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DETAILS, A2

Lordstown police: Pot smuggling via Fusion has occurred before

Marijuana bales were found on popular Ford car at rail yard in 2015

By ED RUNYAN
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LORDSTOWN

Last week was not the first time that marijuana made its way from Mexico to the United States inside the spare-tire compartments of Ford Fusions via the CSX rail yard in Lordstown.

An Aug. 7, 2015, incident at the same rail yard, which is off state Route 45, never made the news, but the Lordstown Police Depart-

ment on Monday provided the details after Jeff Orr, former Trumbull Ashtabula Group Law Enforcement Task Force commander, revealed the case to *The Vindicator*.

In that case, bales of marijuana were found attached to the underside of a new Ford Fusion at the rail yard.



Detective Chris Bordonaro of the Lordstown police said the rail yard notified Lordstown officers after finding 50 to 100 pounds of marijuana attached to the Fusion.

It appeared tape was used to secure the marijuana, and remnants of the tape were found on 11 other vehicles, suggesting the drugs had been off-loaded from

See POT, A3



Law enforcement seized marijuana in the trunks of Ford Fusions at dealerships in Portage, Stark and Columbiana counties, as well as one in Pennsylvania. The rail car carrying the Fusions had come from Hermosillo, Mexico, and had sat idle in Chicago 18 hours before coming to Lordstown.

PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

YOUNGSTOWN

Friends say victim was scared just hours before he was killed

By JOE GORMAN
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YOUNGSTOWN

Marion Bugdal, who was shot to death July 6, asked friends if he could make a pipe he found into a gun about an hour before police believe he was killed.

Gary Curtis, who lives on McHenry Street, said he saw Bugdal, 52, walk past his home toward Bennington Avenue, where Bugdal lived, carrying a pipe he had found.

Curtis said Bugdal had been complaining about a man who had been bothering him recently and that the man had robbed and beaten him.

Bugdal saw Curtis in his yard and they chatted, as Curtis and his wife, Carrie, said they often did. Bugdal had the pipe and showed it to Curtis.

"He was wondering if he could make a gun out of it," Gary Curtis told a *Vindicator* reporter at Curtis' kitchen table one day last week.

In the end, Gary Curtis said Bugdal decided not to make a gun out of the pipe because he was afraid it might blow up in his hands. But police said Bugdal used the pipe about an hour later to confront Alex New, 20, who had broken into his home because New thought Bugdal had gold bars in the dwelling.

The couple said Bugdal talked frequently about being harassed by New and predicted something bad

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National Guard deployed on South Side for the ...

War on blight



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Pfc. Thomas Pepe, who used to live in Youngstown, is among the members of the 1192nd Engineer Co., based in Ravenna, that is demolishing about 28 vacant houses in Youngstown.

By DAVID SKOLNICK
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HELPING TO TEAR down about 28 vacant houses in Youngstown as a member of the 1192nd Engineer Co. in Ravenna is a particular source of pride for Pfc. Thomas Pepe.

Pepe, of Mineral Ridge, used to live in Youngstown.

"I want to give something back, and it's been a great experience," Pepe said Monday. "I never thought I'd have the opportunity to help Youngstown, but here we are doing our part. It means a lot to me because I used to live here. It helps Youngstown, and it allows us to operate equipment we don't get to use very often."

About 40 members of the Army National Guard unit started demolishing houses July 10 on the city's South

See BLIGHT, A3



About 40 members of an Army National Guard unit are razing houses on Youngstown's South Side. Among the structures that came down Monday was this vacant one on Clearmount Drive.

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PFC. THOMAS PEPE, *Mineral Ridge*

WASHINGTON

Defections by GOP kill health bill for now

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The latest GOP effort to repeal and replace "Obamacare" was fatally wounded in the Senate Monday night when two more Republican senators announced their opposition to the legislation strongly backed by President Donald Trump.

The announcements from Sens. Mike Lee of Utah and Jerry Moran of Kansas left the Republican Party's long-promised efforts to get rid of President Barack Obama's health care legislation reeling. Next steps, if any, were not immediately clear.

Trump says Republicans should just repeal the nation's current health care law and work on a new plan that starts from a "clean slate."

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MAHONING COUNTY

Yurich's wife recalls night of boat crash

By JUSTIN WIER
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YOUNGSTOWN

Dr. Angelina Rodriguez, wife of Dr. Joseph Yurich, became tearful as she recalled the moment her husband learned someone died in a boat crash on Berlin Reservoir in 2015.

"Joe became severely psychologically distressed," she said during testimony Monday in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court.

Dr. Yurich, 38, of Poland, faces several charges stemming from the May 9, 2015, boat crash that left one man dead and another man injured, including operating a watercraft while



Yurich

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WARREN SHOOTINGS

Warren police are investigating four shootings over the weekend that injured five people. No arrests have been made.

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ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR



Notre Dame College golfer Alex Trianghese, a Columbiana High graduate, recently was named an All-American Scholar.

SPORTS, B1

'It's raining needles': Drug crisis creates pollution threat

Associated Press

LOWELL, MASS.

They hide in weeds along hiking trails and in playground grass. They wash into rivers and float downstream to land on beaches. They pepper baseball dugouts, sidewalks and streets. Syringes left by drug users amid the heroin crisis are turning up everywhere.

In Portland, Maine, officials have collected more than 700 needles so far this year, putting them on track to handily exceed the nearly 900 gathered in all of 2016. In March alone, San Francisco

◆ **INSIDE:** Advice on what to do if you find syringes in public. **A6**

collected more than 13,000 syringes, compared with only about 2,900 the same month in 2016.

People, often children, risk getting stuck by discarded needles, raising the prospect they could contract blood-borne diseases such as hepatitis or HIV or be exposed to remnants of heroin or other drugs.

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Activist Rocky Morrison of the "Clean River Project" holds up a fish bowl filled with hypodermic needles that were recovered on the Merrimack River next to their facility in Methuen, Mass.

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NUMBERS IN THE NEWS

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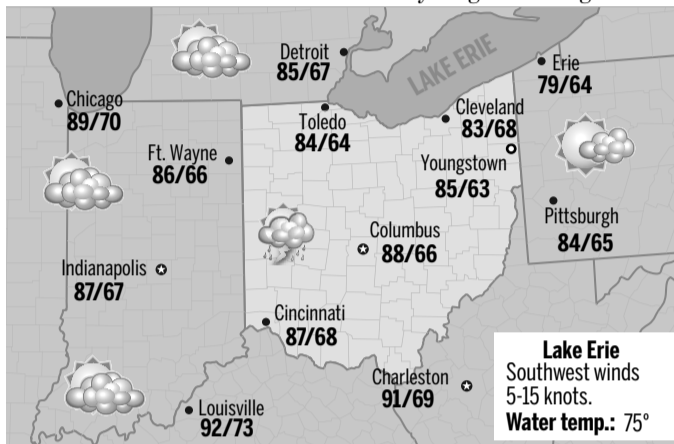
The number of "IRS" scam reports logged by the Ohio Attorney General's Office in June, more than in any other month this year. The scam begins with a call claiming the recipient is in trouble with the IRS and must call a certain phone number to avoid arrest or legal action. People who respond are asked to pay immediately, typically by purchasing a gift card and reading the card numbers over the phone.

VALLEY WEATHER

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WEDNESDAY 85°/66° Partly cloudy.	THURSDAY 88°/69° 50 percent chance of storms.	FRIDAY 87°/66° Decreasing clouds.
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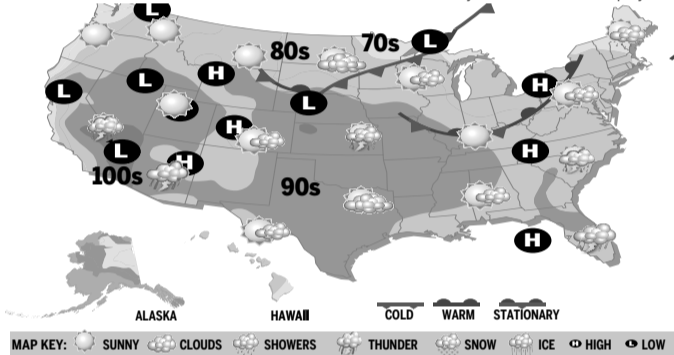
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For Monday, July 17, 2017

High 80/Norm 82..... Low 64/Norm 60

Records: High 98/1931.....Low 47/1974

2016 High 80.....2016 Low 65

Precipitation 0.03.....Normal 0.15

Precip. this month 1.97.....Normal 2.39

Precip. this year 30.11.....Normal 21.06

Average wind velocity.....4 mph

High humidity.....93% at 6:51 a.m.

SKYWATCH

Sunrise 6:06 a.m. Moonrise 1:53 a.m.

Sunset 8:51 p.m. Moonset 3:50 p.m.

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PLANETS

Venus	RISE 3:13 a.m.	SET 5:52 p.m.
Mars	6:17 a.m.	9:04 p.m.
Jupiter	12:49 p.m.	12:22 a.m.
Saturn	6:20 p.m.	3:45 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST

CITY	Tue	Wed	Thu
Atlanta	89/72/t	91/73/p	93/74/p
Atlantic City	86/71/p	90/74/t	91/74/p
Baltimore	90/73/t	93/74/p	94/75/p
Bismarck	83/61/t	88/62/t	92/65/p
Boston	82/69/p	88/72/p	89/70/t
Charlotte	88/74/t	93/75/t	94/77/p
Charleston, SC	91/72/t	92/72/p	96/74/p
Chicago	89/70/p	87/72/t	90/72/t
Cincinnati	87/68/p	92/72/p	93/74/p
Cleveland	83/68/s	87/69/p	88/71/t
Columbus, OH	88/67/p	90/71/p	91/73/p
Dallas	97/79/p	98/79/p	99/80/p
Daytona Beach	91/75/t	91/76/t	91/76/t
Denver	94/65/p	98/66/p	91/64/t
Des Moines	94/73/p	95/77/p	97/77/p
Detroit	85/67/p	86/69/t	87/70/t
Fairbanks	76/55/p	77/53/p	75/54/c
Honolulu	89/76/p	89/76/p	89/76/p
Houston	91/77/t	92/77/t	93/77/t
Indianapolis	87/67/t	89/72/p	91/75/p
Kansas City	96/76/p	98/77/p	100/79/s
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Little Rock	93/74/t	95/76/p	97/75/p
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Philadelphia	89/73/t	93/75/t	94/76/p
Phoenix	97/84/t	102/84/p	103/86/p
Pittsburgh	84/65/t	86/67/p	86/70/t
Raleigh	89/71/t	92/73/p	94/74/p
Sacramento	93/58/s	95/59/s	95/60/s
Salt Lake City	100/75/p	97/74/t	92/73/t
San Antonio	96/75/p	97/75/p	98/76/p
San Diego	77/70/t	77/69/t	77/68/t
San Francisco	68/56/t	72/56/p	72/56/p
Seattle	78/54/p	77/55/p	68/56/sh
St. Louis	95/77/p	101/79/p	102/80/p
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Separate lawyers defend Trump, aides

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

As the government's Russia investigations heat up, a growing cast of lawyers is signing up to defend President Donald Trump and his associates. But the interests of those lawyers – and their clients – don't always align, adding a new layer of drama and suspicion in a White House already rife with internal rivalries.

Trump himself has both an outside legal team and a new in-house special counsel, Ty Cobb, for Russia-related matters. White House senior adviser Jared Kushner, who is also Trump's son-in-law, has a pair of high-powered attorneys working for him. The president's son, Donald Trump Jr., recently hired his own lawyer. And former campaign aides who expect to be caught up in the expanding probes are also shopping for representation – and dealing with sticker-shock over the price tags.

The result is a crowded group of high-priced attorneys bent on defending their own clients, even if it means elbowing those



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President Donald Trump, accompanied by Vice President Mike Pence, waves during a "Made in America" product showcase featuring items created in each of the 50 states Monday on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.

clients' colleagues.

The diverging interests began to emerge more clearly during last week's fallout over a June 2016 meeting with a Russian attorney that both the president's son and his son-in-law attended during the heat of the presidential campaign. Legal teams for the president, Trump Jr.

and Kushner all discussed the matter before the meeting was first reported by The *New York Times*. But the lawyers couldn't agree on a single, public explanation for the meeting and ultimately settled on a statement that had to be repeatedly amended as new information dripped out.

YURICH

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intoxicated, aggravated vehicular homicide and aggravated vehicular assault in addition to leaving the scene of an accident.

When she learned from a friend another boat had been hit earlier that evening, Dr. Rodriguez hesitated before sharing that with her husband.

"I was afraid to tell him because he was so emotionally distressed," she said.

She said her husband said he was not sure what he hit when he arrived at home. When asked by the prosecutor if he mentioned hitting a rock, Dr. Rodriguez said no.

The defense has argued Dr. Yurich thought he hit a rock and sped home because he was worried the boat might sink. Lt. Gregory Johnson, chief of detectives for the Portage County

Sheriff's Department, testified that Dr. Yurich told him he thought he hit a rock the night of the accident.

Dr. Rodriguez described her husband as "upset, anxious and pretty shaken up" when he arrived at their house, but she maintained he showed no signs of having consumed alcohol.

Earlier Monday, the defense called Miles Beam III, a recreational boating accident investigator from Raleigh, N.C.

Beam corroborated some of the testimony of the prosecution's expert. Both identified similar angles of impact, and both said the fishing boat occupied by Neal Cuppett, 58, of Akron, was not moving or moving very slowly at the time of the crash.

Beam, however, said there was not sufficient evidence to determine how fast the speedboat

operated by Dr. Yurich was traveling.

Also, U.S. Coast Guard navigation rules require a boat being approached on the right side to move out of the way. Beam said the fishing boat should have made way for Dr. Yurich's boat.

Beam also argued that a Coleman lantern on the fishing boat could have "blinded" Dr. Yurich and made it difficult to see the boat's navigation lights.

The prosecution argued that Dr. Yurich could not have been blinded when he claimed he didn't see lights.

Beam was retained by defense attorney Lynn Maro and said he was receiving \$175 an hour for his services. His testimony began at 9 a.m. and concluded around 2:30 p.m.

The trial will resume at 9 a.m. today when Dr. Yurich is expected to testify.

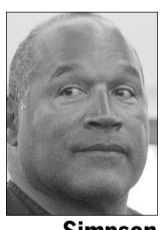
NEWSMAKERS

O.J. Simpson faces good chance at parole

LAS VEGAS

O.J. Simpson, the former football star, TV pitchman and now Nevada prisoner inmate No. 1027820 will have a lot going for him when he asks state parole board members this week to release him after serving more than eight years for an ill-fated bid to retrieve sports memorabilia.

Now 70, Simpson will have history in his favor and a clean record behind bars as he approaches the nine-year minimum of his 33-year sentence for armed robbery and assault with a weapon. Plus, the parole



Simpson

board sided with him once before.

No one at his Thursday hearing is expected to oppose releasing him in October – not his victim, not even the former prosecutor who persuaded a jury in Las Vegas to convict Simpson in 2008.

"Assuming that he's behaved himself in prison, I don't think it will be out of line for him to get parole," said David Roger, the retired Clark County district attorney.

Four other men who went with Simpson to a hotel room to retrieve from two memorabilia dealers sports collectibles and personal items that the former football star said belonged to him took plea deals in the heist and received probation.

Two of those men testified that they carried guns. Another who stood trial with Simpson was convicted and served

27 months before the Nevada Supreme Court ruled that Simpson's fame tainted the jury. Simpson's conviction was upheld.

Prison life was a stunning fall for a charismatic celebrity whose storybook career as an electrifying running back dubbed "The Juice" won him the Heisman Trophy as the best college player in 1968 and a place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1985.

Associated Press

BIRTHDAYS

Director **Paul Verhoeven** ("Basic Instinct," "Showgirls") is 79. Singer **Dion** is 78. Actor **James Brolin** is 77. Guitarist **Wally Bryson** of The Raspberries is 68. Bluegrass singer **Ricky Skaggs** is 63. Drummer **Nigel Twist** of The Alarm is 59. Actress **Elizabeth McGovern** ("Downton Abbey") is 56. Keyboardist **John Hermann** of Widespread Panic is 55. Talk-show host/actress **Wendy Williams** is 53. Actor **Vin Diesel** is 50. Actor **Grant Bowler** ("True Blood," "Ugly Betty") is 49. Rapper **M.I.A.** is 42. Drummer **Tony Fagenson** of Eve 6 is 39. Actress **Kristen Bell** ("Frozen," "Veronica Mars") is 37. Singer **Ryan Cabrera** is 35. Actress **Priyanka Chopra** ("Quantico") is 35. Drummer **Aaron Priestap** of Underoath is 34. Actor **Chace Crawford** ("Gossip Girl") is 32.

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METRO digest

Teen victim dies

YOUNGSTOWN

An 18-year-old wounded in a home invasion early Friday died Sunday at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital.

Braylin Bell, 18, is the city's 11th homicide victim of the year.

Bell was shot twice in the head and once in the chest at his home in the 400 block of Mistletoe Avenue on the South Side. Police say they have no suspects.

See Tribute on A5

Boil-water alert

NILES

The city has announced a boil-water alert effective immediately for these areas: First, Second, Third and Fifth streets and all side streets. The alert will be in effect until further notice. Residents in the affected areas are urged to boil their tap water for at least one minute before using.

Discharging firearm

YOUNGSTOWN

Police cited a West Side man on Friday for discharging a firearm within city limits after he admitted to firing a handgun several times in his driveway.

Officers were called about 9:45 p.m. Friday to a home in the 200 block of South Bon Air Avenue for a report of shots fired, and when they arrived, they found 11 shell casings in the driveway. Reports said officers spoke to David Flores, 34, who was on the front porch, and Flores eventually admitted firing a gun.

