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YPD: Trump visit will impact downtown traffic

*Counter-rally planned Tuesday; some streets will be shut down*By DAVID SKOLNICK
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City Police Chief Robin Lees says people should avoid the downtown in the hours before President Donald Trump speaks Tuesday at the Covelli Centre.

Lees met with the U.S. Secret Service on Thursday to help plan security for the event and

said that the entire east end of the downtown basically will be shut down in preparation for the president's visit.

Trump is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. at the center, 229 E. Front St. The doors to the venue open at 4 p.m.

Additionally, Lees said people should avoid the downtown area between 3 and 8 p.m.

"If you don't have to be here, don't come down here," Lees said.

Lees also said a list of streets to be closed for the president's arrival will be known shortly before the event. He said traffic patterns around the downtown area will be affected by the visit as well.

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan

is criticizing Trump for coming to Youngstown for a rally rather than focus on the important issues facing the country.

"During the last six months, he's not followed through on what he promised," Ryan, of Howland, D-13th, said Thursday during a conference call with reporters.

During last year's presidential campaign, Trump, a Republican, spoke of reopening steel mills and coal mines, labeling China

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TRUMP RALLY | If you go

Donald Trump will make his first visit to Youngstown as president during a rally Tuesday night at the Covelli Centre.

♦ To register to get up to two tickets, fill out a form at www.donaldtrump.com/rallies/youngstown-oh/

♦ The downtown event center is at 229 E. Front St.

♦ The event is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 4 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Italian Festival serves up food and fun

A TASTE OF ITALY

By WILLIAM K. ALCORN
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THE 19TH ANNUAL Our Lady of Mount Carmel Italian Festival has something for everybody – food, entertainment and people-watching.

The festival, which opened Thursday with a Little Prince and Princess Pageant, runs from 5 to 11 p.m. today and Saturday and 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday on Via Mount Carmel, downtown.

The official opening ceremonies are from 7 to 8 p.m. today, when the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award and three \$1,000 Youngstown State University scholarships will be awarded, said Frank Frattaroli, festival chairman.

"It's family oriented. We cater to the people, with indoor restrooms, shelter from inclement weather in the social hall or a 1,000-seat tent, buses that transport people around the downtown area and golf carts that take festivalgoers from parking lots to the festival area and back," Frattaroli said.

Jim Loboy, 33 WYTV weatherman, was emcee of the Prince and Princess Pageant, chaired by Carmella Crump, which featured 15 girls and five boys, age 4 to 9, and proved Art Linkletter's contention that "kids say the darnedest things."

When asked if they had boyfriends or girlfriends, most of them answered with emphatic "no's," except a couple of the princess candidates who blushingly admitted they had boyfriends—and even named them.

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Mia Tieche, 4, of Canfield and Gianni Tocco, 8, of Poland were crowned winners of the Little Prince and Princess Pageant during the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Italian Festival on Thursday downtown.

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MORE THAN JUST LOOKS

Visual splendor isn't enough to lift "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets," a film critic writes.

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4 disputed parcels reassigned back to Poland school district

By JUSTIN WIER
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Four disputed parcels, one of which was the subject of a lawsuit, were reassigned to the Poland Local School District after briefly being considered part of the Struthers City School District.

Mahoning County Auditor Ralph Meacham sent a letter to owners dated Oct. 31, 2016, saying the parcels, at the time part of the Po-



land school district, had been assigned to the incorrect district. The auditor's office changed the record at the beginning of the year, moving the parcels to the Struthers school district.

"It was based upon a couple of records within the auditor's office," said George Briach, an assistant county prosecutor who works with the auditor's office.

At the time, it was believed the auditor was correcting a clerical error.

Then, the auditor's office found a tax map assigning the parcels to Poland schools.

"We now had documents

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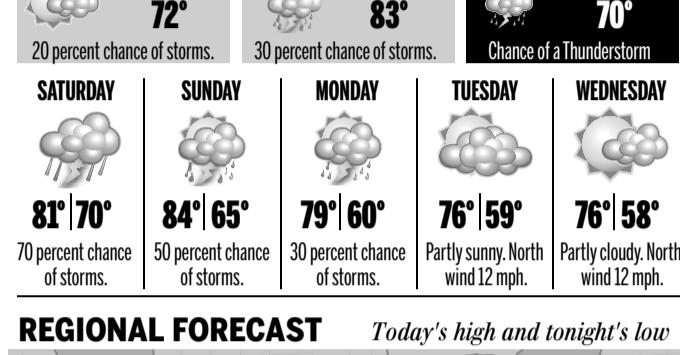
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Source: National Retail Federation

The estimated total combined back-to-school spending from elementary school through college this year, a more than 10 percent increase from last year's \$75.8 billion, the second-highest spending level on record, according to the National Retail Federation's annual survey conducted by Prosper Insights and Analytics.

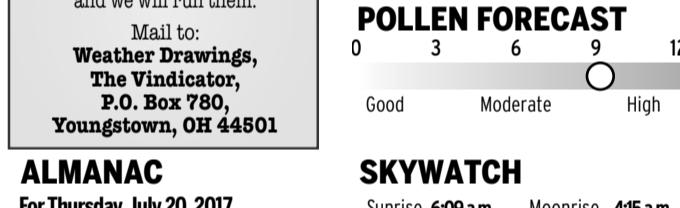
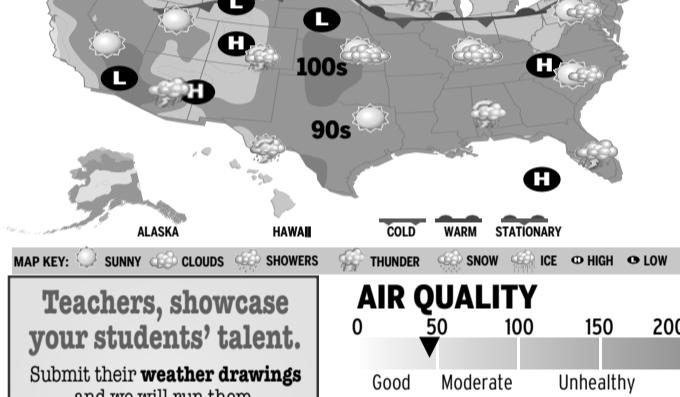
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Precipitation 0.09.....Normal 0.15

Precip. this month 2.06.....Normal 2.83

Precip. this year 30.20.....Normal 21.50

Average wind velocity.....5 mph

High humidity.....87% at 3:22 p.m.

Low humidity.....87% at 3:22 p.m.

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Board OKs spending

YOUNGSTOWN

The city's board of control approved spending \$11,954 to beautify the South Avenue corridor. The board voted Thursday to spend \$8,000 for 24 concrete flower pots and \$3,954 for a "Welcome to the South Ave. Corridor" sign that will be erected near the Himrod Avenue Expressway ramp. The work will start in August.

New contract

YOUNGSTOWN

The Mahoning County commissioners accepted a fact finder's report between Mahoning County Clerk of Courts Anthony Vivo and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local, Ohio Council 9 and Local 3956.

The previous contract expired Dec. 31 and continuing negotiations led to the fact-finding process. The new contract, which affects about 57 employees in the clerk's office, extends for three years from Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2019.

Road restrictions

LIBERTY

Liberty Street under Interstate 80 will be closed from 2 to 10 a.m. today for bridge work. The detour will be Motor Inn Drive to state Route 193 (Belmont Avenue).

Additionally, Liberty Street between Motor Inn and Belmont Avenue is restricted to one lane. That restriction will last until late August.

This work is part of a \$91.5 million project to widen I-80 between state Route 11 and Route 193. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by late July 2018.

Road to close

HOWLAND

North Road, between Atlantic and East Market streets, will be closed from Monday until July 29, due to culvert replacement by the Trumbull County Engineer's office. The recommended detour route is west on Atlantic, south on Genesee Avenue and east on East Market.

Giveaway planned

YOUNGSTOWN

The East Side Crime Watch, 1001 Oak St., on the corner of Fruit Street, will host a food and clothing giveaway from 10 a.m. to noon today. Recipients are asked to bring identification and bags.

Summer tour stop

YOUNGSTOWN

Ohio State University Extension's Farms and Gardens Summer Tour Series stops next week at the gardens at Chaney High School and Rayen Early College Intermediate School.

"Local Flavor 2017, Growing Local Foods: Urban Farms and Gardens Summer Tour Series" will be at the schools, both housed at Chaney, 731 S. Hazelwood Ave., at 6 p.m. Monday.

Staff from Ohio State University Extension's Mahoning County office as well as trained master gardener volunteers will inform attendees about growing practices, helpful tips, soils, organic production and more.

Those attending should bring lawn chairs, a notepad and any weeds, insects or diseased plants to have the experts diagnose garden ailments.

More digest on A5

Surplus food

Austintown Community Church

242 S. Canfield-Niles Road, various commodities, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday for those living in ZIP code areas 44509, 44511 and 44515. Recipients must bring identification and containers.

People's Chapel Church of God, 2145 Hillman St., Youngstown, various commodities, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday. Photo identification required. For residents living in ZIP code areas 44505, 44507 and 44511.

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

Annual Inspiring Minds finale event celebrates ...

Summer success



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Christian Buford, left, and Wayne Harris, both 11, speak during the Inspiring Minds event at Harding High School in Warren on Thursday. Inspiring Minds is a summer education program based in the Warren City Schools.

By AMANDA TONOLI
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WARREN

More than 300 students and their families celebrated summer accomplishments Thursday afternoon at the sixth annual Inspiring Minds summer finale event at Warren G. Harding High.

Inspiring Minds is a free six-week program for students in third through 12th grades. They participated in continuing education to prevent summer learning loss. Offerings included art, sports, swimming lessons, community service, college visits, industry tours,

cooking lessons and field trips.

Several community members including Mayor Doug Franklin and representatives from Warren City Community Development, Warren City Schools,

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Sydney Johnson, an Inspiring Minds staff member, left, hugs Cherish Green, 11, during Thursday's event.

NILES

Mayor hopes new plan can move city out of fiscal emergency

By ED RUNYAN
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NILES

Mayor Thomas Scarneccchia and city council have provided the city's fiscal commission with a seventh try at a fiscal recovery plan.

The purpose of the plan is to "restore the fiscal integrity of the city" and serve as a "master plan" by which all future appropriation measures must comply, the 22-page document says.

The biggest change in the plan, compared with the last one, is turning over income-tax collections to the Regional Income Taxing Agency and eliminating the city's income tax department.

The switch to RITA will begin immediately with collection of six months of data. Full collection by RITA will begin Jan. 1.

One of the tax department's three employees is retiring, and the other two will work in other departments, Scarneccchia said.

The change saves the city \$42,000 per year compared with current costs, and RITA has the potential to deliver additional revenue to the city, possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars per year in tax collections, said Ed Stredney, Niles service director.

Another increase in revenue in the plan is a \$10 increase in license-plate fees, which will raise at least

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Girard City Schools teacher faces charge of disorderly conduct

Decision expected within 10 days

By SARAH LEHR
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Jennifer Santangelo on Sept. 27.

GIRARD

Girard Municipal Court Judge Jeffrey Adler expects to issue a decision from the bench within 10 days in the case of a Girard City Schools teacher accused of disorderly conduct.

The 39-year-old teacher, Daniel J. Nagle of Struthers, appeared for a trial Thursday on the misdemeanor charge.

Girard police filed the disorderly-conduct charge against Nagle due to a complaint that Nagle had acted in a threatening manner after being written up by Junior High School Principal

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Sarcoidosis initiative aims to raise awareness

Event set Thursday at McGuffey Centre

By WILLIAM K. ALCORN
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YOUNGSTOWN

Chiropractor Dr. Jason C. Tripp of Hermitage, Pa., is guest speaker for the inaugural Sgt. Wilbur Lee Fish Jr. Sarcoidosis Initiative at 5 p.m. Thursday at McGuffey Centre, 1649 Jacobs Road.

Tripp Chiropractic & Nutrition, 155 N. Hermitage Road, is a local health and wellness clinic serving clients in the Hermitage, Pa., area.

The goal of the Sarcoidosis initiative is to provide criti-

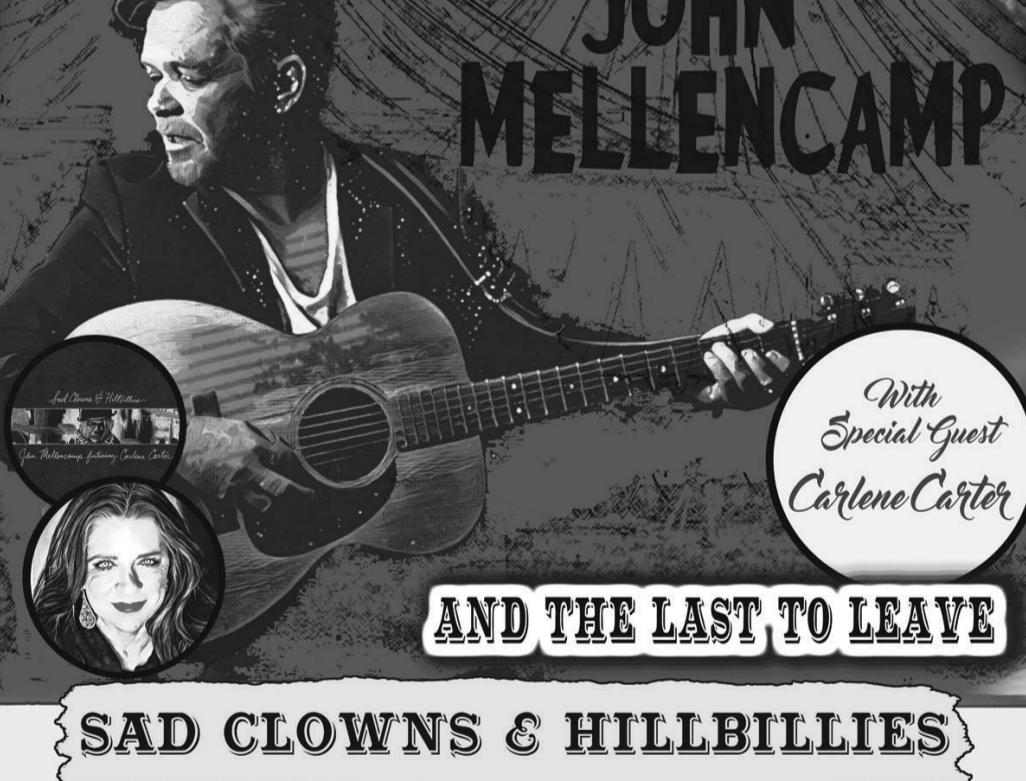
cal information on the so-called "silent killer disease," said Gwendolyn Fish, event coordinator, whose son, Sgt. Wilbur Lee Fish Jr. died from the inflammatory disease.

"My son had no warning signs. In April, 2013, he had his annual physical at Fort Detrick, Md., where he was employed as a biochemist. On May 11, 2013, he said good night to me, rolled out of bed and was dead at 47. He left a wife of 18 years and a 2-year-old son too soon," his

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TRUMP

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as a currency manipulator, creating a jobs program, reforming health care and "draining the swamp" in Washington, D.C.

"He's gone against a lot of the things he said he was going to do," said Ryan, who added about Trump: "He was selling everybody a bill of goods."

Ryan called Trump "the master of the shiny object," in which he persuades people to look at something else in an effort to distract from the controversy that surrounds him.

Mahoning County Democrats and other local Democratic and progressive groups will have a counter-rally from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday on Central Square

to protest Trump's efforts to change the nation's health-care system and to call on the president to create jobs.

"We're putting forth our message: promises made [by Trump] and promises broken," said county Democratic Party Chairman David Betras. Trump is "having a rally to make himself feel good and not to propose ways to bring back jobs, protect pensions and increase wages. He's not coming here to announce a new initiative on infrastructure or jobs or manufacturing. I wish he was. I'm looking for him to deliver on the promises he made to the Valley."

In response, county Re-



Ryan

blican Party vice chairwoman Tracey Winbush, who ran Trump's campaign in the county, said: "Congress lays the foundation for the president to administrate. When the honorable Congressman Tim Ryan along with the entire House of Representatives and U.S. Senate stop playing political games and begin to put America first and do their job, then we can have a conversation about distraction. But until then, be thankful we have an administration led by President Trump willing to pay attention to the Mahoning Valley. The president cannot sign what is not there, and bipartisanship is the only way to truly 'Make America Great Again.' Now protest on that."

To register to get up to two tickets for Trump's rally, fill out a form at www.donaldjtrump.com/rallies/youngstown-oh/

[donaldjtrump.com/rallies/youngstown-oh/](http://www.donaldjtrump.com/rallies/youngstown-oh/)

Trump campaigned in the area three times last year during the 2016 presidential campaign: March 14, the day before the Republican primary, at Winner Aviation; Aug. 15 for a policy speech on immigration at Youngstown State University; and Sept. 5 for a brief stop at the Canfield Fair.

Trump lost Mahoning County in last year's election to Hillary Clinton 49.9 percent to 46.6 percent, the best showing for a Republican in the Democratic stronghold since Richard Nixon's victory in 1972. Trump became the first Republican to win Trumbull County since Nixon in 1972, capturing 50.7 percent of the vote to 44.5 percent for Clinton, a Democrat.

PARCELS

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that were not necessarily consistent with one another," Briach said.

That makes the designation a matter of judgment, which is outside the auditor's jurisdiction, he said.

The change had prompted a lawsuit earlier this month filed by the Arthur Dean Worsencroft Trust, which owns a 41-acre parcel it is preparing for residential development.

At the time, Alan Wenger, who represents the Worsencroft trust, said the development was planned under the belief that it was in the Poland school district.

"The applicable school district is a big deal," Wenger told *The Vindicator*.

After this week's decision to reverse the change in school districts, Wenger voluntarily revoked the lawsuit.

A house sits on the other three parcels, which are north of the Worsencroft parcel.

The current tax map, which recently was up-

dated, shows the parcels as part of the Struthers City School District. A 2016 tax map, however, shows them as part of the Poland Local School District.

Colleen Shirilla lives across from the affected parcels. She believed the properties were always part of Struthers schools, and she was angered by the dispute. Many of her neighbors are as well, she said.

"We feel insulted that they're bashing the Struthers school district," Shirilla said. "What makes them think that we're some Po-dunk people who shouldn't be allowed to have a project like this in our school district."

When the lawsuit initially was filed, Wenger said there was no record of the property belonging to a district other than Poland schools.

"We believe this parcel has been in Poland schools as long as there have been school districts in Mahoning County," Wenger said.

The matter could be submitted to the board of revision, Briach said, and the affected parties could argue the merits of which assignment is appropriate.

O.J.

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memorabilia he claimed had been stolen from him.

During the more than hourlong hearing on live TV, Simpson was, by turns, remorseful, jovial and defensive, heatedly insisting the items taken in the armed robbery were "my stuff."

At one point, the murder defendant in the 1995 "Trial of the Century" set off a storm of sarcasm and incredulity on social media when he said: "I've basically spent a conflict-free life, you know."

All four parole commissioners who conducted the hearing voted for his release after a half-hour of deliberations.

They cited, among other things, the low risk he might commit another crime, his community support and his release plans, which include moving to Florida.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you," Simpson said quietly as he buried his head on his chest with relief. As he rose from his seat to return to his prison cell, he exhaled deeply.

Then, as he was led down a hall, the Hall of Fame athlete raised his hands over his head in a victory gesture and said: "Oh, God, oh!"

Simpson was widely expected to win parole, given similar cases and his good behavior behind bars. His defenders have argued, too, that his sentence was out of proportion to the crime and that he was being punished

for the two murders he was acquitted of in Los Angeles in 1995, the stabbings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Inmate No. 1027820

made his plea for freedom in a stark hearing room at the Lovelock Correctional Center in rural Nevada as the parole commissioners questioned him via video from Carson City, a two-hour drive away.

Gray-haired but looking trimmer than he has in recent years, Simpson walked stiffly into the hearing room in jeans, a light-blue prison-issue shirt and sneakers. He chuckled at one point as the parole board chairwoman mistakenly gave his age as 90.

Simpson insisted he never meant to hurt anyone, never pointed a gun and didn't make any threats during the holdup of two sports memorabilia dealers.

