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In this photo taken in May, the defunct Aetnaville bridge spans the Ohio River between Wheeling Island and Bridgeport.

Wheeling Not Interested in Bidding on Aetnaville Bridge

By ALAN OLSON
Staff Writer

WHEELING — With the future of the Aetnaville Bridge still up in the air, Wheeling's city manager said the city is not interested in purchasing the deteriorating span.

On Thursday, City Manager Robert Herron confirmed that Wheeling won't submit a bid to purchase the defunct causeway, in response to a request from the West Virginia Department of Transportation asking parties interested in purchasing the bridge to submit bids.

The bridge, which was built in 1891 and spans the back channel of the Ohio River between Wheeling Island and Bridgeport, has been closed to vehicular traffic since 1988, but allowed bicyclists and pedestrians up until four years. The span was permanently closed in 2016 when a routine inspection found "imminent" failure conditions, and is slated for demolition later this year.

Herron said the city is still interested in using the remaining piers of the bridge to construct a new pedestrian bridge after demolition was complete.

"Based on the bridge report that was completed by the DOT, the bridge is in very bad condition, and, to my knowledge, there are not funding sources to renovate," Herron said. "There are funding sources, potentially, for a new pedestrian or bicycle bridge after demolition. ... Our interest is in preserving the piers, and assembling funding for a new bicycle bridge."

Herron added that if a private entity did end up taking possession of the bridge, Wheeling would likely be interested in assisting with renovations, if funding sources could be secured.

Wheeling had submitted a plan, organized with the assistance of the Bel-O-Mar Regional Council, proposing a 10-foot-wide span, which would cost about $3 million and be a joint venture between Wheeling, Ohio and West Virginia and Bel-O-Mar. Herron confirmed Thursday that the state had received the plan, but had not yet responded.

Sports Betting Returning to Wheeling Island Casino

By MIKE JONES
Region Editor

WHEELING — The parent company of Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack is taking a second shot at the facility's sports betting operation nearly a year after it was halted due to a dispute with another gambling contractor.

Delaware North, which owns Wheeling Island and the Mardi Gras Casino in Cross Lanes, near Charleston, selected London-based International Game Technology to provide retail and mobile sports betting technology for its two West Virginia casinos, along with another location in Arkansas.

It was not known when the sportsbook will be available, but the casino has listed open positions for sports betting agents at Wheeling Island.

"There's ... no update on timing besides that we're working on our launch in West Virginia," Delaware North spokesman Marc Heintzman said Thursday.

The casino on Wheeling Island originally launched sports betting in December 2018, but issues with its "Bet Lucky" mobile app and a dispute with vendor Miomni Gaming and a third-party provider prompted the new gambling service to be shut down last March. Delaware North terminated its relationship with Miomni that month and sued the company in Delaware in April.

Delaware North's Gaming Division President Brian Hansberry said the company is confident that IGT, which operates sports betting in 10 other states, will be able to implement sports gambling at its West Virginia casinos.

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Woodsdale Elementary School Scheduled to Host 'Stacking' Event

By JOSELYN KING
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Students from five states and Canada will join those at Woodsdale Elementary School Saturday for a cup stacking tournament.

The 2020 Ohio Valley Sport Stacking Competition is set for 8 a.m. at the school. The event will feature 70 stackers, with 27 of them Woodsdale Elementary students, according to physical education teacher Mike Cook.

Past years have seen multiple world and state records set, and Saturday's event is a qualifier for junior olympics competition in Virginia Beach, Virginia. During the contest, students race to see how fast they can stack 12 plastic cups in stacks of three according to established rules for competition.

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Photo by Joselyn King

Woodsdale Elementary School students Timmy Hall, left, and Maggie Young demonstrate their cup stacking abilities for customers at Hardee's restaurant in Woodsdale on Thursday. They will participate in the 2020 Ohio Valley Sport Stacking Competition, which will take place Saturday at the school.

Brooke Teacher Pleads Guilty to Malicious Assault

By WARREN SCOTT
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG — A former Brooke County teacher accused of an inappropriate relationship with a pupil in 2015 interrupted his trial Wednesday with a plea agreement.

Tim Turner, 43, of New Cumberland, former band director at Wellsburg Middle School, pleaded guilty to malicious assault, for which he will serve two years in jail, and agreed to relinquish his teaching certificate.

Turner had been charged with third-degree sexual abuse, a misdemeanor; sexual abuse by a person in a position of trust and soliciting a minor using a computer.

Brooke County Chief Assistant Prosecutor David F. Cross said the charge of malicious assault is appropriate because of the psychological impact Turner's actions had on the 14-year-old girl to whom he made inappropriate sexual contact.

Cross said after consulting the victim and the investigating officer, he supported the plea agreement in large part because it meant Turner would give up his teaching certificate.

He said had he been found guilty, Turner faced 10 to 20 years in jail and would have been required to register for life as a sexual offender.

A jury of six women and six men had heard about a day and a half of testimony, including Brooke County Sheriff's Deputy Gary Conley, who investigated the matter.

On Tuesday Conley testified the victim told him in June 2015 Turner took her to his home, where he attempted to have sex with her.

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Testimony Coming? Abrupt Acquittal? President Trump Trial Edges On

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators peppered President Donald Trump's defense and accusers with final questions at his impeachment trial Thursday night ahead of a crucial test on witnesses, the focus shifting from details of the charges to whether it was time to simply acquit and conclude the trial.

The vote on witnesses, expected Friday, could lead to an abrupt end of the trial with the expected acquittal. Or, less likely, it could bring days, if not weeks more argument as Democrats press to hear testimony from former national security adviser John Bolton and others.

Thursday's testimony included soaring pleas to the senators-as-jurors who will decide Trump's fate, to either stop a president who Democrats say has tried to cheat in the upcoming election and will again, or to shut down impeachment proceedings that Republicans insist were never more than a partisan attack.

"Let's give the country a trial they can be proud of," said Rep. Adam Schiff, the lead prosecutor for House Democrats. Americans, he said, know what it takes for a fair trial. He offered to take just one week for depositions of new witnesses, sparking new discussions.

Trump attorney Eric Herschmann declared the Democrats are only prosecuting the president because they can't beat him in 2020.

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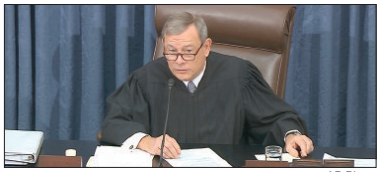

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In this image from video, presiding officer Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts gets a card with the question submitted by Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

TODAY'S LISTINGS

Mary Banyas
Patricia Furry
Virginia Johnson
Donald Newman
George Porter
Larry Puckett
Kenneth Scott
Andre Wetzel

PATRICIA FURRY

Patricia Emily Furry, 81, of Tiltonsville, OH, died Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at Wheeling Hospital.

Patty was born on March 14, 1938, in Martins Ferry, OH, to the late Anthony Motto and Jean Bramer.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Richard Motto.

Patty is survived by her son, John (Brenda) Furry; two daughters, Debbie (Ron) Vah and Jae (Tom) Knight; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends will be received to pay tribute to Patty and celebrate her life on Saturday, February 1, from 11 a.m. until the time of service of 2 p.m., at the Borkoski Funeral Home, Tiltonsville, OH, with Reverend Jerry Wenger officiating.

Online condolences may be offered at www.borkoskifuneralhomes.com.

ANDRE WETZEL

Andre C. Wetzel, 72, of Paden City, WV, passed away January 30, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Wetzel of 55 years.

No services. Grisell Funeral Home, New Martinsville.

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KENNETH SCOTT

Kenneth G. Scott, 86, of Mt. Pleasant died Jan. 30, 2020.

Visitation Sunday at Wilson Funeral Home, Dillonvale, 1-5 p.m. Funeral Monday 10 a.m. at St. Adalbert Church, Dillonvale.

MARY BANYAS

Mary Jane Banyas, 60, of Mt. Pleasant died Jan. 29, 2020.

Private services. Wilson Funeral Home, Brookside, assisting the family.

VIRGINIA JOHNSON

Virginia Carson-Johnson, 99, formerly of Cadiz died Wednesday.

Visitation Saturday 11 a.m. until service at noon at Clark-Kirkland Funeral Home, Cadiz.

DONALD NEWMAN

Donald M. Newman, 83, of New Martinsville.

Visitation noon until service at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, New Martinsville.

GEORGE PORTER

George Thomas Porter, 78, of Bridgeport died Jan. 28, 2020.

Visitation Saturday at First Christian Church, Martins Ferry, from 10:30 a.m. until service at 11:30 a.m.

LARRY PUCKETT

Larry Puckett, 79, of St. Clairsville died Jan. 30.

Visitation at Toothman Funeral Home, St. Clairsville, 11 a.m. Monday until service at 1 p.m.

FUNERALS TODAY

Onward Burge – 11:30 a.m., Anderson Funeral Home, Cameron.

Robert DeLong – 11 a.m., Borkoski Funeral Home, Adena.

Lorin Ebert – 11 a.m., Jarvis William Funeral Home, New Martinsville.

Betty Luyster – 1 p.m., Toothman Funeral Home, St. Clairsville.

Charlene Mayhew – 11 a.m., Mullenbach Funeral Home, Follansbee.

Lawrence Pearce – 10 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, Weirton.

Jacklyn Ryan – 7 p.m., Center Wheeling Fellowship Church, Wheeling.

Carolyn Skorich – 11 a.m., St. John Catholic Church, Bellaire.

Ralph Smith – 2 p.m., Greenlawn Masonic Cemetery, Clarksburg, W.Va.

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■ WEST VIRGINIA ■
Daily 3: 5-9-2
Daily 4: 7-7-6-5
Cash 25: 4-5-9-17-21-25

■ OHIO ■
DAY DRAWINGS
Pick 3: 4-7-7
Pick 4: 4-0-2-8
Pick 5: 0-9-1-9-6
NIGHT DRAWINGS
Pick 3: 8-8-1
Pick 4: 5-6-8-0
Pick 5: 9-3-6-4-2
Rolling Cash 5: 1-18-24-28-39
Lucky For Life: 4-6-8-18-39
Lucky Ball: 15

■ PENNSYLVANIA ■
DAY DRAWINGS
Pick 2: 2-5
Pick 3: 9-0-7
Pick 4: 4-4-0-2
Pick 5: 5-9-8-9-4
(Wild Ball: 2)
Treasure Hunt: 3-10-17-22-26
NIGHT DRAWINGS
Pick 2: 6-1
Pick 3: 8-6-7
Pick 4: 7-6-6-3
Pick 5: 7-2-4-4-7
(Wild Ball: 8)
Cash 5: 1-5-18-28-43
Match 6 Lotto: 2-3-5-13-37-43
Cash4Life: 6-11-41-49-58
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TODAY IN HISTORY

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Today is **Friday, Jan. 31**, the 31st day of 2020. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite, Explorer 1, from Cape Canaveral.

On this date:

In 1863, during the Civil War, the First South Carolina Volunteers, an all-black Union regiment composed of many escaped slaves, was mustered into federal service at Beaufort, South Carolina.

In 1865, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution abolishing slavery, sending it to states for ratification. (The amendment was adopted in December 1865.) Gen. Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of the Confederate States Army by President Jefferson Davis.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice that it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1919, baseball Hall-of-Famer Jackie Robinson was born in Cairo (KAY'-roh), Ga.

In 1929, revolutionary Leon Trotsky and his family were expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb.

In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

In 1990, McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow.

In 2000, an Alaska Airlines MD-83 jet crashed into the Pacific Ocean off Port Hueneme (wy-NEE'-mee), California, killing all 88 people aboard.

In 2001, a Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands convicted one Libyan, acquitted a second, in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. (Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi (AHB'-dehl BAH'-seht AH'-lee ahl-meh-GRAH'-hee) was given a life sentence, but was released after eight years on compassionate grounds by Scotland's government. He died in 2012.)

In 2007, some three dozen blinking electronic devices planted around Boston threw a scare into the city in what turned out to be a marketing campaign for the Cartoon Network TV show "Aqua Teen Hunger Force."

Ten years ago: The annual World Economic Forum concluded a five-day meeting in Davos, Switzerland, with widespread agreement that a fragile recovery was under way but no consensus on what was going to spur job growth. Roger Federer beat Andy Murray 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (11) for a fourth Australian Open championship. Beyonce became the first woman to win six Grammy Awards in one night; Taylor Swift won four Grammys, including album of the year, for "Fearless."

Five years ago: Bobbi Kristina Brown, the daughter of the late singer Whitney Houston, was found unresponsive in a bathtub at her Georgia townhome and was taken to an Atlanta-area hospital. She died six months later.

One year ago: A day after he lashed out at U.S. intelligence agency chiefs over their assessments of global threats, President Donald Trump reversed course and said that he and the intelligence community were "all on the same page." He said they told him that their testimony at a Senate hearing had been "mischaracterized" by the news media. The polar vortex that brought many cities in the upper Midwest to a standstill marched east, spreading arctic conditions over an area from Buffalo to Brooklyn.

Today's Birthdays: Composer Philip Glass is 83. Former Interior Secretary James Watt is 82. Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands, the former queen regent, is 82. Actor Stuart Margolin is 80. Actress Jessica Walter is 79. Former U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., is 79. Blues singer-musician Charlie Musselwhite is 76. Actor Glynn Turman is 73. Baseball Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan is 73. Actor Jonathan Banks is 73. Singer-musician Harry Wayne Casey (KC and the Sunshine Band) is 69. Rock singer Johnny Rotten is 64. Actress Kelly Lynch is 61. Actor Anthony LaPaglia is 61. Singer-musician Lloyd Cole is 59. Actress Paulette Braxton is 55. Rock musician Al Jaworski (Jesus Jones) is 54. Actress Minnie Driver is 50. Actress Portia de Rossi is 47. Actor-comedian Bobby Moynihan is 43. Actress Kerry Washington is 43. Bluegrass singer-musician Becky Buller is 41. Singer Justin Timberlake is 39. Actor Tyler Ritter is 35. Country singer Tyler Hubbard (Florida Georgia Line) is 33. Folk-rock singer-musician Marcus Mumford (Mumford and Sons) is 33. Actor Joel Courtney is 24.

Thought for Today: "Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have." – Rabbi Hyman Judah Schachtel, American theologian, author and educator (1907-1990).

Fred Silverman, TV Executive At 3 Major Networks, Dies at 82

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Fred Silverman, the only TV executive who steered programming for each of the Big Three broadcast networks and who brought "All in the Family," "Roots," "Hawaii Five-O" and other hit series and miniseries to television during his more than three-decade career, died Thursday. He was 82.

Silverman, who had been battling cancer, died at his home in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, family spokesperson Julia Rosen said Thursday. Family members were with him, Rosen said.

Silverman's gift for picking shows that resonated with viewers – if not always TV critics – prompted Time magazine to dub him "The Man with the Golden Gut" in a 1977 profile. As ABC's entertainment chief, Silverman had turned the network's fortunes around with shows including "Roots," "Rich Man, Poor Man" and "Charlie's Angels."

He had already brought success to CBS with an overhaul that included the end of country-themed series including "Petticoat Junction" and "Green Acres" and a pivot to what advertisers considered more upscale and urban fare, including "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "The Bob Newhart Show" and "Mannix."'

"Fred Silverman was a titan of the media industry and an influence on so many. His impact on television was incalculable," CBS Entertainment President Kelly Kahl said in a statement.

Silverman failed to bring along his ratings prowess when he moved to NBC as network CEO and president, with "Diff'rent Strokes" among the exceptions.

A native of New York City, Silverman started his post-college career in local television in Chicago and New York. He joined CBS in 1963 and became vice president for programming in 1970, building a schedule that eventually included "All in the Family," "M-A-S-H," "Kojak" and, uncharacteristically, "The Waltons," about a family in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains circa the 1930s.

He mastered the art of the spin-off at CBS: "All in the Family" begat "Maude" and "The Jeffersons," "Maude" begat "Good Times," and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" begat "Rhoda."

When he became ABC Entertainment president in the mid-1970s, Silverman introduced the "Happy Days" spin-off "Laverne & Shirley" and the "Six Million Dollar Man" derivative "The Bionic Woman" to the schedule. His original hits ranged from the groundbreaking miniseries "Roots" to "Charlie's Angels." The latter, grouped with other ABC shows featuring women with relatively revealing outfits, earned the derogatory moniker "jiggle TV."

Moving to NBC in the late 1970s, Silverman fielded a mix of flops ("Pink Lady," "Hello, Larry") and successes ("Hill Street Blues," the miniseries "Shogun," "The Facts of Life") and proved unable to fulfill his vow to make it the top-rated network.

His struggles at NBC were famously mocked in a 1980 "Weekend Update" segment on the network's own "Saturday Night Live" when Al Franken, the former U.S. senator who was then one of the show's writers, declared Silverman a "lame-o with a limo" who commuted to NBC's New York headquarters by limousine despite the network not having a single hit show.

Franken asked viewers to send postcards to Silverman's office declaring that it was Franken who deserved the limo. Thousands did so, and the executive, who reportedly did not know the segment was airing, was said to be furious.

After leaving NBC in 1981, Silverman formed his own company whose productions and co-productions included the "Perry Mason" TV movies, "Matlock," "Jake and the Fatman" and "Diagnosis: Murder."

Silverman had a son and daughter with his wife, Catherine Kihn.

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BROOKE

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He said the girl was able to describe the layout of his home and a blanket on his bed.

The deputy said he believed the victim had fallen in love with Turner.

The jury also heard from the victim, now 19; former classmates who brought the matter to the attention of school personnel and school officials involved in the investigation.

On Wednesday the victim testified that she didn't tell anyone of Turner's actions because she was embarrassed.

"These poor kids always end up blaming themselves when they are taken advantage of by adults," Cross said outside the courtroom.

In opening arguments, Cross told the jury the two didn't have a normal teacher-student relationship, spending time together at lunch and outside school, and there was another incident of inappropriate touching.

STACKING

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Each has their own clock timer in front of them, which they strike when they begin their cup stacking. They hit it again when they are complete. The elapsed time in between is about 4-5 seconds.

Cook is the event director, and he thanked Hardee's in Woodsdale for sponsoring the event for the eighth consecutive year. Cook said he learned about cup stacking while a student at West Liberty University. When he started teaching at Woodsdale, he found he needed activities for students to do during inclement weather when they cannot go out to the playground for class.

Cup stacking is said to have many benefits for cognitive development and targets specific areas of the body and the brain to increase intelligence, problem solving skills and critical thinking, according to Cook.

The students learn to stack the cups and get faster through repetitive motion, he said.

"It was something we could do in the classroom, and the kids started to get interested.

"They told me, 'We want to break records. How do we do that?'"

Cook said he researched and found there were national events for cup stacking, but that it wasn't a reasonable expense to travel and take elementary students to cup stacking tournaments.

Instead, the school started their own tournament eight years ago and invited others.

Woodsdale Elementary students have the option of staying after school one day each week to participate in cup stacking training.

Maggie Young, a second grade student at the school, was one of two students demonstrating cup stacking Thursday to customers at Hardee's.

"I do it just to have the experience," she said. "I do it for fun."

Fourth grade student Timmy Hall agreed.

"I saw older kids doing it," he said. "They inspired me."

Tricky Trade-offs for States in Trump's New Medicaid Offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration Thursday offered states more control over Medicaid spending for some of their poorest residents, but first governors must accept a limit on how much the feds kick in.

That's a potentially tricky deal for states facing rising costs in the federal-state health program for low-income people. Republican governors in Oklahoma and Arkansas welcomed the offer, but it's unclear how many states will take it up.

With President Donald Trump already getting poor marks from the public for his handling of health care, the Medicaid plan is likely to provide more election-year talking points for Democrats. It dovetails with Trump administration efforts to restrain spending on other programs that help the poor, including food stamps and housing assistance.

Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services, said the idea behind the administration's "Healthy Adult Opportunity" is to improve the quality of care for the poor while controlling costs.

But the American Medical Association and a professional society representing cancer doctors warned against limits on Medicaid financing, and advocates for low-income people said the administration wants to weaken the social safety net.

Prominent Democratic lawmakers suggested Trump doesn't have the legal authority to make states such an offer, and a public advocacy law firm said it's weighing a lawsuit.

As unveiled by Verma, the complex block grant proposal would be a first step to changing a longstanding financial arrangement between Washington and the states. The federal share of Medicaid is now open-ended, meaning that a state is at least partly protected from unpleasant surprises like a new, $300,000 prescription drug or an economic downturn that swells enrollment.

Outlined in a letter from Verma to state Medicaid directors, the deal is optional for states. To get it, they'd have to apply for a federal waiver.

Its scope would be restricted to coverage for so-called "able-bodied" adults under 65. A state could not put nursing home residents, disabled people, or very low-income pregnant women and children into the new plan. The federal government would not limit its Medicaid contribution for these groups, considered the most sensitive.

"Our focus ... is to change the whole paradigm and to reset the framework of how we're working with states," said Verma. "We are providing them this up-front flexibility and the federal government is in the role of monitoring the program."

In exchange for operating under a fixed federal allocation, states, among other things, would be able to:

■ Limit what prescription drugs and benefits will be covered, within certain guidelines.

■ Waive a current Medicaid benefit that allows a low-income person to get retroactive coverage for medical care going back three months.

■ Use copays to steer Medicaid recipients to services that are deemed to have the highest value.

One potential twist is whether GOP-led states that have refused the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion would be more receptive under the terms proposed by the administration.

For example, Oklahoma voters will get to decide on a Medicaid expansion ballot initiative this year.

BETTING

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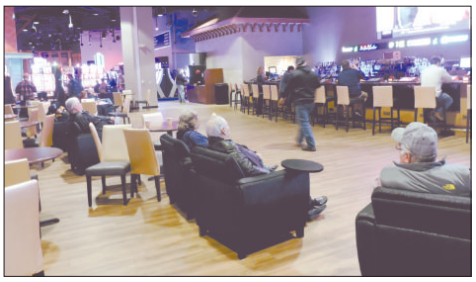
"IGT is a serious sports betting technology provider with a proven commitment to customer success, excellent global reputation, and a reliable, omni-channel sports betting solution for the U.S. market," Hansberry said in a written statement. "We believe the IGT PlaySports solution will help us establish Delaware North as a preferred sports betting provider in West Virginia and Arkansas while enabling us to further reward our Lucky North Club members."

Enrico Drago, IGT PlayDigital's senior vice president, said the company is ready to offer sports betting to West Virginia's gamblers.

"Delaware North can count on IGT's experienced team and trusted technology to help build a sports betting business that can scale for the opportunities of today and the future," Drago said in a written statement.

The West Virginia Legislature approved sports betting in the state in 2018.



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Gamblers wager on sporting events in this file photo after Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack opened its sports betting in late 2018. The sports book has been closed since March after an issue with the mobile betting app.

Sports betting is currently available at the Mountaineer Casino Racetrack and Resort in Chester, although it does not have a sports betting app. Two other casinos in the state — Hollywood Casino in Charles Town and Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs — offer sports betting through mobile phone apps.

TRIAL

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"We trust the American people to decide who should be our president," Herschmann said. "Enough is Enough. Stop all of this."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was toiling to keep Friday's vote on schedule even as the trial is unearthing fresh evidence from Bolton's new book and raising alarms among Democrats and some Republicans about a Trump attorney's controversial defense.

In a day-after tweet, Trump attorney Alan Dershowitz, complained about the portrayal of his Wednesday night testimony when he said a president is essentially immune from impeachment if he believes his actions to be in the "national interest."

That idea frustrated some inside the White House, who felt Dershowitz's claim was unnecessary and inflammatory — irking senators with a controversial claim of vast executive powers. But those officials left it to Dershowitz to back away, wary that any public White House retreat would be viewed poorly by the president.

"I said nothing like that," the retired professor tweeted Thursday.

His words Wednesday night: "Every public official that I know believes that his election is in the public interest. And if a president does something which he believes will help him get elected is in the public interest, that cannot be the kind of quid pro quo that results in impeachment."

Asked about it as one of the first questions Thursday, Democrat Schiff, said, "Have we learned nothing in the last half century?"

Schiff drew on the lessons of the Nixon era to warn of a "normalization of lawlessness" in the Trump presidency.

"That argument — if the president says it it can't be illegal — failed when Richard Nixon was forced to resign," Schiff told the senators. "But that argument may succeed here, now."

Trump was impeached by House last month on charges that he abused his power like no other president, jeopardizing Ukraine and U.S.-Ukraine relations. Democrats say Trump asked he vulnerable ally to investigate Joe Biden and debunked theories of 2016 election interference, temporarily halting American security aid to the country as it battled Russia at its border. The second article of impeachment says Trump then obstructed the House probe in a way that threatened the nation's three-branch system of checks and balances.

"This is not a banana republic," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., rejecting the White House counsel's suggestion there was nothing wrong with seeking foreign election interference.

Democrats played a video showing the many times Trump called on Russia or China to intervene in U.S. politics, voicing his own belief such information could be helpful in a campaign.

The president has argued repeatedly that his dealings with Ukraine have been "perfect."

Even though McConnell has not yet locked down the votes, the calendar he engineered at the start of the trial two weeks ago is now proving immovable as Democrats are pressing hard to force the Senate to call more witnesses to testify.

Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Mitt Romney of Utah and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska have expressed interest in hearing from Bolton and the others. But their votes may not be enough.

In a Senate split 53-47 with a Republican majority, at least four GOP senators must join all Democrats to reach the 51 votes required to call witnesses, decide whom to call or do nearly anything else in the trial. Chief Justice John Roberts, presiding over the chamber and fielding senators' questions for the trial, could break a tie, but that seems unlikely.

The chief justice did exercise authority Thursday with a stunning rebuttal to a question posed by Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky designed to expose those familiar with the still anonymous whistleblower whose complaint about Trump's phone call with Ukraine's new president led to the impeachment inquiry.

Roberts had communicated through his staff to McConnell's office that he did not want to read the whistleblower's name, according to a Republican unauthorized to discuss the private conversation and granted anonymity.

"The presiding officer declines to read the question as submitted," he said.

Senators have dispatched with more than 100 queries over two days. The questions came from the parties' leaders, the senators running for the Democratic nomination against Trump and even bipartisan coalitions from both sides of the aisle.

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Get Defendants Help They Need

Surely there must be a way to get Shania Wells the help she so obviously needs. Finding it could benefit her and, perhaps, spare some animals needless suffering in the future.

Wells, 22, of Chestnut Level Road, Belmont, will be back in court on Feb. 11. Belmont County Western Division Judge Eric Costine set that date for a sentencing hearing involving her.

In 2017, Wells was accused of charges involving animal cruelty. Charges were dismissed after she agreed to a "diversion program" such as those often permitted when prosecutors and judges believe defendants are not likely to break the law again.

But she did. Fortunately, the authorities were keeping an eye on her. In December 2018, Belmont County sheriff's deputies were tipped off to another problem. They went to Wells' property and found animals that had been mistreated, along with the carcasses of others.

Last May she appeared before Costine on multiple charges of cruelty to animals. She served 90 days in jail, with a 900-day sentence suspended. She was prohibited from owning animals or even being in a residence where they were present for five years.

So upset at Wells' behavior were some local residents that they formed the Belmont County Hoof & Paw organization. One of their self-assigned tasks was monitoring Wells.

Despite the breaks she had been given, Wells did not change her ways, according to the county prosecuting attorney. BCHP members discovered she was keeping animals again. On Jan. 9 a search warrant executed at her home turned up more neglected and dead animals.

This week, Wells admitted in court to violating terms of her probation under the deal agreed to last year. In February, she could be sentenced to as long as two and a half years behind bars.

Unless Wells undergoes a dramatic transformation, however, that may not solve the problem. Clearly, she needs help.

If there is a method available for Costine to help her get it, he should include it in his sentence. If not, Ohio legislators should take a look at how criminal law addresses such situations. Especially when relatively young defendants are involved, prison sentences can be mere postponements, not solutions.

Museum Invaluable Local Resource

Young people in our area have an invaluable resource in learning about bigotry. It is the Underground Railroad Museum in Flushing.

Founded by the late John and Rosalind Mattox, the museum includes a collection of publications and artifacts on slavery and those who helped battle it.

