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TRUMBULL COUNTY

Tire failure blamed for accident that killed Scoutmaster

Coroner: Potjunas suffocated while trapped in vehicle

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WARREN

In the months leading up to the Aug. 5 crash that killed Boy Scouts Troop 101 Scoutmaster James Potjunas, 61, of Vienna, Scout leaders had made a number of repairs to the 1999 GMC Suburban Potjunas was driving.

The troop, which owned the vehicle, had replaced the rear axle, front ball joints and the fuel tank, a troop leader told investigators after the crash.

They also replaced the right rear tire about a month earlier because its tread had come loose from the rest of the tire. The tire did not deflate, which apparently prevented the Suburban from having a serious crash.

At 7:15 a.m. Aug. 5, however, while heading north

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Tornado confirmed in Valley

Staff report

For about 20 minutes in Trumbull County, it seemed like deja vu.

A tornado touched down close to Route 7 near Hartford Township in Trumbull County shortly after 7 p.m. Thursday.

Tornado warnings and strong storms with wind and rain rotated across Trumbull County, threatening communities including Cortland, Howland, Niles, Vienna, Hartford, Orangeville,

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X-ray machine assists in search for contraband

Inside look: Jail gets body scanner



Sheriff Jerry Greene discusses a new full-body scanner at the Mahoning County jail. Greene said Thursday the scanner will help keep contraband out of the jail.

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YOUNGSTOWN

A NEW BODY SCANNER WILL help prevent inmates from smuggling drugs and weapons into the Mahoning County jail, officials said.

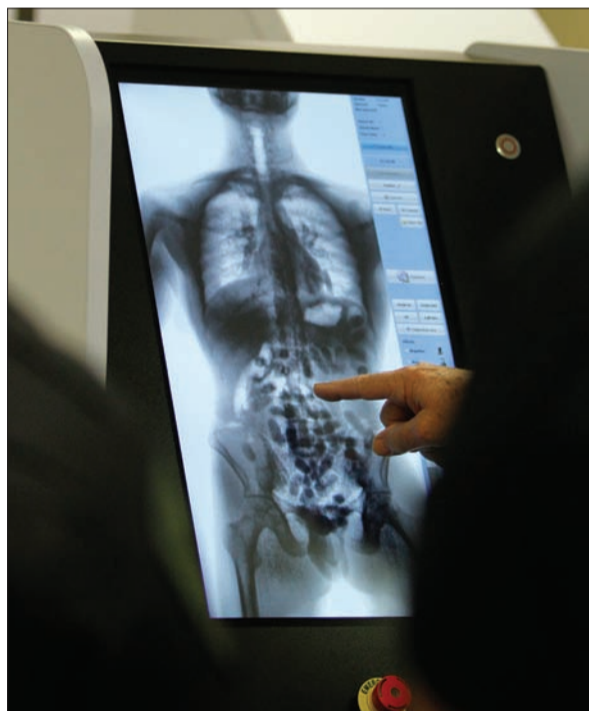
Deputy sheriffs received training over the past two days in the use of a new airport-style X-ray scanner that will help deputies find contraband on inmates before the jail accepts them.

The scanner already is in use. "I don't have to tell you how creative people will get to get things in the jail," Sheriff Jerry Greene said.

Because many inmates are in the jail on pretrial detention, there are limitations on the searches the deputies can conduct, the sheriff said. The scanner is a legal way to make sure people aren't concealing contraband.

The Ohio Department of Corrections uses the technology in its facilities, and it's become more common in county jails over

See SCANNER, A3



Sam McIlroy of OD Security demonstrates how a new body scanner at the jail will allow guards to identify contraband people may have swallowed or concealed.

TERROR IN SPAIN: AT LEAST 13 KILLED

Islamic State claims attack; police shoot, kill 5 suspects

Associated Press

BARCELONA, SPAIN

A van veered onto a promenade and barreled down the busy walkway in central Barcelona on Thursday, swerving back and forth as it mowed down pedestrians and turned a picturesque tourist destination into a bloody killing zone. Thirteen people were killed and 100 were injured, 15 of them seriously, in what authorities called a terror attack.

The late afternoon attack in the city's Las Ramblas district left victims sprawled in the historic street, spattered with blood or writhing in pain from broken limbs. Others were ushered inside shops by officers with their guns drawn or fled in panic, screaming and carrying young children in their arms.

"It was clearly a terror attack, intended to kill as many people as possible," Josep Lluís Traperó, a senior police official for Spain's Catalonia region told reporters late Thursday.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility, saying in a statement on its Amaq news agency that the attack was

See SPAIN, A4

YOUNGSTOWN

Trike tug-of-war leads to 4-year prison term

By JOE GORMAN
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YOUNGSTOWN

You can perhaps call Thursday's sentencing of George Buchanan in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court to four years in prison "The Case of the Cursed Tricycle."

Buchanan was sentenced on a charge of felonious assault with a firearms specification for wounding a man in September during an argument over a tricycle. The shooting, however, did not appear to end the matter.

The victim said he wants his tricycle back from Buchanan, 47, but Buchanan claims it is his because he paid for it.

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Advocates gathered downtown Thursday to voice their opposition to the Regulatory Accountability Act, which requires cost-benefit analysis of major new regulations and public hearings and other measures.
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FOCUSING UP FRONT
With the start of the season two weeks away, the YSU football team is still trying to build chemistry on the offensive line.
SPORTS, B1

Brier Hill Fest brings pride, family, tradition

By GRAIG GRAZIOSI
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YOUNGSTOWN

The Brier Hill Italian Festival is back for its 26th year.

The neighborhood festival was well underway at 6:30 Thursday evening, with music from the Jim Frank Combo band kicking it off.

Despite the ominous clouds hanging over the Valley, scores of people were lined up at food vendors and occupying rows of tables set up for the weekend festivities.

The festival, which is free and open to the public, runs

IF YOU GO

- ♦ **What:** Brier Hill Italian Festival
- ♦ **Where:** Intersection of Calvin and Victoria streets on Youngstown's North Side.
- ♦ **When:** 4 to 11 p.m. today through Sunday
- ♦ **Features:** Food, live music, dancing, bocce

through Sunday at the corner of Calvin and Victoria streets in the Brier Hill neighborhood on Youngstown's

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Richard Mazza and Barb Mackey of Girard enjoy a snack at the Brier Hill Italian Festival in Youngstown on Thursday evening.

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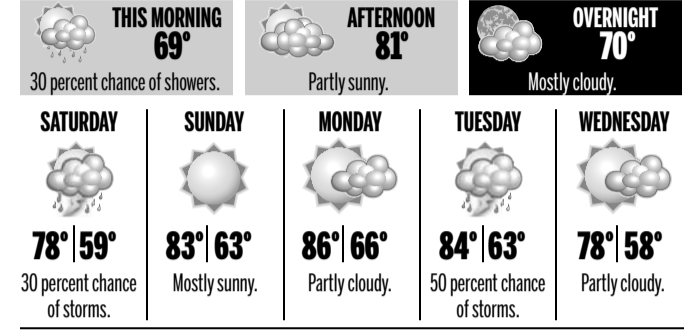
NUMBERS IN THE NEWS

\$20 million

Source: Associated Press

The upgrade cost for the Ohio State University airport. A groundbreaking ceremony for the airport in central Ohio is scheduled for Saturday. The project includes construction of four new hangar buildings, an aviation education and research facility with state-of-the-art flight simulators, research labs and classrooms. The renovation also includes an updated flight terminal.

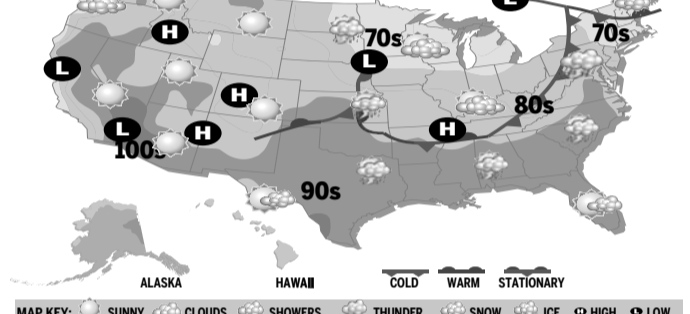
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 High 88/Norm 80..... Low 62/Norm 58
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 2016 High 88.....2016 Low 62
 Precipitation Trace.....Normal 0.10
 Precip. this month 1.29.....Normal 1.77
 Precip. this year 31.97.....Normal 24.75
 Average wind velocity.....8 mph
 High humidity.....84% at 4:51 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST

CITY	Fri	Sat	Sun
Atlanta	91/73/t	91/73/pc	93/74/pc
Atlantic City	87/71/t	88/65/pc	85/68/pc
Baltimore	90/71/t	87/69/pc	89/70/pc
Bismarck	81/57/s	94/58/pc	79/57/pc
Boston	79/70/t	84/70/pc	84/66/pc
Charleston, SC	94/78/t	93/77/t	92/77/t
Charlotte	93/73/t	91/72/pc	91/73/pc
Chicago	82/64/pc	81/64/pc	86/67/pc
Cincinnati	84/65/pc	85/66/pc	85/66/pc
Cleveland	82/65/pc	79/64/t	82/66/pc
Columbus, OH	83/63/pc	83/64/t	85/65/pc
Dallas	98/78/t	98/78/pc	99/78/pc
Daytona Beach	92/76/t	94/76/pc	92/77/t
Denver	87/59/pc	91/59/pc	90/61/pc
Des Moines	85/60/t	85/64/pc	92/70/pc
Detroit	80/61/pc	80/61/t	85/64/pc
Fairbanks	60/43/t	59/45/sh	60/48/t
Honolulu	88/75/pc	89/75/pc	89/76/sh
Houston	96/79/pc	96/78/pc	95/78/pc
Indianapolis	83/73/pc	84/65/t	86/66/pc
Kansas City	88/66/t	89/69/pc	89/73/pc
Las Vegas	104/81/s	105/81/s	104/82/pc
Little Rock	92/74/pc	93/74/t	92/75/pc
Los Angeles	75/65/t	74/66/t	75/65/pc
Louisville	88/68/pc	89/69/pc	90/70/pc
Memphis	90/71/pc	91/74/t	93/75/pc
Miami Beach	94/81/pc	90/81/t	90/82/t
Minneapolis	78/60/t	80/64/t	85/67/pc
Myrtle Beach	90/79/t	90/76/t	87/77/t
New Orleans	94/77/pc	92/77/t	90/77/t
New York	81/73/t	89/72/pc	87/71/pc
Oklahoma City	90/73/t	94/73/pc	94/74/pc
Orlando	95/76/t	95/77/t	93/77/t
Philadelphia	87/72/t	89/72/pc	88/69/pc
Phoenix	105/81/s	105/82/pc	104/82/pc
Pittsburgh	82/64/t	80/62/t	82/63/pc
Raleigh	94/74/t	90/73/t	90/73/pc
Sacramento	95/64/s	94/61/s	93/63/s
Salt Lake City	93/68/s	93/70/pc	93/68/pc
San Antonio	100/76/pc	100/76/pc	99/76/pc
San Diego	76/67/pc	75/68/pc	74/67/pc
San Francisco	73/59/pc	72/58/pc	72/59/pc
Seattle	76/58/pc	75/57/pc	77/59/pc
St. Louis	89/71/pc	89/70/pc	92/73/pc
Tampa	92/78/t	93/79/t	91/79/t
Wash., DC	91/73/t	88/71/pc	91/75/pc

BIRTHDAYS
 Movie director **Roman Polanski** is 84. Actor **Robert Redford** is 81. Actor-comedian **Martin Mull** is 74. Singer **Sarah Dash** (LaBelle) is 72. Comedian **Elayne Bonger** is 65. Country singer **Steve Wilkinson** of The Wilkinsons is 62. Comedian-actor **Denis Leary** is 60. Actor **Reg E. Cathey** ("House of Cards") is 59. Actress **Madeleine Stowe** is 59. Actor **Craig Bierko** ("Sex and the City," "The Long Kiss Goodnight") is 53. Singer **Zac Maloy** of The Nixons is 49. Musician **Everlast** (House of Pain) is 48. Actor **Christian Slater** is 48. Rapper **Masta Killa** of Wu-Tang Clan is 48. Actor **Edward Norton** is 47. Actor **Malcolm-Jamal Warner** is 47. Comedian **Andy Samberg** is 39. Guitarist **Brad Tursi** of Old Dominion is 38. Actress **Parker McKenna Posey** ("My Wife and Kids") is 22.



Koriann Evans, a former drug addict, looks at her criminal history at her home in Bellevue, Ohio. Evans was hooked on heroin for over a decade until she overdosed while driving her car with her two children in the back, after which she stopped using drugs and started speaking about her former addiction.

Overdoses on the road

Drugged driving rises as a menace

Associated Press
COLUMBUS
 An SUV crashed after all four occupants overdosed on heroin in North Carolina. The same day, a man in Williamsport, Pa., grabbed the steering wheel after his grandson lost consciousness while driving. Police in the city of 30,000 responded to 11 other overdose reports that day, including a woman who crashed her car just before a highway entrance. The next day in Cleveland, a rescue squad found an unconscious 43-year-old man who had driven off the road and hit a pole. An overdose antidote brought him back around, police say. He was seriously hurt from the crash and was cited for driving under the influence. Car crashes caused by overdosing drivers are becoming so commonplace, authorities say, that some rescue crews immediately administer the antidote, naloxone, to any unresponsive driver they find at an accident scene. People who use heroin and related drugs are sometimes so eager to get high, or so sick from withdrawal, that they'll shoot up in the car as soon as they get their hands on more, police say. Often they're back on the road before the overdose takes hold, and they lose consciousness, a recipe for traffic accidents. "There's no waiting period like we used to see with other drugs where you go buy it, then go home and

get high, or go to a party and get high," said Scott Houston, a major with the sheriff's office in Pamlico County, N.C., where the SUV crashed June 29. "We don't see that anymore." Police in New Hampshire charged a man with driving under the influence June 7 after he allegedly shot up heroin before crashing into a parked tractor-trailer in Manchester. A man who shot up in a Kmart parking lot in Iowa City, Iowa, in March crashed his car and was revived with naloxone. Last month, according to the dealer who sold him heroin laced with the potent opioid acrylfentanyl. In June 2016 in Kalamazoo, Mich., Charles Pickett Jr. allegedly took a handful of pain pills and muscle relaxers and plowed his pickup truck into a group of bicyclists, killing five of them. Police at the scene said he was "completely out of it." Pickett's attorney said he intends to use an insanity defense against charges that include second-degree murder. Pickett's trial is set for Sept. 18. If convicted, he could face life in prison. Two years ago, Koriann Evans had just picked up her 2-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter from her mother's when her dealer reached out to her. She shot up in a parking lot in Fremont, Ohio, and then headed down the road.