Reports said Flores was given a choice of being given a citation if he would give officers the gun he was using. Police found a .45-caliber handgun with several rounds of ammunition in the home and took the gun and ammunition as evidence.

Vindy radio guests

YOUNGSTOWN

Featured on today's Louie B. Free radio talk show on Vindy.com from 8 a.m. to noon are Georgetown University professor Jacques Berlinerblau talking about his new book: "Campus Confidential: How College Works, or Doesn't, for Professors, Parents, and Students"; Green Youngstown's Jennifer Jones; from the United Kingdom, Dr. Pete Wedderburn, also known as Pete the Vet, returns to chat about his new book "Pet Subjects: Animal Tales from the Telegraph's Resident Vet"; and professor Bruce Alexander talks about addiction, heroin and his book "The Globalization of Addiction: A Study in Poverty of the Spirit."

More Digest on A4

Agenda Wednesday

◆ **Lowellville school board**, 7 p.m., regular meeting, library/media center, 52 Rocket Place.

◆ **Mathews school board**, 6 p.m., Baker Elementary library, 4095 Sheridan Drive, Vienna.

◆ **Springfield Township trustees**, special meeting, noon, to discuss pending contract, township administration building, 3475 E. South Range Road, New Springfield.

◆ **Poland Township trustees**, 6 p.m., 3339 Dobbins Road.

◆ **Warren City Council**, 4 p.m., traffic and safety committee; 5 p.m., finance committee, council caucus room, municipal justice building, 141 South St. SE.

◆ **Youngstown City Council finance committee**, 5 p.m., caucus room, city hall, sixth floor, 26 S. Phelps St.

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

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about 11 Fusions, Bordonaro said.

Like in the current case, the rail car carrying the Fusions in 2015 had come from Hermosillo, Mexico. In that case, it sat idle in Chicago 18 hours before coming to Lordstown, leading to a theory the drugs were off-loaded in Chicago but a smuggler missed one vehicle, Bordonaro said.

Also, during the summer of 2016, a Ford dealership near Pittsburgh called Lordstown police to say a car that had come through the CSX rail yard had come to the dealership with marijuana packaged in the car's spare-tire space, Bordonaro said.

The July 7 discovery of marijuana inside the spare-tire compartment of a Ford Fusion led to an investigation by Portage County law enforcement and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and the finding of about 450 pounds of marijuana in the compartments of 15 Ford Fusions that came through the Lordstown rail yard.

Law-enforcement officials say the Fusions were made in Hermosillo, and the marijuana may have been planted in the cars by a Mexican drug cartel.

The story of the marijuana being found in the Fusions has attracted worldwide attention.

In fact, the driver in the July 7 incident acknowledges

there also are safety reasons why people fear calling police about drugs – fear of the cartels.

"These are the kind of people who might be very vindictive," the driver said.

The *Vindicator* is withholding his name.

The driver said the July 7 incident began with a Fusion he delivered to a Kent dealership. Only one of the 15 Fusions was on his carrier. Other carriers delivered other Fusions.

The Fusion "was on my auto carrier, and when the [auto dealership employee] popped the trunk to where the spare tire should be, it [the marijuana] was sitting there," he said. "Not knowing what it was, [the auto dealership employee] took a pocket knife and cut it open. When he opened it, we saw it was marijuana."

The dealership employee said, "What do you want to do? I said it's a no-brainer. I'm calling the cops, so I called the Kent Police Department."

The driver said it's possible his company may discipline him for not checking the trunk to inspect the spare tire before he got to the dealership, but he says there are hundreds of drivers hauling cars from that rail yard, and he doesn't believe any of them check the spare tire.

"But they will check now," he said.

The driver said one of the drug investigators he spoke

with told him he's lucky because sometimes drug shipments are booby-trapped to explode if the person finding the drugs doesn't know how to disarm it.

"It's sad. It's like a movie," he said, noting this is the first time he's encountered this during many years of driving a car hauler. Authorities estimate the street value of the marijuana seized to be between \$400,000 and \$1 million.

After *The Vindicator's* story garnered national attention this past weekend, the Ford Motor Co. issued a statement.

"We're aware of the situation and are taking it very seriously," said Kelli Felker, Ford's communication manager for manufacturing and labor. "We are working with the FBI and Customs on an extensive investigation. We have confirmed that this is not happening at our plant or at our internal shipping yards."

Felker said she doesn't believe the vehicle identification numbers for the Fusions used for the smuggling would have alerted drug smugglers which cars had a space for a full-size tire in the trunk.

In a separate incident March 10, the Associated Press reported railroad police notified the police department in Dilworth, Minn., that marijuana was found in a Ford Fusion from Mexico. Police searched more than

400 other vehicles in the Dilworth rail yard and found 217 pounds of marijuana packaged and sealed to look like spare tires in seven new Fusions from Mexico, Dilworth Police Chief Ty Sharpe said.

At the Arizona-Sonora border in May 2015, the Mexican military found 430 pounds of marijuana in the spare-tire spaces of 14 new cars inside a rail car in Nogales, Sonora.

Portage County Sheriff David Doak said one of the techniques the smugglers apparently used was to mark each of the Fusions that had the drugs inside to aid the smugglers in recovery of the drugs. He didn't want to reveal more specific information for investigative reasons.

Doak said his officers received a phone call from the Kent car dealership about the drugs in the Fusion trunk.

The task force went on to seize marijuana in the trunks of Fusions at dealerships in Portage, Stark and Columbiana counties, as well as one in Pennsylvania, Doak said. Five vehicles carrying marijuana were still at the rail yard.

Orr, the former commander of the Trumbull Ashtabula Group Law Enforcement Task Force, said TAG didn't publicize the 2015 case because it was in the midst of an investigation and investigators didn't want to "tip anyone off."

Orr, who will begin a new

job with a drug-treatment facility later this month, said this type of smuggling "happens every day" because there are not enough immigration and border-patrol agents to stop it.

Youngstown DEA agent Bob Balzano said he believes the same cartel used the same method as at the Lordstown rail yard in April when it shipped marijuana into Minnesota. Balzano said he's not certain whether the drugs were planted in the car in Mexico or in the United States.

Investigators are following "a few domestic leads" in the most recent case, he said.

In the fallout of the story, the driver told *The Vindicator* he was irritated to discover some people in the new-car and hauling industry are not supportive of his decision to call police.

It appears the companies involved would have preferred the matter to be referred to Ford security instead of the local police.

He says he's gotten some "cold-shoulder" treatment since the incident and believes the reason is the auto industry and companies that work with it don't want bad publicity over the fact new cars are being used to smuggle drugs into the United States.

"I'm not going to jail for some marijuana," he said.

BLIGHT

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Side and will be in the city until Saturday.

The work being done will save the city \$159,000 in demolition costs, said Abigail Beniston, Youngstown's code enforcement and blight remediation superintendent. The city is spending about \$5 million on demolition expenses this year, she said.

The unit is doing the demolition work as part of a program for its members to

meet training and readiness requirements.

Lt. Mike Huggins, who used to work in Girard, said, "It's nice to partner with Youngstown and help to beautify the city. This work reduces violence because we're removing houses that aren't safe. There's a lot of kids in these neighborhoods. It's not a safe place to be with these vacant houses. We're here to make sure we are taking care of the community."

The 1192nd Engineer Co. is using the former Sheridan School on Hudson Avenue as

its base of operations.

The unit, which specializes in the use of heavy machinery, is demolishing houses for the first time, Huggins said.

"This has a different spin than what we normally do," he said. "We're here beautifying the city, and the city has been really great. People are waving hi to us and greeting us warmly."

Mayor John A. McNally said the city is pleased to have the 1192nd Co. in Youngstown demolishing vacant structures.

"Anyway we can get 10,

20, 30 more houses down is something we're happy to take advantage," he said. "It's a great project. We hope it will lead to larger projects in the city."

The city is demolishing about 520 vacant houses this year with about half of them already down, McNally said.

The city wants to show the Department of Defense that it needs National Guard units in Youngstown next summer to take down 100 to 200 dilapidated houses, McNally said.

The city has unsuccessfully sought assistance from

the National Guard the past three years for such a major program, he said.

"We'd welcome the National Guard to come back to demolish more houses," McNally said.

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio assistant adjutant general for the Army, said helping Youngstown "motivates our soldiers. They're doing something positive. This is a great opportunity to give back. I'm confident this won't be the last you'll see of the Ohio National Guard here."

HEALTH

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Lee and Moran both said they could not support Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's legislation in its current form. They joined GOP Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Rand Paul of Kentucky, both of whom announced their opposition right after McConnell released the bill last Thursday.

McConnell is now at least two votes short in the closely divided Senate and may have to go back to the drawing board or even begin to negotiate with Democrats, a prospect he's threatened but resisted so far. Or he could abandon the health care effort, which has proven more difficult than many Republicans envisioned after campaigning on the issue for years, and move on to tax legislation, a bigger Trump priority to begin with.

McConnell's bill "fails to repeal the Affordable Care Act or address healthcare's rising costs. For the same reasons I could not support the previous version of this bill, I cannot support this one," said Moran.

Lee said, "In addition to not repealing all of the Obamacare taxes, it doesn't go far enough in lowering premiums for middle class families; nor does it create enough free space from the most costly Obamacare regulations."

It was the second straight failure for McConnell, who had to cancel a vote on an earlier version of the bill last month when defeat became inevitable.

Trump had kept his distance from the Senate process, but Monday night's development was a major blow for him.

BUGDAL

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would happen to him.

"He knew exactly what would happen to him," Carrie Curtis said.

Police have accused New of shooting Bugdal several times and fleeing. Bugdal's body was not discovered until July 9 by a friend in the kitchen of Bugdal's East Side home.

Arrested the same day was New, along with Johnathan Figueroa, 20, and Fred Nolasco, 23. All three are expected to be arraigned in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court today on aggravated-murder charges in the death. They have been in the county jail on \$1 million bond each since their arraignments in municipal court.

Bugdal walked by the Curtis home regularly from his home on the way downtown, where he received most of



Figueroa



Nolasco

his meals in the two soup kitchens and also gave blood frequently. Gary Curtis and his wife befriended Bugdal because they often would see him walking by, at first chatting in the yard, but Gary Curtis sometimes would give Bugdal rides or help him haul scrap out of his home.

The couple said Bugdal told them several times that New had been tormenting him in the weeks before he died, and they were upset when they learned of his death. They said they did not want to blame police, but they added they have a lot of questions about how Bugdal could make several

complaints against New and yet New was never charged with a crime until Bugdal was killed.

In fact, it was those reports that led police to investigate New in the first place, police said.

Bugdal had spoken twice to a *Vindicator* reporter before he died, including the day before he died, saying he could not get the police to take his complaints seriously.

Police said, however, they did the best they could to investigate the reports Bugdal made, sending a detective to his home several times. Bugdal, however, was never there when police came, and he also did not have a phone, which made it hard to follow up on the complaints.

His house had holes in the roof and had sustained damage in a fire July 2 from which Bugdal suffered burns on his hands and face.

Gary Curtis said he asked Bugdal why New would be tormenting him, but Bugdal could never give a good answer.

"It was the same stories all the time," Gary Curtis said. Once, Gary Curtis gave Bugdal a ride downtown and he encountered New there, and Bugdal jumped back in Curtis' truck, Gary Curtis said.

The couple said it was obvious Bugdal had some mental issues, based on his appearance and the appearance of his home, but they said they were still saddened to hear of his death because he genuinely was a nice man.

"He was a great guy – so sweet, very respectful," Carrie Curtis said. "They put that guy through all that and he complained and complained and complained about it."

"Nobody was helping him. It seemed like everyone failed him."

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Citations issued

YOUNGSTOWN

A sobriety checkpoint Saturday operated by the Mahoning County Operating a Vehicle Impaired Task Force in the area of Hillman Way and Market in Boardman resulted in eight people receiving citations for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Over the weekend in Youngstown, nine people received citations in municipal court for OVI as well.

Man hit by car

BRACEVILLE

Daniel Short Jr., 20, of Youngstown suffered severe injuries when he was hit by a car while walking a bicycle on Warren-Ravenna Road at 10:25 p.m. Friday.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol said the car driver was Terry Weekly, 48, of Newton Falls.

Short was taken to Trumbull Memorial Hospital for treatment.

No charges have been filed, and the crash is under investigation, said the patrol's Sgt. Dan Jesse.

Salem man arrested

YOUNGSTOWN

Reports said a Salem man was arrested Saturday evening after he threw two bags of suspected crack cocaine at the feet of a police officer after his car was pulled over.

Richard Colon, 66, was taken to the Mahoning County jail on charges of possession of cocaine after he was pulled over just after 7 p.m. in the parking lot of a 1902 Oak St. store on the East Side after he ran a red light.

Reports said as officers were walking up to his car Colon could be seen throwing something out the window. The two bags landed at the feet of an officer who was on the passenger's side of the car.

Association meeting

YOUNGSTOWN

The Garden District Neighborhood Association will have its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at St. John Lutheran Church's Colonial Hall, 1420 Mahoning Ave.

Councilman Mike Ray, D-4th, will give an update of activities on the West Side and city. Community police officer Melvin Johnson will be in attendance. Special guest will be Kelly Melvin-Campbell.

There will also be a Fall Fest Planning Committee meeting at 5:30, preceding the regular meeting.

Public meeting

WARREN

The Trumbull County commissioners will have a public meeting at 11 a.m. today in their meeting room on the fifth floor of the county administration building, 160 High St. NW, to discuss certain recommendations from the county budget review committee.

They also will meet with the budget review committee at 2 p.m. Thursday at the same location.

The 12-citizen budget review committee met for several months to investigate matters affecting the county budget.

The volunteers, selected by the commissioners, released a report in early June recommending at least \$2 million in cost savings the commissioners could make; \$2.6 million in property-tax cuts they could make; and recommending a \$12.6 million increase in sales taxes through a half-percent sales-tax increase.

Special meeting today

BELOIT

The West Branch school board will host a special meeting at 1 p.m. today in the high school conference room, 14277 Main St. The board will discuss personnel and board policy.

Man shot in mouth

YOUNGSTOWN

A 44-year-old Glenwood Avenue man told police he was shot in the mouth by a BB gun Sunday after he heard pellets striking the his apartment window.

Officers were called about 7:45 p.m. to the 3000 block of Glenwood, where the victim told police he heard something hit his window. When he went on his balcony to investigate, he was hit in the mouth by a pellet from a BB gun.

The man had a chipped tooth and was bleeding from the mouth.

Man beaten, gun stolen

YOUNGSTOWN

A 20-year-old man told police Sunday he was beaten after getting out of his car and his 9 mm handgun was taken.

Officers were called about 9:10 p.m. to the 700 block of Cambridge Avenue on the South Side, where the man told police he was getting out of his car when another car with three men inside pulled up next to his.

The victim told police he tried to hide his gun under the front seat, but the men pulled him out of his car, beat him, then went through his car and took his gun before driving away.

Reports said the man had a split lip. The gun was entered into a database for stolen guns, reports said.

Cruelty to animals

YOUNGSTOWN

A West Side man was cited for cruelty to animals Friday afternoon after officers found a dog in his locked car on Belmont Avenue.

Reports said police were called about 3:05 p.m. to the veterans clinic at 2031 Belmont Ave. by a security guard who told police a dog was inside a car that had the windows rolled up almost completely.

Officers went inside and found the owner, Gregory Mansour, 66, of North Bon Air Avenue. He opened the doors and allowed police and Animal Charity workers to check the dog.

The dog was given water, and a temperature reading of the inside of the car showed 104 degrees, reports said.

Mansour was cited and allowed to keep the dog.

WARREN

Police probe weekend shootings

Staff report

WARREN

Police are investigating four shootings over the weekend that injured five people. No arrests have been made.

A city man, 20, was treated at St. Joseph Warren Hospital for a gunshot injury he suffered at the Powerhouse Bar, 999 Mahoning Ave., at 11:56 p.m. Sunday.

Police found blood in the parking lot and in the entrance to the bar and found bullet casings in the parking lot.

The police then went to the hospital and spoke to the victim after they were advised he was there. He had a "possible internal injury," according to a police report.

A Niles teen, 17, suffered a "major injury" after being shot in the 2200 block of Burton Street Southeast at 8:45 p.m. Sunday.

When police arrived, they spoke with the victim, who had been shot in the foot. He said he was walking on Rogers Avenue Southeast when a small green vehicle pulled up and someone inside fired shots at him, he said.

The injuries, which were treated at Trumbull Memorial Hospital, were not life-threatening, police said.

A city woman, 27, and a city man, 21, were both injured by gunfire at 5:29 p.m. Friday at First Street and Highland Avenue Southwest. Both were treated at St. Joseph.

When police arrived, both were lying on the driveway of a home on First Street, one shot in the left leg, the other in the right leg.

The male said he had just picked up the female at a house on Maple Street Southwest and turned onto First Street when a sport utility vehicle drove toward him, and the driver fired into the victims' vehicle, hitting them.

Police recovered eight shell casings.

Also, at 2:45 a.m. Friday, a city man, 18, was shot in the leg and treated at St. Joseph.

The man said he was hit while walking. He said he didn't know the street but it was in the southeast part of the city.

HUBBARD

Council OKs creating new position

Staff report

HUBBARD

City council voted Monday to create a new position for a part-time water administrator.

The administrator will earn \$1,000 per month without benefits.

The city is currently soliciting applicants for the position, which involves running the water department and ensuring compliance with Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Councilman Justin Silvini said those duties have been previously carried out by Water and Sewer Superintendent Randy Fabrizio, who is retiring.

In other business, council approved a contract with CHCC Health Care Center, an assisted-living facility at 871 Elmwood Ave., for sewer connections.

The facility is tying additional units into the city's extended sanitary-sewer line.

The company will pay the

city \$10,000 initially. Additionally, within a year after the building certificate is issued, the company will pay the city either \$10,000 or \$5,000.