February is Black History Month, and the museum kicks it off with special events this weekend. But it also will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and on Saturdays by appointment (call 740-968-2080 or 740-391-3135 to schedule a visit).

Bigotry is not as open and widespread as it was for many years — but it still exists. Knowing that and understanding the history of slavery in our country is a key to understanding and battling the sickness of prejudice.

We encourage parents, then, to take children to the museum and help them understand what to many seems incomprehensible.

ONLINE POLL

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No: 92% | **Yes: 8%**

Tomorrow: Do you have a carbon monoxide detector in your home?

Reining in Future Presidents

GEORGE WILL

When the Senate acquits the president, he will launch a vindication tour proclaiming that his prosecution was persecution that validated his coveted victim status: Crybaby conservatism's leader has been tormented by unhinged elites. The entire impeachment episode might boost his reelection chances, but only slightly, because voters who are undecided about him are thin on the ground.

Nevertheless, there is more utility than futility in the impeachment trial. Because of it, this year's electorate will have pertinent information. And future presidents will have a salutary wariness.

Begin with this principle: Information is inherently good. Granted, government secrecy is sometimes necessary, and reticence, in government as elsewhere, can be a lubricant of harmony and accommodation. Still, the general rule regarding information is: The more the merrier. The impeachment process has produced granular details about what the president did regarding Ukraine, and about his manner of doing things, and about the grifters he attracts just as magnets attract iron filings. All this is grist for the electorate's mill.

Furthermore, the 20 Republican senators seeking reelection this November (incumbents from Kansas, Tennessee and Wyoming are retiring) will face voters after explaining why they voted as they did concerning trial witnesses, and for or against acquittal. Intelligent, public-spirited senators can reasonably disagree about the necessity (or, given the ocean of information that is public and undisputed, the redundancy) of witnesses.

And they can differ about the applicability of the two separate impeachment articles. It will, however, be useful, and probably entertaining, to hear Republican senators' reasoning.

Both impeachment articles against the president — abuse of power, and obstruction of Congress — denote serious potential offenses, and actual offenses by this president. So, consider a thought experiment:

Given this era's low threshold for fury, Republicans, anticipating Democrats today, might have constitutionalized their indignation by charging Donald Trump's predecessor with impeachable abuses of power in waging unauthorized war in Libya, and rewriting immigration law under the guise of "enforcement discretion." "Abuse of power" is inevitably somewhat in the eye of the beholder.

Today's trial about abuses, and about obstructing Congress' investigation of them, is potentially a harbinger of the promiscuous use of impeachment. That is, a precedent for Congress' abuse of this power.

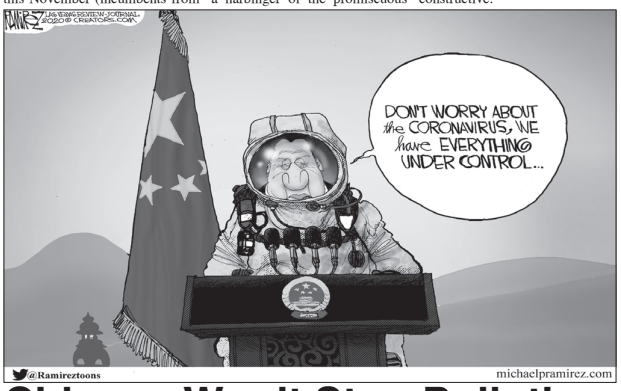
However, *for this reason* today's impeachment might, for a while, make future presidents wary when wielding power with dubious justifications.

Suppose, plausibly, that a President Bernie Sanders would share Woodrow Wilson's progressive impatience with the separation of powers, which Wilson considered an anachronistic impediment to energetic government. Suppose President Sanders would be tempted to declare "emergencies" about this and that, and to issue executive orders "repurposing" funds appropriated for other uses.

Might President Sanders hesitate to do so because of today's impeachment, which is a step toward normalizing a radical escalation of political strife?

Progressives would remove today's president to protect the country from his boundless conception of presidential power and his (consequent) disdain for Congress. They are recoiling against what progressivism has wrought, beginning with Theodore Roosevelt's theory of presidential "stewardship": Presidents may do whatever they are not explicitly forbidden to do.

So, because the presidency should be tamed, and contracted to constitutional dimensions, this impeachment can be, on balance, constructive.



Chinese Won't Stop Polluting

FROMA HARROP

A lot of things are going wrong on this planet, and a lot of those problems are made in China. The deadly coronavirus is being linked to "wet markets" that traffic in wildlife. Not only have these markets enabled the virus to pass from animals to humans but they have also contributed to the decimation of the world's wildlife.

The coronavirus outbreak has led China to quarantine more than 50 million of its people — the population of California, Oregon and Washington put together. After the SARS crisis, Chinese scientists called for the closing of these markets. The government ignored them.

China spends enormous sums on prestige-oriented biotech research and very little on the public health services needed to prevent and combat these contagions, according to The Wall Street Journal. Another example was the Chinese government's cheapskate response to the African swine flu, which led to the death of nearly half the country's hogs.

The greatest threat to the planet is global warming. China has been sabotaging efforts to stop the burning of coal — the dirtiest of fossil fuels in releasing greenhouse gases. China uses about as much coal as the rest of the world put together.

Higher temperatures undoubtedly helped fuel the cataclysmic fires in Australia. The disaster shocked the country, killing at least 1 billion kangaroos, koalas and other animals. At the same time, Australia is a major coal producer and exports the fossil fuel throughout Asia, China included.

Apart from coal's huge role in climate change, it emits the nasty smog that preys on people living near the plants. This is the old-fashioned pollution that causes asthma, cancer, dementia and heart disease, and contaminates local water supplies.

While most of the Western world is rapidly closing down coal plants, China is building more coal-burning capacity than the rest of the world combined. As China's economy slows down, it is reopening some coal mines.

China's new coal plants are popping up far beyond Asia, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, for example. The air quality in its capital, Sarajevo, is so foul that the Swedish embassy there said it is "in a category of its own."

It is not my intention to blame all the world's environmental ills on China. China is by far the world's biggest emitter of carbon dioxide gases, but the United States is well ahead of the 1.4 billion-person country on per capita emissions. But we and other Western countries have at least been reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and China's keep growing.

China is big on producing solar panels, and the International Energy Agency projects that by 2024 it will account for 40 percent of the global growth in renewable energy. But irony of ironies, China's densely polluted air is reportedly preventing solar rays from reaching its solar panels.

China is now an economic superpower. With that comes the obligation to pass up some business for the good of everyone. A proud country should not want the label of environmental pariah.

Facts Already Known — But Don't Add Up to Removal

RICH LOWRY

It shouldn't be news that John Bolton can attest to a White House scheme to pressure Ukraine on investigations.

The existence of this campaign, now at the center of the impeachment fight, has been obvious for months. There is no mystery here, no whodunit, no dining-car reckoning from "Murder on the Orient Express" or bank-vault confrontation from "The Red-Headed League." No more sleuthing is necessary.

A quid pro quo was suggested, if not proven, by the transcript of the White House call between Donald Trump and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskiy. It was hinted at by the unexplained hold on Ukrainian defense aid. It became clearer in texts among Trump officials involved in Ukraine policy about securing a public commitment to investigations. It was made even more evident in the testimony of European Union ambassador Gordon Sondland that realizing what was happening was a matter of 2 plus 2 equals 4.

If there wasn't any pressure on Ukraine on investigations, it's inexplicable why so many U.S. officials acted as if there were and why Zelenskiy was on the verge of making a statement about investigations, despite Kiev's misgivings.

This means former national security adviser John Bolton's book, reportedly setting out how President Trump pushed for the investigations, is best understood as another piece in a well-established tapestry rather than a game-changer.

That it is being played up by the press as such a bombshell is, in part, an artifact of the decisions of the president and his own team.

In Washington scandals, often what becomes important is determined by what is conceded and not by whomever is being investigated. It determines what the investigators will focus on proving, what will become tests of credibility, what the press will deem especially newsworthy.

In the Ukraine matter, Trump has conceded nothing. He insists that his call with Zelenskiy was "perfect" and that there was "no quid pro quo." This makes any revelation to the contrary damaging when it rightfully should be considered, in that scandal cliche, old news.

Good defense lawyers would never go down this route of denying the obvious. It is unnecessary to the task at hand of getting an acquittal in the Senate. But the White House team is constrained by Trump's smash-mouth instinct for total denial and total war, leaving them no option but to contest the underlying facts and complicate their own argument.

It makes no sense to say, on the one hand, that the House impeachment case fails for lack of firsthand witnesses, but, on the other, that there should be no firsthand witnesses. It is malpractice to go out on a limb saying no one has direct knowledge of a quid pro quo, when a witness with direct knowledge, Bolton, is ready and willing to testify. It is foolhardy to make assurances that could easily — and probably would — be contradicted if the Senate did decide to call for any witnesses.

As for the senators, most of them disdain Adam Schiff and what has been an ongoing campaign to destroy the Trump presidency. They have no interest in getting crosswise with the president, or with their own voters. So, they keep to themselves or downplay their belief that we know what Trump did in Ukraine and that it was inappropriate.

The way to make a case against witnesses and to inoculate against what Bolton or anyone else might say is to acknowledge that we know what happened and to maintain that, even if it's blameworthy, it doesn't justify removal. This would have the advantage of being true. It would also make the Senate's role comparable to an appellate court rendering a threshold decision of law rather than a trial court sifting through the evidence.

The Bolton news may force Senate Republicans, and eventually the president's team, into this posture — after they've exhausted the alternatives.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Keith Roach, M.D.

Exposing the French Paradox

DEAR DR. ROACH: A friend told me that her husband, who is 80, is claiming that the French eat a lot of butter, cream, cheese, pastries and red meat, and have the lowest rate of heart disease in the world. That seems crazy to me, and I'm wondering if there's any truth to it. She does all of the food shopping and cooking, and he is complaining that their meals are boring and that their diet, which sounds pretty healthy to me, is unnecessarily strict.

ANSWER: France does not have the lowest rate of heart disease in the world — Japan and South Korea are lower — but it does have the lowest rate in Europe. France also has a high rate of saturated fat consumption, and that discordance is called "the French paradox."

Some, like your friend's husband, interpret the paradox to mean that these rich foods are not bad for you at all, and while there remains some controversy about how bad saturated fat is for you, there are many other proposed reasons why French have lower rates of heart disease.

Wine has long been proposed, and while it is true that moderate wine drinkers have lower rates of heart disease, there aren't definitive data supporting wine reducing heart disease risk. Since wine (like any alcohol) is definitely harmful in excess, I recommend no more than modest wine drinking.

Obesity rates are much lower in France (24%) than the U.S. (34%), and the French eat far more fruits and vegetables. French exercise more as a part of their daily lives. French consume far less sugar, especially in sugar-sweetened beverages. French eating has traditionally emphasized quality over speed and quantity, and portion sizes are much smaller in France than the U.S. Finally, diets in France have changed over time, and it takes decades to see the changes in heart disease reflect dietary changes. Many authorities expect that heart disease rates in France may increase as their diets (and exercise) trend closer to less-healthy North American norms.

A healthy diet does not need to be boring, and it can include all of the foods your friend's husband wants, but in proper proportion and as part of a diet that is mostly plant-based, appropriate in size and combined with regular moderate exercise.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Does eating late at night make you gain weight? — M.S.

ANSWER: There is a myth that calories eaten late at night are somehow more important than those eaten at other times. Eating late at night does not necessarily lead to being overweight. It remains how much you eat and how much you exercise that ultimately determines weight gain or loss.

However, there are patterns of eating that are more associated with unhealthy eating and with weight gain. Night eating is one that is commonly associated with poor eating habits. Nighttime eating may also be considered a specific eating disorder. In this group, with strict criteria for diagnosis, treatment with an antidepressant led to 2.9 kilogram (over 6 pounds) of weight loss in overweight people with nighttime eating.

While not everyone with nighttime eating will gain weight, many people choose poor foods late at night, which tend to make weight gain more likely. There is also good evidence that late-night eating is not good for dental health. So, if you are going to eat late at night, choose healthier foods and practice good dental care.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu or send mail to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803.

SMART Centre Hosts Name Our 'T. rex' Contest

The SMART Centre is asking area students to submit a name for its T. rex now hanging out of the side of the Centre Market building.

All entries must have the class, grade, teacher and school name, and school address on the back. Write the T. rex's name and in 50 words or less why this is the best name for our T. rex. To see our new T. rex dinosaur head replica, look up at the second floor window along Market Street of SMART Centre Market at 30 22nd Street, Wheeling.

Only one entry per class. No individual entries. All K through sixth grade students in the counties of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Tyler, and Wetzel in West Virginia and Belmont and Jefferson counties in Ohio are eligible.

- Entry size is 8.5 by 11 inches (standard typing paper).
- All entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 8.
- Teachers may send all entries from the same school in the same large manila envelope.
- Entries will not be returned.
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- The teacher of the winning entry will each receive a $100 gift certificate for SMART Centre Market.

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WHEELING CENTRAL CATHOLIC STUDENTS PACK LUNCHES TO FEED THE HUNGRY

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Students from Wheeling Central Catholic High School spent time on Thursday packing more than 200 lunches to feed the hungry in the local community. Thanks go out to the students who packed lunch with love and care from home; to the partner schools for the creative bags and inspirational notes; and to the 18th Street Neighborhood Center for distributing lunch to those looking for a little more love today.

Make Positive Interaction Outweigh Negatives

By NICOLE SHEPHERD

Researchers have studied the ratio of positive to negative interactions in a variety of relationships - marriages, families, and occupations. Since this research, those results have also been applied to parenting and educating children.

Dr. John Gottman, a well-known relationship researcher, discovered that the "magic" ratio is five positive interactions to one negative interaction. Another author and researcher, Dr. Stephen Covey, refers to this positive and negative interaction as an emotional bank account where positive interactions are "deposits" and negative interactions are "withdrawals."

Positive interactions encompass a wide variety of activities including spending quality one-on-one time, providing praise, following through with promises, playing favorite games, participating in favorite activities, and providing assistance.

To be true deposits, these positive interactions need to be perceived as genuine. On the other hand, negative interactions might include encounters with screaming, sarcasm or criticism.

Whether you think of it as a magic ratio or a bank account, we need to strive to have the positive interactions with our children outweigh negative interactions. In order for children to develop emotional regulation and grow into productive students and citizens, they need adult feedback.

Depending on the situation, that feedback will likely be a withdrawal from the bank account - and that's OK! Our kids need to learn to accept feedback and regulate their behavior when withdrawals happen.

However, that's also why we need to build up positive interactions when we can.

In addition to helping children build more solid relationships with the adults in their lives, banking positive interactions helps our children deal better with withdrawals when they occur and makes them more likely to bounce back quickly and calmly.

Next time you are struggling to make a connection with someone in your family or classroom, on your sports team, or at work, think about the interactions you have had with the person over the last few months.

If you have been making more withdrawals than deposits, make an effort to flip that ratio.

If you feel that you have already been creating positive interactions, try to increase the number of those positive interactions to see if it yields desirable results. To learn more about this strategy, visit The Gottman Institute at www.gottman.com.

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DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Restricted Diet Makes Dinner Parties Awkward To Attend

DEAR ABBY: I have multiple chronic health conditions. Because my symptoms are worsened by a lot of foods, I'm on a highly restricted diet. If I stay on it, I feel as well as possible. (I never feel entirely well.)

When I go to friends' homes for dinner or parties, would it be rude for me to bring along something for myself that I can eat that won't make me sick? I can have no grains, no dairy, no eggs, no sugar, the list goes on and on, but I could always bring extra food to share if you think that would be appropriate.

I have been eating before I go and then claiming not to be hungry, but I feel it would be rude to do this at dinner parties. What do you suggest I do? I prefer that my health not be a topic of conversation. — **CAN'T EAT JACK**

DEAR CAN'T: Your health won't be a topic of conversation at these gatherings if you discuss this with your host(s) at the time you are invited to the party. Explain that you are on a severely restricted diet, picking at their food might be interpreted as rude and you don't wish to come across that way. Ask if you can bring your own food with you. I'm sure your hosts will understand and tell you to enjoy their hospitality (if not their food) because they welcome your company.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I received a worrisome email from our 20-something-year-old son, a graduate student some distance away. He wrote that he is recovering from wounds of his childhood. (We thought we were loving, supportive parents.) He indicated he will come home for visits only if we comply with his demands — about 10 were listed — and accused us of some things we never did.

On the advice of my counselor — I have a history of depression, which is in remission — I wrote agreeing to his demands in order to keep the lines of communication open. My husband refuses to do this. He is overwhelmingly hurt, angry and frustrated. He says he "will not walk on eggshells in his own home." Our son is our only child. What can or should we do? — **HEARTBROKEN IN OHIO**

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Nobody should have to walk on eggshells. If ever I heard of a family that could benefit from family counseling, you three are it. Your doctor or insurance company can refer you to someone who is licensed and competent. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: My biological mother gave me up at birth. Her reason for doing it changes every time I ask. I joined the Navy right out of high school and left the service at 25. Less than a month later, she contacted me. It turns out that I have three half-siblings, but I have no desire to connect with them.

She waited 25 years to contact me, and I was the only one of my siblings she gave up. Does it make me a bad person that I have no emotional connection to my biological family? — **NO FEELINGS IN THE EAST**

DEAR NO FEELINGS: No, it does not. Whatever her reason for surrendering you, you have built a good life. Please stop feeling guilty for moving forward and living it. Doing so does not make you a bad person, only a healthy one.

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Brain Injuries in Iraq Put Attention on Invisible War Wounds

File Photo

In this Jan. 13 file photo, Iranian bombing caused a crater at Ain al-Asad air base in Anbar, Iraq. Ain al-Asad air base was struck by a barrage of Iranian missiles, in retaliation for the U.S. drone strike that killed atop Iranian commander, Gen. Qassem Soleimani. The Pentagon now says 50 service members have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury caused by the Jan. 8 Iranian missile attack on an air base in Iraq where U.S. and coalition troops had taken cover in advance.

WASHINGTON (AP) – The spotlight on brain injuries suffered by American troops in Iraq this month is an example of America's episodic attention to this invisible war wound, which has affected hundreds of thousands over the past two decades but is not yet fully understood.

Unlike physical wounds, such as burns or the loss of limbs, traumatic brain injuries aren't obvious and can take time to diagnose. The full impact – physically and psychologically – may not be evident for some time, as studies have shown links between TBI and mental health problems. They cannot be dismissed as mere "headaches" – the word used by President Donald Trump as he said the injuries suffered by the troops in Iraq were not necessarily serious.

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a veteran of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, told reporters Thursday that the number of service members diagnosed with TBI from the Jan. 8 Iranian missile attack in Iraq has now grown beyond the 50 reported earlier this week, although he provided no specific number. Milley said all are categorized as "mild" injuries, but in some cases the troops will be monitored "for the rest of their lives."

Speaking alongside Milley, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the Pentagon is vigorously studying ways to prevent brain injuries on the battlefield and to improve diagnosis and treatment. Milley said it's possible, in some cases, that symptoms of TBI from the Iranian missile attack on an air base in Iraq on Jan. 8 will not become apparent for a year or two.

"We're early in the stage of diagnosis, we're early in the stage of therapy for these troops," Milley said.

William Schmitz, national commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, last week cautioned the Trump administration against taking the TBI issue lightly.

"TBI is known to cause depression, memory loss, severe headaches, dizziness and fatigue," sometimes with long-term effects," he said, while calling on Trump to apologize for his "misguided remarks."

Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr., a New Jersey Democrat and founder of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, faulted Trump for displaying "a clear lack of understanding of the devastating impacts of brain injury."

When it announced earlier this week that the number of TBI cases in Iraq had grown to 50, the Pentagon said more could come to light later. No one was killed in the missile attack, which was an Iranian effort to avenge the killing of Qassem Soleimani, its most powerful general and leader of its paramilitary Quds Force, in an American drone strike in Baghdad.

Details of the U.S. injuries have not been made public, although the Pentagon said Tuesday that 31 of the 50 who were diagnosed with traumatic brain injury have recovered enough to return to duty. The severity of the other cases has not been disclosed.

The Pentagon did not announce the first confirmed cases until more than a week after the Iranian attack; at that point it said there were 11 cases. The question of American casualties took on added importance at the time of the Iranian strike because the degree of damage was seen as influencing a U.S. decision on whether to counterattack and risk a broader war with Iran. Trump chose not to retaliate, and the Iranians then indicated their strike was sufficient for the time being.

The arc of attention to TBI began in earnest, for the U.S. military, in the early years after it invaded Iraq in 2003 to topple President Saddam Hussein. His demise gave rise to an insurgency that confounded the Americans with crude but devastatingly effective roadside bombs. Survivors often suffered not just grievous physical wounds but also concussions that, along with psychological trauma, became known as the invisible wounds of war.

"For generations, battlefield traumatic brain injuries were not understood and often dismissed," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a New Hampshire Democrat.

The injuries have often been dismissed in part because the problem is not fully understood, although the Pentagon began focusing on the problem in the early 1990s when it established a head injury program that grew into today's Defense and Veteran's Brain Injury Center. Among its work, the center provides published reviews of research related to TBI, including links between severe TBI and behavioral issues such as alcohol abuse and suicide.

A study published this month by University of Massachusetts Amherst health services researchers concluded that military members who suffered a moderate or severe TBI are more likely than those with other serious injuries to experience mental health disorders.

Concern about TBI has recently given rise to questions about whether military members may suffer long-term health damage even from low-level blasts away from the battlefield, such as during training with artillery guns and shoulder-fired rockets.

"We're finding that even a mild blast can cause long-term, life-changing health issues," said Riyi Shi, a professor of neuroscience and biomedical engineering at Purdue University.

A 2018 study by the federally funded RAND Corp. found a dearth of research and understanding of potential damage to the nervous system from repeated exposure to these lower-level blasts. That same year, the Center for a New American Security, a Washington think tank, released a study urging the Pentagon to conduct a blast surveillance program to monitor, record, and maintain data on blast pressure exposure for "any soldier, in training or combat, who is likely to be in a position where he or she may be exposed to blasts." It said this should include brain imaging of soldiers who have been exposed to blasts as part of the study to better understand how blasts affect the brain.

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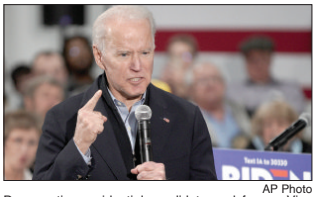
Aiming at Trump, Biden Says a President's Character Matters



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Democratic presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden gestures as he speaks during a campaign stop in Council Bluffs, Iowa on Wednesday.

WAUKEE, Iowa (AP) – With four days until the Iowa caucuses, Joe Biden is looking beyond his Democratic rivals and taking square aim at President Donald Trump as the two men campaign within miles of each other on the same day.

"In November, America will have the chance to answer the question: Does the character of a president matter?" Biden said as he delivered a sweeping address on why Trump must be defeated. "I don't believe we are the dark angry nation that Donald Trump sees in his tweets in the middle of the night," Biden later added. "America is so much better than this."

Biden ticked through reasons he believes Trump is a threat "to our core values" and added a policy checklist he would use against the president in a hypothetical fall campaign: health care, climate action and gun regulation topping the list.

"I can hardly wait to debate this man," Biden said. Set against the backdrop of Trump's impeachment trial in Washington, Biden's address represents his latest attempts to fend off an onslaught of GOP attacks over his son's business overseas as the former vice president looks to reassure Democrats that he's the party's best option to oust Trump at the ballot box. The president himself plans a nighttime rally in Des Moines.

Biden, since his April campaign launch, has run what looks like a general election campaign against Trump, but it's an especially striking approach days before Democrats' 2020 voting begins with Monday's caucuses. The former vice president was deep into his speech before tacitly acknowledging that he'll have to win the nomination before being able to take on Trump directly.

"I am asking you to caucus for me. I need your help," he said.

Trump and Republicans, meanwhile, have made clear a fall campaign would be a bruising exercise for Biden and his family. The GOP has amplified its allegations against the former vice president in recent days, accusing him of nepotism and worse in a series of charges stemming from the impeachment case against Trump.

In his final Iowa tour this week, Biden has opted to embrace the GOP offensive. He's openly mocked Florida Sen. Rick Scott, a Republican, for running a digital ad in Iowa that repeats Trump's discredited theories about Biden's work in Ukraine as vice president and his son's private business dealings there. The ad came a day after Trump's impeachment defense team repeatedly framed Hunter Biden's tenure on an energy firm's governing board as the real corruption in need of investigation.

"A senator from Florida, sitting in Washington, has decided to start running negative ads against Joe Biden just days before the Iowa caucus," the elder Biden said Wednesday in Sioux City. "What do you think that's about? Look, it's simple," he said, returning to an oft-used line: "They're smearing me ... because they know if I'm the nominee, I'm going to beat Donald Trump like a drum."

Biden has made a guaranteed laugh line out of remarks from Iowa's Republican Sen. Joni Ernst. She emerged from the Senate proceedings earlier this week to wonder aloud to reporters "how this discussion today informs and influences Iowa caucus voters. ... Will they be supporting Vice President Biden at this point?"

In Sioux City, Biden thanked Ernst for "screaming the quiet part into the bullhorn."

"She spilled the beans, didn't she?" Biden said, laughing. "The whole impeachment trial is about whether or not the president tried to interfere in the choice of a nominee for the Democrats."

Biden adviser Anita Dunn was even more pointed, saying of the Scott ad: "We'll pay him to keep it up." Biden campaign manager Greg Schultz told The Associated Press, "This is all a help to us" because it valid Trump's fear.

That's quite a turn from October, when the Biden campaign sent letters to Facebook, Google and Twitter pressuring the online platforms to block ads from Trump's reelection campaign that contained similar debunked allegations against the Bidens.

"We are going to call out the lies. We are going to confront him," Dunn said of how Biden will handle Trump going forward.

Yet there are Democrats who see the Biden controversy as a replay of 2016.

In that campaign, Trump deflected myriad stories of his own conflicts of interests and business dealings by hammering away at Democrat Hillary Clinton, her use of a private email server as secretary of state and the foreign contributions to the Clinton Foundation created after her husband Bill Clinton's presidency.

"Whether there's anything to it or not, there's going to be a lack of trust and doubt that we could end up like we did four years ago," said Iowa Democrat Emma Thompson, 63.

Twitter, Pinterest Crack Down on Voter Misinformation

(AP) – Twitter and Pinterest are taking new steps to root out voting misinformation designed to suppress participation in the November elections.

Twitter unveiled a new tool Wednesday that will make it easier for users in the U.S. to report tweets containing misleading information about registering to vote or casting a ballot. The platform said the tool would be available at "key moments" throughout the election.

Pinterest, meanwhile, announced that it will remove posts that include false information about where, how and when people can register to vote or cast a ballot.

Most of the big social media platforms already prohibit deliberately misleading information about voting. Twitter and Pinterest announced the new initiatives just before the first-in-the-nation Iowa caucuses on Monday.

"As caucuses and primaries for the presidential election get underway, we're building on our efforts to protect the public conversation," Carlos Monje Jr., Twitter's director of public policy and philanthtropy, said in a statement. The company's new tool has already been used in elections in India, the United Kingdom and the European Union.

Election security experts say online voter suppression remains a significant threat as foreign and domestic groups seek to polarize Americans and influence elections.

Suppression efforts are often aimed at minorities and other historically disenfranchised groups. Examples in past elections include posts that falsely claim election day was rescheduled, or that voters can cast a ballot by text, or that they must bring special paperwork to the polls.

"These things happen in every election," said Ian Vandewalker, senior counsel at the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School. To stop the misinformation, he said platforms need to not only remove bogus claims but also inform users that they may have been misled.

Still, he said, "it will be impossible to catch everything in real time."

Pinterest's new policy also prohibits deliberate misinformation about the U.S. Census.

While it already banned general misinformation, Pinterest's efforts to date have been more focused on false claims relating to medical and consumer products.

This is the first time the company has spelled out rules on election-related misinformation.

Pinterest spokeswoman Jamie Favazza told the Associated Press that the new policy reflects the need to combat voting misinformation. But it's not a sign that the platform, known for boards in which users pin favorite photos, fashions and crafts, is moving into politics.