Within a few minutes, she couldn't breathe. With her children in the back, Evans managed to stop in the middle of the road with her foot on the brake before passing out. Nearby residents pulled her and her children from the car and called authorities. Rescuers told her she would have died quickly without the naloxone she was given. Now more than two years sober, the 36-year-old Evans works in a vinyl siding factory while trying to become a substance abuse counselor. She lost custody of her children but sees them regularly. Drunken-driving deaths are on the decline, dropping 24 percent since 2006, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Meanwhile, deaths in crashes involving drugs are soaring. Ohio saw 4,615 drug-related crashes last year, an increase of more than 21 percent since 2013, according to the state Department of Transportation. The data aren't broken down by type of drug. Pennsylvania saw a similar spike, with drugged-driving crashes jumping from 3,019 in 2011 to 4,078 last year. Nationally, fatalities in crashes where drugs were involved soared from 2,003 in 1993 to 7,438 in 2015, according to the most recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

NEWSMAKERS

Nobel winner shot for promoting education to study at Oxford

LONDON
 Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, who was shot by a Taliban gunman for speaking out for girls' rights to an education, has been accepted by the University of Oxford. The 20-year-old activist shared word of her acceptance on Twitter and included the screenshot of her "Congratulations" notice. She plans to major in philosophy, politics and economics, the favored degree of many of Britain's top leaders. "So excited to go to Oxford!!" she tweeted Thursday. Yousafzai will study at Lady Margaret Hall, an Oxford college whose notable alumni include the late Benazir Bhutto, the one-time leader of

Pakistan and a hero of Yousafzai's, and Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi, a fellow Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Yousafzai won international renown in 2012 after she was shot by a Taliban gunman in Pakistan as a teenager for speaking out for the right of girls to go to school, a topic she started raising publicly as an 11-year-old with a blog.

Aretha Franklin to move back to Detroit for retirement

DETROIT
 Aretha Franklin is set to retire in her hometown of Detroit and plans to open a nightclub in the city. The legendary soul singer tells the *Detroit Free Press* that she is moving from her longtime home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She also wants to open a small club that she plans to call Aretha's. The

75-year-old says she'd like to sing at the club "from time to time" and host performers that are favorites of Detroit residents.

The Queen of Soul announced her retirement this year and said 2017 would be her last year of doing concerts. She plans to continue recording and is working to complete a new album.

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LOTTERIES
THURSDAY'S NUMBERS
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 Lucky for Life
 12-17-31-36-37
 Lucky Ball 9
 Thursday's Lucky for Life jackpot was worth up to \$1,000 a day for life.
OHIO
EVENING DRAWINGS
 Pick 3 7-8-5
 Pick 4 2-2-4-1
 Pick 5 6-2-1-7-4
 Rolling Cash 5
 13-16-18-20-34
DAY DRAWINGS
 Pick 3 6-6-6
 Pick 4 4-6-0-3
 Pick 5 2-0-7-5-1
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PENNSYLVANIA
EVENING DRAWINGS
 Pick 2 8-6
 Pick 3 9-7-1
 Pick 4 7-3-4-1
 Pick 5 8-9-1-3-0
 Cash 5 . . . 13-14-20-28-39
 Match 6
 1-12-35-45-47-49
DAY DRAWINGS
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Mosquitoes test positive for W. Nile

YOUNGSTOWN

Mosquitoes from Mahoning County have tested positive for West Nile virus.

"While Mahoning County has reported no human cases of West Nile virus in 2017, mosquitoes carrying the disease are present in the county," said Patricia Sweeney, county health commissioner.

The board of health trapped mosquitoes in the county for the Ohio Department of Health to test for West Nile. Those tests came back positive.

Early symptoms of West Nile include nausea, fever, vomiting and headache. More serious cases include drowsiness, stiff neck, disorientation, tremors and possibly seizures.

Patrol investigates motorcycle crash

NORTH JACKSON

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating an accident involving a motorcycle and a tractor-trailer that occurred Wednesday afternoon on Interstate 80 eastbound in Jackson Township, according to a news release.

The tractor-trailer slowed down and was struck by the motorcycle about 4:55 p.m., OSHP said. The motorcycle driver, who was wearing a helmet, was ejected. She was transported to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital.

The tractor-trailer driver was not injured. The motorcyclist, Cheryel L. Davis, 51, of Youngstown, was cited for failure to maintain an assured clear distance ahead, OSHP said.

Drug, gun charges

YOUNGSTOWN

Police arrested the son of a man on trial for murder Wednesday on drug and weapons charges while officers served a search warrant investigating drug activity at a South Side home.

Reports said members of the vice squad and Community Police Unit arrested Jermaine Bunn, 20, and Durrell Richardson, no age given, about 6 p.m. at a 130 E. Warren Ave. home.

Found in the home was suspected crack cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, a .45-caliber handgun, a .25-caliber handgun, two digital scales and almost \$1,400 in cash.

Bunn's father, Jermaine Bunn Sr., 41, is on trial in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court for the April 2016 shooting death of a man at a party on the South Side just 48 hours after Bunn was released from prison.

Cemetery tour

YOUNGSTOWN

Local historians Richard Hall and Steffon Wydell Jones will lead a walk and tour of the historic Belmont Park Cemetery, 3346 Belmont Ave., at 3 p.m. Sunday. In case of rain, the tour will be at 3 p.m. Aug. 27. For information, contact Jones at 330-259-2091.

More Digest on A7

Surplus food/clothing

◆ **The Church of Jesus Christ**, 185 N. Canfield-Niles Road (state Route 46 and Radio Road), free clothing for men, women and children, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

◆ **East Side Crime Watch**, 1001 Oak St., corner of Fruit St., Youngstown, food and clothing giveaway from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Please take bags and identification.

◆ **People's Chapel Church of God**, 2145 Hillman St., Youngstown, various commodities, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday. Photo identification required.

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

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

POTJUNAS

Continued from A1

on state Route 11 with five Boy Scouts and Potjunas' wife, Sandra, 61, on board, the same type of tire failure occurred again in the right rear tire.

The Suburban veered left and into the median. Investigators found the tire deflated.

The Suburban rolled two times and landed on its roof along the edge of the south-bound lane. The crash occurred just north of state Route 87 in northern Trumbull County, according to an accident report from the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The five Boy Scouts and Sandra Potjunas were all rescued from the upside-down

Suburban, but James Potjunas was trapped in the vehicle. He died at the scene, apparently from lack of oxygen, the Trumbull County Coroner's Office ruled. All seven were wearing seat belts. Investigators do not believe the Suburban was exceeding the speed limit.

Sandra Potjunas and the five Scouts, who were from Warren and Cortland and ranged from age 13 to 17, were taken to the hospital with injuries. None was life-threatening, the patrol said.

The group was bound for a camping trip in a park about 2½ hours north of Toronto, Canada.

The coroner said the cause of Potjunas' death was "probable positional asphyxia," meaning Potjunas was in a position that prevented him from breathing

adequately.

He also suffered severe head trauma, lacerations and abrasions to his arms and hands, the patrol said. The others had lacerations, bruises and other injuries, the patrol said.

Andrew McCracken, 60, of Warren, the driver of another vehicle in the group, told investigators from the Ohio State Highway Patrol that he heard a "popping" sound and saw pieces of the right rear tire fly in the air.

After the Suburban rolled over in the median, individuals from the Scout troop and other passing motorists rescued the five teens and Sandra Potjunas.

Carmine Delliquadri, 48, of Warren, who was in one of the other vehicles traveling with Potjunas, said the Suburban

had been inspected prior to leaving on the trip, and the tires were "good."

Delliquadri said the vehicle's rear axle had been replaced in February. And about a month before the trip, the front ball joints and the fuel tank had been replaced.

When the right rear tire failed a month earlier, the spare tire was used on the right rear, and the left rear tire became the spare tire, Delliquadri said.

The highway patrol conducted an accident reconstruction as part of its investigation, which looked into the right rear tire that failed, as well as the other tires on the Suburban.

The two tires in front were General tires inflated to 48 pounds each. The rear tires

were Firestones, with the left rear tire inflated to 50 pounds.

The right rear tire was flat on the rim and appeared to be manufactured in 2008, the patrol said. There was no indication that the right rear brakes had overheated or that any other problem with the vehicle contributed to the tire failure, the patrol said.

An investigator found a utility knife on the roadway, but he reported that he did not believe the knife caused the tread to separate from the tire.

The tread on the tire appeared to be in good condition, and the "rubber itself appeared to be like new," investigator said.

Sgt. Daniel Jesse of the patrol said investigators don't know why the tread came off the tire.



Sam McIlroy of OD Security instructs deputies at the Mahoning County jail Thursday on identifying swallowed contraband using a new body scanner.

ROBERT K. YOSAY | THE VINDICATOR

TRICYCLE

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No one seems to know where the tricycle is.

Assistant Prosecutor Nick Brevetta called it a "cursed tricycle." Veteran defense attorney James Gentile broke one of the cardinal rules of defense work and criticized the victim, and Judge Anthony D'Apolito said he was more confused about the case after he heard the victim, Anthony Rogers, and Buchanan speak before sentencing.

"I think I understand less now than I did before," Judge D'Apolito said.

Buchanan had pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of felonious assault with a gun specification for the shooting at an apartment building in the 100 block of East Midlothian Boulevard. The sentence was agreed upon between Brevetta and Gentile.

Rogers told Judge D'Apolito that he was trying to get the tricycle back from Buchanan. Rogers said he was just about to start a stint in a rehabilitation facility when he gave the tricycle to Buchanan while he was "liquidating" his belongings, but claimed Buchanan still owed him money for it.

"It was a drunken, drug-gin" deal," Rogers said. "Both of us were trying to play each other on this."

He admitted fighting Buchanan before he was shot, but the victim said he was stunned when Buchanan came at him with a sawed-off shotgun and pulled the trigger.

"We play by a certain set

of rules," Rogers said. "And when you shot me, it went against the rules that we had."

Rogers said he came to court in hopes that he could get his tricycle back.

"I came down here because I want my trike back," Rogers said. "I build bikes, I collect bikes, I enjoy bikes. I want my trike back."

Gentile called Rogers "a troublemaker his entire life." Gentile said Buchanan had the tricycle for more than a year when Rogers came back, beat him severely and then left. Buchanan's mistake was grabbing his gun and running after and shooting Rogers, which mitigated any kind of self-defense claim, Gentile said.

Buchanan said he feared for his life, but he realizes now he should not have chased Rogers after he was beaten.

"I ain't ever gotten into trouble like this," Buchanan said. "I didn't want to shoot the guy. I was so scared."

Brevetta said the value of the tricycle is \$300 after Judge D'Apolito asked about restitution. Buchanan said he wondered why he should pay restitution because he claimed he already spent that much on the tricycle.

"I paid for the bike, your honor," Buchanan said in an exasperated voice. "It is my bike."

Brevetta told the judge the case had him flummoxed.

"I have never talked about a tricycle this much in my life," Brevetta said. "I do believe this bike is cursed, though. That seems to be the only reason we are here."

SCANNER

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the past couple of years.

"With the opioid epidemic and all the heroin making its way upstairs, it's needed," Maj. William Cappabianca said.

The jail had two nonfatal overdoses in 2016 when a third inmate smuggled suspected fentanyl into the jail in a body cavity.

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Those agencies have seen success, he said.

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A person is treated in Barcelona, Spain, on Thursday after a van jumped the sidewalk in the historic Las Ramblas district, crashing into a summer crowd of residents and tourists. Thirteen people were killed and 100 were injured, 15 of them seriously, in what authorities called a terror attack.

SPAIN

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carried out by “soldiers of the Islamic State” in response to the extremist group’s calls for followers to target countries participating in the coalition trying to drive it from Syria and Iraq.

Early today, Catalan police said they shot and killed five suspects in a seaside resort town south of Barcelona in response to a terrorist attack. They also said six civilians were injured in Cambrils but didn’t immediately say how. The force is working on the theory that the Cambrils suspects are linked to the Barcelona attack, as well as to a Wednesday night explosion in the town of Alcanar in which one person was killed.

The Catalan regional government said citizens from 24 countries were among the people killed and injured during the Barcelona van attack.

Authorities said the dead included a Belgian and a Greek woman was among the injured. Australia confirmed three of its citizens were injured; two others were Taiwanese and one was from Hong Kong, according to their governments. Germany was investigating whether its citizens were among the dead or injured.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy called the killings a “savage terrorist attack” and said Span-

iards “are not just united in mourning, but especially in the firm determination to beat those who want to rob us of our values and our way of life.”

After the afternoon attack, Las Ramblas went into lockdown. Swarms of officers brandishing hand guns and automatic weapons launched a manhunt in the downtown district, ordering stores and cafes and public transport to shut down.

Several hours later authorities reported two arrests, one a Spanish national from Melilla, a Spanish-run Mediterranean seafaring enclave in North Africa, and the other a Moroccan. They declined to identify them.

Trapero said neither of them was the van’s driver, who remained at large after abandoning the van and fleeing on foot. The arrests took place in the northern Catalan town of Ripoll and in Alcanar, where a gas explosion in a house is being investigated for a possible connection.

Spanish public broadcaster RTVE and other news outlets named one of the detained as Driss Oukabir, a French citizen of Moroccan origin. RTVE reported said Oukabir went to police in Ripoll to report that his identity documents had been stolen. Various Spanish media said the IDs with his name were found in the attack van and that he claimed his brother might have stolen them.

Media outlets ran photographs of Oukabir they said police had issued to identify one of the suspects. The regional police told the Associated Press that they had not distributed the photograph. They refused to say if he was one of the two detained.

Barcelona is the latest European city where attackers used a vehicle as a weapon of terror against a popular tourist destination, after other deadly attacks in France, Germany, Sweden and Britain.

“London, Brussels, Paris and some other European cities have had the same experience. It’s been Barcelona’s turn today,” Carles Puigdemont, president of Catalonia’s government.