"I thought I was glad to get my stuff back, but it just wasn't worth it," he told the board. "It wasn't worth it, and I'm sorry."

Even one of the dealers Simpson robbed, Bruce Fromong, testified on his behalf, telling the parole board that Simpson deserved to be released so he could be with his family.

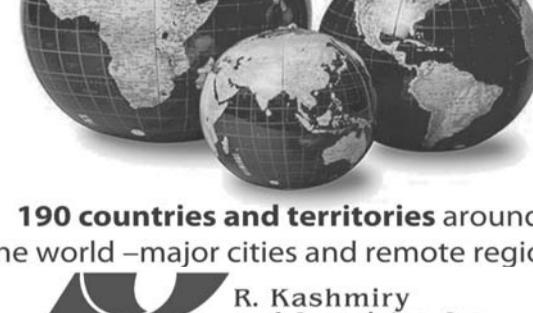
"He is a good man. He made a mistake," Fromong said, adding the two remain friends.

Arnelle Simpson, at 48 the eldest of Simpson's four children, told the board, "We recognize that he is not the perfect man." But she said he has been "a perfect inmate, following all the rules and making the best of the situation."

"We just want him to come home, we really do," she said.

The commissioners said the murder case played no role in their decision, though a majority of letter writers opposed to Simpson's release asked the board to take it into account.

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FESTIVAL

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Interestingly, their favorite subjects in school are technology, science, mathematics and reading. Not surprisingly, their favorite foods are spaghetti and pizza.

Named Princess by a three-member panel of judges was Mia Tieche, 4, of Canfield. Chosen Prince was Gianni Tocco, 8, of Poland.

The festival is a great place for people-watching, said Anthony and Doreen Ghildi of Austintown, who say they will attend the festival every night. They admit they go to as many area Italian festivals as possible.

"I like the food and the beer and the people-watching," said Anthony, a baker for Cornersburg Sparkle Market.

"We used to bring our kids, now we bring our grandkids," said Doreen, a labor and delivery nurse at St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital.



NIKOS FRAZIER | THE VINDICATOR
Carisa Sechrist and her fiancé, Zach Zarzycki, of Boardman walk through the food vendors during the 19th annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel Italian Festival on Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica in downtown Youngstown.



Rosemary Colaizzi of Paisano's Pizza Connection serves up a slice during the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Italian Festival.

INDICTED

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Grafton Correctional Facility, where they were sentenced Wednesday to 17 years each in prison for a string of similar crimes they committed in Columbus.

The two are accused in the death of Joshua Beasley, 34, who was found fatally shot about 5 a.m. Nov. 6 in the parking lot of the Four Seasons Flea Market on McCartney Road just before it opened. Rodway said Beasley had pulled over his motorcycle to text someone when he was killed. He was found lying next to his motorcycle, which was still running.

The other charges the brothers face stem from a

double shooting in which two women were wounded the day after Beasley was killed on Cohasset Drive.

It was the double shooting that was one of the reasons Beasley's death was able to be solved, Rodway said. Rodway said after Beasley was killed, crime-scene personnel found a .40-caliber shell casing. At the Cohasset Drive shooting, two .40-caliber shell casings were found.

On Nov. 16, Rodway found out the two brothers were arrested along with a woman in Columbus in an aggravated robbery and they had a .40-caliber handgun when they were found. He and other detectives drove to Columbus to question them about the Cohasset Drive shooting, Rodway said.

Rodway said detectives decided to wait until the Columbus cases were settled with the defendants before presenting the case to a grand jury so they would not

have to keep going back and forth between Youngstown and Columbus. Rodway said the way Beasley was killed matched similar crimes the brothers were charged with and ultimately pleaded guilty to in Columbus, where they were suspected of robbing men who were alone with no one around them.

"What incident?" Rodway asked her.

"That shooting on McCartney Road," the woman answered.

"We were like, 'We just got a gift from heaven,'" Rodway said.

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At the time Beasley was killed, it was early in the morning and he was stopped on his motorcycle, Rodway said. "He had stopped to text a girl," Rodway said.

The brothers both were sentenced Wednesday in Franklin County Common Pleas Court to 17 years in prison, with 11 years for charges of aggravated robbery and six years for firearm specifications.

A Mahoning County grand jury indicted these people Thursday on these charges:

◆ **David P. Rowbotham**, 41, Pleasant Valley Road, Wampum, Pa., extortion, menacing by stalking, three counts of impersonating a peace officer and possession of criminal tools.

◆ **Susan J. Malysa**, 32, Roche Way, Boardman, three counts of endangering children.

◆ **Sarah M. Vangundy**, 31, South Raccoon Road, Austintown, violation of a protection order.

◆ **Candace R. White**, 33, Victoria Street, possession of cocaine, inducing panic and possession of drug paraphernalia.

◆ **Raylin Blunt**, 39, Summer Street, and

Robert Duval, 37, East Dewey Avenue, two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of cocaine, improper

handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle and aggravated possession of drugs.

◆ **Juchard Duncan**, 26, Brier Street SE,

Warren, possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia.

◆ **Ikeia Hasley**, 23, Lee Street, possession of cocaine.

◆ **Austin A. Angeli**, 29, Goshen Road,

Salem, two counts of aggravated possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

◆ **David Buchanan**, 44, Callaway Circle,

Austintown, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

◆ **Joseph Dawson**, 20, West Myrtle

Avenue, possession of cocaine with a forfeiture specification.

◆ **Jason Rapcinko**, 34, Division Street, aggravated robbery and robbery with a firearm specification.

◆ **Raylen Wallace**, 31, Wilda Avenue, Boardman, aggravated possession of drugs.

◆ **Tedarro Williams**, 30, West Princeton

Avenue, two counts of aggravated possession of drugs, possession of cocaine, five counts of possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia with a forfeiture specification.

◆ **Kristina Lee Green**, 28, Hillman

Way, Boardman, aggravated possession of drugs, possession of heroin, inducing panic and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Source: Mahoning County clerk of courts

METRO digest

Book donation

YOUNGSTOWN

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.'s Epsilon Mu Omega Chapter of Youngstown is donating children's books for Youngstown City School District social workers to help students.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will present the books to Lori Kopp, chief of student services, at 1 p.m. Monday inside the I.L. Ward Building, 20 W. Wood St.

The sorority partners with the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the books deal with parents, or children afflicted with mental illnesses due to bullying. The books are for students aged 8 to 18.

Special meetings

NILES

Mayor Thomas Scarneccia has called for special city council meetings at 5 p.m. today and Monday. The meetings, which will include discussions on a possible increase in the license-plate fees and using the Regional Income Tax Agency for city income-tax collections, will take place in council chambers, 34 W. State St.

Taken into custody

AUSTINTOWN

Police responded to a call Wednesday of a man in his garage screaming and jumping repeatedly. Michael Dickman, 29, of Frederick Street, was reportedly found by police in his driveway in a confused state, yelling loudly and shadow boxing.

He was taken into custody by police on an active warrant of inducing panic, according to reports, which also state Dickman was resuscitated from an overdose on June 5. A court date is set for Monday.

Free seminar

AUSTINTOWN

Mahoning County District Board of Health will host a free seminar - Issues of Public Health Concern: Radon, Biohazards and Sanitation in Food Facilities - from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Austintown Fitch High School cafeteria, 4560 Falcon Drive.

A variety of public-health issues of interest to the public and individuals employed in the food-service industry will be discussed.

Registration is from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Residential radon risks will be from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.; how to protect yourself from diseases (Biohazard Levels 1-4) will be from 9:45 to 11 a.m.; food safety in schools will be from 11 a.m. to noon; cleaning dishwashers and hard surfaces will be from 1 to 2:15 p.m.; and pest management in restaurants will be from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the full day or any portion of the seminar. For information, visit www.mahoninghealth.org.

Boil-water alert lifted

NILES

The city on Thursday lifted the boil-water alert for these areas: First, Second, Third and Fifth streets and all side streets. The advisory was issued two days ago because of a waterline break in the city that caused a drop in pressure and temporary water loss.

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with Santangelo in the principal's office.

Nicholas said Nagle had gestured with his hands, used profanity and said "I'm gonna get her." Prosecutor Michael Bloom said the interaction made Nicholas fear for Santangelo's safety. The court reviewed school security footage, which did not include audio, of that hallway confrontation.

Nicholas then spoke to school resource Officer Scott Strain, who escorted Nagle from the building. Strain also testified Thursday.

The district placed Nagle, who taught seventh and eighth grade, on paid administrative leave Sept. 28.

Nagle's defense attorney, Gerald Ingram, asked the court to find his client not guilty.

"Speaking in a loud voice is not violence or turbulence," Ingram said. "Using cuss words, I would submit, is protected speech. It may be inappropriate in a school setting and, if it's inappropriate in a school setting, that's a disciplinary matter. It does not rise to criminal culpability."

Man gets 2 years in Boardman arson case

By JOE GORMAN
jgorman@vindy.com

YOUNGSTOWN

A judge agreed Thursday that Patrick Patterson has some mental-health issues. But he also added he showed some pre-planning in setting the fire to which he pleaded guilty.

That is one of the reasons why Judge Anthony D'Apolito agreed with a recommendation by prosecutors in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court and sentenced Patterson, 24, to two years in prison for a March 11, 2016, fire that damaged a Cook Avenue apartment in Boardman.

The fire came after an argument with a 50-year-old person Patterson was romantically involved with at the time.



Patterson

Patterson pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated arson, a second-degree felony.

Assistant Prosecutor Nick Brevetta asked for prison time, saying that since the time of the fire, Patterson, who has served 283 days in jail awaiting the outcome of his case, has been badgering the victim.

Brevetta said he has received several phone calls complaining of Patterson's behavior.

At one point, Brevetta said, Patterson threatened to "jump off a bridge."

Brevetta said he would not oppose a request for judicial release from prison

for Patterson if he behaves while there, but he said Patterson needs to be locked up not just for the community's safety, but for Patterson's safety as well.

"To be quite honest, your honor, the only time I don't get calls about Mr. Patterson is when he is in the Mahoning County jail," Brevetta said.

Defense attorney Walter Ritchie argued against prison, saying his client has mental-health issues and his client's thinking during the argument was clouded because he was in a relationship with the victim.

"He didn't handle this dispute very well," Ritchie said.

Judge D'Apolito said that he understands domestic situations can be volatile and can cloud a person's

thinking, but he said what bothered him was that Patterson shattered the windshield of a car with a brick and also threatened to set the fire, then actually went ahead and did it.

"That's not in the heat of the moment," Judge D'Apolito said.

Judge D'Apolito said he would consider a request for judicial release after Patterson serves six months of his prison sentence.

He said he wants to set up a structure so when Patterson gets out of prison he could receive counseling and mental-health help he needs to be a productive member of the community.

The judge said some punishment was necessary, however, because the fire could have been a lot more serious than it was.

Cops arrest 4 men, seize guns, drugs while serving warrants

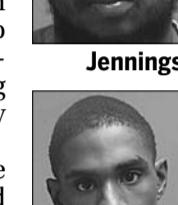
Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

Police arrested three people on weapons charges Wednesday in two separate homes while serving search warrants investigating drug activity.

At a 49 S. Portland Ave. home, officers found a shotgun, a .22-caliber rifle, ammunition and a bag of marijuana.

Arrested on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm were Charles-



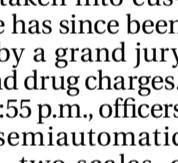
Jennings



Patterson



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WILLIAM D. LEWIS | THE VINDICATOR

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Kent State University Trumbull, AVI Foodsystems, United Way of Trumbull County, The Raymond John Wean Foundation and Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority joined to celebrate student success in the summer.

"When educating the mind of our youth we must not forget to educate their hearts," Franklin said in a heartfelt speech before congratulating not only the students, but also their parents for allowing them to be successful.

Deryck Toles, Inspiring Minds CEO and founder, said Inspiring Minds is really just about providing opportunities for people.

"No matter what it is, no matter what your background is, for our kids it's very important to show them there's a lot of people who care about them and a lot will invest in them the same way someone invested in many of us," he said.



WILLIAM D. LEWIS | THE VINDICATOR

Warren Mayor Doug Franklin addresses attendees at the event.

Toles said oftentimes, young people feel alone, as if no one wants to help them find ways to better themselves.

"The fact is, we are who we are because there was

someone who came into our life at the right time. And I'm blessed to be able to provide so many opportunities for our kids so they don't feel alone," he said. "All in all this is a program for and by

the community."

Trinette Simon, Inspiring Minds board member, agreed.

"Inspiring Minds is such a valuable organization to have in the community for youth," she said. "There are so many great activities that incorporate learning for these students."

Kayla Hunt, parent of 9-year-old Quwintin Butler, said she enjoys her son being a part of the program.

"It's nice that it's so educational," Hunt said.

Christopher Bufford, 11, and Wayne Harris, 11, are both in their third years of Inspiring Minds participation.

"I wanted to come back this year because I had a feeling I was going to meet new people and I was going to have more fun than last year," Christopher said.

And he was not disappointed.

"It's an amazing program," he said.

Wayne mirrored Christopher's sentiment.

"I like being able to get new life experiences, and I feel lucky because they are some that some kids never get to have," Wayne said. "It's just an amazing program."

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1509-17 (PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS) AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

MARK J. MROCHAK DEPUTY CLERK - VILLAGE OF POLAND

LEGAL NOTICE

Canfield Township Trustees will attend the Mahoning County Commissioners' Staff Meeting on Monday, July 24, at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners' 2nd Floor Conference Room, 21 W. Boardman Street, Youngstown, OH, for discussion relating to the proposed annexation of 18.83 acres in Canfield Township.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice

Request for Proposals

The Ohio Commission on Minority Health announces again the availability of one 2018-2019 Request for Proposal (RFP): the **Infant Mortality Replication/Expansion Grant**. The RFP, to include grant requirements, and technical assistance information, will be available on our website, www.voinc.org, on Monday, July 31, 2017. You may also contact: Ohio Commission on Minority Health, 77 South High Street, 18th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, or call 614-466-4000. The deadline for submission for the RFP is 5:00pm on Monday, September 11, 2017.

LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Qualifications -- Ford Nature Center Redevelopment

Mill Creek MetroParks is requesting Statements of Qualifications for professional consultant services, including architectural, landscape architectural, engineering and other necessary disciplines, to carry out professional review, analysis, assessment, design, site planning, cost estimating and preparation of construction drawings for the proposed redevelopment of the Ford Nature Center structures and site in Mill Creek Park.

Interested firms must attain the detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document for the project by contacting:

Mill Creek MetroParks
Attn: Director of Planning & Operations
PO Box 596
Canfield, OH 44460
330.702.3000
Steve@MillCreekMetroParks.org

Statement of Qualifications for the Ford Nature Center Redevelopment project shall be in the submittal format as detailed in the RFQ document and are due by 4:30 pm on August 4, 2017.

To learn more about Mill Creek MetroParks, visit www.millcreekmetroparks.org.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

Aaron Young Executive Director

HIV-positive woman indicted second time

Staff report

WARREN

Lisa A. Mutter, 41, of Pulaski, Pa., has been indicted a second time for felonious assault after a second person reported that she had sex with him without notifying him she was HIV positive.

Mutter, who is still awaiting trial on felonious assault in Columbiana County Common Pleas Court on an accusation of not notifying a sex partner of her HIV status, is now indicted in Trumbull County.

Her newest case began when a Hubbard man told police in January he learned by reading the news that Mutter had been indicted in Columbiana County.

The man, 50, told police Mutter lived in his house between Nov. 6, 2015, and Feb. 8, 2016. During that time, she had unprotected sex with him between two and 19 times, he said. The man reported that he did not know if he had been harmed by her actions.

Being HIV positive means a person has tested positive as a carrier of a virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, according to Mutter's indictment.

Developer's new pipeline rankling federal regulators

Associated Press

NEW WASHINGTON, OHIO

The company that developed the Dakota Access oil pipeline is entangled in another fight, this time in Ohio where work on its multi-state natural gas pipeline has wrecked wetlands, flooded farm fields and flattened a 170-year-old farmhouse.

The federal commission that oversees gas pipelines told Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners last week to clean up its mess before it will allow the Rover Pipeline to flow. New drilling on unfinished sections also remains halted after 2 million gallons of drilling mud seeped into a wetland in the spring.

While the \$4.2 billion pipeline that will carry gas from Appalachian shale fields to Canada, and states in the Midwest and Gulf Coast, hasn't

been besieged by protests that erupted in North Dakota, opponents say the spills and snags highlight the risks that come with building huge pipelines needed for growing the natural gas and oil industries.

Much of the 700-mile Rover Pipeline is being built across Ohio and will extend into Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Ohio's environmental regulators and landowners say construction crews have been laying pipe at warp speed since March to meet the company's ambitious plan of finishing the first phase this month and the entire project by November.

The state EPA has proposed nearly \$1 million in fines over violations that include allowing drilling mud to spill into wetlands, ponds and streams along with pumping storm water into streams and

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Tributes

Area Deaths

BEAM, Marion L., 86, of Boardman; visiting hours Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Davis-Becker Funeral Home.

DARNALL, Douglas C., 74, of Mineral Ridge; calling hours Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Lane Family Funeral Homes, Mineral Ridge Chapel.

GELBKE, Herman R., 96, of Vienna; Selby-T.J. Fox Funeral Home.

HEFFRON, James Patrick, 67, of Austintown; calling hours today from 6 to 7 p.m. at Kinnick Funeral Home in Youngstown.

HEUSCHKEL, Rev. R. Regis O.P., 74, of Youngstown; calling hours Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Dominic's Church in Youngstown; Fox Funeral Home in Boardman.

LAMPADARIOS, Mary, 90, of Campbell; calling hours Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Wasko Funeral Home and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Youngstown.

LaROSA, Paul A. Jr., 79, of Lowellville; calling Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Rossi Brothers & Lellio Funeral Home in Boardman.

LAWRENCE, William R. "Bob," 94, of Warren; calling hours Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lane Family Funeral Homes, Mineral Ridge Chapel.

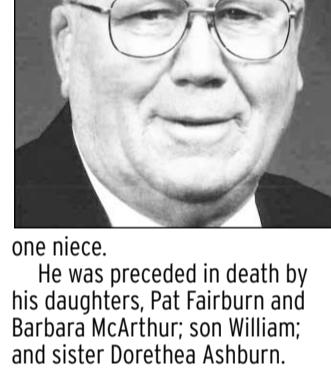
MUENNICH, Cynthia M., 66, of North Canton, formerly of Youngstown; calling hours today from 9 to 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows at St. Matthias Church; Kubina-Yuhaz-Wasko Funeral Home in Boardman.

PERRY, Paul "Pete," 60, of Youngstown; F.D. Mason Memorial Funeral Home Inc.

ROUND, Sara M., 90, of Austintown; no calling hours; Lane Family Funeral Homes, Austintown Chapel.

RUGGIERO, Barbara A., of Austintown; calling hours Saturday from 10 to 11:45 a.m. at Schiavone Funeral Home in Youngstown.

WILLIAM R. "BOB" LAWRENCE, 94



one niece.

He was preceded in death by his daughters, Pat Fairburn and Barbara McArthur; son William; and sister Dorethea Ashburn.

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



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MARION L. BEAM, 86

BOARDMAN - Marion L. Beam, 86, died Tuesday evening, July 18, 2017, at her home in Boardman.

She was born July 8, 1931, in Youngstown, to Homer J. and Marietta D. (Steele) McElrath, and had been a lifelong area resident.

She was a 1949 graduate of South High School, and had retired from Youngstown State University in 1996, where she had been a secretary in the Geology Department. She was also a member of the Boardman United Methodist Church.

He retired from Carpenters Local No. 171 in Youngstown after working many years. He was a member of Mahoning Lodge No. 393 F&AM, Carpenters Local 171.

Bob was survived by his wife,

Elizabeth "Betty" (Colbert) Lawrence, whom he married Dec. 9, 1950; sister Norma Jean Robison; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two nephews; and

one niece.

He was preceded in death by his daughters, Pat Fairburn and Barbara McArthur; son William; and sister Dorethea Ashburn.

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DOUGLAS C. DARNALL, 74

his parents.

Family and friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, prior to services at the funeral home.