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Vargo Nets 53, Breaks Single Game Mark

Senior tops record held by Jebbia

By JOSH STROPE
Sports Editor

WHEELING – Midway through the fourth quarter, with Wheeling Park holding a dominating lead, Coach Michael Jebbia sent his reserves to the scorer's table.

Four entered, but the coach elected to keep senior star Alex Vargo in the game.

Vargo was sitting at 44 points – two less than Parkersburg South had as a team at the time – and eight points shy of tying the record for the top single game in school history.

With everyone in the Palace on the Hill cheering him, Vargo etched his name into school history with 16 seconds remaining, knocking down a free throw to tie and his second to give him 53 points to set a new standard for Wheeling Park basketball in a 91-70 victory against Parkersburg South.

Coincidentally, it was a mark that was previously held by Jebbia, set against Brooke in January 1998.

"It is a good feeling and I have been jacking him about it since the start of the season," Vargo said.

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Photo by Kyle Lutz

Wheeling Park's Alex Vargo shoots a 3-pointer during Thursday's game against Parkersburg South. Vargo finished the night with 53 points, breaking the single-game school record set by coach Michael Jebbia.

Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Park's Liam Carney, left, corrals the puck against the wall, while Wheeling Central's Kyle Brown gives chase during Thursday's hockey game at WesBanco Arena.

Patriots Surge Past Knights

By CODY TOMER
Staff Writer

WHEELING – Senior Night for Wheeling Park's hockey team had an extra dose of motivation on Thursday night.

The Patriots faced off against rival Wheeling Central on their special night and they made it a memorable one.

Wheeling Park senior Spencer Abraham recorded a hat trick to lead his team to a 7-2 triumph over the Maroon Knights.

"It feels good and the team feels good," Abraham said.

"It's always good when you're a senior. Now, I'm looking forward to working hard and trying to bring in the ring. Winning state is the goal."

Fellow senior Tyler Weekley delivered two goals and an assist, while classmate Andrew Dalton collected 18 saves.

After falling behind 4-2 heading into the third period, the Knights had an opportunity to regain the momentum on the power play.

However, the Patriots killed the man-advantage and then reeled off three third period power play goals to seal a victory.

"That was huge," Abraham said. "It was pretty close and they had some momentum but I think we did our job and closed it out in the third."

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Oak Glen, Shenandoah Win OVAC Dual Titles

Golden Bears secure 3A/4A championship

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG – Being the underdog isn't so bad. Just ask Oak Glen wrestling coach Patrick McGillian. His Golden Bears entered Thursday night's 7th annual OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 3A/4A Dual Meet Championships as the No. 4 seed.

They left as champions after edging past top-seeded St. Clairsville, 37-31, in the semifinals. Then roared past No. 2 Barnesville, 64-7, in the championship match. The Shamrocks had defeated third-seeded Linsly, 66-18, in the other semi. The Red Devils then pinned the Cadets, 60-24,for third place.

"The kids wrestled well. Even though we were the fourth seed I thought we could be the second seed," McGillian said. "We knew the St. Clairsville dual (in the semifinals) was going to be tough. The kids battled and battled and we came out on top.

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Photo by Kim North

Oak Glen's Peyton Hall, top, grapples with Barnesville's Cameron Wood during the OVAC Class 3A/4A Dual Thursday.

Zeps capture 1A/2A plaque

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG – The days and years on the calendar may change, but Shenandoah winning OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championships doesn't.

The top-seeded Zeps three-peated Thursday night by claiming the Class 1A/2A title with a 63-12 triumph over No. 3 Shadyside after disposing of fourth-seeded Bridgeport, 48-21, in the semifinals.

In 2018-18, Shenandoah won the Class 1A/2A title. Last year it prevailed in Class 3A.

"We're just building momentum toward the end of the season," Shenandoah coach Jesse Wells said. "It feels really good in how far we've come in a short amount of time. The kids have bought in and worked really hard. It's an awesome feeling."

The Zeps were led by OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament champion Easton Hitchens (285) and runnerup Alex Overly (120).

The Tigers, who barely finished the season a year ago after a dominant

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Photo by Kim North

Shadyside's Jakob Klug, right, and Shenandoah's Jason Levi are locked up in their 170-pound bout.

Djokovic Adds to Slam Streak vs. Federer at Aussie Open

AP Photo

Novak Djokovic celebrates after defeating Roger Federer in their semifinal match.

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia – Novak Djokovic was wondering, right along with everyone else, what sort of shape Roger Federer would be in for their Australian Open semifinal.

At age 38, despite dealing with a painful groin muscle and coming off a draining five-setter, Federer came out just fine, it seemed, and soon was up 4-1 and love-40, holding a trio of break chances as Djokovic served.

Didn't last. Federer couldn't sustain that level. Neither his body nor Djokovic would let him.

Casting aside a bit of a poor start during the rivals' 50th meeting, Djokovic stretched his Grand Slam winning streak against Federer to six in a row with a 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3 victory Thursday night that earned the defending champion a record eighth trip to the final at Melbourne Park.

"Today was horrible, to go through what I did. Nice entrance. Nice sendoff. And in between, it's one to forget, because you know you have a 3% chance to win," Federer said, adding that he discussed beforehand with his team how bad things would need to get for him to stop playing. "Once you can see it coming, that it's not going to work anymore, it's tough."

Djokovic now leads their head-to-head series 27-23, including 11-6 at majors. Federer hasn't beaten him at one of the sport's four most important tournaments since 2012.

"I just want to say, respect to Roger for coming out tonight. He was obviously hurt," Djokovic said. "Wasn't at his best."

The No. 2-seeded Djokovic will try to collect a record-extending eighth Australian Open title on Sunday against No. 5 Dominic Thiem or No. 7 Alexander Zverev.

Djokovic also can claim a 17th major trophy overall to move closer to Federer's record of 20. Rafael Nadal, beaten by Thiem in the quarterfinals, is at 19.

In the women's final Saturday, it'll be two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza of Spain against 21-year-old Sofia Kenin of the United States. It's Kenin's debut in a Grand Slam title match.

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Blackmore Will Become a Hilltopper

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Wheeling Central track standout Jeremiah Blackmore has signed his letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic careers at West Liberty University. Blackmore is an 11-time state meet qualifier and two-time placer in the high jump. He is also an OVAC Class 3A long jump champion.

Blackmore is flanked by Jeanne Blackmore and Orville Blackmore. Back row is his mother Sheila Blackmore, sister Ceciloia Blackmore and father John Blackmore.

Murray Signs With Baldwin Wallace

Photo Provided

Wheeling Central football standout Adam Murray has signed a letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic careers with Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio. Murray was an integral part of the Maroon Knights defense, helping to lead them to three consecutive state championships. A three-time all-state honoree, Adam is a three-time Sam Huff Award winner and two-time Chuck Howley Award winner.

An honor student at Wheeling Central, Adam will study exercise science with plans to enter the physician assistant program.

Murray is flanked by his father, Mike and mother, Terri. Looking on are defensive coordinator Shannon Kuchinski, head coach Mike Young, offensive coordinator Jason Rine, principal Becky Sancomb and Josh Pyles of Pyles Elite Training, Adam's personal/elite training coach.

DJOKOVIC

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Clearly, for Djokovic vs. Federer, everything hinged on the first hour or so.

They played on a muggy, sweltering evening, with the temperature in the high 90s (high 30s Celsius) and no breeze to offer respite.

Almost from the moment his wild quarterfinal ended Tuesday after he'd saved seven match points and eked past Tennys Sandgren in five sets, speculation swirled about how well Federer would recover.

Might the muscle issue force him to pull out of the tournament? Why didn't he practice Wednesday?

As it happens, Federer showed up, of course. And gave what he could until the end.

He's never handed an opponent a walkover across more than 400 Grand Slam matches, never retired from any of his more than 1,500 career tour-level matches.

"I don't think I would have gone on court if I had no chance to win," Federer said. "We saw I was still able to make a match out of it."

Indeed, Federer appeared to be managing just fine at the outset.

And, oh, did this match set out well, in terms of the atmosphere, in terms of the tension, in terms of the tennis.

The proceedings began with a jolt of a 14-point game as a fugue of "Let's go, Roger!" and "No-le! No-le!" provided the soundtrack, prompting chair umpire Nico Helwerth to passively aggressively admonish spectators: "Please. Thank you."

There was an exchange of 17 strokes. Another of 15.

There were two break points for Djokovic, nullified with the help of formidable serves. Federer took the game with three aces, three other clean winners and then broke to go up 2-0 on his way to 4-1.

Soon it was nearly 5-1 in Federer's favor. Close doesn't count, though.

Djokovic put up too much resistance, much like during their epic Wimbledon final last July, when he thwarted two championship points for Federer and wound up winning in a fifth-set tiebreaker.

Raptors Win 9th Straight

CLEVELAND (AP) – Serge Ibaka scored 26 points, Kyle Lowry had 23 and the Toronto Raptors held off the Cleveland Cavaliers 115-109 on Thursday night for their ninth straight win.

Norman Powell scored eight consecutive points in the final minute after Cleveland cut the lead to 105-104. Powell hit a 3-pointer, scored on a layup after making a steal and sank three foul shots to seal the win.

Powell's late-game flurry helped the Raptors stifle a comeback bid by the Cavaliers, who trailed 88-75 early in the fourth quarter.

Cleveland trimmed its deficit to one on three occasions and had a chance to tie the game, but Darius Garland missed the second of two free throws with 1:18 to play, leaving Toronto's lead at 105-104.

Lowry was selected as a reserve on the Eastern Conference All-Star team Thursday, the sixth time he'll appear in the game. Pascal Siakam, an All-Star starter, scored 19 points and Powell had 16.

Ibaka started in place of Marc Gasol, who is out indefinitely after re-injuring his left hamstring Tuesday against Atlanta.

WIZARDS 121, HORNETS 107

WASHINGTON (AP) – Bradley Beal had 34 points, nine rebounds and nine assists after he was snubbed for an All-Star selection, and the Washington Wizards beat the Charlotte Hornets.

Miles Bridges led Charlotte with 23 points. Terry Rozier had 21. The Hornets have lost nine of 10 and 15 of 18.

Beal, who had been named to the All-Star Game the previous two years, failed to make the East team as a reserve in results that were revealed shortly before game time.

HAWKS 127, 76ERS 117

ATLANTA (AP) – All-Star Trae Young had 39 points and a career-high 18 assists to lead the Atlanta Hawks past Ben Simmons and Philadelphia, extending the 76ers' road woes.

Simmons scored 31 points to lead Philadelphia. Shake Milton had a career-high 27 points – 14 more than his previous high – but it wasn't enough to improve the 76ers' poor road record. Philadelphia, 22-2 at home, fell to 9-16 in away games.

CELTICS 119, WARRIORS 104

BOSTON (AP) – Gordon Hayward scored 25 points and the Boston Celtics earned their fifth victory in six games with a win over the Golden State Warriors.

Marcus Smart added 21 points, scoring 17 in the second half on a night when Boston became the latest team to offer a tribute to Kobe Bryant following his death in a helicopter crash.

Jayson Tatum, who was named to his first All-Star team before the game, returned to the lineup after missing three games with a right groin strain. He finished with 20 points in 24 minutes.

D'Angelo Russell led the Warriors, who lost their fifth straight, with 22 points. Alec Burks scored 18.

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run several years back, received victories from Andrew Brown (132) and Jakob Klug (170).

"From where we were last year with only four kids to where we are now being OVAC runnersup team-wise, that's obviously a great direction that we're going in," Shadyside second-year coach Chase Kinemond said. "Hopefully, we can continue that the remainder of this year and into next year."

Shadyside made it to the finals with a thrilling, 36-30, win over No. 2 Southern Local.

The Tigers competed without four regulars in Kooper Chimley (126), Brendan Schrader (145), Rhys Francis (160) and William Robinson (182).

Bridgeport defeated Southern Local, 40-27, for third place. The Bulldogs were the defending class champs but graduation losses took their toll.

Winning twice for Bridgeport were Mason Aberts (132), Peyton Pyle (138), D'Zayveon Richmond (145), Skylar Hatten (160) and Devin Danhart (220). The Bulldogs were without Zach Kuneff (285).

GOLDEN

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"We kept the momentum going into the final and the kids just kept wrestling hard. We're gearing up for the postseason, so coming in here and winning this should give the kids a lot of confidence."

The championship match began at 132 pounds and Oak Glen never looked back after Ethan Lively gave them a 6-0 lead with a first-period pin of Cody Szabo. The Golden Bears prevailed in the first four bouts in grabbing a 21-0 advantage.

Camden O'Connor (138) made it 12-0 with another first-period fall of Bryce Hall. Jonathan Creese (145) edged by Jacob Boulet, 5-3, while nationally ranked Peyton Hall (152) pinned Cameron Woods in 3:45.

Barnesville finally got on the board when Owen Oliver (160) defeated Chase Smith, 6-1, but the Shamrocks wouldn't taste victory again until Griffen Stephen (113) scored a 17-5 major decision over Braxton Dlugopolski.

In between, Oak Glen kept widening its margin with a 10-1 major decision by Dylan Heinrich (170) of Brad Hall. Consecutive pins from Kyler O'Connor (182), Caiden Adams (195), Danny Bealles (220) and Josh Blake (285) bumped the margin to 49-3, with Adams' fall in 1:33 of Trey Warner clinched the crown.

O'Connor took down Drew Holskey in the first period, while Bealles and Blake also claimed first-period pins.

The Golden Bears' Camden Barr (106) was awarded a forfeit, while Clayton Lamb (120) earned a 7-1 decision over Carter Wells and Kaden Lundy (126) pinned George Hoover in 3:27.

"We kind of knew coming in that Oak Glen was pretty good. No excuses but we had four guys out, not that that was going to make a difference," Barnesville head coach Jayson Stephen said of all three of his 106 pounders, A.J. Francis (132), Caiden Thornton (138) and Austin Frame (170) who are all sidelined with injuries.

"It is what it is. We didn't matchup very well and we had some kids that could've stepped up and won matches, but they didn't.

"Hopefully, we can get healthy and ready for New Lexington this weekend and then the sectionals."

In the semifinals that began at 126 pounds, St. Clairsville took a 13-0 lead and led 31-27 with two bouts left after Gannon Kazmirski (106) decisioned Barr, 7-2.

However, the Golden Bears regained their lead at 33-31 on Dlugopolski's 2:58 pin of Zach McKeever. Lamb sealed the deal with a 12-2 major decision of Josh DeNoble.

Barnesville used six pins and five forfeits in rolling past Linsly. The Cadets received pins from Steven Felton (195), Fabian Egger (220) and Chance Knight (285).

LOCAL CARD

Today
PREP
BOYS' BASKETBALL
Monroe Central at Linsly
Beallsville at Cameron
Bridgeport at Barnesville
Weir at Steubenville
Indian Creek at Brooke
Bridgeport at Barnesville
Steubenville Catholic at River
Greenbrier West at Tyler Consolidated
Toronto at Madonna
Union Local at Buckeye Trail
Frontier at Shadyside
Oak Glen at Wellsville
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Musselman at Wheeling Park
John Marshall at Parkersburg South
Valley at Hundred
WRESTLING
W.Va. Single A Challenge (at Ritchie County)
Featuring Paden City, Hundred

SPORTS ON TV

Today
AUTO RACING
8 p.m.
NBCSN — NASCAR Hall of Fame Ceremony: From Charlotte, N.C.
BOXING
10 p.m.
SHO — ShoBox: The New Generation, Ruben Villa vs. Alexei Collado (Men's Featherweight) Shreveport, La.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
5 p.m.
ESPNU — Harvard at Pennsylvania
6:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Akron at Kent State
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — Virginia Commonwealth at Rhode Island
ESPNU — Bowling Green at Buffalo
9 p.m.
ESPNU — Northern Kentucky at Wisconsin (Green Bay)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
1 p.m.
PAC-12N — Southern California at Arizona State
7 p.m.
FS1 — Baylor at Texas
FS2 — Seton Hall at Georgetown
8 p.m.
PAC-12N — UCLA at Arizona
COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)
7 p.m.
SECN — Arkansas at Missouri
8:30 p.m.
SECN — Alabama at Louisiana State
10 p.m.
PAC-12N — Washington at UCLA
COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
6 p.m.
BTN — Notre Dame at Penn State
8:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Western Michigan at Nebraska (Omaha)
COLLEGE WRESTLING
7 p.m.
ACCN — Duke at North Carolina
9 p.m.
BTN — Penn State at Iowa
CURLING (WOMEN'S)
11 p.m.
NBCSN — U.S. vs. Italy (taped)
GOLF
3 a.m.
GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Saudi International, Second Round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia
6:30 a.m.
GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Saudi International, Second Round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia
9:30 a.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Morocco Champions, Second Round, Amizmiz, Morocco
3 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Waste Management Phoenix Open, Second Round, Scottsdale, Ariz.
4:30 a.m. (Saturday)
GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Saudi International, Third Round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia
NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN — Dallas at Houston
10:30 p.m.
ESPN — Portland at LA Lakers
NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
ATT — Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
SKIING
4:30 p.m.
NBCSN — FIS: U.S. Grand Prix, Halfpipe, Mammoth Mountain, Calif.
SNOWBOARDING
12:30 p.m.
NBCSN — FIS: U.S. Grand Prix, Slopestyle, Mammoth Mountain, Calif.
SOCCER (MEN'S)
2:20 p.m.
FS2 — Bundesliga: Schalke at Hertha Berlin
TENNIS
3:30 a.m.
ESPN — The Australian Open: Men's Semifinal, Melbourne, Australia
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — The Australian Open: Men's Semifinal, Melbourne, Australia (taped)
7:15 p.m.
TENNIS — The Australian Open: Girl's & Boy's Singles Championships, Melbourne, Australia

PREP HOCKEY

Wheeling Park 7
Wheeling Central 2
WC — Goals: Karnell, Smith. Assists: Smith, Brown. Goalkeeper: Barickman (15 saves).
WP — Goals: Abraham 3, T. Weekley 2, R. Weekley, Mendelson. Assists: Parshall 3, Carney 2, Woods, Brinker, Haller, T. Weekley, Goalkeeper: Dalton (18 saves).

Wheeling Central	1	1	0	— 2
Wheeling Park	2	2	3	— 7

NFL GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
Houston 22, Buffalo 19, OT
Tennessee 20, New England 13
Sunday, Jan. 5
Minnesota 26, New Orleans 20, OT
Seattle 17, Philadelphia 9
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
San Francisco 27, Minnesota 10
Tennessee 28, Baltimore 12
Sunday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 51, Houston 31
Green Bay 28, Seattle 23
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
Kansas City 35, Tennessee 24
San Francisco 37, Green Bay 20
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC 38, NFC 33
Super Bowl
Sunday
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Thursday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: AUD71,000,000
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (AP) — Results Thursday from Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles
Semifinals
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3.
Women's Singles
Semifinals
Sofia Kenin (14), United States, def. Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, 7-6 (6), 7-5.
Garbine Muguruza, Spain, def. Simona Halep (4), Romania, 7-6 (8), 7-5.
Men's Doubles
Semifinals
Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (11), Britain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin and Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Luke Saville and Max Purcell, Australia, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Filip Polasek (4), Slovakia, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-4.
Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinals
John-Patrick Smith and Astra Sharma, Australia, def. Lukasz Kubot and Iga Swiatek, Poland, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 10-3.
Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and Barbora Krejcikova (5), Czech Republic, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, 6-0, 6-2.
Henri Kontinen, Finland, and Gabriela Dabrowski (3), Canada, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Latisha Chan (6), Taiwan, 7-5, 7-6 (2).

PREP BOYS

Wheeling Park 91
Parkersburg South 70
P — Sylvia 1-6 3-6 5; Daggett 6-10 7-8 21; Day 4-12 3-5 13; Currey 3-4 0-0 7; Seese 2-8 0-2 5; Mooney 0-4 1-2 1; Tucker 1-3 0-0 2; Hogsett 3-5 6-6 14. Totals 20-52 20-29 70.
W — Morris 7-8 2-2 16; Jackson 1-1 1-1 3; Saunders 1-2 0-0 2; Vargo 15-24 19-22 53; Zimmerman 3-9 4-6 10; Heller 1-2 2-2 5; Sinclair 0-1 0-2 0; Chatman 0-0 0-0 0; Smelley 0-0 0-0 0; Hairston 1-1 0-0 2; Lewton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-49 26-35 91.
3-Point Goals: Daggett 2, Day 2, Hogsett 2, Currey, Seese; Vargo 3, Heller.

PS	**11**	**12**	**15**	**32**	**— 70**
WP	**26**	**24**	**18**	**23**	**— 91**

Hundred 70, Valley 62
V — Baker 2 3-3 7; Satterfield 3 2-2 8; Anderson 4 0-0 11; Bassett 1 0-2 2; Shannon 6 0-0 16; Streets 4 4-4 12; Hall 0 1-2 1; L. Bassett 2 0-0 5. Totals 22 10-13 62.
H —Norris 4 4-4 13; Soles 9 4-4 23; Stevens 2 0-0 6; Baker 6 2-5 18; Hostutler 4 0-0 8; Geho 0 2-2 2. Totals 25 12-15 70.
3-Point Goals: Anderson 3, Shannon 4, L. Bassett; Norris, Soles, Stevens 2, Baker 4.

Valley	**9**	**17**	**26**	**10**	**— 62**
Hundred	**9**	**22**	**21**	**18**	**— 70**

Steubenville 53, Weir 37
W — Spencer 2 3-4 9; McUmar 1 5-6 7; Reiter 1 0-0 2; Gillette 0 0-0 0; Cross 2 0-0 5; Nosko 1 0-1 2; Kelly 0 0-0 0; Nutter 1 0-0 2; Mikula 4 1-2 10. Totals: 12 9-13 37.
S — Jones 3 0-0 6; Sawyer 3 0-2 8; Gresko 1 0-0 3; Bickerstaff 8 2-8 18; Zimmerman 1 0-0 2; Krause 1 0-0 3; Owens 0 3-4 3; Jackson 1 2-2 4; McCoy 2 2-4 6. Totals: 20 9-20 53.
3-Point Goals: Spencer 2, Cross, Mikula; Sawyer 2, Gresko, Krause.

Weir	**9**	**9**	**5**	**15**	**— 37**
Steubenville	**18**	**10**	**10**	**15**	**— 53**

Harrison Central 61
Buckeye Local 47
B — Taylor 5 1-3 13; Novak 0 0-0 0; McHugh 1 0-0 2; Pielech 0 0-0 0; Moffo 2 2-3 6; Mayle 1 2-2 5; Grabitis 3 2-2 8; Best 1 0-0 3; L.Darrah 2 0-0 4; H.Darrah 3 0-1 6. Totals: 18 7-11 47.
H — Mitchell 14 12-16 43; Capers 1 1-2 4; Mazeroski 2 0-0 6; McAfee 0 0-0 0; Vermillion 2 3-6 7; Madzia 0 0-0 0; Jones 0 0-0 0; Brooks 0 0-0 0; Mattern 0 0-0 0; Arbaugh 0 1-2 1. Totals: 19 17-26 61.
3-Point Goals: Taylor 2, Mayle, Best; Mitchell 3, Mazeroski 2, Capers.

Buckeye Local	**10**	**14**	**19**	**4**	**— 47**
H. Central	**18**	**14**	**11**	**18**	**— 61**

PREP GIRLS

Beallsville 66
Wheeling Central 64
W — Horan 4, 0-0 10; Mills 0, 0-0 0; H.White 4, 8-13 16; Vogrin 2, 1-2 6; T.White 5, 1-2 11; Canestara 2, 2-4 7; Jones 7, 0-4 14.
B — Louden 6, 4-5 19; Howell 8, 2-4 19; Nalley 2, 0-0 4; Bommer 4, 1-5 10; Phillips 0, 1-2 1; Huffman 3, 2-4 10; Riley 1, 0-0 3. Totals: 24, 10-20 66.
3-Point Goals: Horan 2, Vogrin, Canestrara; Louden 3, Howell, Bommer, Huffman 2, Riley.

Whg Central	**15**	**17**	**14**	**18**	**— 64**
Beallsville	**18**	**13**	**18**	**17**	**— 66**

Beaver Local 61
Toronto 32
B — Britt 0 0-0 0; Chen 1 0-0 3; Briggs 2 0-0 5; Kolkowski 4 0-0 8; Cline 4 0-0 9; Riccardo 10 2-3 24; Jordan 3 0-0 6; Cole 3 0-2 6; Keller 0 0-0 0; Palmer 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 2-5 61.
T — Cottrell 1 0-1 2; Beckwith 1 0-0 2; Liddick 2 2-2 7; Kinsey 1 3-4 5; M. Anderson 3 3-6 9; Burruss 0 0-0 0; Jackson 1 0-0 3; Leasure 1 0-0 2; Thomas 1 0-0 2; J. Anderson 0 0-0 0; Grimes 0 0-0 0. Totals: 11 8-13 32.
3-Point Goals: Riccardo 2, Chen, Briggs, Cline; Liddick, Jackson.

Beaver Local	**20**	**13**	**14**	**14**	**— 61**
Toronto	**5**	**9**	**11**	**7**	**— 32**

Steubenville Catholic 71
Bridgeport 42
B — Roberts 1 0-0 2; Meleah Tiber 2 3-6 7; Tucker 7 5-6 22; Maura Tiber 1 0-0 3; Stockwell 1 0-0 2; Perez 1 0-0 2; Bell 2 0-0 4. Totals 15 8-12 42.
S — Zatta 7 0-0 19; Harold 1 0-0 2; Green 3 2-2 9; Rohde 0 2-2 2; Fayak 0 0-0 0; Balzano 0 0-0 0; Grimm 3 0-0 7; Oliver 7 6-10 20; Kirkpatrick 0 0-0 0; Doong 0 0-0 0; Olszewski 6 0-0 12. Totals: 27 10-14 71.
3-Point Goals: Tucker 3; Maura Tiber; Zatta 5; Green; Grimm.