Thursday’s bloodshed was Spain’s deadliest attack since 2004, when al-Qaida-inspired bombers killed 192 people in coordinated assaults on Madrid’s commuter trains. In the years since, Spanish authorities have arrested nearly 200 jihadists. The only deadly attacks were bombings claimed by the Basque separatist group ETA that killed five people over the past decade but it declared a cease-fire in 2011.

“Unfortunately, Spaniards know the absurd and irrational pain that terrorism causes. We have received blows like this in recent years, but we also that terrorists can be beaten,” Rajoy said.

TORNADO

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Girard and Hubbard before moving into Mercer County, Pa. There were reports of wind damage to trees and wires.

The storm passed through the area, and the last of three tornado warnings issued throughout the evening was lifted by the National Weather Service by 8:18 p.m. No injuries or structural damage

were reported as a result of the storm.

At the Eastwood Mall area in Niles, ominous clouds seemed to be descending for a time. Just up the road from the mall in May 1985, a tornado ripped through Newton Falls, Niles and Hubbard in Trumbull County, as well as Wheatland, Pa., killing 19 people in Trumbull and Mercer counties, injuring more than 500 and causing several days of no power,

water or fuel. Property damage was estimated at \$140 million.

Andrew DiPaolo, a meteorologist for 21 WFMJ-TV, *The Vindicator’s* broadcast partner, said Thursday’s storms should be the worst of what the weekend has to offer. No severe storms are expected throughout the weekend, with only a chance of isolated showers Saturday and Sunday, which is expected to be bright and sunny.

FESTIVAL

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North Side.

Billing itself as the longest continuously running Italian festival in Youngstown – the Greater Youngstown Italian Festival technically has run longer, but took place at the Canfield Fairgrounds for several years – the annual Brier Hill fest has become a holiday for many individuals with familial roots in the neighborhood.

Brier Hill was the site of the first of Youngstown’s Italian immigrant communities, and the festival – started by Dominic “Dee Dee” Modarelli, Joey Naples, Neil Buzzacco and Claire Maluso – was created as a celebration of the families and culture that shaped and were shaped by the neighborhood.

Though Modarelli died in

2009 at age 77, his children – Gene, Dina and Frank – have continued to work and run the festival to honor their father and the neighborhood he loved.

“The festival is his dream. It’s his dream come true,” Gene Modarelli said of his father. “He did it as a way to bring back the families from the old neighborhood and celebrate with them.”

Between 20,000 and 30,000 people are expected to visit the festival over the course of its four-day run, according to Gene Modarelli.

The Modarelli kids – and their kids – were busy working the festival Thursday night. Frank, Gene and Dina prepared glasses of the festival’s signature drink, wine and peaches, and ensured everyone eating and drinking under the ITAM Post 12 pavilion was cared for.

Generational pride and tradition permeate the fes-

tival, from the Modarelli kids down to the vendors.

Just outside the ITAM Club Post 12 bar across Victoria Street from the pavilion, Anthony Pesce of Bracciole Brothers prepared braciole on a bun for a customer – something he and his brothers have done for 20 years at the Brier Hill festival.

“Back then, we just had a grill and a table,” Pesce said. “We come back every year, really in honor of our father. He can’t really get out and do this anymore. It’s like a big family reunion out here for all of us.”

Reunion is the core of the Brier Hill Italian Festival and it is that neighborly familiarity that transcends time and distance – some festivalgoers come from as far as California and Washington to return to the old neighborhood – that keeps bringing people back to the annual event.



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BOARDMAN - Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Fox Funeral Home, officiated by Pastor Rusty Wills, for Christian F. "Buddy" Rochow III, 69, who passed away peacefully Tuesday afternoon.

Christian was born May 6, 1948, in Youngstown, a son of the late Christian and Bessie Ludt Rochow Jr.

He was a 1966 graduate of Boardman High School. His fascination with magic led him to become a professional magician.

Christian was a member of the N.R.A., the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving from 1968 to 1972.

Christian leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, the former Roselle Harris, whom he married Oct. 15, 1999, and a son, Christian F. Rochow IV of Dayton.

METRO digest

Ohio utilities board signs off on rate hike

COLUMBUS

Ohio regulators have rejected appeals of an earlier decision that allows FirstEnergy Corp. to impose electricity rate increases for three years.

The move will give FirstEnergy an additional \$204 million each year. Homeowners using an average of 750 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month will see monthly bills increase by \$36 a year.

The money is supposed to go toward improving the utility's electricity distribution grid.

Opponents argue that it opens the door for Akron-based FirstEnergy to put the money toward its struggling nuclear and coal power plants.

FirstEnergy has been trying to convince Ohio lawmakers that it needs \$300 million in new charges to save its two aging nuclear plants that are facing stiff competition from natural gas power plants.

Agency providing \$250 school vouchers

WARREN

A long line wound around the Trumbull County Job and Family Services offices on North Park Avenue Wednesday afternoon for a first-come, first-served school clothing and supplies voucher for Trumbull County residents.

The agency is providing 1,500 vouchers for \$250 per qualifying family to use at the Super Kmart on Niles-Cortland Road through Sept. 30.

To qualify, a family needed to be eligible for food stamps in June, have a school-age child age 5 to 14 and provide verification.

The agency had two application Saturdays earlier this month, one on Wednesday and will have them again the next two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon at its North Park offices.

The money comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program.

Community workday planned for Saturday

YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. hosts an Idora Neighborhood community workday Saturday in the Glenwood Avenue corridor.

The focus will be on cleaning up a historic four-unit building at 2906 Glenwood Ave. The building will be revitalized by YNDC partner organization Hope for Renewal.

Volunteers should meet at 8:30 a.m. at YNDC headquarters, 820 Canfield Road, before proceeding to the work site.

American Legion sale

LEETONIA

A yard sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at American Legion Post 131, 540 Main St.

The post is sponsoring the sale in support of former Leetonia police officer Mike Baun. Proceeds from the sale will go toward Baun's medical expenses for cancer treatment and kidney surgery.

Man gets 27 years for beating son

By JOE GORMAN
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YOUNGSTOWN

The more he spoke at his sentencing after being convicted of beating and whipping his 4-year-old son, Wesley Triplett dug himself a hole that was getting deeper and deeper.

Even Judge R. Scott Krichbaum of Mahoning County Common Pleas Court warned him Thursday to quit talking, as Triplett, 30, apologized for the injuries his son suffered and lamented the fact he did not do more to prevent them.

It took a jury only 40 minutes Tuesday to conclude Triplett did inflict beatings, fractures and whippings on a son he knew only for four months.

"You make it worse by saying this stuff," Judge Krichbaum said. "Honest to God, you make it worse."



Triplett

Triplett, of Dearborn Avenue, was sentenced to the maximum sentence allowable, 27 years in prison, after a jury found him guilty of felony counts of domestic violence and endangering children.

Jennifer McLaughlin, an assistant county prosecutor, told the judge Triplett denied being the boy's father for most of the boy's life until December, when he had custody of the boy.

The boy was with him only four months before the county Children Services learned of his injuries and Triplett was charged and arrested, McLaughlin said.

"This child certainly suffered at the hands of this defendant for four months, the only four months this

defendant had contact with him," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin asked for the maximum sentence possible for Triplett because of the severity of the boy's injuries and also because he has past convictions for misdemeanor and felony domestic violence.

Patty Amendolea of Children Services told the judge the boy had a burn on his elbow that may leave a permanent scar, fractured ribs, a fractured elbow and his back was covered with welts from being whipped with a cord.

Amendolea said the boy's elbow fracture has healed, adding he is a "sweetheart of a boy. He's very lovable."

She said he often asks, "Miss Patty, why did daddy hurt me?"

Triplett said he was sorry his son was hurt, but he said he has four other kids, and they all love him and that

he is a good father,

"I'm a teddy bear to my kids," Triplett said. "My kids love their daddy."

Triplett said he was afraid if he reported the abuse his son would be taken away from him, but Judge Krichbaum said he did not believe him.

"I don't know if I've witnessed anything more vicious or sadistic or brutal than these injuries," Judge Krichbaum said. "He lived in a chamber of horrors. What a life he must've led."

"I should've done more sir," Triplett replied. "I could never do nothing like this to my kids, man."

The judge said Triplett's words were hollow, however.

"I'm sorry we ever met," Judge Krichbaum said. "This is one of the darkest days in my life meeting you."



ROBERT K. YOSAY | THE VINDICATOR

Ohio Cultural Alliance makes \$10K donation

The Ohio Cultural Alliance has donated \$10,189 to the YSU Foundation, making a total of more than \$50,000 to provide an internship yearly for the Mahoning Valley Historical Society. Pictured, from left, are Tom Kelly, Marjorie Kelly, Warren Young, Sandy Young, Ruth Fletcher, Bill Lawson (Mahoning Valley Historical Society executive director), Michael Kurilla, Maryanne Senediak, Ann Thompson, Youngstown State University President Jim Tressel, George Beelen (Ohio Cultural Alliance president), Betty Beelen, the Rev. Jim Ray, Dorothy Tesner, Warren Harrell and Paul McFadden (YSU Foundation director).

BOARDMAN

Police make multiple drug arrests

Staff report

BOARDMAN

Township police made numerous drug arrests between Wednesday and Thursday, according to police reports.

Claude Westfall, 50, of Boardman was arrested Thursday at the Traveler's Inn on Market Street on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct while intoxicated, according to a report.

Police were called there for a report that Westfall was yelling at women and throwing things into the parking lot.

Police reported finding a

crack pipe in his pocket.

Eric Doran, 31, of Youngstown is charged with possession of drug-abuse instruments and drug paraphernalia after police said they found him lying in a Market Street parking lot Wednesday.

Police reporting finding a crack pipe, burnt spoon and hypodermic needle on him.

Robert Dragelevich, 42, of Youngstown is charged with drug abuse after a traffic stop on Erie Street at Hollywood Avenue Wednesday, according to a police report. Police reported finding suspected heroin in the car.

Jasmine Stewart, 31, of Boardman was arrested

Wednesday on charges of misdemeanor drug abuse, felony drug abuse, operating a vehicle while impaired, and reckless operation on private property, according to a police report.

Police were called to Walmart after an employee observed Stewart driving around the parking lot, striking a parked vehicle and a curb, then passing out behind the wheel, according to the report.

Police reported that they found Stewart slumped over the wheel with the car door open and her feet on the pavement.

They also reported finding more than 300 prescription opioid pain pills in the

car. Stewart admitted to having taken Xanax, smoking marijuana and drinking at least two alcoholic beverages, according to police.

Also on Wednesday, police arrested Blanca Gonzalez, 23, of Youngstown on a failure to appear warrant and a drug-possession charge.

She was arrested after a traffic stop at Southern Boulevard and U.S. Route 224, where police discovered her outstanding warrant.

The drug-possession charge was added after a search at the jail turned up marijuana and opioid pills in her bra, according to a police report.

Board OKs contract with police union

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

The board of control approved a three-year contract Thursday with the city's ranking police officers union that includes no salary increase.

The union ratified the contract, retroactive to Jan. 1, in June even though only six of its 42 members approved it. That's because there weren't enough members who voted against the pact.

At least 60 percent of a union's members must vote to reject a fact finder's recommendation. With 42 members, a minimum of 26 needed to vote against the contract for it to be rejected. However, only 25 voted – six in favor of it and 19 against it.

The union wanted 1 percent annual raises for this year as well as 2018 and 2019, while the city asked for no pay raises for the three years.

The union – which represents 30 detective sergeants, eight lieutenants and four captains – also wanted the city to pick up the 12.25 percent pension payment paid by its members, stating the city does this for nonunion employees and for other police department unions. The fact finder rejected the request.

The fact finder agreed with the union on keeping the health care employee contribution at 10 percent. The city wanted the employee contribution to increase to 11 percent in 2019.

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Mario Gutierrez Macias, 30, of 353 Carriage Lane, Canfield, and Margarita A. Ramirez, 27, of same.

Oldest American celebrates 114th birthday in Pa.

Associated Press

HUNTINGDON, PA.

The oldest known living person in the United States is celebrating her 114th birthday in Pennsylvania.

The state Aging Department says Delphine Gibson hit the milestone Thursday, getting a greeting from the governor.

Gibson was born in

South Carolina in 1903 and moved to Pennsylvania in 1928.

Aging Secretary Teresa Osborne says Gibson attributes her long life to a faith in God.

Gibson's status as the nation's oldest person is according to the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks people older than 110 worldwide.

Staff/wire reports

Legal deal marks a milestone for CIA

SPOKANE, WASH.
A settlement in a landmark lawsuit against two psychologists who helped design the CIA's harsh interrogation methods used in the war on terror marked the first time the agency or its private contractors have been held accountable for the program, legal experts said Thursday.
The deal in the lawsuit from the American Civil Liberties Union also makes it unlikely the CIA will again pursue the tactics, which included beatings and waterboarding, said Deborah Pearlstein, professor at the Cardozo Law School in New York.
Terms of the settlement were not disclosed, but it avoided a civil trial set for Sept. 5 in federal court in Spokane.

Threat looms of more mudslides in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE
The president joined with families in paying final respects Thursday to victims of this week's mudslides and flooding in Sierra Leone's capital, while the government warned residents to evacuate a mountainside where a large crack opened.
Approximately 350 people had been confirmed killed and 600 more remained missing from the disaster early Monday. Workers struggled in the thick mud and debris of smashed homes looking for more bodies, picking their way through stools, shoes and other remnants of daily life.
The government hired 600 gravediggers for individual burials taking place in a cemetery that already holds victims of the 2014-15 Ebola outbreak which killed thousands in the West African nation.

Bones may help trace fate of ancient cliff dwellers

DENVER
Archaeologists say DNA from ancient bones of domesticated turkeys provides a clue into the mysterious exodus of cliff dwellers from southwestern Colorado 700 years ago.
A paper in the journal PLoS One says the DNA shows the cliff dwellers raised turkeys similar to turkeys raised by ancient people in northern New Mexico.
The paper, co-authored by University of Colorado archaeologist Scott Ortman, says that kind of turkey became more common in New Mexico about the time the Colorado dwellings were emptied.
He says that supports the hypothesis that the cliff dwellers migrated to New Mexico during a late 1200s drought.
The researchers believe Native Americans there today are the cliff dwellers' descendants.