The Darnall family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Development, UPMC Cancer Pavilion Suite 1B, 5150 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232, in Doug's memory.

The family would like to extend thanks to Hospice of the Valley for all their kindness during this difficult time.

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DOROTHY MARIE "DODO" FOX RIDENOUR, 81

STRUTHERS - Dorothy Marie "Dodo" Fox Ridenour, 81, died Wednesday evening, July 19, 2017, at her daughter's home, with her family at her side.

Dorothy, affectionately known as Dodo, was born June 20, 1936, in Struthers, a daughter of Thomas and Ruth Thompson Fox.

A graduate of Struthers High School, class of 1954, Dodo worked at General Electric in the Lamp Plant for 25 years and then the Coil Plant for 10 years. She retired in 1994, after 35 years of service.

Dodo was a longtime member of the Gospel Baptist Church in Poland and its Golden Eagles. Dodo read the Bible every morning, loved Ohio history, watching her favorite shows, "The Waltons" and "Little House on the Prairie," and was an avid fan of the Cleveland Browns.

Dodo was a wonderful mother and grandmother. When she was younger, she loved taking her children and grandchildren on her many planned excursions to points of interests in Ohio, amusement parks, and to many Cleveland Brown events. As she became older, her younger grandchildren will remember her sleepovers and grandmotherly companionship.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Marlene (Tim) Vulcan of Struthers; four grandchildren, William (Zayna) Gasior, and Darci, Rachael and Brian Vulcan, all of Struthers; and two

PAUL "PETE" PERRY, 60

YOUNGSTOWN - A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the F.D. Mason Memorial Funeral Home Inc., for Mr. Paul "Pete" Perry, 60, who departed this life on July 15, 2017, at Park Vista/Ohio Living, with his wife, Madeline Perry, at his side.

Pete was born Nov. 5, 1957, in Hubbard, a son of Frank and Alberta Perry Sr.

He was a devoted father, husband, brother, and uncle, who enjoyed life to the fullest and being with his family. Pete was a fisherman. "My partner loved to fish and brag!" Most of all Pete loved family.

Pete will be missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, the former Madeline Douglas; his mother; his children, Mr. Paul Perry Jr. and Ms. Summer Jackson, both of Youngstown; his sisters, Ms. Cathy Perry, Teresa Perry, and Tangia Perry; brothers Mr. Lynn Perry, Alphonsia Perry, and Chester Perry, all of Youngs-

BIRTHS

town, and Roosevelt of Mansfield; a stepsister, Sandra Brown; a stepdaughter, Yvonne Perry; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Perry Sr.; paternal grandparents, Rosa Lee McCall and Chester and Annabelle Perry; sister Ms. Veronica Robinson; brothers Frank James Perry Jr., Rommie Perry and Baby Perry; a niece, Letitia Perry; and a nephew, Amos Perry.

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CARRIE MAE CURTIS, 87

YOUNGSTOWN - Services will be

at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25,

2017, at the Alpha & Omega First

Baptist Church, 3120 Winton Ave.,

for Mrs. Carrie Mae Curtis, 87, who

passed away on Monday, July 17,

2017, at ValleyCare Northside Medical

Center after a brief illness.

Mrs. Curtis was born Sept. 16,

1929, in Youngstown, a daughter

of Nathaniel and Mary Jimerson

Walker.

She was a 1947 East High

School graduate and attended

Case Western Reserve University.

Carrie had been employed with

McGuffey Center as a program di-

rector for over 16 years, and with

the City of Youngstown for 19

years as an EEO officer, retiring in

1998. She was a former member of

the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist

Church, its usher, choir and

nurses guild ministries. She was a

a Cub Scout den mother, a member

of National Council of Negro Women,

Urban League, A. Phillip Randolph Institute, and a lifetime

member of the NAACP.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening,

ceramics, upholstery, reading,

cooking, traveling, word search

and crossword puzzles.

Carrie leaves to forever cherish

her memories, five children, Ra-

mer Curtis Jr., Rusha Curtis and

Rona Curtis, all of Youngstown,

Racine Curtis (Daniel) Jones of

Aurora, Colo. and Rahn Curtis of

Girard; four grandchildren, Sierra

R. (Zachary) Clouse, Simone (An-

THON) McCarthy, Seneca (Derek)

Engle, and Sky R. Lovett; eight

great-grandchildren; her brother,

Martin (Pearl A.) Walker of

Youngstown; a brother-in-law,

Daniel (Eunice) Curtis of Struthers;

a sister-in-law, Fannie (John)

Seals of Youngstown; and a host

of nieces, nephews, other family

and friends.

Besides her parents, she was

preceded in death by a daughter,

Rae Lynn Curtis; four sisters,

Pau-

line Walker, Mabel Waters, Beulah

Mae Walker and Lillian "Honey"

McKinney; and five brothers, Rob-

ert, Moses, Nathaniel Jr., Eugene

and James Walker.

Visitation will be Tuesday from

10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Arrangements entrusted to the

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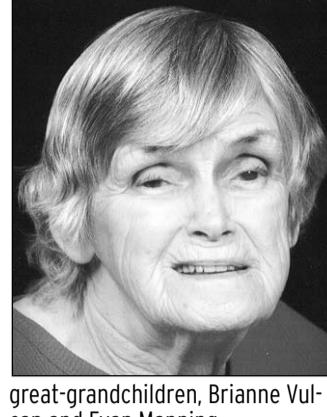
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Alexis Jackson and Darreion Owens, Warren, girl, July 19.

Cailyn Strock and Nazareth Ciarochi, Niles, boy, July 19.



great-grandchildren, Brianne Vulcan and Evan Manning.

In addition to her parents, Dodo was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruth Lynne Gasior; three sisters, Nina Fisher, Alice Walker, and Esther White; and two brothers, Larry and Al Fox.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 24, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Gospel Baptist Church, with the Rev. Ron Royalty officiating. Interment will follow at the Green Haven Memorial Gardens.

Friends will be received Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Davidson-Becker Funeral Home in Struthers

and Monday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the church.

Contributions may be made to the Gospel Baptist Church, 6235 Clingan Road, Poland, OH 44514.

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RONALD CHARLES LOREE, 78

YOUNGSTOWN - There will be funeral services held on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at

Our VOICE

Avoidable accidents cause death and destruction in road construction zones

IN A SECOND, A CAR TRAVELING at 60 mph will cover about 90 feet, or the five car lengths a motorist has left between him and the tractor-trailer he is following.

In less time than it takes to look down and flick a piece of lint off a trouser leg, the safety margin between two vehicles traveling at normal speed on a highway can be erased.

A second or two or three of inattentiveness at the wheel can set off a series of chain events that alter lives – or even erase them. And the potential for tragedy becomes even greater at this time of year, when highways are being repaired.

In a pre-Memorial Day editorial, we warned that the summer months rank as the No. 1 season for traffic accidents and fatalities, many of them in those road-work zones.

In recent years, the tragic truth of that warning has been seen in multiple traffic fatalities in construction zones on Interstate 80 near Hubbard. In recent weeks, there have been several accidents in construction zones on I-76 in the North Jackson area. Mark Schaas of New Castle, Pa., was killed and several people injured in a June 29 crash.

Other crashes have injured people and snarled traffic for hours. Three accidents in the eastbound lanes of I-76 on Sunday sent several people to the hospital with serious injuries and blocked traffic for five hours.

The cost of such accidents is enormous in the injuries and property damage they cause, in the response costs by first responders and in the time lost by thousands of travelers sitting in traffic that backs up for miles. And calling them "accidents" is not exactly accurate because in many cases they were avoidable if drivers had only used common sense and a modicum of caution, especially in work areas.

DEATHS, INJURIES

The Ohio Department of Public Safety reports that 23 people were killed and 1,477 injured in road-work zone crashes in the state in 2016.

Many of those crashes were made almost inevitable by drivers who allowed themselves to be distracted. The advice given by ODOT spokesman Brent Kovacs in May remains relevant: "Make sure those phones are away, and maybe wait to take that next sip of coffee. Focus on the changing traffic patterns and road conditions."

So far this year, the Ohio State Highway Patrol in Mahoning County has investigated 32 injury crashes in construction zones and one fatality, that of June 29. Another 155 crashes resulted in property damage.

While some construction is nearing an end, other projects in the Mahoning Valley are being started and many are ongoing – on interstates, state routes and local roads.

To avoid turning a routine trip into a major headache or worse, be alert for work zones. Follow the reduced speed limits. Don't tailgate.

Be especially alert for flaggers, construction workers and equipment. Everyone who goes off to work in the morning expects to go home at the end of the day. Before a motorist takes or makes a phone call while behind the wheel, especially in a construction zone, he or she should consider whether that call is more important than someone's life or well-being. It isn't.

And while these warnings may seem to be aimed at automobile drivers, they apply as well to professional drivers. The June 29 accident killed a motorist and injured others, but it began when one tractor-trailer rammed another. Passenger cars were crushed in the chain reaction.

The state highway patrol can't prevent every accident, but troopers are patrolling the interstates, especially in construction areas to discourage speeding and tailgating. They've issued thousands of tickets so far this year. Lt. Jerad Sutton at the Canfield post says the effort is aimed at modifying the behavior of drivers before they enter the work zones.

If advice and warnings aren't enough to improve driving habits, maybe citations will help. And while no one likes to get a ticket, the cost is minuscule compared to that of an accident.

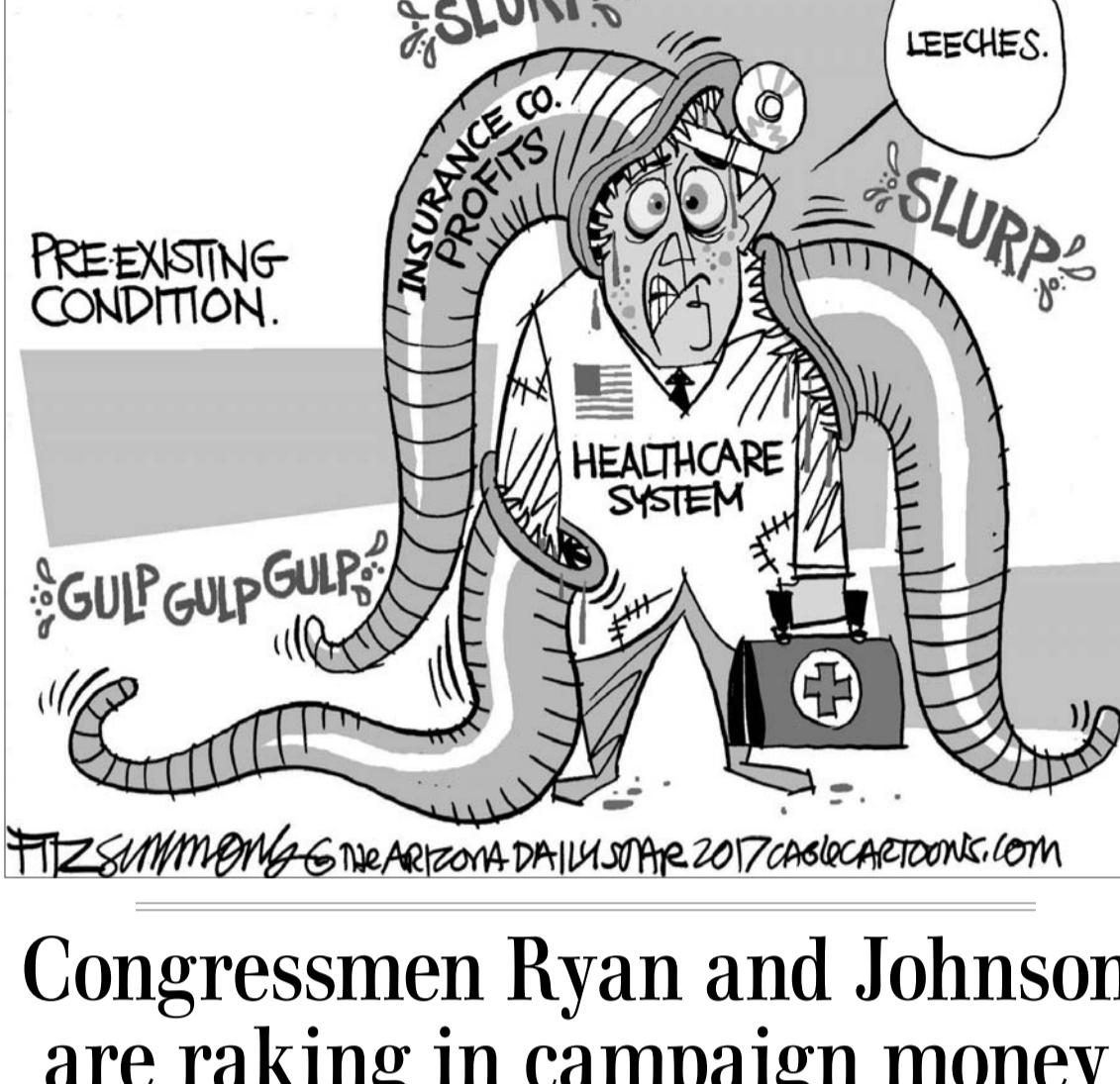
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SCRIPTURES

If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News.

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EDITORIAL



Congressmen Ryan and Johnson are raking in campaign money

If U.S. Reps. **Tim Ryan** and **Bill Johnson** were looking to scare away potential competition by raising a lot of money, they accomplished their goals.

Between April and June, Ryan of Howland, D-13th, raised \$319,125 while Johnson of Marietta, R-6th, brought in \$337,262, according to their latest Federal Election Commission campaign-finance reports.

To date, no candidate has come forward to challenge either incumbent and based on their past election successes, it's highly unlikely that a known opponent will enter either race.

But that doesn't stop the incumbents from dialing up the rhetoric when it comes to asking supporters for money.

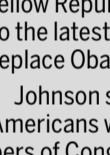
In the days leading up to the June 30 deadline to make contributions during the second quarter, both campaigns sent emails expressing their need for money in order to get re-elected.

Johnson wrote in a June 28 email: "As one of the most pro-Trump Republicans anywhere in Congress, I am under daily attack from D.C. liberals and the media who still have not accepted last year's election results."

He added: "If our campaign's FEC report shows any signs of weakness, they will pounce, ramping up their efforts to defeat me and pour money into the campaign of a Democrat challenger. So please, make your urgent donation today – when our FEC report is made public, we need it to be a real show of grass-roots strength, sending D.C. liberals a message that pro-Trump conservatives are ready for the fight ahead!"

The reality for Johnson is he sits in a safe Republican seat. The 18-county district, which includes all of Columbiana and southern Mahoning, has become more Republican over the years. Gerrymandering and Appalachia turning more Republican means Johnson,

who would seek his fifth two-year term in Congress next year, won't get a legitimate Democrat to challenge him in 2018. And if



David Skolnick

AS AN ASIDE

U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson of Marietta, R-6th, had harsh words for fellow Republicans with regards to the latest failure to repeal and replace Obamacare.

Johnson said: "The millions of Americans who voted for members of Congress that repeatedly promised to repeal and replace Obamacare are frustrated and fed up. I am, too. I have voted repeatedly to repeal and replace, and often when I vote 'yes,' a small band of Republican members lose the courage of their convictions and vote 'no.' We cannot be the party of 'no.' We must be the party of solutions, and there is no bigger problem right now than the ongoing collapse of Obamacare."

Johnson does, his conservative record and healthy campaign war chest of more than \$1 million so far – and growing with each quarter – will be nearly impossible to overcome.

To get him over the \$1 million mark for cash, Johnson loaned \$30,000 to his campaign on June 30, the last day of the filing quarter.

Ryan is raising money and his national profile, first during his failed November 2016 bid to beat House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and more recently with his criticism of the Democratic leadership team after party candidates failed to win any of the special House elections this year.

In a move that still doesn't make much sense, the National Republican Congressional Committee listed Ryan in February among 36 Democratic incumbents it's targeting in 2018.

In a June 26 email to supporters, Ryan's campaign wrote:

"A new polling analysis shows that Tim could lose his seat next year. The pollster Morning Consult produced a list of districts held by Democrats that are in danger of flipping red in 2018. Tim Ryan's district is on the list."

It continued: "With so much at stake, we can't allow national Republicans and their big donors to replace a progressive champion with a right-wing rubber stamp. Let's be ready for their attacks – can you chip in to help keep Tim in Congress?"

The email also mentioned the NRCC target list.

"That means they're already committed to spending millions of dollars on TV attack ads dragging Tim's name through the mud."

A day later, another email from **Justin Brennan**, Ryan's campaign political director, stated: "Experts have warned that Tim's seat is vulnerable" and "national Republicans have Tim on their top target list for 2018. We know the negative ads are coming."

While Republican **Donald Trump** did well in Ryan's district – losing by 6 percentage points – the eight-term incumbent Democratic congressman was re-elected by 36 percentage points last year.

The 13th District is a safe Democratic district for Ryan. It should be mentioned that Republicans drew Ryan's district, which includes most of Mahoning and Trumbull counties, to heavily favor Democrats, one of only four House seats in the state.

That was done to have the other 12 congressional districts in Ohio be safe Republican districts.

If a Republican had even the slightest prayer of being competitive against Ryan, that candidate would have already announced.

Since that hasn't happened, expect Republicans to do what they've done since Ryan first ran for re-election in 2004: field a candidate who will be badly defeated by the Democrat incumbent.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I greatly appreciate the outpouring of support – unfortunately for my sparring partners in Congress, I'll be back soon, so stand-by!"

U.S. SEN. JOHN McCAIN, R-Ariz., in a tweet, after an announcement by his office

that he is battling brain cancer. Showing no signs of stepping back from the political and national security battles, McCain issued a statement slamming the Trump administration over its Syria policy.



Trump's son was naive

By JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

Donald Trump Jr. visited with a Russian attorney and others to just maybe get some dirt on Hillary Clinton during the campaign season, and that's treason, it's said. It's collusion. It's the final curtain for his daddy.

Nope, none of the above, but listen: It was powerfully bad judgment. He was meeting with people who wish us drastic ill and seldom do favors for nothing. Although he got no dirt and saw through the pretense, he could have put his father in future blackmail dilemmas if he had.

We don't want Russians messing with our elections, there's more than a whiff of patriotic diminishment when you connive with them and the political naivete is writ large. For all that, it wasn't legal collusion and certainly not treason.

Legal collusion requires that you get something of monetary value from a foreign power helping you politically, as any common-sense reading of the law will inform you. And forget the lawyers who would confuse you with legalistic blather.

For instance, some have said information has monetary value, too, because it took resources to come up with. Not only is this contrary to free-speech protections, as has been pointed out, but it makes you fear for our system because it's a way of redefining a law to mean anything that benefits your cause of the moment.

As for treason, the definition is the high crime of assassination, a coup or taking up arms with an enemy in order to betray what resides from sea to shining sea. This wasn't close, and you wonder if the people bringing it up would call it murder if they saw someone punched in the nose. What's more, please explain to me how much worse the Trump Jr. episode was than news outlets blasting WikiLeaks stories all over the country and playing happy games with U.S. officials feloniously releasing classified information that just could threaten national security.

RUSSIAN CONNECTION

From early on, the WikiLeaks stories were said to come from Russia and, if one was juicy enough, even news outlets with liberal biases would give it the kind of exposure without which it would have meant nothing. I am not against this as long as the information had been verified because the public can thus be served. I am a lot more hesitant on classified information because, even though it may have been classified for political reasons, it may also have been classified to save lives and avoid disruption of legitimate national goals.

The thunderstorm of governmental leaks about Trump points to something dramatically amiss. We do not want our own government doing its illegal best to oust a president anymore than we want Russians hacking computers.

There have, of course, been all kinds of Democratic scandals worse than this one, such as the Clintons making lots of dough helping the Russians become the world's foremost uranium power. Or Bill Clinton having a secret meeting with Attorney General Loretta Lynch while his wife was being investigated. Or Hillary Clinton's team destroying subpoenaed emails.

It's still the case that two wrongs don't make a right and that Trump Jr. initially misled the public about what went on with the Russians. As a *Wall Street Journal* editorial wisely says, President Donald Trump and friends would be better off being wide open about everything than letting others disclose the facts for them. In that direction lies disaster in which the left takes troubling power even if the Trump Jr. incident by itself should produce no such outcome.