Bridgeport	**12**	**6**	**12**	**12**	**— 42**
Steub. Cent.	**18**	**19**	**22**	**13**	**— 71**

Union Local 50
Linsly 49
L — Cook 2 0-0 6; Burwill 0 0-0 0; Pudobnik 0 0-0 0; Grimm 4 1-1 9; Heitz 3 0-0 9; Heran 4 1-1 9; Steen 5 3-5 16. Totals 18 5-7 49.
U — C.Kildow 5 3-4 13; Rex 0 0-0 0; T.Kildow 4 0-0 10; Cheatham 0 0-0 0; Merritt 2 2-2 8; Gregor 2 2-2 6; Vinskovich 4 5-7 13. Totals 17 12-15 50.
3-Point Goals: Steen 3, Heitz 3; Kildow 2

Linsly	**8**	**14**	**13**	**14**	**— 49**
Union Local	**9**	**17**	**12**	**12**	**— 50**

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	34	14	.708	—
Boston	32	15	.681	1½
Philadelphia	31	18	.633	3½
Brooklyn	20	26	.435	13
New York	13	36	.265	21½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	32	15	.681	—
Orlando	21	27	.438	11½
Washington	16	31	.340	16
Charlotte	16	32	.333	16½
Atlanta	13	36	.265	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	41	6	.872	—
Indiana	31	17	.646	10½
Chicago	19	31	.380	23½
Detroit	17	32	.347	25
Cleveland	13	36	.265	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	29	18	.617	—
Houston	29	18	.617	—
Memphis	24	24	.500	5½
San Antonio	21	26	.447	8
New Orleans	19	29	.396	10½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	32	15	.681	—
Utah	32	15	.681	—
Oklahoma City	29	20	.592	4
Portland	21	27	.438	11½
Minnesota	15	32	.319	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	33	14	.702	3½
Phoenix	20	27	.426	16½
Sacramento	17	30	.362	19½
Golden State	10	39	.204	27½

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 115, Chicago 106, OT
Brooklyn 125, Detroit 115
Memphis 127, New York 106
San Antonio 127, Utah 120
Portland 125, Houston 112
Oklahoma City 120, Sacramento 100
Thursday's Games
Washington 121, Charlotte 107
Toronto 115, Cleveland 109
Atlanta 127, Philadelphia 117
Boston 119, Golden State 104
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Tonight's Games
Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Denver at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 3 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	51	29	10	12	70	169	135
Tampa Bay	50	30	15	5	65	181	142
Florida	49	28	16	5	61	183	163
Toronto	51	27	17	7	61	186	170
Montreal	52	23	22	7	53	160	162
Buffalo	51	22	22	7	51	148	160
Ottawa	50	18	23	9	45	138	169
Detroit	51	12	35	4	28	109	199

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	51	34	12	5	73	185	151
Pittsburgh	50	31	14	5	67	168	136
Islanders	49	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	51	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	50	29	18	3	61	159	132
Philadelphia	50	27	17	6	60	158	150
Rangers	49	23	21	4	50	158	159
New Jersey	50	18	24	8	44	135	182

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	51	31	12	8	70	164	141
Colorado	49	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	50	28	18	4	60	131	127
Nashville	50	24	19	7	55	169	168
Chicago	51	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	51	25	22	4	54	152	160
Minnesota	50	23	21	6	52	156	166

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	51	29	18	4	62	170	152
Calgary	52	27	19	6	60	143	155
Edmonton	50	26	18	6	58	158	157
Vegas	52	25	20	7	57	161	159
Arizona	52	26	21	5	57	148	142
San Jose	52	22	26	4	48	136	174
Anaheim	50	20	25	5	45	128	156
Los Angeles	51	18	28	5	41	127	152

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Wednesday's Games
Nashville 5, Washington 4
Toronto 5, Dallas 3
Anaheim 4, Arizona 2
Tampa Bay 4, Los Angeles 2
Vancouver 5, San Jose 2
Calgary 4, Edmonton 3, SO
Thursday's Games
Montreal 3, Buffalo 1
Nashville 6, New Jersey 5, SO
Los Angeles at Arizona, late
Friday's Games
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Columbus at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 2 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Claimed INF Pat Valaika off waivers from Arizona. Designated RHP Branden Kline for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Jordy Mercer on a minor league contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed RHP Yoshihisa Hirano to a one-year contract. Designated LHP Ricardo Sanchez for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Matt Duffy and RHP Derek Law on minor league contracts.
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Signed RHP David Phelps to a one-year contract. Designated RHP Deolis Guerra for assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with 3B Pablo Sandoval on a minor league contract.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS— Named Mauro Gozzo pitching coach.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed OF Hunter Cullen to a contract extension. Signed RHP Steve Pastora.
FLORENCE Y'ALLS — Signed Cs Michael Hernandez, Austin Mettica and Rodney Tennie.
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Traded C Chase Smartt to Washington.
NEW YORK BOULDERS — Signed OF Matt Feinstein and 3B Miguel Pimentel.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHP Keaton Sullivan.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed OF Chase Cockrell to a contract extension.
BASKETBALL
NBA — Suspended one game without pay New York Knicks G Elfrid Payton, Memphis Grizzlies G Marko Guduric and F Jaren Jackson Jr. Fined Knicks F Marcus Morris Sr. and Grizzlies F Jae Crowder for their roles in an on-court incident.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Announced TE Greg Olsen and the team have agreed to mutually part ways.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DB Tre Roberson to a two-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Promotion Dan Pitcher to quarterbacks coach.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — The Green Bay Packers have parted ways with wide receivers coach Alvis Whitted.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Anthony Midget secondary coach.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DL Malik Dorton, Justin Horton and Quincy Redmon. Signed S Jordan Hoover to a contract extension through the 2021 season.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released CB Dexter Janke.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled D Dennis Cholowski and Fs Givani Smith and Filip Zadina from Grand Rapids (AHL).
EDMONTON OILERS — Recalled LW Tyler Benson and D William Lagesson from the Bakersfield Condors(AHL).
American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Acquired LW Dylan Sadowy from Utica Comets to complete a previous trade and lent him to Worcester (ECHL).
LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS — Loaned D Eric Knodel to Reading (ECHL). Announced G Felix Sandstr■m was reassigned to the team from Reading.
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Utah's Peter Tischke one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions during a Jan. 29 game at Atlanta.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
INTER MIAMI — Signed D Nicolas Figal using Targeted Allocation Money.
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed D Mandela Egbo.
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Acquired F Jaroslaw Niezgoda as a Designated Player via transfer from Ekstraklasa (Poland).

PREP WRESTLING

7th Annual OVAC
Bill Hinegardner Duals
Class 3A/4A
(at Moundsville Jr. High Fieldhouse)
Championship
Oak Glen 64, Barnesville 7
132—Ethan Lively (OG) p. Cody Szabo, 1:56; 138—Camden O'Connor (OG) p. Bryce Hall, 1:45; 145—Jonathan Creese (OG) d. Jacob Boulet, 5-3; 152—Peyton Hall (OG) p. Cameron Woods, 3:45; 160—Owen Oliver (B) d. Chase Smith, 6-1; 170—Dylan Heinrich (OG) md. Brad Hall, 10-1; 182—Kyler O'Connor (OG) p. Drew Holskey, 1:10; 195—Caiden Adams (OG) p. Trey Warner, 1:33; 220—Danny Bealles (OG) p. Avery Clouse, 1:11; 285—Josh Blake (OG) p. Jadyn Lucas, 0:43; 106—Camden Barr (OG) won by forfeit; 113—Griffen Stephen (B) md. Braxton Dlugopolski, 17-5; 120—Clayton Lamb (OG) d. Carter Wells, 7-1; 126—Kaden Lundy (OG) p. George Hoover, 3:27
Class 1A/2A
Championship
Shenandoah 63, Shadyside 12
132—Andrew Brown (Sha) p. Tyler Bruer, 3:20; 138—Lararon Giesey (She) won by forfeit; 145—Nick Blackburn (She) p. Billy Baker, 0:25; 152—Wesley Guy (She) p. Devan Robinson, 0:28; 160—Joey Vincent (She) p. Nico Bumba, 0:23; 170—Jakob Klug (Sha) p. Levi Moore, 2:48; 182—Briar Portman (She) p. Hunter Minney, 0:32; 195—Tanner DeVold (She) p. Jacob Brown, 0:10; 220—Chandler Warner (She) d. Jalob Honeywell, 5-3 SV; 285—Easton Hitchens (She) p. Brandon Doty, 0:09

AREA NOTES

Moundsville Girls' Softball Signups
The Moundsville girls' softball association will be holding its annual signups in Room 103 at the Sanford Center. The signups will be Friday, Jan. 31 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9 a.m.-noon. Cost is $35 per girl, but no more than $60 a family. For questions, please call Shawn Rine at 304-312-1195.
Softball Umpire Training Class Slated
A training class to become registered as a high school softball umpire in both Ohio and West Virginia will begin on Sunday, Feb. 2 and run seven consecutive weeks. The classes on Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1 and 22 will run from noon until 1:30 p.m., while the class on March 15 will go from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at Wheeling University. For more information, please contact Tom Bechtel at 304-639-6236 or via email at recbear@comcast.net, or Bob Gabel at 304-281-5656 or via email at bobref@gmail.com
SJC Academy Softball Camp
St. John Central Academy in Bellaire is holding "Softball Camp 2020." It will consist of three Sundays, focusing on fundamentals. The camp will be conducted on Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. It will be held in the high school gym. The camp will be split into two sessions. Grades 1-4 will go from noon to 2 p.m. while grades 5-8 will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost of the camp is $20 which includes an awards ceremony and T-shirt. In addition to fundamentals, the camp will feature practice with pitchers and batting practice. For more information or to register, call 740-921-9220.
Uniontown Basketball Tournament
The Uniontown (PA) High School Hall of Fame is hosting a basketball tournament Feb. 23-29 for girls and boys in grades 3-10. Each grade has its own division, and grades 7-10 also have big/small school divisions. There is a three-game minimum with flex scheduling, and teams must start no later than Feb. 22. The cost is $150 if paid by Feb. 7, and awards will be given to the top two teams in each division. For more information, contact Jes Hutson at jeh20@psu.edu or 724-366-9693.

Hornets Win 10th Game of Season

HUNDRED – Logan Norris recorded a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds as Hundred pulled away from Valley, 70-62, in prep boys' basketball action.

Cody Soles paced the Hornets (10-4) with a game-high 23 points, along with his eight rebounds, five blocks and five assists.

Martin Baker turned in 18 points, eight rebound and five steals in the win and teammate Bobby Hostutler added eight points and 10 boards.

Valley was led by Tommy Shannon's 16 points, followed by Gavin Streets' 12 points and Levi Anderson's 11.

Steubenville 53
Weir 37

STEUBENVILLE – Calvin Bickerstaff poured in 18 points to lead Steubenville to a victory over Weir.

For the Red Riders, Tanner Mikula had 10 points.

Harrison Central 61
Buckeye Local 47

CADIZ – Kobe Mitchell had a career night as he tallied 43 points as Harrison Central defeated Buckeye Local.

Hayden Taylor led the way for the Panthers with 13 points.

GIRLS
Beallsville 66
Wheeling Central 64

BEALLSVILLE – Ashlie Louden and Ashley Howell both powered their way to 19 points Thursday night as Beallsville edged Wheeling Central in a battle between two teams headed to next week's OVAC Tournament.

Hallie Bommer and Jaycee Huffman each added 10 points.

Hannah White paced the Maroon Knights with 16 points. Abbey Jones added 14, Tristen White had 11 and Marissa Horan 10.

Union Local 50
Linsly 49

MORRISTOWN – It came down to the wire but Union Local remained undefeated with a narrow win over Linsly.

Reagan Vinskovich and Casey Kildow each delivered 13 points to pilot the Jets and Torre Kildow added 10.

Brinley Steen paced the Cadets with 16 points.

Beaver Local 61
Toronto 32

TORONTO – Jenna Riccardo turned in a game-high 24 points to pace Beaver Local.

Jenna Anderson netted nine points for Toronto.

Steub. Catholic 71
Bridgeport 42

STEUBENVILLE – Isabella Oliver netted 20 points and Katie Zatta supplied 19 as Steubenville Catholic rolled past Bridgeport.

Hannah Olszewski garnered 12 for the Crusaders (12-7).

Jaren Tucker paced the Bulldogs (2-17) with 22 points.

VARGO

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"I was pretty hot in the first half so when I got closer, my teammates started to look for me a lot.

"It was real nerve-wracking. It means a lot because this record has been standing for 22 years."

Parkersburg South (7-5) scored the first six points, only to have Wheeling Park (12-3) answer with an 11-0 run to take the lead and never looked back.

Vargo scored 15 points during the first eight minutes, while teammate Xavier Morris also provided a spark with 11 points.

Vargo missed his first shot of the second quarter, but went 5-for-5 the rest of the stanza, including a free throw from an and-1, to go into the locker room with 27 and Park with a commanding 50-23 lead.

He added nine more in the third quarter, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer as heads turned toward Wheeling Park bookkeeper and the authority on all things relating to school records in Pete Chacalos.

Vargo was getting there, but it wasn't going to be easy. In fact, he had to do most of his damage from the free-throw line as he only connected on three field goals in the final quarter.

He had knocked down 11 straight free throws in the game before finally missing. He was 19 of 22 for the game.

The final four minutes of the game were a foul fest.

When Parkersburg South had the ball, Wheeling Park reserves fouled to make sure they could get Vargo the ball back. South players were playing to the end and double-teaming Vargo to keep him from setting the record.

Late in the game, he broke free and was driving toward the basket when he was fouled one point shy of the record.

He was true on both as Jebbia called timeout and greeted him with a hug as he reached the bench.

"He said I deserved it, he knows all the work I put in and said he was proud of me," Vargo said. "When I was in the 40s, I started thinking I could get it. I thought he might have pulled me early like he did some of the previous games, but when I saw four guys at the scorer's table, I figured he would leave me in."

It was a record Jebbia was happy to pass on.

"It was special and you get into a rhythm and you really start feeling it," Jebbia said. "You really have to have a good first half and he did that at halftime with 27 points. Our guys were looking to get him the ball.

"Alex has put more time in than any basketball player that I have coached in 14 years. He deserves it. Twenty-two years is long enough for a record and I am so proud of him. That first half of basketball we played so well as a team.

"We kid around all the time (about me pulling him so he couldn't get the record) because there are games we have sat him in the fourth quarter. Parkersburg South is a great basketball program and sometimes that gets tough at the end. This was a chance for him to have a special night and he has invested so much time and I just thought it was the right time to let him try and break the record.

"The team was excited and our chemistry is really moving right now. Guys are accepting roles and we have a tough next week with University coming in Tuesday (as well as Morgantown next Friday)."

Vargo sits at 1,370 points, fourth all-time in school history and 281 points shy of the all-time mark (1,651) held by Jebbia.

Along with Vargo, Morris kept his string of solid games going with 16 points. Travis Zimmerman added 10.

Cam Marks led South with 21 points. Dylan Day added 13.

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AGNC Inv	1.92	dd	18.48	-.10
ASA Gold	.02e	q	13.82	-.11
AT&T Inc	2.08f	17	37.43	+.38
AbbVie	4.72f	13	81.78	-1.42
AMD	...	cc	48.78	+1.27
Advaxis hrs	...		.90	+.23
Aegon	.28e		4.13	+.04
AethMd hrs	...	dd	3.70	+.31
Aglyesys	...	dd	33.00	-.46
Alcoa Cp	...	71	14.29	-.21
Alibaba	...	49	208.58	-3.44
Allergan	2.96	28	167.61	-1.19
AlphaPro	...	31	6.24	+.42
AlpAlerMLP1.35e		q	8.12	-.07
Altice	.07e	cc	27.35	+.74
Altria	3.36	15	48.00	-2.11
Amazon	...	91	1870.08	+12.68
Ambev	.05e	6	4.27	
Amcor n	...	98	10.83	-.02
AMcvtL	.17e		17.12	-.14
AmAirlines	.40	9	27.72	+.92
AEP	2.80	27	104.10	+1.29
AmExp	1.72	18	133.22	+1.54
Amgen	6.40f	18	226.15	-1.00
Annaly	1.00e	11	9.80	+.04
Ansys	...	77	280.14	+2.42
AnteroMid	.45e		5.19	-.19
AnteroRes	1.00	4	1.75	
ApolloGlM 2.35e		16	46.63	-4.53
Apple Inc	3.08	30	323.87	-.47
ApldIndT	1.24	18	66.12	+.27
ApldMatl	.84	19	60.25	+.43
Aptargrp	1.44	38	116.54	+.60
ArchDan	1.44f	14	45.80	+2.12
Arconic	.08	23	30.45	-.70
Ashland	1.10	67	75.90	-.92
AstraZen	1.37e		49.09	-.57
ATMOS	2.30f	22	117.38	+1.07
AuroraCo	...		1.94	+.01
Avista	1.55	24	50.69	+.33
Avnet	.84	dd	37.84	-.73
B				
BZgold g	...	54	4.33	+.04
BP PLC	2.46f	11	37.03	-.14
BRT	.88	7	17.11	-.42
BakHugh	.72	86	22.35	+.87
BallCorp	.60	37	73.10	+.51
BcBilVArg	.27e		5.19	+.12
BcoBrad	.06a		7.81	+.03
BcoSantSA	.21e		4.08	+.03
BkofAm	.72	12	33.48	+.47
BkNYMel	1.24	12	45.40	+.94
Barclay	.15e		9.02	+.13
BarrickGld	0.82e	8	18.44	+.07
BedBath	.68	dd	14.95	-1.26
BerkH B	...	31	227.88	+3.38
BeyondMt n	...	dd	117.29	+2.41
BlkIT	.37	q	6.12	+.04
Blackstone2.07e		25	61.11	-1.54
Boeing	8.22	30	323.30	+1.28
BonsoElec	...		2.34	+.02
BostonSci	...	34	43.41	-.54
Brandyw	.76	19	15.59	-.49
BrigStrat	.20	dd	3.94	-1.05
BrMySq	1.80	21	63.81	-.33
C				
CNX Resc	.04	8	7.01	+.35
CSX	.96	19	77.78	+.25
CVS Health	2.00	12	69.71	-.84
CabotO&G	.40f	9	14.31	-.01
CACI	...	28	280.07	+12.89
CaesarsEnt	...	dd	13.79	+.03
CallonPet		6	3.09	-.02
CardnHlth	1.92	dd	53.29	-.45
Carnival	2.00	10	44.75	-1.75
CedarF	3.74f	15	54.67	-.54
Cemex	.29t		4.20	-.07
Centene s	...	18	63.52	-1.68
CntRsDvA	...		3.31	+.03
CenterPnt	1.15	19	26.67	+.09
CntryLink	1.00	6	13.88	+.05
Chemed	1.28f	39	481.90	+1.83
ChesEng	...	1	.53	-.06
Chevron	5.16f	15	111.40	+1.03
Chicos	.35	12	4.06	-.02
Cimarex	.80	6	45.77	+.41
Cintas	2.55f	40	283.20	+2.95
Cisco	1.40	20	47.24	+.19
CgpVelCrd	...		8.95	-.22
CgpVelCrd	...		5.25	+.10
Citigroup	2.04	11	77.43	+.95
CitzFinccl	1.56f	10	37.91	+.29
ClevCliffs	.24	2	7.19	...
ClovisOnc	...	dd	8.62	-.27
CoDiagn	...	dd	2.70	-.19
CocaCola	1.60	36	58.86	+1.85
ColgPalm	1.72	26	69.47	+.64
Comcast	.92f	21	44.14	+.82
CmpTask	.24	dd	6.02	+.04
Conmed	.80	40	104.64	-1.71
ConocoPhil	1.68f	11	60.89	+.40
ConEd	3.08f	19	94.74	+.30
Corning	.80	12	27.69	-.66
Corteva n	...		29.24	+1.44
CrackerB	5.20	17	155.79	-1.11
Cree Inc	...	dd	46.86	-3.83
CronosGp	...	7	7.44	-.09
CrosTim	1.38e	8	8.36	-.25
CrownHold	...	22	75.82	+1.03
Cummins	5.24	46	166.10	+.41
CypSemi	.44	39	23.39	+.06
D				
DHT Hldgs	.20f	dd	6.05	-.22
DNP Select	.78	q	12.85	-.01
DR Horton	.70	15	60.30	-.43
DTE	4.05f	24	133.15	+1.20
DTF TxF	.84	q	15.14	-.01
DelphiTc	.68	5	15.55	-.11
DeltaAir	1.61	9	57.10	+.45
DenburyR	...	dd	.00	-.03
DeutschBk	.12e		9.30	+.53
DBXHvChiA	.29e	q	26.93	-.38
DevonE	.36	14	22.49	+.30
Dillards	.60	8	67.51	-2.05
DineEquity	2.76	6	87.48	-1.66
DxSCOBr rs	...	q	20.34	+.05
DxGBull		q	32.18	-.34
DxGlMBr	...	q	10.20	+.02
DirSPBear	...	q	12.56	-.11
DirDGlBr	...	q	5.83	+.08
DiscIncC	...	15	28.38	+.14
Disney	1.76	18	137.81	+1.75
DollarTree	...	11	87.61	+1.50
DomEngy	3.76f	18	86.48	+1.09
Donaldson	.84	26	53.51	+.46
Dover	1.96	30	118.92	+2.54
Dow Inc n	2.80		48.47	-1.20
DryShrs	.52	q	8.44	...
Dupont rs	1.20	6	52.72	-4.97
DufPUC	.60	q	9.31	+.01
E				
eBay	.64f	8	35.06	+.48
EQT Corp	.12	dd	6.19	+.10
EastChem	2.64f	9	69.55	-1.28
Endo Intl	...	dd	5.64	-.26
EgyTransR	1.22	15	12.78	-.07
EnPrdPrPL	1.78f	19	26.53	-.30
EqtyRsd	2.27	53	83.97	+1.70
Ericsson	.11e	dd	.799	-.13
Eros Intl	...	8	2.74	-.57
Evergy	2.02f	32	72.46	+.27
EversrceE	2.14	30	93.21	+.82
Exelon	1.53f	19	48.06	+.25
ExxonMbl	3.48	15	64.79	+.68
F				
Facebook	...	39	209.53	-13.70
Farfetch	...		12.50	+1.17
FedRlty	4.20f	22	125.44	-.61
FedSignl	.32	33	34.19	+.09
FifthThird	.96	10	29.19	+.72
FstCoBnk	.44f	17	13.70	+.22
FirstEnrgy	1.56f	11	50.98	+.01
Flex Ltd	...	19	12.94	-.14
FordM	.60a	7	8.84	-.02
FrankCov	...	dd	31.64	+.20
FrankRes	1.08f	8	26.21	+1.37
FrptMcM	.20	7	11.32	+.03
FuelCell rs	...		1.69	-.04
G				
GenElec	.04	dd	12.73	-.21
GenMills	1.96	19	53.73	+.70
GenMotors	1.52	dd	33.33	-.27
Genprex	...	dd	1.68	+.10
Gerdau	.02e		4.83	+.07
Gibraltar	...	35	55.77	-.25
GileadSci	2.52	13	64.03	-.27
GlaxoSKlin	2.89e		46.98	-.21
GoldFld	.01e		6.45	+.23
Goodyear	.64	6	13.55	-.26
GrocOutl n	...		32.61	-1.13
H				
HP Inc	.70	7	21.53	+.10
Halliblrtn	.72	12	19.25	+.35
HanPrmDv	1.08a	q	18.43	+.03
HarleyD	1.50	12	33.98	+.16
HartfdFn	1.20	20	59.52	+1.00
HawaiiEl	1.28	27	49.34	+.50
HrtlndEx	.08	19	19.10	+.08
HeclaM	.01e	dd	2.98	-.07
HeinzByne2.80f		dd	40.57	+.97
HP Ent	.60e	34	14.42	...
Hill-Rom	.84	32	108.72	-.25
HomeDp	5.44	23	232.79	-1.23
HonwllIntl	3.60f	20	178.34	+2.67
HostHotls	.85a	40	16.55	-.22
Humana	2.20	29	343.24	-8.33
HuntBncsh	.60	13	13.75	+.27
I				
IAMGld g	1.52f	dd	2.99	-.01
ICICI Bk	.19e		14.73	
I-VI	...	42	34.30	-.96
iPt ShFut	...		14.60	-.25
iShBrHY s	...		41.23	+.09
iShGold	...		14.77	+.01
iShBrazil	.67e	q	44.81	-.15
iSh HK	.61e	q	23.38	-.21
iShSilver		q	16.68	+.27
iShChinaLC .87e		q	40.69	-.51
iShUSAggBd2.65e		q	114.31	+.01
iShEMkts	.59e	q	42.98	-.65
iShBoxIG	3.87	q	130.75	+.08
iSh20 yrT	3.05	q	144.58	+.02
iS Eafe	1.66e	q	68.64	-.06
iShJksHYB	5.09	q	87.89	+.09
iShR2K	1.77e	q	163.93	...
iSUSAMinV .87e		q	67.97	+.53
iShREst	2.76e	q	95.73	+.12
iShCorEafe1.56e			64.44	-.07
iBio	...	dd	.29	+.05
Infosys	...	22	11.06	...
Ingredion	2.52	16	91.12	+.91
InovioPhm	...	dd	4.66	+.55
Intel	1.32f	23	66.47	+.14
Intelsat	...		3.11	-.67
IBM	6.48	14	136.77	-.92
Invesco	1.24	7	17.63	...
Inv QQQ	1.16e	q	222.60	+.79
iShJapan	...	q	58.71	-.08
iSTaiwn	...	q	38.69	-1.08
iShCorEM	.95e	q	51.61	-.79
IsraLnd	.26	q	7.81	+.02
Itron	...	76	84.98	+.05
J				
JD.com		70	38.49	-.65
JPMorgCh	3.20	14	135.89	+1.66
JohnJn	3.80	25	150.36	-.18
JohnContl	1.04	28	40.51	+.02
K				
Kellogg	2.28	17	68.88	+.45
Kelly SA	.30	18	18.90	+.15
Kemper	1.12f	12	76.71	-.74
Keycorp	.74	11	19.08	+.20
KimbClnt	.36	19	19.46	-.48
Kimco	1.12	20	19.35	-.71
KindMorg	1.00	21	21.42	+.23
Kinross g	.38		5.00	...
KosmosEn	.18	dd	5.44	-.18
KraftHnz	1.60	8	29.94	+.32
L				
L Brands	1.20	9	23.41	+.19
LSharis	3.00	40	224.74	+1.17
LamarAdv	3.84	27	93.75	-.52
LancastrC	2.80	32	158.59	+1.40
LVSands	3.08	16	66.20	+1.50
LeggMason	1.60	dd	39.60	-.33
LexRltyTr	.42f	20	11.20	+.02
LianliusSm	...		2.32	+.40
LloydBkg	.47a		3.03	+.07
LuckinCf n	...		36.40	-1.47
M				
MDU Res	.83f	25	29.97	+.29
MFA Fncl	.80	10	7.85	-.06
MCR	.72a	q	8.47	-.01
MGIF	.41	q	4.56	-.02
MIN	.42	q	3.84	+.01
MMT	.52	q	6.20	-.08
MFM	.38	q	721	...
MFV	.58	q	6.77	-.04
MGE Energy	1.41	33	81.24	+.87
MGM Rsts	.48	9	31.30	+.03
MSA Safety	1.68	38	138.31	-.02
MSC Ind	3.00	12	70.46	+.06
Macys	1.51	5	16.83	-.04
MarathnO	.20	4	11.86	+.11
MarvellTch	.24	39	24.80	-.29
McDnlds	5.00	33	216.18	+1.74
Merck	2.44	19	86.50	-.74
MercGn	2.52f	29	49.64	+.66
MetLife	1.76	11	51.28	+.79
MicronT	...	6	55.03	-.27
Microsoft	2.04f	34	172.78	+4.74
MdsxWatr	1.02	34	66.91	+.04
Miragen	...		2.04	+.35
Modine	...	5	7.25	-.03
Mondelez	1.14	15	58.80	+4.24
MorgStan	1.40	11	53.82	+.49
Mosaic	.20	32	20.17	+.86
N				
NBT Bcp	1.08	14	38.65	+.34
Nabors	.24	dd	2.33	-.02
NanoVric	...	dd	12.00	+2.52
NatFuGas	1.74	13	41.99	-.34
NY CmtyB	.68	14	11.06	-.04
NewmntCp	.56	34	44.97	+.35
NextEraEn	5.00	29	269.49	+4.17
NiSource	.80	36	29.10	-.09
NikeB	.98f	39	98.19	-1.65
NobleEngy	.48	dd	20.30	-.30
NokiaCp	.19e		3.96	+.05
Nordstrm	1.48a	16	38.67	+.15
NorflkSo	3.76	23	214.50	-.33
NthrOil&G	...	22	1.72	+.03
NorthropG	5.28	41	384.87	+2.22
NortonLife	.50f	13	28.30	+.62
NuPA	.81a	q	14.54	+.01
Nvidia	.64	57	245.81	+.27
O				
OasisPet	...	dd	2.28	+.07
OcciPet	3.16	31	40.59	+.12
Olin	.80	3	15.64	-.19
OnSmcnd	...	12	23.94	+.06
Oncomx h	...		.36	-.02
ONEOK	3.74f	55	75.47	+.53
Oracle	.96	55	53.31	+.11
OshkoshCp	1.20	20	87.31	+.26
OtterTail	1.40	26	54.20	+.90
P				
PG&E Cp	...	22	14.91	-.14
PNC	4.60	14	150.96	+2.37
PPG	2.04	22	123.11	-.31
PPL Corp	1.65	16	36.47	-.27
ParsleyEn	.12	19	16.85	-.01
PayPal	...	75	117.12	+.46
PennNtGm	...	42	30.87	+1.85
Penney	...	dd	.78	-.02
PepsiCo	3.82	16	143.83	+2.10
Perbrook	...		13.60	+.03
Petrobras			14.49	+.12
Pfizer	1.52f	15	37.07	-.13
PhilipMor	4.68	17	84.54	+.37
Pinduoduo	...		35.93	-.81
Pinterest n	...		22.20	-.42
PitnyBow	.20	2	3.75	-.09
PlainsAAP	1.40	27	16.99	-.20
PlugPowr h	...	dd	3.99	-.05
PrUltPQ	...	q	98.48	+1.10
PrsVivaST	...	q	12.01	-.19
PrUCrude	...	q	15.28	-.21
ProctGam	2.98	29	125.95	+.89
ProShtSP	...	q	23.60	-.09
PrUltShSP	...	q	24.01	-.16
PShtQQQ rs	...	q	19.41	-.22
Prudentl	4.00	10	93.11	+1.20
PSEG	1.88	21	60.00	-.10
PPrIT	.31	q	5.44	...
Q				
QEP Res	.08	9	3.30	+.02
Qorvo	...	69	111.79	-.78
Qualcom	2.48	dd	87.78	-.45
Qudian	...		2.95	-.19
R				
RangeRs	.08	3	3.01	
RegionsFn	.62	11	15.61	+.21
RioTinto	.22e		55.22	-.03
RiotBlck	1.00p		1.43	+.12
RiteAid rs	...		12.37	+.38
RockwlIM	...	dd	2.73	-.05
RoyDShlA	3.76	82	53.84	-1.89
S				
S&T Bcp	1.12	14	38.63	+.66
SpdrGold	...	q	148.47	+.01
S&P500ETF4.13e		q	327.68	+1.06
SpdrS&P RB.76e		q	55.30	+.55
SpdrOGEx .73e		q	19.63	+.08
Schlmbrg	2.00	21	34.04	+.31
Schwab	.72f	18	47.19	+1.24
Scotts	2.32	29	120.82	+5.21
SelectIns	.92f	24	67.22	+1.41
SiNxTc rs	...		2.06	+.60
SibanyeG	.14r		10.57	+.37
SiriusXM	.05	33	7.19	+.11
SlackTc n	...		20.64	-.16
SmDirCl n	...		13.44	-.48
Smucker	3.52	13	105.82	+.64
SnapInc A	...	dd	18.88	-.26
SourcC	1.00	q	39.16	-.33
SoJerInd	1.18f	dd	31.29	+.15
SouthnCo	2.48	33	70.85	+.75
SwstnEngy	...	2	1.56	+.01
Sprint	...	3	4.46	-.10
Square	...		76.10	-.06
StageStrs	.20	dd	1.17	-.08
SP Matls	.98e	q	58.93	-.37
SP HlthC	1.01e	q	101.16	-.74
SP CnSt	1.28e	q	63.90	+.75
SP Engy	2.04e	q	55.16	+.44
SPDR Fncl	.46e	q	30.60	+.38
SP Inds	1.12e	q	83.03	+.09
SP Tech	.78e	q	98.02	+.84
SP Util	1.55e	q	69.29	+.64
Starbucks	1.64	38	85.84	-.88
SundialG n	...	dd	1.51	-1.07
Sunrun	...	15	17.48	+.53
SuperiorInd	.36	5	3.17	+.15
Synchrony	.88	9	33.12	+.48
Sysco	1.80f	33	82.84	+.95
T				
Taiwan	1.71	q	20.01	-.68
TaiSemi	.73e		55.80	-1.39
TangerFac	1.43f	8	15.29	+.08
TaylrDv			12.30	-.09
TechData n	...	28	144.10	-.05
Technip	.13	9	16.46	-.18
TeklaHlth	1.93e	q	20.42	-.30
TeleTech	1.20e		6.82	+.03
Tesla Inc	...	dd	640.81	+59.82
TetraTech	.24f	dd	1.55	
Tevha Phrm	.73e	dd	10.27	-.11
Tiffany	2.32	29	134.08	-.01
Timken	1.12	21	54.92	-.21
Titan Intl	.02	dd	3.02	-.04
TitanPh	...		.27	-.01
Toro Co	1.00f	32	80.72	-.55
ToughBlt	...	dd	.16	-.01
Transocn	...	dd	4.74	+.01
Tredgar	.48	28	20.73	-.10
TriCont	1.86e	q	28.69	-.04
Trimble	...	41	43.43	+.01
Trip.com	...	47	33.16	+.30
TruistFn	1.80	13	52.13	-1.73
Twitter	...	85	33.22	-.41
Tyson	1.50	15	84.75	+.34
U				
UGI Corp	1.30	9	42.14	-.42
Uber Tch n	...		36.68	-.31
Uniasys	...	dd	9.61	-.15
UtdAirHl	...	9	77.75	+2.54
UnBnOH	.55f	9	13.41	...
UBSI	1.40f	16	35.01	+.70
UPS B	3.84	18	108.00	-7.76
US Bancrp	1.68	13	54.25	+.65
US Oil'Fd	...	q	11.08	-.08
USSteel	.20	5	9.40	+.08
UtdGrdian	1.10e	26	17.51	+.42
V				
Vale SA	.29e	21	12.01	+.06
VanEGold	.06e	q	28.73	-.13
VnEkRus	.01e	q	25.22	-.34
VEckOlSvc	.47e	q	11.15	+.09
VanE JrGld	...	q	41.12	-.17
VangEmg	1.10e	q	42.77	-.59
VangFTSE	1.10e	q	43.48	-.10
Vereit	.55	cc	9.78	+.06
VerizonCm	2.46	15	59.36	-.17
VSTechnol	.96f	8	34.19	-.50
VirgnGal	...		17.10	-.48
Visa	1.00	69	208.21	+3.35
VishayInt	.38	cc	20.83	-.16
VslinkT hrs	...		.30	-.02
VoltInfSci	...	dd	2.51	...
W				
WD 40	2.68f	37	191.90	+3.60
WEC Engy	2.53f	32	100.61	+1.92
WPX Engy	...	dd	12.10	+.04
WalMart	2.12f	67	116.58	+.69
WashPrCp	1.00	8	3.11	-.16
WellsFargo	2.04	11	47.91	+.64
Wendys Co	.48f	24	20.83	-.16
Westbnc	1.24	13	33.24	+.52
WAMgdMu	.78	q	13.85	-.05
WDigital	2.00	25	66.96	+.20
WestRock	1.86f	12	40.02	-.59
WhitngPet	...	dd	4.58	+.10
Wmc Entm	1.60f	8	21.27	+.11
Worthgtn	.96	15	37.93	+.40
X				
XcelEnrgy	1.62	30	68.76	+1.34
XerocHld	1.00	cc	36.98	+.25
Xilinx	1.48	44	87.20	-.86
Y				
YPF Soc	.11e		9.61	+.03
Yamana g	.02	dd	3.92	-.06
Z				
Zynga	...	dd	6.08	+.02