Cosmonauts release 3-D-printed satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.
Spacewalking cosmonauts set free the world's first satellite made almost entirely with a 3-D printer on Thursday.
In total, Russians Fyodor Yurchikhin and Sergey Ryazanskiy ended up releasing five nanosatellites by hand. One by one, the tiny craft — no more than 1 to 2 feet in size — tumbled safely away from the International Space Station.
The exterior casing of the first one tossed overboard was made with a 3-D printer. So were the battery packs inside. Researchers want to see how 3-D-made parts weather the space environment.
The 3-D satellite contains regular electronics.
The other satellites deployed Thursday have traditional spacecraft parts.
Each weighs just 10 to 24 pounds. They're expected to orbit for five to six months.
Associated Press

Why hate came to the progressive island of Charlottesville

Associated Press
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.
The white nationalists behind last weekend's violent rally found an appealing target in the historic town where Thomas Jefferson founded a university and an outspoken, progressive mayor declared his city the "capital of the resistance" to President Donald Trump.
For more than a year, the Charlottesville government has also been engaged in contentious public soul searching over its Confederate monuments, a process that led to the decision to remove a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee. All those factors made this community a symbolically powerful backdrop for what's

considered the largest white nationalist gathering in at least a decade.
"We are a progressive, tolerant city. We are also a Southern city," Mayor Mike Signer said. About a year and a half ago, Charlottesville "decided to launch on the difficult but essential work of finally telling the truth about race. That made us a target for tons of people who don't want to change the narrative."
On the eve of Saturday's rally, hundreds of white men marched through the University of Virginia campus, holding torches and chanting racist and anti-Semitic slogans. The next morning, many looked like they were dressed for war as they made their way to Emancipation Park.

They clashed with counter-protesters in a stunning display of violence before authorities forced the crowd to disperse. Later, a car plowed into a crowd of demonstrators, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring 19 others.
With a population of around 47,000, Charlottesville is a progressive island in a conservative part of Virginia. It's known for being home to Jefferson's plantation, Monticello, and the place where the Dave Matthews Band got its start.
Charlottesville was easily overwhelmed by the numbers that showed up Saturday, said Ed Ayers, a leading Civil War scholar.
Despite Virginia's bloody part in

the Civil War, Ayers said, the Lee statue does not have a significant historical connection to Charlottesville. The city "did not play a central role in the war at all, he explained, and the statue was not erected until the 1920s, when Jim Crow laws were eroding the rights of black citizens.
Charlottesville was just "a very clear symbol they could go to and have a protest," Ayers said.
White nationalist leader Richard Spencer echoed Ayers' perspective. He said that the Confederate monuments are a metaphor for something "much bigger," referring to "white dispossession and the de-legitimization of white people in this country and around the world."

For some, chasing eclipses across the globe is ...

A WAY OF LIFE



Donald and Norma Liebenberg stand in the driveway of their home in Salem, S.C. Donald has seen and blogged about his 26 eclipses for Clemson University, where he does research. He holds the record for most time in totality because the retired federal scientist used to chase them by airplane whenever possible. On Monday, the couple is going as far as their driveway.

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
While Monday's total solar eclipse in the U.S. will be a once-in-a-lifetime sky show for millions, there's a small group of people who have experienced it all before and they can't get enough of it.
Glenn Schneider has seen 33. Fred Espenak has watched 28. Donald Liebenberg has logged 26. For newbie Kate Russo, it's 10 and counting.
These veteran eclipse chasers spend lots of money and craft intricate plans all to experience another mid-day darkening of the sky. Many work in science and related fields and they'll travel around the world, even to Antarctica, to see one more.
"I do this not so much as an avocation, but as an addiction," said Schneider, a University of Arizona astronomy professor.
Russo, a psychologist in Ireland who wrote a book about people's eclipse experiences, said some people find the experience life-changing. That happened to her.
"Eclipse chasing isn't just a hobby or interest," Russo wrote in an email

from Wyoming, where she traveled to see Monday's eclipse. "Eclipse chasing is a way of life. It becomes who you are."
Monday's eclipse will cut a 70-mile-wide path of totality across the country, when the moon moves between Earth and the sun, blocking it for as much as 2 1/2 minutes. It's the first coast-to-coast full eclipse since 1918.
Norma Liebenberg has been to a dozen, mostly joining her avid eclipse watcher husband, Donald, in remote places like Libya, Zambia and Western China.
"It's sort of mind-boggling that there are 1,000 people out in these isolated places to see it," she said. She even forgave her husband when he missed their first anniversary to go to a clouded-out eclipse in the South Pacific.
There's a compulsiveness to eclipse chasers, especially photographers, said Dr. Gordon Telepun, an Alabama plastic surgeon who has seen only three.
"It's very anxiety producing, it's very challenging," said Telepun, who even developed a talking phone app

that times an eclipse so photographers don't miss anything. "It's an adrenaline rush man, I'm telling you."
Telepun said his hero is "Mr. Eclipse" Espenak, a retired NASA astrophysicist, who explains why chasers are the way they are.
"It's the closest any of us will come to being an astronaut and being in space," Espenak said.
Donald Liebenberg has seen and blogged about his 26 eclipses for Clemson University, where he does research. He holds the record for most time in totality because the retired federal scientist used to view them by airplane whenever possible. In 1973, he convinced the French to let him use the supersonic Concorde for eclipse viewing and he flew at twice the speed of sound. He got 74 minutes of eclipse time in that one flight.
After spending more than 60 years flying around the world, this time the Liebenbergs are only going as far as their driveway.
This eclipse is coming directly to them in South Carolina.

Grim subway reality: Corpses sometimes kept in break rooms

Associated Press
NEW YORK
It's a largely overlooked but gory reality of the New York City subway system: When someone takes their life by jumping in front of a train, police need to find a place to put the mutilated body until a medical examiner truck arrives.
Sometimes, transit workers say, that place is their break room or bathrooms. And naturally, they don't like it. Some say they have been traumatized by unexpectedly coming upon a stowed body.
"The subway isn't supposed to be New York City's temporary morgue," said John Samuelsen, president of Transport Workers Union International.
The union has received

in one of the latest cases Wednesday, the body of a man found on a Manhattan subway train after he apparently died of natural causes was bagged and stashed in an out-of-service employee bathroom.
Authorities had no immediate word on how long the man's body was there. But station agents claim it can take hours before bodies are moved from employees-only areas, increasing the odds they'll stumble upon them, said TWU Local 100 representative Derick Echevarria.
Workers have been "surprised and shocked by this," Echevarria said. "These are places where people take breaks, eat food, store their clothes."
The union has received



A police officer and medical examiner personnel carry a body out of the Times Square subway station in New York City after witnesses told police the man who died jumped into the path of a train.

about a dozen complaints in the past year, including some alleging workers were exposed to messy remains, union officials say. Local 100 raised the issue with the Metropolitan Transit Authority twice in the same period, they add, but the complaints go back years.
The MTA and the New York Police Department don't deny workers have occasionally encountered the

body bags. But they deny suggestions that it's the result of an increase in suicides in the subways or longer response times by the medical examiner's office.
Authorities say the average medical examiner response times are actually down so far this year by a half hour compared to the same period last year. It now takes slightly under two hours.

Trump digs in, lashes out at allies

Associated Press
BRIDGEWATER, N.J.
With prominent Republicans openly questioning his competence and moral leadership, President Donald Trump on Thursday burrowed deeper into the racially charged debate over Confederate memorials and lashed out at members of his own party in the latest controversy to engulf his presidency.
Out of sight, but still online, Trump tweeted his defense of monuments to Confederate icons — bemoaning rising efforts to remove them as an attack on America's "history and culture."
And he berated his critics who, with increasingly sharper language, have denounced his initially slow and then ultimately combative comments on the racial violence at a white supremacist rally last weekend in Charlottesville, Va.
Trump was much quicker Thursday to condemn violence in Barcelona, where more than a dozen people were killed when a van veered onto a sidewalk and sped down a busy pedestrian zone in what authorities called a terror attack.
He then added to his expression of support a tweet reviving a debunked legend about a U.S. general subduing Muslim rebels a century ago in the Philippines by shooting them with bullets dipped in pig blood.
Trump's unpredictable, defiant and, critics claim, racially provocative behavior has clearly begun to wear on his Republican allies.
Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, whom Trump considered for a Cabinet post, declared Thursday that "the president has not yet been able to demonstrate the stability nor some of the competence that he needs to" in dealing with crises.
And Sen. Dan Sullivan of Alaska tweeted, "Anything less than complete & unambiguous condemnation of white supremacists, neo-Nazis and the KKK by the (at)POTUS is unacceptable. Period."
Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina said Trump's "moral authority is compromised."
Trump, who is known to try to change the focus of news coverage with an attention-grabbing declaration, sought to shift Thursday from the white supremacists to the future of statues.
"You can't change history, but you can learn from it," he tweeted. "Robert E. Lee. Stonewall Jackson — who's next, Washington, Jefferson? So foolish. ..."
"Also the beauty that is being taken out of our cities, towns and parks will be greatly missed and never able to be comparably replaced!"

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Our VOICE

Can-do attitude fueling optimism for cool plant

IN OCTOBER 2016, MITCHELL Joseph, a Youngstown native and CEO of The Joseph Company International, first trumpeted plans for a massive state-of-the-art chill-can campus on Youngstown's sleepy East Side.

In some quarters, initial reaction was predictably tinged with disbelief to the California entrepreneur's plans.

Ten months later, however, Joseph not only has proved the skeptics wrong, but his plans have expanded and construction of the expansive complex is progressing ahead of schedule.

We therefore commend Joseph for his faith, determination and rock-solid investment in his hometown and hope that its success can serve as a catalyst for other projects on other wide swaths of vacant or near-vacant property on the East Side and all sides of the city.

As reported by Kalea Hall, *The Vindicator's* business reporter, in a story on Sunday's front page, construction of Joseph's manufacturing, research and administrative campus is proceeding at breakneck speed off of Oak Street near the Madison Avenue Expressway.

This first major industrial project in decades on the East Side will rise as a hub for Joseph's innovative and award-winning MicroCool process, which is used to make beverage cans with built-in heat-exchange units that can substantially cool liquid inside them in less than a minute.

That head-turning yet practical innovation is building demand for the company's growing product line in markets across the United States and throughout Europe. Indeed, before the first Youngstown chill can comes off the assembly line, the potential for growth of this venture looms large.

PROJECT EXPANSION

In fact, Joseph is so confident of the project's viability he already has expanded the size and scope of the East Side campus since unveiling it last October.

Originally, four buildings were planned for the site. Now, seven structures are on the drawing boards. They include structures for the plastic division, a filling station for liquids, a can-assembly factory, a warehouse, two production buildings and administrative offices.

As the size of the complex grows, so, too, does its positive impact on the Mahoning Valley and particularly on Youngstown, where the jobless rate stubbornly stands at double the national average. (It was 8.6 percent in June)

For Youngstown, the rewards will be richly satisfying, what with the campus generating at least 250 jobs, an annual payroll of about \$5 million and about \$150,000 in additional municipal income-tax revenue. Obviously, it also will transform a mostly declining and dingy city sector into a visually pleasing center of hubbub.

Of course, all of this progress did not materialize overnight. For two years now, the company has been working with the city purchasing properties for the campus. City leaders worked diligently and attentively to all details behind the scenes with Joseph.

For his part, Joseph is to be credited for his and his family's commitment and passion for Youngstown. The Joseph family, after all, once operated the Star Bottling Co. in the same area as the chill-can plant.

Throughout his long career in the beverage and bottling industry, Mitchell Joseph has earned a stellar entrepreneurial reputation of his own.

The MicroCool technology he patented has received wow reviews from institutions as diverse as the Army, NASA, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

Joseph also has been duly recognized by leaders of the international beverage industry. Later this month, he will be lauded as Business Professional of the Year at the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber's Salute to Business 2017.

To be sure, the chill-can innovator stands as a model for responsible corporate engagement with the city. Joseph's passion for a rejuvenated Youngstown and his allegiance to his alma mater of Youngstown State University motivated him to recommit to the city.

"I get more and more excited every time I come back," he recently exclaimed. His excitement is contagious, as such projects rev up neighborhood pride and heighten civic pride.

SCRIPTURES

Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

JOHN 8:10-11 NLT

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Nobody likes funerals

By GINA BARRECA
The Hartford Courant

"Just leave me on the A train," said my father. "It'll take at least three days for somebody to realize I'm not just some old guy asleep in a corner seat."

Some folks delight in choreographing the future ceremonies marking their deaths the way a director of community theater might enjoy choreographing his or her version of "Mamma Mia!" They create multiple invitation lists and play lists with equal enthusiasm. ("I insist that both Bette and Bettina attend; I don't care if they hate each other. And I want 'Send in the Clowns' to be played every 20 minutes on a loop.") They get a kick out of imagining how memories will be shared and how both tears and laughter will sustain the mourners.

My father was, to put it mildly, not one of those people. He hated funerals, loathed what he regarded at the theatrics of enforced mourning, and thought cemeteries were a waste of good real estate. Despite his protestations, my brother and I did not leave my father on the A train nor on any other branch of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

My brother forced my dad to make a decision about where he wanted his ashes placed and what, if anything, he wanted us to do. So we played Tony Bennett's version of "The Best Is Yet To Come" and afterward we ate lasagna that I'd cooked the day before.

I'm like my father; I'm not a "funeral person." I'm a wedding person, a birthday person and an anniversary party person. But some of my friends are funeral aficionados: Some people seem to major in funerals the way you might major in say, political science, showing up regularly, keeping an eye out for notices and taking notes. These folks would test well on the "final" final, if you know what I mean.

NO SERVICE

That's not me. I don't want a funeral or a memorial service. When I told my husband this, his first response was to make sure I announced my wish to everyone I've ever met. "I'll get blamed for not giving you a big party or maybe a barbecue, and that'll be the last thing I need," Michael said. He might be right, so here's my declaration: If we're going to celebrate life, let's do it now. I don't want to wait until after I can't be there for the pictures.

Of course, I come from families just poor enough to have photographs of the ancient dead: Both the Italian side and the Quebecois side took black-and-white photos of the prettily deceased, peaceful in their best clothes, surrounded by satin (or a facsimile), with the tops of the coffins propped open like the hoods of cars.

But times have changes. Funerals are now like baby showers: Nobody really wants to go, and it would be far kinder for everyone involved simply to send money. Seriously, just tell us how much we have to pay not to have to show up. What's the cost of turning down an invitation? I have my checkbook right here.