Jay Ambrose is an op-ed columnist for Tribune News Service.

Information sessions

YOUNGSTOWN

The Mahoning-Youngstown Community Action Partnership, 1325 Fifth Ave., has scheduled the dates and times of its information sessions for its 2017 Employment Skills and Training Program.

They are 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and July 31 to Aug. 3.

The information sessions give an outline of what is covered in the class, details of the program and what is expected from each participant. Candidates interested in the first free training class of 2017 scheduled to begin Aug. 7 must attend only one of the informational sessions. Class space is limited.

All participants must be from Mahoning County and have income eligibility at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

For information, call Roger Beltz or Kim at MY-CAP's Youngstown office at 330-747-7921, ext. 1724. The office is open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed Fridays.

PNC revenue up

PITTSBURGH

PNC Bank reported second-quarter net income of \$1 billion. Total revenue for the company grew by \$176 million – 5 percent – since the first quarter of 2017. The company's current revenue is \$4.1 billion.

Loans grew by \$5.2 billion – 2 percent – to \$218 billion as of June 30 compared with March 31 this year.

Dividend announced

MIDLAND, MICH.

Chemical Financial Corporation's board of directors has announced a third-quarter dividend of \$0.28 for 2017.

The dividend is a 3.7 percent share increase over the previous quarter's \$0.27 dividend per share.

The dividend will be payable Sept. 15 and to shareholders of record Sept. 1. The ex-dividend date is Aug. 30.

TTM company picnic

NORTH JACKSON

TTM Technologies, the largest printed circuit board supplier in North America, is celebrating its 30th birthday with a company picnic Thursday.

The company will also help raise funds for its Helping Hands Committee, which collects money to assist employees in need.

The third-shift employees' party is at 3 a.m.; the first-shift party is at noon; and second-shift party is at 7 p.m. All parties are on the front lawn of TTM Technologies, 12080 DeBartolo Place, Youngstown Commerce Park.

Average long-term mortgage rates fall

WASHINGTON

Long-term U.S. mortgage rates declined this week after two straight weeks of increases. The benchmark 30-year rate slipped back below the significant 4 percent level.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages fell to an average 3.96 percent from 4.03 percent last week. It stood at 3.45 percent a year ago and averaged a record low 3.65 percent in 2016.

The rate on 15-year, fixed-rate home loans, popular with homeowners who are refinancing their mortgages, eased to 3.23 percent from 3.29 percent last week.

Staff/wire reports

Selected local stocks

STOCK, DIVIDENDCLOSE CHANGE

		CLOSE	CHANGE
Alcoa Inc., 12 ...	36.72	0.22	
Aqua America, 71 ...	33.31	0.33	
Avalon Holdings, ...	2.39	0.02	
Chemical Bank, 27 ...	49.03	0.10	
Community Health Sys., 9.26	0.03		
Cortland Bancorp., 28.17	86	0.00	
Farmers Nat., 16 ...	14.55	0.05	
First Energy, 1.44 ...	31.22	0.39	
Fifth/Third, 52 ...	25.49	-0.31	
FirstMerit Corp., ...	-		
First Niles Financial, 1210.10	0.00		
FNB Corp., 48 ...	13.56	-0.57	
General Motors, 1.52 ...	36.42	-0.05	
General Electric, 92 ...	26.68	-0.25	
Huntington Bank, 28 ...	13.56	-0.14	
iHeartMedia Inc., 1.60 ...	0.02		
JP Morgan Chase, 1.92	91.22	0.03	
Key Corp., 34 ...	18.36	-0.70	
LaFarge, 34 ...	-		
Macy's, 1.51 ...	23.08	0.09	
Parker Hannifin, 2.58	165.93	-0.86	
PNC, 2.20 ...	127.03	0.62	
Simon Prop. Grp., 6.60	161.07	0.79	
Stoneridge Finan ...	12.90	0.19	
United Comm. Finan ...	12.20	0.36	
Selected prices from Thursday's 4 p.m. close.			

Exxon fined \$2M for Tillerson-era breach of Russia sanctions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Exxon Mobil Corp. must pay a \$2 million fine for showing "reckless disregard" for U.S. sanctions on Russia while Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was the oil giant's CEO, the Treasury Department said Thursday. Exxon sued the U.S. government to stop the fine.

The Treasury said that Exxon violated sanctions when it signed contracts in May 2014 with Russian oil magnate Igor Sechin, chairman of government-owned energy giant Rosneft. The U.S. blacklisted Sechin, Tillerson's longtime business associate, as part of its response to Moscow's actions in Ukraine and annexation of Crimea.

The same month that Exxon signed the deals, Tillerson said the company generally opposes sanctions and finds them "ineffective."

Exxon maintained it had done nothing wrong. Hours after the fine was announced, the Texas-based company sued Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and the government, saying the U.S. had clearly told companies that doing business with Rosneft was al-

lowed – just not with Sechin himself.

As America's top diplomat, Tillerson has insisted the sanctions will stay in place until Russia reverses course in Ukraine and gives back Crimea. Still, the sanctions breach on his watch raises significant questions about his ability to credibly enforce the sanctions and to persuade European countries to keep doing so.

Yet the Treasury Department said that Exxon's "senior-most executives" knew Sechin was blacklisted when two of its subsidiaries signed deals with him. The Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, said Exxon caused "significant harm" to the sanctions program.

The dispute between Exxon and the government centers on whether the sanctions differentiated between "professional" and "personal" interactions with Sechin, who had been blacklisted only weeks earlier.

The Treasury Department called the violation an "egregious case" and noted that Exxon "is a sophisticated and experienced oil and gas company that has global operations" and should know better when it comes to U.S. sanctions.

US stocks waver as earnings and central banks dominate

Associated Press

NEW YORK

U.S. stock indexes essentially hit the snooze bar Thursday as investors were relieved the European Central Bank didn't announce any changes to its stimulus policies.

Europe's central bank maintained its current policies, and ECB President Mario Draghi said the bank hasn't even set a date for considering changes. Investors were startled a month ago when he spoke about scaling back the stimulus program.

On an up-and-down day of trading, second-quarter results moved other stocks: health care companies including Abbott Laboratories climbed and paint, trucking and railroad companies fell.

Sears announced an online appliance sales pact with Amazon.com, and appliance makers and home-improvement stores dropped. But overall the market hardly budged.

While stocks have been setting record highs for most of 2017, including Wednesday, the market is having its quietest year in decades.

"There's the belief that the Fed and the ECB are backstopping markets and if something bad were to happen, they would increase accommodation," said Brent Schutte, chief investment strategist at Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management. "If you throw a bunch of money at a problem, typically risk moves lower and people feel more confidence."

Abbott Laboratories, which makes infant formula, drugs and medical devices, gained \$1.42, or 2.9 percent, to \$50.85 after reporting results that were better than expected. Health care products giant Johnson & Johnson rose \$1.36, or 1 percent, to \$136.57 and drugmaker AbbVie, which split from Abbott in 2013, added \$1.24, or 1.7 percent, to \$74.01.



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A 2017 Chevy Cruze rolled into the therapy gym of Windsor House at Canfield on Thursday. The Canfield rehabilitation center is scheduled to open in September, and the locally made car will be used as part of the facilities rehabilitation program.

Jobless aid requests fall to 233,000

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Fewer Americans applied for jobless aid last week, as the number of people seeking benefits stayed near historic lows, pointing to a robust job market.

Weekly unemployment applications fell by 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 233,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. It was the largest weekly drop since late April. The less volatile four-week average declined by 2,250 to 243,750. The number of people col-

lecting unemployment benefits has fallen 9.7 percent over the past 12 months to 1.87 million.

The job market appears solid as the U.S. enters its ninth year of recovery from the Great Recession. Employers are holding onto workers with the expectation that business will continue to improve. Jobless claims – a close indication of layoffs – have come in below 300,000 for 124 weeks in a row. That's the longest such stretch since 1970.



AP FILE PHOTO, MAY 24
Tom Shull, CEO of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, tours the Exchange at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

Honorableably discharged veterans will soon get to shop tax-free

Associated Press

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEB.

Hey veterans, you can soon shop tax free.

Starting later this year, all honorably discharged veterans, no matter their branch of service, will be eligible to shop tax-free online at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service with the same discounts they enjoyed on base while in the military. It's the latest way in which the organization is trying to keep its customers as the armed forces shrink and airmen and soldiers buy more for delivery.

Adding 13 million potential new customers will give

extra ammunition to the group that runs the stores on U.S. Army and Air Force bases worldwide as it fights

Amazon and other retailers for veterans' online shopping dollars.

Since hiring its first civilian CEO five years ago, the Exchange has upgraded the brands at base stores to include items such as Disney toys, Michael Kors fashions and other top names. Like private stores, it's also imposed tighter cost controls, reduced the number of employees and improved people's experience on the website.

"The intent is to really beat Amazon at their game

because we have locations literally on the installations," said CEO Tom Shull.

The Exchange is adding shipping centers within its stores to allow it to send products directly from those locations more cheaply and quickly. Twenty-six stores now ship orders, and that will expand to 55 by the end of the year.

Expanding online shopping to all honorably discharged veterans is expected to add about \$200 million annually within three years to the \$8.3 billion in sales the Exchanges generated last year.

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Shepas: East's Jenkins out, Marrow in

By BRIAN DZENIS
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YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown City Schools athletics is taking East High School's football team in a new direction two weeks before the team begins fall practice. Former Valley Christian



Shepas

head coach Brian Marrow takes over the Panthers program, City Schools athletics director Rick Shepas said on Thursday.

"For me, Brian Marrow is a local hero. He played in the Big Ten for Wisconsin. He was a leader at [former] South High School," Shepas said. "I just think for the type of man that he is and the type of football coach that he is, I think he's the kind of man I would want my kids to play for."



Marrow



Jenkins

Marrow's coaching stint at Valley Christian lasted from 2007 to 2015 where he went 43-49.

Marrow did not return a phone call for comment. Marrow replaces Jarron

Jenkins, who went 1-9 this past fall in his lone season in charge.

Shepas said Jenkins has not been let go, but will not be on Marrow's staff. Jenkins will have a "transitionary" role, but Shepas did not give specifics.

Jenkins said he is still employed by Youngstown City Schools as a teacher, but deferred questions about his status with the football team to Shepas.

Shepas, a Cardinal Mooney

graduate, took over the City Schools athletics programs earlier this month.

"It just felt like it was necessary and in the best interest of the kids to make that culture change and that's 100 percent why I made the decision," Shepas said of the move. "I definitely want to make sure all the parents know that these changes we're making are for the betterment of all the young men

See EAST, B4

Field of 39 set to compete for titles

Round 1 of 17U division today at Squaw Creek

By BRIAN DZENIS
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After two and a half months of qualifiers, it's time to crown a winner.

Thirty-nine golfers across four divisions will vie for The Vindicator's 2017 Juniors Greatest Golfer of the Valley title starting today.

The 17U boys and girls have 36 holes of golf to play.

The first 18 will come today at Squaw Creek. The second round is Saturday at Avalon Lakes.

The 14U boys and girls will play 18 holes at Avalon Lakes on Saturday. There are 12 qualifiers in both 17U competitions and the 14U boys finals. There are six competitors for the girls 17U competition.

Among the 17U boys, Boardman High's Bryan Kordupel is the reigning winner at Squaw Creek. He shot a 77 to secure his finals bid in the lone qualifier he played in.

His teammate, Cole Christman, shot a 72 to win at Tam O'Shanter. He tied fellow finals qualifier Joey Vitali (Howland) for the lowest score of any qualifier.

On the girls side of 17U play, New Castle's Erika Hoover won the Squaw Creek qualifier in May with a score of 86. Boardman's Jenna Vivo and Canfield's Hannah Keffler tied for the lowest scores among their age group at 75.

Robert Shelton holds the 14U Squaw Creek bid by shooting an 84. Kaiden Sykes has the lowest 18-hole score of 76 at Salem Hills.

The six qualifiers for the 14U girls are Leah Benson, Jayne Bernard, McKenzie Gustas, Kyra Woods, Gabriella Foreman and Madeline Gumino.

First tees at Squaw Creek are at 2 p.m. Avalon Lakes play starts at 12:30 p.m.

FINALS SCHEDULE

17U

◆ Day 1:
Today, 2 p.m.,
Squaw Creek,
Vienna

◆ Day 2:
Saturday,
12:30 p.m.,
Avalon Lakes,
Howland

14U

◆ Saturday
(1 day only):
12:30 p.m.,
Avalon Lakes,
Howland

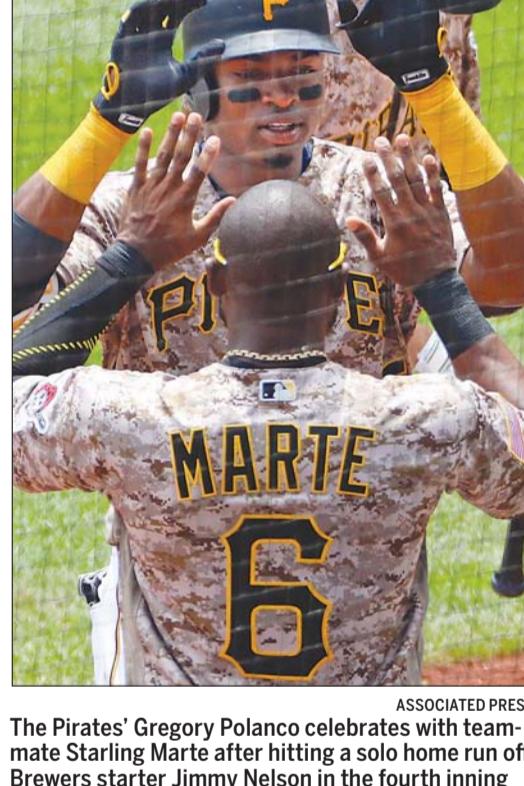
Today's tee times inside on B2

BREW-SING BUCS



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Pirates catcher Chris Stewart is doused by Josh Bell as he waits to be interviewed after Pittsburgh's 4-2 win over the Brewers on Thursday in Pittsburgh. Stewart, who played for the first time since the All-Star break, went 3-for-3 with a run and an RBI, and he also threw out a runner in the seventh.



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The Pirates' Gregory Polanco celebrates with teammate Starling Marte after hitting a solo home run off Brewers starter Jimmy Nelson in the fourth inning of Thursday's game. A 4-2 win gave Pittsburgh the four-game sweep over Milwaukee.

Pittsburgh sweeps Milwaukee to climb back into NL Central race

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh Pirates completed a four-game sweep of the NL Central-leading Milwaukee Brewers with a 4-2 victory on Thursday.

Once they'd figure out one problem, another would pop up. If it wasn't the bullpen, it was the mess left by outfielder Starling Marte's 80-game steroid suspension. Or the back end of the starting rotation. Or the massive funk that baffled star center fielder Andrew McCutchen.

Two hot weeks have changed the discussion dramatically.

Gregory Polanco homered, Chris Stewart added three hits

and the surging Pirates

PIRATES 4
BREWERS 2

Next: Pittsburgh at Colorado, today, 8:40 p.m.

On B3: More baseball from Thursday

The Pirates have won 11 of 13 and moved within three games of Milwaukee in a division that's tightened up since the All-Star break. The Brewers have lost five straight, cutting their lead to one game over the idle Chicago Cubs.

"When you've got guys

See PIRATES, B3

CONCACAF GOLD CUP SOCCER

Gnaw-ty El Salvador play on US draws biting criticism

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Pushing and shoving? Of course. Pinching? Borderline. But biting? Retired stars Landon

Donovan, Alexi Lalas and Steve McManaman said lengthy suspensions are needed to stop players from sinking their teeth into opponents, as El Salvadorans did against Americans Jozy Altidore and Omar Gonzalez in the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

"In my hierarchy of things, it's spitting at the top and then biting as a close second of the most vile, disgusting and to be quite honest ridiculous things to do

on a sporting field," Lalas said Thursday, a day after Altidore was bitten on the back of the shoulder by Henry Romero in the 57th minute of the Americans' 2-0 quarterfinal win. Gonzalez was gnawed by El Salvador captain Darwin Cerin in the 81st.

Bites have become a meaty problem for soccer.

"The only way to put a stop to this is to have lengthy suspensions. I understand that people make bad decisions in the heat of the moment, but it can never be acceptable to bite an opponent," said Donovan, like Lalas now an analyst for Fox Sports. "I would assume that CONCACAF will take a particularly hard stance given their insistence



El Salvador's Derby Carrillo holds back Team USA's Jozy Altidore (27) as he reacts to an incident with El Salvador's Henry Romero (on ground) during their CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinal match Wednesday in Philadelphia. Romero appeared to first bite Altidore on a shoulder and then pull the American forward's nipple, but Canadian referee Drew Fischer, an MLS regular, issued no penalty.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPORTS digest

Browns coach starts foundation, facility

BEREA

Cleveland Browns coach Hue Jackson is tackling a disturbing problem that's not always visible.

Jackson and his wife, Michelle, have launched a foundation to support organizations that combat human trafficking and aid its victims, women who are exploited, abused and scarred for life.

On Thursday, The Hue Jackson Foundation announced a partnership with the Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland to provide secure housing for women who have been victimized by human trafficking — modern-day slavery that involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.

Jackson's affiliation will raise awareness to an issue that often goes unreported and undetected.

The 12-bed recovery facility, named in honor of Jackson, will offer a safe environment for victims to heal and focus on treatment. Officials say there are less than 100 beds available nationwide for the estimated 100,000 identified trafficking victims annually.

Ole Miss coach resigns for escort service call

Mississippi football coach Hugh Freeze resigned Thursday after university officials found a "pattern of personal misconduct" that started with the school's investigation into a call to an escort service.

Freeze's resignation brings a stunning end to a five-year tenure that saw a Sugar Bowl victory, but also a wide-ranging NCAA investigation into rules violations. His ultimate downfall came after school officials investigated Freeze's phone records and found misconduct.

Freeze's university cell phone records obtained by The Associated Press show a 1-minute call made on Jan. 19, 2016, to a Detroit-based number. An internet search shows the number linked to a site that offers various escort services.

Co-offensive coordinator Matt Luke has been named the interim coach.

Celtic fined for fans waving IRA banner

NYON, SWITZERLAND

UEFA opened a second wave of charges against Celtic after fans raised a paramilitary-style banner at a Champions League game.

UEFA said Thursday a disciplinary case relating to an "illicit banner" will be judged on July 28, ahead of announcing verdicts from the Scottish champion's previous game against Linfield of Northern Ireland.

The banner showing a masked soldier identified with Irish Republican imagery was shown by fans on Wednesday during Celtic's 4-0 win in Glasgow in a Champions League second qualifying round, second-leg game.

Giants sign Sandoval to minor league deal

SAN FRANCISCO

A person with knowledge of his plans tells The Associated Press that Pablo Sandoval plans to sign a minor league contract to return to the San Francisco Giants.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Thursday because the agreement had not been announced.

Sandoval technically will not be free to agree to a deal with a team until 1 p.m. Eastern Friday.

The Boston Red Sox released Sandoval on Wednesday when the third baseman didn't report after being designated for assignment last week.

It officially ended the Boston tenure for the slugger, who never was healthy enough to live up to the expectations that came with the \$95 million free agent contract he signed in 2014.

Panthers cut Oher after failed physical

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

The Panthers have released the former starting left tackle Michael Oher after he failed a physical.

The move was announced Thursday, six days before they report to training camp.

Oher, the subject of the movie "The Blind Side," started 16 regular games and three playoff games for the Panthers during their Super Bowl run in 2015.

However, he sustained a concussion in the third game of last season and hasn't played since.

SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

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Source: National League

Brewers' lead over the Pirates in the NL Central after Pittsburgh's four-game sweep

QUOTEABLE

CHRIS STEWART, Pirates catcher, on the team's four-game sweep of the Brewers:

"I wouldn't necessarily say it's good to be .500. It's good to be playing good baseball, the way we've been playing. We feel like we're doing what we're finally capable of doing."

TV/RADIO

TODAY

5 a.m. (TNN) Tennis: Swedish Open.

8 a.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 19.

Noon (GC) Golf: British Open.

1 p.m. (TNN) Tennis.