The city will grant the reduced \$5,000 payment if the facility creates at least 10 new full-time jobs.

City council will be on recess during the month of August.

The next regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 5 with caucus at 6:30 p.m.

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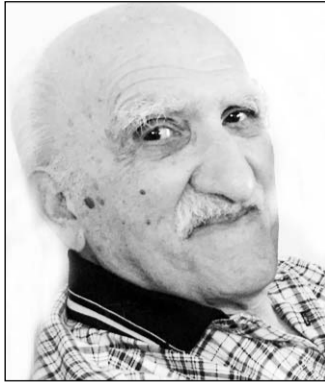
Tributes

FRANK S. MEDIATE, 94

NEW YORK - On July 19, 2017, at 11 a.m., there will be a Military burial at Poland Riverside Cemetery, 110 Riverside Drive, Poland, for Frank S. Mediate, 94, who passed away peacefully on the 12th of July. Frank courageously served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Frank will always be remembered and loved for his kind, warm personality, and friendly smile. He was born Dec. 26, 1922, in Hillsville, Pa., the son of Antony and Barbara (Luscre) Mediate. He retired from United Engineering/Wean United in 1984 and became an avid golfer and bowler. He enjoyed gardening, canning tomatoes, and baking bread, skills he learned from his mother. Frank lived 51 years in Poland Township and since September 2016, he lived with his daughter and son-in-law in New York City, where he enjoyed being close to his beloved New York Yankees.

Frank leaves behind his daughter, Alessandra Svet and son-in-law, Ron Fortgang; son Michael



Mediate and daughter-in-law, Barb; grandson Tony Mediate; and son, David Mediate. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 46 years, June (Hietsch); and two sisters, Nellie Mediate and Mary Ann Sandora.

Arrangements handled by Clemente Funeral Home, Struthers.

Visit www.clementefuneralhomes.com to view this obituary and send condolences 07-18-17

NANCY M. SHALES, 66

NILES - There will be a memorial service held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at Hillside Cemetery Chapel in Cortland for Nancy M. Shales, 66, who went home to be with her Lord, peacefully, with family at her side, on Friday, July 14, 2017, following a brave battle with cancer.

Nancy was born Sept. 5, 1950, in Youngstown, a daughter of Herman L. and Bertha Mae Evans Miller.

She was 1968 graduate of Niles McKinley High School.

Nancy was a tech in engineering and also the index line at Packard Electric for over 30 years, retiring in 1999, and attended the First Baptist Church of Niles.

She enjoyed camping, sewing, dancing, canning, and spending time with family and friends.

She had an endearing quality, treasured by all who knew her.

She will be sadly missed by her family, her loving husband, Martin N. Shales, whom she married May 8, 1999; her children, Kelley Tomisch of Struthers, Jeff (Tracy) Rowland of Niles, and Martin R. (Michella) Shales of Hubbard; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She also leaves her sisters, Donna (Phil) Hillman of Kingsport, Tenn., Charlene (Wayne) Hollibaugh of Old Town, Fla., and Doreen Miller of Niles; and several nieces and nephews.



Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her in-laws, Norman and Rebecca Shales.

The family would like to thank The Hope Center for the kind and compassionate care given to Nancy.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Hope Center, 1745 Niles Cortland Road, Warren, OH 44484; MVI Hospice, 4891 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH 44505; or the First Baptist Church, 26 E. Church St., Niles, OH 44446.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Stewart-Kyle Funeral Home in Hubbard.

Family and friends are invited to visit the funeral home's website at www.stewart-kyle.com to share memories and condolences.



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RONALD LEE ANKNEY, 74

GIRARD - Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 20, at 10 a.m. at the Vaschak-Kirila Funeral Home Inc. for Ronald Lee Ankney, 74, who passed away on Saturday, July 15.

"Ron" was born July 18, 1942, in Latrobe, Pa., son of Curtis Gregg Ankney and Mary Jane Ankney.

Ron worked in heating and air conditioning at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown before retiring in 2004. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force, and loved golfing and could tell you anything about the game. He loved going out west and cruising to the Caribbean.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara (Senffner) Ankney, whom he married June 4, 1987; one son, David Lee Ankney (Joan McCracken) of Girard; and a sister, Tammy Peterman (Robert) of Stoytown, Pa. Ron also leaves Casey and Molly, his four-legged girls whom he loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends will be received Wednesday, July 19, from 5 to 8 p.m.



at the at the Vaschak-Kirila Funeral Home Inc. in Youngstown.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice House or Angels for Animals.

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07-18-17

NEEDLES

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It's unclear whether anyone has gotten sick, but the reports of children finding the needles can be sickening in their own right. One 6-year-old girl in California mistook a discarded syringe for a thermometer and put it in her mouth; she was unharmed.

"I just want more awareness that this is happening," said Nancy Holmes, whose 11-year-old daughter stepped on a needle in Santa Cruz, Calif., while swimming. "You would hear stories about finding needles at the beach or being poked at the beach. But you think that it wouldn't happen to you. Sure enough."

They are a growing problem in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, two states that have seen many overdose deaths in recent years.

"We would certainly characterize this as a health hazard," said Tim Soucy, health director in Manchester, New Hampshire's largest city, which collected 570 needles in 2016, the first year it began tracking the problem. It has found 247 needles so far this year.

Needles turn up in places like parks, baseball diamonds, trails and beaches - isolated spots where drug users can gather and attract little attention, and often the same spots used by the public for recreation. The needles are tossed out of carelessness or the fear of being prosecuted for possessing them.

One child was poked by a needle left on the grounds of

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CALL SOMEONE TO PICK THEM UP

◆ Check with your local information hotline or health department, which can take care of it or direct you to people who can. Don't call 911 unless directed, or unless there is imminent danger or an emergency.

IF YOU DO IT YOURSELF

◆ You're not advised to pick them up, but if you do, minimize any hand contact. Use sturdy gloves, disposable tongs, a shovel or dustpan, and put them in a puncture-proof container.

IF YOU GET POKED

◆ Don't panic. Don't suck the wound. Go to your doctor, an emergency room or an urgent care clinic for further guidance, as well as possible medical tests and immunizations.

WHAT TO TELL YOUR KIDS

◆ Show them what a syringe looks like and use age-appropriate language to describe why they should stay away from it. Tell them that if they see any to get an adult, who should follow the steps described above.

Source: Manchester, N.H., Health Department

a Utah elementary school. Another youngster stepped on one while playing on a beach in New Hampshire.

Even if adults or children don't get sick, they still must endure an unsettling battery of tests to make sure they didn't catch anything. The girl who put a syringe in her mouth was not poked but had to be tested for hepatitis B and C, her mother said.

Some community advocates are trying to sweep up the pollution.

Rocky Morrison leads a cleanup effort along the Merrimack River, which winds through the old mill city of Lowell, and has

recovered hundreds of needles in abandoned homeless camps that dot the banks, as well as in piles of debris that collect in floating booms he recently started setting.

He has a collection of several hundred needles in a fishbowl, a prop he uses to illustrate that the problem is real and that towns must do more to combat it.

"We started seeing it last year here and there. But now, it's just raining needles everywhere we go," said Morrison, a burly, tattooed construction worker whose Clean River Project has six boats working parts of the 117-mile river. Among the oldest tracking

programs is in Santa Cruz, Calif., where the community group Take Back Santa Cruz has reported finding more than 14,500 needles in the county over the past 4½ years. It says it has gotten reports of 12 people getting stuck, half of them children.

"It's become pretty commonplace to find them. We call it a rite of passage for a child to find their first needle," said Gabrielle Korte, a member of the group's needle team. "It's very depressing. It's infuriating. It's just gross."

Some experts say the problem will ease only when more users get treatment and more funding is directed to treatment programs.

Others are counting on needle exchange programs, now present in more than 30 states, or the creation of safe spaces to shoot up - already introduced in Canada and proposed by U.S. state and city officials from New York to Seattle.

Studies have found that needle exchange programs can reduce pollution, said Don Des Jarlais, a researcher at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai hospital in New York.

But Morrison and Korte complain poor supervision at needle exchanges will simply put more syringes in the hands of people who may not dispose of them properly.

After complaints of discarded needles, Santa Cruz County took over its exchange from a nonprofit in 2013 and implemented changes.

Cops: Woman shot at party wasn't even pregnant

Associated Press

A woman who claimed to have lost her baby during a deadly shooting at her gender-reveal party in suburban Cincinnati wasn't even pregnant, police said Monday.

Colerain Township Police Chief Mark Denney said investigators only have speculation about why the woman claimed to be pregnant, but he did not disclose the speculation.

The woman had told local news organizations she lost her unborn child after she was wounded in the leg. She was treated at a hospital for the wound.

Police said their investigation is being impeded by "leads known to be lies" that are wasting time that could be spent following more productive leads.

"From the very beginning of this investigation, we have met significant resistance that is uncommon from victims of crime wanting a resolution," police said.

One person was killed and eight people, including three children, were wounded in the shooting when two men opened fire July 8 inside a home to learn the gender of the supposedly expectant mother's child.

A 22-year-old Indiana woman, Autum Garrett, was the only person killed.

Police haven't identified the gunmen or their motive.

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Woman arrested after cop car is damaged

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

Police arrested a 23-year-old woman Sunday after she reportedly damaged the window of a police cruiser while officers were trying to question her in a domestic-violence investigation.

According to reports, Keyoshia Shaw, 23, of East Philadelphia Avenue, was booked into the Mahoning County jail on a felony

charge of vandalism and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and obstructing official business.

Reports said officers were called about 3:45 p.m. to Shaw's home by her mother, who said she wanted her daughter arrested because Shaw had reportedly grabbed her mouth during an argument.

When officers arrived, they found Shaw walking in the street and asked her to

stop so they could question her.

She refused and began swearing loudly at them, reports said.

Officers led her to a cruiser and put her inside, but she began kicking the window and broke it, reports said.

Shaw's mother told police she changed her mind and did not want to charge her daughter, but she was charged with damaging the cruiser.

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Our VOICE

GOP health-care initiative igniting broad opposition

ARE THEY ALL WRONG, THE Republican and Democratic governors, doctors, nurses, insurance companies, patient-advocacy groups and religious leaders who warn that the Republican health-care plan is a disaster waiting to happen? No, they aren't.

And yet, GOP leaders in Congress and Republican President Donald J. Trump are undaunted as they push ahead to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). It's clear politics, and not the well-being of millions of American people, are behind this partisan juggernaut.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, had planned to put the revised Senate version of the GOP health-care plan up for a vote this week. However, fate intervened, and he has delayed its consideration.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, a voice of reason and political moderation on this issue, underwent surgery last week to remove a blood clot from above his left eye. McCain, an elder statesman on Capitol Hill, was advised by his doctors to stay in Arizona for a week to recover.

We wonder if the Republicans in Congress who are so eager to ram through their health-care initiative asked themselves this question: How many low-income Americans who stand to lose the coverage they now receive under Medicaid could afford to have expensive surgery to remove a blood clot over an eye?

The answer can be found in a statement issued by Ohio's Republican Gov. John R. Kasich on the Senate health-reform bill:

"The Senate plan is still unacceptable. Its cuts to Medicaid are too deep and at the same time, it fails to give states the ability to innovate in order to cope with those reductions. It also doesn't do enough to stabilize the insurance market, where costs are rising unsustainably and companies are simply dropping coverage. These shortcomings flow from the fact that the Senate plan commits the same error as Obamacare – it's not bipartisan. It fails to bring solutions from both sides to the table that can ensure we aren't simply replacing one divisive plan with another. We can still fix this and repeal and replace Obamacare with ideas that will work, but it means having leaders from both sides sitting down together and working in good faith on solutions that responsibly manage Medicaid and stabilize our insurance market. I'm hopeful that will happen, and I know that a bipartisan group of governors, including myself, stands ready to help in any way to provide an affordable, sustainable and responsible system of health care for the American people."

Kasich isn't the only prominent Republican officeholder who has been urging a bipartisan approach to finding a cure for the ailing Obamacare.

Indeed, McCain has expressed concern about the provision in the GOP Senate bill that would throw thousands of Arizonans off Medicaid.

The fate of the legislation looked deeply uncertain in the Senate last week. In addition to two "no" votes from moderate Susan Collins of Maine and conservative Rand Paul of Kentucky, there were at least a half-dozen other Republican senators who were withholding support from or expressing reservations about the bill that McConnell released Thursday, according to the Associated Press.

The majority leader has no votes to spare because Democrats are united in their opposition. McCain's absence means it would become impossible for McConnell to round up the votes needed to move forward this week.

The delay, however, could be a good thing for the country if Republican leaders in Congress listen to their party's governors and to health-care providers about the flaws in the current legislation.

The insurance-industry lobby and the association that represents Blue Cross Blue Shield plans came out strongly against one of the innovations in the latest draft, according to the *New York Times*.

Consumer groups, patient advocates and organizations representing doctors, hospitals, drug-abuse treatment centers and religious leaders also have expressed opposition to the bill.

They, and not the politicians in Washington, are on the front lines of health care in the country.

Their voices must be heard before Republicans in Congress eyeing the 2018 elections put America on a path to health-care disaster – for millions of people.

A bipartisan measure is the only responsible way of addressing this singularly important issue.

SCRIPTURES

Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.

PSALM 34:10

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Look beyond 'cute'

By INGRID NEWKIRK
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

Every morning, a crow with just one foot comes to visit my office in Washington, D.C. I hear her cawing nearby – I know she's a she because she had a very noisy baby last year – and I call out to her. She lands on my windowsill, and I put out her breakfast. She loves blueberries but hates falafel – which I learned after she spat it out onto a man walking beneath the window. Crows occasionally eat baby squirrels, so sometimes, I pretend that I'm giving her a baby squirrel, but it's actually a warm, soft bean burrito. She probably thinks the red stuff inside is stomach contents, but it's really just beans and tomato sauce.

One day, someone saw my crow eating her breakfast and said, "Aw, she is so cute!"

How often do we perceive animals as cute, no matter what they are doing, instead of reflecting on their experience? After all, here's this one-footed crow somehow surviving, avoiding electrical wires and traffic and mean people in our concrete city. She's scavenging to feed herself and her demanding offspring. She arrives soaked to the skin in winter storms when it's freezing outside, and even in high winds, she has to cling to branches and fire escapes with one foot. If she injures her other foot, she's a goner! She is doing so many impressive things that I couldn't possibly do. She is a whole, adult individual, with a disability and enormous challenges, yet we often infantilize such stunningly clever beings, giggle at them and think of them as just cute. It's like calling a starving refugee cute.

THOUGHTFUL

Usually, whatever animals do, it is thoughtful and clever, not just cute.

When a small dog who has no opposable thumbs, none of our advantages, tries to drag a child's plastic swimming pool into the house, it's impressive. You can see the video online. The dog's name is Gus. He is working on this project because he wants the pool in the house. Using various strategies and never saying never, he succeeds. That's problem-solving.

When a jumping spider goes to another spider's web and taps it in order to lure the second spider (who thinks she's caught a fly) closer, is that cute? Not to the second spider, who gets eaten. It's intelligent. There's evidence that jumping spiders learn this behavior and that they work out exactly which types of taps will trick the other spider and which won't.

And when octopuses figure out how to use discarded coconut shells as shelter, aren't they being not just cute but also clever? For them, it's a matter of survival.

There are so many jaw-dropping examples of animal ingenuity: Squirrels dig up and rebury their food if they suspect that another squirrel has watched them stash it. Pigs have temperature preferences and can learn through trial and error how to turn on the heat in a cold barn if given the chance. Rabbitfish, like geese, take turns standing guard so that others can eat in safety. Prairie dogs talk to one another about predators and get specific – giving details about size, shape, color and speed. Chickens will forgo a treat in order to get a larger reward later.

While we send probes into space to search for intelligent life forms, we are often oblivious to the ones all around us, right here on Earth – both on land and in the sea. But if we wish to call ourselves thinking animals, it's time to move past cute when considering other animals and on to words indicative of empathy and respect.

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Private money meets conservation needs, eases government burdens

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

By DREW D. TROYER
Tribune News Service

In our growing and fast-changing world, opportunities to preserve scenic open space, protect wildlife habitat and safeguard natural resources for future generations are fleeting.

As the leader of a nonprofit land trust that works to conserve environmentally valuable property, I see the need for such preservation daily.

But conservation groups like mine are challenged by a lack of available funding from both government and private sources. And unfortunately, the Internal Revenue Service recently made the situation worse with guidance that threatens to chill an attractive source of private conservation financing.

At issue is how the IRS treats certain conservation easement donations. A conservation easement is a voluntary, legally binding agreement that forever restricts a property's future development, making it one of the most powerful and effective conservation tools available.

The land under easement remains privately owned, and activities like farming, ranching and hunting are often permitted to continue. My organization, like many other land trusts, primarily preserves land through the acquisition and donation of conservation easements.

The tax code provides landowners who donate an easement with a tax deduction equal to its fair market value.

Since the late 1970s, the availability of this deduction has helped conserve millions of acres of American land. In 2015, Congress passed a bipartisan bill permanently increasing the tax incentives for conservation easements with the goal of encouraging more landowners to donate.

The IRS, though, recently took steps that will limit access to this conservation tool when the landowner is a partnership or pass-through entity. In the closing months of the Obama administration, IRS officials designated certain conservation easement donations by partnerships as "listed transactions."

'TAX AVOIDANCE TRANSACTIONS'

While this guidance does not invalidate any compliant conservation easement donations, it unfairly labels these already highly disclosed charitable contributions as "tax avoidance transactions."

The IRS rightly guards against taxpayers claiming overvalued tax deductions based on faulty appraisals. Other conservation leaders and I share that goal.

Fortunately, there is no evidence that abuses of valuation with easement donations are widespread or that they're more likely to come from a particular type of donor, whether a wealthy landowner, a family partnership or a partnership of unrelated individuals.