Footnotes

Stock Footnotes: g - Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. h - Does not meet continued-listing standards. lf - Late filing with SEC. n - Stock was a new issue in the last year. The 52-week high and low figures do not include the first week of trading. pf - Preferred stock issue. pr - Preferences. rs - Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50% within the past year. rt - Right to buy security at a specified price. s - Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. wi - Trades will be settled when the stock is issued. wd - When distributed. wt - Warrant, allowing a purchase of a stock. un - Unit., including more than one security. v - Company in bankruptcy or receivership, or being reorganized under the bankruptcy law. Appears in front of the name.

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date.

PE Footnotes: z - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	LAST	CHG	%CHG	VOL (000s)	YTD %CHG	1YR %RTN	P/E	DIV	YLD
Amer Elec Power	AEP	78.15	103.14	**104.10**	**+1.29**	+1.3	1,931	+10.1	+36.5	27	2.80	2.7
Arcelor Mittal	MT	12.53	24.24	**15.32**	**-.07**	-0.5	4,143	-12.7	-32.5	4	0.10p	...
Cardinal Health	CAH	41.03	56.88	**53.29**	**-.45**	-0.8	1,920	+5.4	+13.4	dd	1.92	3.6
Chesapk Engy	CHK	0.51	3.57	**.53**	**-.01**	-1.9	56,075	-36.0	-81.6	1	...	...
Chevron Corp	CVX	109.98	127.34	**111.40**	**+1.03**	+0.9	8,379	-7.6	+3.3	15	5.16f	4.6
Dominion Energy	D	70.51	85.46	**86.48**	**+1.09**	+1.3	3,380	+4.4	+29.0	18	3.76f	4.3
DuPont de Nemours	DD	57.37	83.71	**52.72**	**-4.97**	-8.6	22,855	-17.9	-27.3	6	1.20	2.3
EQT Corp	EQT	6.00	21.86	**6.19**	**+.10**	+1.6	6,958	-43.2	-64.9	dd	0.12	1.9
FirstEnergy Corp	FE	38.11	51.07	**50.98**	**+.01**	...	4,561	+4.9	+35.3	11	1.56f	3.1
Gen Electric	GE	7.65	13.00	**12.73**	**-.21**	-1.6	95,355	+14.1	+37.1	dd	0.04	.3
Halliburton	HAL	16.97	32.71	**21.95**	**+.32**	+1.5	10,648	-10.3	-27.0	12	0.72	3.3
Hess Corp	HES	51.10	74.11	**58.56**	**+.74**	+1.3	4,376	-12.3	+22.0	dd	1.00	1.7
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	98.09	141.10	**135.89**	**+1.66**	+1.2	9,008	-2.5	+32.7	14	3.20	2.4
Kroger Co	KR	20.70	29.97	**27.55**	**+.10**	+0.4	3,937	-5.0	+2.5	13	0.56f	2.0
Lowes Cos	LOW	91.60	123.14	**119.72**	**-.70**	-0.6	3,472	...	+32.4	27	2.20	1.8
Mylan NV	MYL	16.63	32.23	**21.92**	**-.18**	-0.8	3,751	+9.1	-23.5	6	...	...
Range Resources	RRC	3.00	11.65	**3.01**	...	...	12,262	-37.9	-71.3	3	0.08	2.7
Rite Aid Corp	RAD	5.04	23.88	**12.37**	**+.38**	+3.2	2,390	-20.0	-36.1	...	...	...
Truist Financial Cp	TFC	44.51	56.92	**52.13**	**-1.73**	-3.2	13,251	-7.4	+15.0	13	1.80	3.5
Utd Bankshares WV	UBSI	33.90	40.70	**35.01**	**+.70**	+2.0	794	-9.4	+5.4	16	1.40f	4.0
Wesbanco	WSBC	32.44	43.13	**33.24**	**+.52**	+1.6	255	-12.0	-9.5	13	1.24	3.7

Stocks Recap

Dow Jones industrials
Close: 28,859.44
Change: 124.99 (0.4%)

10 DAYS
29,400
28,920
28,440
30,000
29,000
28,000
27,000
26,000
25,000
A S O N D J

Nasdaq composite
Close: 9,298.93
Change: 23.77 (0.3%)

10 DAYS
9,480
9,280
9,080
9,500
8,500
8,000
7,500
A S O N D J

Mutual Funds

FUND	NAV	CHG	4-WK %RTN
AMG			
Yacktman	20.38	+.02	-0.1
American Century			
UltraInv	54.58	+.22	+4.9
ValInv	8.22	+.03	-2.5
American Funds			
AMCpA m	34.00	-.08	+.16
AmcrdBalA m	28.76	-.02	+.10
AmcrdHIncA m	10.04	-.03	+0.1
AmcrdMuA m	43.78	+.12	+0.8
BalanceA m	13.28	...	+.15
CpWldGrIncA m	52.16	-.20	+0.1
CptlIncBldA m	63.36	-.06	+0.3
EuroPacGrA m	54.74	-.44	-1.5
FdmtlInvsA m	62.28	-.14	+0.7
GrInvestA m	52.35	-.03	+2.7
IncoAmerA m	23.29	-.02	+0.4
NewWrld A m	38.76	-.08	+0.8
NwPrspctvA m	48.06	...	+2.0
SmCpWrldA m	59.09	-.29	+0.7
TheNewEcoA m	46.59	-.16	+2.1
TxExBdA m	13.53	+.02	+1.7
WAMtlnvsA m	48.48	+.10	+0.9
Baird			
AggregateBdInstl	11.40	+.02	+1.8
CorPlus

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500	10-YR T-NOTE	30-YR T-BOND	GOLD	CRUDE OIL	NATURAL GAS
28,859.44 +124.99	9,298.93 +23.77	3,283.66 +10.26	1.55% -.04	2.02% -.03	$1,583.50 +13.10	$52.14 -1.19	$1.83 -.04

Today

Rough quarter?

Wall Street expects Caterpillar's earnings and revenue declined in the fourth quarter.

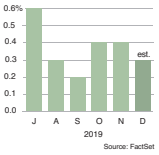
The maker of heavy equipment has been struggling with weaker demand as many builders and equipment dealers pulled back on spending. Slowing economic growth in China has led to a sharp decline in Caterpillar's sales. The company reports its latest quarterly results today.

In a spending mood

Americans stepped up spending last fall ahead of the holiday shopping season.

Consumer spending rose 0.4% in October, the biggest gain since a 0.6% increase in July. Economists predict that consumer spending continued to accelerate last month, rising 0.3%. The Commerce Department serves up its December snapshot of consumer spending today.

Consumer spending
seasonally adjusted percent change



Source: FactSet

Spotlight on Chevron

Chevron reports its fourth-quarter results today.

Financial analysts predict the oil company's earnings and revenue declined in the October-December period versus a year earlier. Investors will be listening for an update on Chevron's read of global demand for oil now that the U.S. and China have taken steps to resolve their prolonged trade war.

Operating EPS	Q4 '18	Q4 '19
	$1.95	est. $1.47

Price-earnings ratio: **16** based on past 12-month results

Dividend: **$4.76** Div. yield: **4.3%**

Source: FactSet

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Johnson & Johnson to pay $344M over ads

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A San Diego judge ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay nearly $344 million in penalties for deceptively marketing pelvic mesh devices for women, according to a copy of the ruling.

Superior Court Judge Eddie Sturgeon ruled Thursday against the medical giant in a lawsuit brought by the California Department of Justice in 2016.

The California Attorney General's Office called the decision the first time a court has ruled that the company engaged in false and deceptive business practices. Johnson & Johnson, the world's biggest maker of health care products, reported last week a net income of $4.01 billion, or $1.50 per share — an increase from $3.04 billion a year earlier. Higher prescription drug sales and lower legal costs drove J&J's fourth-quarter profit 32% higher.

Pilots sue to halt flights to China

DALLAS (AP) — The pilots' union at American Airlines sued to block the carrier from flying to China and told members not to operate flight there because of the spreading coronavirus outbreak.

The Allied Pilots Association, which represents American's 15,000 pilots, filed the lawsuit Thursday in state district court in Dallas. The union cited the declaration by international health experts that the virus is a public health emergency.

"I am directing all APA pilots to cease flight operations between the United States and China," union President Eric Ferguson said in note to pilots.

American did not immediately respond for comment.

Earlier this week, American announced that it will suspend flights between Los Angeles and China beginning Feb. 9 but a union spokesman said the group wants them to be halted immediately, along with flights from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

TFS Financial posts 1Q profit of $25.6M

CLEVELAND (AP) — TFS Financial Corp. (TFSL) on Thursday reported fiscal first-quarter earnings of $25.6 million.

On a per-share basis, the Cleveland-based company said it had profit of 9 cents.

The holding company for Third Federal Savings and Loan posted revenue of $132 million in the period. Its adjusted revenue was $76.1 million.

TFS Financial shares have risen nearly 2% since the beginning of the year. In the final minutes of trading on Thursday, shares hit $20.05, an increase of 20% in the last 12 months.

Stocks post modest gains on wobbly day

(AP) — Major U.S. stock indexes finished higher Thursday after a late burst of buying led by technology and financial companies reversed an early slide.

News of a spike in the number of confirmed cases and fatalities from a virus outbreak in China put investors in a selling mood for most of the day, overshadowing a batch of mostly solid company earnings reports.

Traders have been worried that the outbreak could end up dampening global economic growth. But those concerns appeared to ease by late afternoon, after the director general of the World Health Organization said that the organization was not recommending limiting travel or trade to China.

"There is no reason for measures that unnecessarily interfere with international travel and trade," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters in Geneva after the WHO officially declared the outbreak a global emergency.

Technology and financial companies led the market's rebound. Companies that rely on consumer spending also notched solid gains. Health care and communication stocks fell the most.

Amazon reported its quarterly results at the close of regular trading. The company's earnings and revenue blew past Wall Street's expectations, sending its shares sharply higher in extended trading.

The S&P 500 index rose 10.26 points, or 0.3%, to 3,283.66. The index had been down 0.9% earlier in the day.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 124.99 points, or 0.4%, to 28,859.44. The Nasdaq added 23.77 points, or 0.3%, to 9,298.93.

Smaller company stocks recovered most of the way after taking the brunt of the selling. The Russell 2000 index slipped 1 point, or 0.1%, to 1,648.22.

Stocks have given up some ground after a strong start to the year amid uncertainty over the virus outbreak. Still, the major indexes remain on track to end January with gains. The indexes spent much of Thursday in the red as investors assessed the latest company earnings reports and monitored developments in the outbreak of a new virus in China.

The new type of coronavirus is starting to spread to people outside China, which is essentially on lockdown. There are currently more than 7,800 confirmed cases, mostly in central China, and 170 deaths, mostly in Hubei province.

The WHO's move to declare the outbreak a global emergency Thursday came after the number of cases spiked tenfold in a week. The declaration means the WHO sees the virus as a risk to other countries that requires an international response.

"While the WHO declaration was anticipated to come at some point, they did stop short of suggesting travel and trade restrictions with China were necessary to prevent the spread of the virus," said Mike Stritch, chief investment officer of BMO Wealth Management.

StoryStocks

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Microsoft MSFT
Close: **$172.78** ▲**4.74 or 2.8%**
The software company handily beat Wall Street's profit forecasts on sharp gains from its cloud computing business.

52-week range $102.35 – $174.05
Vol.: **51.3m (2.3x avg.)** PE: **30.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$1318.1 b** Yield: **1.2%**

DuPont DD
Close: **$52.72** ▼**-4.97 or -8.6%**
The chemicals company reported revenue that fell short of analysts' estimates.

52-week range $51.72 – $83.73
Vol.: **22.8m (4.4x avg.)** PE: **50.0**
Mkt. Cap: **$39.1 b** Yield: **2.3%**

Tesla TSLA
Close: **$640.81** ▲**59.82 or 10.3%**
The electric vehicle maker handily beat analysts' fourth-quarter earnings forecasts on record sales.

52-week range $176.99 – $650.88
Vol.: **28.7m (2.4x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$115.5 b** Yield: **...**

Carnival CCL
Close: **$44.75** ▼**-1.75 or -3.8%**
A couple from Hong Kong were quarantined aboard one of the company's ships near the Italian coast, according to media reports.

52-week range $39.92 – $59.24
Vol.: **14.9m (3.4x avg.)** PE: **10.3**
Mkt. Cap: **$23.6 b** Yield: **4.5%**

Mondelez International MDLZ
Close: **$58.80** ▲**4.24 or 7.8%**
The maker of Oreo cookies reported strong fourth-quarter profits and revenue.

52-week range $44.00 – $58.93
Vol.: **18.2m (3.1x avg.)** PE: **22.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$84.7 b** Yield: **1.9%**

ServiceNow NOW
Close: **$341.62** ▲**28.69 or 9.2%**
The software company's fourth-quarter profit and revenue beat Wall Street forecasts.

52-week range $209.99 – $343.89
Vol.: **4.9m (1.9x avg.)** PE: **107.9**
Mkt. Cap: **$64.1 b** Yield: **...**

SOURCE: FIS AP

Business spending down

In the final month of 2019, new orders for high-cost U.S. factory goods tumbled — a sign that businesses remained reluctant to make significant investments.

A big reason was likely persistent uncertainty surrounding President Donald Trump's mercurial trade policy. The sluggish pace of business spending is a key reason, in turn, why the economy is expanding at only a modest pace.

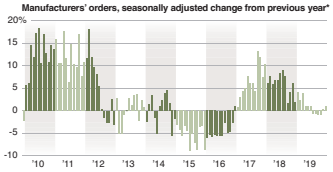
Orders for large equipment fell 0.9% in December from November, the government said, the sharpest monthly decline since April. The drop was led by lower orders for computers, machinery and metals.

Trump's trade war with Beijing led many companies to suspend plans to expand. Investment spending fell in July from a year earlier and remained in negative territory through October. On an annual basis, orders have since edged back into positive territory but are still weak.

Many economists say they hope the preliminary U.S.-China deal reached last month will remove some of the uncertainty for businesses and spur more investment. Others worry, though, that companies remain cautious because most of the tariffs on Chinese goods are still in place, and the presidential election is approaching.

Manufacturers' orders, seasonally adjusted change from previous year*

Orders down: New orders for big-ticket factory goods have weakened sharply in past year.



Source: Commerce Dept. via St. Louis Federal Reserve
*Non-defense, excludes commercial aircraft

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Company Spotlight

Bubbly profits at Coke

Coca-Cola rose 3% after the world's largest beverage maker reported solid fourth-quarter earnings on sales of new drinks and global gains.

The company said sales of fizzy drinks rose 3% for the quarter, driven by strong sales in China, Brazil and Southeast Asia. It has also branched out from its signature soda. New drinks like Coca-Cola Plus Coffee helped drive sales. Coca-Cola Zero Sugar saw double digit sales gains last year. Coffee and tea sales — boosted by the company's 2018 acquisition of Costa Coffee — grew 4%.

Coca-Cola also saw gains from enhanced waters and sports drinks like Powerade.

Looking ahead, the company said it expects organic revenue growth, which excludes acquisitions, of 5% in 2020.

Coca-Cola (KO) Thursday's close: **$58.86, +1.85**

52-WEEK RANGE $44 – $59

Price-earnings ratio: **33** (Based on past 12-month results)

Total return	1-yr	3-yrs*	5-yrs*
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Div. yield: 2.7% **Dividend:** $1.60

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PATRIOTS

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Joel Mendelson captured the first power play goal of the third, followed by Tyler Weekley's second goal of the contest, on an assist from Grant Parshall.

Abraham garnered the final power play goal with 54 seconds remaining in the game to earn his third goal. Weekley delivered the assist.

"We knew with it being Senior Night that they were going to compete," VanLaar said. "It's a rivalry and they won the other night but we are coming around slowly. Guys are slowly buying in.

"We were better on defense, too. We were getting in lanes and blocking shots. There is still a lot of hockey left before states so we have some time to correct some stuff."

Abraham got the scoring started in the game, as well. Teammate Liam Carney skated around the right circle and sent a pass to the slot, where Abraham laced a shot into the cage for the 1-0 edge.

Weekley showed off his skills 10:53 into the game with a back-handed goal to put the Patriots up 2-0 on assists from Tommy Woods and Nathan Brinker.

Mason Smith got the Knights on the board with 3:51 to play in the first as he raced down the slot and lit the lamp to cut the deficit in half.

Caleb Carnell deadlocked the game for Central 6:46 into the second period. Smith bolted down the ice and found Carnell in the right circle for the equalizer.

Park regrouped and with 8:07 left in the frame as Riley Weekley took a pass from Jason Haller and found the back of the net to put his team back on top for good.

"Haller pressured the guy coming in the zone and forced a turnover," VanLaar said. "He threw it in the slot and Riley was going hard to the net.

"The goalie was sliding one way and Riley just went backdoor. It was a perfect play there with good hustle.

"Jason forced the turnover and that's all we are asking for. If we pressure the puck, those opportunities can happen."

Abraham knocked in a shot with 6:28 to go in the second to make it a 4-2 Park advantage after two.

In his first season on the ice, Wheeling Central's Haden Barickman stopped 15 shots.

"Park's a good team and they got a lot of skill," first-year coach P.J. Ratcliffe said. "The first time we played them we got beat 15-3 I think, so this is a step in the right direction.

"It's been a fun year watching the progress. Our goalie never played hockey before. We needed a goalie coming into the year and he was a soccer goalie and we talked him into coming out.

"Everybody has been chipping in and working with him. He's taken his lumps but he is starting to figure it out. You've got to give the kid credit."

Predators Take Down Devils, 6-5

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) – Filip Forgsberg and Matt Duchene scored in a shootout, and the Nashville Predators gave coach John Hynes a win against his former team with a wild 6-5 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

Forsberg scored two goals in regulation and Pekka Rinne made saves on Jack Hughes and Kyle Palmieri on the Devils' final two shootout attempts as the Predators won their second game in two nights.

Mattias Ekholm, Nick Bonino and Duchene also scored for the Predators. Rinne had 27 saves for Nashville, which is 7-0-3 in its last 10 games against New Jersey.

CANADIENS 3 SABRES 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) – Ilya Kovalchuk and Brendan Gallagher scored in a span of 2:16 early in the second period, and Montreal beat Buffalo.

Carey Price stopped 20 shots to improve to 5-1 in his last six starts, a stretch in which he's allowed just 10 goals.

For Gallagher, the goal came in his first game after missing six straight and 10 of 11 with headaches and concussion-related issues.

Tomas Tatar sealed Montreal's fifth win in seven games with an empty-net goal with 1:47 left.

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MARSHALL COUNTY — Fish Creek Road (CR 74) will be closed at milepost 15.5 from Monday through Feb. 21 each day from from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. and is necessary for slip repair.

No through traffic will be permitted, although school buses and emergency vehicles will be accommodated. Traffic will be maintained during non-working hours by temporary traffic signals.

Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route.

Fish fry in Glen Dale

GLEN DALE — St. Jude Catholic Church will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Feb. 7. Eat in or take-out orders will be available. Call 304-845-2646 for local delivery ordered by 10 a.m. for lunch and by 3 p.m. for dinner.

Harrison County calendars for sale

CADIZ — There are 2020 Harrison Coal & Reclamation Historical Park calendars ready for purchase. Locally, they can be purchased at the Puskarich Public Library, Market Street, Cadiz and at the Harrison County Visitor Center, 143 S. Main St. Cadiz.

This calendar was sponsored by the Harrison County, Visitor Center, Leonard and Dolly Ferrara, Sue Adams, Kelly Michelli and Marilyn Monzula.

Calendars are $10, and, if ordered to be mailed out, add $3 for postage and handling for each additional calendar. Send orders to Dale Davis, 800 N. 13th St. Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Or call Dale at 740-391-4135. Checks or money orders should be made out to HCRHP.

Ask Dale about the previous calendars and how you may buy any of these.

Sweetheart Chocolate Walk

STEUBENVILLE — Historic Fort Steuben will again be offering a winter event, the Sweetheart Chocolate Walk, in downtown Steubenville.

The event will be held on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Among the businesses that will be in the walk are BookMarx Bookstore, Leonardo's Coffeehouse, Steubenville Popcorn Co., Drosselmeyer's Nutcracker Shoppe, the Prodigal Daughter, Ohio Valley Handmades, Froehlich's Classic Corner, Yorgo's, the Urban Frontier and Elite Pro Coaching, Fort Steuben Visitor Center and the Antique Warehouse. A map with locations will be given with each ticket.

Half the proceeds from the event will go toward the educational programs at Historic Fort Steuben.

Only 50 tickets will be sold and will be available Monday at the Fort Steuben Visitor Center or by calling 740-283-1787.

Photo by Carri Graham

Dozens of Martins Ferry's elected officials, law enforcement, first responders and residents prepare their submission to "HGTV's Home Town Takeover" Thursday afternoon at the Betty Zane monument on Fourth Street. The makeover show promises to help community members in completing a full city transformation, restoring and reviving portions of the community.

■ MARTINS FERRY ■

Martins Ferry Hopes to Participate In HGTV's 'Home Town Takeover'

By CARRI GRAHAM
For The Intelligencer

Members of a local community want to compete in a nationwide competition in hopes of restoring their city to its former glory.

Officials with the city of Martins Ferry and Project Forward invited residents to bring signs, paint brushes and hammers to the Betty Zane monument Thursday afternoon to create a photograph and video of the city to submit to HGTV's Home Town Takeover. The winning city will receive a "community makeover." Dozens of local residents, wielding signs, tools and cleaning supplies, showed their support for the competition.

HGTV is known for its home renovation projects; however, in an upcoming series, the channel is taking on its largest project yet — taking over an entire town to revitalize the community. Each applicant must highlight the aspects of their town that make it unique, special or historic.

Project Forward officials, who are organizing the submission, are striving to do just that. The non-profit group is attempting to focus on the economic redevelopment of downtown Martins Ferry, and is submitting the proposal on behalf of the city with aspirations of reviving the historic town.