Even before there were registries for baby showers, weren't there, essentially, gift registries for death? Isn't the whole "in lieu of flowers" business a way to direct money where the family wants it rather than where the giver wants to give? "In lieu of flowers" has the same premise as a registry at Bed, Bath & Beyond, only without the "bed" and "bath" parts. You're basically directed to provide a serving platter to The Beyond.

I sincerely hope that, in the afterlife, hors d'oeuvres will be plentiful and served on that platter. But I also hope we will honor those we love while we – and they – are alive and kicking.

Gina Barreca is an English professor at the University of Connecticut and the author of "If You Lean In, Will Men Just Look Down Your Blouse?" and eight other books.



Democratic aspirants for governor have chance to reach out to voters

The Democratic candidates for governor will debate for the first time Sept. 12 in Martins Ferry, a city of about 7,000 people in the eastern part of the state, in an effort by the Ohio Democratic Party to introduce them to voters leading to the 2018 election.

Ohio Democratic Party Chairman **David Pepper** made the announcement earlier this week there would be about six debates – three this year and three in 2018 before the May primary – between the candidates held throughout the state and shown live on the party's Facebook page and Twitter feed.

"I think this process will bring out the best in the candidates; they will energize our voters," Pepper said.

The question is: how widespread is the interest in these debates, particularly nearly eight months before the primary?

All four announced Democratic gubernatorial candidates will participate in the debates.

They are: state Sen. **Joe Schiavoni**, former U.S. Rep. **Betty Sutton**, former state Rep. **Connie Pillich** and Dayton Mayor **Nan Whaley**.

None are well-known statewide so the debates could help the candidates with name recognition.

The elephant in the room remains **Richard Cordray**, director of the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a former attorney general and state treasurer. Unlike the four declared Democratic candidates, Cordray has won state office.

Cordray's term doesn't expire until July 2018 so he'd have to quit or be fired by the president "for cause" to seek the governor's position.

There have been numerous rumors about Cordray running and possibly making an announcement next month. He's got to make a decision pretty soon.

As Pepper said: "I think anyone looking to run for statewide office, there aren't that many months left before you really have to get going."

**David Skolnick**

AS AN ASIDE

Don't look to the Mahoning County Board of Elections for a decision on the placement of political yard signs including their size and when they can go up.

The board said because of the variety of zoning regulations throughout the county, it cannot offer legal advice as to whether a particular sign is permissible.

But the board mentions that because of state and federal Supreme Court decisions on First Amendment cases, there are "severe restrictions on how far government can go to regulate speech, especially political speech, like yard signs placed on private property."

The board asked communities with regulations on political yard signs to review them with their legal counsel.

Cordray last ran for office in 2010, losing a close re-election bid for attorney general to **Mike DeWine**, who is the best known Republican candidate for governor in next year's race.

Whether voters remember Cordray – and will support him should he run for governor – is debatable.

But remember that Republican **John Kasich** was away from politics for close to a decade before he was elected governor in 2010 over incumbent Democrat **Ted Strickland**. Also, DeWine was left nearly politically dead after losing his U.S. Senate seat in 2006 to Democrat **Sherrod Brown** only to make his comeback beating Cordray in 2010 and has positioned himself as a serious governor candidate for 2018.

The Republican Governors Association continues to go after Cordray accusing him of potentially violating federal law while exploring a run for Ohio gover-

nor in a nonpolitical position.

It's a shot in the dark, but it's interesting to note this is the second time this month the RGA has done this. That shows national Republicans are more concerned with Cordray in the gubernatorial race than they are about any other candidate.

"Ohioans deserve to know whether Richard Cordray is using his Consumer Financial Protection Bureau office for political gain at the expense of taxpayers," said RGA Communications Director **Jon Thompson**. "If these new revelations are correct, and Cordray did discuss potential gubernatorial debates with Ohio Democrats, he should admit truthfully what he discussed, if he is engaged in prohibited political activity, and why he is so focused on not doing his job."

On the Republican side, Americans for Prosperity-Ohio sought to organize a Sept. 5 debate with the four candidates: DeWine, Secretary of State **Jon Husted**, Lt. Gov. **Mary Taylor** and U.S. Rep. **Jim Renacci**.

It was canceled when DeWine's campaign declined to participate saying it could divert people's attention from the November election. Husted then bowed out of the event because he wants all four candidates to be involved.

That led a frustrated Taylor to say she was "appalled by the decision to postpone the first debate in the 2018 Republican primary because of other candidates' refusals," according to *The Columbus Dispatch*.

Citizens for Community Values and Salem Media of Ohio announced Thursday that it will host a candidates event, not a debate, with the four Republicans on Oct. 8 in Westerville, near Columbus.

The candidates will sit down for 15 to 20 minutes with Frank Luntz, a Fox News analyst and pollster, "to explain their vision for the state, discuss how faith impact their life and leadership, and share their views on key issues facing our state," according to a press release. Democratic candidates have also been invited to participate.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can't change history, but you can learn from it. Robert E. Lee. Stonewall Jackson – who's next, Washington, Jefferson? So foolish. ..."

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP, in a tweet decrying the rising movement to pull down monuments to Confederate icons. Trump declared the nation is seeing "the history and culture of our great country being ripped apart."



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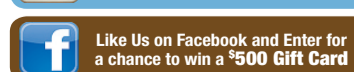
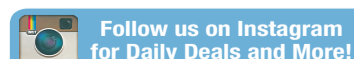
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Wiggins Hrynkiwicz

YSU's O-line is still missing pieces

3 veterans return to anchor up front

By DAN HINER
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YOUNGSTOWN

With the start of the season two weeks away, the Youngstown State football team is still trying to build chemistry on the offensive line.

YSU has a couple positions to fill on the right side of the line before the season begins.

The Penguins have three starters returning on the offensive line. Left guard Gavin Wiggins and center Vitas Hrynkiwicz claimed their starting spots during camp last season and both started all 16 games in 2016.

Left tackle Justin Spencer is returning for his third season as a starter. STATS Inc. named Spencer a Third-Team Preseason All-American in July.

Spencer has become the veteran leader on the offensive line. He said the underclassmen work with him to improve their game and he gives advice when necessary to help the young linemen progress.

The Penguins lost right guard Brock Eisenhuth and right tackle Dylan Colucci to graduation. Eisenhuth started 38 games and played the final 13 games of the 2016 season after returning from injury. Colucci started in 36 games for the Penguins, including all 16 games last season.

Offensive lineman Cameron Frasier has been taking snaps with the first team offense at the right tackle position. Frasier has played both tackle and guard during his first three seasons with the Penguins. While Eisenhuth was injured, Frasier filled in at right guard during 2016.

Redshirt junior Conner Sharp has taken reps with the first-team offense at right guard. Sharp was redshirted last season after transferring from the Air Force Academy following the 2015 season.

Sharp, a West Branch graduate, said he needs to con-

See YSU, B2

Twins stop Indians' 6-game streak



Indians third base coach Mike Sarbaugh congratulates Yan Gomes as he rounds the bases after a three-run homer off Twins relief pitcher Ryan Pressly in the eighth inning of Game 1 of Thursday's doubleheader in Minneapolis. The Indians won 9-3, but dropped the nightcap 4-2.

Kipnis, Gomes homer in the opener

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Max Kepler made up for a fielding mistake in the top of the inning with the go-ahead home run in the bottom of the seventh, sending the Minnesota Twins to a 4-2 victory over Cleveland in the second game on Thursday night to salvage a doubleheader split with the Indians.

Twins starter Aaron Slegers sailed through 6 1/3 innings in his major league debut, helping stop Cleveland's six-game winning streak.

The Indians had also won 10 straight games in Min-

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL			
	Game 1	Game 2	
INDIANS	9	TWINS	4
TWINS	3	INDIANS	2

Next: Cleveland at Kansas City, today at 8:15 p.m.

nesota, all but one this season.

Yan Gomes and Jason Kipnis each homered and had three hits for the Indians in a 9-3 victory in the opener as the Twins set a franchise record with 19 strikeouts.

Recalled from Triple-A Rochester as the 26th player for the nightcap, Slegers allowed only two hits and two

See INDIANS, B3

GREAT & POWERFUL



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Jason Pridon watches his shot during Thursday's Greatest Golfer Long Drive Championship at Tippecanoe Country Club in Canfield. Pridon took the title with a drive of 329 feet.

Pridon proves there's no place like home with his longest drive

By GREG GULAS
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CANFIELD

With two former champions, including defending champ Patsy Daltorio in the finals field, Canfield's Jason Pridon knew that he would have to be at his very best if he expected to win Thursday's Greatest Golfer Long Drive Championship.

The only player to place three of his four drives on the grid, Pridon's 329-yard effort on his third attempt was good enough to top 2014 champ Jim Armeni by a few inches to walk off with top honors at his home course of Tippecanoe Country Club.

It was his initial Greatest long drive competition.

"I felt like I had two good rounds, but in the qualifying round, I duck-hooked my first two shots because I was swinging for the fence," Pridon said. "I caught my third drive just right [327 yards], and it was good enough to get me into the playoff."

In the qualifying round, Warren's Patrick Gray had the top drive at 335 yards. Armeni placed second at 329 yards, and Pridon and Daltorio tied for third with 327-yard efforts.

"I was just happy to make the final cut

See LONG DRIVE, B4



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Mill Creek North, today: 8 a.m.
- ◆ Mill Creek South, today: 8 a.m.
- ◆ Tippecanoe Country Club, Saturday: 10 a.m.
- ◆ Avalon Lakes, Saturday: 10:40 a.m.
- ◆ Youngstown Country Club, Saturday: 11 a.m.
- ◆ Oak Tree Country Club, Saturday: 2 p.m.
- ◆ The Lake Club, Sunday: 9 a.m.



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INSIDE



◆ Scores from Thursday's first round of the Wyndham Championship, including how JFK graduate Jason Kokrak fared, B4

Every matches Wyndham record with a 61

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C.

Matt Every matched the Wyndham Championship's first-round record with a 9-under 61 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead.

Every tied the opening-round mark set in 2010 by Arjun Atwal, who went on to win the PGA Tour's final tournament before the postseason.

Henrik Stenson opened with a 62. Former Wyndham win-

ner Webb Simpson was at 63 along with Cameron Smith, Vaughn Taylor, Tim Wilkinson, Harold Varner III, Brian Campbell and Sam Saunders.

Davis Love III – the 53-year-old player who has won this tournament three times, most recently in 2015 – matched Martin Flores and Rick Lamb with a 64.

For Every, a 33-year-old with two career victories on tour, this was a much-needed strong start to what he hopes

is a long week.

"I played good, and have been playing good for a while," Every said. "So it's just nice to see it come together."

Every arrived at par-70 Sedgefield Country Club in a tie for 183rd on the FedEx Cup points list. The top 125 qualify for The Northern Trust next week in New York.

His best finish this season was a tie for 14th at the Canadian Open, and he had a string of seven consecutive

tournaments from April-June in which he either withdrew or missed the cut. Both of his victories came at the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill in 2014 and '15.

"I have a high regard for my talent. Like, I know I'm as talented as anyone out here – maybe like five guys are more talented than me – so I couldn't let myself quit," Every

See WYNDHAM, B4

Browns coach clarifies anthem remarks

Jackson has protest concerns

Associated Press

BEREA

Browns coach Hue Jackson said comments he made earlier in the week about players protesting during the national anthem were misconstrued.

Jackson was criticized – most notably by Hall of Famer Shannon Sharpe – for appearing to discourage his players for displaying any form of protest prior to games. Jackson wanted to remain on football, saying "I would hope we don't have those issues."

Sharpe, now a TV commentator, and others lambasted Jackson, who went 1-15 in his first season as Cleveland's coach.

Following the team's final training camp practice Thursday, Jackson said "I've been carrying this for about two days" and then read a prepared statement to clarify his remarks.

Jackson said the Browns and every other team in the NFL "should reflect what is good about America – our diversity, our race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, as well as equal opportunity."

He said he understands there are issues much broader than a football field currently in the U.S., and knows that individuals "will react in many different ways."

"My personal feelings are that over the last season we have seen players come under unfair scrutiny for protesting during the anthem, mainly because the focus has become on whether or not a player is being disrespectful to the flag or military and not on the issue and cause attempting to be addressed by the protest," he said.

"The intent of my comments was not to discourage individual expression from our players in light of a cause that moves them to personal expression. I'm disheartened

See BROWNS, B4

SPORTS digest

SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

\$11.11 Source: StubHub

Least expensive tickets on the website on Thursday for Sunday's Falcons-Steelers game at Heinz Field.

QUOTABLE

ART ROONEY II, Steelers president, on running back Le'Veon Bell's holdout:

"To be honest, I would hope that it's next week [he reports] to give himself two weeks to get acclimated. I don't think it's been a distraction to the team."

Scrapers rained out against Batavia

BATAVIA, N.Y.

The Mahoning Valley Scrapers and Batavia Muckdogs were rained out on Thursday night at Dwyer Stadium.

The game will be made up as part of a doubleheader at a date to be announced.

The Scrapers and Muckdogs conclude their series tonight at 7:05. Gregori Vasquez will get the start for Mahoning Valley.

The Scrapers return home on Tuesday night to host Batavia.

Mill Creek offers Tuesday Night League

YOUNGSTOWN

Mill Creek Golf Course will be offering a two-person team scramble league Tuesdays beginning Sept. 12.

The league will run eight weeks and will consist of two divisions — men's division and a mixed division.

Registration is available by calling 330-740-7112 or in person at the Mill Creek Golf Course Fieldhouse. Registration deadline is Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

Two YSU anglers are 4th in regional

YOUNGSTOWN

Two Youngstown State University Bass Fishing Club members earned fourth place in a regional college fishing competition to qualify for the YETI Fishing League Worldwide College Fishing National Championship in spring 2018.

The successful anglers are Jonathan Creed of Niles and Michael Soots of McDonald.

They caught five largemouth bass with a total weight of just more than 14 pounds at the regional contest in Lake Chautauqua, N.Y., winning a \$500 prize for their club. The top 10 teams qualified for the national competition.

YSU's Bass Fishing Club is beginning its sixth year, under the direction of Tessa Padilla, coordinator of Sport Clubs, and adviser Marko Marinkovich.

Willoughby South drops Rebel mascot

WILLOUGHBY

Willoughby South High School is getting rid of its Confederate mascot in the wake of a deadly car attack at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Va., last weekend.

Superintendent Steve Thompson said Thursday that the school will drop its "Rebel" mascot — a man dressed in a gray Confederate military outfit — but keep the name.