That's why it is unfair that the IRS is stigmatizing a certain class of easement donors, namely partnerships, by retroactively applying onerous and duplicative reporting requirements going all the way back to 2010.

The expansive reach of this

guidance and its hostility toward landowners willing to give up property-development rights in perpetuity will drive future donors away, effectively repealing congressional intent to extend the tax incentive.

Conservation is expensive. In an era when government cannot finance the cost of land preservation alone, significant new sources of private funding are required. Individuals, family partnerships and investment partnerships should all be allowed to play an important role in advancing needed conservation projects. These easement donations allow ecologically valuable land to be conserved permanently and cost the government less than purchasing and managing the land with federal or state funds.

While conservation is never a landowner's most profitable option for land use, we must make it at least an economically viable alternative to development if our country is truly committed to protecting precious natural resources.

The IRS guidance fails to address the real problem at hand – overvaluation of appraisals – and should be suspended. My land trust stands ready to work with Congress, the IRS and other conservation stakeholders to develop meaningful solutions that address potential overvaluation and do so without excluding legitimate funding sources.

Without government action to solve this problem, innovative conservation solutions may simply disappear along with more greenspace.

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Let's put a stop to hate crimes

By KIKI MONIFA
Tribune News Service

A few months ago, I was walking with my partner in the Jack London Square area of Oakland, Calif., when we were approached by five men in their late 20s or early 30s. One of them yelled, "Dyke!" and another asked, "What are you two, a couple of lesbians?"

They surrounded us, and we were afraid. I replied, "Yes, but you say that as if that is a bad thing." I heard laughter. I'm not sure from whom. Fortunately, the group walked away.

As a black lesbian, I have had the N-word hurled at me more times than I care to remember. Ditto for the B-word. And when I weighed 200 pounds more, I was insulted based on my weight, a physical disability.

It did not occur to me to report any of these incidents as hate crimes. That's not surprising. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, more than half of hate crimes go unreported.

Hate crimes and incidents may be predicated on race, religion, disability, gender identity or immigrant status. They can

range from property crimes to murder. And they are on the rise.

According to a report by the California Department of Justice released July 3, hate crimes in California rose more than 11 percent from 2015 to 2016, to a total of 931 incidents. Race-related hate crimes were up more than 20 percent.

And it's happening all over the country. "California is an amplified version of what's going on nationally," said professor Brian Levin, the director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at Cal State San Bernardino.

POLITICAL CLIMATE

It's not surprising that hate crimes have increased, given the current political climate. Politicians have emboldened white-supremacist groups and stoked fears about immigrants and Muslims.

In the week after the 2016 presidential election, the Southern Poverty Law Center documented more than 700 "reports of hateful incidents of harassment around the country." The Council on American-Islamic

Relations documented a 57 percent increase in anti-Muslim incidents in 2016 over 2015.

Recently, a Mississippi man became the first person prosecuted under the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, for the 2015 murder of a transgender teen-aged girl. He shocked her with a stun gun, stabbed her and bashed her head with a hammer.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, responding to the recent report showing a rise in hate crimes, said in a statement, "When someone commits a crime motivated by hate, it is not just an attack on one innocent person, but an attack on the entire state and our communities."

Americans need to recognize the danger to our society posed by hate crimes and hateful behavior and work toward tolerance and acceptance. Lives depend on it.

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Lucas' slam leads Scrappers to rout of 'Dogs

By TOM WILLIAMS
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not a big stat guy, I really don't like to pay attention to that. It puts expectations on your shoulders and you just want to have fun in baseball."



Lucas

NILES
Simeon Lucas' six-RBI night helped the streaky Scrappers remain atop the New York-Penn League's Pinckney Division standings with Monday's 11-5 victory over Batavia at Eastwood Field.

"Six RBIs? Probably in high school," Lucas replied when asked about his big night. "I'm

Lucas' big blow was his seventh-inning grand slam off Muckdogs reliever Josh Alberi-

that extended the Scrappers' lead to 8-3. The homer was part of a seven-run rally.

"We've been really focusing on doing your job, not trying to do too much," the Scrappers first baseman said. "Lately, we've been struggling a little bit with it as a team. My approach in that situation was to hit a line drive into the gap."

Instead, he hit it over the right-field bullpen.

"He's been swinging it really well lately so I was kind of excited when he came up to bat with the bases loaded," Scrappers manager Luke Carlin said. "There was no doubt when he hit it — it landed on the other side of that building."

The Scrappers (16-11), who recently weathered three-game and four-game losing streaks, won their third straight despite committing five errors.

Two wild pitches on consecutive tosses also let in a run back when the game was tight.

Seventeen hits can forgive just about anything. Tyler Friis, Will Benson and Clark Scolamiero each had three.

Two of Benson's hits came in the seventh inning. The Scrappers trailed 3-2 before sending 11 men to the plate.

See SCRAPPERS, B3

COLLEGES

Tringhese selected as one of top scholars

Former Columbiana golfer now at NDC

Staff report

COLUMBIANA

Notre Dame College golfer Alexa Tringhese, a graduate of Columbiana High School, recently was named to the Women's Golf Coaches' Association All-American Scholar team.

Tringhese, a sophomore, was one of 952 female golfers honored. The criteria for selection are some of the most stringent in all of college athletics. The minimum GPA is 3.50.

Tringhese was the lone representative from the Mountain East Conference to make the team. She made the Dean's List for the fall semester and the President's List for the spring with a perfect 4.0 to become eligible for the honor.

"I'm very happy and honored for being acknowledged for my academic success," Tringhese said. "I take my school work just as serious as I do playing golf and want all other young females to know both are possible with hard work and dedication."

Tringhese was a standout golfer at Columbiana High School, where she was the No. 1 golfer on the team all four years in high school. She still holds every school record.

Despite those accolades, she said college has brought on a different challenge.

"College competition is more intense along with the coaching being more hands on," Tringhese said. "I take it more seriously now mostly because I feel I have to prove my scholarship was earned and deserved."

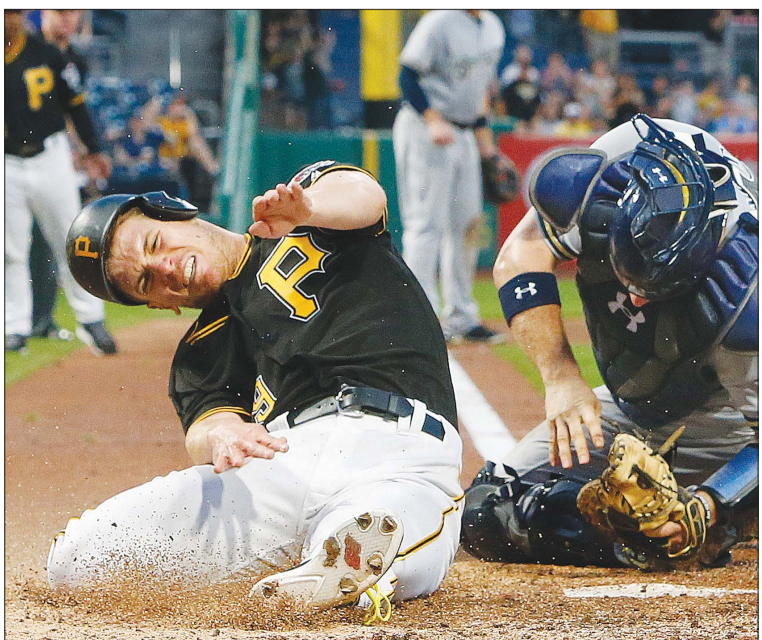
Her coach, Colleen Groomes, praised her hard work and dedication.

"I am very proud of Alexa," Groomes said. "Alexa is a dedicated student-athlete and this award is a testament to her hard work and commitment both on and off the course."

Notre Dame College will begin its women's golf season on Sept. 4 against Glade Springs Intercollegiate.

The WGCA has more than 600 members and was founded in 1983. The goal of the organization is to educate, promote and recognize its members and student-athletes.

The Pirates' Chad Kuhl winces after a collision with Brewers catcher Stephen Vogt as he is tagged out in the fifth inning of Monday's game at PNC Park in Pittsburgh. Both players were shaken up, with Vogt having to leave the game. Pittsburgh won 4-2.



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TOP OF CLASS B



WILLIAM D. LEWIS | THE VINDICATOR

Baird Brothers' Regan Lawlor tries to turn a double play after getting Astro Falcons baserunner Jack Anderson out at second base in the first inning of Game 4 of their five-game Class B 18-U championship series Monday at Bob Cene Park in Struthers. Astro shut out Baird, 7-0, to force Game 5, which Baird Brothers won 1-0 to claim the series and title 3-2.

Baird holds off Astro for 18-U division title

By DAN HINER
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STRUTHERS

With two outs and Astro Falcons on first and second, a routine ground ball looked to be an easy forceout at first base. But the throw short-hopped Baird Brothers first baseman Zach Manzc and the runner reached base.

But when the runner at second rounded third, he got caught between third and home plate.

As he ran toward home Manzc fired to Baird Brothers' catcher Coleman Stauffer, who applied the tag. That out clinched a 1-0 win in a decisive Game 5 of the 18-U Class B championship series.

The Astro Falcons and Baird



MONDAY	ASTRO FALCONS	7
	BAIRD BROTHERS	0
	BAIRD BROTHERS	1
	ASTRO FALCONS	0
	Baird Brothers wins series 3-2	

Brothers played Games 4 and 5 of the Class B championship on Monday night.

The Falcons won Game 4 7-0 due to a complete-game shutout from Dylan Rotz and a three-RBI performance by Astro outfielder Matt Wood.

Wood drove in the first two runs of the game on a RBI single to left field in the top of the first inning.

Wood drove in his third run of

the game on a sacrifice fly in the third inning to make the score 4-0.

Rotz allowed three hits, one walk and struck out six.

But the Falcons' offense didn't carry over to Game 5. The Falcons were hitless for the first four innings and didn't reach base until a leadoff single by Noah Laster in the fifth.

Baird Brothers pitcher Travis Perry threw a two-hitter in the final game of the series. He struck out 11 and allowed two hits and a walk.

"It was a well-played 1-0 ball game. Those were only two in-

See CLASS B, B4

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Claret jug then toasting flute for Garcia

Golfer's next major will be his wedding

Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND

Sergio Garcia won't be wearing his green jacket from Augusta National at his wedding.

What about pouring champagne from a claret jug?

Garcia doesn't have one yet, though he loves the thought of such possibilities, especially considering that only four months ago, the 36-year-old Spaniard was learning to accept his career might end without a major. Now he is a Masters champion who is soaking up a year of celebration.

He arrived at Royal Birkdale with two big events on the horizon. First up is the British Open, the major where he has had his most consistent success with 10 top-10 finishes, including the last three in a row. And then he's off to Texas for his marriage July 29 to Angela Akins.

For Garcia, it's one major at a time.

His mind is on Royal Birkdale, traditionally one of the toughest links courses

See GARCIA, B4



AP FILE PHOTO MAY 11, 2017

Sergio Garcia celebrates a hole-in-one at the 2017 Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. The Spaniard has two majors coming up: the British Open this weekend in Southhampton, England, and his wedding on July 29 in Texas.

Bucs win again to inch closer to .500, Brewers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Gregory Polanco doubled twice, drove in two runs and threw out a potential go-ahead run at the plate to lead the surging Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

Brewers catcher Stephen Vogt left the game in the fifth inning after a collision with Pirates pitcher Chad Kuhl at the plate. Vogt caught an incidental elbow to the head from Kuhl, and both players were

down for several minutes. Kuhl remained in the game, but Vogt had to be helped to his feet and left to be evaluated for a neck strain and left knee strain. Vogt held onto the ball and Kuhl was called out.

Polanco finished 4 for 4 and

PIRATES	4
BREWERS	2

Next: Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, today, 7:05 p.m.

Inside: A humbled Starling Marte is set to return to the outfield after an 80-game suspension. B3

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SPORTS digest

SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

22-1

Source: ESPN Stats & Info

Yankees' Pineda set for Tommy John surgery

MINNEAPOLIS

New York Yankees pitcher Michael Pineda is set to have Tommy John surgery this week, likely putting him out of action until at least late next year. The Yankees said Pineda will have surgery Tuesday to repair a torn ligament in his right elbow. New York opened a series Monday night in Minnesota. The Yankees began the day holding the second AL wild-card spot and 3½ games behind AL East-leading Boston.

The 28-year-old Pineda is 8-4 with a 4.39 ERA in 17 starts. He is eligible for free agency after this season.

Cincinnati Reds medical director Dr. Timothy Kremchek will do the surgery. He agreed with the original recommendation by Yankees head team physician Dr. Christopher Ahmad that Pineda have Tommy John surgery.

Cubs' Hendricks perfect in rehab start

SEVIERVILLE, TENN.

Chicago Cubs pitcher Kyle Hendricks threw five perfect innings Monday while making his second rehab appearance for Double-A Tennessee.

Hendricks, who led the majors last year with a 2.13 ERA for the World Series champions, was optimistic he could be ready to rejoin the Cubs. Hendricks has pitched for Chicago since June 4 because of tendinitis in his right hand.

The right-hander struck out three and threw 43 of his 63 pitches for strikes against the Mobile BayBears, a Los Angeles Angels affiliate.

Hendricks says "there was no soreness after the last start. Hopefully if there's no soreness tomorrow, I should be good to go."

The 27-year-old Hendricks is 4-3 with a 4.09 ERA in 11 starts for the Cubs. He went 16-8 last year and finished third in NL Cy Young Award voting.

Former Kentucky player Jerry Bird dies

CORBIN, KY.

Former Kentucky basketball player Jerry Bird, who was a member of the school's Athletics Hall of Fame and had his No. 22 jersey retired to the Rupp Arena rafters, has died.

An obituary posted by O'Neil-Lawson Funeral Home says Bird died Sunday at a hospital in Corbin. He was 83.

Media report Bird played for Kentucky from 1954 to 1956 and helped the school attain two Southeastern Conference titles in 1954 and 1955. He was part of the 1954 team crowned national champions by the Helms Athletic Foundation after a 25-0 season.

Bird scored 713 career points and had 589 career rebounds under coach Adolph Rupp.

"Jerry Bird was Kentucky through and through," UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said in a statement by the school. "He was proud to be a Wildcat and an important part of Kentucky basketball history.

Bird played one season with the New York Knicks before returning to his hometown of Corbin to work at American Greetings. His is survived by a son, two grandchildren, a brother and a sister. Visitation and services are scheduled for Saturday at Central Baptist Church in Corbin.

Florida's Callaway gets plea deal in pot case

GAINESVILLE, FLA.

Florida receiver Antonio Callaway has pleaded no contest to misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Prosecutors dropped a marijuana possession charge as part of Monday's plea deal, which State Attorney Bill Cervone said was standard for cases involving small amounts of drugs. Callaway also was fined \$300.

Callaway, the team's top playmaker, was cited on May 13 in Gainesville. He was a passenger in a SUV that officers pulled over for a seatbelt violation. Police said officers smelled marijuana in the SUV and found 7 grams of the drug in Callaway's pocket.

Callaway is entering his junior season. In two years, he has 89 catches for 1,399 yards and 11 touchdowns.

He was suspended last spring amid sexual battery allegations. In court documents, Callaway admitted smoking marijuana, though he was eventually cleared of the battery allegation by a Title IX investigation.

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Since June 7, the Los Angeles Dodgers are 22-1 against National League opponents. The Dodgers have a .936 team OPS and a 2.80 team ERA in those games.

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. (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.

MLB Standings - American League table showing team records, games in hand, and recent performance.

NBA Standings - Eastern and Western Conference tables showing team records and playoff positioning.

NFL Standings - AFC and NFC tables showing team records and division standings.

Hockey Standings - NHL table showing team records, goals for/against, and recent performance.

College Football Standings - Various college football conferences including Big Ten, SEC, and ACC.

QUOTABLE

TERRY FRANCONA, Indians manager, on Francisco Lindor's four-hit game Sunday: "Frankie swung the bat really well. He stayed nice and short with his swing and the ball jumped off his bat kind of like we're accustomed to seeing as opposed to it being long and looper."

MLB STATS

MLB Standings - National League table showing team records, games in hand, and recent performance.

CUBS 4

Cubs game recap: Atlanta vs. Cubs, final score 4-3. Includes batting order, game log, and key stats.

RED SOX 3

Red Sox game recap: Boston vs. Yankees, final score 3-2. Includes batting order, game log, and key stats.

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GARCIA

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in England.
"It's going to be where it has to be this week," Garcia said.
"Angela has been doing a great job of getting everything ready for the wedding, and obviously, we're really excited for next week. But we have something that we're also extremely excited about this week. And we want to be here giving everything we have, and hopefully with a chance on Sunday."
Garcia wants what Henrik Stenson had to return on Monday.
The champion returning the claret jug used to be a mere formality. The Royal & Ancient turned it into a show on Monday, with the British Open encouraging 500 fans to fill the grandstand around the first tee to witness the occasion.
And now it's up for grabs again.
Stenson is the defending champion. Pdraig Harrington feels like one considered he is the last player to win the British Open at Royal Birkdale. In 2008, he started the week with an injury and ended it with a four-shot victory over Ian Poulter to become Europe's first back-to-back British Open champion in more than a century.
"I enjoy the week because I'm not quite defending, but I'm coming back here and making the most of it," Harrington said. "Because these good feelings don't come around that often."

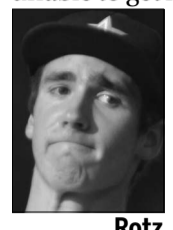
Garcia would have been a logical choice to challenge on just about any links.
This is the major he grew up watching in Spain — he was 8 when Seve Ballesteros won his third British Open in 1988 at St. Andrews. He dreamed of winning all four majors, and now that he finally has one, he's thinking that way again.
Asked the impossible question Monday — would it mean more to own a green jacket or a silver jug? — Garcia said both were amazing.
"At the moment, the green jacket means more because I have it," he said. "But everybody knows how much I love The Open Championship. And I would love to at least have one of them before I hang up the boot. So definitely, it's something that I would like to achieve. And we're going to give it a shot this week."