The Rev. William Webster, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church and a Project Forward member, said the group of residents are photographing various aspects of the city to show its uniqueness and historical significance.

"We're trying to show HGTV that we're a great place to come and takeover. Martins Ferry is a great place to come to, to live, to work, and we're a great place to find a community ready to go to work with you," Webster said. "It would be an incredible opportunity if the program were to come to the city."

Webster said the city will be competing against areas in southeastern Ohio. Other local communities are also submitting applications including Bellaire, Bridgeport, Shadyside and Steubenville, he said.

The project proposal is a team effort, with many members of the community pulling together for one common goal — fixing up the city, he said.

The Martins Ferry Volunteer Fire Department brought the city's purple fire truck, the Martins Ferry Police Department brought a cruiser and an 8-foot-long banner, made by Mary Beth and Phil Yocum of Ultimate Signs and Graphics, were all in the crowd Thursday afternoon.

"This is completely a team effort. We as a group are all coming together to put together a narrative ... We're here and ready to work with (HGTV) on the takeover of our city to help it grow. We're focusing on community pride. We love our city, we bleed purple," Webster said.

The narrative for the submission is the historical significance of Ohio's first settlement, he said.

"We want to show them that we, as a community, have a historic past, an active present and a promising future," he said.

Webster said he wants to convey the city's toughness in the proposed submission.

"We're resilient and looking forward. There's a lot of history here. We've gone through a lot of pain the last few years; we've lost the steel mill, the closing of (East Ohio Regional Hospital), the Fourth Street fire in 2016. But we're still here and looking forward," he added.

Through the submission, community members are hoping to renew the downtown, restore a few homes and update a playground.

The application must be submitted by Tuesday morning. Although officials are unsure when the contest notification will be announced, the show is slated to air in Fall 2021.

"To have HGTV come to our community and help us grow will be an incredible opportunity. It's very exciting," Webster said.

■ WHEELING

U.S. Attorney Appoints New Senior Leadership Team

U.S. Attorney Bill Powell has announced some changes to his Senior Leadership Team.

While some senior staff will continue to support Powell in their roles, some personnel changes have taken place in the management of the Wheeling, Martinsburg, Clarksburg and Elkins offices.

The Senior Leadership Team are First Assistant U.S. Attorney Randolph J. Bernard, Administrative Officer Fawn E. Thomas, Civil Division Chief Sharon L. Potter, Criminal Division Chief Stephen L. Vogrin, Clarksburg Branch Office Supervisor Andrew R. Cogar, and Martinsburg Branch Office Supervisor Erin Reisenweber.

"I am excited about our new leadership team," Powell said. "Though all organizations lose experience when key personnel retire, the newly appointed members of the management team have all spent months preparing themselves for the jobs they have now assumed. I know that our district is in very capable hands, and I am proud to work with each and every one of them."

Potter has returned to the Northern District of West Virginia office as the Civil Division Chief. Potter is a former U.S. Attorney and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the district, handling financial fraud/tax investigations, health care fraud and violent and drug crimes. Previously, she was a partner at Spilman, Thomas, & Battle, PLLC.

Vogrin, the newly-appointed Criminal Division Chief, has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the past eight years in the district. In the past year and half, he served as the Criminal Division Supervisor for the Wheeling office. Mr. Vogrin has decades of prosecutorial experience, serving as a former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Ohio County prior to his time in the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Cogar has been appointed as the new Branch Office Supervisor for the Clarksburg office.

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■ CADIZ

Clark Gable Museum Set to Celebrate Star's Birthday Saturday

Photo by Carri Graham

The Clark Gable Museum in Cadiz will hold the annual birthday celebration of the Hollywood star from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

By CARRI GRAHAM
For The Intelligencer

The Clark Gable Museum will celebrate the Hollywood actor's 119th birthday this weekend.

William Clark Gable, one of the screen stars of the movie "Gone With the Wind," was born on Feb. 1, 1901 in Cadiz.

The celebration will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum located at 128 Charleston St. in Cadiz.

In 1984, "The Clark Gable Foundation" was formed to preserve Gable's memory and in hopes of inspiring tourism to the village and the county.

The organizations first goal was to erect a monument on the site of the actor's birth place. In 1998, in part to many "generous donations," a house was erected that what would later be known as the Clark Gable Museum.

Museum Executive Director Nan Mattern said the center has not only been celebrating Gable's birthday since opening in 1999, but also for many years prior.

"We try to celebrate his birthday every year, or if it falls on a weekday, we're not open on weekdays, we'll have it on the weekend," she said.

Mattern said the commemoration will entail birthday cake, coffee, music and a tour of the museum.

"We always have cake and coffee and something to celebrate. We also give tours. People can sit around and tell stories about the past and stories of Clark Gable. We try to honor him every year," she said.

Mattern said 150,000 people have toured the museum since opening a little over 20 years ago and more than 100 supporters are expected to attend the birthday festivities Saturday.

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TEAM

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Since joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2007, Cogar has prosecuted white collar crimes, drug and violent crimes, firearm offenses, and public corruption. He also co-founded and co-chairs the West Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force, and recently served as Senior Litigation Counsel in the U.S. Attorney's Office. Mr. Cogar previously served as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Reisenweber will serve as the Branch Office Supervisor for the Martinsburg office. Reisenweber has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the district for the past 13 years. She previously served as the Deputy in Charge of the U.S. District Clerk's Office in Martinsburg, as well as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge W. Craig Broadwater in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Bernard will continue in his role as First Assistant United States Attorney. Bernard previously served as the Chief of the Criminal Division. Bernard joined the office in 2002. Mr. Bernard has also served as the District Office Security Manager. Before becoming an Assistant United States Attorney, Bernard served as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Wheeling, West Virginia Resident Agency. Prior to the FBI, he was a litigator with Coolidge, Wall, Womsley & Lombard in Dayton, Ohio.

Thomas will continue in her role as Administrative Officer, serving as the Chief of the Administrative Division and as the primary advisor to the United States Attorney for planning and managing all office resources. Thomas has been with the office since 1983.

Prior to her appointment as Administrative Officer, she served as the Public Affairs Specialist and the Human Resource Specialist. Thomas was previously an EEO Investigator for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys and an Evaluation and Review Staff Evaluator. Thomas also served on the Administrative Officers' Working Group.

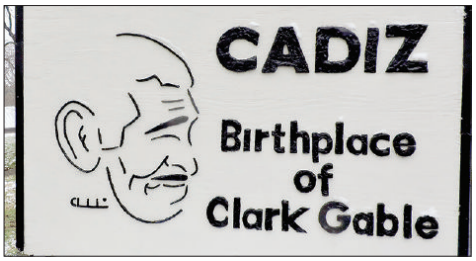

Photo by Carri Graham

GABLE

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"People still remember the movie, 'Gone With the Wind.' They like to share their stories about Clark Gable. ... People from all over attend the celebration," she said.

The museum has several of Gable's personal items on display, including his boyhood sled and one of his automobiles, a classic 1954 Cadillac.

All are invited to attend the celebration.

The cost for admission will be discounted for the party; adult tickets are $4.50, a discount of $1.25.

"It's good for the community and good to keep Clark Gable's memory alive through movies and celebrations," Mattern said.

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Small Businesses Power West Virginia's, Nation's Economy

By JOSELYN KING
Staff Writer

WHEELING – Most every business in West Virginia is classified as a small business, and their impact on rural economies is powerful, according to data from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In 2019, West Virginia boasted 113,410 small businesses. This accounted for 96 percent of all businesses in the state, according to Karen Friel, district director for the SBA in West Virginia.

"We are a small state full of small businesses," Friel said. "Small businesses create two of every three net new jobs, and they are essential to economic development.

"In West Virginia – because we are a small business state – small businesses employ 50 percent of the workforce. Our family, friends and neighbors ... are employed by small business."

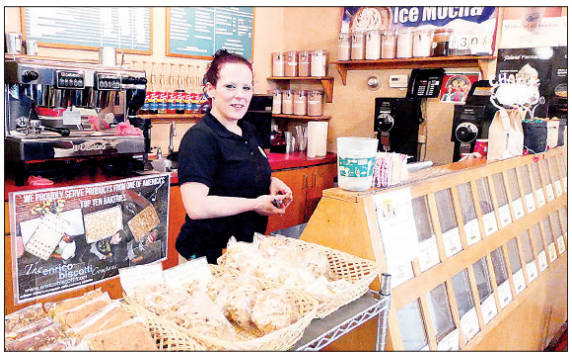
A 2019 report from the U.S. Small Business Administration shows small businesses account for 44 percent of all U.S. economic activity. There is concern at the national level with the growth of larger companies that don't have a tie to the community.

"The small businesses are the ones that are supporting teams and doing fundraisers for local charities – large businesses don't do that," Friel said. "It's the small businesses that are there for communities."

Small businesses also experience challenges in obtaining funding to get started. The SBA guarantee loan programs can help them with that, according to Friel. "We make sure they know how it can work, how these programs can free up access to capital," she said.

In April 2017, President Donald Trump issued an executive order "permitting agriculture and rural prosperity through an inner-agency task force."

This resulted in the "Rural Strong" initiative between the SBA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This collaboration is aimed toward helping rural West Virginia and all of rural America by strengthening the bonds between agriculture and business.



Photos by Joselyn King

ABOVE: Brittany McVay, a barista at Wheeling Coffee and Spice Co., greets customers seeking a cup of coffee.
BELOW: Joan Berlow Smith, co-owner of the Jeweled Bird in Woodsdale, shows off some of the items available to customers who want to "be local" by shopping at her store.

Friel said this has made more capital available for new small business ventures. The SBA works to help residents understand how they can apply for those funds, she said.

It typically takes three to five years for a business to get started, and most small businesses take on debt, she said.

She sees no trend among applicants in just what types of small businesses they want to start.

"It's an across-the-board gamut, from anyone opening a mom and pop shop to someone wanting to start an (information technology) business."

Those that are successful most often offer products to customers that are unique, and they serve them up in shops that offer special experiences consumers don't get from a chain store or restaurant – and especially not the internet.

The Jeweled Bird in Woodsdale is a good example. Located in the sanctuary of a former church at 136 Edgwood St. in Wheeling, The Jeweled Bird offers both unique jewelry and gifts. Those who look closely will see things they won't see even in larger city shops – such as a stainless steel sippy cup with matching silver spoon made by Reed and Barton.

They also offer jewelry appraisal, repair and re-design services.

"We're a destination location – we're off the beaten path from a traditional retail and business area," co-owner Samuel Posin said. "Sometimes, the challenge is just letting people know you exist.

"People are bombarded with advertising from so many different places. It's about sticking out and calling attention to the services you offer."

People have to have a reason to come to the shop, according to co-owner Joan Berlow Smith. "They have a reason to come out of their way to us," she said. "We have unusual pieces and jewelry and giftware that are different from elsewhere. "People bring their friends and relatives to us because of the ambiance. We have people visit us from around the world and many different states."

Wheeling Coffee and Spice is located at 13 14th St. in Wheeling in a building constructed in 1881, with the business opening as a wholesale distributor in 1884.

Burns coffee roasters were placed in the building in 1886, and those same machines continue to roast the coffee beans today, according to current owner Shelly Smedly.

She said finding qualified employees is the biggest challenge any small business owner faces. She employs eight at the coffee shop.

Smedly touted the abilities of master roaster Larry Sprowls as a major reason for the shop's continued success.

"He has the ability to time the roasting of the coffee in such a way as to bring out the specific flavor from the beans we get," she said.

The business has a regular clientele, while other just "pop in" to visit, Smedly said.

Wheeling residents living elsewhere often contact the shop to have specific brews sent to them.

The most popular flavor is "Highlander Grogg" – a blend of Wheeling Coffee and Spice house coffee flavored with maple syrup and rum.

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A firefighter is shown at the scene of the blaze in June 2018 at CNX's Morris 31 well pad in East Finley Township.

W.Va. Worker Sues After Well Pad Accident in Pa.

By GIDEON BRADSHAW
For The Intelligencer

WASHINGTON, Pa. – A lawsuit filed by a West Virginia worker who reports ongoing injuries from a 2018 fire at a western Pennsylvania shale gas well pad accuses an oil field company of causing his injuries through its "normal and routine practice" of fueling dangerously hot pumps while leaving them running.

The lawsuit was filed in the Washington County Court of Common Pleas on behalf of Roger Isaacs and Keri Dawn Norman, of Clarksburg, W.Va. It names Texas-based U.S. Well Services Inc. and a local subsidiary as defendants, saying the entities were in charge of operations at CNX's Morris 31 well pad in East Findlay Township on June 27, 2018, when the fire started about 10 p.m.

The lawsuit, which was filed Monday, blames the practice known as "hot fueling" – refilling the tanks on the pumps of the hydraulic fracturing wells without halting the operation to turn them off – for injuries that Isaacs suffered during the incident. The "inherently dangerous" method was allegedly a "normal and routine" way of doing business for U.S. Well Services, according to the lawsuit.

Representative at the company's headquarters didn't return a phone call and email requesting comment. The couple's attorney, John Bitonti, didn't return a message left at Yablonski, Costello and Leckie, the firm where he works.

Bitonti wrote that Isaacs was at the Newland School Road well site as a crew leader for the fuel supplier Sprague Energy, which does business as Coen Energy.

As Isaacs finished filling one tank with the low-sulfur diesel he was delivering, he uncapped a tank on the next pump. When he did so, "diesel fuel spewed from somewhere ... sprayed into his eyes and, contacted a portion of heated pump surface and ignited, resulting in (Isaac's) injuries and damages," Bitonti wrote.

Diesel ignites on surfaces with temperatures of 842 degrees, according to the lawsuit. It always ignites on surfaces above 932 degrees. Bitonti added that the pump turbos, which were located right over the fuel tank fills, "are believed to have reached temperatures of at least 1,200 degrees," based on how long the pumps had been running and the fact that the fuel caught fire.

Emergency officials said at the time that an unnamed worker had been taken to Washington Hospital. He'd been released after being treated because of fuel that had splashed on his face. An estimated 4,000 gallons of fuel burned. Firefighters had the fire under control in about two hours, but were at the site until 3:30 a.m.

Three months before the fire, U.S. Well Services was given an award for "excellence in well completion" during the Northeast Oil and Gas Awards gala dinner in Pittsburgh. U.S. Department of Labor records show Sprague Energy later agreed to a $12,934 fine levied by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Officials cited a recommendation that engines be turned off when refueling them. Sprague isn't a defendant in the lawsuit. Neither is CNX.

The lawsuit includes claims of negligence and strict liability on Isaacs' behalf. His injuries are "sprains and strains to his neck and back and irritation and visual disturbance to his eyes." He also experiences anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. "These injuries have aggravated pre-existing conditions," Bitonti added. The lawsuit alleges loss of consortium on Norman's behalf.

Each of five counts of the suit requests more than $50,000.

STATE BRIEFS

Man charged after stolen police Humvee found

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) – The West Virginia State Police on Thursday said a man has been arrested in connection with a stolen police Humvee.

The department said the vehicle had been in Charleston for repairs when it went missing and was later found in the Campbell's Creek area.

Matthew Lee Loggins, 28, was arrested and charged with grand larceny. State records show he was jailed on a $10,000 bond. His public defender attorney could not immediately be reached for comment.

Police are still investigating.

School abandons search, names new superintendent

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) – The Kanawha County Board of Education has promoted a deputy superintendent after abandoning plans to conduct a search to replace retiring Superintendent Ron Duerring.

The board voted 3-2 Wednesday to promote Tom Williams effective July 1, news outlets reported.

School board President Ryan White said he was blindsided by the vote and disappointed that the board didn't look at all available options. White and board member Ric Cavender voted against the hiring.

Williams has 35 years of experience in the Kanawha County school system, including the past six years as deputy superintendent.

Authorities searching for 2 escaped inmates in W.Va.

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (AP) – Authorities in West Virginia are searching for two jail inmates from the same facility who removed their leg monitors while out on a passes in separate incidents, officials said Thursday.

A Wood County magistrate issued a felony arrest warrant Wednesday after Jeremy Dean Johnson failed to return to the Parkersburg Correctional Center, the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation said in a news release.

Johnson, 28, was serving a 20- to 40-year sentence for breaking and entering, grand larceny and burglary. The statement described Johnson as 5-foot-4 and weighing 120 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. He has tattoos on his left forearm and his right hand.

In another news release, corrections officials said 56-year-old Alfred Williams cut his electronic monitoring strap as the Parkersburg work-release inmate was in Vienna around 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Williams is 5-foot-8, 250 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He is serving an eight- to 15-year sentence for domestic assault, domestic battery and delivery of a controlled substance.

W.Va. pharmacist gets 10 years for drug, income tax plea

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (AP) – A West Virginia pharmacist has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for illegally distributing oxycodone and filing a false tax return.

Scott D. Tingler, 41, was sentenced Wednesday in federal court in Clarksburg.

Prosecutors said the Morgantown pharmacist conspired with others to distribute more than 7,400 grams of oxycodone in Monongalia County and elsewhere from 2014 to 2018. It also says he underreported his income.

Tingler was ordered to pay $508,000 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service as well as forfeit an additional $1.85 million.

W.Va. officials looking for help with summer meals program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) – The West Virginia education department is calling for help with a program that feeds children free meals during the summer months.

The agency on Wednesday issued a news release asking for organizations such as nonprofits, county boards and others to partner with them for their Summer Food Service Program.

"With most schools out during the summer months, it is vitally important that community partners and organizations participate in the Summer Food Service Program to ensure no child goes hungry," said Steve Paine, the state's school superintendent.

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U.S. Economy Grew Modestly Last Quarter Against Hazy Outlook

File Photo

This Wednesday, Jan. 22 file photo shows the waterfront in Portland, Maine. On Thursday, the Commerce Department issues the first estimate of how the U.S. economy performed in the fourth quarter.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy expanded at a moderate 2.1% annual rate in the final three months of 2019, capping a year when a weak global landscape and a sharp pullback in business investment resulting from President Donald Trump's trade fights combined to slow growth.

The fourth-quarter rise in the gross domestic product — the economy's total output of goods and services — matched the third-quarter gain, the government said Thursday. For all of last year, economic growth — 2.3% — was the weakest since Trump's election in 2016.

The picture that emerged Thursday from the government's first estimate of growth in the October-December quarter was a mixed one: Consumers kept spending, but they have grown more cautious.

Incomes are rising but at a slower pace. Most alarmingly, businesses have been sharply reducing their investment as Trump's ongoing trade fights have heightened uncertainty for corporations.

At the same time, low interest rates, low inflation and a robust job market have given consumers and home buyers the means to keep fueling steady, if only modest, growth. Global risks — including potentially severe economic damage from China's viral outbreak — will continue to overhang the economy. But they're also likely to persuade the Fed to keep interest rates low and perhaps even further reduce them if the threats to the economy escalate.

Many economists saw Trump's decision to lower trade tensions by signing a Phase One agreement with China as key to lowering the risk of a recession this year.

"The economic fundamentals are very solid right now," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC. "Some of the downside risks that the Federal Reserve had been concerned about have faded now that we have a Phase One trade deal."

Lawrence Kudlow, head of the president's National Economic Council, said Thursday he expects GDP growth will be helped in the coming year by the new trade deal with Canada and Mexico, and the commitments by the Chinese to boost purchases of U.S. exports.

"China has to work its way through this health crisis, but I think once that abates, you will see big export" gains, Kudlow told reporters at the White House.

For the October-December quarter, growth was supported by solid but slower consumer spending and an improvement in the trade deficit. Those factors offset a further drop in business investment in new plants and equipment and a slowdown in businesses' restocking of store shelves.

The full-year 2.3% growth of GDP in 2019 marked a sharp drop from the 2.9% gain in 2018, when the economy enjoyed a boost from Trump's tax cuts and from billions in increased government spending.

Most economists foresee even slower growth in 2020 of around 1.8%. That assumes no serious damage from the coronavirus or other threats.

Even the U.S. elections for the White House and Congress could end up weakening growth if the campaigns were to further elevate uncertainty among consumers and businesses and thereby lead them to cut back on spending.

Under Trump, GDP growth has so far fallen well short of his campaign pledges. But unemployment has reached a 50-year low during his presidency. And after trade tensions with China began to cool late last year, the stock market rebounded and attained new highs.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said the presidential election may turn on how the economy is faring in key swing states.

"What really matters is the economy in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin," Zandi said. "There things are not going well because the trade war has done a lot of damage in those states."

For the fourth quarter, consumer spending, which accounts for about 70% of economic activity, slowed to an annual gain of 1.8%. That was down from an annual spending surge of 4.6% in the second quarter and 3.2% in the third quarter. The slowdown was led by a drop-off in new car sales.

Business investment spending fell for a third straight quarter, dropping at an annual rate of 1.5%, a decline that has been blamed on business uncertainty generated by the rising trade tensions. The hope is that business will start investing again now that the Trump administration has declared a trade ceasefire with China.

Trade contributed to growth in the fourth quarter with imports, which subtract from U.S. growth, falling much faster than exports. That trend added 1.5 percentage points to growth in the quarter. But economists see this trend as only temporary: Many U.S. businesses had accelerated their pace of imports in the July-September quarter to get ahead of an expected increase in Trump's import taxes.

Barr Names New U.S. Attorney in DC

SHEA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General William Barr on Thursday named Timothy Shea, one of his closest advisers, to be the next top prosecutor in the nation's capital.

Shea will lead the largest U.S. attorney's office in the country, which has been historically responsible for some of the most significant and politically sensitive cases the Justice Department brings in the U.S.

He is a senior counselor to the attorney general and was Barr's right-hand man helping institute reforms at the federal Bureau of Prisons after Jeffrey Epstein's death at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York City.

As the U.S. attorney in the District of Columbia, Shea would oversee some of the lingering cases from special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, along with a number of politically charged investigations. The office is also generally responsible for handling potential prosecutions if Congress finds a witness in contempt.

"Tim brings to this role extensive knowledge and expertise in law enforcement matters as well as an unwavering dedication to public service, reflected in his long and distinguished career in state and federal government," Barr said in a statement. "His reputation as a fair prosecutor, skillful litigator, and excellent manager is second-to-none, and his commitment to fighting violent crime and the drug epidemic will greatly benefit the city of Washington."

Prosecutors from the U.S. attorney's office had been investigating former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, a frequent target of President Donald Trump's wrath, and the prospect of charges seemed likely in the fall after his lawyers failed to persuade senior Justice Department officials that he didn't intentionally lie to internal investigators. Little has been said about the case in recent months.

The position generally requires Senate confirmation, but the law also allows federal judges to vote to appoint a U.S. attorney after a 120-day window. That was the case with Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan.

Shea, a Boston-area native who comes from a family of first responders, is widely seen as being able to bridge a gap between law enforcement officials and the community, especially in Washington. The office is unique because its 300 or so prosecutors have jurisdiction to prosecute both local and federal crimes in the nation's capital.

"He's the definitive public servant," said Jim Pasco, the executive director of the National Fraternal Order of Police. "He has a real reverence for the law and a real dedication to making communities safer."

Shea has served in a variety of roles in the Justice Department from working as a line prosecutor to being associate deputy attorney general. As an assistant U.S. attorney, he prosecuted violent crimes, fraud, public corruption and drug trafficking cases and he's also led a task force that was responsible for investigating and prosecuting prison crimes and had also worked as a congressional staffer in the House and Senate.

He was the chief counsel and staff director for the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which was chaired at the time by Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican, and also worked on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee.

Collins said in a statement that Shea "did an outstanding job leading in-depth investigations into issues ranging from consumer protection to government waste, fraud, and abuse."

"With his decades of legal experience in both the private and public sectors, Tim has a wealth of knowledge that will serve him well in his new role," she added.

In the wake of Epstein's death, Barr and Shea worked hand-in-hand to manage the crisis and investigation into the circumstances surrounding the wealthy financier's death. Shea visited the jail days after Epstein's suicide and helped advise the attorney general as Barr shook up the agency's leadership, removing its acting director.

Shea, who begins his new role on Feb. 3, replaces Jessie Liu, who has been nominated to become the undersecretary for terrorism and financial crimes at the Treasury Department, as the Trump administration imposes economic sanctions as a national security tool.

Federal Reserve May Loosen Rules on Bank Investments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve approved a proposal Thursday to loosen a financial-crisis era rule that prevents banks from investing in venture capital funds.

The proposal would affect the so-called "Volcker Rule," which was created after the 2008 financial meltdown. The rule bars banks from trading with government-insured deposits in an effort to prevent the kind of excesses that led to the financial crisis and Great Recession. Thursday's proposal would clarify several aspects of the rule and follows a previous loosening of the Volcker Rule last fall.

The draft rule would exempt venture capital funds from the Volcker Rule's provision that bars banks from investing in hedge or private equity funds.

The proposal was approved by the Fed's governors on a 4-1 vote, with Fed Chairman Jerome Powell supporting the change.

Fed Governor Lael Brainard opposed the proposal, arguing that it would "weaken core protections in the Volcker rule and enable banking firms again to engage in high-risk activities."

The Fed argues that banks can already make direct investments in startup companies and that the rule change would simply allow them to do it indirectly through a venture capital fund.

Powell said Thursday that regulators have six years' experience with the Volcker Rule, and "we have learned that a simpler, clearer approach to implementing the rule makes it easier for both banks and regulators."

During a press conference Wednesday, Powell said the changes are "consistent with safety and soundness and absolutely consistent with the spirit of the Volcker rule."

But Brainard argued that the changes would allow banks to invest in riskier credit funds, which pool money to provide long-term loans.

"Some credit funds played a material role in the financial crisis," Brainard said. "These funds were not transparent in their activities, misled investors, and contributed to the financial abuses Congress intended to address" with its post-crisis regulatory reforms.

The proposal was drafted jointly with four other regulatory agencies and will be open to public comment until April 1.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ohio County Commission of Ohio County (in compliance with Chapter 11, Article 3, and Section 24 of the West Virginia Code as amended) will sit as a Board of Review and Equalization for Ohio County. The purpose of this Board is to review and equalize property assessments. Hearings will take place in Room 215 of the City County Building, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV on Friday, January 31st, Monday, February 3rd, Thursday, February 6th, Monday, February 10th, Thursday, February 13th, Monday, February 17th , Friday, February 20th, Monday, February 24th, and Friday, February 28th, 2020.

If you desire to have your assessment reviewed, please contact the Ohio County Assessor's Office at 234-3626 to schedule an informal hearing. If you would like a formal hearing before the Board of Review and Equalization you may obtain the proper form by contacting the County Commission Office. Hearings may end as soon as February 15th, 2020 or as soon thereafter as appointments dictate. Under no circumstances can hearings for Board of Review be scheduled beyond February 28th, 2020.

Int. Jan. 24, 30, 2020
N.R. Jan. 24, 30, 2020

CITY OF BENWOOD,
WEST VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Benwood, West Virginia, will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATES IT CHARGES TO PROVIDE SEWAGE SERVICES on the 11th day of February 2020, at 7:00 p.m. A final vote on the passage of this ordinance, which provides for an increase in the rates the City charges to provide sewage services, will take place during the council meeting following the public hearing. The rates will be increased in accordance with the proposed Ordinance fully set forth as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATES IT CHARGES TO PROVIDE SEWAGE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the City of Benwood, has commissioned an accounting firm to analyze the municipal sewage rates and to recommend sewage rates that will allow it to operate without running a deficit; and

WHEREAS, said accounting firm has provided recommended sewage rates that will allow it to operate without running a deficit which requires an increase in the rates the City of Benwood charges to supply sewage service.

WHEREFORE, the City of Benwood, desires to enact this Ordinance to increase the rates it charges for sewage service to the level recommended by the aforesaid accounting firm.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA:

SECTION ONE: The Ordinance of the City of Benwood regulating the rates and charges it prescribes for sewage service shall be amended and altered, effective forty-five (45) days after passage of this Ordinance to read as follows:

APPLICABILITY
Applicable in the entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE
Available for residential, commercial, industrial (except unusual industrial waste), public authority and sale for resale sewer service.