2 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Cardinals at Cubs.

2 p.m. (NBCSN) Track and field: IAAF Diamond League.

3 p.m. (FS1) Golf: U.S. Junior Amateur.

5 p.m. (GC) Golf: PGA Tour Barbasol Championship.

7 p.m. (ESPN) Soccer: Orlando City SC vs. Atlanta United, MLS.

7 p.m. (ESPN2) Basketball: Super 16.

7 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Astros at Orioles.

7 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Blue Jays at Indians.

7 p.m. (WBWB-AM 1240) Baseball: Scrappers at Auburn Doubledays.

8 p.m. (FS1) Drag racing: NHRA qualifying.

8 p.m. (TNN) Team tennis: San Diego at Springfield.

8:30 p.m. (Root) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Pirates at Rockies.

9 p.m. (ESPN2) Basketball: Super 16.

9 p.m. (FS1) Auto racing: ARCA.

SATURDAY

7 a.m. (21) Golf: British Open.

7 a.m. (TNN) Tennis: Swedish Open.

8 a.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 20.

Noon (ESPN) Basketball: Super 16.

12:30 p.m. (NBCSN) Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity qualifying.

12:30 p.m. (TNN) Tennis: Hall of Fall induction.

2 p.m. (FS1) Golf: U.S. Junior Amateur.

2 p.m. (MAV) Motocross.

2 p.m. (TNN) Tennis: Hall of Fame Open.

3 p.m. (21) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 20 (recorded).

3:30 p.m. (33) WNBA: All-Star Game.

3:30 p.m. (Lif) Women's soccer: Chicago vs. Orlando, NWSL.

3:30 p.m. (NBCSN) Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Lilly Diabetes 250.

4 p.m. (ESPN) Soccer: Minnesota United vs. New York, MLS.

4 p.m. (ESPN2) Basketball: Super 16.

4 p.m. (FS1) Baseball: Cardinals at Cubs.

4 p.m. (GC) Golf: PGA Tour Barbasol Championship.

6 p.m. (19) UFC.

6 p.m. (ESPN) Soccer: Juventus vs. Barcelona.

6 p.m. (ESPN2) Basketball: Super 16.

6 p.m. (NCSN) Auto racing: NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Indianapolis qualifying.

6 p.m. (WBWB-AM 1240) Baseball: Scrappers at Auburn Doubledays.

7 p.m. (AT&T) MLB: "Inside Pirates Baseball."

7 p.m. (CBSSN) Arena football: Cleveland at Tampa Bay.

7 p.m. (FS1) MLB: Rangers at Rays.

7 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Blue Jays at Indians.

8 p.m. (19) UFC: Weidman-Gastelum.

8 p.m. (ESPN2) Soccer: Paris Saint-Germain vs. Tottenham, International Champions Cup.

8 p.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 20 (recorded).

8:30 p.m. (AT&T) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Pirates at Rockies.

10 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal.

10 p.m. (MLBN) MLB: Yankees at Mariners or Red Sox at Angels.

SUNDAY

6 a.m. (TNN) Tennis: Swedish Open.

7 a.m. (21) Golf: British Open.

10:30 a.m. (NBCSN) Cycling: Tour de France: Stage 21.

Noon (ESPN) Basketball: Super 16 regional final.

1 p.m. (STO) (WKBN-AM 570) MLB: Blue Jays at Indians.

1:30 p.m. (TBS) MLB: Astros at Orioles.

2 p.m. (ESPN) Basketball: Super 16 regional final.

2:30 p.m. (21) (WBWB-FM 106.1) Auto racing: NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Brantley Gilbert Big Machine Brickyard 400.

3 p.m. (19) Drag racing: NHRA Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals.

3 p.m. (AT&T) (WNIO-AM 1390) (WLLF-FM 96.7) MLB: Pirates at Rockies.

3 p.m. (TNN) Tennis: Hall of Fame Open.

4 p.m. (ESPN2) Basketball: Super 16 regional final.

4 p.m. (GC) Golf: PGA Tour Barbasol Championship.

6 p.m. (NBCSN) Beach volleyball: AVP Hermosa Beach.

5 p.m. (ESPN) Soccer: Real Madrid vs. Manchester United, International Champions Cup.

6 p.m. (ESPN2) Basketball: Super 16 regional final.

6 p.m. (WBWB-AM 1240) Baseball: Scrappers at State College Spikes.

6:30 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: Vancouver vs. Portland, MLS.

8 p.m. (ESPN) MLB: Cardinals at Cubs.

9 p.m. (FS1) Soccer: CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal.

LATEST LINE

MLB National League

Favorite **Odds** **Underdog**

CHICAGO CUBS 6 1/2 - 1 1/2 St. Louis

PHILADELPHIA 6-7 Milwaukee

CINCINNATI Even-6 Miami

COLORADO 6 1/2 - 7 1/2 Pittsburgh

WASHINGTON 8-9 ARIZONA

LA DODGERS 12-14 Atlanta

SAN FRANCISCO 6 1/2 - 7 1/2 San Diego

American League

Houston 5 1/2 - 6 1/2 BALTIMORE

Texas Even-6 - 7 TAMPA BAY

CLEVELAND 5 1/2 - 6 1/2 Toronto

MINNESOTA 5 1/2 - 6 1/2 Detroit

KANSAS CITY 8-9 Chi White Sox

BOSTON 9-10 LA ANGELS

SEATTLE Even-6 NY Yankees

INTERLEAGUE

NY METS 7 1/2 - 8 1/2 Oakland

CFL

Favorite **Points** **Underdog**

B.C. LIONS 4 1/2 Winnipeg

Saturday

CALGARY 10 Saskatchewan

Home Team in CAPS

GOLF

BRITISH OPEN		
THURSDAY'S SCORES		
At Royal Birkdale Golf Club Southport, England		
Purse: \$10.25 million		
Yardage: 7,156; Par: 70 (34-36)		
First Round		
Jordan Spieth	31-34	— 69

PIRATES

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showing up and stars showing up like they did this homestand, good things are going to happen," said McCutchen, who provided some insurance with an RBI single in the fifth off Jimmy Nelson (8-5). "When we play our best baseball, we can compete with anybody."

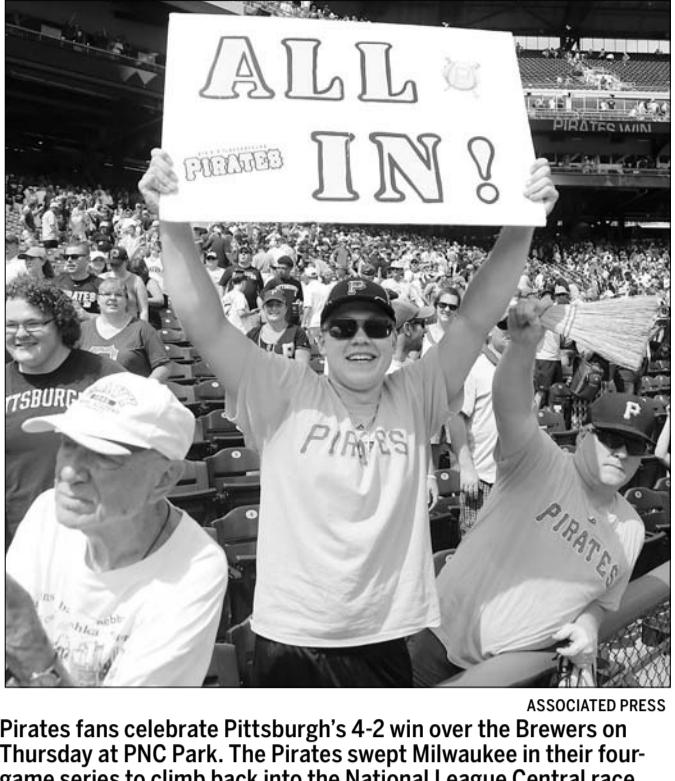
The Pirates focused on pressuring Milwaukee's defense during the series, forcing the issue whenever it had the chance. They scored three of their four runs by taking risks that paid off beautifully. Adam Frazier singled with two outs in the second and scored on Stewart's single to right. With the game tied at 2 in the fifth, Stewart led off with a single then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt.

The 35-year-old catcher — who spent time on the disabled list this season with hamstring issues — chugged home from second on a two-out single to right by Josh Harrison. Harrison went to second when right fielder Domingo Santana's throw missed the cutoff. Harrison then scored on a flare to right by McCutchen.

"I think we want to be in the right position to take that extra step," Stewart said. "I know there's two outs so I'm getting a couple extra steps off second base and going on the crack of the bat. We focus on those types of things."

Jameson Taillon (6-3) struck out a season-high eight in 5 1/3 innings. Felipe Rivero worked a perfect ninth for his ninth save. Pittsburgh is .500 (48-48) for the first time since April 16, two days before Marte's suspension began.

"I wouldn't say it's good to be at .500, but it's good to be playing good baseball," Stewart said. "We feel like we're doing what we



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pirates fans celebrate Pittsburgh's 4-2 win over the Brewers on Thursday at PNC Park. The Pirates swept Milwaukee in their four-game series to climb back into the National League Central race.

thought we were capable of doing."

Taillon threw career-high 116 pitches before giving way to four relievers that kept slumping Milwaukee. Juan Nicasio worked out of a two-on, one-out jam in the eighth and Felipe Rivero worked a perfect ninth for his ninth save as the Pirates put together their first four-game home sweep since taking four straight from St. Louis in July, 2013.

The Brewers were one of the biggest surprises in baseball during their first half. They took a 5 1/2 game lead into the All-Star break but have seen that all but erased in the span of seven days. The problem isn't so much the pitching but the offense. Milwaukee has managed just 13 runs during its five-game losing streak, tied for its longest of the season. The Brewers left nine men on and went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position on Thursday.

"Their bullpen was really tough on us manager Craig Counsell said. "Their start-

ers bent a couple (of) innings, but we didn't get that big inning that really kind of gave us a big lead ever."

Nelson gave up four runs on six hits, with a walk and five strikeouts and isn't overly concerned about his team's rut.

"I mean, we're still in first place," Nelson said. "You're not going to win every single game, you're not going to win every single series. But there's a lot of games left to be played and we know what we're capable of. It doesn't make us question our ability by any means."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Brewers: OF Ryan Braun was held out of the lineup for a second consecutive day as the team tries to monitor his workload while he played through a strained left calf that's bothered him all season. Braun entered as a pinch hitter in the sixth and flew out with two on and two outs. ... 2B Eric Sogard (sprained left ankle) could rejoin the team during its weekend series in Philadelphia.

THURSDAY'S OTHER MLB GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Blue Jays 8, Red Sox 6

BOSTON

Justin Smoak hit a pair of homers and Steve Pearce drove in two runs when Boston second baseman Brock Holt lost his pop-up in the sun, and the Toronto Blue Jays held on to beat the Red Sox. The teams split the four-game series. Dominic Leone (2-0) earned the win. Roberto Osuna pitched the ninth for his 24th save. Smoak has 26 homers this season. His previous career high was 20, in 2013. It was 7-3 in the seventh when Dustin Pedroia, in the lineup at designated hitter after the long week, hit a three-run homer — his third hit of the day and his fourth homer in 11 games. Smoak, who also had an RBI single, added his second homer of the game in the ninth.

Orioles 9, Rangers 7

BALTIMORE

Jonathan Schoop and Adam Jones both homered and drove in three runs, and the Baltimore Orioles rallied to beat Cole Hamels and the Texas Rangers to complete a four-game sweep. Mark Trumbo and Chris Davis also went deep for the Orioles, who trailed 5-1 in the fifth inning before coming back to hand Hamels (4-1) his first loss in 10 starts this season. Miguel Castro (2-1) worked the sixth for Baltimore after starter Wade Miley allowed five runs over five innings.

Royals 16, Tigers 4

KANSAS CITY

Brandon Moss drove in four runs, Mike Moustakas had three RBIs and the Kansas City Royals routed the error-prone Detroit Tigers. Eric Hosmer and Whit Merrifield homered for the Royals, who moved within 1 1/2 games of first-place Cleveland in the AL Central. The 16 runs and 19 hits were season highs for Kansas City. Detroit committed three errors in the Royals' four-run first inning, when only one run was earned. It was the most errors the Tigers have made in an inning since May 1, 2010. Michael Fulmer, the 2016 AL Rookie of the Year, threw 37 pitches in the first. The heat index was 107 when the game started. Fulmer (10-7), who had won his previous four starts, was removed after facing 18 batters. He retired only eight, and eight scored. It was the shortest outing of his career.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Diamondbacks 12, Reds 2

CINCINNATI

Jake Lamb hit a pair of three-run homers and Patrick Corbin pitched into the eighth inning during an emergency start on Thursday, leading the Arizona Diamondbacks to a victory over the Cincinnati Reds. Arizona stabilized itself by taking two of three in the series. The Diamondbacks had dropped eight of nine heading into the set, falling behind Colorado for the second NL wild-card spot. Lamb homered in the first inning off Luis Castillo (1-3) and again in the ninth for a career-high six RBIs. Gregor

Blanco and Ketel Marte added two-run shots as the Diamondbacks concluded a wacky series. They won the opener 11-2 while getting outfielder J.D. Martinez in a trade with Detroit. A day later, Martinez got hit on the left hand by a pitch in his Diamondbacks debut and left with a bruise. He didn't play in the finale. Scheduled starter Taijuan Walker was scratched after his wife, Heather, went into labor Thursday morning. Corbin (7-9) was moved up a day and wound up with his first victory since June 16. The left-hander had gone 0-3 in his last five starts.

Mets 3, Cardinals 2

NEW YORK

Cardinals pitcher Trevor Rosenthal was late covering first base on a two-out grounder by Jose Reyes that turned into a game-winning single in the ninth inning, lifting the New York Mets over St. Louis. A leadoff walk and T.J. Rivera's single put runners on the corners with two outs. Reyes then hit a grounder up the first base line, and Matt Carpenter fielded it cleanly well behind the bag. Rosenthal (2-4) was slow to leave the mound, and the speedy Reyes easily beat him to the base with a headfirst dive. Carpenter never even made a throw. Rosenthal hurdled Reyes as they crossed paths. Reyes' fourth career walkoff RBI gave the Mets a split of the four-game series. Addison Reed (1-2) pitched a perfect ninth.

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MLB STATISTICS

STANDINGS AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	54	43	.557	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	51	45	.531	2 1/2
New York	48	45	.516	4
Baltimore	46	49	.484	7
Toronto	44	51	.463	9

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	48	45	.516	—
Minnesota	48	46	.511	1/2
Kansas City	47	47	.500	1/2
Detroit	43	51	.457	5 1/2
Chicago	38	54	.413	9 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	63	32	.663	—
Seattle	48	50	.480	15 1/2
Los Angeles	47	50	.485	17
Texas	45	50	.474	18
Oakland	43	52	.453	20

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota 1, N.Y. Yankees 1

Seattle 4, Houston 1

Oakland 7, Tampa Bay 2

San Francisco 5, Cleveland 4

Baltimore 10, Texas 2

Boston 5, Toronto 1

C.A. Rodger's 9, Chicago White Sox 1, 8 innings

Kansas City 4, Detroit 3

L.A. Angels 7, Washington 0

Toronto 8, Boston 6

Baltimore 9, Texas 7

Kansas City 16, Detroit 4

N.Y. Yankees at Seattle

Toronto 6, Estrada 4-6

Philadelphia 7-8, 10 p.m.

Detroit 1, Sanchez 1-0 at Minnesota

(Santaana 11-6), 8:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Shields 2-2) at Kansas City (Kenny 3-6), 7:15 p.m.

Boston (Sale 11-4) at L.A. Angels

(Nolasco 4-10), 10:07 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Santana 8-3) at Seattle

(Moore 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Oakland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.

Texas (Darvish 6-8) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 8-6), 7:10 p.m.

Toronto at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.

Boston at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Washington	57	37	.591
Atlanta	45	48	.484
New York	43	50	.462
Philadelphia	32	61	.344

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	52	46	.531	—
Chicago	49	45	.521	1
Pittsburgh	48	48	.500	1
St. Louis	46	49	.484	4 1/2
Cincinnati	40	55	.421	10

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	66	29	.695	—
Arizona	55	40	.579	11
Colorado	56	41	.577	11
San Diego	40	54	.426	21 1/2
San Francisco	37			

Froome closing in on 4th Tour victory

Associated Press

FRANCE

On the highest mountain-top finish of the 104th Tour de France, in a rocky moonscape where the air thins, only the hardiest organisms survive. A few pine trees, tough old grasses, some stubborn flowers and, now joining that rare breed, Chris Froome.

Putting one hand on what would be his third straight Tour crown and fourth overall since his first win in 2013, Froome emerged from the Alps on Thursday with the yellow jersey fixed firmly on his shoulders. Having chewed his way through nearly 3,200 kilometers (2,000 miles) of French roads, just three stages now stand between the Briton and top spot on the Champs-Elysees podium in Paris on Sunday. And one of those is a time trial race against the clock, a discipline he excels in — having provided him with bronze medals at the Olympics of 2012 and 2016.

With opportunities to dethrone the three-time champion quickly running out, French rider Romain Bardet and his AG2R team again put pedal to the metal and tried to make Froome crack on the last huge climb of this Tour, piling on the pace up the punishing Col d'Izoard — the culmination of Thursday's Stage 18 and one of the toughest tests in a three-week race that has produced surprises aplenty.

Froome was in no mood to be at the receiving end of another one.

Fending off Bardet's attacks, and putting in a strong one of his own that initially rattled yet didn't shake off the sturdy Frenchman, he preserved a cushion of 23 seconds overall that, unless disaster strikes in the shape of a crash or other misfortune, should be enough for victory.

"I wouldn't say it's quite won," Froome said, before confidently adding: "The toughest part of the Tour is behind us."

French rider Warren Barguil triumphed on the Izoard's barren slopes, winning his second stage of the tour after he attacked with six kilometers (four miles) left to climb to the top. He also won Stage 13 on Bastille Day.

SANDLOTS ROUNDUP

Recent games

MAHONING VALLEY AA

Metro Ice 16, NEO Whoppers 3

Metro Ice scored 10 runs in the fourth inning. Jake Foster hit a two-run triple and Nick Capogreco and Derek Morrison contributed RBI doubles. Mark Herron hit a RBI triple.

Metro Ice 5, PI&I Express 3

Larry Goist hit a two-run double to snap a 3-3 tie. Joe Micco drove in Ice's other runs with a double. Winning pitcher Marcus Masters allowed three runs and three hits. He struck out eight. AJ Armstrong recorded the last three outs to earn the save.

Metro Ice 12, Horseshoe Bar Indians 8

Goist homered and Vitto Petrillo, Cameron Carson, Nick Charnas, Herron, and Ryan Trimbur each managed two hits to lead Metro Ice. For the Indians, Cory Hinzman, Gerry Booze and Dale Hinzman each collected multiple hits.

Colebrook Elevator Marlins 5, NEO Whoppers 3

Winning pitcher Shawn Pelo gave up three runs on four hits. He struck out nine and walked three. Bobby Dulay and Pelo hit RBI doubles while Tom Popadak and Alex Fitzgerald had RBI singles.