Garcia swears the Masters didn't change him. And much like that week at Augusta National, he has managed to keep his expectations to a minimum knowing how fickle this game can be. He hasn't played in a month, when Andres Romero raced by him on the final day in Germany to win the BMW International Open. He has every reason to believe his game is good while realizing that doesn't mean anything until the Open starts Thursday.
"I can't tell you if I'm going to be right up there on Sunday with a chance," he said. "I'm hoping that I will be, but unfortunately, it doesn't work like that every week. But you also have to realize that after winning Augusta, you still want to push hard and get more majors. So it's not like everything is done and that's it."

There are still moments when he's willing to look behind at some painful losses.
He would love to have that putt again on the 18th at Carnoustie, which caught the lip and gave him a bogey, leading to the playoff that Harrington won. Garcia would love to be able to hit his tee shot again on the 15th at Royal Liverpool, which found a pot bunker to the right of the green and required two shots to get out. He was runner-up that week for the fourth time.
But he no longer considers that he was playing against "more than the field," his infamous phrase from Carnoustie when he complained about bad breaks that always seemed to fall his way.
"Nobody else played a little bit better than me, and that's what happens," he said.
The Masters defined his career. Winning the British Open, or any other major, would take it to a higher level. Either way, all is good in his life. Garcia contends he has always been happy. This year has simply been better. Much better.
"Like we say in Spain, 'The more sugar, the sweeter it is,'" he said. "So obviously, winning the Masters made it even sweeter. But it doesn't mean I wasn't happy before."

CLASS B

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field hits that we got off [Perry]," Astro Falcons manager Andy Timko said.
Perry said he knew he needed to stay calm throughout the game to maintain the lead. The Falcons had opportunities to score in the sixth and seventh innings but were unable to get key hits.
Rotz started Game 5 for the Falcons because the team needed to buy time for pitcher Joe Rock to warm up. Rock entered with two outs in the top of the first and pitched the rest of the game. He allowed one run on eight hits and one walk. Rock also struck out 11.
The only run of the final game was driven in by Stauffer on a one-out single in the top of the second. Jimmy Nixon came across to score as Baird Brothers grabbed the early lead.
"That was a huge boost because in the past two games they went up 2-0 in the first inning and we lost," Stauffer said. "Getting the first run put the pressure on them. That was huge."
The Falcons and Baird Brothers will play in the NABF World Series. The tournament will start Thursday.
Baird Brothers manager Don Pletcher said the team is preparing for another game against the Falcons and the win on Monday will help with their confidence moving forward.
"We have the World Series [this weekend]. I expect us to do the same thing, carry on," Pletcher said. "Tonight was a big one, the kids love this thing, but all year long they wanted the World Series. We won the World Series in 2014. We went last year, but it didn't end so well. We got to the playoffs, but we want to win it. We know we got the Astros there. It is what it is. We'll probably get them in the finals again."



Rotz



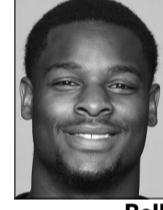
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Astro Falcons first baseman Vinny Mostrangelo picks off Baird Brothers' Josh Kieffer in Game 4 of their five-game Class B 18-U championship series Monday at Bob Cene Park in Struthers. Astro shut out Baird, 7-0, to force Game 5, which Baird Brothers won 1-0 to claim the series and title 3-2.

Bell, Steelers fail to reach long-term contract deal

By RAY FITTIPALDO
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (TNS)

The deadline for franchise players to sign long-term deals with their teams has come and gone, and the Steelers and Le'Veon Bell were not able to come to terms on a new deal.
Bell will play this season for \$12.12 million, all guaranteed, though he had not signed his one-year franchise tender before Monday.



Bell

The Steelers wanted to sign Bell to a long-term contract and tried hard in hours before the deadline. Team president Art Rooney II and general manager Kevin Colbert were vocal about that after the season and throughout the spring.
"Unfortunately, we were unable to agree to terms on a long-term contract with Le'Veon Bell prior to today's deadline," Colbert said in a statement. "Le'Veon is scheduled to play this year under the Exclusive Franchise Tag designation. We will resume our efforts to address his contract situation following the 2017 season."

In the end, it proved to be a tricky negotiation for both sides. Bell knows he'll be able to make \$26 million guaranteed at minimum if he is able to avoid a major injury this season. It's a gamble he is willing to take as others have in the past.
Washington quarterback Kirk Cousins will play on the franchise tag for a second consecutive season and will make another \$24 million this year after raking in \$20 million on the franchise tag last season.

It's a gamble some players are willing to take. For Bell, however, it's viewed as a bigger gamble because of his injury history.
The only risk for Bell is if he sustained a major injury while training on his own for the season, in which case he would cost himself \$12.12 million.
Of the three players that had the franchise tag placed upon them this summer only Bell did not sign his tender.
The Steelers can control Bell beyond this season if they wish. They can use the franchise tender on him again next year. They'd be obligated to pay him 120 percent of his 2017 salary, or more than \$14 million, but that does remain an option.

Bell has not been able to finish the season in each of the past three years. He was pulled out of the AFC championship in the first quarter due to a groin injury that eventually needed surgery to repair this spring. In 2014, he suffered a knee injury that kept him out of the AFC wild-card game against the Ravens. In 2015, he sustained a major knee injury that required surgery and forced him to miss the final 10 games of the season, including both playoff games.

The immediate question for the Steelers is whether Bell will report to training camp. Bell can sign the tender anytime, but he is under no obligation. In theory, he could show up the week before the regular season begins, sign his deal and play out the season though his camp has not threatened that.

From a business perspective it makes little sense for Bell to show up for the start of training camp. While the Steelers would surely protect him from unnecessary hits as they have in years past there is no guarding against the possibility of a freak injury on the practice field.

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NFL roundup

WASHINGTON REDSKINS
QB Cousins to play on franchise tag

The deadline passed Monday for Kirk Cousins and the Washington Redskins to sign a long-term deal, meaning the quarterback will play a second consecutive season on the franchise tag.
The team confirmed no agreement by the 4 p.m. Monday deadline. Cousins will make \$23.94 million on the franchise tag in 2017 after \$19.95 million last year.

Cousins is the first quarterback in NFL history to play two years in a row on the franchise tag. Team president Bruce Allen said in a prepared statement that the Redskins' goal was to sign Cousins to a long-term contract and offered him \$53 million guaranteed or \$72 million for injury.
Allen said the team's offer was made May 2 and that he met with Cousins face to face over the weekend.
The 28-year-old Michigan State product is going into his third full season as Washington's starter. Cousins set franchise records with 4,166 and 4,917 yards the past two seasons but has yet to win a playoff game.

CAROLINA PANTHERS
GM Gettleman fired after four seasons

Just over a week before training camp opens, the Carolina Panthers have no general manager. And no president.
The team that faded from a Super Bowl spot to a losing season in 2016 fired Dave Gettleman on Monday, eight days before the Panthers get down to preseason business. They already were without a president after Danny Morrison resigned in February.
Owner Jerry Richardson said in a statement he made the decision after a long evaluation of the team's football operations.

"I want to thank Dave for the role he played in our success over the past four seasons," Richardson said. "While the timing of this decision is not ideal, a change is needed."

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AP FILE PHOTO, JAN. 17, 2015

Oklahoma coach and Cardinal Mooney graduate Bob Stoops hands a football to offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley. Two weeks ago Riley was still OC. But Monday he was center stage representing the Sooners as the FS's youngest head football coach less than six weeks after Stoops announced he was retiring.

OU's Riley rode 'whirlwind' to youngest FBS head coach

Associated Press
FRISCO, TEXAS

Lincoln Riley never expected this.
Two months ago, he was the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma. On Monday, the 33-year-old Riley was center stage representing the Sooners as the Bowl Subdivision less than six weeks after Bob Stoops' surprise retirement following 18 seasons, 10 conference titles and a national championship with the Sooners.
"It's been probably best described as whirlwind," Riley said. "Tough to describe kind of all the emotions that went into that day and that decision, and still a little bit of a dream for me."

Riley said he feels prepared to be a first-time head coach after time spent the past two seasons as the offensive coordinator for Stoops, who will continue to be a resource for the new coach. Stoops — a Youngstown native and Cardinal Mooney graduate — is now a special assistant to athletic director Joe Castiglione.
There is also continuity with the rest of the staff intact and the addition of former East Carolina head coach and former Texas Tech assistant Ruffin McNeill as defensive tackles coach and assistant head coach.

"It's hard to lose a guy, number one, what he stood for, not just for Oklahoma, but for the Big 12," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "It's hard when you lose somebody that you stood across the field from that you had respect for."

Bowlsby had an opportunity to visit with Stoops when both were at a memorial service in Iowa over the weekend.
"I think he feels very good about the timing of moving away from the game," Bowlsby said. "And I think he feels very good about Lincoln Riley coming in as his successor."

Mayfield, the preseason Big 12 offensive player of the year who has thrown for 7,665 yards and 76 touchdowns in his two seasons at Oklahoma.
"Coach Riley is a great guy, we know what he's all about and we know that he's going to put us in the best position to win."

Orlando Brown, the Oklahoma left tackle who allowed only one sack in 659 snaps last season, described Riley as "real personable" to the players.
"I think that helps since he's so close to us in age. His attitude and mentality, he gets us as players and he's a ton of help off the field," Brown said. "Him sitting down and talking to us as leaders, I've had a ton of one-on-one talks with him it's great."

Stoops' unexpected absence from the annual midsummer gathering was noted in opening remarks by Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, who described the league "as poorer for not having Bob Stoops" as a head coach.
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Football standings table including AFL Standings and CFL Standings.

Football standings table including East Division and West Division.

Football standings table including Last Thursday's Score and Last Friday's Scores.

Open house set

HOWLAND
Shepherd of the Valley-Howland, 4100 North River Road NE, is hosting an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited to tour the independent living homes, assisted-living suites and skilled-nursing and rehabilitation rooms. Complimentary refreshments will be served. For information, contact Dawn Olson at 330-856-9232, ext.2618, or email at dolson@shepherdofthevalley.com.

Ribbon cuttings

Cassidy Advertising & Consulting, LLC, will open a second office in Canfield. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cassidy Advertising, 5731 Shields Road, Suite A. Visit cassidyadvertising.com for information.
Another ribbon cutting will take place at 10 a.m. Friday for Huffman Fruit Farm's new market. The market, 13075 Lisbon Road, Green Township, will be open Friday and Saturday. Activities throughout the weekend include hayrides, a play area and petting zoo, face painting, cotton candy, concessions and more.
Huffman Fruit Farm is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed Sunday.

KSU recognition

KENT
Kent State University is being recognized for the eighth time as a "Great College to Work For" by The Chronicle of Higher Education, a top trade publication for colleges and universities.
Now in its 10th year, the "Great Colleges to Work For" annual report recognizes the colleges that get top ratings from their employees on workforce practices and policies.

The Chronicle released its 2017 results Monday, based on survey responses from more than 45,000 people at 232 institutions (155 four-year private and public colleges and 77 two-year colleges).
Kent State is one of 79 colleges and universities to receive the prestigious designation. For a fourth year in a row, Kent State is the only Ohio institution, public or private, on the list.

No 'Trump slump' in tourism

NEW YORK
Last winter, the U.S. tourism industry fretted that Trump administration policies might lead to a "Trump slump" in travel.
But those fears may have been premature. International arrivals and travel-related spending are up in 2017 compared with the same period in 2016.
There might even be a "Trump bump," says Roger Dow, CEO of the U.S. Travel Association, a nonprofit representing the travel industry.

Latest numbers from the U.S. Travel Association's Travel Trends Index showed 6.6 percent growth in international travel to the U.S. in April and 5 percent growth in May compared with the same months last year. The Travel Trends Index uses hotel, airline and U.S. government data.
Staff/wire reports

Selected local stocks

STOCK, DIVIDEND	...	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alcoa Inc., .12		36.40	0.08
Aqua America, .71		32.68	0.10
Avalon Holdings, .27		48.58	0.01
Chemical Bank, .27		48.58	0.01
Community Health Sys., .93		9.31	0.05
Cortland Bancorp., .28		17.86	0.00
Farmers Nat., .16		14.50	0.30
First Energy, 1.44		30.26	0.06
Fifth/Third, .52		26.16	0.08
FirstMerit Corp., .			
FNB Financial, .1210		10.08	0.00
FNB Corp., .48		34.23	0.00
General Motors, 1.52		26.39	0.04
General Electric, .92		26.81	0.03
Huntington Bank, .28		13.81	0.02
iHeartMedia Inc., .		1.75	-0.05
JPMorgan Chase, 1.92		91.36	-0.89
Key Corp., .34		19.13	-0.08
LaFarge, .34			-0.08
Macy's, 1.51		23.03	0.67
Parker Hannifin, 2.52		165.97	0.91
PNC, 2.20		127.37	0.20
Sirona Prop. Grp., 6.60		162.08	1.35
Stonardge, .		15.66	0.22
United Comm. Fin., .12		8.59	0.03

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

Jordanian soldier gets life term for killing 3 US troops

Associated Press
AMMAN, JORDAN
A Jordanian soldier was sentenced Monday to life in prison after being convicted of killing three U.S. military trainers last year, but some said questions lingered about his motive for the shooting at a Jordanian air base.
Jordan has ruled out terrorism in the November shooting in which the convoy of the U.S. Army Green Berets came under fire at the base entrance.
The defendant has said

he felt no animosity toward Americans and opened fire because he believed the base was coming under attack.
However, relatives of the slain U.S. troops have described security camera footage that they say shows him shooting for six minutes, reloading and aiming at the Americans, even as they identify themselves as friendly forces.
After a "not guilty" plea, the Jordanian soldier, 1st Sgt. Marik al-Tuwayha, was tried by a military court in Jordan's capital of Amman for the killings of Staff

Sgt. Matthew C. Lewellen, 27, of Kirksville, Mo.; Staff Sgt. Kevin J. McEnroe, 30, of Tucson, Ariz.; and Staff Sgt. James F. Moriarty, 27, of Kerrville, Texas.
During the monthlong trial, he watched the proceedings silently while standing in a cage in the courtroom.
He did not react Monday when the judge announced the verdict and the maximum possible sentence, life in prison with hard labor. When he was led out of the cage, he said: "I have all the respect for the king, but I was doing my job."

Arizona flash flood kills 9 relatives celebrating birthday

'They had no warning'



Associated Press
A Navajo County rescuer searches the riverbank under the bridge where one body was recovered in Tonto National Forest, Ariz., on Monday. Rescuers continue the search for a missing 27-year-old man, who was swept downriver when floodwaters inundated the area Saturday.

Associated Press
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST, ARIZ.
The flash flood that killed nine people in an Arizona river canyon began its deadly descent as an impressive but avoidable surge of churning water, black with cinders from a recent wildfire and choked with tumbling tree trunks and limbs.
By the time it reached a rocky swimming hole several miles downstream, it was a roaring torrent 6 feet high, and an extended family celebrating a birthday while seeking refuge from the summer heat had no warning – and no chance to escape.
The bodies were found up to 2 miles away. Five other people were rescued, some of them clinging desperately to trees, and were treated for hypothermia and released.
As rescuers searched Monday for a 27-year-old man still missing about 100 miles northeast of Phoenix, authorities identified the victims, who ranged in age

from 2 to 60.
Among them were three generations of a family. Five of the dead were children.
The victims had been lounging Saturday in the swimming hole, where rocks create pools and a series of small waterfalls. There the river narrows, squeezing the flow of water and increasing its deadly force.
The river roared to life after a thunderstorm had dumped up to 1.5 inches of rain in an hour, prompting a flash-flood warning from the National Weather Service.
Though the service sent out a flash-flood warning over cellphone networks, service in the remote area is patchy at best. Unless they had a weather radio, the swimmers would have been unaware.
"They had no warning. They heard a roar, and it was on top of them," said Fire Chief Ron Sattelmayer of the Water Wheel Fire and Medical District.
One hiker who was stranded by the flood said she can't get the sound of the rushing

water out of her head.
Nancy Coto, 17, said she was stuck for four hours on a slab of rock with her boyfriend and his family before they were able to walk out.
"We're all just saying that we got blessed, but I don't like to use that word because other families weren't blessed," Coto said. "Children died."
About 40 volunteer workers and four search dogs looked for the missing man, whom authorities identified as Hector Garnica.
Garnica had come to celebrate his wife's birthday with their three children and other family. All were among those killed.
Authorities and a family member identified the dead as 2-year-old Erica Raya-Garcia; Emily Garnica, 3; Mia Garnica, 5; Danial Garnica, 7; and Jonathan Leon, 13. Also killed were Javier Raya-Garcia, 19; Celia Garcia-Castaneda, 60; Maribel Raya-Garcia, 24; and 26-year-old Maria Raya-Garcia, Hector Garnica's wife.