Thompson said he made the decision to support the school's diverse student body.

"The Civil War was part of the history of the American story and that's not going anywhere, but how we view it sometimes changes," Thompson said. "We thought it was the right thing to do."

The school is in Willoughby, 20 miles northeast of Cleveland. About 20 percent of its students are from minority families.

The sports teams still will be called the South High Rebels and will continue wearing gray and blue as their school colors. The school will create a committee to decide how to rebrand the term "Rebel."

"Rebel can mean a lot of things. George Washington was a rebel," Thompson said.

The Rebel has represented the school since it was founded in 1959. The move to replace it is the latest in a series of steps the school has taken to phase out Confederate iconography.

The Rebel mascot used to carry a Confederate flag and topped a gun, but school officials dropped both items from the mascot's depiction after it stirred controversy.

Eagles' Long supports Jenkins' protest

PHILADELPHIA

Chris Long, the Philadelphia defensive end who grew up in Charlottesville, Va., put his arm around teammate Malcolm Jenkins as a show of unity during the national anthem before the Eagles' exhibition game Thursday night against Buffalo.

Jenkins stood with his right fist raised in the air as he's done since last season. Long was to his right with his left arm on Jenkins' shoulder.

"I think it's a good time for people that look like me to be there for people that are fighting for equality," Long said.

HIGH SCHOOLS

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Table with columns for GIRLS GOLF, TENNIS, and various school names like HUBBARD 215, STRUTHERS 216, etc.

Tested: Ohio State stacked with quality 5th-year players

Associated Press

The old guys club at Ohio State this year is exclusive.

Led by quarterback J.T. Barrett, seven players are in their fifth year of eligibility in Columbus, meaning each had a redshirt year.

Barrett, seven players are in their fifth year of eligibility in Columbus, meaning each had a redshirt year. Not only are all at the top of the Buckeyes' depth chart, they're among the best players in college football.

That doesn't happen often at a big-time football program that churns out early departing stars for the NFL.

Barrett, who is 26-4 as a starter and the first three-time captain in Ohio State history, might not even be the best of them. That's defensive end Tyquan Lewis, the reigning Big Ten defensive player of the year. He'll be a top NFL prospect.

The fifth-year guys also include starting tight end Marcus Baugh, the team's top returning receiver; center Billy Price (Austintown Fitch), who has started 41 consecutive games on the offensive line; defensive tackles Tracy

SEASON OPENER Aug. 31: Ohio State vs. Indiana at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Ind. Kickoff at 8 p.m. TV/radio: ESPN; WNIO-AM 1390.

Sprinkle and Michael Hill; and Chris Worley, who will start at linebacker for the second straight year.

"You've got some guys that are battle-tested," said Worley, who's on the watch list for the Butkus Award, given to the nation's best linebacker. "Every team goes through the tough times, the hard game and you have guys who have been through it, so that's always a plus."

Coach Urban Meyer said while he can never plan to have so many elite guys sticking around, it's a great situation.

"You can't put a price tag on that," he said. "I saw that developing throughout the offseason. It's unusual. I don't think we've ever had that. You'd have to go back some years, because we usually don't redshirt guys with

the offensive linemen as "the good, the bad and the ugly" because of their inconsistency during camp.

"A lot of it comes down to communication, not just talent," Bricillo said. "Having a relationship with one another and being able to anticipate what's going on, and that's a part of O-line play. You see some of that rearing its head today on the right side."

Bricillo said the goal of any offensive line coach is to find the top eight linemen during preseason camp. The Penguins have 10 backup offensive linemen — seven are freshmen or sophomores.

"I think it's the mark of a good football player that when training camp's over you're not done getting better. You turn on the tape [and look to see] if he's getting better from fall ball all the way through," Bricillo said.

Bricillo said there is naturally going to be a slight drop

AROUND THE HORN | Thursday's other MLB games

potentially more serious blow in the seventh, when All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado left the game with an apparent injury to his left hand. Arenado was eaten up by a sharp grounder from Lane Adams and left the field in pain.

Reds 13, Cubs 10 CHICAGO Phillip Ervin hit a two-run homer to snap a tie in the seventh inning and had four RBIs in his first major league start as Cincinnati rebounded from blowing a nine-run lead to defeat Chicago. Ervin, in right field in his fifth game, also had a single and double in four at-bats. On Wednesday, the 25-year-old homered as a pinch hitter for his first hit. Joey Votto lofted a three-run homer in a nine-run, second-inning rally as Cincinnati raced to a 9-0 lead against Cubs starter Jon Lester on a warm day with the wind blowing out. Ian Happ hit two solo shots and a sacrifice fly, and Alex Avila went deep and had three RBIs for the Cubs, who used six homers to erase a

nine-run deficit.

INTERLEAGUE Yankees 7, Mets 5 NEW YORK This year's Subway Series was a one-way ride. Gary Sanchez homered and matched a career high with five RBIs, Luis Severino got right back on track and the New York Yankees made it a four-game sweep of the crosstown-rival Mets. Four games behind first-place Boston in the AL East, the Yankees begin a three-game series Friday night at Fenway Park. The Red Sox took two of three last weekend when the longtime rivals played at Yankee Stadium. "These are really important games for us because the clock is ticking," manager Joe Girardi said. Sanchez hit a three-run homer off struggling starter Steven Matz in the first inning and a two-run single in the fourth. Brett Gardner broke his 3-for-29 slump with a two-run double, and the Yankees

won twice at Citi Field just as they did back home in the Bronx earlier this week. Diamondbacks 4, Astros 0 HOUSTON Patrick Corbin came within an out short of his first career shutout and first complete game since 2013 in Arizona's victory over Houston. After allowing a two-out double to Yuli Gurriel in the bottom of the ninth, Corbin was pulled by Arizona manager Torey Lovullo. Archie Bradley took over on the mound and struck out Marwin Gonzalez. Corbin (10-11) allowed four hits and one walk, struck out seven and threw just 105 pitches. Arizona second baseman Daniel Descalso hit an inside-the-park home run off Astros starter Mike Fiers in the fourth inning on a deep drive that sailed over the head of center fielder Jake Marisnick and bounced off the wall away from him.

Ward was the third man in the rotation last year and finished with 23 total tackles, nine passes defended and nine pass break-ups. Arnette played in every game is ready for prime time, according to Coombs. Sheffield is a former five-star recruit and junior college transfer who enrolled in the spring. Others, including true freshmen Jeffrey Okudah, Shaun Wade and Marcus Williamson, also could see playing time at corner.

in production from the offensive line compared to last season. He said the line played well in the playoffs, but they were "a finished product" while the players this season need to continue to improve.

YSU head coach Bo Pelini said he's looking for consistency amongst the players. He said the offensive line practiced well on Wednesday but struggled on Thursday.

"I thought they had a really good day [Wednesday]," Pelini said. "I thought I saw some good progress yesterday ... today not so much," Pelini said. It's gone back and forth a little bit. What I'm looking for is consistency across the board.

"It doesn't matter what position it is. That means D-line, that means O-line ... that means right across the board. We got to be more consistent."

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Table with columns for Friday's Games, W, L, Pct, GB, and various team names like Aberdeen at Brooklyn, Hudson Valley at Tri-City, etc.

TV/RADIO

Table with columns for TODAY, SATURDAY, and various sports events with times and channels like 9 a.m. (GC) Women's golf: LPGA Tour Solheim Cup, 11 a.m. (TNN) Tennis: Cincinnati, etc.

2 years brewing

AUSTINTOWN
Paladin Brewing, located at 6520 Mahoning Ave., is celebrating its two-year anniversary Aug. 26.
The event will include limited-edition brews, a new brew, food and T-shirt giveaways. Paladin has started bottling. The first batch of Paladin 22-ounce bottles also will be available for purchase.
The local brewery opened to the public Aug. 22, 2015, and has continued to grow and add new styles of beer to its lineup as well as beginning distribution throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Burritos & drinks

CORTLAND
Chipotle Mexican Grill of Denver won't comment on a liquor license the company is trying to obtain for a Chipotle/Starbucks location near the Bazetta Township Walmart.
Township officials say the company is hoping to start construction within a few months and have the restaurant opened by late this year.
The Trumbull County commissioners on Wednesday approved a notification to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control that no hearing is needed for a liquor permit sought by Chipotle for a location at the northeast corner of Elm Road and Millennium Boulevard in Bazetta Township.

F.N.B. dividends
PITTSBURGH
F.N.B. Corp. recently announced that its board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 12 cents per share on F.N.B. Corp.'s common stock. The dividend is payable Sept. 15 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on Sept. 1.

GM off TSX
DETROIT
General Motors Co. on Wednesday announced it has applied and received approval for a voluntary delisting of its common stock from the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) in Canada. The delisting from the TSX will not affect the company's listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mar-a-Lago a no-go for clinic soiree
CLEVELAND
The Cleveland Clinic, a leading U.S. hospital, pulled its annual fundraiser from Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort on Thursday, reversing course after initially resisting pressure from health professionals and others over the president's support for repealing the Affordable Care Act and cutting federal budget dollars to medical research.
The hospital said it decided not to have the event there after "careful consideration" of a number of issues. It didn't elaborate.
Spokeswoman Eileen Sheil had said last week the event was not political, and donors and executives discussed it and agreed Mar-a-Lago met the organization's needs.
The fundraiser has raised \$700,000 to \$1 million annually and has been at Mar-a-Lago the last eight years.
But, citing Trump's positions, more than 1,100 doctors, nurses, medical students and other Ohio residents signed a public letter of concern over the choice of venue.

Selected local stocks
STOCK, DIVIDEND, CLOSE CHANGE
Alcoa Inc., .12, 37.79 -1.44
Aqua America, .71, 33.58 -0.24
Avalon Holdings, 2.09, 2.09 -0.01
Chemical Bank, .27, 45.49 -1.38
Community Health Sys., 6.84, 6.84 -0.10
Cortland Bancorp, .28, 17.45 0.10
JP Morgan Chase, 1.92, 90.70 -1.39
Key Corp., .34, 17.78 -0.20
LaFarge, .34, 26.26 -0.57
FirstMerit Corp., 1.21, 121.15 0.00
First Niles Financial, 1.21, 121.15 0.00
FNB Corp., .48, 12.75 -0.36
General Motors, 1.52, 35.00 -0.75
General Electric, .92, 24.75 -0.35
Huntington Bank, .28, 12.64 -0.36
iHeartMedia Inc., 1.80, 1.80 -0.20
JP Morgan Chase, 1.92, 90.70 -1.39
Key Corp., .34, 17.78 -0.20
LaFarge, .34, 26.26 -0.57
Macy's, 1.51, 19.65 -0.49
Parker Hannifin, 2.52, 155.76 -3.03
PNC, 2.20, 127.43 -2.67
Simon Prop. Grp., 6.60, 157.28 -0.67
Stoneridge, 16.11, 16.11 -0.33
United Comm. Fin., .12, 8.77 -0.22
Selected prices from Wednesday's 4 p.m. close.

Rep gives bank clients legislative update

By **KALEA HALL**
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BOARDMAN
U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson, a Republican from Marietta, discussed several issues with clients of Chemical Bank on Thursday.
"We gave a little update on what's happened in the first seven to eight months of the new Congress," Johnson said.
This is the third year Chemical Bank has invited a member of Congress to give a legislative update at the Holiday Inn in Boardman.

Topics discussed included job creation, military spending, the opioid epidemic and tax reform.
"We talked about the 1 million-plus jobs created," Johnson said.
Despite the job creation, Johnson said the economy is "limping" along largely because of a broken tax code

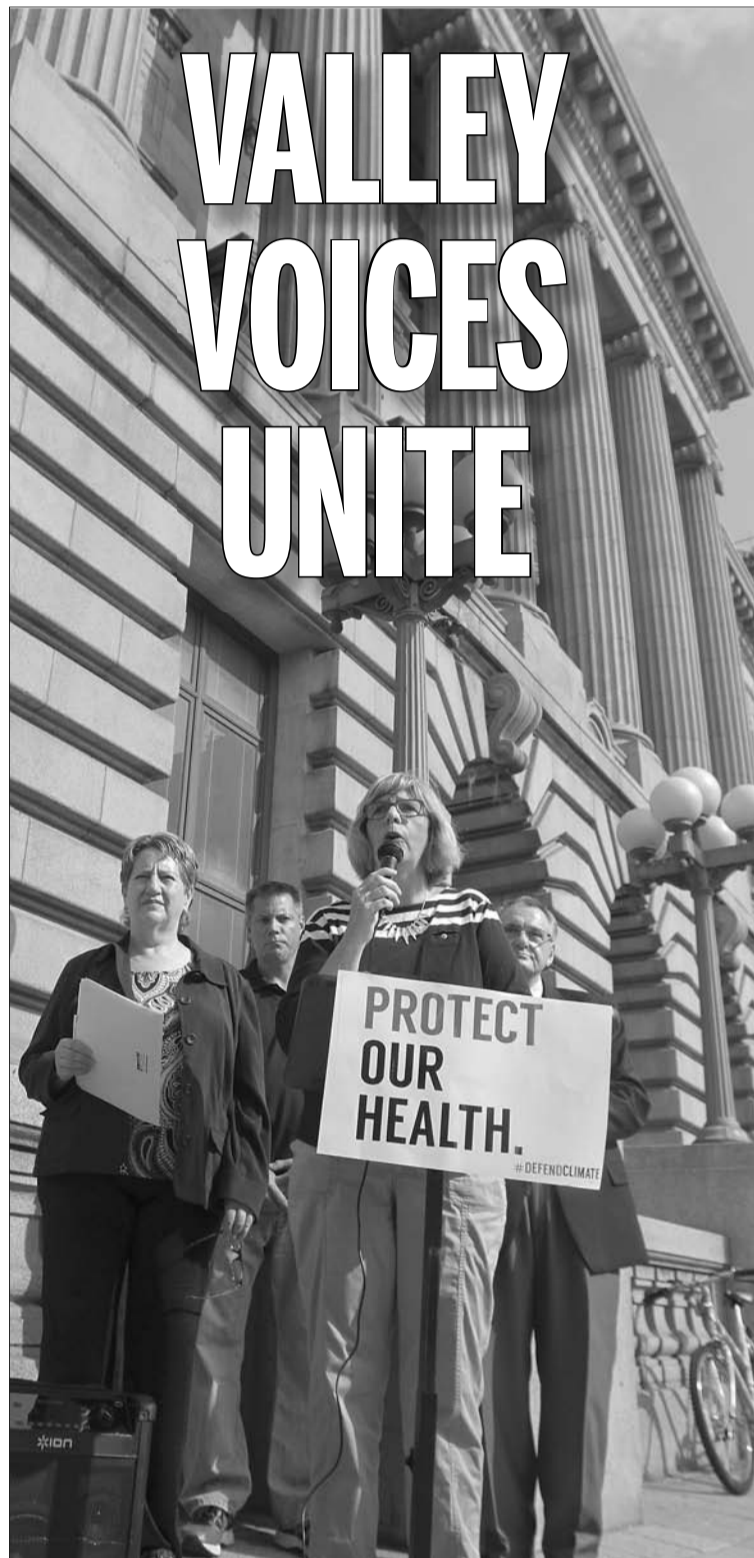


Johnson

and burdensome regulations.
Overall, the indications are that the economy is doing well and banks are pretty healthy today, said Bob Kempe, senior vice president for Chemical Bank.
"We still have our share of challenges," Kempe said.
One of those challenges is competition.
"Every day we compete with a lot of the other banks for the same business," he said.
This week, talks on the

renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement began and Johnson said he wants to see a deal that makes American workers a priority.
"I do understand the unintended consequences of companies moving to low cost areas of the world," he said. "We need trade policies that put American workers on a level playing field."
After the event, Johnson discussed the recent event in Charlottesville, Va. when a woman was killed after a

car rammed into a crowd of counter-protesters at a white nationalist rally. President Donald J. Trump has received criticism for his response to the violence, saying both sides are to blame.
Johnson wouldn't comment specifically on the president's response, but did say the event that occurred is not something America should tolerate.
"America is better than this," he said. "I'm not going to point a finger because I wasn't there to witness it."