Staff report

AP source: Cavs talking contract with Rose

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

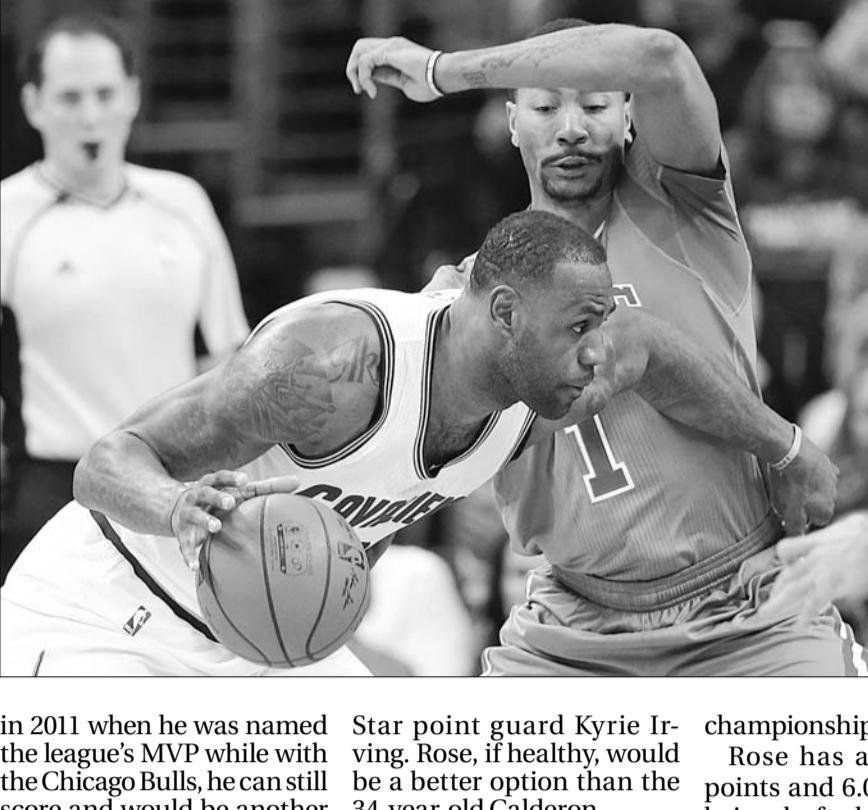
The Cavaliers could be adding another former MVP to their roster.

Looking to close the gap on the champion Golden State Warriors, Cleveland is in contract talks with free agent guard Derrick Rose, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Thursday. Rose, whose career has been sidetracked by injuries, could sign a one-year deal for the veteran's minimum, according to the person, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the talks.

Cleveland has salary cap issues and is limited in what it can offer Rose, who made \$21.3 million while playing in 64 games for the New York Knicks last season.

ESPN.com first reported the Cavs' pursuit of the 28-year-old Rose. Other teams, including the Los Angeles Lakers, are interested in him.

Although Rose may not be the same player he was



The Cavaliers' LeBron James drives against Derrick Rose of the Bulls during a game on Jan. 23, 2016, in Cleveland. A source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press on Thursday that the Cavaliers are discussing a one-year contract with Rose.

AP FILE PHOTO

JAN. 23, 2016

in 2011 when he was named the league's MVP while with the Chicago Bulls, he can still score and would be another nice compliment to LeBron James, a four-time MVP.

The Cavaliers signed free agent Jose Calderon last month as a backup to All-

Star point guard Kyrie Irving. Rose, if healthy, would be a better option than the 34-year-old Calderon.

Cleveland struggled to fill the backup role last season after allowing Matthew Dellavedova to leave as a free agent following the 2016

championship.

Rose has averaged 19.5 points and 6.0 assists since being drafted first overall by Chicago in 2008. He was a three-time All-Star during his seven seasons with the Bulls.

Alex Bowman to replace Junior in No. 88 car in '18

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Dale Earnhardt Jr. got the replacement he wanted. Alex Bowman got his dream job.

Hendrick Motorsports announced Thursday that the 24-year-old Bowman will replace one of the series' biggest stars in the No. 88 car next season after Earnhardt retires.

Bowman has big shoes to fill. Earnhardt was named NASCAR's most popular driver each of the last 14 seasons and fans of his late father often tracked Junior's results following Dale Earnhardt's fatal crash in the 2001 season opener at Daytona.

"Ever since I was a kid, racing is all I've wanted to do," Bowman said. "I've had so many people believe in me along the way. My family has sacrificed a lot and always been behind me. I would never have this chance without the support of Dale and everyone involved with the No. 88 team."

To be part of Hendrick Motorsports and for Mr. Hendrick to have this confidence in me, it's just amazing."

Bowman already has some experience in this job. When the 42-year-old Earnhardt missed 18 races because of a concussion last season, Bowman started 10 of them in the No. 88, winning the first Cup pole

BRICKYARD 400

◆ SUNDAY at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis. Green flag drops at 2:30 p.m. TV: (21)

of his career and finishing in the top 10 three times.

That was enough to get Earnhardt's attention and eventually an endorsement in May.

"Alex Bowman to the 88 next year — is that what you guys want?" Junior asked during a live stream on Periscope following the series' All-Star race. "That would be pretty awesome to see Alex in that car. That's the plan, I hope. Yeah, Alex in the 88. That sounds good to me. That kid earned it last year. He ran good."

The 24-year-old Bowman performed well enough to get several full-time offers to drive in the Cup series this year.

Instead, he stayed patient. Bowman said he turned down each offer as he continued searching for the right situation. The Tucson, Arizona, native wound up with no full-time ride in 2017.

But with Earnhardt's concussion history, Bowman likely knew it wouldn't be long until he stepped away. Rick Hendrick's team contemplated its options for months before finally deciding bring back Bow-

man, who also got a 19-race majority sponsorship from the Nationwide insurance giant. Axalta Coating Systems will sponsor the No. 88 for 15 races.

In 81 career Cup starts and 50 career starts in the Xfinity Series, Bowman has never won a race. But he had 13 top-finishes and won three poles on the Xfinity circuit before blossoming in Earnhardt's car last season.

"Alex impressed the heck out of us last year with his talent, poise and professionalism," Hendrick said. "He stepped up in a very demanding situation and showed that he can run with the best and compete for wins. His ability to stay focused through it all, and the way he's handled himself since then, has shown a lot of character."

Bowman joins a series that is clearly in transition.

With television ratings and attendance sagging and three major stars — Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart and Earnhardt — retiring since 2015, Bowman will become yet another prominent fresh face in a series that currently has five drivers who are in their 20s in the top 15.

The announcement comes two days Earnhardt attempts to qualify for his final Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis on Sunday.

EAST

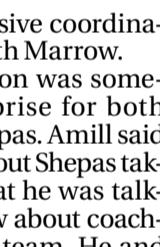
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and young women that are participating in athletics here.

"The image and perception of our schools is going to change," Shepas said.

Marrow is not the only summer hire by Shepas. He brought in Latalia Jones, a former Chaney track athlete, to help coach the track team and work as a counselor.

He also hired former Rayen and East girls basketball coach Tanisha Franklin to serve coaching and administrative roles at East.



Cylar

Marrow's staff includes some familiar names. Former Liberty coach Kevin Cylar is on board and Chris Amill stepped down as Cardinal Mooney's defensive coordinator to link up with Marrow.

Amill's addition was something of a surprise for both himself and Shepas. Amill said he first heard about Shepas taking over and that he was talking with Marrow about coaching the football team. He and Shepas being Mooney grads plus a healthy respect for Marrow made working with him at East an enticing proposition.

"[Marrow] is like a big brother to me, he always has been," Amill said.

He's also confident that Marrow and his staff can put the Panthers back on track.

"It's going to be about getting our guys knowing that they can compete with anyone," Amill said. "That's the hardest part. We definitely know we have the athletes, now we have to get them to believe."

SOCER

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on the captains speaking before each game about the importance of acting in an appropriate manner and that 'our children are watching.'

Victor Montagliani, president of the Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Association Football, said a subset of the group's disciplinary committee will examine the report from the match commissioner, Randolph Harris of Barbados, and share it with the involved federations along with other evidence. The subset group then will decide whether discipline is warranted.

Uruguayan forward Luis Suarez was suspended three times for bites: seven Dutch league matches in 2010 (PSV Eindhoven's Otman Bakkal), 10 games in England in 2013 (Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic) and four months and nine international matches (Italy's Giorgio Chiellini during the 2014 World Cup).

"That set the precedent, and everything else will be longer than that," predicted McManaman, a former Liverpool and England star who now is an analyst for ESPN and BT Sport. "It's incredible. It's been so unusual. We've had a raft of them in the last four to five years. Beforehand, you can't remember anything like that going on."

Romero also twisted Altidore's nipple during the jostling ahead of a corner kick. While the Americans had stinging criticism for the behavior, U.S. coach Bruce Arena said he couldn't fault Canadian referee Drew Fischer, a Major League Soccer regular, for not noticing the incidents away from the ball ahead of restarts.

Retired Premier League referee Peter Walton, now general manager of the Professional Referee Organization that oversees on-field officials in the U.S. and Canada, said video technology can be a solution. FIFA experimented with Video Assistant Referees during this year's Confederations Cup and Under-20 World Cup.

"Part of the protocol for the VAR is that they can identify serious missed incidents from the referee," he said. "Acts of violent conduct should be and ought to be picked up on VAR and then the information would be given to the referee to adjudicate."

Walton said MLS referees have become more proactive to limit the pushing and shoving that goes on ahead of restarts.

"What you'll find is that players will try to circumvent the law, and if that means they bring in other acts of disrepute, then that's maybe something officials need to be aware of," he said. "So whilst we're looking for the grappling, the grabbing, the tripping, the blocking, maybe we should be opening our repertoire to other areas of player behavior."

Lalas said VAR would have changed Wednesday night's game.

"This would have been seen and flagged, and the player would have been kicked out," he said.

starting Aug. 13. For more information, contact Marc at 330-507-2652. **LISBON BASEBALL/SOFTBALL** Association — has softball fall leagues beginning Aug. 27 for 8U coach pitch and 10U and 12U teams. Cost is \$200 for 12U and 10U, and \$150 for 8U teams. All games will be played at the Dickey Baseball/Softball Complex on Sundays. For more information or to register a team, contact David Tolson at 330-606-3201 or email him at pattern@peoplepc.com.

VOLLEYBALL Above the Net Volleyball Clinic — will be directed by Sarah Lowe and area volleyball coaches at Beaver Local on Tuesday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The clinic will include individualized skill instruction as well as 6-on-6 court instruction. The cost is \$50. To register and additional information contact sarah.lowe@beaverlocal.org.

To submit a notice, or if you see a notice that should no longer run, email sports@vindy.com or fax 330-747-6712.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired RHP David Phelps from Miami for OF Brayan Hernandez and RHPs Pablo Lopez, Brandon Miller and Lukas Schiraldi.

Recalled RHP Max Povse from Tacoma (PCL). Optioned RHP Sam Gaviglio to Tacoma.

TEXAS RANGERS — Activated RHP Keone Kela from the 10-day DL. Designated INF Pete Kozma for assignment.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed RHP Taijuan Walker on the paternity leave.

Recalled RHP Matt Koch from Reno (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated LHP Grant Dayton from the 10-day DL. Designated INF Sergio Romo for assignment.

NEW YORK METS — Activated LHP Josh Smoker from the 10-day DL. Designated INF Neil Ramirez for assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated OF Hunter Renfroe from the 10-day DL.

Placed OF Manuel Margot on the paternity leave list.

American Association

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released OL

Todd Eaton, ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released RHP Robert Cole.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Activated LHP Eury De La Rosa. Placed OF Fehland Lentini on the inactive list.

Can-Am League

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released RHP Silfredo Garcia. Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Sold the contract of SS Chaz Meadows to Arizona (NL).

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Sold the contract of 2B Seth Spivey to Arizona (NL).

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed OF Orlando Rivera and C Jeremy Stidham.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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FOOTBALL

National

Palestinians clash with Israel police at Jerusalem holy site**JERUSALEM**

Palestinians clashed with Israeli security forces near a contested Jerusalem shrine after Muslim worshippers massed outside for evening prayers Thursday as tensions over the holy site escalated further.

Israel police spokeswoman Luba Samri said Palestinians hurled stones and glass bottles at officers after the prayers outside the site, referred to by Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and by Jews as the Temple Mount.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said it treated at least 22 people for injuries. Police said no officers were injured; they had no information about injured protesters.

The Palestinians were protesting Israel's placement of metal detectors at the entrance to the holy site after a deadly attack there last week in which three Israeli Arab gunmen killed two Israeli police officers before they were shot and killed at the entrance to the site.

Massive blaze threatens town near Yosemite**MARIPOSA, CALIF.**

The town of Mariposa, with its century-old saloons and covered streets, normally bustles with summer visitors on their way to Yosemite National Park but Thursday the Gold Rush-era hamlet was mostly empty as ash rained down and heavy smoke from a nearby blaze darkened the sky.

The five-day blaze in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada threatened hundreds of homes and historic buildings, including a wood courthouse founded in 1854 and touted as the oldest active courthouse west of the Rocky Mountains.

93-year-old woman dragged 20 feet during carjacking**DELAND, FLA.**

A 93-year-old woman in Florida was dragged 20 feet as she tried to stop two carjackers in a church parking lot.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported that Marquita Steinmetz only had cuts and bruises from the Thursday ordeal.

DeLand police say Steinmetz was in the parking lot of a church when 20-year-old Darius Matthews and 21-year-old David Leo Perkins III approached her and pushed her to the ground. Authorities say the men grabbed the keys out of her hand and got into the car.

Steinmetz reached into her car to try to stop them and was dragged 20 feet before she let go.

Police officers pursued the suspects, who were arrested after crashing the car. Matthews and Perkins were being held on carjacking charges.

US says ban on laptops in airplane cabins lifted**DALLAS**

The ban on laptops in the cabins of planes flying from the Middle East to the U.S. is over, as federal officials say that large airports in the region have taken other steps to increase security.

Those measures include checking electronic devices to make sure they don't contain a bomb and pulling more people out of airport lines for additional screening.

A spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security said Thursday that all airlines and airports with flights departing for the U.S. had met the agency's first phase of new security measures, which were announced in late June but not described in any detail.

In March, the U.S. imposed a ban on laptops in the cabins of planes coming into the country from 10 Middle Eastern airports.

Associated Press

Trump move to fire Mueller could trigger purge at Justice**Bloomberg News****WASHINGTON**

President Donald Trump's interview with *The New York Times* on Wednesday has stirred speculation he may consider firing Special Counsel Robert Mueller for investigating Trump's business dealings as part of the Russia probe.

But Trump can't fire Mueller directly, according to the law that authorizes Mueller's activities. If he tried, he could set off a chain-reaction of events that would

throw the Justice Department into upheaval.

Only the person acting as attorney general, currently Rod Rosenstein, can fire Mueller, and he's said he won't do it without "good cause." So Trump would first have to purge the upper ranks of the Justice Department until he finds someone willing to follow his orders and dismiss the special counsel.

He'd almost certainly begin by dismissing Rosenstein, whose political loyalties Trump questioned

in the *Times* interview Wednesday in which he also warned Mueller against broadening his investigation. Such a scenario would parallel President Richard Nixon's 1973 Saturday Night Massacre, when Nixon fired the top two officials in the Justice Department in order to oust the Watergate special counsel.

"I don't think that's politically survivable, and it's not clear how much collateral damage he has to do to in order to put himself into a

position to have somebody fire Mueller," said Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I.

Mueller's investigation has expanded to examine a broad range of transactions involving the president's businesses, including dealings by his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, a person familiar with the probe told Bloomberg News. Trump told *The Times* that if Mueller examined his family's finances beyond any relationship with Russia he'd

consider it "a violation."

"There is no possible way anybody at the White House could be seriously thinking about firing Mueller," said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican who is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, agreed that it would be a mistake to fire Mueller or Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

"We all know the president; he makes some of these comments that he really doesn't mean," Hatch said.

Americans finding stress as they pay more attention to politics**Tribune Washington Bureau****WASHINGTON**

Americans are paying more attention to politics since Donald Trump's election, but many find the experience a stressful one, according to new data from the nonpartisan Pew Research Center.

Slightly more than half of those surveyed by Pew said they were paying more attention to politics since Trump's victory; only about one in eight said they were paying less attention, and one-third said their level of attention had not changed.

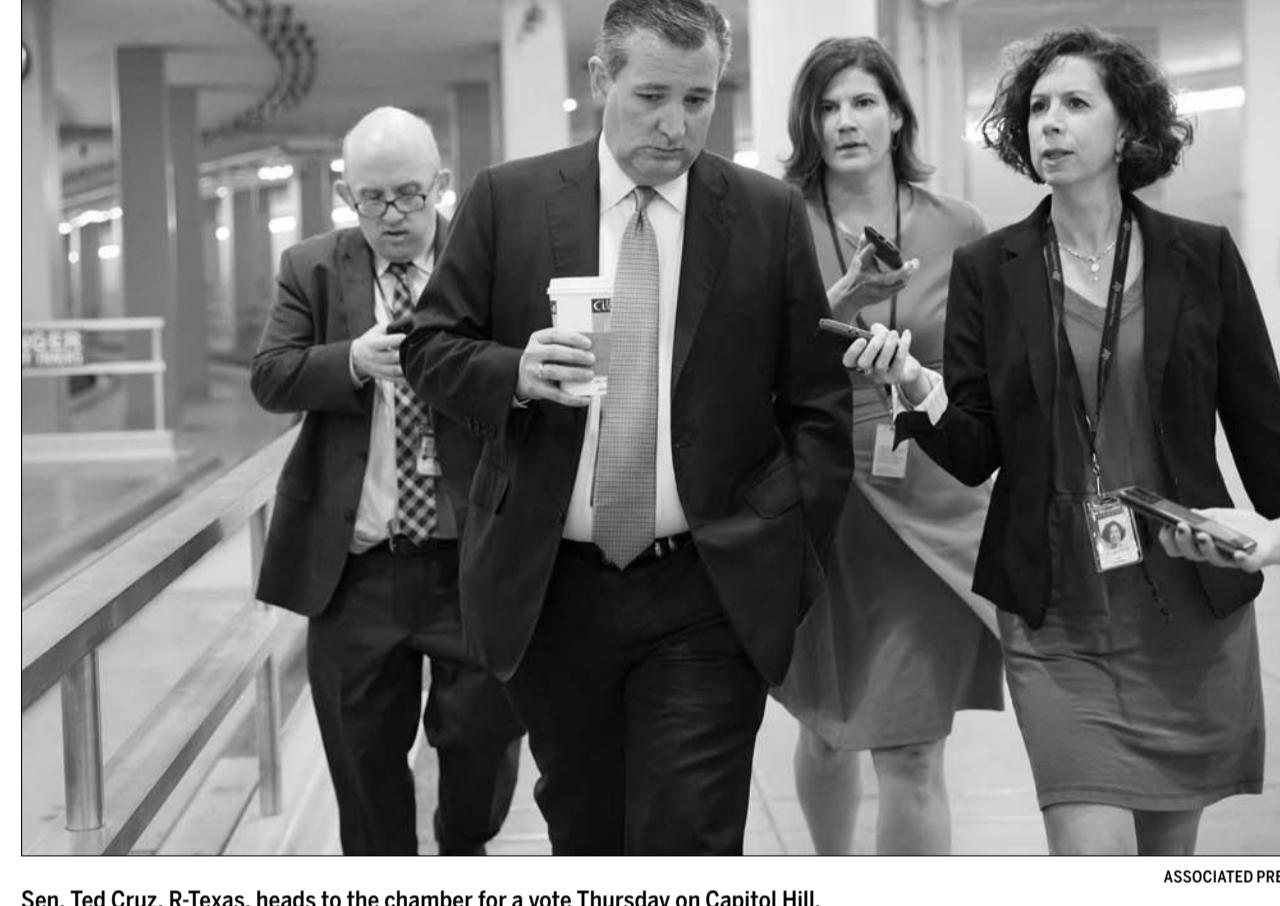
Women were especially likely to say they were paying more attention to politics, with about six in 10 saying so, compared with just under half of men.

About one in six Americans said they had attended a political event since the election, with most of those saying the events were opposed to Trump or his policies.

About six in 10 said that they found talking about politics with people who disagree about Trump "stressful and frustrating," compared with 35 percent who find such conversations "interesting and informative."

Democrats were more likely than Republicans to say they found conversations with the other side about Trump to be stressful, with about seven in 10 Democrats and about half of Republicans taking that position.

For all the polarization that has surrounded Trump's administration, the percentage of Americans who said that members of the other party did not share their values and goals is lower now than it was a decade ago, during the final years of the George W. Bush administration.



Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, heads to the chamber for a vote Thursday on Capitol Hill.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Uphill climb
GOP LEADERS PLAN TUESDAY HEALTH VOTE**Associated Press****WASHINGTON**

Republican leaders pushed toward a Senate vote Tuesday on resurrecting their nearly flat-lined health care bill. Their uphill drive was further complicated by the ailing GOP Sen. John McCain's potential absence and a dreary report envisioning that the number of uninsured Americans would soar.