Venezuelan opposition calls for nationwide strike

Associated Press
CARACAS, VENEZUELA
Venezuelan opposition leaders called Monday for a 24-hour nationwide strike to increase pressure on the socialist government after more than 7 million people rejected a plan to rewrite the constitution and consolidate the ruling party's power over the country, which has been stricken by shortages and inflation and riven by more than 100 days of clashes between protesters and police.
The opposition said the country's National Assembly, which it controls, would name new members to the government-dominated Supreme Court, setting up a showdown with President Nicolas Maduro, whose party controls nearly all other state institutions. Opposi-

tion parties also plan to sign a declaration calling for the formation of an alternative "government of national unity," a step toward total rejection of government authority.
After some procedural moves in the National Assembly on today, the opposition said it would launch a plan it called "zero hour" on Wednesday that includes an agreement to form an alternate government and create 2,000 local committees that would function as street-level support for the opposition.
That will be followed Thursday by a nationwide strike, which could bring much of Venezuela's already sputtering economy to a standstill. Venezuela's largest chamber of commerce told The Associated Press

that its members would not punish employees for participating in the strike.
On Friday, the opposition will name 13 judges to the supreme court to replace those named by the outgoing, ruling party-dominated congress in 2015 in a process that legal experts say violated nomination procedures. The nominations would not give the opposition a supreme court majority but are almost certain to be rejected by the current court and the executive branch, making them a largely symbolic tactic to increase pressure on Maduro.
More than three months of street protests have left at least 93 people dead and 1,500 wounded. More than 500 protesters and government opponents have been jailed.

Netflix still piling up viewers – and big programming bills

*By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer*

SAN FRANCISCO
Netflix is pulling in new viewers and award nominations in droves, but the online video service still faces a long-term problem: Its acclaimed programming line-up is costing far more money than what subscribers pay for it.
That hasn't been a big issue so far, thanks to investors' willingness to accept scant profits in exchange for robust subscriber growth.

Netflix delivered on that front again Monday, announcing that it added 5.2 million subscribers in the second quarter covering April to June. That's the largest increase ever during the period, which has always been the company's slowest time of year.
Wall Street rewarded Netflix by driving up its stock by more than 10 percent to \$178.30 in extended trading, putting the shares on track to hit a new high in today's regular trading.

INTERNATIONAL COSTS
The Los Gatos, Calif., company now has 104 million subscribers worldwide. For the first time in its history, most of those subscribers (slightly more than 52 million) are outside the U.S.

That milestone could further complicate Netflix's cost issues, since the company will need to keep creating more shows that appeal to the unique interests of viewers in countries such as Japan, India and Indonesia.
As part of its efforts to boost its profits, Netflix is becoming more aggressive about dumping shows that aren't drawing enough viewers to justify their costs. In the second quarter, Netflix jettisoned

both the high-concept science fiction show "Sense 8" and the musical drama "The Get Down."
CASH BURN
But the success hasn't come cheaply.
Netflix is locked into contracts requiring it to pay more than \$13 billion for programming during the next three years, a burden that has forced the company to borrow to pay its bills.

After burning through \$1.7 billion in cash last year, Netflix expects that figure to rise to as much as \$2.5 billion this year. It's continuing to invest in more original programming amid increasing competition from the likes of Amazon, Hulu and YouTube.
Netflix expects to be spending more money than it brings in for several more years. It posted a more detailed explanation about its negative cash flow to give investors a better grasp of its programming expenses.

The company is still profitable under corporate accounting rules, although its earnings remain puny by Wall Street standards. It earned \$66 million on revenue of \$2.8 billion in revenue during its latest quarter.
Funding international operations remains Netflix's biggest financial drag, although the overseas losses are narrowing. The company now expects its international operation to produce a small operating profit for the full year.
Netflix also could make more money by raising its prices closer to the \$15 per month that HBO charges for its streaming service, but the company has said no increases are planned in the near future. Netflix's U.S. rates currently range from \$8 to \$12 per month.

Subway looking to update stores' not-so-fresh look

Associated Press
NEW YORK

Subway wants to freshen up the look of its stores as it tries to stem a sales decline.
The sandwich chain says the redesign – which includes a brighter atmosphere, displays of vegetables behind the counter and ordering tablets – is the first major revamp since the early 2000s. The changes will take place as stores around the country are remodeled and new ones are built.
The makeover comes as Subway's sales have fallen for four straight years amid competition from places including Jimmy John's and Firehouse Subs. Since 2012, Subway's average annual sales per store are down 13 percent at \$420,000, ac-

cording to industry tracker Technomic. Last year, its number of U.S. stores also shrank for the first time, though the company says it still has more than 26,200 domestic locations. Globally, the chain says it has more than 44,800.
Don Fertman, Subway's chief development officer, says franchisee agreements require them to remodel stores every seven to 10 years. The company says franchisees will have a variety of design options to pick from, and that it is looking for ways to help them lower costs.
In the U.S. and Canada, new stores will be built using the redesign. About 150 stores will get the new look in the coming months, Fertman said.

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THE 5

Live music performances on television shows this week include:

- Harry Styles:** Tonight, Wednesday and Thursday on "Late Late Show With James Corden" (CBS)
- The Who:** Wednesday on "Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (NBC)
- Run the Jewels:** Thursday on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (ABC)
- Ambassadors:** Thursday on "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (NBC)
- DNCE:** Friday on "Today Show" (NBC)

BEST BETS ON TV

♦ **"BEING MARY JANE" (10 P.M., BET):** Brace yourself for more drama as "Being Mary Jane" kicks off the second half of its fourth season. Seems that the love triangle involving Mary Jane, her boss Justin and her British beau Lee has become too complicated to navigate.

♦ **"A NIGHT WITH MY EX" (10 P.M., BRAVO):** This one could be all kinds of trouble: "A Night With My Ex" is a new unscripted series that brings ex-couples together for one night to hash out their unresolved issues. We're told to expect "startling confessions, wild hook-ups, and shocking resolutions."

♦ **"SHOOTER" (10 P.M., USA):** As the action drama "Shooter" returns for Season 2, a year has passed and Bob Lee Swagger has been exonerated of any crimes. Of course, things don't stay calm for long as he soon finds himself drawn into another dangerous conspiracy.

♦ TV LISTINGS, C3

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

RaeLynn will open Canfield Fair show

CANFIELD

Country music singer-songwriter RaeLynn will be the opening act for Chris Young when he performs at the Canfield Fair grandstand on Sept. 4.

RaeLynn appeared on NBC singing competition series "The Voice" in 2012 and is known for her song "Love Triangle."

Tickets for the concert are \$29.50 to \$59.50 and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 or by visiting the Canfield Fair administration office.

Garth Brooks offers honeymoon

OKLAHOMA CITY

Garth Brooks says he'll pony up for a Hawaiian honeymoon for a couple who got engaged at his concert in Oklahoma City.

WFAA-TV reports Drew Bargsley proposed to Chelsea Townsend while Brooks was playing his hit "Unanswered Prayers" on Saturday night.

The singer got wind of the commotion and asked the couple about their honeymoon plans from the stage. He told them he and his wife, Trisha Yearwood, will pay for their honeymoon if they decide to go to Hawaii.

Brooks later told Yearwood about his offer and she agreed, but added, "Nobody else can get engaged tonight."

Obstacle camp

YOUNGSTOWN

The Jewish Community Center will have a two-day superhero camp that introduces children to obstacle courses that require running, jumping and lots of energy.

Super Heroes (ages 4-6) and Ninja Games (ages 7-11) will be July 31 and Aug. 3 from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$60. To register, call 330-746-3250, ext. 195.

Stevie Nicks to return to Covelli in September

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

Stevie Nicks will return to Covelli Centre on Sept. 15 as part of her 24 Karat Gold concert tour.

The vocalist-songwriter and member of Fleetwood Mac, who last appeared at Covelli Centre in 2007, released "24 Karat Gold" in 2014. The album is a collection of unreleased songs Nicks had written between 1969-87 and 1994-95, but newly re-recorded.

She sings songs from the album, plus a smattering of her own and Fleetwood Mac hits, on the current tour.

Tickets for the concert go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday at ticketmaster.com, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 and at the Covelli box office. Prices are \$59.50, \$69.50, \$89.50 and \$139.50.



Nicks

In addition to her work with Fleetwood Mac, Nicks is known for songs such as "Edge of Seventeen," "Stop Draggin' My Heart" and "Leather and Lace."

'Housewives' at Powers to read 'Monologues'

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

A special performance of "The Vagina Monologues," featuring stars from three "Real Housewives" TV series will take place Sept. 18 at Powers Auditorium.

Brandi Glanville of "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," Teresa Giudice of "New Jersey" and Ashley Darby of "Potomac" will perform a reading of the award-winning stage play by Eve Ensler.

The play tells the truth about a woman's place in the world through funny and revealing monologues

that hold nothing back.

Reserved seat tickets for the 8 p.m. show are \$25 and \$55 (plus applicable fees), and a VIP meet-and-greet package is \$100. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Wednesday at youngstownsymphony.com, by phone at 330-744-0264 and at the DeYor Performing Arts Center box office, 260 W. Federal St.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Mariska Hargitay's Joyful Heart Foundation and the Sojourner House Domestic Violence Program of the Mahoning Valley.



PEOPLE'S PHARMACY
The Grædons

Wasabi crisis averted

Q. I recently visited an unfamiliar restaurant. When my order came, I thought they had added a dollop of decorative eggplant to my plate. I put the entire teaspoonful into my mouth and immediately realized it was wasabi.

I began coughing, and my face turned bright red. I ran to the bathroom to spit it out. An employee asked if there was anything she could get me. I immediately asked for vinegar, remembering that it neutralizes hot, spicy food. I got immediate relief from gargling the cider vinegar.

A. Wasabi (Japanese horseradish) is made from the stems of a plant that grows in Japan. Because it is so scarce and valuable, some of the wasabi that is found in restaurants or supermarkets is actually created from horseradish and hot mustard with food coloring to make it look green.

Others have made your mistake and swallowed too much of this condiment. Because spicy mustard and horseradish can taste extremely hot, too much all at once can take your breath away. Your gargling trick might save someone else from experiencing a bad reaction.

Q. After gallbladder removal in 2014, I started having bouts of bad diarrhea leading to nausea and dehydration, and then to the hospital. I could no longer go to meetings or even shop safely.

Then I remembered reading stories from this column and decided to try coconut cookies. Two Archway Coconut Macaroon cookies a day plus a cup of ginger tea solved most of the problem. I no longer miss meetings or have to stay at home all the time. It is not a perfect cure, but it does work well for me, and I am grateful to know about it.

A. We first heard about Archway Coconut Macaroon cookies for hard-to-treat diarrhea almost 20 years ago. We suspect that it is the coconut that is working this magic.

A research report presented at the Digestive Disease Week conference in June 2017 supported the role of coconut oil and cocoa butter against intestinal inflammation. Mice that were fed high-coconut chow had better bacterial ecology in their GI tracts and less inflammation.

Not everyone benefits as much as you do. That said, some patients with Crohn's disease have had remarkable success with this simple approach.

Q. I use turmeric as a spice rather than buying capsules of it. It is absorbed much better if you take it with a little pepper or ginger.

I used to just put a little turmeric on a spoon with some kind of fat and some pepper and eat it, but I noticed that it was irritating my stomach that way. Then I read that in India they put turmeric in warm milk and give it to kids to drink. I tried that (in almond milk) and no longer have an upset stomach.

A. You are quite correct that in India people use turmeric regularly as a spice rather than take it in capsules as a dietary supplement. It is a key ingredient in curry.

Medical uses for turmeric keep expanding. The active ingredient, curcumin, has been shown to ease inflammation and pain associated with arthritis (*Journal of Traditional and Complementary Medicine, June 15, 2016*). It also has anti-cancer activity.

'Game of Thrones'

End pieces are in motion

By LORRAINE ALI
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

Daenerys Targaryen was sold by her power-hungry brother to the bidder who could most advance his cause. Now he's dead, and she commands the largest army in the realm, not to mention the last three dragons in existence.

Cersei Lannister was married off to a drunk, philandering king by her cruel father when she was just a girl. Now she rules Westeros from the throne where her late husband once sat.

Sansa Stark was abused to no end by the second man she was forced to wed. Now he's dead, and she's on her way to conquering the very forces that once sought to bring down her and her family.

The seventh season premiere of "Game of Thrones" on Sunday belonged to these women. And if the opening episode is any indication, they're ready to do whatever it takes to gain the power, justice or vengeance they seek.

(For those who have yet to see the premiere, this is your spoiler alert.)

Ever since Daenerys (Emilia Clarke) rose unburnt from the ashes of her husband's funeral pyre, her nakedness a symbol of power and strength rather than vulnerability, the women of "Game of Thrones" and their stories have gradually moved out of brothels and bed chambers to the front lines of the battle for the kingdom.

And with the show now in its home stretch (next season will be the last), it appears their narratives will shape the final fate of the series.

It's ironic given that the HBO fantasy series started in 2011 as the story of men's quests for power and the miserable plight of women who lived in their rape-and-pillage world of blood and mud.

Call it the accidental feminism of "Game of Thrones," but with the series' success, television has exponentially expanded the number of high-profile series that feature multiple female leads.

The past year alone has seen major productions with female-focused narratives score major Emmy nominations, including "Feud: Bette and Joan," "The Handmaid's Tale" and "Big Little Lies."

But "Game of Thrones" was a high-stakes gamble when it first arrived, even with macho, sweaty men in most of its conquering hero/villain roles. It featured the nerdy trimmings of a



Emilia Clarke stars as Daenerys in season seven of HBO's "Game of Thrones."

SyFy channel marathon: armies of the dead, magic, jousting competitions, trees with faces, locales with names such as the Shivering Sea.

Impeccably executed story lines by creators David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, who adapted the series from George R.R. Martin's collection of epic novels "A Song of Ice and Fire," rendered it HBO's most successful series — a high bar for the home of "The Sopranos" and "The Wire."

Now, we're entering the penultimate season with only seven episodes, as opposed to the usual 10. So much evil to slay, so little time.

There are the Lannisters to the South and the White Walkers to the North. Jon Snow (Kit Harington) and the woman he believes to be his half sister, Sansa (Sophie Turner), agree that these destructive forces need to be stopped, but which is the most immediate threat? It's a question that threatens to rip apart the alliance they formed at the close of Season 6.

Wherever they decide to strike first, they now have all of the North on their side, thanks to a meeting in which all houses — even those that turned against them during Ramsay Bolton's

HEALTH briefs

Diabetes education

LIBERTY

The six-session Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP), developed by the Health Service Advisory Group, is offered at 1 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 1 at the Liberty Township Administration Building, 1315 Churchill-Hubbard Road. To register, contact the Girard Multi-Generational Center at 330-545-6596.

Grant awarded to help infant mortality

YOUNGSTOWN

The Western Reserve Health Foundation awarded a \$61,000 grant to Alta Care Group to help address infant mortality and other issues relating to prenatal care. The grant supports two community health workers and their supervisor and related costs for the two-year Care Coordination grant previously awarded

Alta by the Mahoning County District Board of Health.

The program provides care coordination services and expands the footprint of the Mahoning County Pathways HUB. The goals are to reduce infant mortality, low birthweight and premature birth. Program staff works with women to connect them to community resources and remove barriers to care.

Healthy food programs

YOUNGSTOWN

Mercy Health — Youngstown is offering programs this summer that help put healthy foods onto the plates of people across the Mahoning Valley.

The anchor program is the Farmer's Market at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, Belmont Avenue, which is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through October in the hospital's Park Avenue lobby.

Two additional Mercy Health initiatives that enhance access to healthy ingredients are the Double Up and Fruit and Vegetable Prescription programs. Double Up enables people using Supple-

mental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to double up their produce purchases at three markets in the Mahoning Valley: St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital; Idora Neighborhood Farmer's Market, Youngstown, and Farmer's Market at Courthouse Square, Warren, both on Tuesdays.

The Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program provides Mercy Health primary-care physicians with access to vouchers to "prescribe" fruits and vegetables for up to 200 patients for whom these foods are medically necessary as part of a specific, prescribed diet. Patients with prescriptions can use their vouchers at any of the three farmer's markets supported by Mercy Health — Youngstown.

For information about Mercy Health — Youngstown Community Health Education and nutrition programs, call 330-480-3070.

Free diabetes classes

YOUNGSTOWN

Mercy Health — Youngstown is offering free diabetes self-management education classes from

9 to 11:30 a.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 25 through 27 at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, 1044 Belmont Ave., Youngstown. Additional class dates are today through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital, 8401 Market St., Boardman.

A physician referral is required to enroll. Most insurance plans cover the cost of the class. Call 330-480-2665 for help getting a physician referral and to register for the class.

Grant for new books

YOUNGSTOWN

Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley received a \$4,000 grant from the PNC Foundation for the hospital's Reach Out and Read program. The grant will be used to purchase new books for local patients. For information, contact JoAnne Stock at 330-746-9122.

The PNC Foundation grant is a part of the PNC Grow Up Great initiative, which aims to help children from birth to 5 develop a love of learning, said Ryan Pastore, vice president and director of client and community relations.



Dear Annie

Talk of politics gets too heated

Dear Annie: We have all been told to avoid discussions of politics and religion when dining out with friends, and for many years I found this easy to practice. But lately, it seems that many of my friends insist on talking about politics. Some are in favor of our current president, and some are opposed. The one thing they both have in common is that they are adamant that they are right and the other side is wrong!

Whenever I suggest we talk about something else, they want to know where I stand and insist that I agree with them. Frankly, I don't have strong political opinions and just want to change the subject. But when I have said that, they always jump on me, saying that the issues are so important today and I must express agreement with their side. It is almost as if our friendship is at stake. Do you have any suggestions for how I should handle these political zealots from both sides of the political spectrum?

PEACEMAKER IN PITTSBURGH

Dear Peacemaker: Your intuition is so good – that taking sides in a political argument during dinner is fraught with danger. In his classic book “How to Win Friends and Influence People,” Dale Carnegie pointed out that arguing during dinner is a lose-lose proposition. If you lose the argument, you lose; and if you win the argument, your guest feels inferior and you lose again. There is a reason that we have been advised for many years – long before the current political controversies – to avoid discussions of politics and religion at dinner with friends.

Dear Annie: Several years ago, I suffered from severe back pain. I had sciatica that went from my lower back to my foot. I remember trying a hundred different treatments, including shots, and any relief was only temporary. Then a friend told me about Dr. John Sarno, a pain-treatment specialist at New York University. I read his book “Healing Back Pain: The Mind-Body Connection,” and it changed my life!

