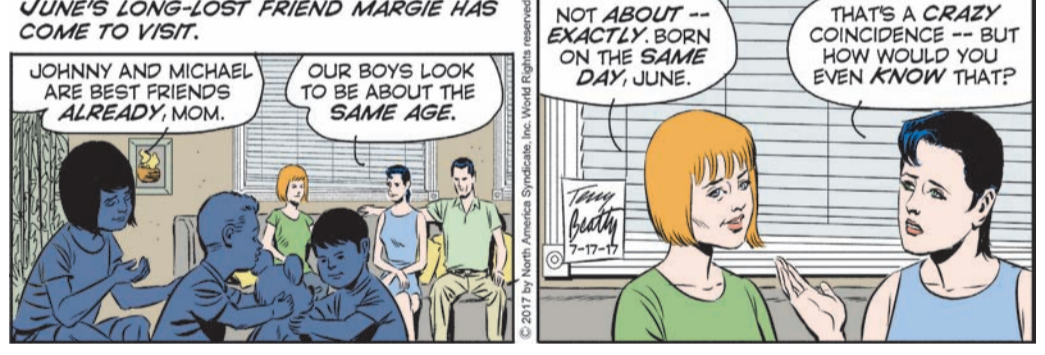
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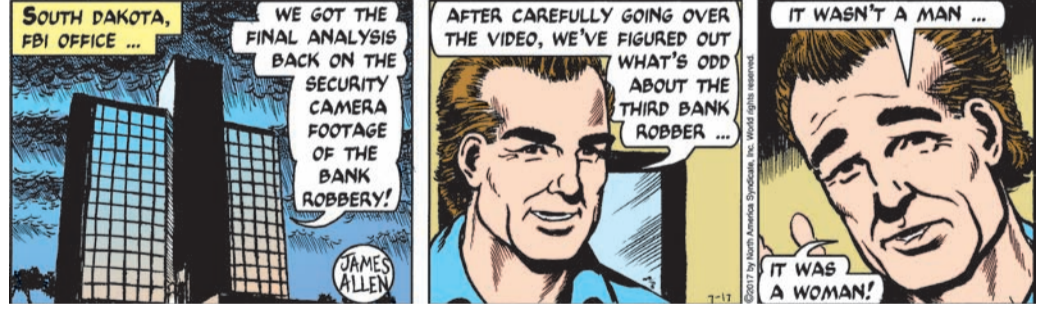
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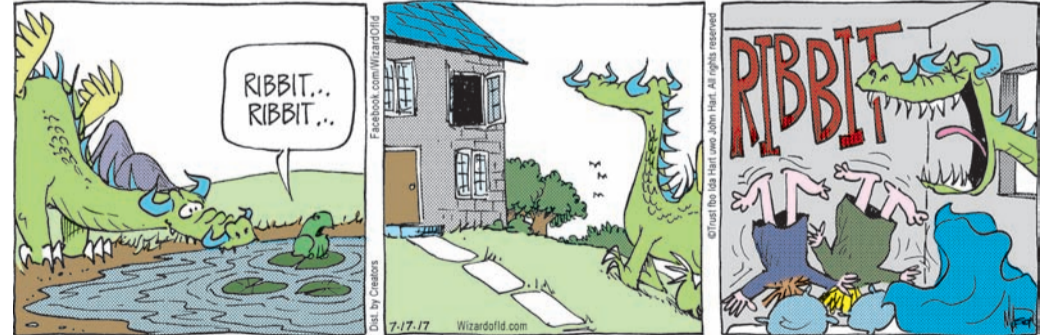
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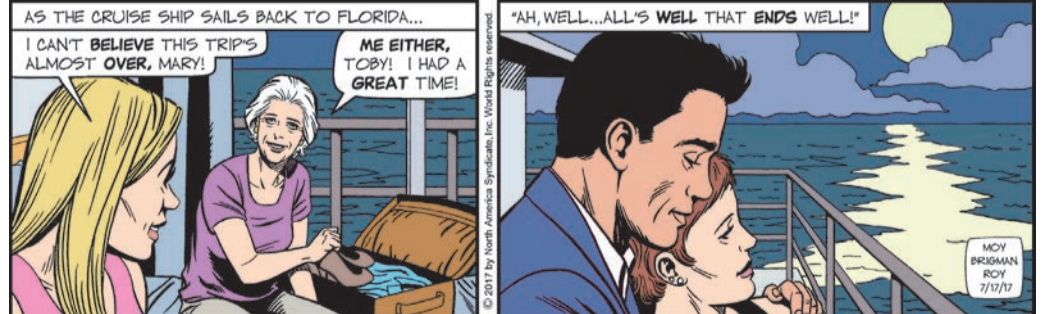
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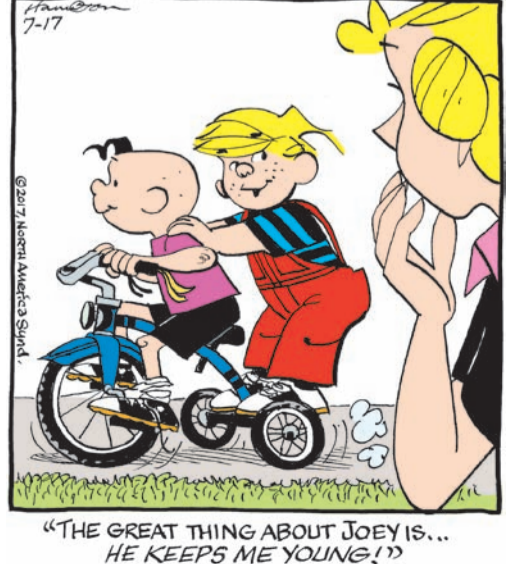
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"Billy! You'd better hold Daddy's hand so that if an animal escapes it won't eat you!"

"THE GREAT THING ABOUT JOEY IS... HE KEEPS ME YOUNG!"

"Do you realize it's been 10 minutes since you had your bath?"