The White House and GOP leaders fished Thursday for ways to win over recalcitrant senators, including an administration proposal to let states use Medicaid funds to help people buy their own private health insurance. But there were no indications they'd ensured the votes needed to even start debating the party's legislative keystone, a bill scuttling and supplanting President Barack Obama's health care law.

"Dealing with this issue is what's right for the country," said Major

ity Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. He added, "It was certainly never going to be easy, but we've come a long way, and I look forward to continuing our work together to finally bring relief."

As leaders tested revisions that might attract GOP votes, others began comparing the process with the trade-offs they scorned seven years ago as top Democrats pushed Obama's overhaul.

In a blow, the Congressional Budget Office said McConnell's latest bill would produce 22 million additional uninsured people by 2026 and drive up premiums for many older Americans. Congress' non-partisan fiscal analyst also said it would boost typical deductibles — the money people must pay before insurers cover costs — for single people to \$13,000 that year, well above the \$5,000 they'd be expected to pay under Obama's statute.

That dire outlook resembled one

the office released last month on McConnell's initial bill, which the leader had to withdraw as Republicans rebelled against it.

Thursday's report seemed unlikely to do much better to help win over balking moderate Republicans upset over millions of voters losing coverage and cuts in Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor. These included Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Susan Collins of Maine, Ohio's Rob Portman and West Virginian Shelley Moore Capito.

The GOP's fissures have changed little for months.

Conservatives such as Sens. Mike Lee of Utah and Texas' Ted Cruz want to loosen Obama's requirements that insurers cover numerous services and cap customers' costs, and some want to cut spending for Medicaid and other programs.

Cancer isn't silencing McCain**Associated Press****WASHINGTON**

John McCain couldn't bring himself to vote for Donald Trump — so he talked about writing in his best friend's name for president. After the election, he's been the leading Senate Republican critic of Trump's posture toward Russia. And from his Arizona home, where he's battling brain cancer, the Arizona senator Thursday lobbed a new attack at the White House over its Syria policy.

The grave medical diagnosis hit the six-term senator just as he was settling into the latest notable role in his storied career. The ex-prisoner of war, former GOP presidential nominee and onetime standard-bearer of the political Straight Talk Express has emerged as a voice for what some Republicans feel is a party lost in the Trump era. He's lambasted Trump as a defamer of military personnel, recoiled from Trump's willingness to cozy up to Russian President Vladimir Putin and rejected Trump's self-described boorishness toward women.

On Thursday, less than 24 hours after announcing he'd



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., arrives for a Senate Republican meeting on a health reform bill on Capitol Hill last month.

AP FILE PHOTO, JUNE 22

be undergoing treatment for glioblastoma, McCain promised — warned, really — that he won't be gone for long. "He is yelling at me to buck up so I'm gonna buck up," said Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, McCain's close friend in the Senate.

It was classic McCain, whose candor offers a dose of authenticity and moxie at a time when his fellow Republicans control Congress and the presidency but are struggling to gov-

ern. His absence, however long, raises the prospect of a Senate without its sometimes trash-talking, yet also self-effacing, senator from Arizona for the first time in more than three decades.

On Thursday, from his home in Arizona, McCain said the administration would be "playing right into the hands of Vladimir Putin" if, as *The Washington Post* reported, Trump was ending a program to back the Syrian opposition.

Senate panel rejects cuts to foreign aid, domestic spending**Associated Press****WASHINGTON**

Rebuffing a Republican president, a GOP-led Senate panel Thursday rejected President Donald Trump's proposed cuts to foreign aid and deep reductions in spending on domestic programs such as education, housing and energy.

The powerful Appropriations Committee that oversees spending for the federal government approved the plan on a party-line vote.

In May, Trump proposed a cut of some 32 percent in spending in diplomacy programs such as economic aid and contributions to international organizations. The committee agreed on spending about \$11 billion more than the president sought for \$51.2 billion next year for the State Department and related agencies.

While overall spending would remain frozen, bills funding education, housing and transportation, homeland security and energy would all receive in-

creases. An additional \$3 billion would come from a trust fund that's supposed to be dedicated to crime victims, and emergency war funding is sprinkled generously to limit cuts to foreign aid.

The Senate panel tries to work on a bipartisan basis. Both parties want a budget deal to increase spending but negotiations by top Capitol Hill leaders and the administration have yet to start in earnest. The fiscal year starts Oct. 1, and a stopgap funding measure would be required to avert a government shutdown.

Democrats pressed for higher spending but are working cooperatively in crafting bills under the plan.

The move by the Senate panel is in sharp contrast to action in the House, where Republicans are pushing budget and spending plans that would increase the Pentagon's budget by about \$70 billion above current levels and cut most domestic agencies, though not as sharply as Trump would like.

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THE 5

Today's entertainment picks:

1 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Italian festival, 5-11 p.m.: A full slate of fun, food and music, including the Cavaliers Band at 7 p.m., are on tap at this large festival (\$4) on the church grounds, 343 Via Mount Carmel, Youngstown.

2 "The Little Mermaid," 8 p.m.: The musical, based on the Disney animated film, on stage (\$18, \$16 for seniors and students, and \$14 for children 12 and under) at Kent-Trumbull Theater, 4314 Mahoning Ave. NW, Chambion: 330-675-8887.

3 "South Pacific," 7:30 p.m.: The balmy musical continues (\$16 for adults, \$13 for seniors) at New Castle Playhouse, 202 E. Long Ave., New Castle, Pa.; 724-654-3437.

4 "Forbidden Youngstown," 8 p.m.: Rust Belt Theater Company's annual spoof of local and Broadway musical theater, with some new songs, on stage (\$15, \$10 for seniors and students) at Calvin Center, 755 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-507-2357.

5 "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," 7:30 p.m.: A theatrical adaptation (\$10, \$5 for children under 6) of "The Chronicles of Narnia," by the children's theater at The Vic, 702 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-746-5455.

BEST BETS ON TV

"DESCENDANTS 2" (8 P.M., DISNEY CHANNEL, ABC, FREEFORM, DISNEY XD, LIFETIME AND LIFETIME MOVIE NETWORK): The musical adventures continue for the offspring of Disney's most infamous villains in "Descendants 2." It's a rousing followup to 2015's smash hit and will be simulcast over – count 'em – six networks.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Recycle, restring musical instruments

NILES

Local musicians are invited to attend a free recycle and restring event at Hubbard Music in Eastwood Mall at 6 p.m. today.

Sponsored by D'Addario, musicians can bring any old instrument strings for recycling and get their electric or acoustic guitars restrung with D'Addario NYXL or Nickel Bronze Acoustic strings. Old strings collected during the event will be recycled through Playback, D'Addario's free, national recycling program.

"We are doing the restring event because we want to do something for our customers that is unique and completely free. It is important to give back to them," said Rob McFarland, general manager of Hubbard Music.

For information, call 330-534-3900.

Aaron Lewis to play Packard

WARREN

Aaron Lewis and Blackberry Smoke will come to Packard Music Hall on Nov. 11 for a 7:30 p.m. concert.

Tickets range from \$32 to \$52 and go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday at ticketmaster.com, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 and at the Packard box office, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW.

Lewis, who was once the front man of rock band Staind before turning country, achieved critical success with his latest album, "Sinner," which hit the top position on several Billboard charts.

Blackberry Smoke's latest album, "Like An Arrow," fared well on the rock charts, and includes a collaboration with the late Greg Allman.

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'Girls Trip' makes for hilarious destination

By SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

Get ready to know the name Tiffany Haddish. If there were such a thing as Comedy Oscars, she would win for "Girls Trip."

Like Melissa McCarthy in "Bridesmaids," Haddish steals this film from her big-name co-stars: Queen Latifah, Regina Hall and Jada Pinkett Smith. All four actresses have shining moments of comedy and heart in director Malcolm D. Lee's ode to female friendships, thanks to the winning script by Kenya Barris ("Black-ish") and Tracy Oliver ("Barbershop: The Next Cut"), but Haddish emerges as the most

memorable. She has a scene with a grapefruit that will go down in the annals of hilarious movie moments.

The "Girls Trip" here is to the Essence Festival in New Orleans. A group of friends who called themselves the Flossy Posse back in college in the '90s travel there for a long-awaited reunion after one of their members, self-help guru Ryan (Hall), is invited to give the festival's keynote speech. She's joined by her longtime besties: Journalist Sasha (Latifah), who runs a celebrity-gossip website; Lisa (Pinkett Smith), an uptight, divorced nurse with two young children, and brash, outspoken Dina (Had-

dish), who hasn't stopped partying since graduation.

Ryan and her retired football star husband Stewart (Mike Coulter) have billed themselves as the couple that has it all, and they have a lot riding on her Essence appearance: They're poised to sign a major corporate contract at the festival that would bring them Oprah-level success. Their agent (Kate Walsh), who insists on awkwardly using street slang, warns Ryan against getting too "turned" over her girls' weekend, lest she jeopardize the deal.

The posse's trouble begins when Sasha receives a paparazzi picture of Stewart in a compromising position.

'GIRLS TRIP'

◆ Grade: 3 and a half stars (out of 4)

◆ Rating: R for crude and sexual content throughout, pervasive language, brief graphic nudity, and drug material

◆ Running time: 2:02

Could it be the perfect couple isn't so perfect after all? What about their lucrative contract?

The women in "Girls Trip" are so distinct and well-drawn, they're universally relatable. Everyone has a wild friend they wish was

like Dina or one as tightly wound as Lisa.

"Girls Trip" definitely earns its R rating. There's crude language, overt sexual jokes, drug references, public urination, bar fights and full-frontal male nudity. And, girl, is it funny. Nothing is gratuitous. The story is both outrageous and realistic, grounded by the women's friendship.

Because the film was actually shot during the Essence Festival, there are countless cameos. Look for Mariah Carey, Maxwell, Ava DuVernay, Terry McMillan, Iyanla Vanzant, Morris Chestnut, Faith Evans, Common, Diddy, Ne-Yo and many others.

Seacrest to return as host of 'Idol'

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ryan Seacrest will be back hosting "American Idol" when it returns for its first season on ABC. Kelly Ripa made the announcement on Thursday's "Live with Kelly and Ryan," which she has co-hosted with Seacrest since he joined her in May.

"I am happy to confirm ... that Ryan Seacrest is returning as the host of 'American Idol,'" said Ripa as the studio audience whooped.

Seacrest said he was excited to be doing it again.

"I don't know if you've ever been in a 15-year relationship and then, for a reason that you really don't know, you break up," he said. "I thought, 'Gosh, it would be great to get back together at some point.'"

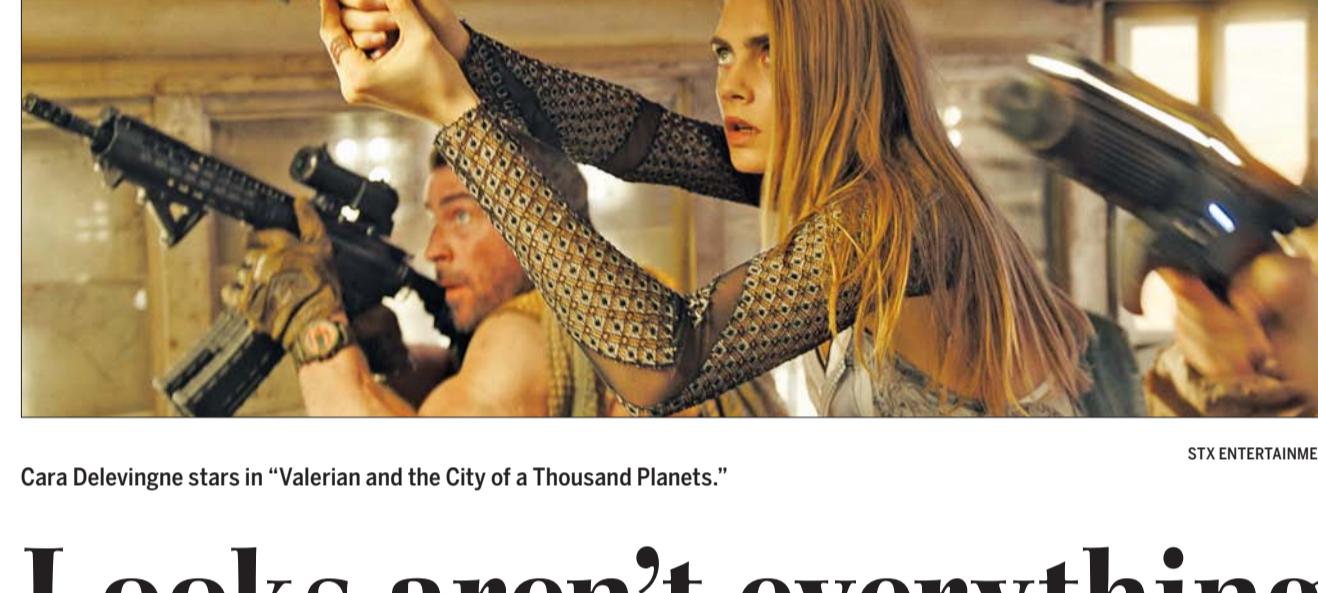
Seacrest had a grand history with "Idol" during its smash-hit run on Fox from 2002 through 2016. Reclaiming that job now gives him an additional role in the Disney family, which owns ABC and produces the syndicated "Live."

His potential return to "Idol" had sparked much speculation since ABC announced in May that it would revive the talent competition. The program airs from Los Angeles and "Live" airs weekday mornings from New York. But the 42-year-old Seacrest is no stranger to a packed work schedule and cross-country flights.

Seacrest will also continue his syndicated Los Angeles radio show, as well as a nationally syndicated Top 40 radio show. He also hosts and executive produces ABC's annual "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest," and is a busy producer of series in which he doesn't appear, including "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" and its many spin-offs.

The search for the first ABC-aired "Idol" begins next month. The premiere date has yet to be revealed.

Visual splendor isn't enough to lift 'Valerian'



STX ENTERTAINMENT

Cara Delevingne stars in "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets."

Looks aren't everything

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

When even most of the good spectacles carry a strong whiff of prepackaging, try taking in the air of Luc Besson's sci-fi extravaganza "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets."

Its atmosphere – vibrant in color, elastic in form – takes some acclimating to after such a barrage of more sanitized summer movies. Watching "Valerian" is to simultaneously and acutely realize what's missing from so many other big films (visual inventiveness, freewheeling unpredictability) and appreciate what the more controlled studio project does so much better (precision pacing, half-decent writing).

Had "Valerian" – a lifelong passion project for the French filmmaker that's been called the most expensive indie film ever made – been produced in the studio system, it would have been better. But also worse.

"Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets," adapted by Besson from Pierre Christin and Jen Claude Meziers' comic book series, is just your average Dane DeHaan movie with extraterrestrial ducks, a pole-dancing Rihanna and a prominent cameo from Herbie Hancock – on hand, presumably, to channel the cosmic spirit of his album covers.

This one slides in somewhere on the spectrum of rococo science fictions like the Wachowskis' "Jupiter Ascending" or James Gunn's more recent "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2." These are worlds populated by a lavish and somewhat harmonious diversity of life forms. In the opening montage of "Valerian" (its best sequence), the commander of the sprawling space station Alpha welcomes over time a steady stream of every nationality of Earth and then alien species, too, greeting each with a handshake.

Eventually the station grows so large that it's jettisoned into space. This wild, spinning metropolis of alien cultures on a metal sphere looks

'VALERIAN AND THE CITY OF A THOUSAND PLANETS'

◆ Grade: 2 stars (out of 4)

◆ Credits: Directed by Luc Besson; cast includes Dane DeHaan, Cara Delevingne and Rihanna.

◆ Rating: PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action, suggestive material and brief language

◆ Running time: 2:17

like a movie paradise. It's a pity, then, that instead of some exotic protagonist we're saddled with the altogether uninteresting Valerian (DeHaan), a brash special agent hotshot. DeHaan also starred earlier this year in Gore Verbinski's "Cure for Wellness" (one of the year's other ravishing but questionably quixotic auteur-driven jumbles) and he has a definite presence: intelligently smarmy with a voice that I suspect even Keanu Reeves would find dubiously low.

He's teamed with Laureline (Cara Delevingne) and their investigation soon has them digging into a tangled-up past, where suspicions of a covered-up genocide appear to implicate a military commander (Clive Owen). More words could be spent on the



STX ENTERTAINMENT

Dane DeHaan, and Cara Delevingne in a scene from "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets."

Is living-room painting a Michelangelo?

Associated Press

TONAWANDA, N.Y.

Martin Kober is convinced the painting of a dying Jesus that hung above the mantel in his upstate New York childhood home is the work of Michelangelo. Getting experts to agree remains the \$300 million hurdle.

That's the potential value of the 19-by-25-inch work that Kober's family affectionately calls "the Mike," a one-time living room fixture that occa-

sionally got dinged by a thrown tennis ball and once fell from the wall while being dusted.

Kober has for the last 15 years taken his Michelangelo suspicions to the art world and gotten a mixed bag of scholarly opinions.

For now, the circa 1545 family heirloom that was given to Kober's great-great-grandfather's sister-in-law by a German baroness remains in an out-of-state vault while he seeks the elusive validation.



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Painting believed to be by Michelangelo.

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DEAR ANNIE
Advice from Annie Lane
every day in Society.

Friend is bored by their town

Dear Annie: I currently live in a small town in rural Missouri. I grew up here, and my husband grew up here, and we plan on raising our own family here, as well. The only time I left was for college. I moved to St. Louis for four years and enjoyed the new adventures of big-city life, but I moved back home right after graduation. One of my best college girlfriends, "Jessica," who's also from here, recently moved back for family reasons after having stayed in the city for another five years.

Annie, my issue is that Jessica is always complaining to me about how boring our hometown is and how she can't wait to leave, and she draws out old college experiences to make me agree with her. I've tried telling her that though I did love being in a big city, I'm really a small-town person. However, she refuses to listen and keeps pressuring me to move back to St. Louis with her. Don't I miss the culture? The art? The restaurants? The job opportunities? Well, yes, sometimes. But I'm happy here. And I'm happy Jessica is here, too. When not complaining, she's an incredible friend. How do I keep my friendship without disregarding my town?

COUNTRY CATIE

Dear Country Catie: It's time to remind your city-loving friend of the value of small-town humility. Be very clear with Jessica that though you appreciate and understand what she loves about a big city, you and your husband prefer the quiet of the country. Tell her that when she's not complaining, she's an incredible friend. In the end, she will appreciate your honesty. And perhaps it will cause her to pause and reflect on her current life, what's making her unhappy and what she could do to change it – as opposed to reminiscing about her glory days in college.

Dear Annie: A recent column of yours addressed people's making comments about a person's height. (The letter was from "Had It Up to Here.") Even more common is the practice of commenting on a person's body size, either positive or negative. It seems that many people are flattered when someone comments about weight loss. I, for one, am very uncomfortable when people make any comment about my body size. It seems that it is now also acceptable to say, "Oh, I see you put on a few pounds." When did we become a society that accepts such personal comments from people we barely know? And if a person does not want to receive such comments, what response could possibly be appropriate?

COMMENTS TOO PERSONAL

Dear Comments Too Personal: I agree that commenting on a person's weight is never advisable, no matter how well-intentioned. Sometimes a sarcastic response ("Gee, thanks") is in order; sometimes it's better to just let such comments roll off your back and leave them behind you, where they belong.

But I'm printing this letter here as a PSA: Please don't comment on another person's weight loss or weight gain, height, shoe size, hair loss, etc. Zip it.

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

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Chaplain offers some tips for cruises



Heloise

Dear Heloise: I read you in the Omaha (Neb.) *World-Herald*. I've served as chaplain on many cruises and recommend four useful hints:

- ◆ Get to the port city one day ahead of time to avoid travel delays.
- ◆ Buy the cruise lines' air package. If there is a problem with a delay at the end of the cruise, the cruise line will help rearrange flights home.
- ◆ If you want to avoid the expense of excursions, go to one of the taxis lined up at the port; ask what the fee would be for two hours (or whatever time you want) to see the best things in that port city.
- ◆ Don't complain! Some people have one foot on the ship and still have one

foot on the gangplank, and they already start to complain.