VALLEY VOICES UNITE
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Karen Zehr, founding member of Valley Voices United for Change, speaks out against U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's Regulatory Accountability Act at the Mahoning County Courthouse Thursday. From left, health care advocate Kimberly Kengor, retired president of United Autoworkers Local 1714 David Green and Austintown Township Trustee Ken Carano joined Zehr at the news conference.

Politicians, advocates question Portman's regulatory reform bill

By **JUSTIN WIER**
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YOUNGSTOWN
Advocates gathered at the Mahoning County Courthouse Thursday to voice their opposition to the Regulatory Accountability Act, which U.S. Sen. Rob Portman introduced in the Senate earlier this year.

Karen Zehr, a founding member of Valley Voices United for Change which organized the news conference, said the legislation is threatening to the area's communities. Portman, a Cincinnati-area Republican, is continuing to represent special interests to give business a licenses to pollute, Zehr said.
She cited the BP oil spill in Louisiana, the water crisis in Flint, Mich., and the Wall Street crash of 2008 as examples of why regulatory agencies are necessary.
"We are facing an epidemic of corporate wrongdoing," Zehr said.
The legislation, which Portman introduced with Democratic U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota in July, requires cost-benefit analysis of major new regulations and aims to improve transparency and accountability in the regulatory process by requiring public hearings and other measures.



Portman

The bipartisan legislation would only apply cost-benefit analysis to regulations that have an economic effect of \$100 million or greater, which estimates put between 30 and 40 regulations per year.
The legislation would result in smarter rules and better outcomes, Portman said.
"This will boost job creation and economic growth while continuing to protect public health and safety and the environment," he added. "That will benefit all of us."
But local advocates argue it could make it harder for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to fight the opioid crisis and for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to keep lead out of water.
David Green, a former president of United Autoworkers Local 1714 in Lordstown, said safety isn't free.
"Sen. Portman's bill has potential to roll back safety regulations and impede new regulations," he said.
Austintown Township Trustee Ken Carano agreed, arguing the bill would have a harmful effect on Americans everywhere by corrupting agencies that protect public health, safety and welfare.
"[Portman] forgotten that his No. 1 priority is to serve the public, not corporate America," Carano said.
The group also encouraged Portman to have a town hall in the area to address this and other issues.

AFTER CHARLOTTESVILLE
Tech companies banishing extremists

Associated Press
NEW YORK
It took bloodshed in Charlottesville to get tech companies to do what civil rights groups have been calling for for years: take a firmer stand against accounts used to promote hate and violence.
In the wake of the deadly clash at a white-nationalist rally last weekend in Virginia, major companies such as Google, Facebook and PayPal are banishing a growing cadre of extremist groups and individuals for violating service terms.
What took so long? For one thing, tech companies have long seen themselves as bastions of free expression.
But the Charlottesville rally seemed to have a sobering effect. It showed how easily technology can be used to organize and finance such events, and how extreme views online can translate into violence offline.
"There is a difference between freedom of speech and what happened in Charlottesville," said Rashad Robinson, executive director of Color of Change, an online racial justice group. The battle of ideas is "different than people who show up with guns to terrorize communities."

A SLOW REACTION
Tech companies are in a bind. On one hand, they want to be open to as many people as possible so they can show them ads or provide rides, apartments or financial services. On the other hand, some of these users turn out to be white supremacists, terrorists or child molesters.
Keegan Hanks, analyst at the Southern Poverty Law Center's intelligence project, said his group has been trying for more than a year to get Facebook and PayPal to shut down these accounts. Even now, he said, the two

Apple CEO pledges \$2M to fight hate
SAN FRANCISCO
Apple is donating \$2 million to two human rights groups as part of CEO Tim Cook's pledge to help lead the fight against the hate that fueled the violence in Virginia during last weekend's white-nationalist rally.
Cook made the commitment Wednesday in an internal memo obtained by The Associated Press.
Cook also says he strongly disagrees with President Donald Trump's comparison between the actions of white nationalists and protesters opposing them. He believes equating the two "runs counter to our ideals as Americans," making him the latest prominent CEO to distance himself from Trump.
Apple is giving \$1 million apiece to Southern Poverty Law Center and the Anti-Defamation League, and will match employee donations to those two groups and other human rights organizations on a two-for-one basis.
Associated Press

companies are taking action only in the most extreme cases.
"They have policies against violence, racism, harassment," said Hanks, whose center monitors hate groups and extremism. "The problem is that there has been no enforcement."
SHIFTING LINE
PayPal said groups that advocate racist views have no place on its service, but added there is a "fine line" when it comes to balancing freedom of expression with taking a stand against violent extremism.
Other companies like Facebook, Twitter and Google struggle with the same balancing act. The fine line is constantly moving and being tested.
Ahead of the rally, Airbnb barred housing rentals to people it believed were traveling to participate. Before and after Charlottesville, PayPal cut off payments to groups that promote hate and violence. GoDaddy and Google yanked the domain name for Daily Stormer following the rally. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are removing known hate groups from their services, and the music streaming service Spotify dropped what it considers hate bands.
"Companies are trying to figure out what the right thing is to do and how to do it," said Steve Jones, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago who

focuses on communication technology.
CAT AND MOUSE
While traditional brands such as Tiki had no way of knowing that their torches were being bought for the rally, tech companies have tools to identify and ban people with extremist views.
That's thanks to the troves of data they store on people and to their ability to easily switch off access to users.
Yet these services also allow for anonymity, which makes their jobs more difficult. Banned people can sign up again with a different email address, something they can easily obtain anonymously.
Facebook spokeswoman Ruchika Budhbraja said hate groups also know the site's policies and try to keep things just benign enough to ensure they are not in violation.
Facebook's technology is designed to automatically flag posts that are on the absolute extreme and clearly violate the company's policies. They are sometimes removed before users can even see them. What Facebook can't leave to automation are posts, events and groups in that ever-growing gray area.
THE BROADEST REACH
The First Amendment offers hate groups a lot of speech protection, but it applies only to government and public settings. A private company is typically free to set its own standards.

Starbucks founder questions US 'moral fiber'

Associated Press
SEATTLE
Starbucks founder and chairman Howard Schultz says the events surrounding last weekend's white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., have put the "moral fiber" of the country in question.
Schultz said at an employee forum Tuesday he has "profound concern about the lack of character, morality, humanity," displayed at the rally, according to a recap posted on Starbucks' website.
"The moral fiber, the values, and what we as a country have stood for is literally hanging in the abyss," Schultz told employees. "We are

at a critical juncture in American history. That is not an exaggeration. We are at and facing a crucible in which our daily life is being challenged and being questioned about what is right and what is wrong."
After the violence, President Donald Trump was blasted for putting the blame on both sides and saying both sides included "very fine people."
Schultz was not a member of either of Trump's two panels of business leaders that dissolved Wednesday after several CEOs stepped down in protest of Trump's comments. And he told his employees Tuesday he'd let the

actions and words of the president speak for themselves.
"What we witnessed this past weekend ... is against every sense of what is right," he said. "My fear is not only that this behavior is being given permission and license, but its conduct is being normalized to the point where people are no longer hiding their face."
Telling employees he was speaking to them "as an American, as a Jew, as a parent, as a grandparent," Schultz said it's hard to remain optimistic about the country's future "in the midst of such a storm," but he still is.
Starbucks and Schultz have been outspoken on social issues.

THE 5

Today's entertainment picks:

1 **Brier Hill Italian Fest, 4-11 p.m.:** The old neighborhood will be lively at this annual festival, centered on Calvin and Victoria streets, in the Brier Hill section of the North Side.

2 **"August: Osage County," 7:30 p.m.:** A riveting piece of theater, and the 2008 Tony Award winner for Best Play, makes its Mahoning Valley premiere (\$15) at Youngstown Playhouse; 330-788-8739.

3 **Howard and the Point Five Band, 7 p.m.:** Another party on the plaza in the water department parking lot, 111 W. Federal St., downtown Youngstown.

4 **"Steel Magnolias," 8 p.m.:** Opening night (\$16) for this popular play at Main Street Theater, 5 N. Main St., Columbiana; 800-838-3006.

5 **"Death of a Showgirl," 8 p.m.:** This original burlesque murder-mystery (\$15) can only be done by Rust Belt Theater, at Calvin Center, 755 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-507-2358.

BEST BETS ON TV

♦ **"TIFFANY HADDISH — SHE READY! FROM THE HOOD TO HOLLYWOOD" (9 P.M., SHOWTIME):** A stand-up comedy special featuring the breakout star from "Girls Trip."

♦ **TV LISTINGS, C3**

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Cedar Point plans new roller coaster

SANDUSKY

Cedar Point's Frontier-Town will be transformed when Steel Vengeance — the tallest, fastest and longest hybrid roller coaster in the world — opens in the spring.

The design combines a steel running track on a massive wooden structure that provides a very smooth ride while enabling the coaster's trains to perform maneuvers previously unheard of on a wooden roller coaster.

Riders will climb 205 feet and then find themselves staring straight down a 90-degree initial drop and a 200-foot fall to earth. The ride lasts about 2 minutes, 30 seconds.

Cabaret features Neil Diamond songs

YOUNGSTOWN

Music at Madison cabaret will present "The Songs of Neil Diamond" Saturday in the gardens of Madison Moore, a Victorian century home, across from Youngstown State University's Lyden House dormitory.

The show stars Rodd Counce and features Colleen Chance, Jason McCoy and Patsy Sullivan, with musical accompaniment by Jack Ciarniello and Nico Ruggieri. A potluck dinner (potluck dish welcome, not required) starts at 7 p.m., with the show at 8 p.m. The audience is encouraged to sing along. The admission is \$20. The event is BYOB; stemware will be provided.

Reservations are required. Call Jack Peterson at Dorian Books, 330-743-2665. All major credit cards accepted.

Packard Band

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The Packard Band will present "Summer Reflections" at 7 p.m. Sunday at the South Lawn band shell of Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW. The free concert is the final one of the summer series.

Soloists will include the Packard percussion section: Ken Alexander, Robert Barnett, Carla Dean, Tyler Husosky and Steve Ley. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be performed indoors.

'Logan Lucky' is sure to make you smile

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

"Logan Lucky" is an easy movie to like, but maybe not love.

In his big return to film after a four-year hiatus, Steven Soderbergh has created a sort of cinematic bingo of his well of tricks. Heist movie? Check. Channing Tatum? Check. Not-so-subtle metaphors slipped in to genre stories about the state of the working-class man? Check. Dopey but reliable sidekick brothers? Check, check, check.

That's not to say that "Logan Lucky" has nothing new to offer — it just feels unshakably familiar in a way that

could irk some and feel like home to others.

The setting for this heist is West Virginia, where Tatum's Jimmy Logan has just been laid off from his coal mining job because one of the higher-ups spotted him walking around with a limp. Like a distant cousin to Magic Mike, who supplemented waning construction work with stripping, Jimmy Logan is another side of the American dream dashed. Once a high-school football star with a promising future, Jimmy has ended up in the same place where he began, only slightly worse. He's also got a young daughter, Sadie (Farrah Mackenzie), and an

ex-wife (Katie Holmes) who has traded up for a middle class husband (David Denman) and may be moving.

His brother, Clyde Logan (Adam Driver) is a slow-talkin' bartender who lost one of his arms serving in Iraq, but can still make a killer martini when an arrogant NASCAR sponsor played by Seth MacFarlane challenges him. And his sister, Mellie Logan (Riley Keough), is a no-nonsense hairdresser, drives a stick and has no time for try-hards like her ex-sister-in-law's new husband.

The Logans, simply, are not going anywhere anytime soon, which is why they de-

'LOGAN LUCKY'

- ♦ **Grade:** 2 and a half stars (out of 4)
- ♦ **Credits:** Directed by Steven Soderbergh; cast includes Channing Tatum and Adam Driver
- ♦ **Rating:** PG-13 for language and some crude comments.
- ♦ **Running time:** 1:59

cide to try to take something back from the institutions that have failed to share the wealth. Their plan? To intercept the cash flow at a big NASCAR race.

They gather up some help

'Hitman's Bodyguard' is an action-packed escape



Samuel L. Jackson and Ryan Reynolds in a scene from "The Hitman's Bodyguard."

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Explosively fun

By SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

There's not a whole lot that's new about "The Hitman's Bodyguard."

Its mismatched-pals premise is the stuff of classic buddy comedies. Stars Ryan Reynolds and Samuel L. Jackson play their typical character types: Reynolds the handsome do-gooder; Jackson the unflappable bad-ass whose favorite word is mother -----. And like many movie heroes past, they're tasked with taking down a brutal dictator.