After reading that book, I found more books by Dr. Sarno, as well as some lectures on DVD. I was never his patient; I never even met the man, but gradually – as I followed his treatment advice – my sciatica disappeared, and I have not had back pain since.

I am writing this letter now because I read that John Sarno died June 22 at the age of 93, and I hope you will print my letter as a message for any of your readers who are suffering from chronic pain. That includes headaches, back pain, sciatica, fibromyalgia and gastrointestinal problems.

The radio “shock jock” Howard Stern had terrible back pain until he saw Dr. Sarno. After Sarno's death was announced, Stern said, “I suffered horribly from back pain for many years ... and he really saved my life.”

Plenty of other celebrities – including Anne Bancroft, Larry David and John Stossel – have said similar things about this great man. I am writing this to alert any of your readers who are in chronic pain to check out the works of Dr. John Sarno. His advice could change your life, too.

GRATEFUL IN GREEN BAY

Dear Grateful: Thank you for your inspiring letter. Dr. Sarno has many devoted fans like you, yet his treatment is still considered controversial by some in the medical establishment. He died one day before his 94th birthday and the release of a new documentary about him, called “All the Rage (Saved by Sarno).”

Interview movers before hiring one



Heloise

Dear Heloise: Summer-time is often moving season. My husband's company is relocating us across the country. These are my favorite hints when hiring a moving company:

There are dozens of moving companies out there, but I picked three to interview. That's enough to get an idea of what companies are offering, rates, how the industry works, etc.

So that I would be on the same wavelength as my movers, I had to understand if they were going to help me unpack, what heavy objects they would lift and if they would disassemble and assemble items.

Once I had chosen the moving company, I had them come out and look at everything that needed to be moved. They have a tool

on their website for this, but nothing beats an experienced mover's assessment.

Questions are key, especially about insurance: Is my property covered if it is damaged? Are your workers bonded? (“Bonded” means my things will be covered in the highly unlikely event of vandalism or theft.)

Moving is one of the most stressful events in a family's life, but asking the right questions and hiring the right team will help tremendously.

HELEN L. IN NEW YORK

Dear Readers: Cheap hair

shampoo has many uses around the house. Here are a few:

- ◆ Makes a good bubble bath in a pinch.
- ◆ Washes lingerie when traveling.
- ◆ Makes an adhesive strip loosen for easier removal.
- ◆ Works as a laundry pretreater, especially for ring around the collar.

I've compiled my favorite clothing-stain cleaning hints into a handy pamphlet. Would you like to receive one? Visit www.Heloise.com to order, or send \$5, along with a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope, to: Heloise/Stain, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Make sure all cleaners in your home are clearly labeled.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I have a magnetic paper pad on my fridge along with a pen. When I make my shopping list, I write it down, but I start at the bottom of the paper and write going up.

This way, I just tear off the part of the list that I need, and conserve the rest of that long page for the next items. Why waste paper?

RUSTI S. IN HOUSTON

Dear Heloise: My parents were frugal and big savers. One hint they shared with me: Plan ahead. I'm shopping now and looking around for sales and discounts on gifts for the holiday season.

HELEN B. IN MONTANA

Dear Heloise: I wish people would realize that there

are some who have allergies; one of mine is to perfume. I was at a restaurant, and pretty soon my throat was burning! A tiny bit of perfume is not offensive.

MARTHA S., Beardstown, Ill.

Dear Heloise: My family taught me this at the dinner table: When someone says, “Please pass the salt,” pass both the salt and the pepper. They are not to be divorced!

I thought this was cute, and courteous!

ELLIE S. IN ARIZONA

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, fax it to 210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com.
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REUNIONS

◆ **Austintown Fitch Class of 1956** will host its first monthly breakfast at 9 a.m. Thursday at Denny's on Mahoning Avenue. For information, call Jerry or John Africa at 330-533-1418 or Ann Stertzbach at 330-530-3211.

◆ **Austintown Fitch Class of 1965** will celebrate a 70th birthday party for the group at the Saxon Club pavilion starting at 6 p.m., Aug. 5. The cost is \$10. Reservations are due by Saturday to Connie Sinchak, 5697 Tullane Ave., Austintown, OH 44515. Checks should be made payable to: Austintown Fitch Class of 1965. For information, email 1965Fitch@gmail.com

◆ **Austintown Fitch High School Class of 1977** will have its 40th reunion from 7 to 11 p.m. Sept. 2 at St. Joseph Church social hall, 4545 New Road. The cost is \$35 per person and BYOB (coffee and pop provided). Registration will be at 6:30, welcome at 7 and a buffet dinner at 7:30. Music and entertainment will be provided; the event is casual. There also will be a mixer at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at JR's Pub, 1722 S. Raccoon Road. Cash food and bar will be available. Send check or money order payable to AFHS Class of 1977, P.O. Box 4745, Austintown, OH 44515, by Aug. 1.

◆ **Boardman High School Class of 1967** will celebrate its 50th reunion during Labor Day weekend. Meet and Greet will take place from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 1 at Holiday Inn, Boardman. Sept. 2 will be a tour of Boardman High School, golfing and a banquet at Mr. Anthony's from 6 to 10:30 p.m. A picnic in Boardman Park will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 3. Reservations requested by July 28 to BHSpartan67@aol.com.

◆ **Campbell Memorial High School Class of 1956** will meet for brunch at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bedford Trails Golf Course in Coitsville. Guests are welcome.

◆ **Campbell Memorial High School Class of 1965** will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday at Luva Bella Winery, 6597 Center Road, Lowellville. For information, call Jackie Black at 330-755-8496 or Sandy Mangiarelli Redeske at 330-755-5192.

◆ **Campbell Memorial High School Class of 1967** will host a gathering at 6 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Magic Tree Pub, 7463 South Ave., Boardman. Guests are welcome. For information and to reserve a seat, call Janet Lisko Ruberto 330-506-3411 or email lisko.janet@mail.com.

◆ **Cardinal Mooney High School Class of 1956** will host a gathering at 6 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Magic Tree Pub, 7463 South Ave., Boardman. Guests are welcome. For information and to reserve a seat, call Janet Lisko Ruberto 330-506-3411 or email lisko.janet@mail.com.

◆ **School Class of 1963** will celebrate its 55-year class reunion at 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at Johnny's Fine Food & Spirits, 7807 Market St., Boardman. For information, call Ginger Leone Kubala at 330-757-4591 or Andrea Marsch Neri at 330-534-2134.

◆ **Chalker Norton Viets Family Reunion** will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 6 at Paradise Lake Family Campground, 1604 Housel Craft Road, Bristolville. Buffet dinner begins at 1 p.m. Chicken, lemonade and water will be provided. All family members are asked to take a covered dish to share and bring your own table service. Activities included are swimming, basketball, paddle boats, golf-cart rentals and more. For information and reservations, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events>.

◆ **Chaney High School Class of 1967** will host its 50th class reunion at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at St. George Croatian Hall, 3200 Vestal Road.

◆ **Mohawk Area Alumni Association** will meet at 6 p.m. Aug. 6 for its ninth reunion. The Class of 1967 will be honored for its 50th anniversary. Class of 1966 will handle registration, and the Class of 1968 will be in charge of refreshments. All graduates, attendees, teachers and workers of Bessemer-Mahoning Township, Big Beaver Township, Mt. Jackson-Enon Valley, New Beaver Boro-Wampum schools are invited. Dress is casual. For information, call Charlotte McCalla Oliver, president at 724-336-5958.

◆ **Poland Seminary High School Class of 1957** will host its 60-year class reunion with an outdoor barbecue Sept. 2. For information or reservations, call Bev Kalmer at 330-774-4460.

◆ **Poland Seminary High School Class of 1967** will host its 50th class reunion at 6 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Holiday Inn in Boardman. There will be a buffet, cash bar and time to get reacquainted. Cost is \$25. To register, visit RNLO1949@AOL.COM before July 30.

◆ **South High School Class of 1967** will host its 50th reunion Sept. 2 and 3. Classmates who did not receive a letter are asked to contact the committee so that the mailing list can be updated. Teachers are also invited. For information, call Anita at 330-727-3009 or Genie at 330-503-6501 and leave a callback message.

◆ **South High School Class of 1982** will celebrate its 35-year

class reunion at 6:00 p.m. Sept. 30 with a dinner cruise on the Gateway Clipper, 350 W. Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh. Class members are asked to send their registration fee of \$75, check or money order, to class treasurer, LaTonya Thompkins McDowell, SHS Class of 1982, P.O. Box 11182, Youngstown, OH 44511-9998. For information, call Madonna Chism Pinkard at 330-747-7982 or email chismgirl@aol.com.

◆ **Springfield Local High School Class of 1967** will host its 50th class reunion at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Roadhouse, 10499 Main St., New Middletown for cocktails and 6 p.m. Sept. 9 for dinner and dance at Kathi's Dance & Gym Center, 10825 Springfield Road, Poland.

◆ **Villa Maria High School Class of 1981** will have its 36th reunion from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 3 at Davidson's Restaurant, 3636 Canfield Road, Cornersburg. The cost is \$10 which includes a salad and a favor. Those attending can order from the menu. On the agenda will be reconnecting and reminiscing. For more information, call Terrie Connelly Geisel at 484-505-8169 or email geiselt63@hotmail.com.

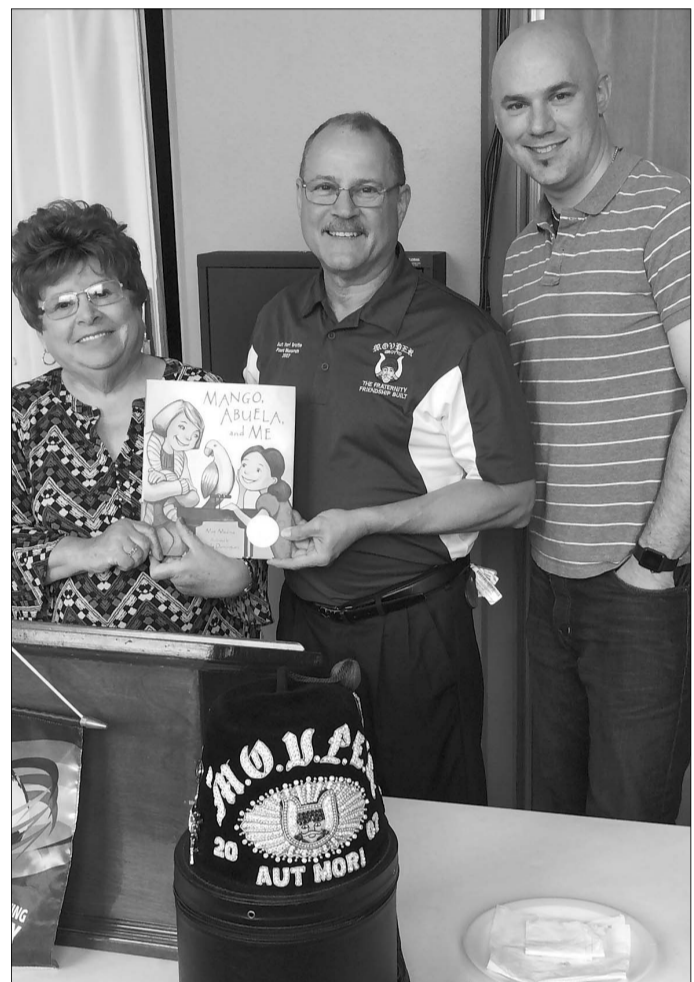
◆ **Woodrow Wilson High School Class of 1961** will meet at 10 a.m. next Tuesday at TJ's Restaurant at the Holiday Inn, Boardman. All class members and guests are invited.

◆ **Woodrow Wilson High School Class of 1962** will have its 55th class reunion Aug. 11 and 12 at the Saxon Club. For information or to register, call Irene Dankovich Junkin at 330-788-2036. Any classmates who have not received invitations should contact Irene.

◆ **Woodrow Wilson High School Class of 1965** will meet for lunch at noon Thursday at O'Charley's Restaurant & Bar, 930 Windham Court, Boardman. Guests are welcome.

◆ **Youngstown Hospital Association Nursing Alumni Organization** needs graduates of the class of 1967 to be honored at the annual banquet Oct. 7 at the Tippecanoe Country Club, 5870 Tippecanoe Road, Canfield. If you are a graduate of YHA class of 1967 or a friend or family member of one, call Georgia at 330-534-2773.

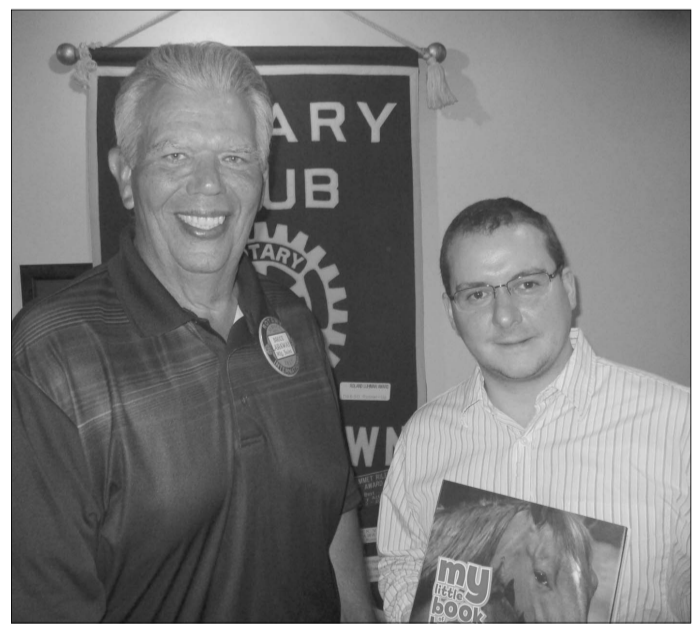
Upcoming reunions are published Tuesdays. Please submit information about class and family gatherings to the Society Department by 5 p.m. Friday.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Grotto clown speaks to Rotary

Pastor James Berkebile of the Struthers Rotary Club hosted Chuck Pompeii of the Aut Mori Grotto Clowns as speaker at a recent Rotary meeting. Pompeii discussed the history of the Aut Mori Grotto and listed many groups they support, such as cerebral palsy treatment, Muscular Dystrophy, Intellectual Disability/Down Syndrome, Organ Transplant Surgery and dental assistance for special needs community members. Pompeii, also known as “Loudmouth,” has been active in the clown unit for 30 years. For information about the Humanitarian Foundation, visit www.hfgrotto.org. Above from left are JoAnn Sweeney, Struthers Rotary president; Pompeii; and Pastor Berkebile. A book was donated in Pompeii's name to be placed in the Struthers Elementary School Library.



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Above, Austintown Rotary president Bruce Laraway, left, presents a book to Adam Zagotti, representative of the American Guild of Organists, that will be placed in his honor in the Austintown Elementary School library. The guild held a convention in Youngstown recently for the first time since 1926.

Regional organists convene, perform in Youngstown

YOUNGSTOWN The Great Lakes Regional Convention of Organists met in Youngstown from July 2 through 5.

Well-known local and national organists performed for the convention's concerts and workshops. Adam Zagotti, a representative of the American Guild of Organists, spoke to members of the Austintown Rotary Club and expressed thanks to the local arts community for underwriting and providing donations that made the event possible in Youngstown for the first time since 1926. For more information, go to www.ago.com.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

DAR chapter welcomes new officers

Mahoning Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently inducted officers for the 2017-19 term. They are: Sarah Keeler, regent; Jennifer Phillips, vice regent; Marty Campana, chaplain; Carol Haynes, recording secretary; Janet Bender, conference secretary; Autumn McDonald, treasurer; Kimberly Bland, registrar; Bonnie Sue Casto, historian and librarian; and Dolores Ronzi, parliamentarian. Major Polly Orcutt from the Air Force Reserve Station in Vienna spoke about aerial spray missions to control insects and unwanted vegetation and that the Hercules must be ready to deploy within 72 hours. The chapter's “Wool Brigade” knitted 185 scarves to be sent to Operation Gratitude headquarters for troops. Pictured above from left are Keeler, Phillips, Campana, Bland, Haynes, Bender, Casto and McDonald. Missing from picture is Ronzi.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday! In The Next Year: Your approach is simple: They treat you well; you'll treat them even better, and this will start a snowball effect of positivity.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Country music star Luke Bryan channels his water-sign energy into songs such as "Rain Is a Good Thing," "Shore Thing" and "Shake the Sand."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Airplane pilots know that getting off the ground depends on the opposing force of the wind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want the best and will approach all things with an eye toward quality, even when you're out of your element.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your significance is a given; don't doubt it now or ever. Today, in lieu of doing one great big thing, you will execute a series of great little things.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your mood may not start out so warm and fuzzy, but you can improve the quality of it by changing the channel on your thoughts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not about having good cards; it's about playing whatever cards you're dealt to the best advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). All things being equal, most things aren't. That is to say, everything has its own unique qualities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe this day isn't happening to you so much as for you. Try out that framework and see if it doesn't actually seem like a better fit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). They shouldn't tell you no. If the sign has it inside a circle with a line through it, it will be extra appealing to you today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be tenacious as a side-walk weed. Find a place to grow through through the hard parts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today's events seem to swing and sputter and combust like some kind of newly forming invention in a science lab.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The heart is a better healer than the head. The heart will keep it simple, pumping oxygenated lifeblood into the situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). How you start out will set the tone for your entire day. There's a key piece of your routine that could really use a good tweak.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: What is the connection between the Greek goddess Artemis and the sign of Taurus? This is my sign, and I am interested in all things related to Taurus.