J.K.C. IN NEBRASKA

J.K.C., I loved your suggestions, especially the last one. Just sit back and relax on a cruise. Go with the flow, and have a great time.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I have been to many hotel properties through the years, large and small, and most have the same fault: the placement of a full-length mirror opposite the bathroom door. This enables anyone in the room

to see some gross images in the bathroom. Wouldn't it be better to place the mirror on the entrance door to the bathroom? Just wondering.

WILLIAM C., via email

William, I spoke to a senior consultant for a major hotel chain, and he said that placing the mirror on the opposite wall allows others in the room to use the mirror if someone else is in the bathroom. He suggested asking the person in the bathroom to please close the door.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I always learn something new when I read your column. I had no idea that bone china really had bone ash in it. What kinds of bones are used, and

where do they get them? Am I the only one who never thought of "bones" when talking about bone china?

JUDY C., Orange, Calif.

Judy, the manufacturers of bone china use finely milled cow bones from slaughterhouses or rendering plants. The best china generally will have between 30 percent and 50 percent bone ash. This is mixed in with the various clays used to make the china, because bone ash helps to prevent the porcelain from developing fine cracks, and to strengthen the dinnerware. Bone china actually is very strong.

Heloise

Dear Readers: Here are some interesting facts on

our furry feline friends:

- ◆ Cats don't have the ability to taste sweetness.
- ◆ It's believed that domesticated cats have been with us since 3,600 B.C., which is long before Egypt had pharaohs who worshiped them.

- ◆ Adult cats are usually lactose-intolerant.
- ◆ A polydactyl cat is a cat with more than five toes on its front paws and/or more than four toes on its back paws. They're sometimes called "Hemingway Cats" because the author had several and was very fond of them.

Heloise

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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CLUB CALENDAR



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Youngstown Lions install officers

The Lions Club of Youngstown met recently for lunch in the Manchester Room of the Youngstown YMCA to install new officers and board members. Lion Parker McHenry served as toastmaster. District 13 OH4 LCIF Representative Lion Angie Tyler also presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Pete Noll. Michael Metzinger is the new president of the club. Other officers and board members were installed by District 13 OH4 First Vice District Governor-elect Michael Tyler. Above, kneeling in front is Tyler, and standing from left are John Getchey, secretary; Noll; Diane Hardenbrook, treasurer; Adam Costello, board member; Cheri Metzinger, third vice president; Jerry Bryan and Roger Guglucello, board members; Myra Vitto, first vice president; Pete Storey, board member; Kyle Miasiek, immediate past president; Metzinger; Bill Cooper, board member; and Parker McHenry, toastmaster. Not present for photo were Angie Tyler; Rick Deak, second vice president; and Stacia Erdos Littleton, Shirley Christian and Ryan Reed, board members.

able across from Sheepfold and at the care center. For information, call 330-534-1952 or 724-981-5683. The support group was formed to reach out to help families who have lost loved ones to alcohol or substance abuse.

◆ **F.O.C.U.S.**, a breast-cancer support group, will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Davidson's Restaurant, 3636 Canfield Road, Cornersburg. All breast-cancer survivors and supporters are welcome. For directions, call the restaurant at 330-799-0033.

◆ **Friendship Train 12-Step Support Group** meets from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at Rising Star Baptist Church, 2943 Wardle Ave. People who are trying to overcome any addiction are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those attending should enter through the church's lower parking lot off Wardle.

◆ **NAMI Mahoning Valley** offers support groups for those who deal with mental illness. Support groups meet as follows: **Girard Family Support**, first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Girard Library, 105 E. Prospect St., and **Austintown Family Support Group**, 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Alta Care, 142 Javit Court. **NAMI Connection**, a support group for people with a mental health diagnosis meets at the following locations: 1:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Community Center, 1344 Fifth Ave., Youngstown; 6 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays at Alta Care in Austintown; and **NAMI Connection for the dual diagnosed** at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the

month at the Community Center, 1344 Fifth Ave., Youngstown. Visit namimv.org, call 330-727-9268, or e-mail staff@namimv.org for information.

◆ **Nar-Anon**, a 12-step program for relatives and friends affected by a loved one's addiction to drugs, meets at 7 p.m. every

Friday at Howland Community Church, 198 Niles-Cortland Road SE, Howland, and at 7 p.m. every **Sunday** upstairs at the Sahara Club, 2345 Youngstown Road SE (Route 422), Warren. For information, call Bill at 330-856-3822.

◆ **Never Alone Nar-Anon Group**, a 12-step program for family, relatives and friends affected by a loved one's addiction to drugs, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. upstairs at the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic, 5211 Mahoning Ave., Austintown. For information, call 330-207-0845.

◆ **Overeaters Anonymous Groups** have scheduled the following local meetings: 10 a.m. **Saturday**, St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall, Room 2, 4453 Warren-Sharon Road, Vienna; 7 p.m. **Sunday**, Shenango Presbyterian Church, 3144 Wilmington Road (Route 18), New Castle, Pa.; 1 p.m. **Monday**, Girard Multi-generational Center, 443 Trumbull Ave., Girard; 6 p.m. **Tuesday**, Oxford house, 30 Benton Road, Salem; 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday**, Valley Care-Northside Medical Center, Medical Education Building, Auditorium A, 500 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown; and 7:30 p.m. **Thursday**, at New Life Lutheran Church, 1181 Church Hill-Hubbard Road, Liberty. All locations are handicap accessible. For infor-

mation, visit www.oa.org, or call Mahoning-Trumbull Counties Help Hotline at 330-747-2696, Columbiana County Help Hotline at 330-424-7767 or Lawrence County Help Hotline at 724-674-3697.

◆ **Survivors of Suicide in Columbiana County** will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Columbiana Counseling Center, 40722 state Route 154, Lisbon. This support group is for families who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information, call the Help Network of Northeast Ohio at 330-424-7767.

◆ **TOPS 327** is seeking new members who want to Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Meeting will take place Monday at Christ Church Presbyterian, 1933 Canfield Road, Boardman. Weigh-in is from 6 to 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 6:45. The first meeting is free. Guests are welcome. For information, call 330-799-3106.

◆ **TOPS 1237**, Austintown, will meet Thursday at Idaho Road Alliance Church, 250 Idaho Road. Weigh-in is from 5 to 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting until 6:30. For information, call 330-758-4923.

◆ **TOPS 1497**, Youngstown, will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Maron Church, 1555 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown. New members are welcome; the first meeting is free. For information call 330-974-8450.

Club news is published Friday. Please submit information about upcoming activities to the Society Department by noon Wednesday.

SOCIETY digest

TAG hosts art festival on square in Warren

WARREN

The Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County and The Trumbull Art Gallery will host artists in Warren on Saturday.

TAG's Pots in the Park festival featuring clay artists with exhibits and demonstrations will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Courthouse Square. The Warren Art Hop, also around Courthouse Square, will be noon to 9 p.m. It will include live music, art, food, and special book and art sale. A trolley will run from noon to 5 p.m.

The studios in F.A.C.T.'s Art on Park, 170 North Park Ave. will host an open house throughout the day. TAG's new classroom and artist residency space dedication will be from 5-7 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m.

The following juried art shows will open Saturday also: the opening reception for "Heroes and Villains on Park," noon to 6 p.m., the opening reception for Barry Burkey's solo show "Resin Art," 6-9 p.m., and the opening reception for Idris Kabir Syed ceramic exhibition and 53rd Tag Annual, 6-9 p.m.

Subaru's Love to Care initiative held today

BOARDMAN

Representatives from Boardman Subaru, in conjunction with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, will present blankets and arts-and-crafts kits to cancer patients at Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley. The event will take place at 10 a.m. today at Akron Children's Hospital, Beeghly Campus, Building A Boardman Subaru Waiting Area just inside the main entrance at 6505 Market St.

SOCIETY NEWS

Publication policy

◆ **The Vindicator** publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.

◆ **Forms may** be obtained from our Vindicator news offices or our website at www.vindy.com, or mail a self-addressed, stamped, business envelope to The Vindicator, Society Department, P.O. Box 780, Youngstown, OH 44501, with a note indicating which form is needed.

◆ **Your picture** must be a good-quality, traditional portrait that is current, vertical and close up; an original, not a copy; and a wallet-size or larger. Your picture can be black and white or color. However, if the couple or their parents live in Austintown, Boardman, Canfield or Poland, a color picture will be needed so the announcement can automatically appear in the Forever and Ever section of Neighbors. To e-mail a photograph with your announcement, send a 5-by-7 jpeg file (300 dpi) as an attachment. The Vindicator is not responsible for loss of or damage to your photo.

◆ **To submit** your announcement, you may drop it off at the front counter of our downtown office, 107 Vindicator Square, Youngstown; mail it to The Vindicator at the above address; or e-mail it to society@vindy.com.

◆ **For further** information call 330-747-1471 Ext. 1282.

Mission awards scholarships

Sister Jerome's Mission, a program of the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown, presented four students taking part in Sister Jerome's Mission College program with scholarships during a luncheon recently.

At the Ursuline Center, the scholarships honor local businessman Clarence R. Smith Jr. and his wife, Rose Marie.

Scholarship recipients are Kevin Talley of Hermitage, Lauren Wimer of Warren, Sara Egy of Girard and RaKaiya Peterman of Niles.

All four are majoring in social work and attend Youngstown State University.

At right, from left, are Talley and Wimer,

who each received a \$1,000 scholarship;

Ramone Elkins, who received the scholarship last October when it was first introduced; and Maraline Kubik, director, who

presented the awards. Not present for pic-

ture were Egy, who received \$750, and

Peterman, who received \$250.

SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday! In The Next Year: A better work/life balance is the aim and you'll find it this year. You are poised to create powerful and positive relationships. The next seven weeks bring an intensive study. You'll trade your work and charm for good fortune in September. Re-invest a financial bonus in November -- this one could be your legacy. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 49, 22, 1 and 7.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Cancer and Leo are neighbors on the zodiac wheel with a lot to teach one another. Cancer is nurturing and helps Leo to feel loved and accepted even before Leo turns to tricks and entertainments to keep a potential love interested. Leo pushes Cancer to be more outgoing and to take creative risks. These two are so fascinated by each other that there will be little room for anyone else.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People have different paces, and those with a slower pace than yours (most people) will trigger impatience. The biggest challenge of the day will be keeping impatience in check.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You might be surprised what causes other people stress. You'll get a glimpse of it if you're paying attention. Someone dealing with things beyond your knowledge will be trying to act normal around you today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To fall in love is to be lucky and unlucky at the same time. Love is risk. As in most all gambling, if you stay in long enough, sooner or later the house will win. But if the game is fun to, you'll find it worthwhile even when you're losing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Remember that change is the only constant. Whatever's going on now, for better or worse, it's not going to last. So why not be strong through it? You want to look back and be proud of yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are people you trust so wholeheartedly, if they were ever to let you down, you'd instantly forgive them and blame yourself. This is a closeness you feel with some of the people you're dealing with today. It's a secure feeling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your circumstances are where you are, not who you are. Some environments are harder to escape than others. Today you'll have to wriggle and fight to unclench the talons that hold you in a place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's quality over quantity in most things today, but in order to work out that math problem you need intimate knowledge of your values. Focus on your own life, happiness and vision; consider what you like about being you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Absurdly, life constantly demands that you simultaneously embrace and detach from it. Whether you march forward, stumble forward or fall forward, "forward" comes. The thing about life is, it goes on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take your ideas to many people. The general public will have ideas that you'll have to weigh carefully. But a good friend can get you going in ways and directions you wouldn't have thought to travel, much to your benefit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one knows what's in the head and heart of another, and yet you feel you have a pretty good idea of it in regard to your nearest and dearest. Still, seek confirmation before acting on what you merely suspect to be true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While there are popular notions, there isn't one single meaning that intrinsically exists.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Children are often more outwardly concerned with who they sit next to than adults are. It's because they, like you, are wise to the fact that you can have a totally different experience sitting next to a preferred someone.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Spend time on appearances because you're likely to match up your internal and external beauty in a new and very effective way. TAURUS: Being too nice and too available is as bad for friendship as it is for love. Use the law of scarcity to your advantage. GEMINI: "What do you think of me?" is a question guaranteed to make its target think less. Be confident in all things. CANCER: Sometimes you don't know where the line is until you go over it. Reprimands are good information. LEO: It's supposed to be fun! If it's not, look at why not. VIRGO: You'll know in a matter of seconds whether or not you click with someone, so don't labor over it if it's not happening. LIBRA: Keep the conversation simple. Love flows out of elegance and brevity and gets dammed up in complexity. SCORPIO: The body language always speaks first. SAGITTARIUS: What's needed is emotional resilience. If you don't seem to have enough, act like you have enough and it will come to you. CAPRICORN: Avoid wasting time in love. Get attention then get to the point. AQUARIUS: Confidence is mostly perceived nonverbally. PISCES: Jealousy seldom works in your favor. Work it out quietly and internally before it hurts your game.

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

	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30	Movies
21-WFMJ-NBC News (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Inside Edition (N)	Family Feud	America's Got Talent "Judge Cuts 1" Contestants hope to impress the judges.	Dateline NBC (N)	21 News 11PM (N)	Tonight Show					
21.2-WBCB-CW Live (N)	(6:00) TMZ Live (N)	Mike & Molly	2 Broke Girls	Masters of Illusion (N)	Masters of Illusion (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	Mike & Molly "First Kiss"	2 Broke Girls	Dish Nation (N)	TMZ (N)		
27-WKBN-CBS News (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Big Brother (N)	Hawaii Five-0	The team deals with a familiar killer.	Blue Bloods	A woman asks Frank for a favor.	First News 11pm (N)	Late Show with Colbert			
33-WYTV-ABC News (N)	ABC World Tonight (N)	The Insider (N)	"Disney's Descendants 2" (2017, Comedy) Dove Cameron, Cameron Boyce. Premiere. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal.	Descendants 2 (2017, Comedy) Dove Cameron, Cameron Boyce. Premiere. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal.	Entertainment Tonight (N)	News Channel 33 at 11 (35)	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
33.2-MTV Rules of Engagement (N)	Rules of Engagement (N)	The King of Queens (Part 1 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior (Part 2 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior (Part 2 of 2)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "The Healer"	The Cleveland Show	King of the Hill					
45-WNEO-PBS Curious Traveler	PBS NewsHour (N)	Washington Week (N)	Charlie Rose -- The Week	Studio C Sessions	Around Akron with Blue	In Performance at the White House "Women of Soul"	NHK Newsline	Nightly Business Report				
19-WYFX-FOX The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	MasterChef	The Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Seven"	First News on Fox (N)	Seinfeld "The Barber"	Seinfeld "The Barber"	Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)				
A&E (5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 07.15.17"	"Live PD -- 07.15.17"	Live PD: Rewind (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 07.21.17"	Live PD "Live PD -- 07.21.17"								
AMC Stallone, Talia Shire, Burgess Meredith.	"Rocky II" (1979, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Burgess Meredith.	"Rocky III" (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, M. R., Talia Shire, Burt Young.										
BET (5:30) "Chocolate City 2: Vegas" (2016)	Being Mary Jane	Tales "A Story To Tell"	Martin (32)	Martin (305)	Martin (40)	Martin (40)	Martin (40)	Martin (40)	Martin (40)	Martin (40)	Martin (40)	
BRAVO Housewives (106) "Juno" (2007)	Ellen Page, Michael Cera.	(14) "Easy A" (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone, Penn Badgley.										
COM Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daniel Tosh: People Pleaser	Happy					
DIS Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush	Raven (40)	"Disney's Descendants 2" (2017)					
ESPN SportsCenter	MLS Soccer	Atlanta United FC at Orlando City SC. (N)	2017 World Series of Poker Final Table. From Las Vegas.	Basketball	Basketball	The Middle (02)	The Middle (02)	Alaskan Bush People (02)	Alaskan Bush People (02)	Alaskan Bush People (02)	Alaskan Bush People (02)	
ESPN2 Interruption	Basketball					Spotify	Beer Money	CBR Bull Riding				
FOOD Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	21 NEWS WEEKNIGHTS 6 & 11PM	wfmj.com					
FREE (5:00) "Hercules" (1997)	Josh Keaton	"Disney's Descendants 2" (2017, Comedy) Dove Cameron. Premiere.										
FS1 UFC Weigh-In	Best of World Tour	NHRA Drag Racing	ARCA Racing Series Sioux City Chief PowerPEX 200. (N) (Live)									
FSO XTERRA NHRA Drag Racing	Route 66 Nationals. From Joliet, Ill.											
FX (5:30) "Riddick" (2013)	Vin Diesel.	"Transformers: Age of Extinction" (2014, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci, Li Bingbing.										
HALL (5:00) "Christmas Under Wraps" (2014)	Candace Cameron Bure, David O'Donnell.	"A Christmas Bride" (2016) Jessica Lowndes, Daniel Lissing. Layla and Seth pretend to be a couple for a wedding.										
HBO (5:50) "Sully" (2016, Drama) VICE Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart.		"The Legend of Tarzan" (2016) Alexander Skarsgård. Tarzan must save his captive wife in the jungles of Congo.										
HGTV Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Beach Beach Beach Beach	Hunters Hunters Int'l Hunters	Hunters Hunters Int'l Hunters	Hunters Hunters Int'l Hunters	The Middle (15)	The Golden Girls (13)	The Golden Girls (13)	The Golden Girls (13)	The Golden Girls (13)	The Golden Girls (13)	
HIST Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	VICE Special Report: A World in Disarray (Examining foreign policies. (N))	Game of Thrones					
LIFE (5:00) "Heaven Is for Real" (2014, Drama)		"Disney's Descendants 2" (2017, Comedy) Dove Cameron. Premiere.										
NICK SpongeBob "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015)		"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (2014, Action) Megan Fox, Will Arnett.										
ROOT Dan Patrick Pirates	Pirates	Pirates	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Colorado Rockies. From Coors Field in Denver. (N)									
SHOW "London Town" (2016, Drama) Daniel Huston, Dougray Scott.												
SPIKE Bad Boys	"The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" (2006, Action) Lucas Black.	"The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" (2006, Action) Lucas Black.										
STO Indians Live	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Cleveland Indians. (N) (Live)											
SYFY (5:30) "Hellboy" (2004)	Ron Perlman.	Killjoys (N)	Dark Matter "Hot Chocolate"	Wynonna Earp (N)	SYFY Live From Comic-Con (War of the Worlds" (2005))							
TBS Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	"Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. "War of the Worlds" (2005))									
TCM (5:45) "Captains Courageous" (1937, Adventure) Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew.		"Rear Window" (1954) James Stewart. A photographer in a wheelchair spies on neighbors and sees a murder.										
90 Day TLC I Am Jazz "Double Trouble"	I Am Jazz	I Am Jazz	I Am Jazz	I Am Jazz	I Am Jazz	I Am Jazz "Double Trouble"						
TNT (5:00) Bones	Bones	Bones	"The Bourne Identity" (2002, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente.									
TRVL Ghost Adv.	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Destination Truth							
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USA Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	
VH1 (5:20) "Remember the Titans" (2000)		"Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney.										
		"Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey, Morgan Freeman.										

**ODDLY ENOUGH****Grievance filed over mowing goats at university in Michigan**

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

A union has filed a grievance in response to Western Michigan University's hiring of goats to clear 15 acres of woodland on campus.

Kathi Babbitt is the chief steward of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees local union. Babbitt wrote in a July newsletter that the grievance had been filed in relation to subcontracting and the unreported use of goats, the Kalamazoo Gazette reported.

The university hired the team of goats after a half-acre trial run last year. Officials of goat rental company Munchers on Hooves said the animal consumes 3 to 5 pounds of vegetation per day and leaves behind natural fertilizer.

University spokeswoman Cheryl

Roland said she can't make a detailed comment about the union's decision because the university has a process underway for addressing the grievance. But she said that no school workers have been laid off by the goat project.

"This stuff is so thick," said Munchers co-owner Gina Fickle of the woodland. She said that human laborers can always come in to finish the work after the goats clear up to 5 feet above the ground.

Roland said that the goats are a chemical-free option to clear areas that are problems for humans to remove. She also said the goats are a cost-effective way to get rid of poison ivy and invasive species.

University Horticulturist Nicholas Gooch said that the school hasn't received any complaints about the goats other than the union.

According to Roland, the goats are expected to be on campus until about a week before fall classes begin.

Bishop offers daily prayer for commuters in 'Summer of Hell'

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.