Yet that kind of familiar framework is what makes this action-packed mashup of gunbattles, car chases, fistfights and international intrigue such a delight: Leave reality's chaos at the door, and lose yourself in a world where the bad guys get what's coming to them and Sam Jackson spontaneously breaks into song. (He actually sings three times in this film — once in Italian! With nuns! Plus his own, original F-word-laden tune.)

And did I mention there's a love-story subplot?

Reynolds plays Michael Bryce, a well-manicured, tightly wound, type-A personality who works in "executive protection," providing high-end, high-stakes bodyguard services for society's unsavories. His career and polished image take a nosedive after a weapons dealer he was protecting is killed by a sniper. Bryce blames his Interpol detective ex-girlfriend, Amelia (Elodie Yung), for the deadly mistake, believing

she leaked information to her law-enforcement colleagues.

A couple years later, Amelia is tapped to transport notorious hitman Darius Kincaid (Jackson) to International Criminal Court, where he's to be the sole witness testifying against murderous Belarusian dictator Vladislav Dukhovich (Gary Oldman, always perfect). Dukhovich deploys his bottomless army of goons to take out their convoy and ultimately eliminate Kincaid, who promised his testimony in exchange for the release of his wife, Sonia (Salma Hayek), from jail.

Outgunned and desperate, Amelia turns to Bryce for help, promising to help restore his career if he can get Kincaid to The Hague safely. Thus begins the odd-couple pairing of Reynolds and Jackson and premise for various physical and verbal throw-downs, with the bad guys and each other.

When Bryce says he's there to keep Kincaid out of harm's way, Kincaid replies, "I am harm's way."

And he proves it, taking out bad-dies even while handcuffed and outracing a fleet of armored cars while whipping a speedboat through Amsterdam's canals. Jackson soars in roles like these, and his performance is as bulletproof as Kincaid is rumored to be. The 68-year-old is as thrilling an action star as any decades younger. It wouldn't be surprising to learn he does his own stunts, and insisted on manning that speedboat himself.

'THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD'

- ♦ **Grade:** 3 stars (out of 4)
- ♦ **Credits:** Directed by Patrick Hughes; cast includes Samuel L. Jackson and Ryan Reynolds
- ♦ **Rating:** R for strong violence and language throughout
- ♦ **Running time:** 1:58

Jackson's Kincaid is also the story's wise elder, giving Bryce romance advice as they dodge Dukhovich's thugs.

Reynolds works his comic and superhero action chops and Hayek is at her fieriest as a barmaid unafraid to cut a guy's carotid with a broken bottle.

Director Patrick Hughes ("The Expendables 3") keeps the action grounded in the story's narrative without compromising the excitement. The movie is loud, with several explosions that could shake a nervous viewer from her seat, but the chases are epic, especially the speedboat scene, during which Reynolds' character kept pace on a motorcycle.

Screenwriter Tom O'Connor mitigates the serious matter in his story — the trial of a tyrant for war crimes against his own people — with brisk banter and thrilling fight sequences, along with a touch of sweetness as it becomes clear that both Bryce and Kincaid are motivated by love.

If only movies could make that universal.

YSU marching band plans two events

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown State University's Marching Pride has scheduled two events to mark the beginning of the marching band season.

Meet the Marching Pride, a preview of the music the YSU marching band will perform during football games this fall, will take place Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Stambaugh Stadium. The event is free and open to the public, although donations

will be accepted.

On Sept. 2, the Marching Pride will perform during half time of the Penguins' season opener against the University of Pittsburgh Panthers at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.

The YSU office of alumni engagement and the Penguin Club are hosting a Floating Tailgate on the Gateway Clipper that day from 10 a.m. to noon before the 1 p.m. kickoff.

Pricing is \$35 per person

for YSU alumni or Penguin Club members and \$40 for the general public, which includes a buffet lunch and cash bar. Reservations must be made by next Friday at ysu.edu/alumni/pitt or by calling alumni engagement at 330-941-3119. Game tickets in Section 518 are available through the YSU ticket office at 330-941-1978.

Brandt Payne, director of athletic bands, said the Marching Pride has more than 170 members.

Changes at Renea school of dance

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

Lindsay Renea (Benton), founder and director of the Lindsay Renea Dance Theatre, has accepted an assistant professor of dance position at Alabama State University.

Renea will not totally cut ties with the dance school that bears her name. She will remain as artistic director.

Handling daily duties will be Savannah Lach, who has been named the administrator of LRDT. Lach is a four-year company member and teaching artist. She recently earned her bachelor's degree in dance management from Youngstown State University.

Renea will become the first female assistant professor of dance at Alabama State.

"While I will certainly miss the direct day-to-day operations, I am glad that I can provide another means of access and education to our students in the field of dance," she said in a news release. "I will remain the artistic director and CEO of the Lindsay Renea Foundation/Lindsay Renea Dance Theatre."

LRDT will mark its fifth anniversary in the spring, and has several events planned.

Lindsay Renea is a world-class performer and choreographer who, upon earning her bachelor of fine arts from Howard University, joined and later became a principal dancer with famed Garth Fagan Dance in New York.

After five years with Fagan, she returned to Youngstown in 2013 and established her school, which provides training in Afro-Caribbean, modern, ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop and other dance genres to students age 3 and up. She also earned a master's degree in choreography from Jacksonville University.

For the past 18 months, she has served as interim executive director of Inspiring Minds — Youngstown.

In discussing the transition in leadership, Simon Arias, board president of Inspiring Minds, said, "Lindsay's impact will outlast her time here. While we're sad to see her go, we wish her the absolute best in her new career."



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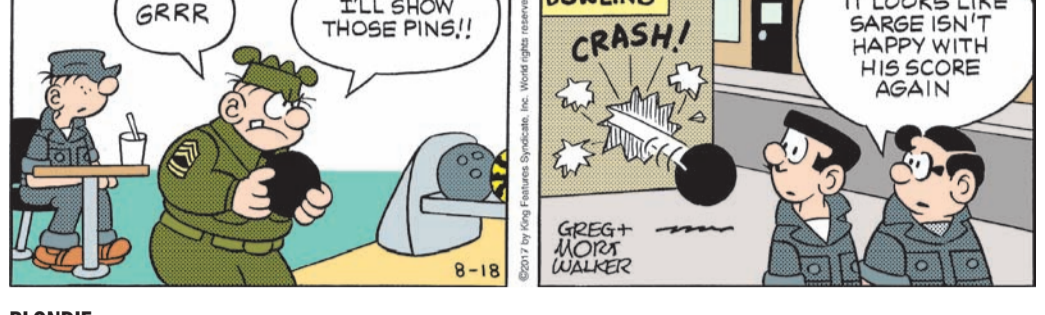
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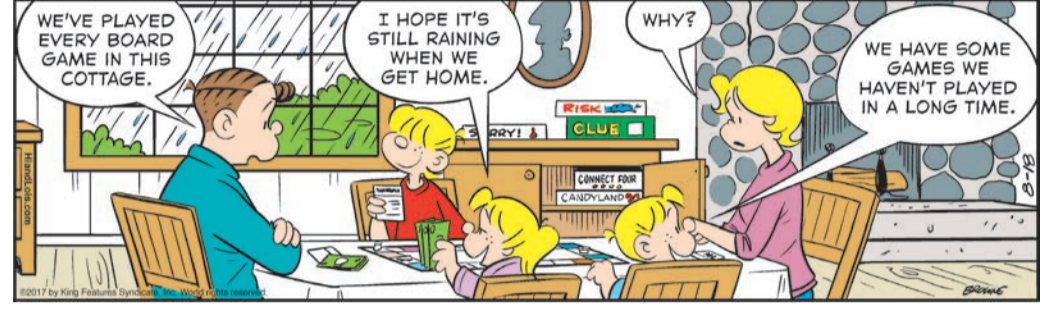
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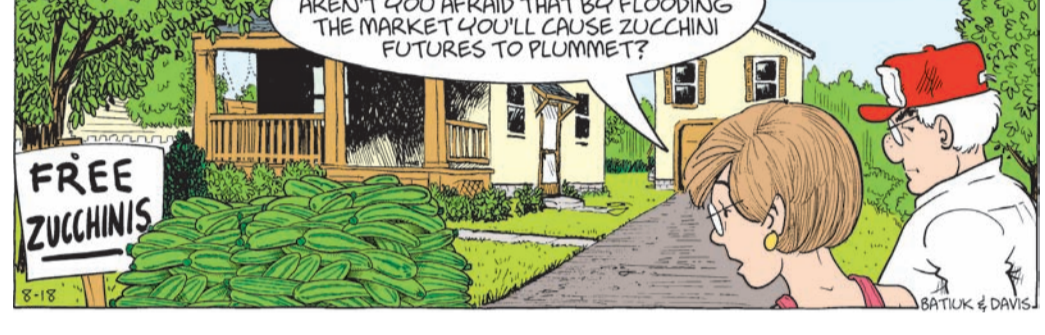
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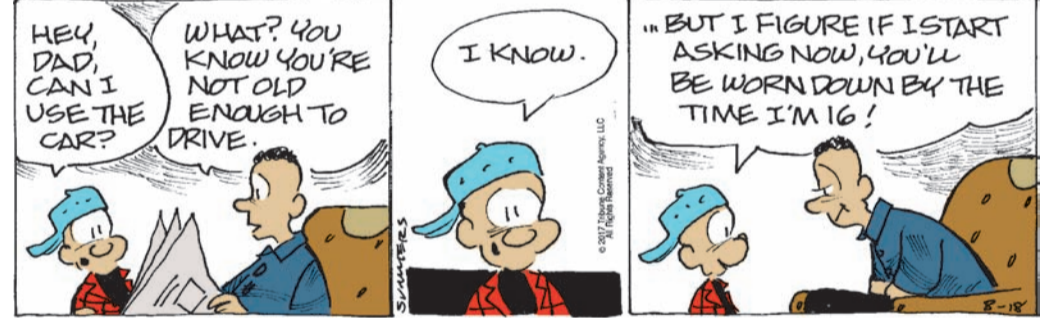
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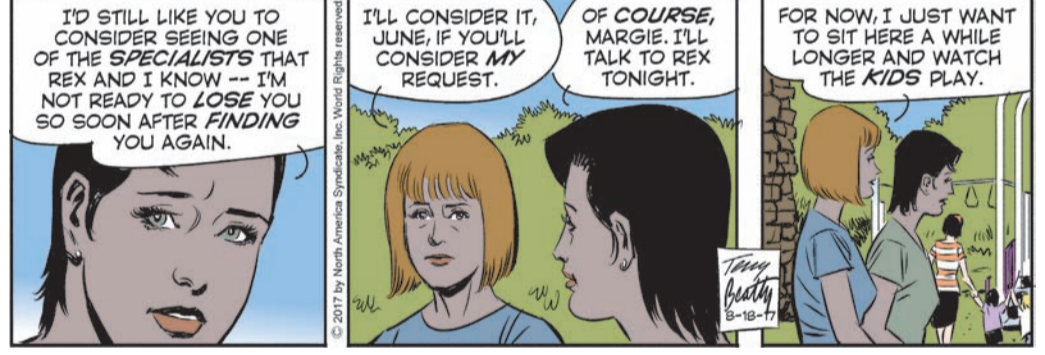
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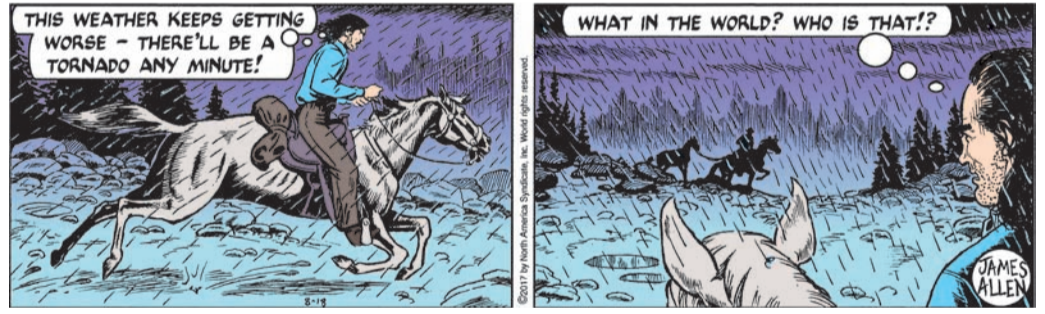
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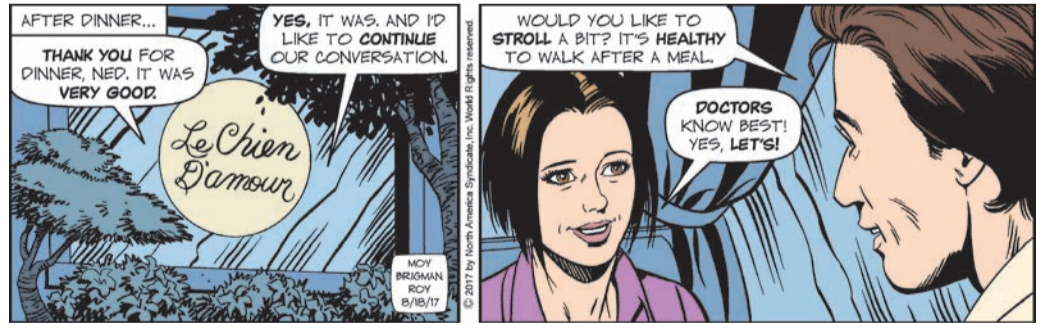
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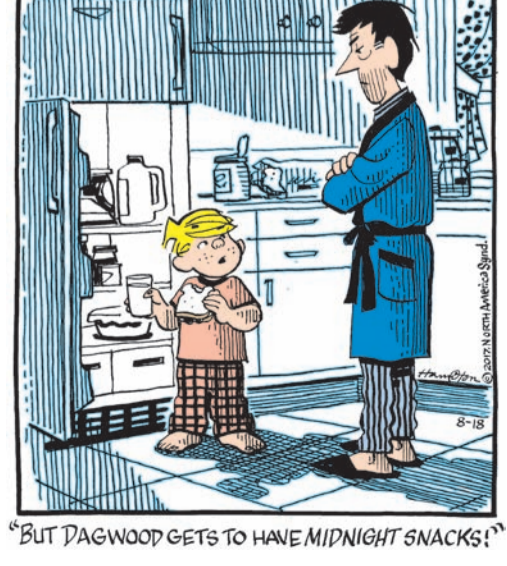
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