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

Table with columns for time slots (7/18/17, 6:30, 7 pm, 7:30, 8 pm, 8:30, 9 pm, 9:30, 10 pm, 10:30, 11 pm, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (21-WFJM-NBC, 21.2-WBCB-CW, 27-WKBN-CBS, 33-WYTV-ABC, 33.2-MYTV, 45-WNEO-PBS, 19-WYFX-Fox, A&E, AMC, BET, BRAVO, COM, DIS, DISC, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREE, FS1, FSO, FX, HALL, HBO, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, NICK, ROOT, SHOW, SPIKE, STO, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRVL, TVLAND, USA, VH1).

MOVIES

YEARS AGO

Today is Tuesday, July 18, the 199th day of 2017. There are 166 days left in the year.

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On this date in:

- A.D. 64: The Great Fire of Rome begins, consuming most of the city for about a week. (Some blamed the fire on Emperor Nero, who in turn blamed Christians.)
1536: The English Parliament passes an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England.
1792: American naval hero John Paul Jones dies in Paris at age 45.

VINDICATOR FILES

- 1992: The Edward J. DeBartolo Corp. agrees to sell its interest in the Higbee Co., a Cleveland-based department store chain, to Dillard Department Stores Inc.
The Ohio Ballet performs at Warren's Celebration on the Square.
Joseph Rottenborn, assistant superintendent of Canfield Schools, tells parents that students who are learning reading through the "whole language" curriculum do not use workbooks.



21 NEWS WEEKNIGHTS 6 & 11PM. Includes social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, and the website wfmj.com.

ODDLY ENOUGH

11-year-old pulled over for speeding in Texas

DALLAS — When police in Pasadena, just southeast of Houston, pulled over a car for driving 49 mph in a 35-mph zone last week, they found an 11-year-old girl behind the wheel.

The girl, who was driving home from her aunt's house Friday with her 10-year-old brother in the car, said it wasn't the first time she had driven — though it was the first without an adult in the car.

According to Vance Mitchell of the Pasadena Police Department, the aunt asked the mother, 25-year-old Maria DeJesus Lopez, if it would be OK for the girl to drive her and her brother home.

Lopez consented, he said. When police took the children home, Lopez confirmed that she gave her daughter permission to drive,

police said. Lopez has been charged with two counts of child endangering.

Me want cocaine? Drugs found inside Cookie Monster doll

MARATHON, FLA. — A stash of cocaine hidden inside a Cookie Monster doll has landed a Florida man in jail on a drug charge.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office said in a news release Wednesday that 39-year-old Camus McNair was arrested after a traffic stop in the Florida Keys involving a car with heavily tinted windows and an obscured license plate.

A deputy smelled marijuana odor after pulling over McNair's car, then searched a backpack in the car and found the Cookie Monster doll. The deputy noticed the doll seemed heavier than it should and a slit had been cut into it.

Authorities say about 11 ounces

of cocaine was found inside the doll. McNair was jailed, with bail set at \$7,000. Jail records did not list an attorney for him.

Maine driver calls on police to get coiled snake from car

AUBURN, MAINE — A Maine driver got the scare of his life when he found a snake in his car.

The unidentified driver called the Auburn police July 11, telling a dispatcher that he was afraid of snakes and would rather burn his car than touch the garter snake that was coiled in his car door.

The police, who noted the unusual nature of the call in a Facebook post, sent Officer Travis Barnies to assist the driver. Barnies removed the snake, then got a selfie with it before releasing the foot-long snake into the wild unharmed.

Combined dispatches

JUMBLE AND CROSSWORD

07/18/17

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble grid with words GAUVE, TOMOT, RNINEW, CROTHO and a grid for the answer here.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Scrambled word game illustration showing a submarine and a hot air balloon with a puzzle grid.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: GAUVE - TOMOT. (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: APART FRONT IMPORT HUDDLE Answer: When they sang songs at the summit, they sang them — FROM THE TOP

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

Level: Beginner

ACROSS

- 1 Spoil
4 Meditation practice
7 Coup d'--
11 Summer quaff
12 Field of study
14 Puerto --
15 Raccoon's hands
17 Count -- --!

DOWN

- 1 "Kon-Tiki" craft
2 Smell
3 Prefix for "trillion"
4 Used a microwave
5 Delete
6 Unfamiliar
7 Weasel, in winter
8 Stratum
9 Battery fluid
10 Coal measures
13 On horseback
16 Implant
20 -- cow!

- 41 Muscle-car dial
42 Feverish chill
43 Quick letter
45 Taunt
46 Sale words (hyph.)
47 Buy stuff
50 Gold medal org.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid for yesterday's crossword answer with words like SHAD, GPA, WACO, ENTERTES, ACE, JAI, SOTTO, CULLED, SHOE, KATE, WED, END, FEDS, SEER, OODLES, DUSTS, EON, FUN, SEWN, OOLONG, CLASHING, IGOR, ABS, ERIE, TERI, RAH, RELY, EAT.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-56 indicating starting positions for clues.

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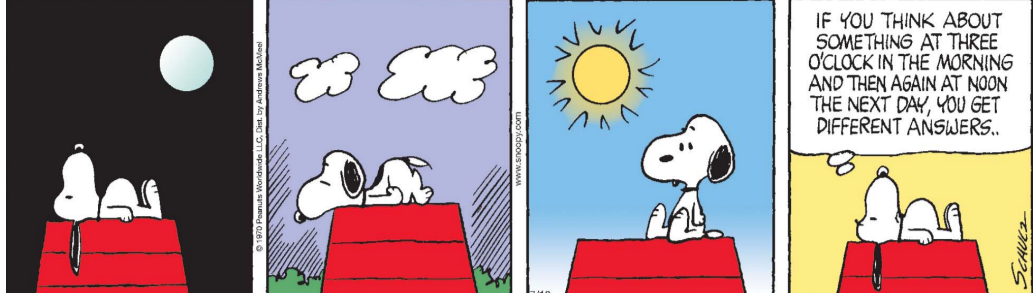
Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

3x3 grid of numbers used for the Sudoku puzzle.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PEANUTS



PICKLES



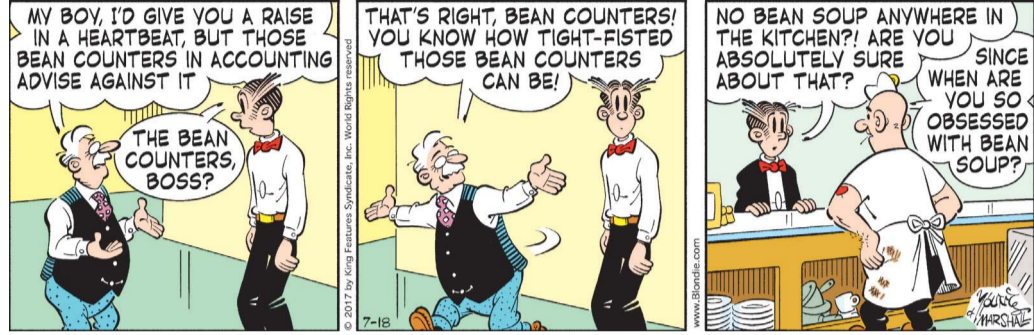
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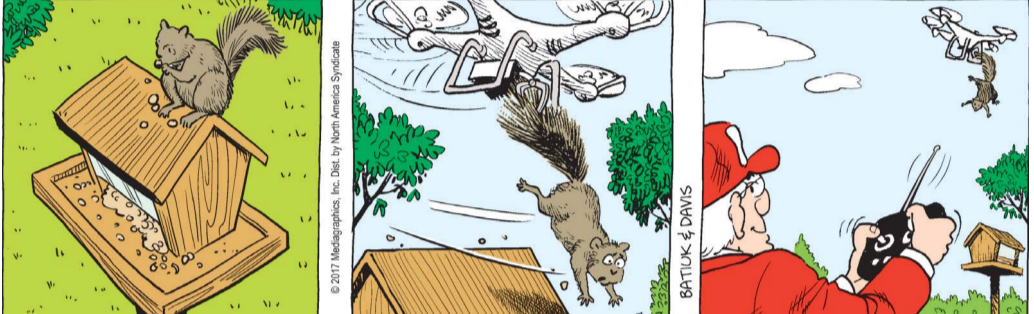
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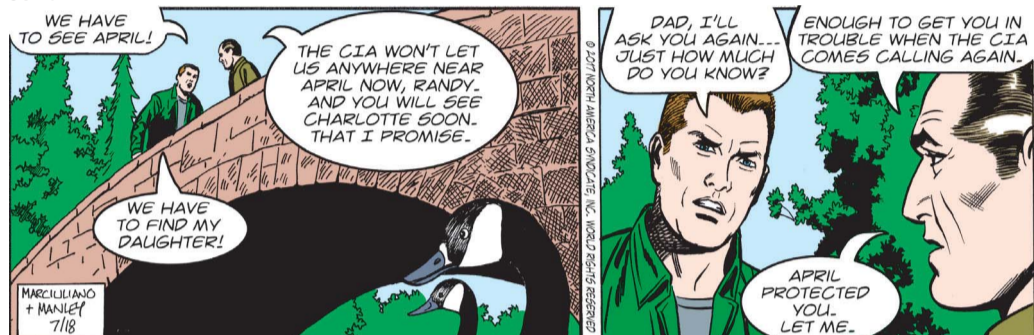
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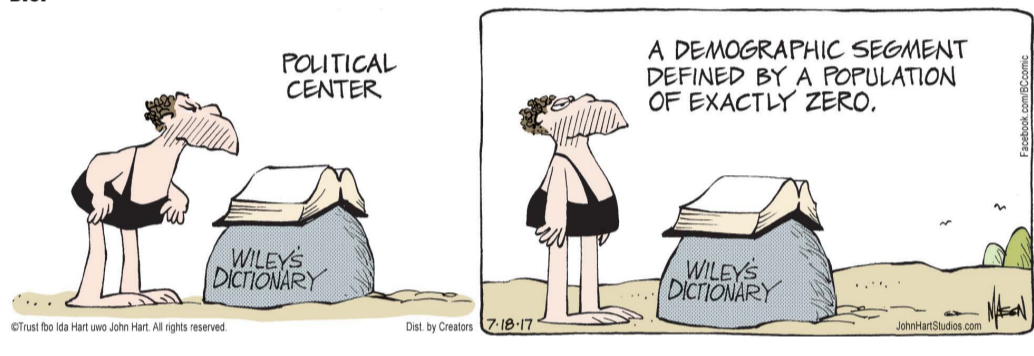
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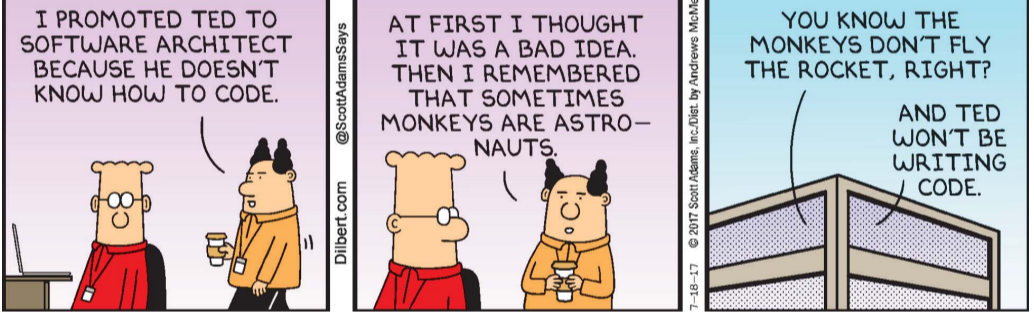
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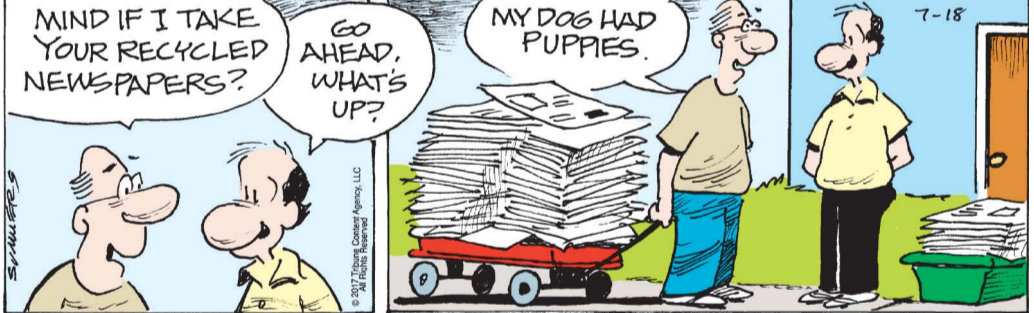
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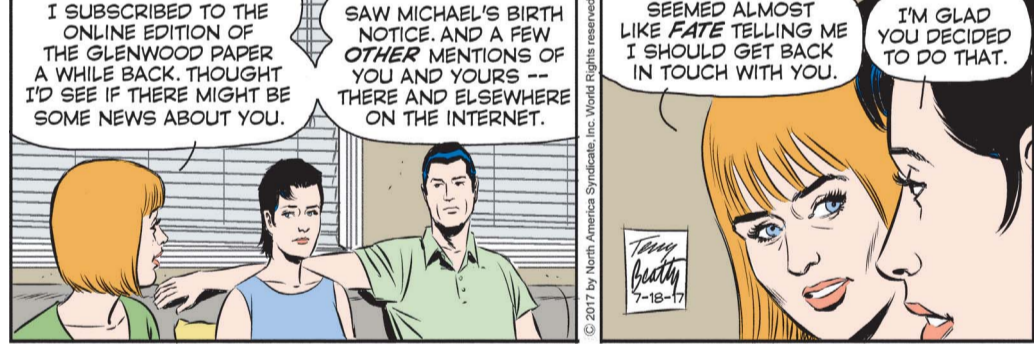
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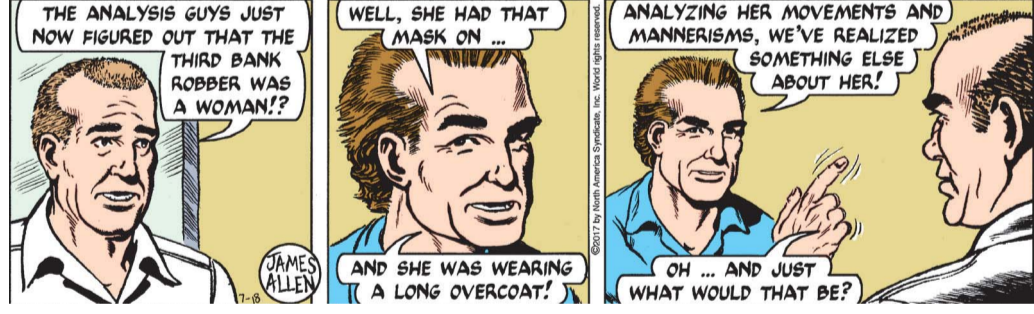
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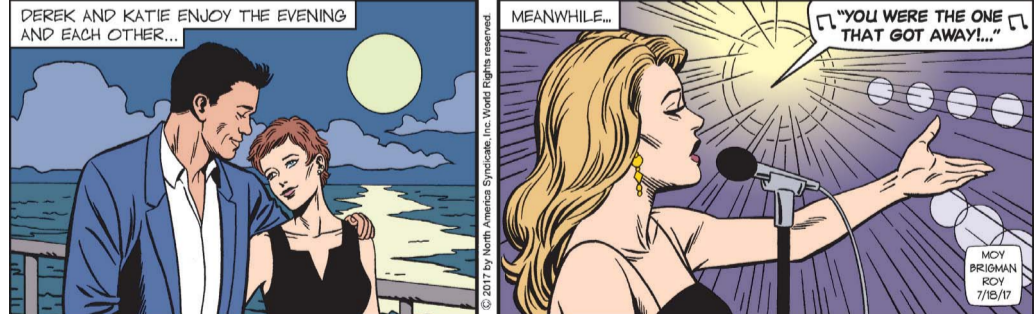
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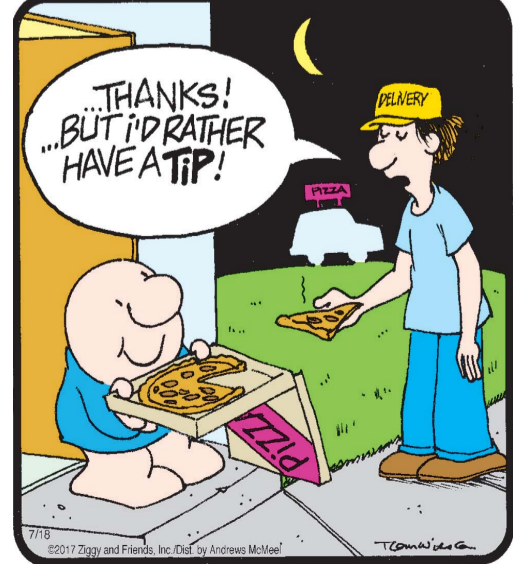
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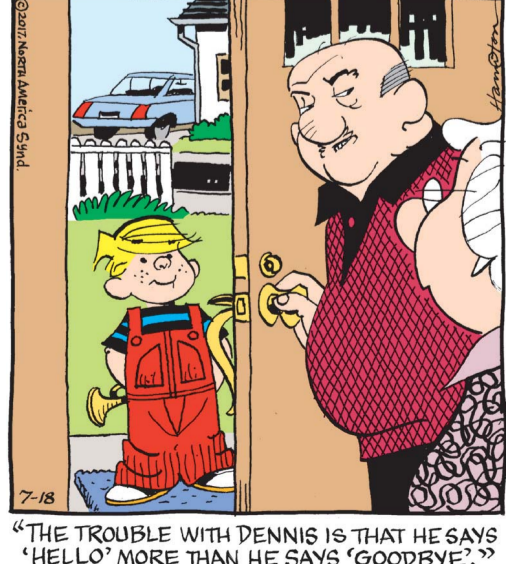
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