(I) RATES (Based upon the metered amount of water supplied)
First 2,000 gallons used per month
$14.50 per 1,000 gallons
All Over 2,000 gallons used per month
$14.50 per 1,000 gallons

(I) MINIMUM CHARGE (Customers with metered water supply)
Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of $29.00 per month (Equivalent to 2,000 gallons of water usage)

(I) FLAT-RATE CHARGE (Customers with non-metered water supply)
Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of $58.00 per month (Equivalent to 4,000 gallons of water usage

SECTION TWO:
Effective July 1, 2020, the rates and charges the City of Benwood prescribes for sewage service shall be further amended and altered, to read as follows:

APPLICABILITY
Applicable in the entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE
Available for residential, commercial, industrial (except unusual industrial waste), public authority and sale for resale sewer service.

(I) RATES (Based upon the metered amount of water supplied)
First 2,000 gallons used per month
$15.40 per 1,000 gallons
All Over 2,000 gallons used per month $15.40 per 1,000 gallons

(I) MINIMUM CHARGE (Customers with metered water supply)
Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of $30.80 per month (Equivalent to 2,000 gallons of water usage)

(I) FLAT-RATE CHARGE (Customers with non-metered water supply)
Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of $61.60 per month (Equivalent to 4,000 gallons of water usage

SECTION THREE:
Effective May 1, 2021, the rates and charges the City of Benwood prescribes for sewage service shall be further amended and altered, to read as follows:

APPLICABILITY
Applicable in the entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE
Available for residential, commercial, industrial (except unusual industrial waste), public authority and sale for resale sewer service.

(I) RATES (Based upon the metered amount of water supplied)
First 2,000 gallons used per month $16.32 per 1,000 gallons
All Over 2,000 gallons used per month
$16.32 per 1,000 gallons

(I) MINIMUM CHARGE (Customers with metered water supply)
Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of $32.64 per month (Equivalent to 2,000 gallons of water usage)

(I) FLAT-RATE CHARGE (Customers with non-metered water supply)
Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of $65.28 per month (Equivalent to 4,000 gallons of water usage

SECTION FOUR:
Effective forty-five days after passage of this ordinance and applicable at all times set forth herein the charges and terms of the Ordinance regulating the City of Benwood's sewage service shall read as follows:

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY
The above schedule is net. On all current billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE
$500.00
The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

A tap fee of $100.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to the customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to an applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

A tap fee of $500.00, or the actual cost of the connection (solely determined by the Utility), will be charged to customers applying for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Public Service Commission for each new tap to the system.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE
A service charge equal to that charged the utility will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank for any reason.

DISCONNECT CHARGE
Service shall not be restored until all amounts in arrears, including penalties, plus a disconnect charge of $50.00 have been paid.

TAP INSPECTION FEE
The tap inspection fee shall be $50.00.

INCREMENTAL COSTS
An amount not to exceed $5.00 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage. The Utility shall establish a non-discriminatory policy regarding this provision for leak adjustments.

EFT, ACH, CREDIT CARD AND DROP BOX PAYMENTS
A service charge will be imposed on EFT, ACH, Credit card or Drop Box payments. The amount shall be equal to the actual charges to the Utility from the financial institution for processing payment.

SECURITY DEPOSIT
As of the date of passage, the applicable provision of WV Code 16-13-16:

"The governing body, but only one of them, may collect from all new applicants for service a deposit of $50 or two twelfths of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class whichever is greater, to secure payment of water and sewage service rates, fees and charges in the event they become delinquent as provided in this section. In any case where a deposit is forfeited to pay service rates, fees and charges which were delinquent at the time of disconnection or termination of service, service may not be reconnected or reinstated by the governing body until another deposit equal to $50 or a sum equal to two twelfths of the average usage for the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater, is remitted to the governing body. After twelve months of prompt payment history, the governing body shall return the deposit to the customer or credit the customer's account with interest at a rate set by the Public Service Commission: Provided, that where the customer is a tenant, the governing body is not required to return the deposit until the time the tenant discontinues service with the governing body. Whenever any rates, fees, rentals or charges for services or facilities furnished remain unpaid for a period of twenty days after they become due, the user of the services and facilities provided is delinquent. The user is liable until all rates, fees and charges are fully paid. The governing body may, under reasonable rules promulgated by the Public Service Commission, shut off and discontinue water service to a delinquent user of the delinquent user of sewage facilities, ten days after the sewer services become delinquent regardless of whether the governing body utilizes the security deposit to satisfy any delinquent payments: Provided, however, that nothing contained within the rules of the Public Service Commission shall be deemed to require any agents or employees of the governing body to accept payment at the customer's premises in lieu of discontinuing service for a delinquent bill."

As of the date of passage, the applicable provision of the PSC Sewer Rules, Rule 4.2.a.1:

"For a municipal sewer system only, the deposit shall not be more than either fifty dollars ($50) or two twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater0."

This tariff in accordance with the above-cited statutory language and a Public Service Commission rule produces a security deposit of $50.00 for residential customers. All other classes of customers will have their required deposit calculated in accordance with the above language in regards to average usage.

SECTION FIVE: To the extent not specifically modified herein the existing Sewage Ordinance of the City of Benwood shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED FIRST READING:

PASSED SECOND READING:

Edward M. Kuca,
Mayor

ATTEST:
Judy Hunt, City Clerk
Interested parties may appear and be heard at such time regarding the passage of the proposed ordinance.
Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the office of the Benwood City Clerk, 430 Main Street, Benwood, West Virginia.

/s/ Judy Hunt
City Clerk

Int. Jan. 31. Feb. 7, 2020

NOTICE

Proposals for Print Services will be received by West Virginia Northern Community College in Room 102 of the B&O Building, 1704 Market Street, Wheeling, WV, 26003, attention: Lyndsie Scott-Guzek until 12:00 p.m. local time March 7th, 2020. All bids will be publically opened and read aloud at 3:00 p.m. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposal (RFP) to be considered.
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lguzek@wvncc.edu
Int. Jan. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Feb. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 2020

NOTICE

The Marshall County Commission has announced the deadline for submissions to the Community Development Fund. All organizations wishing to apply for these funds must do so by Friday, February 28, 2020. The requests are to be sent to Community Development Fund, C/O Missy Tschappat, Administrative Assistant, Marshall County Commission, P.O. Drawer B, Moundsville, WV 26041.
All submissions must be post marked by February 28, 2020 in order to be eligible for funding, If your organization received funding last year, make sure to send receipts and or itemized list showing how the money was used along with this year's request in order to be eligible for funding. A committee appointed by the Marshall County Commission will review the requests and make recommendations to the Commission regarding agencies to receive funding for Community projects.
Int. Jan. 17, 31, 2020

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Application for coverage under the General West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457

Public Notice No.:
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NEW KENSINGTON, PA 15068

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Activity:
To discharge water entirely composed of stormwater associated with industrial activities - Outlet No. 001. The facility is proposed to be covered under Sector E-2 of the existing General Permit.

Business conducted:
Concrete Batch Plant.

Implementation:
N/A.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Connie J. Anderson,
Permitting Section
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Charleston, WV
25304-2345

The public comment period begins 01/31/2020 and ends 03/01/2020.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.
The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street, Charleston, WV, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling:
1-800-422-5700
Calls must be made 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Int. Jan. 31, 2020

10 Announcements

1004 - Notices

Private Party rates are for individuals advertising personally owned items; ie. autos, boats, etc. Ads are payable in advance. The General rate applies to registered animals, rentals, employment, services and qualified commercial business. All private party ads are prepaid. Check your copy for errors. We are responsible only for the first incorrect insertion. Minimum charge 5 lines. Employment ads contain white space at top and bottom of ad. Ads may be cancelled prior to expiration and the charge will be computed at the rate for the actual number of days the ad has run. Minimum 3 day charge. Contract rates available for qualified commercial businesses. The Intelligencer and Wheeling News-Register reserve the right to correctly classify and edit all copy or to reject or cancel any advertisement at any time.

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1030 - Miscellaneous

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15 Employment

1500 - Miscellaneous

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Gross approx. $2,600 annually.

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We are seeking a Bundle Hauler for Marshall County.

•fill machines and distribute to stores from Benwood to Moundsville

•takes approx., 2-3 hrs

•$60. per day

•Sat. & Sun./Holiday morning delivery

Please contact Dave at 304-233-0701 or Trishia at 304-281-3901
for more information.

News Register
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McMechen Area
7 day delivery, deliver appoximate 15-34 papers weekly. Must have reliable transportation. Must have valid ID and insurance or can walk. Pay approximately $40.91 every 2 weeks.
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• Pay varies per route

• Motor Routes & Walking Routes available

•One day a week delivery

Please Contact Trisha at 304-281-3901 for more information and to see if we have a route that will suit your needs!!

The Intelligencer Morning Route
Is looking for a dependable person to deliver in the
WARWOOD AREA

Deliver 5 days.
Approximate time 1 hr.

•Warwood Ave
•Hess • Vance
•Warwood Terrace
•N. 16th - N. 24th St.

Must have a reliable car, must have a valid license, must have a valid insurance

Approximate pay every 2 weeks $83.88

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The Intelligencer
The Intelligencer is seeking a dependable person to deliver to customers in the **GLEN DALE area.**
•Must have a valid license, reliable vehicle and car insurance
•Pays approx. $254.93 every 4 weeks
•Monday thru Friday morning delivery

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The Wheeling News-Register
is seeking a dependable person to deliver to customers in the **Fork Ridge area of Moundsville.**
•Must have a valid license, reliable vehicle and car insurance
•Pays approx. $477.48 every 4 weeks
•Mon. thru Fri. afternoon & Sat. and Sun. morning

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1500 - Miscellaneous

The Wheeling News-Register
Is seeking a dependable person to deliver to customers in the 2nd St. thru 9th St. area of McMechen.
•Walking route
•pays approx. $122.21 every 4 weeks
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1506 - Office

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1508 - Professional

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1514 - Transportation

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1518 - Skilled Trades

Use Your Skills to Find Your Next Job.
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1526 - Full Time Wanted

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20 Financial

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3512 - Houses

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3512 - Houses

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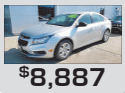
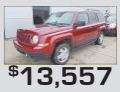
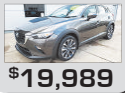
2016 CHEVY CRUZE  $8,887	2012 CHEVY MALIBU $9,299	2011 DODGE NITRO AWD $12,998
2016 JEEP PATRIOT  $13,557	2017 CHEVY CRUZE $14,794	2016 BUICK ENCORE $14,877
2017 GMC TERRAIN AWD $17,547	2013 JEEP WRANGLER $19,547	2019 MAZDA CX-3  $19,989
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Towngate Theatre in Wheeling Stages 'Rapunzel'

WHEELING – Oglebay Institute continues its tradition of bringing beloved fairy tales to life with an imaginative production of "Rapunzel," which will be staged today through Sunday, Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, and next Fridy and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, at Towngate Theatre in Wheeling.

Adapted from the Brothers Grimm tale by Sidney Berger, the production closely follows the original tale, complete with wicked enchantress, heroic prince and fair maiden. A witch takes an infant Rapunzel from her parents and locks her in a tower. As Rapunzel grows up, she has all the luxuries that money – or witchcraft – can provide; yet, she is unhappy because she is deprived of love and affection. A handsome prince tries to rescue Rapunzel, and plenty of action, suspense, mayhem and mishaps ensue.

Among the charms of this dramatization is the close relationship between the cast and the children in the audience – a key feature that Oglebay Institute director of performing arts Tim Thompson looks for when selecting plays for the children's theater season.

"When we connect with the children they become an integral part of the performance and leave the theater feeling as though they haven't simply been entertained-they've enjoyed a collective experience. That is something that can't be duplicated by television or movies," he said. "And, if it's done right, they develop a love for live performance."

Dave Henderson directs the production. Cast members include: Gailya Dodd, Halli Richards, Evan Oslund, Elizabeth Jeffers, Justin Swoyer and Nate Foster. Isaac Swoyer is the stage manager.

Rapunzel will be staged at 7 p.m. today, Friday, Jan. 31; at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb.1-2; and again at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

Children ages 10 and under will be admitted for a special admission price. Members of Oglebay Institute receive a discount off admission, as well.

Gailya Dodd (Rapunzel), Nate Foster (Prince) and Justin Swoyer (Dragon) star in Towngate Theatre's production of "Rapunzel." Below, cast members for Oglebay Institute's production of "Rapunzel" are, in front, Elizabeth Jeffers and Evan Oslund; and in back from left, Foster, Richards, Gailya Dodd and Swoyer.

Purchase tickets at www.oionline.com or by calling the Stifel Fine Arts Center at 304-242-7700. For those buying seats at the door, Towngate's box office opens one hour before all shows and can be reached at 304-233-4257.

The show is part of Oglebay Institute's Children's Theatre Season, sponsored by the Helen J. Prince Foundation.

Part of the nonprofit Oglebay Institute, Towngate is located in Wheeling's historic Centre Market District. Towngate is a cornerstone of creative life in Wheeling and serves as an entertainment destination for residents of Wheeling, the Upper Ohio Valley and beyond. People of all ages and backgrounds gather here to create and experience art onstage.

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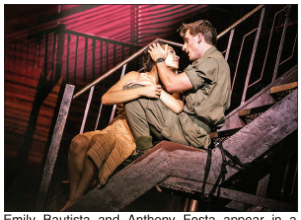


Emily Bautista and Anthony Festa appear in a scene from the musical revival of Broadway smash hit "Miss Saigon," which opens Tuesday at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh.

'Miss Saigon' to Land In Pittsburgh Tuesday

PITTSBURGH – Legendary Broadway Musical "Miss Saigon" opens at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, Feb. 4, as part of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's PNC Broadway series.

The show will take the Benedum stage each night from Tuesday through Sunday, Feb. 4-9.

Casting was announced last year for Cameron Mackintosh's acclaimed new production of Boublil and Schonberg's legendary musical – a smash hit in London, Broadway and across the United Kingdom.

Red Concepcion will lead the tour as "the Engineer" direct from the UK Tour, Emily Bautista will play "Kim" having also performed the role in the most recent Broadway production, and Anthony Festa will play "Chris." Joining them will be Ellie Fishman as "Ellen," J. Daughtry as "John," Jinwoo Jung as "Thuy" and Christine Bunuan as "Gigi." At certain performances, the role of "Kim" will be played by Christine Hwang.

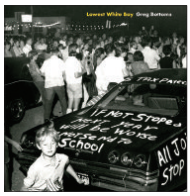
Since its London premiere in 1989, "Miss Saigon" has become one of the most successful musicals in history. The original Broadway production opened on April 11, 1991 with what was the largest advance sale in Broadway history ($37 million). The show went on to play for nearly 10 years with 4,111 performances and was seen by more than 5.9 million people. "Miss Saigon" has been performed in 32 countries, over 350 cities, in 15 different languages, has won more than 70 awards – including two Olivier Awards, three Tony Awards and four Drama Desk Awards – and been seen by more than 36 million people worldwide.

The new production of Miss Saigon opened in London in May 2014 to record-breaking advance sales and critical acclaim. The Daily Telegraph wrote, "This thrilling new production spills out beyond theatre and speaks directly to the times we live in – magnificent performances."

To purchase tickets, visit TrustArts.org, call 412-456-6666, or visit the Box Office at Theater Square. For more information, visit miss-saigon.com or MissSaigonUS on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Author Greg Bottoms At Lunch With Books

WHEELING – Desegregation in the South will be explored at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 4, during the next Lunch With Books program at the Ohio County Public Library in Wheeling.



In his new memoir from WVU Press, "The Lowest White Boy," Greg Bottoms writes about growing up white and working class in Tidewater, Va., during school desegregation in the 1970s. He offers brief stories that accumulate to reveal the everyday experience of living inside complex, systematic racism that is often invisible to economically and politically disenfranchised white southerners – people who have benefited from racism in material ways while being damaged by it, he suggests, psychologically and spiritually. Placing personal memories against a backdrop of documentary photography, social history and cultural critique, "The Lowest White Boy" explores normalized racial animus and reactionary white identity politics, particularly as these are collected and processed in the mind of a child. Bottoms is a professor of English at the University of Vermont. This program will be presented live via Skype.

Lunch With Books programs are free and open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, they begin at noon on Tuesdays in the library's auditorium. Attendees are welcome to bring a bag lunch, and complimentary beverages are provided.

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The Pennyroyal Opera House will feature The McLain Family band at 8 p.m. today, Friday, Jan. 31. The Kauffman Road bluegrass band will open the show at 7 p.m. The doors and the kitchen will open at 5 p.m. Children age 12 and under will be admitted for free. The public is invited to come join in a great night of bluegrass music. For more info call Harold Dailey at 740-827-0957.

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The New 'Gretel & Hansel' Is a Real Horror(ible) Movie

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

There's a scene early on in the new film "Gretel & Hansel" when the two title characters accidentally scarf down psychedelic mushrooms in a forest and it produces one very strong feeling in the audience: jealousy.

Oh, if only we could all also be high for the rest of this. If only there was something that could make bearable another hour or so of this art-film horror. Forget the popcorn, just give us 'shrooms, man.

"Gretel & Hansel" is as visually arresting as it is tedious, a 90-minute movie that really should have been a 3-minute music video for Marilyn Manson or Ozzy Osbourne. It's in the horror genre only loosely. It's more eerie, if that's a genre. Actually, it's like dread for 90 minutes. It's dreadful.

The Brothers Grimm should really be outraged that their simple story about child abuse, malnutrition, cannibalism and witchcraft has been so twisted. Rob Hayes' script centers on Gretel — hence the title's name swap — and turns her into woke, coming-of-age super-heroine who outsmarts a witch. Why this dusty, 19th century ditty needed to be refashioned this way is unclear. What's next? Will "The Three Little Pigs" soon be resurrected to become vigilante slayers of corporate greed? Pigs versus pork?

Sophia Lillis, who made her mark in "It," plays 16-year-old Gretel, while newcomer Sam Leakey stars as her 8-year-old brother. Boosting Gretel's age puts her on the cusp of womanhood and gives her dominion over her younger brother. She soon realizes that — gasp! — she has powers herself. "Women often know things they're not supposed to," the witch tells her. (If that was true, poor Lillis wouldn't have wasted her considerable talent in this dreck.)

AP Photos
These images released by Orion Pictures show Sophia Lillis, above left and below, and Sammy Leakey in scenes from "Gretel & Hansel."

The original tale is about starving siblings who come across a house made of bread and cake — a lure built by a wicked witch who wants to cook and eat them. She is outsmarted and the kids get home safely. The moral: Strangers suck and don't get off the path.

This retelling seems to be a lesson about corruption or maybe environmentalism — "nothing is given without something taken away," Gretel intones — but it's all muddled by heavily stylized sets and intended-to-be-creepy set-pieces that are visually fascinating but add up to little, all set to a knock-off "Stranger Things" soundtrack. The one lesson that the filmmakers didn't tell us is that carbs are clearly the devil.

Director Osgood Perkins — son of Anthony — knows a well-framed shot when he sees it — mysterious cloaked figures in the distance with odd hats in misty forests — but connecting hundreds of artsy images isn't making a coherent film. Everyone is clearly very proud of turning the fairy tale's yummy cottage into the film's post-modern example of Deconstructivism architecture. Bravo! Congrats on the cool, asymmetrical roof but you forgot that the story makes no sense. Lots of candles and denuded Irish trees isn't a plot.

Alice Krige plays the scary witch with an endless buffet and she's perfectly cast, using her precise, quiet menace to excellent use, like when she ominously smells Hansel's head. She tempts Gretel with eternal life — for a price. "There's something wrong here," Gretel wonders. "What hides behind this pleasantness?"

There's also Charles Babalola as a fleeting nice guy who kills a demon with an arrow-driven head shot, an entire sequence that seems from another movie. But that's the most real action in the film until the end when there are bloody corpses on autopsy tables, human entrails moving about and someone gets graphically burned alive. Why this is rated PG-13, we have no idea. Why it was even made in the first place is also beyond us. At the multiplex this weekend, kids, stay on the path.

MOVIE REVIEW

GRETEL & HANSEL

★

Rated PG-13 for diesturbing images/thematic content and brief drug material. **87 minutes.**

New Film 'The Rhythm Section' Offers a Fresh Take on Old Formula

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

When you think of top-notch movie assassins, there's a good chance you conjure up Samuel L. Jackson or Keanu Reeves or Matt Damon. You might not immediately think of Blake Lively. But now you should.

Lively makes a startling effective killer in "The Rhythm Section," a moody international thriller that turns a broken woman into a sleek, potentially franchise-leading contract assassin.

"I never thought you'd get this far," one admirer says of Lively toward the end and the audience is likely to agree. It's an absolute joy to see the star of such projects as "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and "Gossip Girl" become a very believable gun-toting, throat-cutting killing machine.

When we first meet her, she's at rock bottom in London.

Her Stephanie Patrick is a drug-using prostitute whose downward spiral has been triggered by tragedy. Her family was wiped out in a plane crash and the survivor's guilt is overwhelming.

Patrick is numbing herself from gauzy flashback memories of the family happy together when an investigative journalist shows up with explosive news: The plane crash was no accident. It was brought down by a bomb and all aboard were merely collateral damage as part of a larger conspiracy. "You're another victim. You're just not dead yet," she is told.

AP Photo
This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Sterling K. Brown and Blake Lively in a scene from "The Rhythm Section."

What would you do? Patrick decides on an ultra form of revenge — killing everyone associated with the bombing. That takes her to Tangier, Spain, the Scottish Highlands, New York City and Marseilles as the web of deceit grows ever thicker, involving rogue CIA and MI6 officers and Middle Eastern dictators.

Patrick is a regular woman thrust into this Jason Bourne-ish position and she's battered around and frequently mistreated. Her bruises show. The fight scenes are painful. The glamorous Lively is transformed — shaggy haircut, bloody wounds, suffering and in fear. Her English accent is also very, very good.

The other person who wows in "The Rhythm Section" is behind the camera: Director Reed Morano ("The Skeleton Twins," "The Handmaid's Tale") puts us very close to Patrick and we see and hear what she does. Morano captures the disorientating, adrenaline-rush of violence in a visceral way.

When a bomb goes off near Patrick, our hearing is lost, too. When bullets splinter a window's wood casing nearby, we feel the thud. When our heroine runs down a street, the camera jostles up and down.

A car chase with Patrick driving in Morocco is disorientating, claustrophobic and frightening because we are in the passenger seat beside her.

The film is produced by two veterans of the James Bond series — Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli — but this film is far from the slick, manufactured cool of 007.

This is a spy thriller brought back down to human dimensions. Our heroine is often lucky and more often gets beaten badly. She is shaken and stirred.

Novelist Mark Burnell has turned his book of the same name into a screenplay and has fun tweaking the genre's formulas. Patrick finds a key ally in Scotland — a gruff trainer (an aloof Jude Law). He's a military professional and she begs him to teach her, like similar team-ups in "La Femme Nikita" and "The Professional." But this time he examines her and declares: "You're a cliche." He should know. Cue the montage of running up mountains and shooting at targets.

Morano's camera embraces gorgeous decay, whether in dusty North Africa or the squalor of London. She has a quirk of capturing animals — bugs, sheep, birds and even a lizard — as well as bleak, beautiful loneliness of remote parts of Britain. Not everything works — a hazy sex scene seems uncomfortably knit into the plot and a potential love interest with a shady character played by Sterling K. Brown isn't really convincing — but Morano is absolutely adept in keeping tension rising, her characters grounded and her audience intrigued, a half-step behind.

Lively, yes, uses her sexuality but really only once and briefly. The one time we see her in her underwear we are completely frightened for her.

Patrick is costumed less in form-fitting outfits than comfortable ones. This is not that kind of film.

On that note, none of the men come across in the film very well, but women do, often supplying the money and brawn and bravery.

How refreshing is that? And how refreshing it is for it to all be led by Lively, now a fearsome slayer of men.

MOVIE REVIEW

THE RHYTHM SECTION

★★★

Rated R for violence, sexual content, language throughout and some drug use. **109 minutes.**

AP Photo
This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Jude Law in a scene from "The Rhythm Section."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MUSIC

Jan. 31— Bluegrass shows, Pennyroyal Opera House, Interstate 70, exit 198, Fairview, 7 p.m.

Jan. 31 — The Muddle, Undo's Elm Grove, Wheeling, 8-11 p.m.

Feb. 1 — DJ/Karaoke with Steve Clegg, Garbo's Lost Cause, Wheeling, free.

Feb. 1 — Mountain Moon Coffeehouse, Cabin Fever String Band, at Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center, 1330 National Road, Wheeling, 7 p.m.

DANCE

Feb. 6 — Valentine's dinner-dance, presented by Family Service Upper Ohio Valley, at White Palace, Wheeling Park, 5-10 p.m.

THEATER

Jan. 31-Feb. 2 and Feb. 7-8— Children's theater production, "Rapunzel," at Oglebay Institute's Towngate Theatre, 2118 Market St., Wheeling, 7 p.m. Jan. 31; 3 p.m. Feb. 1-2; 7 p.m. Feb. 7; 3 p.m. Feb. 8.

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Jan. 31— Fifth Friday Science Lecture Series, "Charrette for Grand Vue Park's SpatioTemporal Trail," at SMART Centre Market, 30 22nd St., Wheeling, 6-7 p.m., free.

Jan. 31 — MoonWatch, SMART Centre Market, 30 22nd St., Wheeling, 8-9 p.m., free.

Feb. 1 — Science demonstration, "T-rex Skull Investigation," at SMART Centre Market, 30 22nd St., Wheeling, 1 p.m., free.

Feb. 3 — Program, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About America's Presidents, or Did You?" presented by Jason Garczyk, at Martins Ferry Public Library, 20 James Wright Place, 6 p.m., free.

Feb. 4 — Lunch With Books program, "The Lowest White Boy," presented by author Greg Bottoms, at Ohio County Public Library auditorium, 52 16th St., Wheeling, noon, free.

Feb. 4, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18 — Program series, "Light in Darkness: Christian Reasons for Hope," presented by the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Thurston, at Mount St. Joseph chapel, 137 Mount St. Joseph Road, Wheeling, 6:30-8 p.m.

Feb. 5 — Great Stone Viaduct Society's Winter Lecture Series, "Growing Up in Mr. Rogers' Real Neighborhood," presented by Chris Rodell, at Bellaire Public Library, 330 32nd St., 6 p.m., free.

EXHIBITS

Feb. 1-29 — Oglebay Institute's Schrader Environmental Education Center, Oglebay Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC AT UNDO'S ELM GROVE

Veteran musician Shannon Canterbury will present an evening of light rock, country and audience favorites on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Undo's Elm Grove. Canterbury plays a variety of familiar music from every genre in a unique and inimitable style. The music starts at 8 p.m. Undo's is located at 2153 National Road, Wheeling.

Feb. 1-29 — Good Zoo, Oglebay Park, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Feb. 1-29 — Oglebay Institute's Mansion Museum, Oglebay Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends.

Feb. 1-29 — Oglebay Institute's Glass Museum, Oglebay Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends.

Feb. 1-29 — Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center, 1330 National Road, Wheeling, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, free.

Feb. 1-29 — West Virginia Independence Hall, 1528 Market St., Wheeling, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, admission is free.

Feb. 1-29 — Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, 801 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, free.

Feb. 1-29 — Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum, 144 Kruger St., Wheeling, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Feb. 1-29 — Belmont County Victorian Mansion Museum, 532 N. Chestnut St., Barnesville, open by appointment.

Feb. 1-April 30 — Smithsonian display, "World War I: Lessons and Legacies," at Brooke County Public Library, 945 Main St., Wellsburg, free.

Feb. 1-15 — Regional Student Art Exhibition, Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center, 1330 National Road, Wheeling, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, free.

Feb. 1-28 — Exhibition by West Liberty University Creative Arts Therapy students at Oglebay Institute's Towngate Theatre, 2118 Market St., Wheeling, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday and during all events.

Feb. 1-March 1 — Art exhibition, "Nature in Focus," at Weirton Area Museum & Cultural Center, 3149 Main St., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

MISC.

Feb. 1 — Kindness party, Martins Ferry Public Library, 20 James Wright Place, 1-3 p.m., free.

Feb. 1 — "Souper Bowl" party, Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling, 1610 Eoff St., 6-11 p.m.

Feb. 1 — Viennese Winter Ball, presented by Wheeling Symphony Society, at Glessner Auditorium, Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park, 6:30 p.m.

Um, What? 'The Turning' Delivers a Muddled Take on Madness

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

AP Photo

This image released by Universal Pictures shows Mackenzie Davis, left, and Brooklynn Prince in a scene from "The Turning."

It's really not a good sign when a movie ends with a bold, shocking flourish and much of the audience can be heard muttering through the credits: "Wait, um ... WHAT?"

Not, "Ooh" or "Wow" or "Hmm" or "Interesting!" Nope, this is more like an exasperated, even hostile sigh of confusion, as in, "I sat through an hour and a half for THIS?"

A befuddling ending is hardly the only perplexing choice by the filmmakers of "The Turning," the latest update to the 19th-century horror novella "The Turn of the Screw" by Henry James, a man we could say is now "turning" in his grave – but we'll spare you the pun.

One might also wonder, for example, why the action is transferred not to the present but only to 1994. A good guess might be the grunge-heavy soundtrack assembled here by director Floria Sigismondi, a veteran of music videos. It's also the year of Kurt Cobain's death – a poster of Cobain pointedly adorns the bedroom wall of one of the two orphans at the center of the plot.

But one suspects it might have something to do with technology, too, because if this movie took place in the WhatsApp era, our protagonist Kate, the governess sent to care for these troubled tykes in a secluded, dilapidated Maine mansion, would have texted friends for help pronto, and the story – hers, anyway – would quickly be over. Certainly by the time the sweet little kids staged a terrifying fake drowning in the swimming pool, just for kicks.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves. A brief primer on the century-old plot: Kate is hired as a live-in tutor for Flora, age 7. The only other person in the home is the housekeeper, Mrs. Grose, a brittle, prickly woman who's taken care of the family for generations. Older brother Miles is at boarding school.

Even before Kate (Mackenzie Davis, who brings a spunky, ready-for-anything vibe to the role but is ultimately defeated by the limited material) arrives for work, you sense she hasn't really thought it all through. A schoolteacher, she's leaving her 25 pupils to be a private tutor because, she tells her roommate, "I love teaching, but I want to make a difference." Huh?

The Bly estate, as the home is called, might be a realtor's dream – the ultimate fixer-upper – but things seem a little off from the start. Mrs. Grose asks Kate if she's ever been a live-in governess. "Not since the 1800s," Kate jokes wittily, not that Mrs. Grose (a frighteningly pale Barbara Marten, dressed all in gray) has a sense of humor. Kate learns that the children's parents died in an accident, right outside the gates. And the previous nanny? She vanished without a trace.

As for Flora (a winning Brooklynn Prince from "The Florida Project"), she never leaves the property and has no friends. Kate promises the girl she won't abandon her like the other nanny did.

MOVIE REVIEW

THE TURNING

★★

Rated PG-13 for terror, violence, disturbing images, brief strong language and some suggestive content.
94 minutes.

But things go south fast. Miles (a mop-headed Finn Wolfhard) comes home and proves a difficult boy, to say the least. And then, if difficult children weren't enough, there are the ghosts, who start popping up at inopportune times and scaring the living daylights out of Kate.

If you're familiar with the novella or the 1961 film "The Innocents," you'll know that figures from the past haunt the house – or do they? The question has always been whether it could all be part of the nanny's troubled imagination. Kate's mother (Joely Richardson), we learn early in the film, is institutionalized with mental issues, and the film suggests Kate may be afflicted, too.

And when we say "suggests," we mean a character actually says, "Let's hope it's not genetic." Nothing is subtle here, least of all the scary bits, the bread and butter of any horror film. Thunder at night? Check. Slamming doors? Scary faces materializing in windows and foggy mirrors? A mannequin that suddenly moves? Check. A game of tag in a dark basement turning scary ....well, duh!

The filmmakers have spoken of injecting feminist themes into their adaptation, a "Turn of the Screw" for the #MeToo era. But it's not easy to to discern what they are.

It proves harder still to discern the message in that abrupt ending. Yes, it's commendable to find new ways to tell a classic tale. It's just that this tale has been told better, and more clearly, many times before.

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CABLE CHANNELS												
AMC	Movie: ★★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (4:30) (2009)				Movie: ★★★ Elysium (2013, Science Fiction) (Matt Damon, Jodie Foster.) (cc)					Movie: ★★ Deep Impact (1998, Drama) (cc)		
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MTV	Movie: ★★★ Rush Hour (5:30) (1998) (Jackie Chan.) (cc) (S)				Movie: ★ Rush Hour 3 (7:55) (2007) (Jackie Chan.) (cc) (S)				Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
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PLEX	Movie: (4:37)	Movie: ★★ Larry Crowne (6:20) (2011) (S)			Movie: ★★★ Parenthood (1989) (Steve Martin.) (cc) (S)				Movie: ★★ The Out-of-Towners (10:05) (S)		Movie: (11:37)	
STZEN	Movie: ★★★ The Wife (5:38) (2017) (cc) (S)			Movie: ★★ Spaceballs (7:21) (1987) (cc) (S)			Movie: ★★ Major Payne (1995) (cc) (S)			Movie: ★ Jack and Jill (10:39) (2011) (cc) (S)		
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Movie: ★★ Justice League (2017) (Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill.) (cc)					Movie: ★★ Justice League (2017) (Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill.) (cc)				
TDC	Gold Rush Cornered. (cc) (N)		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (cc) (N)		Gold Rush Cornered. (cc) (N)						Outback Opal Hunters (11:02)	
TNT	Bones (cc)		Bones (cc)		Movie: ★★ The Accountant (2016) (Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick.) (cc)					Movie: ★★ Red 2 (2013, Action) (Bruce Willis.)		
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MAX	Movie: ★★ War Dogs (6:15) (2016) (Jonah Hill.) (cc) (S)				Movie: ★★★ Contagion (8:10) (2011) (Marion Cotillard.) (S)				Strike Back (cc)		Strike Back	Movie: (11:40)
SHOW	Movie: ★★ Shaft (6:10) (2000) (Samuel L. Jackson.) (cc) (S)				Movie: ★★★ Green Book (7:50) (2018) (Viggo Mortensen.) (S)				Boxing ShoBox: The New Generation. (cc) (Live) (S) (N)			
STARZ	Movie: ★ Miss Bala (6:14) (2019) (Gina Rodriguez.) (cc) (S)				Movie: ★★★ Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019) (cc) (S)				Power (10:12) (cc) (S)		Movie: Forrest Gump (11:13)	
TMC	Movie: ★★★ Nowhere Boy (6:15) (2009) (Aaron Johnson.) (S)				Movie: ★★ Wayne's World (1992) (cc) (S)			Movie: ★★ Wayne's World 2 (9:35) (1993) (S)			Starship Troopers (11:10) (cc)	

ABC Reporter Suspended For Report About Bryant Family

NEW YORK (AP) – ABC says it has suspended reporter Matt Gutman for incorrectly reporting that all four of Kobe Bryant's children were with him in the helicopter crash north of Los Angeles on Sunday that killed the basketball star and eight others.

The network said reporting the facts accurately is a cornerstone of its business and Gutman had failed to meet its standards. It would not say on Thursday how long Gutman's suspension would last.

One of Bryant's daughters, Gianna, was a passenger and among those killed.

Gutman's inaccurate report came in the initial stages of reporting on the accident and was later corrected on the air.

Review: Umphrey's McGee Heats Up Stage AE in Pittsburgh

By ERIC AYRES
Staff Writer

PITTSBURGH – A steady winter rain poured down onto the Steel City on Jan. 24 when Umphrey's McGee made its annual trek to Stage AE, much to the delight of a capacity crowd.

Despite the dreary weather, fans of the progressive rock, jam-band juggernaut were warm and toasty inside the concert venue that literally sits in the shadow of Heinz Field. Cold rain likely turned to steam when it hit the outside of Stage AE, because two smoking-hot sets of rock'n'roll were being served up inside that night.

Photo by Eric Ayres
Brendan Bayliss of Umphrey's McGee performs at Stage AE in Pittsburgh on Friday, Jan. 24

Umphrey's McGee was celebrating a milestone earlier in the week, marking the band's 22-year anniversary since its very first gig. Formed in South Bend, Ind., in December 1997 when founding members were attending the University of Notre Dame, the band played its first show on Jan. 21, 1998, and have not looked back from there.

Making a grassroots name for themselves with eye-popping live shows, Umphrey's McGee launched out of the Chicago area and set the underground rock scene ablaze nationwide, commanding top slots on major music festivals across the country within its first 10 years of touring.

In the world of jam bands, Umphrey's McGee plays the same role as Rush does in classic rock. They're the skill-heavy progressive band that specializes in instrumental acrobatics and musical precision.

With more than 2,000 shows under their belt, Umphrey's continues to churn out new music and deliver stellar live shows that – as is a trademark among all great jam bands – are completely unique every night.

The revolving set list that landed at Stage AE brought a mixed bag of gems that spanned the band's career.

"We have one for your that we've not played in a very long time," announced guitarist Brendan Bayliss, just before fellow frontman Jake Cinninger strapped on an acoustic guitar and busted out "Red Room" from the band's 2007 album "The Bottom Half."

Afterward, bassist Ryan Stasik clarified that not only had the song not been played in a long time, they had never performed it live in concert before – so it technically was a live debut more than 12 years in the making.

Although Umphrey's McGee is known to be a band born in the Chicago area, it's well known among fans that Stasik is originally from Pittsburgh, and Stage AE shows (now marking the ninth year in a row at the venue) are somewhat of a homecoming for him.

The band took time between songs to wish a happy birthday to a member of their traveling crew, and Stasik stepped up to the microphone and asked everyone to wish a happy 70th birthday to his mom. "If you would, repeat after me on the count of three: happy birthday, Marsha!" The packed crowd complied, as a spotlight found her in the upper left balcony, decked out in a shimmering outfit that embodied the "ready-to-boogie" attitude that was shared by everyone else in the house.

The first set was heavy on spacey rockers and instrumentals, with original tunes like "Blue Echo" and "Divisions" sandwiched around a great version of Rush's "Tom Sawyer" – no doubt a nod to Neil Peart, the iconic drummer of Rush who died of cancer on Jan. 7.

One would assume the elaborate "Tom Sawyer" gave Umphrey's McGee drummer Kris Myers a good workout, but the kind performance Myers delivers with Umphrey's original tunes – which are often full of intricate time signatures and high-flying crescendos – is enough to make Neil Peart proud every night.

Almost a "bust out" song, it was the first time the band performed "Tom Sawyer" in nearly three years.

Each member of Umphrey's McGee got to showcase their talents in the spotlight during different parts of the show. Percussionist Andy Farag cut loose during the "Liberty Echo>Blue Echo" segment. Joel Cummings took the spotlight primarily during the second set, which offered a more funky, hard-driving array of tunes.

A highlight of any Umphrey's concert is the searing duel-guitar virtuosity of Cinninger and Bayliss. Combined with the state-of-the-art light show that relentlessly washes a rainbow of mind-melting light beams over the crowd, such spectacular sights and sounds alone are worth the price of admission.

"Slacker" opened the upbeat second set in grand fashion, kicking down the door to a barrage of improvised jams that followed.

"Triple Wide" gave way to "In the Black" and a crowd-pleasing version of "Synchronicity II" by The Police.

"The Bottom Half" and "Prowler" bled into "Linear" and a set-ending "Kula" before the band came back out for a generously substantial encore of the song "Conduit."

Umphrey's McGee has been teasing new material on its website recently, with new studio single "Suxity" released earlier this month and a new studio version of "Ride On Pony" was unveiled in December. The tunes have been making their way into live set lists alongside band classics.

Although Umphrey's McGee is by no means a made-for-radio, commercially friendly rock band, it is surprising to see how many people they've reached by word-of-mouth and by playing live shows. They are without a doubt an act that can raise the eyebrows of any music fan, and for those who have not seen them play live, they just may be enough to restore your faith in rock'n'roll.

Photo by Eric Ayres
Umphrey's McGee performs before a capacity crowd at Stage AE in Pittsburgh on Friday, Jan. 24

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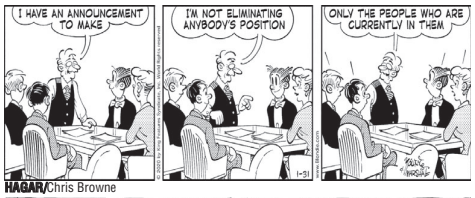

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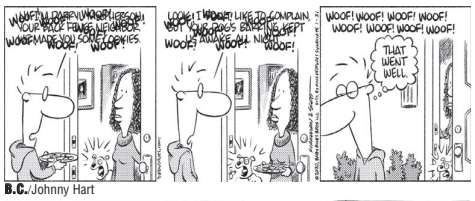

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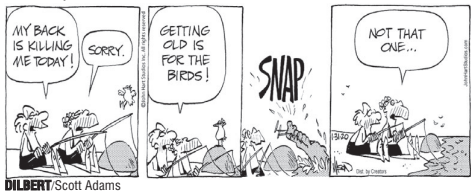

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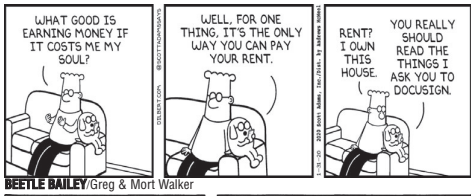

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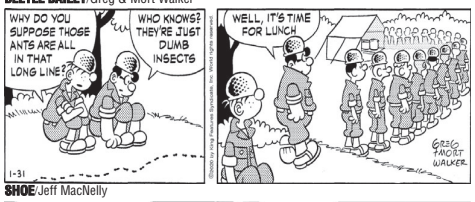

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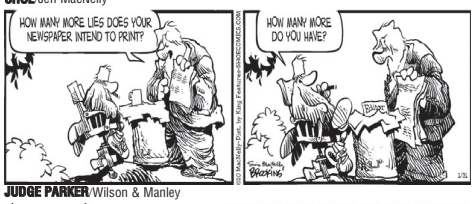

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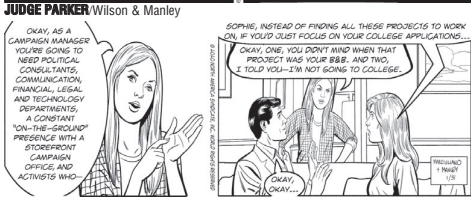

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

UDHMI

MOXIA

GOTOES

GLAUPE

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

Answer here: " ( ) - ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GAUZE RATIO MOMENT MOSAIC
Answer: When they dined in the clubhouse after a round of golf, they enjoyed the -- MAIN COURSE

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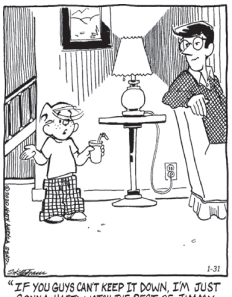
PLUGGERS/Brookins

A retired plugger is not shy about being seen in his nightclothes.

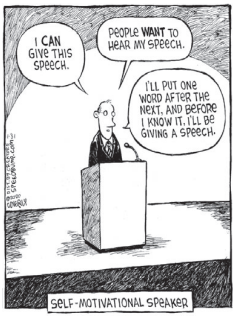
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE/Lynn Johnston

DENNIS THE MENACE/Hank Ketcham



"IF YOU GUYS CAN'T KEEP IT DOWN, I'M JUST GONNA HAFTA WATCH THE REST OF JIMMY FALLON WITH YOU."

SPEED BUMP/Dave Coverly



JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Rating: SILVER

	3		2			4		
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		8			1		4	

1/31/20

Solution to 1/30/20

9	8	2	4	1	6	3	5	7
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7	3	5	6	8	4	1	2	9

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HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you feel like the world is yours, it is. The reason you don't feel this way all of the time is that you have a conscience that disallows you from missing out on the most important thing a human can do, which is to grow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To give up on a relationship just because it's problematic would be a missed opportunity. No connection is ideal. What makes a bond great is people willing to find a way to make it work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The hardest people to read are the ones who offer you nothing to read. They aren't talking or emoting. They may be distant or not there at all. This won't be a problem for you. You'll intuit the way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're willing to do whatever work it takes to get the job done, but you're not willing to toil indiscriminately. This is why it's essential to have a trusted and knowledgeable leader.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are few things in life more useful than a fun outlook. No one can be fun all of the time, but being fun when it matters brings all kinds of good luck. Today, it mostly comes from relaxing, staying playful and sticking with the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know how to take care of yourself, but you don't always do it. Well, that's going to have to change. It's not just about you, you know. Your loved ones are also better off when you're operating at the top of your game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Honesty goes really well with charm. Without charm, the truth can be too painful to do any good. Also, note that there are those who think they are being honest, but instead they are being thuggishly opinionated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just because you are a certain age, race and socioeconomic standing doesn't mean your appeal stops with that same demographic. Diversity is the magic of the human race; never forget that.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Because you are genuinely interested in others, where they are coming from, their stories and what they know, you don't worry about how it all applies to you until much much later. First, you just listen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do you get the sense that there's a culture of caring building all around you? Yes, this comes from you, as you notice the needs and contributions of others and mention what you see.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In art -- all art, including the art of relationships and the art of life -- the choice of material matters but not nearly as much as the way you put it all together. It's the how not the what.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some jobs take but seconds to complete, and yet they're still a bother when you're this focused on what really matters to you. Rough edges? That's life. You can clean them up later.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 31). Your intuition is so strong, and psychic powers will assist you in making something beautiful out of your time. Share your visions. Speak out about what will happen next. Prophesies begin to fulfill themselves the moment the words leave your lips. Your work for the good of many will succeed. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 21, 29, 40 and 15.

1-31 CRYPTOQUIP

U T P G D Y K T G X A F V F N P J M I Q A C U T A Y Q G T M L M I X N M Q G P G Q M G G H Y C K V M N G Q ? G T M D A Q G L P H F P N H M J P X M I .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ODDBALL CARTOON FELINE OF OLD FILMS WITH AN EXTREMELY WEIRD SPIRAL-SHAPED BODY: HELIX THE CAT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals U

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

ACROSS
1 Napkin's place
4 Lacked originality
8 Roundish 'do
12 Previously
13 Suitor
14 Conked out
15 Relaxing soak
17 — the Impaler
18 New Mexico resort
19 Cads
20 Divert, as a train
22 — gum (thickener)
24 Swine
25 Gridiron formation
29 Red — beet
30 They hang around the house?
31 Swindle
32 Having good manners
34 Doc's "Now!"
35 Fortas and Lincoln
36 Memorable mission
37 Takes to the pool
40 Male deer
41 Give a hoot
42 Bathroom basin
46 — incline (tilted)
47 Part of A.D.
48 Born
49 Camper's shelter
50 Legendary loch
51 Congeal

DOWN
1 Attorney's field
2 Khan title
3 Part of Iberia
4 Monastery head
5 Stew veggies
6 "Dig in!"
7 "Gee, ya think?"
8 Modifying word
9 Dossier
10 Authentic
11 Probability
16 Supplies with staff
19 Scoffing laughs
20 "Pygmalion" writer
21 Nozzle site
22 Donates
23 Second-hand
25 Bit of merchandise
26 Stop signs, e.g.
27 Linguist Chomsky
28 Within (Pref.)
30 Recedes
33 Mourn
34 Thick chunk
36 A Musketeer
37 Highlander
38 Fade away
39 Persia, today
40 Taxpayer IDs
42 Pallid
43 Chemical suffix
44 Teeny
45 Allow

Solution time: 25 mins.

C	U	F	F	■	B	A	R	■	S	C	A	M
O	P	A	L	■	A	A	H	■	L	A	L	A
E	D	N	A	■	D	A	Y	■	E	L	L	E
D	O	G	T	A	G	■	T	H	R	E	E	■
■	■	■	I	I	E	T	H	E	K	N	O	T
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Yesterday's answer 1-31

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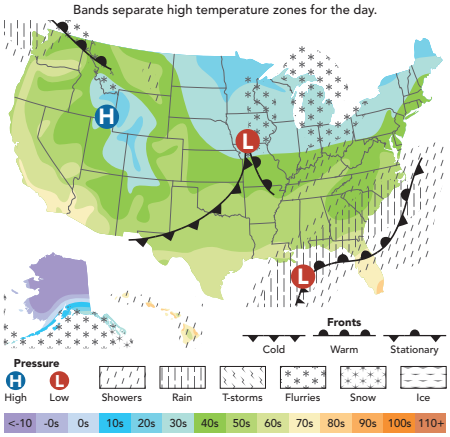
Forecast for Friday, January 31, 2020

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: A developing storm will spread drenching rain over much of the Southeast states today. A weak storm will produce spotty snow and flurries from the northern Plains to the Great Lakes with rain showers over the Ohio Valley. As rain soaks coastal Washington and snow showers dot western Montana, much of the rest of the West will be dry.

OHIO VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST *(As of 7 p.m. Thursday)*

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Afternoon rain possible, high near 42. Possible winter mix at night, low around 32.	Chance of afternoon rain, high near 42. Possible winter mix at night, low around 32.	Mostly cloudy during the day, high near 47. Partly cloudy at night, low around 38.	Partly sunny during the day, high near 57. Cloudy at night, low around 45.	Showers likely throughout the day, high near 56. Low around 40 at night.

ALMANAC

Friday, January 31, the 42nd day of winter and the 31st day of 2020.

Yesterday's temperatures: High – 37. Low – 24.

Predicted Temperatures: (From the National Weather Service) High today – 42. Low – 32. High tomorrow – 42. Low – 32.

Precipitation: To 7 p.m. at Pike Island – none.

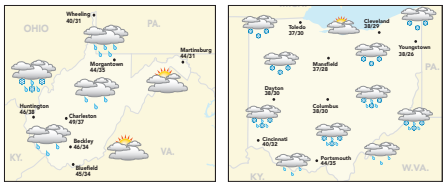
River Reading: 18.4 feet and stationary.

Sunset today: 5:40 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:31 a.m.

Length of day: 10 hrs., 9 min.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY



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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Ex-financial planner convicted of fraud

(AP) – A former Pennsylvania financial planner accused of falsifying his clients' net worth to put them into high-risk investments was convicted of fraud Thursday.

Anthony Diaz, who was fired from five brokerage firms and finally kicked out of the securities industry for good over persistent customer complaints and rules infractions, was convicted on all 11 counts of wire and mail fraud. Each count carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence.

Diaz, who was based in the Pocono Mountains, made millions of dollars selling high-risk, high-fee "alternative investments." Prosecutors told a federal jury in Scranton that he had unsuspecting customers sign blank documents, then falsified their net worth, income, investment experience and risk tolerance to make it appear they met the suitability requirements of the products.

Former customers testified that Diaz guaranteed them high returns while failing to explain they could lose their principal.

Diaz acknowledged that paperwork was filled out incorrectly but denied criminal intent. He said the investments he sold were vetted and approved by the brokerages he worked with, and insisted he fully explained the risks to his clients.

U.S. records 24 mining deaths in 2019

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) – Two dozen people died in mining accidents in the U.S. last year, the lowest nationwide total ever recorded, according to the Department of Labor.

Among them were 11 deaths in coal mines, including four in West Virginia and four in Kentucky, according to data from the Mine Safety and Health Administration. The coal mine total matched the tally from 2018.

The mine safety agency said it was reviewing two other deaths that could add to the total of 24.

"The low number of mining deaths last year demonstrates that mine operators have become more proactive in eliminating safety hazards. But I believe we can do even better," said David Zatezalo, who heads the mine safety agency.

Pennsylvania had two coal mining deaths in 2019, and there was one in Illinois. Coal fatalities have dropped drastically over the last decade, in part due to a decline in Appalachian mining. Coal employment in that region, mostly concentrated in Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia, was nearly cut in half between 2011 and 2018. The lowest U.S. coal death total ever recorded was eight in 2016.

The mine safety agency said in a release Thursday that an education campaign focused on reducing vehicle-on-vehicle collisions and conveyor belt accidents in mines helped reduce accidents in those areas.

There were about 250,000 miners at work in approximately 12,000 metal and nonmetal mines in the U.S. in 2019, and about 83,000 miners working in 1,000 coal mines.

Winds topple border wall being built

CALEXICO, Calif. (AP) – A portion of border wall being built in California toppled in strong winds, falling on a busy street on the Mexican side, authorities said Thursday. No one was injured.

Concrete had not yet dried on several panels of steel poles topped with metal plates, which fell Wednesday about 2.5 miles east of a border crossing that connects the downtown areas of Calexico, California, and Mexicali, Mexico, Border Patrol spokesman Carlos Pitones said.

The 30-foot-high barriers are being installed across the border as the Trump administration speeds up construction to erect about 450 miles of wall by the end of next year. The border wall has been a signature priority for President Donald Trump.

Trees prevented some panels from falling on the Mexicali street, which runs parallel to the wall. Other panels hit the road.

Mexicali journalist Heriberto Reyes said he saw six toppled panels. The Border Patrol declined to say exactly how many fell.

Reyes said vehicles may have been crushed if they were in the path at the time.

"They averted a tragedy, in my opinion," he said.

The Border Patrol is discussing the incident with the contractor, Pitones said.

The contractor, SLSCO Ltd., referred questions to the Border Patrol. The company, based in Galveston, Texas, was awarded the 11-mile project in December 2018 as part of a $156 million contract to replace existing barriers in California, using Department of Homeland Security funds from the 2018 fiscal year.

Lawyers: Dulos note says he didn't kill wife

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) – Fotis Dulos, the Connecticut man charged with murder in the disappearance of his estranged wife, insisted he was innocent in a note found at his home after he apparently tried to kill himself, according to a court motion filed by his lawyers Thursday.

In the course of searching the vehicle in which Dulos was found unresponsive, the motion said, police officers recovered a note in which Dulos "declared his innocence of the infamous and heinous crimes that the state has accused him of and claimed his lawyers have the evidence to prove it."

The filing asks a judge to order the state to preserve the note and any other evidence found at Dulos' home in the Hartford suburb of Farmington, where he was found in medical distress in the vehicle inside his garage on Tuesday.

Dulos, 52, remained hospitalized with carbon monoxide poisoning at Jacobi Medical Center in New York City on Thursday. His attorney, Norm Pattis, and hospital officials declined to comment on Dulos' condition Thursday. Pattis had said Dulos was in "dire" condition Wednesday.

Pattis and fellow Dulos lawyer Kevin Smith were holding vigil at the hospital Thursday. Relatives of Dulos from Greece also were believed to be at the hospital. Dulos is accused of killing Jennifer Dulos, who disappeared last May amid contentious divorce and child custody proceedings.

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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RUFF A WHAT?

East-West vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠ 10 8 7 6
♡ J 10 2
◇ 8 7 6 5
♣ K 10

WEST
♠ J 4 2
♡ Q 4 3
◇ A Q 3
♣ J 8 6 5

EAST
♠ A K Q 9 5 3
♡ 7
◇ K 10 9 4
♣ 4 3

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ A K 9 8 6 5
◇ J 2
♣ A Q 9 7 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♠	2♡	2♠	Pass
4♠	5♣	Dbl	5♡
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All pass

Opening lead: Two of ♣

South was pleased to have play for his contract. Should the hearts split 2-2, or if there was a singleton queen, South could make his contract unless the clubs were extremely foul. The problem was that hearts didn't rate to split 2-2 on this auction. East's pass over five hearts was an invitation for partner to bid on to five spades with a suitable hand. East would surely have doubled holding two hearts, with or without the queen.

South ruffed the opening spade lead and cashed the ace and king of hearts, confirming that he had a trump loser. He still had a chance if he could discard three diamonds from dummy on his clubs. This required that West follow suit to four rounds of clubs, so South screwed his courage up and led a low club to dummy's 10! He cashed the king of clubs, ruffed a spade back to his hand and cashed two high clubs, shedding diamonds from dummy. West ruffed the fifth club, but South discarded another diamond from dummy and only lost one diamond and one trump. Making five!

What is wrong with this picture? West shouldn't ruff the fifth club. He should just discard a spade. Then he can win declarer's diamond exit and draw dummy's last trump. South will have two diamond losers after all. Anything else wrong? Yes! South can make his contract by cashing only one high heart. West would not then be able to prevent a diamond ruff in dummy without sacrificing his heart trick.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper or tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

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